

From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2002 01:28:30 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Happy New Year!

My best wishes for the New Year to all of the list's subscribers.

James Easton,
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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2002 01:34:22 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] List 'housekeeping rules'

Confirmation of the list 'housekeeping rules':

1. The UFO Research List [UFORL] mailing list, operated via 'Yahoo! Groups', is open to subscription from those who advocate and adopt a consistent, scientific appraisal of purported 'UFO' related evidence. The remit encompasses associated topics which may be relevant, such as 'black projects', or 'ball lightning', etc.

The list currently has over 130 subscribers.

2. Subscribers must provide their full name and agree that periodically, confirmation of all subscribers' names [e-mail addresses will not be disclosed] can be posted to the list for the benefit of other members.

Details of new subscribers may also be announced separately.

3. The list archives are *PUBLIC* and the forum is *NOT* intended to enable secure discussions, although due copyright applies to any subscriber's contributions. Particular care should be taken when posting material which may be copyrighted. A suggested approach would be, 'if in doubt, leave it out'.

4. The UFORL 'home page' is located on the Internet at URL:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL>

This provides access to the public list postings, plus the addresses for subscribe or unsubscribe requests.

5. The list address for mail is:

UFORL@yahoogroups.com

With some e-mail software, using 'reply' may not send a response to the list, it will be sent ONLY to the address shown in the 'From' heading, which is the person who sent the mail.

It's recommended that the destination of your reply is therefore checked before sending and should always be as above.

6. The standard mailing list code applies and messages should be unformatted, in plain text and no more than 65 characters in length.

If replying to mail, only the relevant section(s) should be quoted, not the entire original message.

7. E-mail attachments, especially large graphics files, should *NEVER* be sent to the list - please contact the list owner if you wish to make such material available.

8. Postings should not be anonymous and the sender's name is expected to be contained either in the heading or signature.

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>

Any related problems or queries should be addressed to:

UFORL-owner@yahoogroups.com

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2002 02:50:35 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Roswell Evidence

For convenience, the following background is taken from an old 'bulletin board' text file which summarised some of the, then, 'Roswell' evidence:

Melvin Brown's Daughter

[Sergeant Melvin Brown was a cook at Roswell AAF in 1947. One day, he was called out to help guard material retrieved from the Foster Ranch. His daughter Beverly was interviewed by Stanton Friedman in 1989.]

When we were young, he used to tell us stories about things that had happened to him when he was young. We got to know those stories by heart and would all say together, "Here we go again."

Sometimes, but not too often, he used to say that he saw a man from outer space. That used to make us all giggle like mad. He said he had to stand guard duty outside a hangar where a crashed flying saucer was stored, and that his commanding officer said, "Come on, Brownie, let's have a look inside." But they didn't see anything because it had all been packed up and [was] ready to be flown out to Texas.

He also said that one day all available men were grabbed and that they had to stand guard where a crashed disc had come down. Everything was being loaded onto trucks, and he couldn't understand why some of the trucks had ice or something in them. He did not understand what they wanted to keep cold. Him and another guy had to ride in the back of one of the trucks, and although they were told that they could get into a lot of trouble if they took in too much of what was happening, they had a quick look under the covering and saw two dead bodies, alien bodies.

We really had to giggle at that bit. He said they were smaller than a normal man, about four feet, and had much larger heads than us, with slanted eyes, and that the bodies looked yellowish, a bit Asian-looking. We did not believe him when we were kids, but as I got older, I did kind of believe it. Once I asked him if he was scared by them, and he said, "Hell no, they looked nice, almost as though they would be friendly if they were alive."
[END]

I understand Kevin Randle and Don Schmitt also published details of their discussions with Melvin Brown's Daughter, Beverly Bean.

I spoke with Beverly in 1995 or 1996 concerning the 'alien autopsy' footage [she was most concerned it was a hoax which clearly didn't depict the 'creatures' which her late father described].

That aside, there was an interview with, if I recall, both of Sgt Brown's daughters and which featured in a video - possibly a UK production for a TV documentary. I have a copy of this on tape somewhere and will locate it as necessary.

The point being, in this video interview the daughters produced a piece of paper which it's claimed their father cited as containing important verification of his story. Without double-checking I can't be certain, however, I believe it was allegedly in his own hand-writing.

When the freeze frame was used, the paper clearly showed details of a bank apparently based in Roswell, plus a bank account number.

Although insinuated that money had been paid into the account as an incentive to 'keep quiet' [or something along these lines], there was no indication the family had ever pursued this matter.

Was that 'document' mentioned in previous interviews and if so, what transpired when the evidence was presumably followed up by case researchers?

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2002 03:08:31 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] The Klass Files

Now available online is an archive of Philip Klass' 'Skeptics UFO Newsletter (SUN)', at:

<http://www.csicop.org/klassfiles/Home.html>

Irrespective of any related beliefs, the SUN content is an exceptional, factual, resource.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2002 05:07:52 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] ParaNet Archives

Does any subscriber [perhaps Michael Corbin?] know where the ParaNet 'bulletin board' archives are currently, if anywhere, located online?

They were apparently last hosted by someone at the University of Iowa and a search on the Uni's web site indicates:

liquify.isca.uiowa.edu/info/paranet/infopara/3xx/302

Alas... no longer there.

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From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
X-Originating-IP: 137.195.176.11
Date: Thu, 03 Jan 2002 11:13:15 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: [UFORL] 'Records reveal fruitless 50s saucer probe'

"The Ministry of Defence set up a unit to look at UFO sightings in the 1950s but found no evidence of aliens, newly-released official documents have revealed".

The full BBC news story is online, at::

http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/uk/newsid_1740000/1740189.stm

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com
Date: Thu, 3 Jan 2002 09:11:59 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Records reveal fruitless 50s saucer probe'

In a message dated 1/3/2002 6:15:24 AM Eastern Standard Time, voyager@ufoworld.co.uk writes:

<< "The Ministry of Defence set up a unit to look at UFO sightings in the 1950s but found no evidence of aliens, newly-released official documents have revealed".

The full BBC news story is online, at::

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/uk/newsid_1740000/1740189.stm

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James, List:

This is interesting. Is there an actual document available?

Clear skies,
Bob Young

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From: R.Labanti@ads.it
Date: Thu, 3 Jan 2002 16:57:04 +0100
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Records reveal fruitless 50s saucer probe'

YoungBob2@aol.com wrote on 03/01/2002 15.11.59:

> This is interesting. Is there an actual document available?

Here:

<http://www.flyingsaucery.com/mod/index.htm>

Best regards,
Roberto

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Date: Fri, 04 Jan 2002 16:40:15 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: [UFORL] The Portage County [Ravenna], Spaur-Neff Case

This isn't a case I knew well and last year an overview produced several, obvious questions - see:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2001/may/m25-004.shtml>

Most of the questions raised were never answered.

I've now come across some significant, historical case material and it may not be well known this is online at:

<http://members.evansville.net/slk/portagedoc.htm>

For myself, it results in a number of new questions and a different understanding of the entire case.

I note the 'UFO' was described over the police radio, by one of the witnesses as a, "bright light with a rope or string attached to it".

As I previously enquired: "Some of the object's reported characteristics resemble a blimp. Nearby was Goodyear's Wingfoot Lake Airship Base at Akron. Did anyone check to definitely rule out any possibility that a Goodyear blimp might have been even partly involved?"

Presumably the answer is no.

Also particularly interesting, when the full evidence has been revealed, is the witness sketch, at:

<http://members.evansville.net/slk/raven5a.gif>

Patrolman Panzanella's drawing is quite different from the much better known sketch by Dale Spaur (incorrectly 'Spauer' throughout the web site):

<http://members.evansville.net/slk/raven7.gif>

There's a critical piece of evidence which accompanies this - Weitzel's explanation of the numbered points which are indicated on Spaur's drawing:

<http://members.evansville.net/slk/raven6.htm>

From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 5 Jan 2002 02:11:45 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Portage County [Ravenna], Spaur-Neff Case

"The only thing, the only sound in the whole area was a hum....
like a transformer being loaded or an overloaded transformer when
it changes".

So recalled Deputy Sheriff Dale Spaur, when the Portage County
'UFO' was first encountered and flying at low altitude - "I'd say
about a hundred feet", reported Dr J. Allen Hynek in 'The UFO
Experience'.

Had the infinitely more advanced technology of those purported ET
visitors never quite got around to a noise reduction invention,
or is it merely yet another remarkable coincidence that the sound
of an airship's engines is commonly described as a 'hum'...

There are numerous, related confirmations by simply searching
online for 'airship' plus 'hum'.

Yet, what about the UFO's reported airspeed... over 100 mph,
allegedly.

An airship, at maximum, would seemingly only be capable of around
half that.

It's claimed that NICAP 'thoroughly investigated' this case.

Why then, was one conspicuous set of related anomalies never
evidently addressed, additional to an apparently blatant
oversight which failed to safeguard if the blimp-like sketches
and associated 'UFO' attributes might have a connection to next-
door's Goodyear, Wingfoot blimp base.

According to patrolman Frank Panzanalla's report, "The object was
in my sight from 5:20 A. M. to 6:15 A. M". This was from Conway,
Pennsylvania.

However, patrolman Wayne Houston states he heard 'UFO' reports on
radio and the presumed same object, travelling east, wasn't
sighted by himself in Columbiana, Ohio until 5:30 a.m.

Are Conway and Pennsylvania not somewhat further due east?

How then, could the UFO have reached there some ten minutes
before it arrived at Columbiana?

Also, if Panzanella had 'the object in my sight' until 6:15, how to reconcile with Weitzel's NICAP report, that:

"At 5:55, Lisbon relayed the order to return to Portage. Spaur said 'Turning around now.' But it was 6:15 until Spaur and Neff got back (west) past Freedom [Pennsylvania - James]".

If Spaur and Neff headed back at 5:55, doesn't that confirm the UFO was still visible to Panzanella, 'in my sight until 6:15', for an amazing twenty minutes afterwards?

Spaur and Neff's 'official statement', in a letter to NICAP, claims: "In Conway, Pa., Officer Frank Panzanella met us where we stopped, and we stood with him watching the object as it hovered and then rose, twice, in a rapid climb".

Although that letter doesn't clarify if this was Spaur and Neff's final sighting, in 'The UFO Experience' Hynek declares so, writing:

Thus there enters the fourth observer: Frank Panzanella, police officer in Conway. His signed testimony reads:

[skipping the introduction, which essentially concurs (although not precisely as Hynek omits some content) with that online copy - James]

"The object then moved out towards Harmony Township approximately a 1,000 feet high, then it stopped then went straight up real fast to about 3,500 feet. I then called the base station told the radio operator to notify the Pittsburgh airport. He asked me if I was sick. I told him if I was sick so were the other 3 patrolmen".
[END]

Panzanalla's online copy statement continues:

"The operator got the airport on the line and told them what happened, he told them to hold the line and in the meantime we kept watching the object and at that time a passenger plane passed to the left about 1,000 feet below the object. We relayed the message to the operator and he relayed it to the airport. The object continued to go upward until it got as small as a ballpoint pen. Then we received a message to make a phone call. We preceded to the Rochester Police Department and made the phone call. Officer Parr talked to someone and then we returned to Conway Police Department where I gave Officer Parr my name and gas for his police car to return home.

The object was in my sight from 5:20 A. M. to 6:15 A. M."
[END]

Hynek's account of the 'same' statement then dramatically differs:

"The object continued to go upward until it got as small as a ballpoint pen. Relative to the moon, the object was quite distant and to the left of the moon [Venus was to the right of the moon]. I could not see the moon from my position. The object was seen between two antennas in the backyard across the street to the west. We all four watched the object shoot straight up and disappear".
[END]

Which version of Panzanalla's official testimony is Hynek now quoting from?

It's certainly not the same one as, "The Documentation - Courtesy of CUFOS".

Aside from that, if, "We all four watched the object shoot straight up and disappear", how did NICAP's 'thorough investigation', account for Panzanella still statedly observing said 'UFO' twenty minutes later?

Did it 'disappear' s l o w l y...

Before we might attempt to comprehend and perhaps explain this founding NICAP/Hynek 'UFO' case evidence... it would be helpful if it all actually made documented sense in the first place and some evidentially elementary anomalies had perhaps been resolved at the outset.

A brief enquiry of the local, Goodyear airship office could also have been invaluable, if not a prerequisite.

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Date: Sat, 5 Jan 2002 09:43:24 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] 'Mothman' - Into the Flame

Leprechauns are real.

Seriously.

I have on more than one 'Celtic legends' video the evidently sincere testimony of several witnesses, assuredly sober at the time.

It's alarming, if not disconcerting, that there are many eager, demonstrably, effortlessly gullible believers - the devout minority who will voluntarily fall for and defend anything which implies ET or Leprechaun encounters are 'real', ideally being kidnapped, or now 'abducted', by fairies/aliens.

Mothman, Mothballs... or perhaps complete and utter Moth bollocks...

Jimmy Wallis was a day-to-day contributor to that legendary 1995/96 CompuServe 'MUFON UFO' forum, as was Theresa Carlson [who definitely proved the 'alien autopsy' footage was a hoax], Bob Shell [who perhaps definitely proved Ray Santilli could use you as a doormat], Ray himself, Michael Hesemann, Bruce Maccabee and many others.

Therein, Hesemann challenged myself re Ray Santilli's 'Roswell alien autopsy tent footage':

"I saw the tent footage many times and just the speed of the movements and also the sharpness of the images indicates it was shot with a 16 mm camera and not with video. The only reason why Ray doesn't like it is that it is so bloody dark (dimly lit) and looks pathetically bad. I personally think it shows the being when the medics try to remove its spacesuit. A tent in the desert at night... with no electricity, that's why it is so dark. But all these sceptics will say again: Look, they have something to hide, looks, why is it so bad...".

Pardon those lambasted skeptics, that 'tent footage' was subsequently proven to have been filmed in a Bedfordshire barn, featuring the local butcher as a 'doctor' - only invited because he could contribute 'chicken guts' which were "used as the alien's innards"!

There's just no fooling Michael Hesemann, an icon of 'ufology' and what it typically represents.

Meanwhile, re 'Mothman' and Keel... Jimmy Wallis revealed he was an acquaintance of "the Amazing Randi back in the '70's" and how "Keel was a friend" of Randi's at that time.

Having duly perused Jimmy's 1995 revelations, especially concerning a certain publication which contained 'monster' claims that were allegedly admitted to be "fabricated" [I quote] and "for the money" [I quote]... best, on any legal advice, if I say no more.

Maybe someone can ask Randi to comment about Keel's stories, or does anyone have a current e-mail address for Michael Curta, then, 'State Director of Colorado MUFON'? I believe his related insight might be interesting.

I note from:

<http://www.lorencoleman.com/mothman.html>

The endorsement:

"After a lifetime of research, Loren Coleman has produced the most complete overview of Mothman and its minions--the scariest family of monsters on Earth." --John A. Keel, author of The Mothman Prophecies".

I can only say this perhaps does not equate - outwith the superficially ludicrous, even for ufology, 'outsized butterflies up a tree' claims - with some other, earlier, evidence.

I wonder if, when Keel affirms, "the scariest family of monsters on Earth", he is perchance still duly concerned about a malevolence which even Gandalf might not endure, or...if he is literally laughing at 'ufoology' all the way to the bank.

One arguable point concerning the Sony 'movie' web presentation, at:

<http://www.spe.sony.com/movies/mothman/>

Some might say that 'ENTER SITE' should, with even a somewhat elementary, factual appraisal, be boycotted by our union. Not so much 'ENTER SITE' as, 'ENTER SH...

What's that.. we don't have a union... Maybe time to tackle reasons why.

"For 3 years a dark apparition terrified a sleepy West Virginia town. This is the true story of the Mothman that should be too strange to be real".

Spooky. How/why did 'ufology' ever end up endorsing... ad nauseum... "The true story of the Mothman"... an alien, or whatever, moth stuck up a tree?.

Did NICAP never solve even this case?

It's all a baffling, unfathomable mystery, for sure...

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From: Ktperehwon@aol.com
Date: Sat, 5 Jan 2002 10:19:38 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Mothman' - Into the Flame

JAMES --

>Maybe someone can ask Randi to comment about Keel's stories, or
>does anyone have a current e-mail address for Michael Curta,
>then, 'State Director of Colorado MUFON'? I believe his related
>insight might be interesting.

I believe Curta now resides at an address out of reach of most mortals. If I recall correctly, he died a year or so ago.

As for comments from Randi, perhaps Gary Posner <Garypos@aol.com> can help. He's a wig in the Fla. skeptics outfit and, I believe, in fairly close touch with The Amusing Randi. Jim Moseley might also be willing to offer some insights on both The Amusing and Keel. For interesting stuff on both, see our book Shockingly Close to the Truth! (Prometheus, March '02; pre-pub orders autographed copies to Yrs Trly; e-mail for info). -- Cheers, KARL

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Mon, 7 Jan 2002 10:15:07 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] I wonder if Paul Trent has a...

I have the article where Fogl (corrected spelling) admitted it was a hoax. It was made from two plastic display bases that came with model Starfighter airplanes. They were glued together bottom to bottom. The appendages were made from the ubiquitous sprue trees that held the parts for the models. The model was hung from a silk thread.

In the article, he states that BUFORA knew the truth for 3 years (before the magazine article was published), but withheld the information.

Incidentally, the Fogl photo looks a lot like the drawing Frank Mannor made after his sighting.

I will get the reference to the magazine article and post it.

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@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: James Easton [mailto:voyager@ufoworld.co.uk]

@ Sent: Friday, December 14, 2001 19:31

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] I wonder if Paul Trent has a...

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@ Regarding:

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@ >From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>

@ >To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>

@ >Subject: [UFORL] Trent UFO

@ >Date: 16 November 2001 18:49

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@ Larry wrote:

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@ >I wonder if Paul Trent had one of these Dual record changers:

@ >

@ > http://php.indiana.edu/~lrobin/dual1940.jpg

@ >

@ >Pay particular attention to the balancing weight over the stack.

@

@ Larry,

@

@ As some subscribers will know, there's a useful reference for
@ related 'Trent' material on Robert Sheaffer's web site, at:

@

@ <http://www.debunker.com/trent.html>

@

@ Perhaps most significant is that link to Joel Carpenter's web
@ site, where Joel makes a thoroughly convincing case why this
@ celebrated 'flying saucer' was in fact a vehicle's wing mirror.

@

@ Not only does the shape fit, this explains the noted 'reflective'
@ qualities underneath, plus the appendage on top.

@

@ As I suggested to Bruce Maccabee before Joel's research was
@ published, that appendage doesn't exist as an attempt to portray
@ some kind of antennae, it's there because it was already part of
@ the object used to 'mirror', a flying saucer.

@

@ In this case, what we see is part of the bracket used to adjust
@ the wing-mirror.

@

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@ There's another 'best evidence ever' photograph of a flying
@ saucer with 'antenna' which features in the recently mentioned,
@ 'Flying Saucers Are Hostile'.

@

@ It was allegedly taken by "Radio Officer T. Fogel" from the
@ bridge of the a British steamship S.S Ramsey in December 1957. At
@ that time, the ship was "off San Pedro, California".

@

@ Am I correct in believing this was for many years also defended
@ as genuine and widely publicised, before Fogel admitted it was a
@ hoax?

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Subject: RE: [UFORL] 'Socorro' Update

One other thing to remember:

In 1964, police radios were TUBE. The transistor was not yet powerful enough or reliable enough to put in equipment of this type. And if Zamora had turned off his key, then he would have had to wait for the tubes to warm up before the radio worked again.

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@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: James Easton [mailto:voyager@ufoworld.co.uk]

@ Sent: Saturday, December 29, 2001 01:05

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Socorro' Update

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@ The object remained stationary for several seconds. Then it flew

@ off in a southerly direction following the contour of the gully.

@ Zamora raced back to the car and tried to call in to headquarters

@ but the radio didn't work.

@

@ "That puzzled me because it had been okay," he recalls. "It

@ finally came on and I asked the state police to send out Sergeant

@ Chavez."

@ [END OF EXTRACT]

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@ Is Zamora's recollection concerning Chavez mistaken?

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@ According to previous evidence, he had radioed a request that

@ Chavez come out to the site when Zamora had initially glimpsed

@ the object and apparent occupants, not after it had 'taken off'.

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@ This makes an immense difference to the time/speed factors and

@ how the object was reportedly only just 'out of site' as Chavez

@ arrived.

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@ Aside from which, if Zamora is only subsequently revealing the

@ radio wasn't working when he 'raced back to the car', it affects

@ a previous understanding, from his official report, that he
@ _immediately_ called Nep Lopez and asked if Lopez could see the
@ still visible object.

From: YoungBob2@aol.com
Date: Mon, 7 Jan 2002 20:36:20 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Socorro' Update

In a message dated 1/7/2002 11:47:18 AM Eastern Standard Time,
lrobins@indiana.edu writes:

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Larry:

Realistically, how long would this delay have been if the radio had been recently in use?

Bob Young

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Tue, 8 Jan 2002 12:37:34 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] 'Socorro' Update

10 to 15 seconds. But if he was in a hurry, it might have seemed like more. It would depend on how long the power was off too. After 2 minutes, the full 20 to 30 second warmup cycle would be needed.

The cathode of a tube is very small (1/2 to 1 inch long, less than 1/8 inch in diameter, and hollow. It would not retain heat very long. The outer glass bulb, at a much lower temperature, retains heat longer (long enough to hurt your fingers after several minutes) because it has a larger mass. But because of its larger area, it doesn't retain enough heat to make the cathode heat up quicker.

Remember that ALL of the heat produced by the filament passes through the tiny cathode, and then through the much larger bulb. Since the heat is concentrated at the cathode, but distributed over the entire area of the bulb, the cathode gets much hotter than the bulb.

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@ From: YoungBob2@aol.com [mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com]

@ Sent: Monday, January 07, 2002 20:36

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From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
X-Originating-IP: 137.195.176.11
Date: Wed, 09 Jan 2002 15:11:48 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: [UFORL] Re: 'Socorro' Update

Regarding:

>From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobins@indiana.edu>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: RE: [UFORL] 'Socorro' Update
>Date: 07 January 2002 16:45

Larry wrote:

>One other thing to remember:
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>powerful enough or reliable enough to put in equipment of this
>type. And if Zamora had turned off his key, then he would have
>had to wait for the tubes to warm up before the radio worked
>again.

Larry,

Interesting point.

We can only note Zamora's subsequent, 1967 revelation - I can't see any previous mention that the radio wasn't initially working when he reported back to base, after the object's departure.

I'm now reasonably certain that, as Zamora claimed in the 'Look' magazine 'Flying Saucers' 1967 interview, he didn't ask for the state police to send out Sergeant Chavez until this latter stage.

Indeed, it's actually confirmed in case documentation, within a statement provided by FBI agent J. Arthur Byrnes, Jr. He wrote:

Special Agent J. Arthur Byrnes, Jr., Federal Bureau of Investigation, stationed at Albuquerque, New Mexico, was at Socorro, New Mexico, and at the State Police Office there on business late afternoon of April 24, 1964.

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Nep Lopez advised Samuel Chavez, New Mexico State Police, that he had just received a radio call from Officer Lonnie Zamora to come to an area about one mile southwest of Socorro. The call was in

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Ray Stanford produces a copy of this statement in 'Socorro Saucer', yet doesn't seem to have realised the anomaly. It's particularly striking in Stanford's case as he goes to great lengths emphasising how Zamora requested Chavez's presence immediately when Zamora had that first glimpse for "possibly two seconds or so" and before he had his closer, albeit equally brief, second observation.

Stanford claims that Zamora made the request following that first glimpse because, even then, it was clear to Zamora, "he was encountering something in which he had never believed, never wanted to believe - or else which might be a force-landed experimental vehicle from White Sands proving grounds, something that maybe he should not be seeing".

Stanford further alleges Zamora confirmed this and that "Zamora wanted one reliable witness, other than himself, just in case the supposedly secret research vehicle might leave the site and he would be left alone with the accusation of having been 'seeing things'".

That's been a long accepted understanding, however, it's apparently not so.

Aside from anything else, as previously noted, Zamora explained in his official statement that when first observed for those two seconds, "At the time, I didn't pay much attention to what it was--I thought it was an accident".

Clearly, he did not consider otherwise, nor did have sufficient time to.

Stanford then relies on his claims as the basis for Chavez arriving just as the object had departed and how even then, it was already 'out of sight'.

Again, this has in later years been accepted as de facto evidence that the UFO had rocket-like capabilities.

Not so fast, Mr Stanford...

If Chavez wasn't in truth informed until a) after the object had taken off; b) until Zamora returned to his car and c) the radio started working again, plus Stanford mentions that Chavez was delayed because he took a wrong turning...

That's now a somewhat different set of, evidently factual, circumstances.

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From: TPrinty@aol.com
Date: Wed, 9 Jan 2002 17:11:44 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 'Socorro' Update

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2002 02:44:31 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 'Socorro' Update

Regarding:

>From: <TPrinty@aol.com>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 'Socorro' Update
>Date: 09 January 2002 23:11

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Tim,

This is the full statement, as published in 'Socorro Saucer':

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It may be noted that it has been the observation of Agent Byrnes that Officer Zamora, known intimately for approximately five years, is well regarded as a sober, industrious, and conscientious officer and not given to fantasy.

Officer Zamora was noted to be perfectly sober and somewhat agitated over his experience.

Special Agent Byrnes noted four indentations in the rough ground at the "site" of the object described by Officer Zamora. These depressions appeared regular in shape, approximately sixteen by six inches rectangular. Each depression seemed to have been made by an object going into the earth at an angle from a center line. Each depression was approximately two inches deep and pushed some earth to the far side.

Inside the four depressions were three burned patches of clumps of grass. Other clumps of grass in the same area appeared not to be disturbed. One burned area was outside the four depressions.

There were three circular marks in the earth which were smooth, approximately four inches in diameter and penetrated in the sandy earth approximately one-eighth of an inch as if a jar lid had gently been pushed into the sand.

No other person was noted in the area the night of April 24, 1964. No other objects were noted in the area possibly connected with the incident related by Officer Zamora.

So far as could be noted, there were no houses or inhabited dwellings in the area or in sight of the area.

[END]

On the separate question of whether Zamora's UFO was a hot-air balloon, one reference cited before is an early, related publication:

"Hot Air Balloons Race on Silent Winds"
'National Geographic' magazine, March 1966

It's a feature about the National Championships held in Reno, Nevada during September 1965. Almost a year and a half after the Socorro incident, there are still few hot-air balloons in the entire US.

Whilst that 'National Geographic' article is no more than a rare, contemporary [as such] snapshot, one photograph therein helpfully illustrates the approximate perspective of any comparative 'close encounter' Zamora might have experienced. Previously I only had a photocopy of this, however, I've recently located and acquired a copy of the original 1966 magazine.

An enhanced [400 per cent magnification], colour scan of that image can now be seen, at:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/socorro/p8.jpg>

Although for information only, the smaller, central all-white balloon would surely be *roughly* equivalent, at best, to any hot-air balloon Zamora observed.

It is difficult to comprehend how Zamora could perceive a similar hot-air balloon to be car-sized, even from distance.

Still, ufology is nothing if not the realm of the 'unbelievable' - it's a quintessential background to proclaimed 'UFO reality' which has supposedly fooled mainstream science/media for decades.

By comparison, Zamora possibly being deceived by an unfamiliar sighting and anecdotal occurrence is inconsequential!

There are also of course precedents, for example, as reported by the 'Louisville Courier-Journal' on March 4, 1993:

Police Chopper Attacked By UFO In Kentucky!

"Two helicopter policemen patrolling the sky over Louisville KY., said they were fired on during a harrowing, two minute dogfight - with a pear-shaped UFO.

The strange craft reportedly shot three fireballs during the encounter that also was witnessed by two other officers who monitored the situation from their positions on the ground below.

The cops involved have been tight-lipped, declining interview requests, but official reports, which are a matter of public record and available for any citizen to see, clearly suggest that the airborne officers were lucky to have escaped with their lives.

'I know what we saw and we were not hallucinating', Kenny Graham, who was piloting the helicopter, said in his report. 'I was afraid the UFO was going to collide with us', he continued, 'then it turned at the last second and roared away at a speed I've never seen before'. Graham, 39, an 11 year police veteran, and Kenny Downs, 39, a five year police veteran who was operating the chopper's spotlight, were on routine patrol when they saw what looked like a fire off to their left. Downs instinctively aimed his spotlight on the object which was shaped like a pear and drifting back and forth like a balloon on a string. Without warning, the object sped toward the helicopter and circled it several times before zooming off in the opposite direction, Downs said. Then the UFO turned and headed straight for the chopper, shooting fireballs that by luck or design fizzled out before they hit, according to Graham.

Afraid the UFO would ram the helicopter's tail rotor, Graham

pushed his speed to more than 100 m.p.h. Far from being outrun, the UFO shot past the chopper, instantly climbing hundreds of feet. It descended again momentarily, but when Graham steered toward the craft for a closer look, it flew into the distance and disappeared.

The amazing aerial manoeuvring of the UFO didn't go unnoticed on the ground. Officer Mike Smith saw the object for about a minute. He confirmed it fired three fireballs and disappeared. Officer Joe Smolenski said he tried for more than minute to catch up to the UFO in his patrol car. 'I've been looking for UFOs for 14 years and I guess this is the closest I've come to something I can't explain', Smolenski said.

A lieutenant described the two helicopter officers as solid guys and good cops.

Downs said: 'Kenny and I both go to church every week. After this, I might start going twice a week'.
[END]

The Louisville Courier-Journal ran a follow-up on March 6th, revealing this terrifying UFO, encountered and separately observed by several 'trained Police witnesses' was a 'fire balloon', composed of a "dry cleaning bag, balsa wood, and a dozen birthday candles" - see:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/v16.txt>

That evidenced and recalled, the emblem on aforementioned SEMCO balloon photograph isn't dissimilar to what Zamora reportedly, originally described in Spanish; "una 'V' invertido con tres lineas debajo", which, according to Stanford, translates as, "an inverted 'V' with three lines underneath".

Doubtless coincidence and this SEMCO balloon [these were being built from 1961] doesn't have an inverted, red 'V' - although the additional, right-hand side SEMCO balloon does display same logo in red.

Trusting Gary Anthony won't mind, he concurrently notes elsewhere that Gray Barker's 'Book Of Saucers' [Saucerian Press, 1965, p 72] "goes on to state on same page that Zamora was sure of only something like a V in a phone interview".

I'm sure there's considerable leeway involved in relation to Zamora's 'insignia', no matter what our 'UFO' was.

As previously discussed, one prime candidate for that theoretical 'Socorro' hot-air balloon is the 'Channel Champ', a Raven Industries balloon which, on 13 April, 1963, had been flown across the English Channel by Ed Yost and Don Piccard.

Yost effectively developed the hot-air balloon in 1960 and one article notes, "Even his first-ever hot air balloon flight across the English Channel was made at the request of his government sponsor who was looking for to demonstrate the range and other capabilities of the new hot air balloon".

The 'Channel Champ' was subsequently used in those 'classified', 1963/64 'Albuquerque flights' I disclosed the existence of - see:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/v07.txt>

A photograph of that all-white balloon, which had an inscription in red lettering, has been elusive. However, I have been able to trace what happened to the balloon canopy. In true Fortean tradition, it has returned to Albuquerque!

I understand that Ed Yost, who presumably kept it for posterity, has donated this historic aviation relic to the planned 'Anderson Abruzzo International Balloon Museum', in Albuquerque.

The "11.5 million dollar budget" museum is apparently scheduled to open in October this year, during 2002's 'Kodak Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta'.

Will the Albuquerque balloon museum unwittingly be displaying a legendary 'UFO', whilst the Roswell UFO museum exhibits the aftermath of an indigenous, historic 1947 balloon-train experiment...

Hopefully, some continuing developments, maybe in both instances, will clarify those odds, long before October.

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X-Originating-IP: 137.195.176.11
Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2002 13:23:18 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: [UFORL] 'Rendlesham' Update

In an attempt to maybe tidy some of the 'loose ends', I had submitted a FOIA request direct to Ramstein AFB, in Germany [a response is long overdue].

One of the questions asked concerned details of contemporary flights between Ramstein AFB and RAF Bentwaters/RAF Woodbridge and their purpose.

This relates to claims that after the 'UFO incident', one or more 'special' flights occurred and 'something' was flown to Ramstein AFB. Halt and Penniston have spoken about the 'unusual' and unscheduled aircraft activity at this time.

The point being, there are a number of pieces in our proverbial 'Rendlesham UFO' puzzle which still don't fit.

We know that the enigmatic lights first pursued by Burroughs, Cabansag and Penniston were not Orfordness lighthouse, although that's what they eventually ended up chasing.

The source of their original 'UFO' remains unresolved. Were those lights observed circa 0300 a.m. on 26 December perhaps "Christmas lights" from one of the houses beyond Rendlesham forest at Capel Green - Burroughs did confirm in the 'Strange But True' TV documentary, "There were strange lights out in the forest. To me, it almost looked like Christmas lights at first, a Christmas display."

Or, perhaps the origin was a farm tractor, similar to the triangular-shaped 'UFO' encountered by Senior Airman Kenneth Greene - see:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/v20.txt>

As I revealed in a lengthy 'Rendlesham' article published in November 2001's 'Fortean Times', it was helpfully documented in 'Skycrash' [Jenny Randles, Brenda Butler and Dot Street] that there was a tractor located at Capel Green. Could a tractor's cab have been the 'transparent' object which Burroughs described. A tractor with an array of night/field lights is certainly UFO-like, especially when the tractor itself isn't distinguishable as it moves around. I know this for sure because I've seen it!

However, it can only be speculation and all subject to new evidence changing the perspective.

It will definitely require to be altered if some new evidence is factually accurate.

A new witness testifies to what is perhaps the most significance corroboration of 'trace evidence' yet uncovered.

This witness reportedly shared a room with one of the original three 'UFO encounter' participants - Burroughs, Penniston and Cabansag. I know which one and will explain further in due course.

The striking claim is that, "...was my roommate in the barracks and had slight radiation burns on his face and hands from being in proximity to the object. He covered this up by wearing large sweaters and associated winter clothing. I only noticed it by accident being his roommate. He shared the details of having received them that night in the forest while observing the unknown object".

Additional background has been provided which does indicate this is, at the least, a sincere recollection. Indeed, some of that background relating to the participant is insightful and would make sense of other 'loose ends'.

My first question must be - is it feasible that someone could receive such radiation burns without suffering severely from radiation sickness?

If the object was emitting radiation, wouldn't there have been high levels still later that day? Wasn't the 'landing site' checked for radiation by those who first investigated the 'landing marks'?

Comments duly welcome.

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From: "Michael F. Corbin" <mfcorbin11@attbi.com>
Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2002 06:49:59 -0700
Subject: Re: [UFORL] ParaNet Archives

I don't know what happened to them.

However, I believe that I have a complete set stored offline somewhere. Is there any one in particular that you want?

Michael Corbin

----- Original Message -----

From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk> Sent: Tuesday, January 01, 2002 10:07 PM
Subject: [UFORL] ParaNet Archives

> Does any subscriber [perhaps Michael Corbin?] know where the
> ParaNet 'bulletin board' archives are currently, if anywhere,
> located online?
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> They were apparently last hosted by someone at the University of
> Iowa and a search on the Uni's web site indicates:
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> Alas... no longer there.
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Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2002 09:04:23 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: 'Socorro' Update

That's assuming he COULD leave the radio powered up. Because of the huge current drain from tubes (battery killer), it might have been arranged to shut off with the engine.

Now, do we know if he left the engine running when he got out of the car?

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2002 10:05:47 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: 'Socorro' Update

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I see several glaring errors in the above article.:

- If the wind direction during the balloon's arrival matched the wind direction when it left, the balloon would have been much closer to the patrol car than 3/4 mile when it was first noticed. And the car's roof might have hidden the aerostat from Zamora.

(Note: If APRO was involved with the report of the wind direction, then it was 180 degrees off. Coral Lorenzen constantly made the error of stating the wind direction as the direction the air was moving toward. As a result of this, she complained about many identified balloons "It could not have been a balloon, because it was headed directly into the wind." She seems to have learned the truth about wind direction sometime in 1965, because her reports after that have it correct.)

- The horizontal ellipse orientation exists only when the aerostat has lost lift and is lying on the ground. As soon as the burner adds lift, it resumes its vertical orientation. As it flew away, Zamora drew the vertical orientation.

- Hall's "shiny silver" is wrong too. Zamora first thought it was an overturned WHITE car. Later he said it was aluminum-white (like

the oxidized aluminum found on many fishing boats). White aluminum is NOT shiny, but dull. A nylon aerostat would be a similar color, especially if it was dirty (like the nylon sail of the sailboat I used to own got after use).

- Speed estimates against the sky are impossible unless the observer has correctly identified the object and thus knows its true size. So the departure speed estimate of 120 mi/hr is dubious.

- Do we in fact know the object disappeared behind the mountain? Or could it have dropped down in front of the mountain, lost to sight because it matched the color of the mountain closely enough to prevent visual tracking? I once saw an airplane disappear, because it matched the color of the sky. It reappeared a few seconds later.

- The imprints remained visible after several months because steps were taken to preserve them. But Brad Steiger reports that when the site was visited several months later, the marks were "much obliterated." The rocks around the marks in the photos were placed there to prevent erosion of the evidence. They were not there when the object landed.

- The Holloman AFB Balloon Control Center was responsible for coordinating weather balloons for the purpose of forecasting weather. Identifying UFOs was an incidental use of the information. Sport ballooning information would not have been sent there.

- The Navy's hot air balloon program was still secret at the time of the sighting, so Quintanilla could not have released the info even if he had found out about it.

- Propellant residue????? What propellant residue?

Hot air balloon propellant residue is normally water vapor and carbon dioxide, unless something goes wrong with the burner. How do you test for these naturally occurring residues, distinctly from their normal occurrences in plants and in the atmosphere?

Any residual unburnt propane would have long diffused into the air before the investigators got there, as would any water vapor and carbon dioxide. Even the carbon monoxide from a misadjusted burner would have diffused or blown away.

From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2002 10:54:30 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] 'Rendlesham' Update

I know a bit on this. Stuff WAS unusual then. Iran was holding hostages from the US Embassy, who were about to be released. Reagan had just been elected President of the US, and one of the conditions Khomeini wanted was the removal of the "great satan" Carter (though we removed him because he was the "great inflator" instead).

It is part of the history that was being made at that particular time. I'm surprised that nobody involved in the Rendalsham incident noticed. Ramstein was the key staging base for reconnaissance flights gathering military data on Iran, just as it is being used in the war on Afghanistan today.

Also, the released hostages were taken to Ramstein a few days later. That was the first I ever heard of Ramstein. Negotiations were going on for the release at the time of the sighting. So maybe there was preparation going on for the medical aid and debriefing which occurred there after the hostages were released.

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@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: James Easton [mailto:voyager@ufoworld.co.uk]

@ Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2002 08:23

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: [UFORL] 'Rendlesham' Update

@

@ In an attempt to maybe tidy some of the 'loose ends', I had

@ submitted a FOIA request direct to Ramstein AFB, in Germany [a
@ response is long overdue].

@

@ One of the questions asked concerned details of contemporary

@ flights between Ramstein AFB and RAF Bentwaters/RAF Woodbridge
@ and their purpose.

@

@ This relates to claims that after the 'UFO incident', one or more

@ 'special' flights occurred and 'something' was flown to Ramstein

@ AFB. Halt and Penniston have spoken about the 'unusual' and

@ unscheduled aircraft activity at this time.

@

@ The point being, there are a number of pieces in our proverbial
@ 'Rendlesham UFO' puzzle which still don't fit.
@
@
@ We know that the enigmatic lights first pursued by Burroughs,
@ Cabansag and Penniston were not Orfordness lighthouse, although
@ that's what they eventually ended up chasing.
@
@ The source of their original 'UFO' remains unresolved. Were those
@ lights observed circa 0300 a.m. on 26 December perhaps "Christmas
@ lights" from one of the houses beyond Rendlesham forest at Capel
@ Green - Burroughs did confirm in the 'Strange But True' TV
@ documentary, "There were strange lights out in the forest. To me,
@ it almost looked like Christmas lights at first, a Christmas
@ display."
@
@ Or, perhaps the origin was a farm tractor, similar to the
@ triangular-shaped 'UFO' encountered by Senior Airman Kenneth
@ Greene - see:
@
@ <http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/v20.txt>
@
@ As I revealed in a lengthy 'Rendlesham' article published in
@ November 2001's 'Fortean Times', it was helpfully documented in
@ 'Skycrash' [Jenny Randles, Brenda Butler and Dot Street] that
@ there was a tractor located at Capel Green. Could a tractor's cab
@ have been the 'transparent' object which Burroughs described. A
@ tractor with an array of night/field lights is certainly UFO-
@ like, especially when the tractor itself isn't distinguishable as
@ it moves around. I know this for sure because I've seen it!
@
@
@ However, it can only be speculation and all subject to new
@ evidence changing the perspective.
@
@ It will definitely require to be altered if some new evidence is
@ factually accurate.
@
@ A new witness testifies to what is perhaps the most significance
@ corroboration of 'trace evidence' yet uncovered.
@
@
@ This witness reportedly shared a room with one of the original
@ three 'UFO encounter' participants - Burroughs, Penniston and
@ Cabansag. I know which one and will explain further in due
@ course.
@
@ The striking claim is that, "...was my roommate in the barracks
@ and had slight radiation burns on his face and hands from being
@ in proximity to the object. He covered this up by wearing large

@ sweaters and associated winter clothing. I only noticed it by
@ accident being his roommate. He shared the details of having
@ received them that night in the forest while observing the
@ unknown object".
@
@ Additional background has been provided which does indicate this
@ is, at the least, a sincere recollection. Indeed, some of that
@ background relating to the participant is insightful and would
@ make sense of other 'loose ends'.
@
@ My first question must be - is it feasible that someone could
@ receive such radiation burns without suffering severely from
@ radiation sickness?
@
@ If the object was emitting radiation, wouldn't there have been
@ high levels still later that day? Wasn't the 'landing site'
@ checked for radiation by those who first investigated the
@ 'landing marks'?
@
@ Comments duly welcome.
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From: YoungBob2@aol.com
Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2002 10:54:40 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 'Socorro' Update

In a message dated 1/9/2002 9:46:10 PM Eastern Standard Time,
voyager@ufoworld.co.uk writes:

<< There are also of course precedents, for example, as reported by the
'Louisville Courier-Journal' on March 4, 1993:

Police Chopper Attacked By UFO In Kentucky!

>>

James:

That's a beaut!

Clear skies,
Bob Young

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From: TPrinty@aol.com
Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2002 17:33:47 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Rendlesham' Update

James wrote:

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I seriously doubt this. Exposure due to radiation usually affects the blood first. He would have been weakened somewhat and definitely would have been treated by the military doctors. The first thing he would notice is that his roommate would have been spending a lot of time in the hospital! Of course, it is possible that the radiation was very low level stuff sort of like a sunburn type exposure. However, I still think he would have spent some time with the military doctors and in the hospital for study at least.

An interesting link is below.
[http://www.orcbs.msu.edu/radiation/radmanual\(html\)/radmansensitive.html](http://www.orcbs.msu.edu/radiation/radmanual(html)/radmansensitive.html)

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From: TPrinty@aol.com
Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2002 18:21:04 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 'Socorro' Update

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Or did it just disappear because the balloon was so distant? How far would it have to go? My guess is about 6 miles (apparent size would shrink to under 0.1 degree at this point for a 50 foot balloon). If it took Chavez 10-15 minutes to reach the area, then we are talking a slow escape of about 25-30 mph. This is why the question about the time it took for Chavez to reach the site is important.

Postings by Richard on the net over the past year have made me begin to make me wonder about his accuracy in recording/writing. For instance in the Socorro case he wrote:

"As he got out of his car he heard two or three loud "thumps," like someone hammering or slamming a door. One of the beings turned and looked at him. Then they disappeared into the craft and it took off with a loud roar and blast of flames."

(See <http://www.isso.org/inbox/science.htm>)

Of course we know this is completely untrue and inaccurate. Richard's statement above seemed to be addressed towards scientists in order to get them to study the phenomena. If a scientist wanted to read more on the matter, he may discover Zamora did not state this and this portion of Hall's writing was inaccurate. This scientist would now question the whole work wouldn't he? He would question what data is accurate and what data is exaggeration or completely wrong (several of these cases are not very well recorded and are based on one or two reports at most - not something that can be traced for accuracy)? I keep this in mind everytime I read Richard's opinions on this case. His comments are noted but I would not consider them as final as you have noticed in your response.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2002 02:54:28 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Rendlesham' Update

Regarding:

>From: <TPrinty@aol.com>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Rendlesham' Update
>Date: 10 January 2002 22:52

Tim wrote:

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From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
X-Originating-IP: 137.195.176.10
Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2002 12:16:11 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: [UFORL] Re: 'Rendlesham' Update

Regarding:

>From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>Date: Fri Jan 11, 2002 2:54 am
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Rendlesham' Update

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From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>
Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2002 12:30:45 +0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 'Rendlesham' Update

At 12:16 11/01/2002 +0000, you wrote:

>Regarding:

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2002 12:08:57 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] 'Rendlesham' Update

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@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: James Easton [mailto:voyager@ufoworld.co.uk]

@ Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2002 21:54

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Rendlesham' Update

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@ >Date: 10 January 2002 22:52

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2002 13:08:39 -0500
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@ What could conceivably have produced a "very bad sunburn" after
@ short exposure, yet not have caused any other _noticeable_ effects
@ on health:
@
@ - ultra-violet irradiation?

Yes. Ultraviolet light is what causes sunburn.

An electric arc can produce this kind of burn. Arc welders must wear protective clothing to prevent such burns. Eye damage is also common when bystanders watch an arc welder. If a power line shorts to ground through a metal connection, it can produce intense ultraviolet radiation as well as an intense visible cyan light. Most clothing will stop this radiation.

A mercury vapor streetlamp with the outer filter envelope broken will still work, and can produce enough UV to cause a sunburn at night. So can an unfiltered halogen lamp, or one with the outer bulb broken. Some overhead projectors were made in the 1970s with unfiltered halogen bulbs.

Disinfecting lamps for doctors' offices and animal compounds use UV in the form of a clear fluorescent tube. So do the lamps used by rock hounds (mineral collectors) and EPROM erasers. The lamps in doctors' offices or animal compounds are not supposed to be turned on while the room is occupied.

A dying fluorescent lamp giving off brilliant blue flashes is also emitting some UV.

Some advertizing fluorescent lamps give off UV to activate special paints. Usually these are properly shielded, but occasionally I come across a dope who puts up a sign without understanding the danger.

Follow-spot carbon arc lights in theaters and arenas give off UV.

Skin cancer is more likely later in life after strong exposure to UV.

The Cash-Landrum symptoms are closer to those of UV damage than to those of other forms of radiation.

@ - X-rays?

X-rays usually cause internal effects before they affect the skin, because the skin is very transparent to X-rays.

An electric arc in a vacuum produces X-rays.

Some old television sets produce strong X-ray beams out of the backs of their cabinets.

@ - toxic chemicals?

There are many gases and dusts that can affect exposed skin areas.

I will add some more:

Allergens - cause allergic reactions on skin contact.

Allergens - cause a rash after being eaten or inhaled. NOTE: the rash is not limited to exposed skin in this case.

Visible light - if strong enough, it can cause a burn

Infrared - if strong enough, it can cause a burn which is very similar to burns caused by hot objects or liquids.

LASER radiation - can cause burns.

Microwaves - can cause a burn by heating the affected area.

Hot water - if heated too hot, can cause burns in a shower or tub. The victim can be unaware of this if the water heated up slowly.

Steam - Exposure to a sudden high pressure release of steam can cause symptoms that appear later.

Alpha radiation - is usually stopped by the skin, and so causes effects there. Stopped by clothing. Note that the radiation meter they had could NOT detect alpha radiation. Very large dose necessary.

Beta radiation - usually causes internal effects first. Large dose necessary.

Gamma radiation - usually causes internal effects first. Cancer shows up later in life.

Neutron radiation - causes internal effects first. Cancer shows up later in life.

Proton radiation - causes internal effects first. Requires a cyclotron.

Hey, they had nuke bombs at the base!

@ I dare say that without hard evidence, we're just guessing about
@ potential cause and effect. Still, it should be possible to
@ verify whether what seemed to be radiation burns had indeed been
@ noticed by the participant himself and also if the others had
@ experienced anything similar. Hopefully, more on this in due
@ course.

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From: TPrinty@aol.com
Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2002 17:00:39 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 'Rendlesham' Update

John Wrote:

>it used to be an offence (at least in the UK forces) to get sunburnt as it
>was said to be a self-inflicted injury. Maybe he was trying to hide it from
>his CO?

Same in the US Military although it was not enforced unless someone really did something stupid. Even then, as long as they continued to do their job, it was not a serious problem. One time I recall one of our junior sailors attempting to get a tan at an all-nude beach when we hit port. He did not spend a lot of time sitting down for a couple of days yet he did do his job. It takes all kinds.

As for the tanning bed idea, I am not sure that such a thing was in vogue or actually popular in 1980. I don't remember it but then I was never much of a sun worshiping (even though I grew up in Florida).

Tim Printy

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Larry wrote:

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> sites where they had repeated contact with the paint.

If I recall correctly they used their tongues to wet the tips of the brushes they were using. The end result was they got localized burns on their tongues. Radium emits alpha particles if I recall correctly, which can be stopped by a sheet of paper and is more of an internal problem. The radiation burns in question seem to indicate something else.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 12 Jan 2002 02:41:55 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Rendlesham' Update

Regarding:

>From: <TPrinty@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 'Rendlesham' Update
>Date: 11 January 2002 22:16

Tim wrote:

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>in vogue or actually popular in 1980.

Tim,

For a specific reason I won't go into just now, although I have explained to John off-list, John's suggestion is the one possibility we can almost certainly rule out entirely.

Also regarding:

>From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobins@indiana.edu>
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Larry wrote:

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Larry,

Thanks for taking time to provide such a detailed list of candidates which might explain what seemed to be 'radiation burns'.

Obviously, if it could be confirmed there was any such occurrence as a direct consequence of our inaugural Rendlesham forest 'UFO' encounter, that would be significant.

However, the latest, related developments are not encouraging. After further due enquiries, some fundamental anomalies have become apparent.

I will, soon as possible, explain the background, and hopefully the outcome.

James Easton.

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Date: Sat, 12 Jan 2002 17:33:22 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 'Rendlesham' Update

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu> Sent: Friday, January 11, 2002 6:08 PM
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>

There is a two phase power line that goes through the clearing I believe corresponds with the clearing mentioned by the various witnesses. On the poles are aluminium inspection plates showing that inspections took place in 1987 and 1994. This does not prove the poles were there in 1980, but since this is the power line to the Forestry Commission Offices in the forest, as well as Capel Green and the Boast house, a line has probably been there for many decades. Arcing lines or a transformer could possibly have been a source of the lights seen at a distance, but this explanation requires the arcing was not identified as such when they got closer, which seems implausible. The arcing would have had to have stopped before they got close enough to see it was from power lines. Also, the clearing (like the field in

front of the Boast house) is at a lower elevation than East Gate and any lights at these locations (e.g. Christmas lights) could not have been directly visible at East Gate owing to the drop in elevation at the eastern edge of the forest. I suppose if the lights were extremely bright, light scattered by mist or the air might have been visible at East Gate.

Of more interest to me is the possibility that some poles were replaced in 1980, and that hole drilling equipment could have been in the clearing then. This is a possible source of the deep indentations that apparently were in the clearing (not the same indentations as the shallow indentations in pine needles investigated by Col Halt in amongst the trees).

Best regards

Robert McLean

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2002 02:30:13 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] ParaNet Archives

Regarding:

>From: "Michael F. Corbin" <mfcorbin11@attbi.com>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] ParaNet Archives
>Date: 10 January 2002 13:53

Michael wrote:

>I don't know what happened to them.
>
>However, I believe that I have a complete set stored offline somewhere.
>Is there any one in particular that you want?

Michael,

There is a considerable amount of material from the ParaNet forum which would be of interest.

When archives were available online, I kept a copy of the index and note, for example, circa 1990 discussions relating to 'bentwater,uk on unsolved mysteries', 'and what of socorro?', plus Gulf Breeze, Kecksburg, Hudson Valley, the Belgium 'flap', triangular UFOs, etc. I would particularly like to see the Bentwaters and Socorro content.

As you will appreciate, ParaNet had many knowledgeable subscribers.

I have a copy of some 'Bentwaters' postings when Jim Speiser was a regular contributor and had played a part in John Burroughs coming forward as a witness, during 1989. Jim (whom I corresponded with when those original witness statements were unearthed), advised ParaNet in August 1991 that, "Burroughs has agreed to be interviewed for an exclusive ParaNet release".

I've seen the invited questions from ParaNet subscribers - were they ever answered?

Jim told me, "I think I did post a precis of John's account many years ago, but I've been through so many hard drives since then, it's improbable that I have it archived anywhere".

Interestingly, I see that in September 1991, Jim responded to Keith Basterfield, "Pretty soon I should be able to upload a summary of Burroughs' signed statement. I'll let you and the rest of the network know when that's possible".

It doesn't seem likely that the 'signed statement' Jim referred to was a copy of Burroughs' January 1981 testimony, where Burroughs confirmed the subsequent, abortive lighthouse pursuit. When I advised Jim this was detailed in Burroughs' original account, he was somewhat dismayed, to say the least. It evidently had never been hinted at by Burroughs, similar to when he told Jenny Randles the 'full story'.

A further anomaly from the latter is that Burroughs emphasised to Jenny how the lighthouse was a familiar landmark - which it unquestionably wasn't, otherwise they wouldn't have, as Burroughs wrote [unbeknownst to Jenny at the time], "followed it for about 2 miles before we could see it was coming from a lighthouse".

All that aside, if the ParaNet discussion archives still exist as "a complete set", I would like to offer them a home on my website.

Outwith the Bentwaters case, I'm sure there's significant content which many others - perhaps not realising this 'pre-internet' research material had survived - would welcome having access to.

Please let me know if that's feasible and what would be involved, etc.

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Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Rendlesham' Update

On the question of when those 'lighthouse pursuit' revelations within John Burroughs' early written statement became public knowledge, the first source seems to be, 'Bentwaters: The Testimony of John Burroughs', by J. Antonio Huneus, published in 'Fate' magazine, [September 1993, pp 70-71].

Huneus wrote:

"On the night of 25-26 Dec. [of 1980] at around 03:00 while on patrol down at east gate myself and my partner saw lights coming from the woods due east the gate. The lights were red and blue, the red one above the blue one and they were flashing on and off." Thus begins the official handwritten statement of USAF law enforcement airman John Burroughs, concerning the events of the first night during the series of strange UFO incidents in Rendlesham forest near the NATO air bases of Bentwaters and Woodbridge in Suffolk, England, in late December of 1980.
[END OF EXTRACT]

Huneus evidently had a copy of Burroughs original testimony at this time. Where was that document acquired from?

He continues:

John Burroughs' testimony is of particular importance because he is perhaps the only witness who participated in two of the close encounters reported near Bentwaters. Burroughs was a 20 year-old law enforcement airman who had served in the twin bases since March of 1979. We met him a few years ago at a UFO Conference in Phoenix when he had just separated from the USAF with the rank of Sergeant (he is still in the Reserve) and saw him again during the filming of the famous 'Unsolved Mysteries' Bentwaters segment in a Maryland wooded area, which he had actually spearheaded.
[END OF EXTRACT]

Was a copy of the statement provided by Burroughs during these meetings?

So far as I'm aware, it was only Halt who retained and provided copies of all the original statements and Burroughs recently told me, "As far as the lighthouse goes the statements that everybody made such a big deal about were first made available by Col Holt [sic] during the filming of unsolved mys and if you stop and think about it nobody asked us if we ever followed the lighthouse beam. What i mean by that is we did follow a light not knowing what it was but we at no time did we feel that it was the object we first saw. We had lost contact with the object we first saw and wanted to see what the flasing light in the distance was".

Incidentally, one of the first [second] things Burroughs asked was if I knew where he could contact Jim Speiser, "The second thing is i need Jim Speiser E-Mail address ive been out of the loop since strange but true and i would like to find out about all of the change's that seemed to have happened since 94".

The point being, it seems that, by 1993 - the 'Unsolved Mysteries' feature was broadcast during September 1991 - Huneus and presumably some others were perhaps aware of all those original statements and resultant, documented, two-mile 'UFO' chase of a lighthouse.

Irrespective of whether Orfordness lighthouse was, or was not, the initial source of perceived, unfamiliar lights, if the aforementioned is factual, that realisation had fundamental repercussions affecting perceptions of both the inaugural 'UFO encounter' and Halt's subsequent, celebrated sighting of a flashing 'UFO' light... which was later recognised [yet never publicly mentioned] to be, "clear off to the coast" (from his microcassette recording).

There's no debate; before September, 1993 [given due publishing deadlines], Huneus had access to Burroughs' original statement, evidently in its entirety, and including an accompanying sketch of the 'lights', as his article then confirms:

Burroughs wrote in his official deposition regarding the events on the first night that, "we crossed a small open field that lead into the trees when the lights were coming from and as we were coming into the trees there were strange noises, like a woman was screaming, also the woods lit up and you could hear the farm animals making a lot of noise and there was a lot of movement in the woods. All three of us hit the ground and whatever it was started moving back towards the open field and after a minute or two we got up and moved into the trees and the lights moved out into the open field." We asked Burroughs to describe the UFO with more detail and he responded that it looked like "a bank of lights, differently colored lights that threw off an image of like a craft. I never saw anything metallic or anything hard." Burroughs drew also a sketch of the object in his official statement, which we are reproducing here for the first time in the USA.

Yet the most interesting part of Burroughs' testimony is not the presence of the lights, but rather his sensation of an altered state of consciousness, something that could be described as a sensation of liquid reality, which he experienced at the Rendlesham forest. "Everything seemed like it was different when we were in that clearing," Burroughs said in our interview. "The sky didn't seem the same... it was like a weird feeling, like everything seemed slower than you were actually doing; and all of a sudden when the object was gone, everything was like normal again." Nor can the UFO experience of Burroughs' and the

other two men be dismissed as something purely subjective triggered perhaps by the Orford Ness lighthouse, a police car or other prosaic phenomenon, as several skeptics have proposed.

[...]

[END OF EXTRACT]

This warrants a closer look.

Huneus claims, "Burroughs wrote in his official deposition regarding the events on the first night that, "we crossed a small open field that lead into the trees when the lights were coming from and as we were coming into the trees there were strange noises, like a woman was screaming, also the woods lit up and you could hear the farm animals making a lot of noise and there was a lot of movement in the woods. All three of us hit the ground and whatever it was started moving back towards the open field and after a minute or two we got up and moved into the trees and the lights moved out into the open field."

[END OF EXTRACT]

It's absolutely verbatim from Burroughs' statement, except the last section, where Huneus contends, "after a minute or two we got up and moved into the trees and the lights moved out into the open field".

Burroughs actually wrote, "after a min or 2 we got up and moved into the open field".

That aside, most significantly, Burroughs then directly adds:

"We got up to a fence that separated the trees from the open field and you could see the lights down by a farmers house. We climbed over the fence and started heading towards the red and blue lights and they just disappeared. Once we reached the farmer's house we could see a beacon going around so we went towards it. We followed it for about 2 miles before we could see it was coming from a lighthouse".

Conversely, Huneus seems oblivious to this most critical evidence - which is an abject refutation of assertions that Orfordness lighthouse (or the nearby Shipwash lightship) was a familiar landmark.

Not only does Huneus omit that next paragraph, he goes on to conclude, "Nor can the UFO experience of Burroughs' and the other two men be dismissed as something purely subjective triggered perhaps by the Orford Ness lighthouse, a police car or other prosaic phenomenon, as several skeptics have proposed".

Those pivotal witness statements I was clearly fortunate to come across

were, apparently, from the CAUS 'Rendlesham' files. I realised they had to be published, despite a distinct lack of the approval repeatedly requested - for that full background, see:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/v15.txt>

Bottom line; during 1993, or earlier, Huneeus had acquired a copy of Burroughs' statement and then reported its contents, minus the crucial lighthouse involvement [maybe his copy, somehow, didn't contain that paragraph], maintaining how any lighthouse connection was patently absurd.

It highlights the question why case researchers - especially Jenny Randles, who had endeavoured for many years to make some sense of available evidence - were never, seemingly, made aware of such exceptional, accessible (to some) material and... well, it just all seems to ask a number of striking questions.

I'm sure Jenny, and others, concur.

Comments and observations are, naturally, welcome!

Explanations even more so.

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Date: Fri, 18 Jan 2002 14:13:49 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: [UFORL] Re: 'Socorro' Update

When is a hot-air balloon, not a hot-air balloon....

Not only perhaps when it's a UFO, but also when it's a Pilot Aerial Survival System [PASS]!

According to an article in the April, 2000 issue of 'Balloon Life' magazine, this combination parachute/hot-air balloon was successfully tested in the 1970s by Raven Industries.

Interestingly, the Raven spokesman quoted is Jim Winker, the former company vice-president who has been helpful with Socorro related inquiries.

There's a copy of the article online, at:

http://www.balloonlife.com/publications/balloon_life/9801/0004/escape0004.html

The entire premise seems so far-fetched, that I wondered if this April publication was an intended 'April fool' - maybe a story we should 'PASS' on!

However, it does seem authentic history and I note that some papers pertaining to the 'Pilot Aerial Survival System' are held at Dakota State University's Karl E. Mundt Library - see:

<http://www.departments.dsu.edu/library/archive/defense.html>

Raven Industries are still located at Sioux Falls, South Dakota and I see that the library also have some historical company material on file.

Given Raven's known involvement with classified balloon projects for the Office of Naval Research and CIA, plus previously mentioned FOIA difficulties locating any the related documentation that is known to have existed, it would be interesting to establish what the library holds. Their classification places this under 'defence'.

PASS is perhaps an appropriate example of why it's conceivable that if there were any military/CIA etc. connections to the Socorro object, it may not have involved your everyday 'hot-air' balloon.

Comparative to PASS, we can only wonder how many other strange lighter-than-air [LTA] 'vehicles' were the subject of experiment, before the project was abandoned and its existence forgotten in some obscure, 'secret' file.

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From: TPrinty@aol.com
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Subject: [UFORL] Recent UK video

www.rense.com has posted video of an interesting UFO which is located at:

<http://www.rense.com/general19/new.htm>

The images look very familiar to anyone who has looked at stars out of focus through a telescope. But I had an interesting experience when I used a new video camera on astronomical objects. Last spring, when Venus was prominent in the evening sky, I attempted to video tape the planet with my JVC Camcorder. I was frustrated to discover that Venus would not come into focus when I zoomed in on the planet. Later, I realized the camera had an autofocus feature that was causing the problem. The resultant video looks a lot like the images in the video clips. One can turn the camera to manual focus but it takes some manipulation of the unit. Of course, this is not the same camera but an out of focus star/planet seems to be the most likely source of the images. Particularly interesting is when the UFO is videotaped next to the lamp. The lamp, being much closer, causes the autofocus to be set at something short of infinity and the UFO/star is now out of focus. For some reason, the authors of the page seem to think this is indication that the UFO was in focus.

My videotape can be seen for comparison at:
<http://hometown.aol.com/timprinty/focus.html>

It is 1.6 MB in size and it may take a while to see if you don't have a cable modem. Anyone who has problems with the page can email me for a copy if they desire.

Tim Printy

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 20 Jan 2002 05:32:00 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Recent UK video

Regarding:

>From: <TPrinty@aol.com>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: [UFORL] Recent UK video
>Date: 19 January 2002 16:19

Tim wrote:

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Tim,

That 'Bonsall' UFO photograph shown therein was published on the front page of UK national, 'Daily Star' newspaper, 1st June last year.

Commenting, I wrote to this list's predecessor, 'UFO Skeptics':

Assuming it is a genuine video shot, we don't know how much the newspaper photograph has been enlarged and if it was already filmed with a zoom lens at maximum.

However, the accompanying article notes:

"She used her camcorder to video the mystery craft, which looked like a giant disc with a bite taken out. The UFO appeared to expand then get smaller as it hovered in the sky about two miles from her home".

Did it coincidentally expand as Mrs Rowlands zoomed in with the video lens and get smaller when she 'zoomed' back out again?

This sounds exceedingly like Mrs Ross's UFO collection, as I explained in a 'Fortean Times' article:

"Granny Margaret Ross feared she was about to be beamed up by ALIENS... after a close encounter - IN HER BEDROOM".

Or so the Scottish Sunday Mail led us to believe.

The newspaper reported that Margaret, aged 63 and who lived near Scotland's UFO hotspot, "Bonnybridge", took 20 minutes of camcorder footage showing, "a bright light hovering in the sky above her house".

Alas, a bright light "hovering" in the sky for 20 minutes may as well be a euphemism for Venus.

"The object appears suddenly to zoom towards Margaret's camcorder. The disc-shaped UFO shows five clear stripes on the surface".

The key word is "zoom".

Some camcorders have a shutter which, when the "zoom" is used on a bright light, results in an artefact which resembles Commissioner Gordon's Batman signal and can also give the impression of "lines".

"The disc-shaped UFO shows five clear stripes on the surface".

It somewhat resembles Commissioner Gordon's Batman signal with lines across it.

The film was shown to Archie Roy, Glasgow University's Emeritus Professor of Physics and Astronomy. Professor Roy, an investigator of "crop circles" and the paranormal, reportedly stated, "I've never seen anything like this before. Around 92 per cent of sightings can be easily explained. But this one is one of the 8 per cent of phenomenon which science cannot recognise".

Some four months later, Mrs Ross apparently repeated the feat. According to the "The Glasgow Herald", "Mrs Ross, 63, captured pictures on her video camera from her bedroom window at daybreak".

"The footage shows a pulsating bright object in a cloudless sky. Its appearance gradually transforms into a half-moon shape with four diagonal bars of high intensity brightness.

The object is seen on tape for about 40 minutes".

Kenny Higgins, chairman of Scottish Research into Unidentified Flying Objects, said, "I have never seen anything resembling the shape in the sky that Mrs Ross has captured. It is as good a piece of evidence of a UFO in Scotland as I've ever seen", whilst Ron Halliday, chairman of Scottish Earth Mysteries Research, commented, "It is one of the best footages I have ever seen from

anywhere in the world. Such a length of footage is very unusual. At the moment, there is no obvious explanation as to what Mrs Ross captured on video."

If Mrs Ross is using her zoom lens on a bright celestial object, that might explain why she can apparently film stationary UFOs at will.

[...]

[End]

There are examples of 'UFOs' comparative to Mrs Rowlands', from 'Flying Saucer Review', some years ago and which I had kept a copy of - see:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/artefact.jpg>

[END OF EXTRACT]

On 'rense.com', our 'Danish UFO researcher' writes:

I am currently in contact with a British woman, who has had several sightings of an unidentified phenomena, which she and her friend has captured on video.

I have seen both day and night -time video recordings of this phenomena, and it appears to be the *same* type of object that was observed and recorded on video the summer of 2001, in Bonsall, Derbyshire England, and the same type of craft that was allegedly photographed near the NASA STS-75 shuttle.

[...]

Now this object has been sighted again, during both day and night, by multiple people, in the sky over the same area, which is a suburb to London. This all happened at the beginning of January 2002. After the initial sighting during daytime, which was recorded on video, the phenomena returned at night, and was again recorded successfully.

[END OF EXTRACT]

We can see the clear parallels with Mrs Ross' 'UFO' and as you astutely point out, those somewhat familiar images from such an obliging 'alien spaceship'!

The 'rense.com' report proclaims that similar shaped UFOs have their origins in Arnold's sighting and also compares them to the 'strange Dropa stones'.

Indeed, it's also the web site's current headline.

Perhaps not unreasonable to expect a more informed overall appraisal - most 'ufologists' would at least surely now be aware the 'Dropa stones' are a well documented hoax.

One other 'rense.com' item concerns the supposed 'Nashville UFO' photographs:

<http://www.rense.com/submissions/3ufosday.html>

These are cited elsewhere as fundamental to 'flying saucer reality':

<http://www.filersfiles.com/features/bethune.htm>

In a story yet to be fully revealed, the 'Nashville alien UFO' seems to, coincidentally, resemble a 1980s disco lighting rig, with inbuilt 'smoke effects', as featured in a contemporary German magazine - one extract:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/nashvllle.jpg>

There's another, almost certain, relationship to a celebrated 'UFO' photograph which is asserted to be critical 'proof', via the 'Mutual UFO Network Of Connecticut' web site:

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Zone/9047/picindex.htm>

On 'UFO Skeptics', I duly highlighted:

Explaining the true origins of the 'Waterbury' photograph would not only be an unexpected bonus, it's a more significant development than resolving the 'Nashville' collection.

This time, the claimed photographer apparently isn't anonymous, plus the photograph was analysed.

I wonder if the negative was examined.

Mark Cashman's MUFON, Connecticut web site states:

Randy Etting, a resident of Newtown, was taking a walk outside his home. A commercial airline pilot with over 30 years experience, he always looked at the sky... he saw a number of orange and red lights... approaching from the west... He... got his binoculars and called his neighbors to come outside. The object by this time was a great deal closer and seemed to be over I-84, just east of Etting's home... the lights were shimmering

like distortion from engine heat, but he could hear no sound...
"As the UFO passed over I-84, cars in both the east and west bound lanes began pulling over and stopping. The UFO displayed a semi-circular pattern of very bright multicolored lights. Five motorists reported that, as the object became visible, a number of cars lost power and had to pull off the highway. A State Police officer [who wishes to remain anonymous] sent to investigate photographed the object. "... Dr. Bruce Maccabee... [analysed the photo]. His findings indicate the object was huge, perhaps over a thousand feet across, and that the lights showed a definite pattern. He also indicated the lights seemed to have been flashing very quickly in some sort of sequence, giving the impression that some were out of focus while others were sharp."
[END]

Although Maccabee is correct about the lights flashing, he's just slightly out with his reported calculation of the object's size.

As an intentional hoax, this photograph would be at least the third example - The Trent photographs and Ed Walters' Gulf Breeze portfolio come to mind - which Maccabee has proclaimed genuine.

The other two mentioned are of course, or 'were' so far as the now explicable Trent images go, declared to be the 'real' evidence of flying saucers.

Which is true.

An irony is that the lights depicted in this photograph are entirely consistent with a saucer-shaped object, not a 'boomerang'.

I suppose someone must have thought it could pass for the latter, and they were obviously correct, although I've always considered the photograph had no obvious connection with a boomerang-shaped source.

As we can now appreciate, our Waterbury flying saucer is either travelling upside down, or was photographed from above!

An illustration of this can be seen at:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/upended.jpg>

[...]

It does actually look much more 'convincing' the right way up! -
See:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/watrbry2.jpg>
[END OF EXTRACT]

A comparison of light correlations between the Waterbury and Nashville 'UFOs' is shown my web site, at:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/saucers2.jpg>

A further confirmation of prominent features:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/saucers3.jpg>

The Waterbury image has to be both rotated and 'mirrored' to make due comparisons, however, there's a blatant clue why these 'UFO photographs' originate from a common, infinitely more terrestrial source.

Noting this on 'UFO Skeptics', I last wrote, "I'll leave the [clue] details aside for now as I'm interested to see if anyone maintains the Waterbury 'UFO' is genuine and how they rationalise that".

Still no takers?

They are, after all, avowed by 'rense.com'/'MUFON Connecticut' to be landmark, 'alien visitation' photographic snapshots, such that, "Even the most skeptical remain unable to explain this object".

Is that a fact...

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James wrote:

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You might want to add the landing at Carp video to this list.

Tim Printy

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Date: Mon, 21 Jan 2002 19:42:29 +0100 (CET)
Subject: [UFORL] question to UK colleagues

According to the UK's Daily Mirror of January 24, 1972, a square block of ice, 4 feet side, weighting near 1,000 kilos fell the prior day near a house in Shirley, Surrey. If someone has or can access to the newspaper's original account I will appreciate sending me a photocopy or a scan version. Thanks.

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Subject: Re: [UFORL] question to UK colleagues

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Shirley is in the Borough of Croydon, where I work. I will check with one of my colleagues in the Local History Library, to see if they can find out anything more about this.

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Subject: RE: [UFORL] Recent UK video

The photo taken in Israel at the www.renwww.rense.comse.com page is just a cam taken out of a washing machine or dishwasher timer.

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@ was prominent

@ in the evening sky, I attempted to video tape the planet with my JVC

@ Camcorder. I was frustrated to discover that Venus would not

@ come into focus

@ when I zoomed in on the planet. Later, I realized the camera had an
@ autofocus feature that was causing the problem. The

@ resultant video looks a

@ lot like the images in the video clips. One can turn the

@ camera to manual

@ focus but it took some manipulation of the unit. Of course,

@ this is not the

@ same camera but an out of focus star/planet seems to be the

@ most likely

@ source of the images. Particularly interesting is when the UFO is

@ videotaped next to the lamp. The lamp, being much closer, causes the

@ autofocus to be set at something short of infinity and the

@ UFO/star is now

@ out of focus. For some reason, the authors of the page seem
@ to think this is
@ indication that the UFO was in focus.
@
@ My videotape can be seen for comparison at:
@ <http://hometown.aol.com/timprinty/focus.html>
@
@ It is 1.6 MB in size and it may take a while to see if you
@ don't have a cable
@ modem. Anyone who has problems with the page can email me for
@ a copy if they
@ desire.
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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Tue, 22 Jan 2002 13:10:48 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Recent UK video

I have always considered the Waterbury UFO to be a shot of part of a carnival ride, like the "Swinger", with its colored light bulbs used to attract customers.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 23 Jan 2002 03:48:04 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Celtic 'Saucer' Artefacts

Always an interesting facet of 'ufology' are conceivable connections which might be evidenced in the, surviving, relics of ancient cultures.

Perhaps not entirely unrelated, if the question is how our earliest ancestors might have perceived their experiences, an intriguing 'earth mysteries' theory suggested by Paul Devereux is highlighted in a current 'Fortean Times' feature, at:

<http://www.forteantimes.com/exclusive/devsounds.shtml>

The 'Channel 4' broadcast mentioned will hopefully have been seen, aside from myself, by other UK subscribers.

Paul's 'Stone Age Soundtracks' conclusions surely invites comments.

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 23 Jan 2002 07:27:53 +0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] question to UK colleagues

In message <20020121184229.60278.qmail@web13601.mail.yahoo.com>,
Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es> writes
>According to the UKs Daily Mirror of January 24, 1972, a square block of
>ice, 4 feet side, weighting near 1,000 kilos fell the prior day near a
>house in Shirley, Surrey. If someone has or can access to the newspapers
>original account I will appreciate sending me a photocopy or a scan
>version. Thanks.
>Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos
>Apartado de Correos 12140
>46080 Valencia
>Spain

The excellent people at the Croydon Local History Library have tracked
down a report of this incident in one of the local papers. They are
sending me a photocopy which I will forward to you.

--
John Rimmer
Magonia Magazine
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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobins@indiana.edu>
Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2002 17:38:58 -0500
Subject: [UFORL] FX show "UFOs on tape 2"

I saw the FX network show "UFOs, the best evidence caught on tape 2" last night. I found quite a few interesting points:

- A brilliant red object with patterns of light on it was videotaped at an arts festival in Nevada in September of 2001. But the theme of the festival was the light sculpture (hint hint).
- A video of a large UFO next to the World Trade Center taken in October 1994 was obviously not seen by the cameraman, because he continued to pan the camera along the New York skyline. The audio on the tape also does not refer to a UFO, but sounds like a sightseeing trip.
- Objects in a NASA film seen just after the tethered satellite experiment that failed on 2/25/96 are obviously very tiny debris close to the lens and out of focus. The chowderhead who analyzed the film on the show compared the angular size to that of the tether and concluded they were discs 3 miles in diameter.
- 5/29/93 Stuttgart Germany video of an oval object identified as a lighted advertizing blimp.
- A video taken in Derby England on 3/13/95 looks like a TV set seen through a window to me.
- A video taken at Silbury Hill England in August 98 looks suspiciously like the Pleiades.
- A video taken in Quito Ecuador on 5/15/96 is obviously a fire balloon slowly rotating as it flies over low. I have seen this before.
- A video taken on September '94 in Mexico looks like a window of a house to me.
- A video "taken at Area 51" of an alien is obviously done with puppetry with computer editing. And a Jacob's Ladder would never be used in a real scientific investigation, since it's purpose is to demonstrate that an electrical arc produces heat.

Was that alien really wearing a necktie?

- A 9/96 Israel video shows three circular UFOs taken at different places on different days - it looks like 3 similar hotel signs to me.
- A video taken in Kibbutz Hatzol (spelled right?). COME ON! It's a video of a naked woman taken through a tent camper window by a

teenager. The UFO story was probably made up to explain the tape when his parents saw it.

There was also a show on the Mothman last night.

- The John Keel description of the UFOs he saw sounds just like fire balloons to me.

- Then Keel tried to link the sightings to the fall of Silver Bridge.

On the local front, a friend told me this week that he had launched fire balloons here in Bloomington in the early '70s.

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From: "james_easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
X-Originating-IP: 172.172.143.22
Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2002 03:44:26 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Recent UK video

Regarding:

>From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobins@indiana.edu>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: RE: [UFORL] Recent UK video
>Date: 22 January 2002 20:01

Larry wrote:

>The Nashville UFO reminds me of a "UFO" on a crane or lift arm
>truck that brought a rock band down into the stadium at a Super
>Bowl halftime show.

Larry,

That seems a reasonable comparison - see for example the
'Electric Light Orchestra' on stage:

<http://www.jcu.cz/~kam/osobni/elo/html/img/elo4.jpg>
http://www.jcu.cz/~kam/osobni/elo/html/img/elo_outblue3.jpg

In this case, the origin of our purported 'UFO' appears to be on a slightly smaller scale. I was kindly sent some magazine photographs which evidently show the same, supposed, flying saucer captured on film down Nashville way, many years later. Apparently, it was at some point in time, during the 1980s, also attached to stage-show scaffolding!

More to be revealed in due course.

>I have always considered the Waterbury UFO to be a shot of part
>of a carnival ride, like the "Swinger", with its colored light
>bulbs used to attract customers.

It's similar, however, as mentioned there's a conspicuous clue why, incredibly, our celebrated 'Waterbury UFO' image originates from the same source as that purported Nashville UFO 'close encounter'.

Consider the 'Nashville' photograph shown at:

<http://www.rense.com/submissions/ship2.html>

Note how the 'object' exhibits larger lights which are

interspersed by smaller, in this instance, 'pale blue' lights.

Amazingly, the 'Waterbury UFO' also displayed interspersed 'pale blue' lights - see the enhancement at:

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Zone/9047/870526.htm>

[Doubtless, this is merely a snapshot of that spaceship's light-show].

We can also see the 'deep red', larger lights as compared to the Waterbury photograph, at:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/saucers2.jpg>

What we can say for certain is that the 'Nashville' photographer's story, see:

<http://www.filersfiles.com/features/bethune.htm>

...tells the comprehensive tale of someone - not surprisingly 'anonymous' - who in 1989, captured remarkable images of a flying saucer seemingly identical to a saucer-like, yet demonstrably terrestrial, 'disco lights' artefact. As newly evidenced here:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/nashcomp.jpg>

We can only hope that contemporary disco flying saucer, 'on visiting Earth' design wasn't influenced by ET intercepting space/time broadcasts of the 'Bee Gees'/Travolta...

Not likely, yet, it's coincidentally reported, from:

<http://www.filersfiles.com/features/bethune.htm>

THE PHOTOGRAPHER'S STORY

"An experienced photographer was driving in a remote area near Nashville, Tennessee on the night of July 14, 1989".

Say... wasn't that a Saturday night...

James Easton.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2002 04:00:41 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 'Socorro' Update

Regarding:

>From: <TPrinty@aol.com>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 'Socorro' Update
>Date: 09 January 2002 23:11

Tim wrote:

>Of course, I am sure you are aware of Richard Hall's opinion
>these days
>
><http://www.nicap.dabsol.co.uk/zamora7.htm>

Tim,

It's 'been a long time...' since related, demonstrably deficient
Socorro 'research', or religious ET provocations, have been of
any remote relevance.

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com
Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2002 10:17:29 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Recent UK video

In a message dated 1/24/2002 10:47:34 PM Eastern Standard Time,
voyager@ufoworld.co.uk writes:

<< Say... wasn't that a Saturday night...
>>

Rock 'an Roll. Good job, gentlemen.

Clear skies,
Bob Young

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From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
X-Originating-IP: 137.195.176.11
Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2002 13:09:38 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: [UFORL] The 'TRUE' Report On Flying Saucers, 1967

Some subscribers may be interested to know there's an online presentation of this archive publication, at:

<http://users.ev1.net/~seektress/truerep.htm>

The content includes contributions from Keyhoe, Ruppelt and John Keel.

Also featured is the interesting Fortenberry-Nash, 1952 'flying saucer' report.

What's the accepted, most likely explanation for their account of eight objects, travelling at a perceived speed of 'several thousand miles per hour' and which could exhibit an apparent, instant 150 degree turn?

James Easton.
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From: joel carpenter <ufx1947@home.com>
Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2002 09:24:36 -0500
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The 'TRUE' Report On Flying Saucers, 1967

on 1/28/02 8:09 AM, James Easton at voyager@ufoworld.co.uk wrote:

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- > Keel.

James, I thoroughly enjoyed reading that magazine -- like an evening watching great sitcoms from the '60s, it's a trip to a world that doesn't exist any more. I think that when you look back at that type of UFO writing you can see that a lot of the sense of wonder has been lost in the last three decades, now that everything has been regularized and homogenized down to the grim dogma of Greys, Roswell, abductions and MJ-12.

In particular, the case that Keel leads off with in his article, "Who Was That 6-Inch-High Animated Tin Can I Saw You With Last Night?"

<http://users.ev1.net/~seektress/tincan2.htm>

- the Temple, Oklahoma case of 23 March 1966. If you take that account literally, or at least as literally as any other UFO case, it's virtual proof that UFO-like "black airplanes" exist and are flown by reg'lar ol' US military airmen. Is mainstream ufology inclusive enough to accept this, or how do you deal with a case like this anyway? My personal opinion is that this object came from the same factory as the Socorro object, wherever in the space-time continuum that might be...

Joel Carpenter

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com
Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2002 11:50:13 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The 'TRUE' Report On Flying Saucers, 1967

In a message dated 1/28/2002 8:12:16 AM Eastern Standard Time,
voyager@ufoworld.co.uk writes:

<< What's the accepted, most likely explanation for their account of
eight objects, travelling at a perceived speed of 'several
thousand miles per hour' and which could exhibit an apparent,
instant 150 degree turn?

>>

James:

A bright fireball/meteor which, as it burned out and dimmed, seemed
to have changed direction and zoomed away.

Thanks for calling this interesting publiciation to our attention.

Clear skies

,
Bob Young

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From: TPrinty@aol.com
Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2002 16:52:01 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The 'TRUE' Report On Flying Saucers, 1967

James wrote:

"What's the accepted, most likely explanation for their account of eight objects, travelling at a perceived speed of 'several thousand miles per hour' and which could exhibit an apparent, instant 150 degree turn?"

Menzel/Boyd described it as a searchlight seen on multiple thin clouds or through temperature inversion (the world of flying saucers - p.260-5). Can't say that I buy the explanation but this was their theory (they admitted they could not find the source). If anyone is interested in this section, I can send it to them via email.

Tim Printy

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From: TPrinty@aol.com

Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2002 17:45:56 EST

Subject: Re: [UFORL] The 'TRUE' Report On Flying Saucers, 1967

<http://users.ev1.net/~seektress/wrong.gif>

Boy this is interesting. If you take the tail off of this UFO, I would swear we have a type 1 Gulf Breeze UFO! Maybe it was Ed (using an alias) in his early years! You really have to wonder.

Tim Printy

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com
Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2002 19:03:20 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The 'TRUE' Report On Flying Saucers, 1967

In a message dated 1/28/2002 6:27:44 PM Eastern Standard Time,
TPrinty@aol.com writes:

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Tim:

Scary, ain't it?

Bob Young

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2002 10:59:15 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The 'TRUE' Report On Flying Saucers, 1967

Nash-Fortenberry is one of my top-ten unsolved cases.

Thoughts:

- Menzel suggested a searchlight playing on thin haze layers below the aircraft.
- Any meteoric activity would have to have been reflected, since the objects passed beneath their plane (but remember that they were over water). This does not account for the reversal of the UFOs' course unless the plane made a sudden turn.
- Some kind of mirage effect (similar to the Newfoundland case in the 1950s).
- Military jets with afterburners on (not likely). The area is full of military bases (I visited two of them, and drove past 3 others).
- As I repeatedly reiterate, NOBODY can estimate size, speed, distance, or altitude of an unknown object. (although in this case, they had upper limits on distance and lower limits on altitude, because they flew above the UFOs). So their speed report was based upon a guess that they were the size of airplanes.

This case occurred just before the Washington National case.

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@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: James Easton [mailto:voyager@ufoworld.co.uk]

@ Sent: Monday, January 28, 2002 08:10

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: [UFORL] The 'TRUE' Report On Flying Saucers, 1967

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobins@indiana.edu>
Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2002 11:03:47 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The 'TRUE' Report On Flying Saucers, 1967

I identified this one a long time ago. It's a mercury vapor floodlight and its mounting on the side of a marble building reflecting the sky.

The "tail fin" is actually the square plate that mounts the light to the electrical box, and is really behind the circular part.

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@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: TPrinty@aol.com [mailto:TPrinty@aol.com]

@ Sent: Monday, January 28, 2002 17:46

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] The 'TRUE' Report On Flying Saucers, 1967

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobins@indiana.edu>
Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2002 11:22:00 -0500
Subject: [UFORL] RE: this is real UFO!

The object is out of focus, while the people and background are in focus. The object was not seen by the photographer and is not the subject of the photo. The above facts show that it was very small and close to the camera lens. Possible identities:

- A bird or insect "frozen in flight" by the camera
- Windblown debris
- A defect in the negative
- Dirt, or a tiny insect, on the negative when the picture was taken
- light leak
- Developing error
- Small model suspended close to the lens

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1025 E 7th St Rm 112 I voted for gridlock.
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-----Original Message-----

From: TUVPOadmin [mailto:andromeda@ultratv.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2002 19:49Cc: lrobins@indiana.edu;
phil@ticetboo.demon.co.uk; ncas@ncas.org
Subject: Re: this is real UFO!

Subject: this is real UFO!

according the scientific analysis
The dark figure seen on the photograph can be accepted as a UFO !
<http://www.tuvpo.com/proje/rapor/rapor126.html>

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From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
X-Originating-IP: 172.177.173.2
Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2002 03:37:32 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Recent UK video

Some time ago, I wrote:

Explaining the true origins of the 'Waterbury' photograph would not only be an unexpected bonus, it's a more significant development than resolving the 'Nashville' collection.

This time, the claimed photographer apparently isn't anonymous, plus the photograph was analysed. I wonder if the negative was examined.

Mark Cashman's MUFON, Connecticut web site states:

Randy Etting, a resident of Newtown, was taking a walk outside his home. A commercial airline pilot with over 30 years experience, he always looked at the sky... he saw a number of orange and red lights... approaching from the west... He... got his binoculars and called his neighbors to come outside. The object by this time was a great deal closer and seemed to be over I-84, just east of Etting's home... the lights were shimmering like distortion from engine heat, but he could hear no sound... "As the UFO passed over I-84, cars in both the east and west bound lanes began pulling over and stopping. The UFO displayed a semi-circular pattern of very bright multicolored lights. Five motorists reported that, as the object became visible, a number of cars lost power and had to pull off the highway. A State Police officer [who wishes to remain anonymous] sent to investigate photographed the object. "... Dr. Bruce Maccabee... [analysed the photo]. His findings indicate the object was huge, perhaps over a thousand feet across, and that the lights showed a definite pattern. He also indicated the lights seemed to have been flashing very quickly in some sort of sequence, giving the impression that some were out of focus while others were sharp."

See:

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Zone/9047/picindex.htm>

[...]

An irony is that the lights depicted in this photograph are entirely consistent with a saucer-shaped object, not a 'boomerang.

I suppose someone must have thought it could pass for the latter,

and they were obviously correct, although I've always considered the photograph had no obvious connection with a boomerang-shaped source.

As we can now appreciate, our Waterbury flying saucer is either travelling upside down, or was photographed from above!

An illustration of this can be seen at:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/upended.jpg>

If the Waterbury photograph is connected to those Nashville pictures, then the image is 'upside down', intentionally or otherwise.

It does actually look much more 'convincing' the right way up!
See:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/watrbury2.jpg>

A comparison of light placement correlations between the Waterbury 'UFO' and that 'Nashville' lighting rig can also now be seen on my web site, at:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/saucers2.jpg>

A further comparison of some notable features is shown at:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/saucers3.jpg>

Note that the Waterbury image has to be both rotated and 'mirrored' to make this comparison.
[END OF EXTRACT]

It now turns out that Waterbury photograph on MUFON Connecticut's web site is indeed apparently upside down!

At least according to 'UFO Encounters', by Jerome Clark and Marcelo Truzzi - see:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/watrbury.jpg>

They claim the photograph was taken on May 26, 1988, whilst MUFON Connecticut date it from May 26, 1987.

Does anyone know more about the background to this purported photograph of an "enormous, slow-moving structure", especially when it was supposedly taken and also first published?

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From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2002 17:49:47 +0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] question to UK colleagues

In message <20020121184229.60278.qmail@web13601.mail.yahoo.com>, Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es> writes
>According to the UK's Daily Mirror of January 24, 1972, a square block of
>ice, 4 feet side, weighting near 1,000 kilos fell the prior day near a
>house in Shirley, Surrey. If someone has or can access to the newspapers
>original account I will appreciate sending me a photocopy or a scan
>version. Thanks.
>Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos
>Apartado de Correos 12140
>46080 Valencia
>Spain

I have now received a copy of the original newspaper article.
Unfortunately it is a very poor copy and the photograph with it does not reproduce very well. (It is a typical local paper shot of a housewife kneeling down and holding a ruler against the crater in her garden, although this is undistinguishable in the copy I have.)

The text is as follows:

CROYDON ADVERTISER
Friday January 28, 1972

Fragments of a large block of ice which smashed a deep crater two foot deep [65 cm] in a Shirley garden on Sunday morning are still being examined by scientists at Heathrow.

The ice fell about 9 a.m. on Sunday when 39 year old bank official Mr Peter Wakeford and his wife were drinking their early morning tea in bed.

"There was a whooshing sound and a loud thud" Mrs Wakeford told an 'Advertiser' reporter.

We thought something had fallen off the roof but when we looked into the back garden we saw a crater and pieces of ice."

Police from New Addington took the ice in a plastic bag, and put it in a deep freezer.

It was later collected by Department of Transport officials and taken to laboratories.

It was a lucky escape for the Wakefords and their neighbours in Lime Tree Grove for the ice, believed to have measured at least four feet across, also dislodged two paving stones.

A Department of Trade spokesman said on Tuesday that officials believed the ice had come from an aircraft. It was possible for ice, formed on the plane's wings, to fall off, he said.

Another possibility was a leaking tap in the aircraft's plumbing system which would cause a build up of ice in the low temperatures found at high altitudes.

When the ice reached a certain weight it could have forced open a hatch and the fallen.

"It was lucky the ice didn't fall on the roof," said Mrs wakeford. "And I hate to think what would have happened if anyone had been hit by it."

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John Rimmer
Magonia Magazine
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From: Frits Westra <fwestra@hetnet.nl>
Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2002 02:00:17 +0100
Subject: [UFORL] Albert Budden's Electromagnetic Pollution Approach

Hello all,

At below URLs you'll find a letter (in two parts) from anomaly researcher Albert Budden, in which he responds to criticism to his Electromagnetic Pollution Approach (EMPA). These postings provide some insight into how the EMPA came about and its relevance to certain anomalous phenomena.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ufonet/message/11654>
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ufonet/message/11655>

Best Wishes,

Frits Westra
UFOnet Moderator

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From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
X-Originating-IP: 172.189.68.59
Date: Fri, 01 Feb 2002 03:36:10 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: [UFORL] Re: The 'TRUE' Report On Flying Saucers, 1967

Regarding:

>From: "joel carpenter" <ufx1947@home.com>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] The 'TRUE' Report On Flying Saucers, 1967
>Date: 28 January 2002 15:04

Joel wrote:

>James, I thoroughly enjoyed reading that magazine -- like an
>evening watching great sitcoms from the '60s, it's a trip to a
>world that doesn't exist any more. I think that when you look
>back at that type of UFO writing you can see that a lot of the
>sense of wonder has been lost in the last three decades, now
>that everything has been regularized and homogenized down to the
>grim dogma of Greys, Roswell, abductions and MJ-12.

Joel,

I can only concur with those sentiments and perhaps not coincidental that during the past year or so, most of my 'UFO' reading material acquisitions have been historical, circa 1950s and 60s, books and magazine publications.

I only recently purchased an issue #1 of Ray Palmer's 'Flying Saucers

From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
X-Originating-IP: 172.189.68.59
Date: Fri, 01 Feb 2002 05:02:55 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: [UFORL] Re: The 'TRUE' Report On Flying Saucers, 1967

Always reserving the right to publish correspondence received, whether 'antagonistic' or otherwise, [and soon, in my own time, I'll befittingly do so concerning sheer, nauseating, hate-mail from Jan Aldrich and Richard Hall], coincidentally Clifford Stone has just been cited as one reason I am perceived as, "Skeptibunker Easton debunked (LOL!)":

Mr. Easton.

I have watched with a great deal of amusement over the years of your obsession attempting to expose as a "hoax" what you refer to as USN Commander (Ret.) Graham Bethune's "Nashville UFO" images.

Are you aware of the fact that the images were later used to construct a model for a stage production, or, as you call it, "a 'disco' lighting-rig, which also produced smoke effects," and Commander Bethune personally told me about this years ago, and no doubt this is it?:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/nashcomp.jpg>

Are you also aware that I saw this same object from only several hundred feet away in Canada in the early 1980s, and that it is, most definitely, exactly what it appears to be, a genuine UFO?

Are you aware that the entities I saw piloting the UFO also have the ability to communicate telepathically?

Are you aware that Sgt. Clifford Stone remote viewed this object for me, and described in accurate detail my close encounter with this object with 100% perfection, and this was all done through a third party, and that I had never spoken with him before then, and that he was thousands of miles away at the time?

Are you aware that I had a MIB encounter with a female MIB immediately after seeing this UFO, and that Sgt. Clifford Stone also described the experience in 100% perfect detail for me through that third party at that same time?

Are you aware that several well-known, trusted and highly respected individuals in the UFO community worldwide have had confirmation of this ability of Sgt. Stone's and the proof of my close encounter and MIB experience provided to them for safe-keeping?

Are you aware that only a few pathetic, self-deluded skeptibunkers I have told about this question these facts, and cling to their false and absurd notions that the events I describe never happened exactly and precisely as I said they did?

Are you aware that because of your disgusting attitude, I shall never be supplying proof of Sgt. Stone's abilities to you, or any other nasty skeptibunkers like you, because you and they are not worthy of the quality of such proof?

Now, having successfully privately debunked you as an obsessive crank, please stop embarrassing yourself and other members of our species in attempting to come to terms with a subject that is obviously too far advanced beyond your clearly stated, limited ability of intellectual comprehension.

If you persist, I shall have no other option but to continue to laugh at you, and to continue to make fun of you and other skeptibunkers like you, and to share hilarious moments like this with friends of both mine and Clifford Stone, who know the truth about this matter in precise detail, just like I'm doing right now.

LOL!

Randy Kitchur
[END]

Doubtless, this results from my related, current, 'UFO UpDates' enquiry, kindly posted by Errol Bruce-Knapp [and gratefully appreciated, Errol] at my request.

'Ufology' personified...

Is that even a palpable question.

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com
Date: Fri, 1 Feb 2002 00:30:17 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: The 'TRUE' Report On Flying Saucers, 1967

In a message dated 2/1/2002 12:04:34 AM Eastern Standard Time,
voyager@ufoworld.co.uk writes:

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"Skeptibunker Easton debunked (LOL!)":

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with friends of both mine and Clifford Stone, who know the truth
about this matter in precise detail, just like I'm doing right
now.

LOL!

Randy Kitchur >>

James:

Yiikes! Now it's clear how Clifford Stone always managed to be at the right places at the right time during some of the most hair raising (or is it hair-brained?) saucer episodes of the past 25 years. He remote viewed them!

Why, of course, why hadn't I thought of that? Golly. That must be how he managed to be present in 1965 when the recovered Kecksburg saucer arrived at Lockbourn Air Force Base, about 90 miles from his home in northern Ohio. The 16 year old had actually remote viewed it. Also, it's obvious that this is how he managed to "view" all of the top secret documents proving the Roswell, MJ-12 and other events. Even though he has claimed to know the actual names of these documents, but has never been able to get them via FOIA requests, we must accept his claims.

Man, I'm relieved. I was so afraid that maybe, just maybe, Cliff didn't know what he was doing.

Clear skies,
Bob Young

"Keep your eyes a little wide and blank" - Dr Miles Bennell's instructions on how to look like a pod person, Invasion of the Body Snatchers (1956)

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Fri, 1 Feb 2002 15:34:49 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: The 'TRUE' Report On Flying Saucers, 1967

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@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: James Easton [mailto:voyager@ufoworld.co.uk]

@ Sent: Friday, February 01, 2002 00:03

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: [UFORL] Re: The 'TRUE' Report On Flying Saucers, 1967

@ Are you aware of the fact that the images were later used to
@ construct a model for a stage production, or, as you call it, "a
@ 'disco' lighting-rig, which also produced smoke effects," and
@ Commander Bethune personally told me about this years ago, and no
@ doubt this is it?:

So we are supposed to take his word, without proof? Sounds like a religion.

Any relation to Truman Bethune?

Which came first, the disco rig or the UFO? We can document the patents on the disco rig if we have to. Can the sighting date be shown to be earlier?

@ Are you also aware that I saw this same object from only several
@ hundred feet away in Canada in the early 1980s, and that it is,
@ most definitely, exactly what it appears to be, a genuine UFO?

Got any proof? Or is this just a CLAIM?

One has to remember that anyone can CLAIM anything. Demonstrating the truth of that CLAIM is harder.

Show me real proof that would stand up in court, and I will believe it.

@ Are you aware that the entities I saw piloting the UFO also have
@ the ability to communicate telepathically?

Really? Another CLAIM. I'd like to see you prove it.

@ Are you aware that Sgt. Clifford Stone remote viewed this object
@ for me, and described in accurate detail my close encounter with
@ this object with 100% perfection, and this was all done through a
@ third party, and that I had never spoken with him before then,
@ and that he was thousands of miles away at the time?

Show me the proof, even though I am NOT from Missouri.

@ Are you aware that I had a MIB encounter with a female MIB
@ immediately after seeing this UFO, and that Sgt. Clifford Stone
@ also described the experience in 100% perfect detail for me
@ through that third party at that same time?

Who employed the MIB? National Enquirer?

Once the two of you met and exchanged info, there is no way to
prove whether or not the remote viewing happened.

@ Are you aware that several well-known, trusted and highly
@ respected individuals in the UFO community worldwide have had
@ confirmation of this ability of Sgt. Stone's and the proof of my
@ close encounter and MIB experience provided to them for safe-
@ keeping?

How about documenting this confirmation so we can check it for
accuracy? And why keep it secret? The best way to keep the truth
from being hidden is to make lots of copies and give them to the
press.

How can anyone expect science to study UFO phenomena when
the proponents keep hiding their data from the scrutiny necessary to
investigate it properly?

Anyone can make a CLAIM. But a CLAIM is just a CLAIM until it is
proved.

Extraordinary CLAIMS require extraordinary proof.

True science is never biased against the truth. It is only biased
against CLAIMS made without proof.

@ Are you aware that only a few pathetic, self-deluded
@ skeptibunkers I have told about this question these facts, and
@ cling to their false and absurd notions that the events I
@ describe never happened exactly and precisely as I said they did?

So far, I haven't seen any facts. All I see are unfounded CLAIMS.

@ Are you aware that because of your disgusting attitude, I shall
@ never be supplying proof of Sgt. Stone's abilities to you, or any
@ other nasty skeptibunkers like you, because you and they are not
@ worthy of the quality of such proof?

Emotional reactions and name calling are the realm of politicians, not science. The appeal to emotion is always a fallacious argument.

This kind of activity is usually a sign that the CLAIMS are being made for the purpose of making money from selling a wild story, not for the advance of science. Those genuinely interested in advancing the knowledge of man usually have no profit motive in doing it, but really want to find out the truth. On the contrary, they spend every penny they have in search of the truth.

Could he be hiding instead the absence of proof? He says that he has proof, but until we are shown that proof, the CLAIM that he has proof is just another unfounded CLAIM. Notice that he also does not name the "trusted and highly respected individuals". Might Billy Meier be on that list?

An alternative theory is that he is hiding the "proof" so nobody beats him to the story and the millions he expects to make from it.

@ Now, having successfully privately debunked you as an obsessive
@ crank, please stop embarrassing yourself and other members of our
@ species in attempting to come to terms with a subject that is
@ obviously too far advanced beyond your clearly stated, limited
@ ability of intellectual comprehension.

Calling names is always a fallacious argument.

Rather, it is because we can't comprehend how someone can believe this stuff with a straight face and no proof. It sounds like the source of the information was about as advanced as a comic book. At least science has proof of most of what it believes.

@ If you persist, I shall have no other option but to continue to
@ laugh at you, and to continue to make fun of you and other
@ skeptibunkers like you, and to share hilarious moments like this
@ with friends of both mine and Clifford Stone, who know the truth
@ about this matter in precise detail, just like I'm doing right
@ now.

That's funny. An emotional response.

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From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
X-Originating-IP: 172.177.25.152
Date: Sat, 02 Feb 2002 06:21:11 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: [UFORL] Re: 'Socorro' Update

As mentioned to Joel, I've recently come across case material which I had personally never seen previously.

The first item is a copy of an FBI teletype, dated April 25, 1964:

<http://www.ufocity.com/images/doc-41a.gif>
<http://www.ufocity.com/images/doc-41b.gif>

The second is a follow-up teletype, dated April 27:

<http://user.cs.tu-berlin.de/~thomasg/docs/946.txt>

A couple of interesting points therein.

It's stated that Zamora reported the object was "oval shaped, similar to football, possibly twenty feet long". That's a significant documented record and I can't recall Zamora allegedly giving such precise details elsewhere of both the shape and size, at closest proximity.

It still doesn't seem to make any sense how he could have contemplated such an object, even from "eight hundred feet away", to be an upturned car.

Zamora was statedly wearing 'green sunglasses' at this time and also when he initially viewed the 'flame', object and those two crew members wearing what resembled 'white coveralls'.

How could he make these colour determinations through green sunglasses?

That aside, a striking coincidence - never revealed in 'Socorro Saucer' - is how a military exercise, code-named 'Cloud Gap', was taking place and involved New Mexico.

As indicated in the latter teletype, I would expect no bearing to Zamora's sighting and there can't be, if that pivotal 'hot-air balloon freaked local lawman' anecdote, actually documented by Larry Robinson, does relate to Zamora.

What though was operation 'Cloud Gap'?

According to the FAS web site:

"The hundreds of secret compartmented programs at the Pentagon are each assigned a two word nickname and a classified codeword. The names are selected and combined, more or less arbitrarily, from lists of pre-approved words, giving rise to an oddly suggestive form of Pentagon poetry.

William M. Arkin, the independent analyst and author, picked out the names of 26 particularly resonant Pentagon programs -- DIAGONAL GLANCE, CHALK POINSETTIA, CREDIBLE WOLF -- for a feature he wrote in last Sunday's New York Times Magazine.

Several of these terms have not appeared previously in the public domain. Furthermore, in several cases Arkin has gone where no uncleared person has gone before and has provided a thumbnail description of the contents of the secret programs. Someone, somewhere in the Pentagon, will be grinding his teeth at the impudence. See:

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/magazine/home/20001203mag-lexicon.html>

An additional layer of obscurity is attached to these names because of the fact that over time they may be reused for other secret programs.

For example, Arkin identifies CLOUD GAP as a "classified Air Force program." In the 1960s, however, CLOUD GAP was a joint program of the Department of Defense and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency "to test the feasibility of theoretical arms control and disarmament measures." The earlier edition of CLOUD GAP, now practically forgotten, culminated in a test to demonstrate the verifiable destruction of nuclear warheads.
[END]

Bizarrely, the above has some relevance to a certain 'alien autopsy'. According to what was supposedly the 'cameraman's statement', that 'crash/retrieval' had been designated as 'Operation Anvil'. However, 'Operation Anvil' is a well-known WWII, 1944, military campaign.

The resulting question [if only for the record], was whether a code-name might be re-used.

With the assistance of an acquaintance in the US, who has vast 'intelligence community' expertise, it proved possible to cite instances where a prominent code-name had indeed been duplicated. However, there were few examples and it looks like 'CLOUD GAP' can be added.

Yet one more skeptical 'alien autopsy' claim debunked. ;)

Coincidentally, Ray Santilli's footage has resurfaced as a cover story in the latest 'UFO Magazine' [UK].

Although we could duly expect to dismiss the contents, there's a new testimony which has to qualify as astonishing... if factual. It reportedly originates from a taped interview with Mike Maloney, "Group Chief Photographer at 'Mirror Group' Newspapers". I am familiar with Mike Maloney, who is one of the foremost UK press photographers and has been for many years.

He apparently recalls, in the 1970s, that after a dinner with the head of 'Disney Studios', being "introduced to another person who invited him to view some most unusual films". Via an "old projector", Maloney witnessed original 16mm footage - "not a studio production" - which contained scenes of 'UFOs' and also from the 'alien autopsy'.

The 'UFO Magazine' article, by Philip Mantle, is largely based on:

<http://www.beyondroswell.com/roswell/AA%20Update.htm>

Mike Maloney's reported contribution absolutely requires to be resolved.

That conspicuously doesn't apply to Mantle's other, foremost 'witnesses'. Enter the obligatory Clifford Stone... at same URL.

And perhaps:

<http://www.beyondroswell.com/intro.html>

...reaffirms the inherent perspective; Hesemann, 'Hangar 18' and Steven Spielberg's [then] impending 'Majestic-12' revelations are all proclaimed attestations to a 'UFO reality', etc...

I haven't read an issue of 'UFO Magazine' [UK] for a long time - not since 1999ish. This 'representative', UK, UFO publication is still vehemently marketing videos which allegedly demonstrate our 'moon landings were a hoax' and presently contains a lengthy, five page article entitled, 'Genuine phenomenon of cropcircles', endorsed by supposed 'psychic' Edgar Cayce.

Other than realising there's money to be made from the gormless and gullible, how and why does 'ufology' still endorse and

promote so much blindingly evident absurdities, that are palpably ludicrous?

Is there now any source actually representative of a 'scientific ufology'?

James Easton.

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From: Joel Carpenter <ufx1947@home.com>
Date: Sat, 2 Feb 2002 11:41:27 -0500
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 'Socorro' Update

>
> What though was operation 'Cloud Gap'?

"In testimony to Congress in 1970, Herbert Scoville noted that fixed land-based ICBMs 'require extensive launch-site construction in order to provide the necessary hardening to make them resistant to blast from a nuclear explosion. This construction requires many months and therefore ample time is available to permit its detection' In addition, Scoville noted that 'after ... submarines are launched they require many months of fitting out, during all of which they are subject to observation.'

But two years earlier the intelligence community had argued that its sensitive overhead systems could not be employed for monitoring [arms-control treaty] compliance. The community had argued that use of those systems for verification purposes would require the United States to make its capabilities public to establish that it could verify compliance. It was also argued that signing an agreement to be monitored by intelligence systems would reveal the capabilities of those systems, and that charges of violations would have to be backed up by revelation of the data indicating such violations. Thus, on-site inspection and other sources of information would be required. To explore the possibility of verification without the use of reconnaissance satellites, the Air Force conducted a study named CLOUD GAP."

- Jeffrey T Richelson, "America's Secret Eyes In Space: The US Keyhole Spy Satellite Program" (Harper & Row, 1990)

(Richelson footnotes the source of this item as "private information")

Joel Carpenter
>

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From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
X-Originating-IP: 172.177.221.59
Date: Mon, 04 Feb 2002 04:21:44 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: [UFORL] 'Triangular UFO' Report

The following account was recently received via my web site:

Dear Sir/Madam.

I have just watched an american programme featuring 'silent falcons/triangular ufo's. It mentioned the UK phenonmena and Belgium, but the crafts they mentioned were a lot bigger than the one that I experienced.

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I guess I am looking for reassurance for something which as kind of spooked me over the last 21 years. It has always been a confusion in my mind how such technologies could exist. If it was a covert flight by some experimental craft programme I would it would make me feel happier but the technologies I saw were so advanced.

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From: TPrinty@aol.com
Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 23:28:47 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Triangular UFO' Report

James,

I am not so sure about the UK but up here in New England, you don't have kids on roller skates outside in December. I did visit scotland before in the winter and everyone was inside after sunset (and even before that). It is awful cold (even this year with an unusually warm winter the temperatures were in the 20s and 30s at night) and the report was made at night long after sunset. In my opinion, because of this, the date is in question. Perhaps it was some earlier month when the temperatures are more moderate. After 21 years, recalling an exact date seems a long shot.

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Sent: 04 February 2002 05:22Subject: [UFORL] 'Triangular UFO' Report

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com
Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2002 11:11:33 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Triangular UFO' Report

In a message dated 2/3/2002 11:23:15 PM Eastern Standard Time, voyager@ufoworld.co.uk writes:

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James:

Two things come to mind: A kite with a string of white Xmas lights or an ultralight. In the latter case the distance would have to have been further. But, in any case, for an unknown object of unknown size, how would the witness know the distance, anyway?

Clear skies,
Bob Young

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2002 13:23:10 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] 'Triangular UFO' Report

Sounds like a fire balloon to me.

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@ From: James Easton [mailto:voyager@ufoworld.co.uk]

@ Sent: Sunday, February 03, 2002 23:22

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

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From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
X-Originating-IP: 172.189.133.107
Date: Tue, 05 Feb 2002 01:43:38 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: [UFORL] Re: 'Triangular UFO' Report

Thanks to all for the feedback.

I thought it might be an interesting exercise to highlight this account in its 'raw' state. Some of those comments have been helpful and suggested questions which could be insightful.

In addition to a number of related questions now asked of Rachel, I also enquired if it's possible to provide a sketch of the object.

It is, of course, hugely problematic when we're dealing with twenty-year plus recollections of a then child. That's, alas, all we presently have to work with.

Should we forthwith conclude this account will remain unresolved and isn't worth following-up. Arguably yes, however, as it was reportedly a lengthy 'close encounter' and as Rachel doesn't attribute the origins as an alien spaceship - indeed noting that the object was "too thin" for it to be piloted - there's an outside chance of perhaps further understanding some overall probabilities.

Surely Rachel's mother would have observed the object when she came out of that nearby house. What about witnesses from passing cars during the stated, approximate five minutes which elapsed... and how could a 'UFO' have passed over a large city like Norwich without other reports?

It's also not a unique case and I am aware of other, claimed 'brightly lit triangular UFO' UK sightings, including that perceived 'interaction'. Any new, comparative, data must be welcome, even acknowledging why a mundane explanation is almost certain (keeping in mind the recently mentioned story, where a fire-balloon was proven to be the 'UFO' which a police helicopter's crew believed had attacked them!).

We'll hopefully see what Rachel (who did give her full name) has to say in response.

James Easton.
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Sent: 04 February 2002 22:50 Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Triangular UFO' Report

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From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@skomer.u-net.com>
Date: Thu, 7 Feb 2002 23:03:45 +0000
Subject: [UFORL] Icke on TV

In case you missed it, David Icke was on a BBC Midlands show called "Second Thoughts".

Quite interesting. His parting shot was "Watch this space in the next two years."

Chris

PS Also found out why he stopped being a goalie. I'd always wondered.

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From: "bortaf ----" <fatrob83@hotmail.com>
X-Originating-IP: [194.117.151.68]
Date: Fri, 08 Feb 2002 01:55:30 +0000
Subject: RE: [UFORL] 'Triangular UFO' Report

Next time there is a sky watch you should go along, take a nightvision scope/video camera, but don't bother watching the sky. Watch the watchers, believe me it's far more interesting and enlightening than sky watching!
rob.....

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 8 Feb 2002 02:58:12 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Re: 'Triangular UFO' Report

Regarding:

>From: <TPrinty@aol.com>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Triangular UFO' Report
>Date: 04 February 2002 17:49

Tim wrote:

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Tim,

Sunset, circa November-February in the UK, goes from approx. 5:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and back again.

The upside is... it gets brighter come Spring.

However, no ostensible concerns about children playing outdoors late at night, beginning of December. 'Winter' is primarily during those next few weeks, particularly January/February and even then, unless it's unusually severe weather, kids will still be making the most of 'winter', albeit perhaps nearer to home.

As an aside, is "up here in New England" still celebrating that compelling 'you couldn't write the script' superb Patriots' win!

Rachel has now kindly responded in great detail to the questions asked.

It turns out that, as I suspected, there's maybe more to this story. There were apparently three witnesses [unfortunately, not to the entire event] and both a local paper's newsdesk and the local police station were contacted immediately afterwards.

For now, I've omitted or 'deleted' some information given, notably concerning the meeting with Camilla 'two years ago' and why "it all went wrong". Camilla was the other main witness and her mother, Sandy, reportedly observed the object as it departed.

However, there's no significant evidence missing from what follows:

Dear James,

Thank you for getting back to me. I feel happy about sharing further details, and I hope it is useful for research purposes. This might sound strange but it is a real relief to share this experience with someone who has had contact with this phenomena. I have only told very close friends over the years as it is a very personal experience.

It has only since we got cable that I have started watching programmes about this phenomena. It has given me the confidence to contact you because I have found experiences similiar to what I saw. Over the years I have avoided UFO programmes or books in an attempt to keep my memories clean and avoid scaring myself. I would be prepared to be hypnotised if in your experience it would highlight any further details. My only concern with hypnotism is suggestion and remembering something bad.

I have tried to answer your questions and give an explanation beneath. Sometimes I have repeated details of environmental factor for different questions because that's how I remember it.

Q: How can you be so certain of the date?

A: Early December need to check with Sandy. It was close the full moon of that month.

I have always recalled it as this date. It was a school night Tuesday or Wednesday? [The 8th was a Monday - James] Camilla's mum Sandy, who took the event more seriously may have kept a record of the exact date. Sandy (now known as Louise), may have the reports we made that night and may have exact date. Alternatively there may be a telephone enquiry record at the local [name deleted - James] Police Station.

Q: I would particularly like to know what approximate size the object was.

A: The object was 3m triangle accompanied by two 'tinkerbell' scout lights of about 10cm.

The craft's was an equilateral triangle of 3 m lengths. The depth was tiny, it may have been as much as 10 cm, but in side view it

was opaque and linear seeming more like 1 cm. It is important not to forget the 'tinkerbell' scout lights which danced up the street and initially brought our attention up to the craft. They were different colours - orange/blue and pink, I think they changed their shades during their trajectory.

They got our attention, talked about them as being tinkerbell lights, they were playful. They guided our attention up to the back of the 3 story houses upon which the tip of the craft made itself visible to us.

The tip of the triangle crawled behind the roof top and when adjacent to us rose up over the houses and gracefully made it's way down to our side of the street.

Q: Where were the spotlights positioned and what size were they in relation to the object? Can you recall the approximate number of lights and their colour(s)?

A: Summary: Depends on position and nature of object. 3 main light sources at tips (red/blue - not aviation lights). Outer glow and outer rim white lights and inner lights with white intensity at the centre (think also made up of smaller lights but made up impression of greater light). Ability to change whole appearance.

There is no simple answer to this I will try and put the colour/light mood into context of the story.

When it rose up behind the houses it definitely had red on the tips bigger than our spotlights at home, with some smaller white lights towards the centre.

When it was making it's way down to us I recall studying the glow, of about 50cm? It was so bright and crisp around the whole craft. I remember trying to work out how it was doing it. I recall the inner lights to have a blueish tone as it came down.

Whilst above us everything was lit up, the brickwork detailing on the house. I remember Camilla saying afterwards that it had blue and red lights on the tips, which kind of rings true with me, but I remember maybe 100 white lights of domestic size (but not depth) spaced on the outer rim of the craft and tighter/brighter in the centre (possibly tighter packed lights?).

In general when above us the lights were pulsating/throbbing. Once interrupted by the noise factor it turned over with lights facing up to the sky - slow trajectory. The craft was opaque from other side, so when took off over house the lights were now

facing upwards.

Q: Were, for example, the triangle's corners at right angles, or rounded?

A: The object had both during my encounter. It had corners when interacting and then morphed into rounded departing.

Upon approach and whilst above us I am 99% sure it was a crisp triangle with corners. Only when it 'morphed' and turned over did the shape soften with curved edges. If you give me a postal address I can send you sketches / photographs and maps of the locations mentioned.

>Duration of its observation of us:

>5 minutes at least (we were put into a kind of trance and lost track of time).

Q: What happened during this period - did, for example, the object simply hover in mid-air? Were the lights changing position and colour?

A: The lights changed, always in movement but if seen from a distance it could easily be mistaken as motionless hover.

During this time the object was moving about 1cm a second? Smoothly, quietly majestic. As I mentioned in question 3 the lights were throbbing and the emphasis changed towards the centre. Our minds became transfixed, on details like the brick work lighting up above the street light.

I find this part of things unnerving because I do not recall moving during the incident, but the view from which I saw the object morph etc seems a couple of meters further towards the wall. I am going back to Norwich tomorrow and will visit the location to confirm if I'd moved during those 5 minutes.. Also the loudness of the door banging was intense like a slap round the face really loud - were my senses heightened?

Q: Is it possible anyone else might have observed this - perhaps from passing cars?

A: There was no traffic on Sussex St, but St Augustines is a main road out of the city and I recall cars on it. They might of seen it whilst it came accross street to us?

It is possible that a passing car on St Augustines Street may

have witnessed the scout lights on sussex street/object when made it's decent. There was no traffic on Sussex Street during the incident.

It is scary to think that something like this could be so close to the back windows of the flats opposite and nobody realise. The object came from behind the houses (north sussex street 3 story high weavers cottages renovated into flats) - it must have almost carressed their windows and nobody realised? Also someone could have easily looked out of their front windows and seen us on the street below with the object - nobody ever approached me or asked about the event.

This aspect of the event still scares me, just shows how vulnerable you are even in a built up area.

>...it was my friends mother closing her front door about 10
>houses away.

Q: Did your friend's mother see the object? If either yourself or her daughter immediately (or later) told her about this experience, what did she suggest the object most likely was?

A: She saw it, and separated us immediately to take reports on what we'd seen. She thought we should report it, as might be a UFO.

When Sandy came round the corner the object had just gone over the roof of my house. (the sky was wispy clouds and the moon was almost or had recently been full). We asked her if she'd seen and she said no, so we rushed up to the steps by my house. All of us watched it in object move over the city towards the city hall clock, low level, no noise, when it went round the clock and accelerated south west.

Sandy took us straight to her house. Separated us and took reports from us both and made us draw diagrams. She then said that she believed us and we should go straight to my mother to let her know. When we got to my house, my mother did not take us seriously and insisted we'd just seen a seagull or something. Sandy insisted my mother should check with the newsdesk at the local paper where mum worked to find out if they were running a story about it. My mother phoned up but was too embarrassed to let her work colleague know her identity. They had not had any reports, so Sandy said we should phone the local police station to find out what it was. My mother phoned through and there were no reports of UFO's in the area. She said we'd imagined it and it

would be silly to take the matter further. She now apologises for not being supportive during this time, it is only now that I am still going on about it to her that she thinks there might be some truth in it.

In the time after the event I experienced hair loss. The doctors put it down to childhood illness and bad nerves. I also felt as if I was being monitored - is this something you are familiar with?

Q: When you say 'morph' - did the object appear to change shape?

A: Yes. As I have mentioned in earlier questions, once we had been disturbed by the 'bang' it animated and speeded up. It curved and elongated whilst rotating could see through it, until reached 180 degrees position with lights facing up (no longer illuminated the road/tree etc). This is when the true nature of it's materiality became evident: kind of liquid quality aluminium/mercury/opaque. It then excellerated with no effort or noise over my house.

>...over city centre (upside down lights facing upwards when flew
>low level over city around city hall clock and off in a
>southerly direction.

Q: What was the object's approximate speed at this point; did it slowly manoeuvre towards the city centre, or perhaps suddenly accelerate?

A: Both.

The distance from my house to the city hall clock is about one mile. The object travelled in a straight direction towards it. Arriving there in seconds 5-10? - enough time for Sandy to say "what the hell is that". It took a sweep round the clock at level/lower than clock face. Then excellerated at speed off in south westerly direction. (I will go back to the site and time the amount of time takes to run to steps + send you details of the exact distance to town hall clock to give better understanding of speed of travel).

Q: You were statedly with a friend. Are you still in contact with them, such that they could provide a secondary account of the experience?

A: I have asked my mother to find out Sandy's address, I will pass it onto you by the weekend. I have seen Camilla on one occasion but she was still too freaked about the whole thing to talk about it.

I saw Camilla 2 years ago whilst working in Norwich. Invited round for dinner hoping to discuss the sighting etc. It all went wrong.

I have since bumped into Sandy (known as Louise) and have promised to go round for dinner. I no longer live in Norwich, but my mother has her contact details. I am sure 'Louise' would be happy to talk to you. I have not spoken to her since in any detail about events but my mother says she's wanted to talk to me about what happened. I think it best if you contact her direct to ensure purity of source.

I hope to hear from you soon.
Yours sincerely,

Rachel.
[END]

It would of course be wonderful if Sandy, who was clearly thinking 'UFO' from the outset, retains those original December 1980 accounts and sketches [shades of 'Rendlesham' ;)].

There are a number of leads to pursue and although they might not help to explain what truly occurred, it could be insightful to document how evidently sincere witness recollections and perceptions have perhaps altered, or not, over those intervening years.

It's a peculiar 'UFO' report, especially the object's small size and stated appearance. However, elements of the archetypal 'triangular UFO' are there - a silent, slow-moving, exceedingly low altitude object [often described as 'tree top' level], with bright lights [sometimes compared to a 'Christmas tree'] and which is also capable of rapid acceleration.

Another intriguing facet to this case are those 'tinkerbell' lights:

"They got our attention, talked about them as being tinkerbell lights, they were playful. They guided our attention up to the back of the 3 story houses upon which the tip of the craft made itself visible to us".

As some subscribers will appreciate, Jean-Pierre Pharabod is a French scientist and 'skeptic' who has a thorough knowledge of the Belgian 1989-90 triangular UFO 'flap'.

We had previously discussed a number of reported cases, during those incidents and from elsewhere, which allegedly involved sightings of one or more small lights that separated from the 'triangular object', were seemingly operating under control and later 'reattached' themselves to the main object.

I dare say children would naturally describe any such comparative observation as being 'tinkerbell lights'. Indeed, that's the most apt description I've heard.

It's impossible to reach any conclusions based on current data. If more evidence becomes available in this instance, it will doubtless still be inadequate, however, we can only see what transpires.

I'll firstly ask Rachel if she can expand on her recollection of those 'tinkerbell lights' and what eventually became of them.

James Easton.
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From: TPrinty@aol.com
Date: Thu, 7 Feb 2002 22:22:13 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 'Triangular UFO' Report

James wrote:

"However, no ostensible concerns about children playing outdoors late at night, beginning of December. 'Winter' is primarily during those next few weeks, particularly January/February and even then, unless it's unusually severe weather, kids will still be making the most of 'winter', albeit perhaps nearer to home."

It would be interesting to check on weather conditions for the night in question.

"As an aside, is "up here in New England" still celebrating that compelling 'you couldn't write the script' superb Patriots' win!"

Actually, I am a transplant from Florida. My wife is the New England resident (I hope to convince her to move back to Florida once the kids are gone). It was interesting but I really was partly pulling for the Rams (don't tell my wife or neighbors please)! Anyway, it was a good time watching the game even though I did not totally enjoy the final outcome.

The case sounds interesting but it is really hard to mine information from something so long ago. Keep up the good work.

Tim Printy

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<I>Chalker</I> said:

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<I>If my "error" re
Paul DAVIES being an old friend of Allen

HYNEK's is another one of these "important problems",

then I think your exclamation that it is an "ERROR" is

way off mark. Perhaps it is you who should be apologising.

I have to say it is YOUR ERROR Glen.</I>

<I>For example try
reading Allen HYNEK's excellent 1972

book, "The UFO Experience". Go to the acknowledgements

section. There you will read Allen HYNEK stating:<FONT
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<I>"In particular,
I wish to thank ... Dr. Paul DAVIES, Institute

of Theoretical Astronomy, University of Cambridge, England,

for productive discussions in the latter stages."<FONT
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What <I>Chalker</I> did is common amongst some poor researchers

who without any clear reason strip sentences out of other

people's books and add their own explanation to the extract.

Have another look at the above section from Allen HYNEK's book

and tell me where you see the comment that they are, as <I>Chalker</I>

wants us to believe, "old friends".

Not a reference!

This poor author, spun the text not to expand our

understanding of the relationship or the importance of DAVIES

& HYNEK but as normal - to deceive.

Let me again expand.

It's a simple "Trick" to add support to a person's position

by using another's credentials etc, to add support or weight

to the argument. A subconscious validation.

In this case <I>Mr Chalker</I> used Professor DAVIES & Dr HYNEK

as weight (or filler) to make the findings look authoritative.

It's a common practice found with higher education

students, amateurs or early year under-grads who try

and "make the paper fly" or in some case give it

power by authority.

You see him do that with <I>KARY MULLIS</I> name.

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In this case <I>Mr Chalker</I> used <I>Dr Kary Mullis</I> as weight

(or filler) to make the findings look authoritative.

It's the work of a hoodwinker.

You may ask did Professor DAVIES know Dr HYNEK. The

answer is yes. But not as best or <FONT COLOR="#ff0000"
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Again let me explain.

HYNEK was more interested in making friends with the late

and great FRED HOYLE. A test for this can be done by seeing

how HYNEK uses Professor DAVIES in the book. <I>Chalker</I> was

so quick to extract from as his defence. You find, and no

surprises, that DAVIES does not rate any mention in the book

apart from the 'Acknowledgments' (

page ix

). No index of DAVIES.

By HYNEK focus is on HOYLE's work (

p233

).

The facts are, HOYLE was DAVIES superior, and when HOYLE

needed someone to answer the many requests that he received,

DAVIES (at that time) was his man. That's all.

In the early 1960s, Sir Fred HOYLE (1915-2001) established the

<I>Institute of Theoretical Astronomy</I> at Cambridge University.

He retired from this position in 1972, and then continued to

work actively in many areas of astronomy.

DAVIES obtained a doctorate from <I>University College London</I>

in 1970, and held academic appointments at <I>Cambridge</I> and

<I>London Universities</I> (2 years) until, at the age of 34 (1972),

he was appointed Professor of Theoretical Physics at the

<I>University of Newcastle upon Tyne</I>. DAVIES was a research

fellow at the <I>Institute of Theoretical Astronomy</I> in Cambridge

until 1972.

Allen HYNEK's book, (

<I>"The UFO Experience"</I>

) came out in 1972.

Just as HOYLE & DAVIES decide to leave the Institute. Both only

worked at the same place for less than 2 years.

Professor Paul DAVIES said:

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"I got interested in

the subject in a professional capacity as long

ago as 1968 when I heard a lecture at the Royal Society in London

by Fred HOYLE on the possibility of signals going backwards

in time. I decided to write on a problem which involves the

distinction between time forwards and time backwards for my PhD

and then I went to work in Cambridge with Professor HOYLE."<FONT

</I>

Paul DAVIES is currently Visiting Professor at **Imperial College**
in London and Adjunct Professor at the **University of Queensland**.

Then I think your exclamation that it is an "ERROR" is way off mark. Perhaps it is you who should be apologising. I have to say it is YOUR ERROR Glen.

I don't think so?

My respect to you all,

Glen Hough

"Entities should not be posited unnecessarily"

William Of Ockham
(1285-1347)

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Date: Sat, 16 Feb 2002 21:40:16 +0100
Subject: [UFORL] Mysterious Pictures from video in Germany
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Hello List,

enclosed are 3 pictures from a UFO-video which was taken few weeks ago here in Germany. After all it was nothing more as JUPITER on the southwestern sky and a uncorrect set of the optic. Do anyone known more about such cases?

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Date: Mon, 18 Feb 2002 00:54:53 +1100
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things who "stripped" pieces out of of my Strange Evidence article,
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Nothing has changed my viewpoints quoted below.</DIV>
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<DIV>With question 19 Mr. Hough has set an appalling
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low. </DIV>

From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
X-Originating-IP: 137.195.176.10
Date: Mon, 18 Feb 2002 13:10:03 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Alien DNA in Penis Hair?

Regarding:

>From: "Bill Chalker" <bill_c@bigpond.com>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] Prof DAVIES & Dr HYNEK Old Friends?
>Date: 18 February 2002 10:07

Bill wrote:,

>James, as the list owner of a list that indicates "all messages
>require approval" it disappoints me that you would permit such
>libellous comments...

Bill,

That's sometimes a tough call - it wouldn't be the first protest
received because I had _not_ permitted a posting.

However, your sentiments are duly noted and I trust any further
contributions from Glen will be somewhat 'toned down', otherwise
they will not be published on UFORL.

>...from an individual who has demonstrated abundantly that he
>has "lost the plot" in this discussion.

That may be your perspective; it's not necessarily shared by
others or myself.

To recap; Glen initially wrote:

>From: glenUNSW@aol.com
>Date: Fri Oct 19, 2001 3:50 pm
>Subject: Alien DNA in Penis Hair?

List,

While sitting back in my office having a good rest after a short
lunch, I took up a copy of my Fortean Times, a journal full of
interesting and crazy things that humans encounter each month, an
enjoyable and essential piece of reading.

Human strangeness and activities are my main interests, and what
man can do to either himself or his/hers fellow person is
fascinating if not perplexing... but..

Now being involved in the field of Genetics and having spent some time with Dr Kary Mullis (Nobel Prize winner), I found this snip (Below) in my copy of Fortean Times, worthy of further investigation.

Read the Fortean Times summary (below) and you will see what I am on about -

(c) Fortean Times, UK
FT149 Aug 2001,
p14, col 3.

"Alien Genetic Engineering: The Evidence?"

"Australian UFO researcher Bill Chalker has published the results of a DNA analysis carried out on a strand of hair allegedly left behind by an alien visitor.

While resting in bed after dropping his wife off at work on the morning of 23 July 1992, lucky Sydney abductee Peter Khoury was visited by two naked females. One was Asian in appearance, black-haired and dark - eyed, the other was 'Nordic', over 6ft (1.8m) tall, with wispy blond hair and intensely bright blue eyes.

The Nordic attempted to seduce Khoury, who resisted, biting off one of her nipples in the struggle. This didn't appear to upset the entity, who did not bleed and only expressed surprise to her companion. After a coughing fit (caused by choking on the alien's nipple?) Khoury saw that the two women had vanished and went to the bathroom. He found urinating difficult and painful, and noticed a blond hair wrapped around his penis. This he placed into a specimen bag and eventually submitted to Bill Chalker for analysis.

Samples were submitted for Polymerase Chain Reaction DNA profiling to Nobel Prize winner and self-proclaimed abductee Dr Kary Mullis, with some peculiar results. The hair appeared to have two different genetic heritages, depending on where along its length the sample were taken from. The DNA in the shaft came from someone biologically "close to human", but of an extremely rare Chinese Mongoloid lineage, despite being blond. This lineage is, according to Chalker, as far from the human genetic mainstream as that of the African Pygmies. DNA in the hair's root section was closer to a Basque or Gaelic lineage.

[...]

These findings, if correct, are leading Chalker and others to speculate that the hair's alleged alien owner is it/herself the result of some genetic manipulation. Could this be the evidence

that abduction researchers have been looking for? We'll have more on the case in a future issue."

[END OF EXTRACT FROM GLEN'S POSTING]

Those are certainly an extraordinary series of claims and some might conclude, one of the most patently ludicrous 'alien abductee' stories ever.

In 'Strange Evidence', amongst "compelling evidence" for the physical "reality of mainstream UFO events", you cite the Tulley, Australia (1966), Trans-en-Provence, France (1981) and Cash-Landrum, Texas (1980) cases:

http://www.cufos.org/strange_evidence.pdf

Outwith the fanatical faithful, how many will concur these are significant indications of ET visitation?

You also reference the "'chupa' encounters in Brazil". Presumably, these local 'monster' anecdotes are implied to be serious, scientific, corroborative evidence?

Regarding, "self-proclaimed abductee Dr Kary Mullis", I note an interesting article which comments:

Remember Kerry [Kary] Mullis? He won it for inventing Polymerase Chain Reaction. After he got the prize, he quit science and devoted his life to doing product endorsements and chasing girls. As for me, I can't understand why a man would want to do product endorsements.

You all heard about him during the O.J. Simpson trial. The plan was, the defense would hire him to testify about how inaccurate PCR is for identifying DNA like O.J.'s. Mullis made millions of dollars from that invention, but for a little more he's willing to tell us the method is worthless. Right.

[...]

I think Mullis' attitude is something like, "If you pay me 100,000 dollars, I'll say that PCR can't distinguish O.J. from a flatworm. And if you pay me half a mil, I'll say O.J. Simpson is really a thermophilic archaebacteria! Hell, I don't care! I'll say O.J. is a retrovirus! He's not even a eukaryote! This LSD is bad s--! Where are the college girls at?"

[END OF EXTRACT]

The full article can be read here:

<http://www.dailybruin.ucla.edu/DB/issues/97/11.19/view.pettit.html>
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The supposed witness, Peter Khoury, is a long-time, self-avowed 'alien abductee'. It's no surprise to find he became one along that familiar route of reading a Whitley Strieber novel and then being 'hypnotised' by a local 'abductee support group'.

What criteria do you apply to determine if any such 'abductee' story is or isn't 'real', no matter how seemingly absurd?

In essence, Khoury describes an alleged incident from 1992 when, at the time, he "was on a lot of medication". He goes to bed, falls asleep and then 'wakes up' to find himself with two female aliens who have decided to drop in for a quick 'menage a trois'.

When he bites off part of one girl's nipple, the girls, understandably, decide to leave and "they just vanished". As if by magic...

The piece of nipple sticks in his throat for three days, despite his Mom's advice how to "just eat some bread and wash it down". Not that he told her what was stuck there.

The tale of how he then found that 'alien hair' is no less farcical.

In terms of what purportedly constitutes sober, scientific evidence, can you see why it's the above which has perhaps, in fact, 'lost the plot' and on page one?

James Easton.
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X-Originating-IP: 137.195.176.10
Date: Mon, 18 Feb 2002 15:04:13 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: [UFORL] The UK 1947 'Flying Saucer' Perspective

I've recently obtained a copy of what appear to be the first 'flying saucer' articles published by 'The Times' in London.

It seems that Arnold's story was not featured and the earliest newsworthy item is entitled, 'Flying Saucers' in the Sky - an American Mystery'. It's dated 'New York, July 7' and there's a copy on my web site, at:

http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/Times_1.jpg

Next story, on 9 July, was a brief reference to the Roswell 'flying disk' story.

A significantly more detailed commentary then appeared on 11 July, 1947.

Entitled, 'Transatlantic Whizz', some of the conclusions expressed therein hardly seem to have dated! There's a copy at URL:

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From: KRandle993@aol.com
Date: Mon, 18 Feb 2002 11:44:59 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The UK 1947 'Flying Saucer' Perspective

Good Morning James, All -

>Next story, on 9 July, was a brief reference to the Roswell
>'flying disk' story.

As I was beginning work on the Roswell case, and because the University of Iowa library had copies of THE TIMES (isn't really supposed to be in all caps?)

I had looked at them. If I remember correctly, on the page with the mention of Roswell there is also a mention that a couple of Gestapo officers had been found guilty in the murders of two South African flyers for their role in the Great

Escape... movie by the same name. Fifty allied fliers were murdered for escaping, and I just found the reference interesting...

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From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>
Date: Tue, 19 Feb 2002 20:08:34 +0100 (CET)
Subject: [UFORL] EUROPEAN UFO JOURNAL

Dear colleagues:

I call your attention to EJUFOAS, the "European Journal of UFO and Abduction Studies" <<http://www.cisu.org/ejguide.htm>> where your scientific papers and essays on various UFO-related topics will be accepted for publication after peer review. The journal is also open to contributions on non-European cases and subjects.

I expect this reference link will prove interesting to you all.

Best regards,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos
Member, Editorial Board, EJUFOAS

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From: TPrinty@aol.com
Date: Wed, 20 Feb 2002 20:42:54 EST
Subject: [UFORL] Information on Dr. Willy Smith

I was recently reading about Gulf Breeze and in UFO abductions at Gulf Breeze, Ed Walters made some interesting accusations about Dr. Willy Smith (whom he refers to as Mr. Jones but other documents indicate he is talking about Smith). I was wondering if anyone could clarify these claims against Smith. Are they true? According to Ed, Dr. Smith lied about:

- 1) Having a PHD in Physics.
- 2) Having a masters in Astronomy
- 3) Being head of the Department of physics and astronomy at the University of Valencia Spain

Is it true that Dr. Smith lied about his credentials? If so, does he have any degree at all and from where?

Tim Printy

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From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
X-Originating-IP: 172.191.125.60
Date: Thu, 21 Feb 2002 02:34:05 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: [UFORL] Kenneth Arnold Publications

Does anyone have a copy of the following and would it be possible to make a scanned copy, or photocopy, available? :

1. 'I Did See the Flying Disks!', featured in 'Fate' magazine during 1948.
2. 'The Flying Saucer as I Saw It', (a booklet?) published by Arnold (?) in 1950.

If so, please contact myself directly.

James Easton.
E-mail: voyager@ufoworld.co.uk
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From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>
Date: Thu, 21 Feb 2002 10:19:28 +0100 (CET)
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Information on Dr. Willy Smith

To the best of my knowledge, Willy is actually a physicist (MS or Ph.D, not sure), he was teaching at Lycoming College, Pennsylvania for many years (you can check there his credentials). He was one year in Valencia, Spain, where I live, and I met him then. He was in a sabbatical year and he was given a small office in the attic of the Valencia University (Physics building) and he delivered some classes to students as invited professor, but not at all he was the head of the department! But I would swear Willy would never say he was in such position in Spain. Willy has his defects -I have suffered them- but it is stupid to try to get him on this lie grounds.
Vicente-Juan

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com
Date: Thu, 21 Feb 2002 11:17:12 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Information on Dr. Willy Smith

Friends:

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobins@indiana.edu>
Date: Thu, 21 Feb 2002 16:31:53 -0500
Subject: [UFORL] Flight 19

On an A&E network show "The Bermuda Triangle Solved", some interesting information was presented about Flight 19:

Commander Taylor's service record shows that he had been lost over the sea several times, and that he had ditched two previous times for this reason.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 21 Feb 2002 22:40:06 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Information on Dr. Willy Smith

Posted on behalf of Bob (although approved, Bob's original message doesn't seem to have come through - James)

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From: TPrinty@aol.com

Date: Thu, 21 Feb 2002 20:14:52 EST

Subject: Re: [UFORL] Information on Dr. Willy Smith

Bob Wrote:

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I guess my question continues to be are these academic claims accurate. I have no reason to doubt them other than Ed Walters proclaiming they are bogus. I was hoping that somebody who knew Dr. Smith or of the controversy can set the record straight. It seems the only things I can find are the same Pro-Walters statements on the net. I still see him being referred to as "Dr. Smith" in UFO circles so I can only assume Ed and his minions are either, lying about Smith or have not made adequate research on the matter.

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From: glenUNSW@aol.com
Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2002 02:47:06 EST
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Alien DNA in Penis Hair?
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>From: James Easton <voyager@u...>

>Date: Mon Feb 18, 2002 1:10 pm

>Subject: Re: Alien DNA in Penis Hair?

Hi James,

In your reply, you point out a most important

fact James, you said:

<FONT COLOR="#0000ff" style="BACKGROUND-COLOR: #ffffff"
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describes an alleged incident from 1992 when,

at the time, he "was on a lot of medication". He goes to bed,

falls asleep and then 'wakes up' to find himself with two female

aliens who have decided to drop in for a quick 'menage a trois'."<FONT

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om/group/UFORL/message/481

This was a very good point and one that even I missed.

I was given this link and in it <I>Chalker </I>states the

following:

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received in a job site assault (he worked in the building

industry in his own cement rendering business). At about

7 am, having returned to his Sydney suburban home from the

train station, after dropping off his wife, Khoury felt

unwell and lay down on the bed to sleep".

He awoke with a start sometime later, becoming aware of something alighting on the bed. He was shocked to see two strange women kneeling on the end of his bed. Both were naked.

Chalker

REF: 09.Jan.2001

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2001/jan/m09-013.shtml>

James you went on to say that

In terms of what purportedly constitutes sober, scientific evidence, can you see why it's the above which has perhaps, in fact, 'lost the plot' and on page one?

Yes, Chalker seems to be working with a man who is ill?

Khoury was recovering from head injuries!

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Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2002 15:37:04 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 1944 UK UFO Case?

The eBay URL is:

<http://cgi.ebay.com/aw-cgi/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=1075593595>

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From: "rotsky" <rotsky@wanadoo.fr>
Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2002 18:16:36 +0100
Subject: RE: [UFORL] 1944 UK UFO Case?

As an RAF document, I presume it's traceable via the Public Records Office.

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Steve

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From: cgibson@skomer.u-net.com
Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2002 17:19:34 GMT
Subject: [UFORL] Re: 1944 UK UFO Case?

Was the term "UFO" in use in Feb 44?

Chris

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2002 21:46:46 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 1944 UK UFO Case?

Regarding:

>From: <cgibson@skomer.u-net.com>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: [UFORL] Re: 1944 UK UFO Case?
>Date: 24 February 2002 20:54

Chris wrote:

>Was the term "UFO" in use in Feb 44?

Chris,

It looks like, "WAS THIS UFO SITING?" has been added by the seller and doesn't appear in the document.

I've downloaded a copy from the advertisement and a cursory examination suggests the document is authentic.

It seems to be headed, "SPECIAL REPORT"; the first word is "SPECIAL". There's a date stamp which is the standard format [identifying name, then date, then address] I have seen in use within other government departments.

There's some text which is partially erased with a red line, as if this is a document released by HM government - possibly under the 30 year rule? Yet, the document being shown appears to be the original copy, of which presumably one or more photocopies are being sold.

It's not being advertised as 'UFO' related, being sold under the heading of 'Collectables:Transportation:Aviation'.

I've asked the seller if he can explain the background. As Steve Mansfield notes, any such document should be traceable via the Public Records Office.

You might be interested to know the seller's location is given as Leicester.

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From: "THE WATCHDOG" <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2002 13:55:19 -0800
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 1944 UK UFO Case?

List Moderator:

My e-updates list for UFOWATCHDOG.COM is now defunct due to e-mail server problems. Would you please again post my updates as your memebbers will no longer be receiving them on an individual basis? Thanks.

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III
UFOWATCHDOG.COM

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From: skywatcher4u@aol.com
Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2002 16:56:38 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 1944 UK UFO Case?
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Hi, I've never seen this document at the PRO and as far as I know the term UFO wasn't in use in the war either (although there are wartime records at the PRO that refer to "unidentified objects"). The term "unidentified flying object" was in use in US military circles only a few weeks after the Kenneth Arnold sighting and one example is contained in a file I obtained from the FBI. There are a lot of WW2 UFO-style reports at the PRO. Andy Roberts and Dave Clarke have found a lot (most of which I have now) of Foo Fighter reports and one report that deals with the sighting of a large UFO (3-400ft long) that was seen by a British crew both in the air and on the ground. A lot of this material will be covered in their forthcoming book, Out of the Shadows (Piatkus Books). Cheers, Nick Redfern.

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If this is a genuine report, I'm inclined to suspect some form of mirage caused by atmospheric effects. I've seen long bright lines caused by the sun reflecting off the top of an inversion layer - the 'surface' of the layer itself looked like a dazzlingly lit silver ocean. The same could happen with a bright moon (though, admittedly, the presence of an inversion layer would be less likely). If you saw this from between other cloud layers (the report mentions cloud), especially if tired after a long and hazardous photo recon mission... well, you can fill in the blanks.

Alternatively, maybe they saw an actual airfield, perhaps through haze, with moon shining off wet tarmac. We all know the problems of judging size, especially from the air and in a fatigued state. Without a *lot* more to go on (a met report, for example, or some info about the crewmen, the mission, the altitude, the moon phase... well the list goes on) - all this falls into the realm of speculation. But we can certainly have some fun with it...

By the way, this is supposed to have been a *night* photo recon mission??

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Steve

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2002 03:04:48 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 1944 UK UFO Case?

Regarding:

>From: <skywatcher4u@aol.com>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] 1944 UK UFO Case?
>Date: 24 February 2002 22:30

Nick wrote:

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Nick,

Good to hear from you! (now permanently residing in the US?)

I hope the source of that 'UFO' remark has been explained and I'm reasonably confident we are dealing with an authentic document.

As can be confirmed via 'view seller's other auctions', the seller is offering other RAF 'secret reports', mainly from 'Bomber Command', for sale. It's currently confusing, with all other documents being sold as originals, not photocopies. If they are, it would certainly be interesting to know where that collection came from!

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From: Diane Harrison Director AUFORN <auforn@hypermax.net.au>
Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2002 15:48:00 +1000
Subject: [UFORL] Re: 1944 UK UFO Case?

>Was the term "UFO" in use in Feb 44?

>

>Chris

Hi Chris

Looking back over some of my Australian UFO sighting reports, some dating back to the 1800 Chris. The word UFO doesn't seem to have been used back then?. In fact I can't find any in my collection of the Jarrold listings 1800 to 1948..it appears, correct me if I'm wrong! it wasn't until the late 40's early 1950s that the word UFO was more readily used here in OZ. reports. I dare say this was due to a new fashion trend staring up not long after the Rosswel crash.

Blame the media :>)

In the 1944s more like foo fighter, Rockets, Bright lights, disc's, space craft
over here in OZ It's hard to say what the rest of the world was calling them.

I hope this helps.

--

Regards Diane Harrison

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Hi James,
Yeah I moved over here (US) last July and made a brief visit back to the UK just after 9/11 but hope to get back again for a visit to the UK this summer. This e-bay development is certainly weird and I have no explanation other than this possibility:- I've spoken over the past 8/9 years with maybe 7 or 8 retired RAF pilots/navigators who left the service with their original flight log books in their possession. Is it possible that these aren't official "files" as such but may be someone's old log-book detailing various secret missions etc and that the sighting was recorded in there? I forwarded the first email you posted on this issue on to Andy Roberts so perhaps he can shed some light on this. For the record, I understand from staff at the PRO that documents only become their copyright when the documents are handed over to them. So in theory it could be argued that the PRO would have no claim to these paper! s if they've been retained since WW2 by someone else. On a slightly related matter, though, I have a contact who purchased a few years ago a whole bundle of UK RAF files (on non-UFO issues) from a used-book stall in Norfolk (all originals and from the 60s), so I guess we're still no wiser! All best, Nick.

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Perhaps the reason nothing came of this is that someone, at the time, came up with a reasonable explanation. This wouldn't necessarily have made it into official files or - if the explanation was trivial - the files may be buried somewhere or have been lost. Perhaps the crew were embarrassed at their mistake and it was all quietly forgotten?

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Steve

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Sent: 25 February 2002 04:05 Subject: Re: [UFORL] 1944 UK UFO Case?

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Nick wrote:

>I've never seen this document at the PRO and as far as I know
>the term UFO wasn't in use in the war either...

Nick,

Good to hear from you! (now permanently residing in the US?)

I hope the source of that 'UFO' remark has been explained and I'm reasonably confident we are dealing with an authentic document.

As can be confirmed via 'view seller's other auctions', the seller is offering other RAF 'secret reports', mainly from 'Bomber Command', for sale. It's currently confusing, with all other documents being sold as originals, not photocopies. If they are, it would certainly be interesting to know where that collection came from!

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From: joel carpenter <ufx1947@home.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2002 12:27:31 -0500
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 1944 UK UFO Case?

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Is there any reason to think this is describing an aerial object?

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Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2002 18:09:28 -0000

Subject: Re: [UFORL] 1944 UK UFO Case?

Y'all,

Regarding the 1944 'UFO' document on Ebay.

I have been in touch with the seller, who tells me the document was retrieved from a skip at RAF Bentley Priory in the late 1950s/early 1960s, with a lot of other similar material.

We know this was the time when the Air Ministry were regularly dumping large amounts of paperwork, including the files on classic UFO incidents such as the Lakenheath-Bentwaters case.

The seller is not interested in selling the original and has not responded to my further queries.

Dave Clarke and I are currently in the south of England interviewing a number of retired RAF aircrew from the 1950s for a forthcoming BBC Radio 4 documentary on RAF UFO encounters.

We can say this type of document certainly existed, as we have collected a number of similar accounts of foo-fighter type phenomenon from the era 1942-44 in the RAF files at the PRO; these will be detailed in our forthcoming book *Out of the Shadows* (published in the UK, May 23, 2002).

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Will keep the list notified of what we find.

Happy trails,

Andy Roberts and Dave Clarke

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@ about this case. It surely must have been investigated to some
@ extent - other witnesses, corroborative radar tracking, etc. What
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Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2002 14:44:29 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: 1944 UK UFO Case?

No. "Unidentified Flying Object" (UFO) was first used during Project Sign (which began in 1948). It appears in the Project Sign Report.

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Hi, Regarding when the term "unidentified flying object" was first used: the term definitely appears in US military files dated approximately 7 weeks after the Kenneth Arnold sighting. The earliest document I have (FOIA-released) that refers specifically to unidentified flying objects is from 27 Aug 47 and refers to an incident on 14 August of that year. Cheers, Nick Redfern.

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X-Originating-IP: [194.117.133.118]
Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2002 00:54:24 +0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 1944 UK UFO Case?

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Assuming that the sec of the co-ordinates are 00.

It would be over Germany east of Wolfsburg.

See

<http://geography.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm?site=http%3A%2F%2Fwwwrd.0mm.com%2Fmap034019>

Is it known where they were landing?

(sorry i missed the first posting)

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From: Brett Holman <b.holman@physics.unimelb.edu.au>
Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2002 11:55:51 +1100
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 1944 UK UFO Case?

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- > filed.

I think Joel asks a very pertinent question. Do we know if the report itself refers to an "object" or is that just a term used by the seller? Otherwise, there is really nothing to suggest that it's in any way aerial.

The observing aircraft is described as being from a "met flight" - presumably "meteorology". Does anyone know what this actually entailed? Presumably they would observe the entire sky but they might be particularly interested in cloud cover over bombing targets, and so spend a lot of time looking down?

This page describes the 1409 Met. Flight as part of the pathfinders (ie target markers for the British night bombers): "In 1943 the PFF was reinforced by two new squadrons and 1409 Met. Flight who provided daily weather checks over the continent for Bomber Command and the 8th US Air Force."

<<http://www.550sqn.theraf.co.uk/550bkgrd.htm>>

- > The flight landed at 0602; the observation was timed 0417, at
- > "POSITION 52 DEGS 25N, 11 DEGS 15E".
- >
- > Can someone perhaps confirm the location identified by those co-
- > ordinates?

It's certainly over northern Germany, about midway between Hannover and Berlin. I don't have an atlas handy, so I can't be more precise ...

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From: joel carpenter <ufx1947@home.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2002 21:38:34 -0500
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 1944 UK UFO Case?

>
>> From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>> >> To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>> Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 1944 UK UFO Case?
>> Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2002 23:56:19 -0000
>>
>> The flight landed at 0602; the observation was timed 0417, at
>> "POSITION 52 DEGS 25N, 11 DEGS 15E".
>>
>> Can someone perhaps confirm the location identified by those co-
>> ordinates?
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> Assuming that the sec of the co-ordinates are 00.
> It would be over Germany east of Wolfsburg.

I would nominate the German artillery proving ground at Hillersleben.

Joel Carpenter

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From: cgibson@skomer.u-net.com
Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2002 08:31:08 GMT
Subject: [UFORL] Re: 1944 UK UFO Case?

Met flights were standard procedure, especially at a time when Bomber Command's operations were at a height (winter 44). We tend to forget how difficult weather forecasting was before the advent of sats and Crays.

Insufficient weather data led to the largest loss of RAF aircraft in a single raid, on Nuremburg at the end of March 44. Incidentally it was contrails that caused a problem then as I think the contrail height was lower than expected. But I'll need to check the relevant books.

When I get home I'll check the Bomber Command war diary for that night and see what ops were on and if that met flight is listed (document says Fighter Command, but sometimes the support flights are listed as well)

If this bright strip was on the ground, could it have been a German decoy structure? I know that one of the large lakes near Berlin was "camouflaged" to look like a town on H2S radar. Perhaps moonlight was reflecting off the lake surface below the camouflage nets or whatever. My trusty Psion gives those co-ords as eastern Germany, not far from Berlin.

As for V-1s. RV Jones et al knew about them and had a ringside seat during the test flights from 1942 on thanks to Bletchley Park. That's why Peenemunde was clobbered, setting back the V-1 and V-2 programmes for months.

Have a nice day. I won't.

Chris

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From: glenUNSW@aol.com
Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2002 05:47:36 EST
Subject: RE: [UFORL] 1944 UK UFO Case?
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<lrobin@i...>

 >Date: Tue Feb 26, 2002 12:38 am

 >Subject: RE: [UFORL] 1944 UK UFO Case?

Larry,

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Come on Larry give us all a break!

Engine smoke?

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FAMILY="SANSSERIF" FACE="Arial" LANG="0"> moist atmosphere!

Folks, they even knew about such thing in the WWII.

Also contrails are well documented well before 1940.

Glen Hough

 "Entities should not be posited unnecessarily"

From: YoungBob2@aol.com
Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2002 09:10:47 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 1944 UK UFO Case?

In a message dated 2/26/2002 3:30:56 AM Eastern Standard Time,
ufx1947@home.com writes:

<< I would nominate the German artillery proving ground at Hillersleben. >>

Joel, List:

The Germans were using many different kinds of rocket ammunition by
1944. They were also testing all kinds of experimental rocket weapons.

Clear skies,
Bob Young

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From: cgibson@skomer.u-net.com
Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2002 14:45:53 GMT
Subject: [UFORL] Re: 1944 UK UFO Case?

It's not just me after all.

Chris

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From: "rotsky" <rotsky@wanadoo.fr>
Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2002 16:39:55 +0100
Subject: RE: [UFORL] 1944 UK UFO Case?

Actually, that's not true, Larry. Contrails were well understood then, especially by US bomber crews whose position they pointed out so clearly to hunting fighters.

a+
Steve

-----Original Message-----

From: Robinson, Larry [mailto:lrobins@indiana.edu]
Sent: 26 February 2002 01:38Subject: RE: [UFORL] 1944 UK UFO Case?

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Now we know different.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 22:47:05 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Pearland Footage

Michael McGuff, Coordinating Producer of KTRK-TV Houston has mentioned the following in an e-mail:

http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/news/010702_news_ufo.html

As the video requires a 'plug-in', doesn't specify which one and the link to the plug-in site isn't working, is anyone able to view the footage and confirm which additional software we need.

Any ideas what is depicted?

[Larry, could this one actually be a 'fire balloon'!]

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Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 02:26:50 +0200
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James Easton.

E-mail: <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>

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

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The video requires Real Audio plug-in (mentioned at the bottom of video's pop-up window) that could be downloaded at <<http://www.real.com>>

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The footage worked fine just a couple of minutes ago... Hard to say what it might be because the camera is jumping up and down all the time in the video and the object is out of focus

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From: "bortaf ----" <fatrob83@hotmail.com>
X-Originating-IP: [194.117.133.118]
Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 00:39:10 +0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Pearland Footage

>From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
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It runs ok in real player6.
rob.....

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From: TPrinty@aol.com
Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2002 20:15:59 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Pearland Footage

Hard to say what it is. The video is low quality and the jumping around just makes it impossible to get a good "fix". It could easily have been something very far away, low on the horizon, moving away from the camera. Perhaps an unusual con trail? I also recall seeing a video many years ago of something that looked similar. It was said to have been a mid-air fuel dump if I recall correctly. Anyway, that's my two cents.

Tim Printy

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 01:31:12 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Pearland Footage

Regarding:

>From: "Marko Repo" <marko.repo@pp.htv.fi>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: VS: [UFORL] Pearland Footage
>Date: 01 March 2002 00:55

Marko wrote:

>The video requires Real Audio plug-in (mentioned at the bottom
>of video's pop-up window)...

Marko,

Thanks, however, I can assure this isn't mentioned in the 'pop-up window' I'm seeing!

Also:

>From: "bortaf ----" <fatrob83@hotmail.com>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] Pearland Footage
>Date: 01 March 2002 00:56

Rob wrote:

>It runs ok in real player6.

Rob,

I have RealPlayer 8 installed...

Could the difference be that I'm currently using a relatively new PC with Windows 2000 as the operating system?

Bottom line; if I click on the video image, it generates a 'pop-up window', which invites, 'Click here to get the plugin'.

There's no 'here' [zero link] to click on.

We appear to be co-existing in parallel universes.

At least yours seems to work...

James Easton.
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From: "Bill Chalker" <bill_c@bigpond.com>
Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 12:53:56 +1100
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Alien DNA in Penis Hair?

Sorry for the delay in replying. Other non-UFO research matters have kept me totally occupied in recent weeks.
See my response below:

----- Original Message -----

From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk> Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2002 12:10 AM
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Alien DNA in Penis Hair?

> Regarding:

>

> >From: "Bill Chalker" <bill_c@bigpond.com>

> >To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>

> >Subject: Re: [UFORL] Prof DAVIES & Dr HYNEK Old Friends?

> >Date: 18 February 2002 10:07

>

> Bill wrote:,

>

> >James, as the list owner of a list that indicates "all messages

> >require approval" it disappoints me that you would permit such

> >libellous comments...

>

> Bill,

>

> That's sometimes a tough call - it wouldn't be the first protest

> received because I had _not_ permitted a posting.

>

> However, your sentiments are duly noted and I trust any further

> contributions from Glen will be somewhat 'toned down', otherwise

> they will not be published on UFORL.

>

> >...from an individual who has demonstrated abundantly that he

> >has "lost the plot" in this discussion.

>

> That may be your perspective; it's not necessarily shared by

> others or myself.

>

> Those are certainly an extraordinary series of claims and some

> might conclude, one of the most patently ludicrous 'alien

> abductee' stories ever.

James, Glen & others, you are certainly entitled to your opinions about this case. It would be nice if they were actually based on the expoused principles of this list, namely "advocate and adopt a consistent, scientific appraisal of purported 'UFO' related evidence".

In your response I see little of that, and more of ad hominem attacks on Kary Mullis, quoting Frank Pettit's own speculative thoughts of what Mullis might have been on about, as if it was the "facts". As for "facts" maybe it would be fairer (if science is not the real objective of this list) to at least quote Mullis's view. Try Mullis's own "take" in his book "Dancing Naked in the mind field", the cover of which captures the man a little "Hunter S. Thompson meets Stephen Hawking", a quote from Gerald Posner. Its a wild & irreverent book, but great fun. Mullis is certainly a wild and erratic scientist, but presents a very human story, full of excess. For the convoluted story on PCR see Paul Rabinow's detailed book "Making PCR - a story of Biotechnology", an odyssey in "bricolage" Rabinow concludes, in which Mullis is "a player in a game that was already underway. His rebound from a blocked course of action turned into a swerve and eventually - a potential movement." Rabinow shows how complex the saga of PCR was.

Then you suggest my listings of cases such as Tully (not "Tulley"), Trans-en-Provence & Cash Landrum requires a retort from you of, "Outwith the fanatical faithful, how many will concur these are significant indications of ET visitation?" Again little scientific accuracy here. Nowhere did I say evidence of "ET visitation", thats your invention. I would not characterise myself as part of "the fanatical faithful" of anything. I try to be driven by evidence not "armchair pontification" and "it can't be, therefore isn't" sensibilities. For example I don't agree with Jenny Randles' "Meaden plasma vortex" analysis of Tully on the basis of field investigations and fact, but I'm not portraying the 1966 Tully event as ET evidence either. Re "Trans" 1981, I'm well aware of Maillot & Scornaux's analysis, but equally there is data collected on the case that is intriguing and we should not throw out the "baby" with the "bathwater". If anything, "Trans" while maybe having some evidence of "poor science", the principles of rapid investigation, field investigation, comprehensive site investigations, coupled with multidisciplinary scientific and other enquiries, are laudable, and our aim should be to have them as the norm rather than the exception. Details of lack of rigour are certainly valid comments and criticisms, along with Niccolai's vagaries, are further important points. Still the arguments against "Trans" are far from terminal and require further debate rather than one sided proselytising. As for Cash - Landrum, tell me what the problem is there. Sure its not proof of aliens, but something happened there.

Your belittling, trivialising and superficial "commentary" on Peter Khoury's case betrays more about a frequent "modus operandi" evident on this list, that approximates more closely armchair "debunking" than the scientific principles you claim you want this list to aspire to. I'm all for sceptical investigations, in fact it was the primary motivation of my DNA investigation of Peter Khoury's case. Here was a case unlike others that highlighted some "evidence" that could perhaps be looked at in a scientific way. My attitude to all UFO reports is most likely IFO first, and let the quality of the evidence lead to any contrary findings, that might suggest something more impressive. If the "evidence" is impressive or suggestive

then obviously they are the sorts of cases we should concentrate on.

Again you and those on your list that support your view that Peter Khoury's case is "one of the most patently ludicrous 'alien abductee' stories ever", are entitled to your views, but think about how you come to your views. Perhaps when you air your views you can enlighten us all to your experience in "abduction" investigations and how many cases of this type you've actually investigated yourself and where you have applied your touted list "scientific principles" in the investigation of them, rather than what seems to me to be "arm chair rants".

As for "medication" and "head injuries" (Glen's belated discovery - he obviously read my article very closely in the first place?? - I spelt out all these issues for all to read) tell me where the evidence is that "head injuries" that occurred months earlier are a cause of "alien abduction" fantasies. Likewise let me know the evidence for Panadeine Forte and one tablet of Prozac leading to such fantasies, and while you are at it let me know how these 2 mechanisms can account for an unusual hair sample wrapped around the gentleman's penis, that yield unusual DNA results, that supported, rather than refuted, his bizarre story. I prefer the course of serious investigation, rather than trivialising and superficial ridicule. If serious investigation reveals counter arguments you'll hear it first from me. So far such counter arguments have not been significant, and the case still is worthy, at least in my humble estimation, of further serious consideration. Again, for the benefit of the inattentive reader or armchair commentator, I am not putting the Khoury DNA evidence forward as proof of aliens. At this stage it is compelling evidence of a possible anomalous event that deserves further serious investigation, debate and commentary. I still remain hopeful that this list can provide some of that, but so far I'm a little disappointed, but hardly surprised.

Regards,

Bill Chalker

- > In 'Strange Evidence', amongst "compelling evidence" for the
- > physical "reality of mainstream UFO events", you cite the Tulley,
- > Australia (1966), Trans-en-Provence, France (1981) and Cash-
- > Landrum, Texas (1980) cases:
- >
- > http://www.cufos.org/strange_evidence.pdf
- >
- > Outwith the fanatical faithful, how many will concur these are
- > significant indications of ET visitation?
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- > You also reference the "'chupa' encounters in Brazil".
- > Presumably, these local 'monster' anecdotes are implied to be
- > serious, scientific, corroborative evidence?
- >

>

> Regarding, "self-proclaimed abductee Dr Kary Mullis", I note an
 > interesting article which comments:

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> Remember Kerry [Kary] Mullis? He won it for inventing Polymerase
 > Chain Reaction. After he got the prize, he quit science and
 > devoted his life to doing product endorsements and chasing girls.
 > As for me, I can't understand why a man would want to do product
 > endorsements.

>

> You all heard about him during the O.J. Simpson trial. The plan
 > was, the defense would hire him to testify about how inaccurate
 > PCR is for identifying DNA like O.J.'s. Mullis made millions of
 > dollars from that invention, but for a little more he's willing
 > to tell us the method is worthless. Right.

>

> [...]

>

> I think Mullis' attitude is something like, "If you pay me
 > 100,000 dollars, I'll say that PCR can't distinguish O.J. from a
 > flatworm. And if you pay me half a mil, I'll say O.J. Simpson is
 > really a thermophilic archaebacteria! Hell, I don't care! I'll
 > say O.J. is a retrovirus! He's not even a eukaryote! This LSD is
 > bad s--! Where are the college girls at?"

> [END OF EXTRACT]

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> The full article can be read here:

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> <http://www.dailybruin.ucla.edu/DB/issues/97/11.19/view.pettit.htm>
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> [This URL Will 'wrap around']

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> The supposed witness, Peter Khoury, is a long-time, self-avowed
 > 'alien abductee'. It's no surprise to find he became one along
 > that familiar route of reading a Whitley Strieber novel and then
 > being 'hypnotised' by a local 'abductee support group'.

>

> What criteria do you apply to determine if any such 'abductee'
 > story is or isn't 'real', no matter how seemingly absurd?

>

>

> In essence, Khoury describes an alleged incident from 1992 when,
 > at the time, he "was on a lot of medication". He goes to bed,
 > falls asleep and then 'wakes up' to find himself with two female
 > aliens who have decided to drop in for a quick 'menage a trois'.

>

> When he bites off part of one girl's nipple, the girls,
 > understandably, decide to leave and "they just vanished". As if

> by magic...
>
> The piece of nipple sticks in his throat for three days, despite
> his Mom's advice how to "just eat some bread and wash it down".
> Not that he told her what was stuck there.
>
> The tale of how he then found that 'alien hair' is no less
> farcical.
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> In terms of what purportedly constitutes sober, scientific
> evidence, can you see why it's the above which has perhaps, in
> fact, 'lost the plot' and on page one?
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> James Easton.
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From: Jim Giglio <jgiglio2@polaris.umuc.edu>
Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 09:41:19 -0500 (EST)
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Pearland Footage

On Thu, 28 Feb 2002, James Easton wrote:

> Any ideas what is depicted?

The image contains no information other than a shapeless blob.

It must have been a slow news day.

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From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
X-Originating-IP: 137.195.176.10
Date: Fri, 01 Mar 2002 15:21:14 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Alien DNA in Penis Hair?

Regarding:

>From: "Bill Chalker" <bill_c@bigpond.com>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Alien DNA in Penis Hair?
>Date: 01 March 2002 11:40

Bill wrote:

>Perhaps when you air your views you can enlightens us all to
>your experience in "abduction" investigations and how many cases
>of this type you've actually investigated yourself and where you
>have applied your touted list "scientific principles" in the
>investigation of them, rather than what seems to me to be "arm
>chair rants".

Bill,

I have on video a documentary about Celtic mythology.

It features an ostensible sincere and credible man from Ireland,
who describes his encounter with a leprechaun.

Now, I'm no expert on this subject, however, I can deduce the
story, albeit seemingly told in all honesty, is not trustworthy
evidence that leprechauns are real.

It's called common sense.

Neither would many of us profess to be highly knowledgeable about
crop circles, yet, we can confidently conclude they have no basis
in reality as evidence of ET creativity. That's despite all the
'experts' who proclaim otherwise and castigate those who are more
skeptical (the current fad in UK's 'UFO Magazine').

Same goes for most other facets of ufology.

Do we need to have expertise in document analysis before judging
that the entire MJ-12 bandwagon is baloney? It's actually all
true, according to the 'experts'.

Or is it a prerequisite to be a qualified space historian before
arguing why NASA did not in fact fake the moon landings, although
ufology's 'experts' accuse otherwise.

I'm sure you can think of countless other examples and what they coincidentally reveal about contemporary ufology's foundations.

So why does one require to have "experience in 'abduction' investigations" [although I am reasonably well read on this topic] before commenting on the absurdity of so many instances where people have been 'hypnotised' until they 'remember' being kidnapped by fiendish creatures from outer space?

There's an old data processing acronym - GIGO. It stands for, 'garbage in, garbage out', meaning; if your raw data is unsound, then the outcome will assuredly be.

If you want to believe Peter Khoury's story, that's your prerogative and it's recognised you do so with the best intentions. However, you must appreciate why his 'hypnotised' account is comparative to someone's tale of being abducted by salacious leprechauns and will be perceived as such.

It's not obligatory we become 'alien abduction investigators' before common sense applies and we can reason that the ubiquitous 'greys' are an utter myth, significantly constructed by elements within ufology.

Khoury's supposed sexual adventures did not of course involve the little grey dudes, however, he had allegedly been in their custody before. That alone tells us a great deal.

Ultimately, it's not the pre-existing faithful you have to convince, nor even myself. Your evidence must be persuasive to science.

How many within that field will read your paper and give it remotely serious consideration? Or will it be laughed out of town because it's patently 'garbage in...'.

If the latter, in your position I would want to know why my research had abjectly failed to make any scientific impact - there has to be a reason.

Before mandatorily blaming 'debunkers and skeptics', I wouldn't want to overlook the more obvious possibility I had been enthusiastically gullible and was, in truth, championing a fabricated story which had, in all fairness, been highlighted as nowhere near so plausible or credible as I wanted to believe.

>Again, for the benefit of the inattentive reader or armchair
>commentator...

Your "experience in 'abduction' investigations" and resultant disdain is no effective barrier to the above possibility, indeed, perhaps being more likely an inherent cause of it.

Some other points you made, I'll reply to separately when time permits.

James Easton.

E-mail: voyager@ufoworld.co.uk
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From: chris aubeck <caubeck@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 15:32:50 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: Re: [UFORL] PRA - Electronic UFO Detector Plans.

Those look interesting, John. May I ask you a couple of questions before I download them and take a look?

When are they designed to be used? Are they worn on the wrist, or pushed around in a wheelbarrow, or are you supposed to set them up in your room at night?

Can they detect normal aircraft too? If so, I guess it would be buzzing all the time. But if not, why not?

Has anyone been alerted to a passing UFO by one of these?

Thankyou,

Chris Aubeck

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Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 14:26:20 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Pearland Footage

It uses Real Player.

Several thoughts:

- Is this a normal image, or a telephoto shot?
- It might have been a fire balloon, though I doubt it.
- An airplane with a contrail is likely, especially if it was telephoto.
- I don't know the dates, but a Space Shuttle landing is possible, since the Shuttle would have to fly over Texas to get to Florida.
- It might have just been a cloud.
- If the video was taken through a window, it might be a reflection.

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@ From: James Easton [mailto:voyager@ufoworld.co.uk]

@ Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2002 17:47

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Lets us know how you go.

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John

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Regarding:

>From: <cgibson@skomer.u-net.com>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: [UFORL] Re: 1944 UK UFO Case?
>Date: 26 February 2002 08:43

Chris wrote:

>If this bright strip was on the ground, could it have been a
>German decoy structure? I know that one of the large lakes near
>Berlin was "camouflaged" to look like a town on H2S radar.
>Perhaps moonlight was reflecting off the lake surface below the
>camouflage nets or whatever.

Chris,

My appreciation to yourself and all others who have helped to clarify the full context.

Alas, clearly not a reported 'five mile long' UFO , however, an interesting historical document and exercise nonetheless.

I see that someone eventually agreed to pay 26.00 pounds (36.90 dollars) for a copy of the document. I have to wonder whether they realised it was being advertised as a photocopy...

I wasn't aware, as Dave and Andy explained, that such historical Air Ministry material is known to have been consigned to the waste skip, including "classic UFO files". I thought some of the other WWII documents being sold were certainly of historical value.

For information, I've advised the seller, Michael Young, of what has been revealed by discussions and informed input.

I dare say we can now remove that question mark from the subject heading.

James Easton.
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- will not play when Netscape 6.2 is used, however, the 'plug-in' link does work

- will play without any difficulties under Microsoft Explorer 6.0.

Coincidentally, I was using a Windows NT 4 PC today which had Netscape installed. When downloading RealPlayer 8, I was informed that it required Microsoft Explorer to be installed beforehand.

You might be on to something with this Microsoft 'conspiracy'. ;)

Regarding:

>From: "Jim Giglio" <jgiglio2@polaris.umuc.edu>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] Pearland Footage
>Date: 01 March 2002 15:16

Jim wrote:

>The image contains no information other than a shapeless blob.

>

>It must have been a slow news day.

Jim,

Having now seen the video clip, I can only concur.

Worst footage ever...

James Easton.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 03:10:24 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Alien DNA in Penis Hair?

Regarding:

>From: "Bill Chalker" <bill_c@bigpond.com>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Alien DNA in Penis Hair?
>Date: 01 March 2002 11:40

Bill wrote:

>James, Glen & others, you are certainly entitled to your
>opinions about this case. It would be nice if they were
>actually based on the expoused principles of this list, namely
>"advocate and adopt a consistent, scientific appraisal of
>purported 'UFO' related evidence".
>
>In your response I see little of that, and more of ad hominem
>attacks on Kary Mullis, quoting Frank Pettit's own speculative
>thoughts of what Mullis might have been on about, as if it was
>the "facts".

Bill,

I had observed:

Regarding, "self-proclaimed abductee Dr Kary Mullis" [a quote from the 'Fortean Times' feature referenced] , I note an interesting article which comments:

Remember Kerry [Kary] Mullis? He won it for inventing Polymerase Chain Reaction. After he got the prize, he quit science and devoted his life to doing product endorsements and chasing girls. As for me, I can't understand why a man would want to do product endorsements.

You all heard about him during the O.J. Simpson trial. The plan was, the defense would hire him to testify about how inaccurate PCR is for identifying DNA like O.J.'s. Mullis made millions of dollars from that invention, but for a little more he's willing to tell us the method is worthless. Right.

[...]

I think Mullis' attitude is something like, "If you pay me 100,000 dollars, I'll say that PCR can't distinguish O.J. from a flatworm. And if you pay me half a mil, I'll say O.J. Simpson is really a thermophilic archaebacteria! Hell, I don't care! I'll

say O.J. is a retrovirus! He's not even a eukaryote! This LSD is bad s--! Where are the college girls at?"
[End of article]

The full article can be read here:

<http://www.dailybruin.ucla.edu/DB/issues/97/11.19/view.pettit.html>

[This URL Will 'wrap around']

[END OF EXTRACT]

Where was my ad hominem ["Appealing to personal considerations rather than to logic or reason"] 'attack' on Kary Mullis?

Where did I suggest Pettit's comments were the "facts"?

I merely highlighted an existing article, which was perhaps relevant.

>As for "facts" maybe it would be fairer (if science is not the
>real objective of this list) to at least quote Mullis's view.
>
>Try Mullis's own "take" in his book "Dancing Naked in the mind
>field"...

In response, you have now done so and that seems fair enough!

>Then you suggest my listings of cases such as Tully (not
>"Tulley"), Trans-en-Provence & Cash Landrum requires a retort
>from you of, "Outwith the fanatical faithful, how many will
>concur these are significant indications of ET visitation?"
>Again little scientific accuracy here. Nowhere did I say
>evidence of "ET visitation", thats your invention.

In 'Strange Evidence':

http://www.cufos.org/strange_evidence.pdf

you write:

"As the following report will show, we have undertaken a mitochondrial DNA sequence analysis of a hair follicle from an apparent alien abduction case".

Evidently, the premise is that we have, "an apparent alien

abduction case".

Which necessitates "ET visitation".

Therein, you also note, "To date, some compelling evidence has been discovered for the physical reality of mainstream UFO events..." and cite the above mentioned, purported 'UFO' incidents, amongst others.

Are you now contending there is no implied connection between 'UFOs' and "ET visitation"/"alien abductions"?

In 'Strange Evidence', you say, "The UFO abduction mystery is not simply the product of one investigator or an artifact of regressive hypnosis" and "However, those people who do not believe in the UFO alien scenario (and this would include the majority of professional scientists) tend not to accept the current evidence for alien abductions, seeing it as too weak and circumstantial to justify such a major shift in their way of perceiving the world".

"The UFO abduction mystery...".

"The UFO alien scenario...", which "those people who do not believe" would "tend not to accept the current evidence for alien abductions...".

You add, "One of the most notable examples of the support group concept in Australia has been the UFO Experience Support Association (UFOESA) based in Sydney.

[...]

It describes itself as "a nonprofit, voluntary organization dedicated to helping witnesses and experiencers of UFO events cope with and understand their encounters." UFOESA's coordinator, Peter Khoury, was born in Lebanon in 1964 and migrated to Australia in 1973 where he met his future wife Vivian at school in 1981. They married in 1990 and have two children, Stephen (born in 1995) and Georgia (1998). Peter works in the building industry, and has had his own business in cement rendering. Peter's introduction to UFOs was modest to begin with. In February 1988 he and Vivian had seen a strange light making extraordinary movements in conjunction with a beam of light. Vivian had also gotten him to read Shirley MacLaine's *Out on a Limb* (1986). These were hardly momentous entrances, but all that changed with a shattering and life-changing experience in July 1988".

[END OF EXTRACT]

'UFOs' are unquestionably regarded by yourself as the source of,
and intrinsic to "The UFO abduction mystery", whatever...

Are you still comfortable with that accusation why UFOs were
never implicitly connected by Bill Chalker to "ET visitation" and
it's purely my own, "invention"?

James Easton.

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From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 10:05:42 +0100 (CET)
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Pearland Footage

Is there are possible way to copy or save the video clip into a disquette?
How? I can't in this case.
Vicente-Juan

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From: "David Clarke" <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 12:10:08 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 1944 UK UFO Case?

----- Original Message -----

From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk> Sent: Friday, March 01, 2002 10:50 PM
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 1944 UK UFO Case?

> I wasn't aware, as Dave and Andy explained, that such historical
> Air Ministry material is known to have been consigned to the
> waste skip, including "classic UFO files". I thought some of the
> other WWII documents being sold were certainly of historical
> value.
>

Hi James,

Unfortunately, that appears to be the case. The MoD destruction policy dates from the Grigg Committee of the 1950s which "reviewed the arrangements for the preservation of records of government departments." This brought in the system of 'first review' and 'second review' of documents, five years and 25 years after their closure. Grigg estimated that 90 percent of documents could be destroyed at First Review to reduce the amount of paper stored in Government archives.

Individual branches carried out their own reviews "and only records generally perceived to have possible historical value are transferred to MoD archives...those records not judged to have historical interest are destroyed when designed by the local desk officer."

Figures I have for the estimated no of files reviewed and destroyed at First Review are 2.735 million (195,360 linear feet of paper) - in effect 90 percent of the stuff is shredded before it even reaches 2nd review, when a decision is taken on whether files are preserved at the PRO.

The simple fact is that there is not the room to preserve this amount of paper, and hence it has been dumped/shredded/destroyed, removing the vast majority of MoD UFO files from the historical record. Until 1967, when Merlyn Rees MP demanded that UFO files should be preserved, all files were shredded at 5 yearly intervals - the few that slipped through the net are what are now available at the PRO.

It seems that a lot of this stuff, particularly from Fighter Command HQ, Bentley Priory, ended up in skips or waste dumps where our friend may have obtained the 1944 report discussed on this list.

Hence, in 1961 when the last destruction was ordered, we lost the files on the Lakenheath-Bentwaters incident and most of the evidence

for Air Ministry/DDI (Tech) investigations into the classic UFO cases from the 1950s. Hence, the earliest files now available for study at Kew date from 1962, although some material (for instance the 1951 report by the Flying Saucer Working Party) has survived and was 'lost' for some time in another file relating to scientific intelligence.

The explanation for this destruction is interesting - UFOs were always found to have such mundane explanations that records were deemed to be "of transitory interest"/"no historical interest" by some faceless bureaucrat. If, they say, any incident was deemed to be of defence interest then those papers would have been preserved; of course this is a very subjective viewpoint, but that's what happened whether we like it or not.

Hope this is helpful.

Dave Clarke

"The Skeptick doth neither affirm, neither denie any position; but doubteth of it."

Sir Walter Raleigh

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From: "bortaf ----" <fatrob83@hotmail.com>
X-Originating-IP: [194.117.133.118]
Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 14:18:05 +0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Pearland Footage

No idea James i'm using windows milenium (?)
The plug-in used info comes up when i right click and click on properties,
it says real audio 4 plug-in used.
Not sure if that helps.
To be honist it looks like 2 balloons in a white sheet floating to earth,
but the camera shake does make it very difficult to see clearly, although
pausing the film does help (not a lot!)
rob.....

>From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] Pearland Footage
>Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 01:31:12 -0000

>

>Regarding:

>

> >From: "Marko Repo" <marko.repo@pp.htv.fi>

> >To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>

> >Subject: VS: [UFORL] Pearland Footage

> >Date: 01 March 2002 00:55

>

>Marko wrote:

>

> >The video requires Real Audio plug-in (mentioned at the bottom
> >of video's pop-up window)...

>

>Marko,

>

>Thanks, however, I can assure this isn't mentioned in the 'pop-up
>window' I'm seeing!

>

>

>Also:

>

> >From: "bortaf ----" <fatrob83@hotmail.com>

> >To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>

> >Subject: Re: [UFORL] Pearland Footage

> >Date: 01 March 2002 00:56

>

>Rob wrote:

>

> >It runs ok in real player6.

>

>Rob,

>

>I have RealPlayer 8 installed...
>
>Could the difference be that I'm currently using a relatively new
>PC with Windows 2000 as the operating system?
>
>Bottom line; if I click on the video image, it generates a 'pop-
>up window', which invites, 'Click here to get the plugin'.
>
>There's no 'here' [zero link] to click on.
>
>We appear to be co-existing in parallel universes.
>
>At least yours seems to work...
>
>
>James Easton.
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From: "bortaf ----" <fatrob83@hotmail.com>
X-Originating-IP: [194.117.133.118]
Date: Sat, 02 Mar 2002 14:20:29 +0000
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Pearland Footage

>From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
>>To: "'UFORL@yahoogroups.com'" <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: RE: [UFORL] Pearland Footage
>Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 14:26:20 -0500
>
>It uses Real Player.
>
>Several thoughts:
>
>- Is this a normal image, or a telephoto shot?

If it's not a telephoto shot the camera man must have parkinsons disease!
It shakes a lot!

>
>- It might have been a fire balloon, though I doubt it.
>
>- An airplane with a contrail is likely, especially if it was telephoto.
>
>- I don't know the dates, but a Space Shuttle landing is possible,
>since the Shuttle would have to fly over Texas to get to Florida.
>
>- It might have just been a cloud.
>
>- If the video was taken through a window, it might be a reflection.
>
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>@ -----Original Message-----
>@ From: James Easton [mailto:voyager@ufoworld.co.uk]
>@ Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2002 17:47
>@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com
>@ Subject: [UFORL] Pearland Footage
>@
>@

>@ Michael McGuff, Coordinating Producer of KTRK-TV Houston has
>@ mentioned the following in an e-mail:
>@
>@ http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/news/010702_news_ufo.html
>@
>@ As the video requires a 'plug-in', doesn't specify which one and
>@ the link to the plug-in site isn't working, is anyone able to
>@ view the footage and confirm which additional software we need.
>@
>@ Any ideas what is depicted?
>@
>@ [Larry, could this one actually be a 'fire balloon']
>@
>@
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From: chris aubeck <caubeck@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 15:07:53 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: Re: [UFORL] PRA - Electronic UFO Detector Plans.

Hello John!

--- praufo@aol.com wrote: > Hi Chris,
>
> >Those look interesting, John. May I ask you a
> couple
> >of questions before I download them and take a
> look?
>
> >When are they designed to be used? Are they worn
> on
> >the wrist, or pushed around in a wheelbarrow, or
> are
> >you supposed to set them up in your room at night?
>
>
> First I need to know Chris, if you know what a IC is
> from your right hand elbow.

No, I don't. At all. But I'd like to find out, if it's worth it.

> >Can they detect normal aircraft too? If so, I
> guess
> >it would be buzzing all the time. But if not, why
> not?
>
> Is ALCLAD magnetic?
>
> >Has anyone been alerted to a passing UFO by one of
> >these?
>
> Need to build one to see, Chris?

I'm afraid so. Sorry.

Are there no studies or statistics, then?

Chris

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From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@skomer.u-net.com>

Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 20:06:35 +0000

Subject: [UFORL] 1944 UFO sighting

Just checked the Bomber Command War Diary for the night of 21/22 feb 1944.

"MINOR OPERATIONS

17 Mosquitoes to Duisberg, Stuttgart and 2 flying bomb sites, 1 Serrate patrol, 41 aircraft minelaying in the Frisians and off French ports, 10 OTU sorties, 1 Stirling Minelayer lost."

Serrate was a device fitted to Mosquito night fighters that homed in on the Liechtenstein radar fitted to Luftwaffe night fighters.

OTU is an Operational Training Unit.

No mention of Met flights, but as the doc says, it was a Fighter Command op.

Next big op was a "maximum effort" to Schweinfurt on Feb 24/25.

Chris

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From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>
Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 23:54:37 +0100 (CET)
Subject: [UFORL] Pearland Footage
boundary="0-1359007709-1015109677=:57881"

To the best of my knowledge, the above footage was taken Sunday, January 6, 2002, afternoon. Larry Robinson mentioned a number of alternative explanations to the image, one being the possibility of a space shuttle launch or reentry over Texas. I have just consulted Dr Jonathan McDowell, a worldwide authority in space and owner of the biggest catalog of space events in the world. His response follows.

Best regards,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

P.S. If in a near future, someone is able to solve this case (the aircraft contrail may be the best candidate, I feel), please let us know.

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X-Track: 1: 40

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by mta586.mail.yahoo.com with SMTP; 02 Mar 2002 14:40:12 -0800 (PST)

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by head-cfa.harvard.edu (8.11.1/8.11.1) with ESMTP id g22MeC405341

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Date: Sat, 2 Mar 2002 17:40:11 -0500 (EST)

From: jcm@head-cfa.harvard.edu Subject: Re: Jan 6, 2002 over Texas

Content-Length: 58

Nope, I have no known space events on that date.

Jonathan

From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 05:17:55 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] 'UFOs, an Air Force Dilemma'

There's an important and hugely interesting publication which is now online, courtesy of the 'National Institute for Discovery Science' (NIDS), at:

<http://www.nidsci.org/articles/pdf/quintanilla.pdf>

Their introduction is self-explanatory:

Preface to "UFOs, An Air Force Dilemma"
by Hector Quintanilla, USAF (retired)

National Institute for Discovery Science

For the first time NIDS is electronically publishing a book manuscript written in 1975 by Lt. Col. Hector Quintanilla, the head of the USAF Project Blue Book. Project Blue Book was supposed to be an objective investigation and documentation of the UFO phenomenon carried out by the United States Air Force from March 1952 until December 1969. Project Blue Book was the successor to Projects Sign and Grudge.

The book is a summary in Quintanilla's own words of his involvement, as head of project Blue Book, in the investigation of the UFO phenomenon. "UFOs, an Air Force Dilemma" was also given the title "UFOs: A \$20,000,000 Fiasco" by Quintanilla in a book proposal to unnamed publishers. NIDS's purpose in making available this previously unpublished manuscript is twofold: (a) to demonstrate to the interested public, through the authors own unedited words, Lt. Col. Quintanilla's attitudes, preconceptions, and biases that dominated Project Blue Book, and (b) to make available to historians and to the public the methodology and practices employed by the United States Air Force in investigating and cataloging the UFO phenomenon.

NIDS had the choice of introducing editorial changes into the manuscript. We refrained in order to preserve the historical accuracy of this document. The manuscript covers the years of Quintanilla's own involvement from July 1963 to December 1969 in Project Blue Book and also contains many valuable insights into the public and media reaction to the USAF funded study, from the perspective of the author. In particular, Lt. Col. Quintanilla's antagonistic descriptions of University of Arizona professor James A McDonald's pursuit of the UFO phenomena as well as Dr. J. Allen Hynek's relationship with project Blue Book are annotated for the public record in considerable detail.

[END]

This contains many notable insights, as indicated in the following preface:

"Tell The Truth and They Will Not Believe You"

Hector Quintanilla, in a private video interview, December 1990

By Alex Chionetti

[...]

"I remember having long conversations with him, in our native language Spanish. I remember asking him about Roswell, which was barely mentioned during his time. "Hangar 18," he remarked, "I went but there was nothing else than an empty structure, nothing special, no little guys, no ships." We talked about the Socorro Case, where we both shared frustrated experiences with Lonnie Zamora. The possibility that the Socorro craft was an experimental prototype of a lunar module stayed with him for more than two decades, but he could never prove it. He also told me it was Blue Book's most important case, as you will see in his memoirs".

Quintanilla's comments on both the Socorro case and Hynek's involvement therein are striking.

This is a large document - 131 pages - and I'm surprised its availability seemingly hasn't been publicised to the extent merited.

In a decidedly forthright opinion, Quintanilla writes of Hynek:

"Prior to April, 1964, I had very little trouble with Hynek. He complained to me that Dave Moody was not treating him according to his scientific stature or some crap like that. I talked to Dave about it the first couple of times and Dave would come back that he was too busy to baby sit or kiss the Doctor's ass and that if he would get busy and evaluate the cases that were referred to him, that he wouldn't have time to worry about scientific stature. Dr. Hynek and Dave had a thing going and I decided to study it. After I analyzed the situation, I had to agree with Dave. Dr. Hynek would come into the office and he would spend the first couple of hours socializing or gossiping or telling us a lot of nonsense about who was writing books, articles, etc. It was during one of these distracting sessions that I raised my voice and asked Dr. Hynek to confine his visit to case studies and let the rest of the staff proceed with their work.

Our philosophy as to how the program should be administered differed and we began to polarize during the Socorro sighting. I wanted publicity kept at a low key until we could finish the investigation, but he managed to stir up a hornet's nest by making irrelevant remarks. During the first few days of the investigation, the telephone lines to my office were backed up for forty minutes and the lines to the base were backed up for ten or fifteen minutes. By this time the switchboard operators were wishing that I'd move my base of operation to Venus or Mars. They were really very nice and sympathetic, but it created chaos for them on a number of occasions. Sending Hynek to investigate the Socorro incident was my mistake and I began to regret it almost immediately. His part of the investigation didn't add anything significant to the overall report, however, he was now in the national lime-light and he managed to stay there for quite awhile, because the news media depicted him as the "expert UFO Air Force consultant". This prestigious title gained him publicity and recognition which he couldn't possibly get as the chairman of the Dearborn Observatory. Up to this time, Hynek had taken a fairly stable stand with regards to UFO's and the associated phenomena. As the wind changed the desert, so Hynek began to change and I never knew what was coming next. He embarrassed me and the Air Force on a number of occasions; but I kept my cool in public, and wasted no words with him in private. Time and time again I asked him to clarify his comments and remarks and all I'd get would be a weasel word explanation. I had become concerned because at times I couldn't believe what I read in print. For example: In April, 1966, Dr. Hynek stated before the House Armed Services Committee that he had twenty cases which he had "certified as well reported" and was unable to explain. In a letter to Science Magazine of October 21, 1966, he stated that, "I have in my files several hundred reports which are real brain teasers and could easily be made the subject of profitable discussion among physical and social scientists alike". In the December 17, 1966 article of the Saturday Post, Dr. Hynek stated, "of the 15,000 cases that have come to my attention, several hundred are puzzling, and some of the puzzling incidents perhaps one in twenty-five, are bewildering". According to my calculations, this would come to about sixty cases. I'm not surprised at this statement, some of the cases that were puzzling to him were not at all puzzling to me, Dave Moody, Bill Marley, or Dr. Menzel.

The Post article, which was by-lined by "J. Allen Hynek" was captioned as follows: "For years the Air Force has dismissed them as hoaxes, hallucinations, or misidentifications. Now the Air Forces' own scientific consultant on Unidentified Flying Objects declares that many of the sightings cannot be so

easily explained." I would like to reiterate that Dr. Hynek was never the Air Force's consultant on UFO's. Dr. Hynek wrote an article for Playboy Magazines and his title was "The UFO Gap". The magazines caption for this article was as follows: "America's leading ufologist-just back from an international astronomer's conference behind the iron curtain warns that a new Soviet investigative approach could cost us the race to solve the flying-saucer riddle." This prognostication, just like all the others he made throughout the years, fell flat on its ass because the Soviets weren't interested in flying saucers. They didn't believe in them as a threat or a phenomena. I had been getting queries about his unresolved figures from scientific members and also from the news media, so for the record I wrote a memo and asked Dr. Hynek to identify those cases which he considered unresolved and also to identify the number; was it twenty, sixty, one hundred, or one thousand? Also, would he identify how many of these were Air Force cases and how many were from his own personal file. Just after I had written the memo, I received a block-buster through the mail. The January-February, 1968, issue of the UFO Investigator had just been disseminated through the mail and the front page caption read as follows: "Surprise Warnings: In a courageous new declaration, Dr. J. Allen Hynek-Air Force Chief Scientific consultant on UFO's has made this surprising disclosure: If the Colorado Project's conclusion is completely negative-denying UFO reality-he will take the wraps off his personal files of good unexplained cases and make them public." Once again, he was depicted as the Air Force consultant, which he was not. I make a point of this, because I called this to his attention on numerous occasions, but each time he would advise me that it was the news media who was at fault and not him. Just for the record I never believed him and I always expressed dismay and surprise at such inaccuracies by the news media. As I said before, I had to make excuses for his remarks and comments, but they always turned out to be a "misquote".

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Recalling standard investigative procedures, he further explains, "In suspected balloon sightings, we contacted local airports, local weather stations, the U.S. Weather Bureau, Holloman AFB Balloon Control Center, the National Center for Atmospheric Research, General Mills, Raven Industries, Sea Space Systems, and colleges and universities conducting balloon research".

Presumably Raven Industries were not asked about a conceivable 'Socorro' connection, as it had, understandably, never been considered at the time as a 'suspected balloon sighting',

despite Zamora's radio confirmation that the object, "looks like a balloon".

If Raven Industries had refuted any connection to 'Socorro', Quintanilla would surely still have welcomed being aware of those nearby, 'classified', 1963/64 hot-air balloon 'Albuquerque flights'. Even if coincidental, clearly Quintanilla was oblivious to their existence and I've located new [to be published in due course] evidence which reaffirms these were CIA funded 'exercises'.

That aside, Quintanilla's memoirs on the 'Air Force Dilemma' are a prodigious and profound, landmark, perspective.

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From: Jim Giglio <jgiglio2@polaris.umuc.edu>
Date: Sun, 3 Mar 2002 15:39:37 -0500 (EST)
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Pearland Footage

On Sat, 2 Mar 2002, Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos wrote:

> I have just consulted Dr Jonathan McDowell, a worldwide
> authority in space and owner of the biggest catalog of space
> events in the world ...

Why bother? The imagery contains no information. It could be a crude fake, or an interstellar spacecraft on some nefarious mission, or an ordinary object taped with extraordinary incompetence. Why is this thread still running?

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 05:09:44 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] 'Alien Autopsy': The Origin Revealed?

"Because of the dinner, we all skipped the 7:45pm showing of FUCCON FAMILY (it's playing again later) and went to Club 300 to keep getting tanked on more beer. About a half hour after we sat down, Olaf Ittenbach, director of tonight's LEGION OF THE DEAD joined us for a few pitchers. The beer kept on pouring and we had a good time. We had to get Olaf completely plastered to get ready for his film's premiere, of course! I found out that, a few years ago, some wacko actually held everyone hostage at Club 300 and finally shot himself. It's a great place to drink! Also, this might be of interest to some... remember the 'Alien Autopsy' craze a few years ago? Remember the Fox special that actually interviewed Nacho Cerda about the similarities between his film AFTERMATH and the 'autopsy' video? Well, here is a surprise. Olaf admitted (I guess he can now that the contact he had was so old) that HE was the one who helped create that damn video! The truth is revealed!

He went into great detail about how they faked the film stock, etc. and said that he did it because they paid him a LOT of money to do it. So, there you have it, folks! Olaf Ittenbach, director of PREMUTOS and LEGION OF THE DEAD is the bad boy behind that controversy.

We talked briefly about the Stan Winston interview and about how Winston was saying the autopsy was too real to be faked. All Olaf said was that they probably gave him LOTS of money to do the interview!"
[END]

I came across this article, online, at:

<http://www.mhvf.net/forum/scifihorror/posts/124218244.html>

Is this truly a drunken confession [doubtless much lamented next morning], or a tall tale invented when 'completely plastered'?

A key figure in the 'alien autopsy' story was of course Volker Spielberg, a fellow German and 'music publisher' who allegedly funded Ray Santilli's acquisition from the 'Roswell cameraman' and statedly owned the 'film reels'.

I'm not familiar with Ittenbach, however, a cursory research of his 'blood and gore' films does suggest an 'alien autopsy' would be consistent with the genre and his interest in 'special effects' - see:

<http://www.legionthemovie.com/legionolaf.html>

As for the claim "they faked the film stock", that's disconcerting as no 16mm 'alien autopsy' film stock was ever made available, aside from those few frames with anomalous images which didn't appear within the footage.

However, his 1997 film, 'Premutos', was shot on 16mm.

Ittenbach needs to be located and interviewed. I've asked the article's author if he can assist and whether he can recall some further background to those claims.

Meantime, it's only an intriguing story that has to be verified.

James Easton.

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From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>
Date: Mon, 4 Mar 2002 14:56:47 +0100 (CET)
Subject: [UFORL] 10th International UFO Symposium
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Please find enclosed the official program of the 10th International UFO Symposium, republic of San Marino (on Italy), March 9 and 10, 2002, as released today by the State's Ministry of Turism. For your information and curiosity.

Regards,
Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

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From: "David Clarke" <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2002 21:48:59 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Dave and Andy's Not so weird World

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 01:03:22 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Alien Autopsy': The Origin Revealed?

Regarding:

>From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>Date: Mon Mar 4, 2002 5:09 am
>Subject: 'Alien Autopsy': The Origin Revealed?

I wrote:

>Ittenbach needs to be located and interviewed. I've asked the
>article's author if he can assist and whether he can recall some
>further background to those claims.

Although the author, Don May, has been of assistance, it seems there was indeed, "a LOT of pitchers of beer" drunk that night and recollections are a bit hazy!

However, Don has suggested how Ittenbach can be contacted and I've followed that up.

I added:

>Meantime, it's only an intriguing story that has to be
>verified.

This is crucial to keep in mind. For a number of reasons, I would be more than a little surprised if Ittenbach was responsible for creating the 'alien autopsy' [I see that rumours of his connection were actually being circulated before the apparent July, 2001 confession to Don May and others].

Only Ittenbach can fully resolve whether he did take credit for the original footage and if that was in fact a justified claim.

However, there may be significant misunderstandings within Don's account of the inebriated anecdotes and I might have pieced together the true story of Ittenbach's involvement. I've discovered he was certainly a 'player' in those early days and why the rumour, even if untrue, could easily have surfaced in later years.

I'll explain more in due course.

Incidentally, I note some caustic remarks which may well relate to the Ray Santilli we know! See:

<http://www.tomrobinson.com/new/trb/trbhist3.htm>

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From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>

Date: Thu, 07 Mar 2002 13:06:43 +0000

Subject: [UFORL] UK Triangle craft sighting

Hi All

This is from the Bournemouth Echo, our local newspaper. I've edited so we just have the facts. The paper said it was possibly Aliens coming here for their Annual vacations! For our non-UK friends Bournemouth is a very popular seaside town and has the largest number of nightclubs on the South Coast (or so we like to think).

February 22, 2205 hours: Large triangular craft approx. 100 feet in length with red, blue lights and large purple light centrally underneath.

Seen again February 28 at midnight.

Both sightings over Hengistbury Head (a large outcrop on the coast and used by the local airport as a visual reporting point).

Various witnesses, including Coastguard officers and trawler crews, also saw this craft between Portland and Cornwall. Altitude was judged to be 3,000 feet and as low as 1,500 feet. It produced a noise similar to the hissing and crackling from high-voltage electrical pylons.

Neither the local air traffic control or the RAF reported any radar returns.

The "Flying Triangle" has also been seen in land over small town (Wimborne Minster) near Bournemouth a few years ago at dusk.

Cheers

John

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobbins@indiana.edu>
Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2002 17:46:54 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] UK Triangle craft sighting

If it made hissing and crackling sounds, it probably was not as far away as the witnesses said. Sounds like those do not usually travel that far audibly.

Again, any unknown object seen against the sky cannot reveal its altitude, distance, size, or speed to unaided observers.

I would hazard a guess that it was small and closer to the witnesses. Maybe a fire balloon with some fireworks or flares attached. Possibly a weather phenomenon.

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@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: John Burtenshaw [mailto:jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk]

@ Sent: Thursday, March 07, 2002 08:07

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: [UFORL] UK Triangle craft sighting

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com
Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2002 18:49:29 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] UK Triangle craft sighting

In a message dated 3/7/2002 4:57:15 PM Eastern Standard Time,
jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk writes:

<< It produced a noise similar to the
hissing and crackling from high-voltage electrical pylons. >>

The noises reported are very similar to those sometimes reported
for bright fireball meteors.

No details about apparent speed of movement, length of time, etc.
Was the object hovering, speeding across the sky, or whatever?

Clear skies,
Bob Young

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 00:29:56 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] UK Triangle craft sighting

Regarding:

>From: "John Burtenshaw" <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: [UFORL] UK Triangle craft sighting
>Date: 07 March 2002 21:49

John wrote:

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John,

Thanks for the interesting local report.

Coincidentally, I have received some promo e-mail for a UFO web site and it features another recent UK report [use Microsoft Explorer]:

<http://www.ufodatabase.com/sightings.asp?id=582>

This is, allegedly, a rare day-time sighting and if it was an observation made during a motorway traffic jam, there must surely have been several other witnesses.

Although the number of objects is stated as seven, it looks like that might be a typo and only one is described.

There is a 'buzzing' sound reported and I wonder if it might have been a microlight.

Someone also recently contacted me, claiming that they had worked for Boeing (which they should therefore have known how to spell correctly and not 'Boing'). It's suggested that some triangular craft sightings are of a LTA built by Boeing (during his time there) for the USAF as "a long term monitoring platform (similar to AWAC's) only capable of staying aloft for 4-5 months at a time top speed of 240 mph".

There was some more details given, which I'll leave aside for now.

Any thoughts on this?

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From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>
Date: Fri, 08 Mar 2002 08:44:04 +0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] UK Triangle craft sighting

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Hi Bob

No unfortunately. The news report only mentioned its altitude and the fact it was seen along the coast.

I do understand that Hengistbury Head is a popular kite flying site as it does get a fair amount of wind there, so perhaps it was someone doing some nocturnal flying?

Cheers

John

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>

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Sounds like Senior Citizen which was once thought to be associated with the mythical Aurora aircraft, but is now suspected to have been an advanced tactical theater transport program run through the Air Force Advanced Systems Center. Both Northrop and Boeing entered the design competition for the SENIOR CITIZEN contract.

It was to be a stealthy VTOL transport for "inserting" Special Forces into hostile areas. Which begs the question "why not just do a HALO (High Altitude Low Opening) parachute drop as favoured by the British SAS?"

Whether or not this actually went beyond the drawing board stage is hard to tell.

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Now that would be interesting...

Cheers

John

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From: Jim Giglio <jgiglio2@polaris.umuc.edu>
Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 11:11:18 -0500 (EST)
Subject: Re: [UFORL] UK Triangle craft sighting

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 02:36:43 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] September 1999 CNI News

Regarding:

>From: "Jim Giglio" <jgiglio2@polaris.umuc.edu>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] UK Triangle craft sighting
>Date: 08 March 2002 19:10

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Jim,

I can't locate this CNI News issue online and wrote to Michael Lindemann [former publisher of CNI News] asking if he could help.

Unfortunately, it seems the last address I have for Michael is no longer valid - perhaps not surprising as he announced his retirement from the field due to a new career opportunity.

Does any list subscriber have current contact details for him?

Although you might be aware of the content, I note some related material online at:

<http://archive.cln.com/charlotte/newsstand/c102399/metro.htm>

I can understand why you are interested in Woolsey's statement and having revisited the story, I would like to see a copy myself.

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From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@skomer.u-net.com>
Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 13:21:05 +0000
Subject: [UFORL] Bournemouth triangle

Aye, right. Fire balloons.

One other observation. Isn't Boscombe Down about 30 miles NNE of Bournemouth?
Plenty of previous form for deltas around Boscombe Down and the SW of England
going back donkey's.

Triangular sightings have been quite rare in the last year or so. Last one I heard of was
reported from near Taunton. IMHO it was a DC-9 on approach to Cardiff.

Chris

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From: Jim Giglio <jgiglio2@polaris.umuc.edu>
Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 16:05:52 -0500 (EST)
Subject: Re: [UFORL] September 1999 CNI News

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> myself.

Sometimes the direct approach works best. I did a YAHOO search on "James Woolsey" and found a D.C. law firm web site. He's a partner and his e-mail address was listed. I e-mailed him and within the hour an assistant called requesting my fax number. Five minutes later I had a copy of the letter. I'll scan and post it.

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From: "David Clarke" <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 22:43:59 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Believer into sceptic: Sunday Times article

Sunday Times magazine, 10 March 2002

Brief encounters: Tony Barrell meets his first UFO

Continuing our series on events that changed the lives of Sunday Times writers, Tony Barrell travels back 25 years, to the day when he spotted a UFO. He suspects it was this experience that led to his career of investigating the weird, the unusual and the unexplained ... beginning with the famous 'flying saucer' crash at Roswell

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I certainly wouldn't have been thinking about work: I was a trainee computer programmer at Crawley Borough Council, a job I was happy to abandon at 5.20pm every evening - or 4.25pm, weirdly, on Fridays like this - for my 10-minute stroll home.

A jovial careers adviser had suggested the job - based, I thought then, on an inspired reading of the unique potential displayed by my O-levels in English, Latin, French, maths and art. All too late, I now realise he saw me as an archetypal nerd, a misshapen peg for a slightly off-square hole. I had rampaging acne, long hair spilling dandruff down my slouching shoulders, an addiction to prog-rock records and pints of lager-and-blackcurrant. I was one of those irritating fools who memorise whole Monty Python sketches. Girlfriends were something other people had. In my spare time, I laboured over a shapeless novel about a sinister lobster recipe that was taking over the world, though most of the action was confined to my home town of Crawley, West Sussex. I was a Hobbit in all but name. What other choice of employment could anyone have suggested?

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There was fear in the excitement, because I was dealing with the unknown. Who's to say, I remember thinking, that this isn't the start of a full-scale invasion? It could be The War of the Worlds or, at best, The Day the Earth Stood Still. People could be massacred; the whole planet could be destroyed in a flash. It was the kind of day when anything could have happened - indeed, I have since discovered that on this very same day, a former member of the band Steps was born.

I hurried home and gibbered to my mother that there was a UFO outside, just down the road. I was disappointed that she wasn't that bothered; instead of rushing outside to see it for herself, she suggested I call nearby Gatwick Airport to see if they had spotted anything on their radar. So I checked the telephone directory, picked up the receiver on our green Trimphone and dialled. 'Why do you ask, young man?' an urbane aviation official asked me. 'What have you seen?' I could almost hear his regulation RAF moustache twitching.

'A UFO,' I replied, helpfully.

'Well, we haven't picked up anything unidentified here. Are you sure?'

'I think so.'

'Don't worry, young man, we'll keep a lookout.'

'Oh. Okay. Thanks.'

When I went back outside to check on the progress of the object, it had gone. For some reason, my dear old mum thought it would be a good idea to get in touch with the local paper, the Crawley Observer. Possibly for the same reason, I agreed, without considering the consequences. A friendly reporter chap sounded mildly interested and said someone might get back to me. He didn't say, 'if we don't have any better news this week', but that's what the cynical, grown-up part of me hears now when I recall the conversation.

There was a call for me at the office the following week. Was I the youngster who'd seen the flying saucer? Yes, I said, if that's what it was. In the cold light of day, I was on the point of disowning the experience and starting to clutch at rational explanations. I also wished that I hadn't phoned the paper. I gave a half-hearted and not terribly articulate interview, mumbling into the receiver lest my story be heard by my work colleagues, many of whom held diplomas in the art of mickey-taking.

The reporter asked if a photographer could call and take a picture. 'No,' I said, 'the UFO's not there any more. It disappeared after several minutes.' No, a picture of me, the local hack patiently explained. 'Oh, okay then,' I must have said, because a snapper duly turned up on the doorstep one evening. As a Sunday Times writer I have had the pleasure of working with some fine photographers since, but this guy had an imagination like no other. 'Could you pick up something round?' he asked. 'Like a saucer? And look at it?' The nearest such object was a cheap ashtray with a photograph of Blackpool Tower in its centre, a souvenir from a distant holiday. I held it up and smiled, and the flash went off.

'That UFO was no firework,' trumpeted the Observer, above the picture of me and the ashtray. The anonymous reporter had had some easy fun with the story: 'Air traffic control at Gatwick missed the scoop of a lifetime on Friday, when a UFO hovered over West Green...' My age was omitted, giving me an enigmatic village-idiot quality. Friends and co-workers went through the whole pantomime of ridicule, the most repeated jest being that I must have 'had a few'. (I still have a problem with this cliché that alcohol is a potent hallucinogenic. When was the last time you 'saw things' after having one beer too many?) One of my mother's female office colleagues looked at my photo and commented that I was a 'nice-looking lad', blithely ignoring the terrible threat of alien invasion implicit in the story.

The sighting 'has certainly increased my interest in these things', I had told my interviewer. 'Now I would like to find out more about it.' True to my word, for months afterwards I read every trashy paperback about UFOs and aliens I could get my hands on. The more I read, the more I was prepared to believe that not only were we just one of a myriad of intelligent races in the universe, but also that Stonehenge, the Egyptian pyramids and, in all probability, the Hanger Lane gyratory system had been built by extra-terrestrial visitors. The movie Close Encounters of the Third Kind came out in 1977, and I gorged on that as well.

But like many adolescent enthusiasms, my obsession inevitably waned. I put away childish things, grew up, switched my career to journalism, and eventually joined The Sunday Times. In 1997, the editor of this magazine, unaware of my former life, spontaneously decided I was just the person to fly to Roswell, New Mexico, to cover the 50th anniversary of the legendary UFO crash there.

Roswell was the assignment I was born for. I had already done half of the research, unwittingly, in my teens. The town was packed with nutters in alien suits, and earnest ufologists arguing the toss about spaceships and weather balloons, and I could never go far without meeting someone who wanted to discuss how alien technology was secretly used by modern stealth bombers, or who needed to offload their own stories of alien abduction. Some of these tales made The X Files look like Bob the Builder. And not only did I get to interview the celebrity abductee Whitley Strieber, author of Communion, but we had an enjoyable if abstruse argument about time travel after he suggested that the Roswell craft had come from the far future of

our own world.

This was also my first visit to America. Imagine that - your first impression of the good ol' US of A isn't Manhattan, Disneyland or the Golden Gate Bridge but a southern hick town in the desert, with pictures of black-eyed 'greys' gazing out from most of the shop windows. Subsequent assignments have seen me hunting for ghosts at the site of the Battle of Gettysburg, attending pagan rituals in Britain, hanging out with Monster Raving Loonies, and joining an alien-loving religious group for nude meditation in Canada. Why, people frequently ask me, do I fixate on the unusual, the offbeat, the unexplained and the paranormal? Let me lie on this couch awhile and I'll tell you. Well, maybe it makes me feel like a teenager again. There is also the possibility that the whole experience of November 5, 1976 - the sighting and the humiliation that followed it - intensified my ability to empathise with people whom many others would dismiss as crackpots. I've been there, bought the T-shirt: I know what it's like to confess to unusual beliefs and to suffer mockery for them.

I'm sure that some of the more out-there ufologists I've met would have another hypothesis: that the craft I saw landed in my street and I was abducted by the aliens on board, that they programmed me with a mission to enlighten the world about all kinds of weird and wacky subjects, and then erased my memory. Perhaps I should have my head examined: it may contain an elaborate implant fashioned from an otherworldly metal.

But I really don't think so. You see, although my experience was a defining moment, even perhaps a passport to an unusual career, I have grave doubts about its authenticity. I have tried over and over again to replay that memory, clean it up, bring it up to something approaching DVD quality, so I can determine exactly what I saw. I've tried to revisit those moments through meditation, and I've been back there in dreams. I can't make myself 18 again, even with a lengthy series of hormone injections, so it's a tough one. But what follows is the best I can do.

It is already quite dark. The air is heavy with smoke from early bonfires and fireworks. I can hear them popping and fizzing at regular intervals. My attention is attracted by lights in the sky, above the rooftops. There is at least one red light, at least one white light, and they are glowing and winking eerily. The lights aren't self-contained dots, but trails in the air. If whatever is responsible for the lights is making a noise, I can't hear it over the sound of all the bangers and rockets and roman candles. (This may explain why I told the local paper that the object was hovering 'absolutely silently'.) One of my neighbours is standing outside one of the houses nearby, but I can't bring myself to speak to him or her; my memory doesn't make it entirely clear who they are or what sex they are. (My reluctance to speak to this neighbour may be based on uncertainty as well as shock: I don't want to share this experience until I have established that it really is an experience. I am also very shy.)

I continue to watch the object for a few minutes. It doesn't seem to be

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@ Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2002 17:44

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: [UFORL] Believer into sceptic: Sunday Times article

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Now this IS a fire balloon. Nothing else does that. A classic description.

Of course, you have to know they exist.

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And he went right from A to ALIEN without stopping to think of more mundane causes.

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A fire balloon might set fire to a house, but the whole planet?

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It is also interesting that in Indiana, a fire balloon is classified as an
"illegal firework".

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From: Jim Giglio <jgiglio2@polaris.umuc.edu>
Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 13:18:56 -0500 (EST)
Subject: [UFORL] Woolsey Briefing (part 1 of 4)

This topic was formerly "Sept 1999 CNI News."

Now that I have the Woolsey letter to Greer, it occurs to me that perhaps not everybody is familiar with the story and its significance. I'll use a sequence of posts to display the documents that tell the story.

Greer's claim to have briefed former CIA director Woolsey in 1993 is one that he repeats at every opportunity. I've heard it in a 1999 presentation at a nearby community college, again during a radio talk show a few months later, yet again at his "Disclosure Project" event at the National Press Club last spring, and most recently in a video interview on YAHOO Finance Vision on March 1st (still accessible; they archive these clips for some considerable time.) These continuing references to the "Woolsey Briefing" are a significant image-builder for Greer and his organization; along with less-frequent claims that he has briefed congressional staff and members of congress, they imply that Greer maintains regular contact with high-level federal officials.

The documents that tell the story of the "Woolsey Briefing" begin with the introduction to Greer's book, Extraterrestrial Contact. I'll append it to the next post.

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From: Jim Giglio <jgiglio2@polaris.umuc.edu>
Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 13:19:14 -0500 (EST)
Subject: [UFORL] Woolsey Briefing (part 2 of 4)

This is how Greer described the briefing:

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FROM THE INTRODUCTION OF
EXTRATERRESTRIAL CONTACT: THE EVIDENCE AND IMPLICATIONS
BY STEVEN M. GREER M.D.

Saved from <http://www.drgreer.com/excerpts.html>

On December 13 1993, my wife and I flew to Washington DC to meet with President Clinton's first CIA Director, James Woolsey. The cover story for this meeting was simply a small dinner party consisting of CIA Director Woolsey and his wife, Dr. Sue Woolsey (Chief Operating Officer of the National Academy of Sciences) and our host and his wife. Shortly before the meeting, we learned that I was to be the first person to brief the Director of Central Intelligence on the subject of UFOs and extraterrestrial intelligence: Woolsey had made inquiries but had received no information on the subject from any official government channels. Naturally, I came prepared with a large brief case filled with case evidence, witness testimony, photographs and video footage of UFOs, government documents and the like. After a few introductions and pleasantries, we got right to business.

I learned that the CIA Director and his wife had actually seen one of these UFOs in New Hampshire in the late 1960s, in broad daylight. So after about 10 or 15 minutes of presenting the evidence, Mr. Woolsey said, in effect, 'Yes, I know they exist. Now talk to me about what all of this means'. This book is all about what does all of this mean. While this book certainly presents some compelling case evidence, smoking gun government documents and photographs, the core of this book is really about meaning. Any open minded person can peruse a handful of these cases, government documents and authenticated photographs and conclude, as Mr. Woolsey did, that there is something very real going on here. But now for the interesting part: Why are they here, how has the secrecy been maintained, what are the implications to our society, and what will disclosure of these facts mean. How do these devices travel through interstellar space and get someplace in a life form's natural life time and how can you communicate in real time through many light years of space, and....

Presented here, then, are a collection of papers which attempt to

elucidate these and many other critical issues. The evidence is really the easy part: making some sense of it is what is truly challenging. This book is just such an attempt, one which I offer with the caveat that this is only an initial attempt to unravel one of the greatest mysteries of all time. It is a work in progress. And as we stand on the eve of the next millennium, we can only peer dimly into a reality that is showing us our future. And so it was that on that night in December 1993, we spent two and a half hours with the CIA Director and the Chief Operating Officer of the National Academy of Sciences discussing the meaning behind the mysteries. I remember discussing geo-political implications of disclosing this matter fully to the public. I remember elucidating the implications of disclosing extraterrestrial technologies which could replace all of the sources of pollution in the world. I remember discussing how religious figures might react to such a disclosure.

But one of my fondest memories is of Dr. Sue Woolsey asking, "But how do they communicate through the great distances of space?" I swallowed hard and for an instance contemplated not telling her the truth. But then quickly I realized that if she was perceptive enough to ask the question, perhaps she was ready for the answer. Whereupon I said to her: "Their communications systems are technologies which interface with aspects of reality closely associated with what we would call mind and thought, and this spectrum of reality bypasses linear time and space totally...". And to my astonishment, Dr. Woolsey smiled and said, "I thought it had to be something like that."

She got it. And I am sure that you will too.

Steven M. Greer M.D.
February 1999
Albemarle County, Virginia

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From: Jim Giglio <jgiglio2@polaris.umuc.edu>
Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 13:19:38 -0500 (EST)
Subject: [UFORL] Woolsey Briefing (part 3 of 4)

When Woolsey became aware of Greer's description of the occasion when they met, he wrote the appended letter, essentially a blanket denial of Greer's account. It was signed by Woolsey and his wife, as well as John L. Petersen and his wife. It appears that Mr. Petersen had arranged for Greer to be invited to the event:

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September 16,1999

Steven M. Greer, M.D.
International Director
Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence
P.O. Box 265
Crozet, Virginia 22932

Dear Dr. Greer:

It has just come to the attention of the four of us that you have, without giving any of us the opportunity to comment, published a distorted account of a dinner party of some six years ago at which the four of us, you, and your wife were seated together.

In the Introduction to your book, Extraterrestrial Contact, published earlier this year you portray this dinner party conversation during which the four of us listened to your views and politely asked questions as a "briefing" with a "cover story." You further assert that Mr. and Mrs. Woolsey reported a UFO sighting to you and agreed with your views. You include specific alleged quotations from them.

None of this is accurate. You have portrayed politeness as acquiescence and questions as affirmations. Your conduct in this matter contravenes both accuracy and simple manners.

Sincerely,

John L. Petersen
Diane C. Petersen
R. James Woolsey
Suzanne H. Woolsey

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Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 13:20:09 -0500 (EST)
Subject: [UFORL] Woolsey Briefing (part 4 of 4)

The Woolsey letter was published in CNI News, a now-defunct online newsletter, apparently not archived. Greer's reply was also published in CNI News, and has been preserved on-line. In this reply, Greer elaborates on the alleged role of Mr. Peterson in setting up this dinner as a cover for the briefing:

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Greer Blasts Former CIA Director Woolsey Over UFO Meeting

From: YoungBob2@aol.com
Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 15:18:43 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Woolsey Briefing (part 2 of 4)

In a message dated 3/11/2002 2:33:04 PM Eastern Standard Time, jgiglio2@polaris.umuc.edu writes:

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Steven M. Greer M.D. >>

Obviously, Greer never "got it". Is this man really such a nitwit or is he just being tongue in cheeky? It this really a great big put on?

Clear skies,
Bob Young

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com
Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 15:23:11 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Believer into sceptic: Sunday Times article

In a message dated 3/11/2002 3:10:58 PM Eastern Standard Time,
lrobins@indiana.edu writes:

<< Also a possibility. But the description fits a fire balloon better -
especially the wobbling. >>

Larry, all:

The wobbling could also be autokinetic motion of the eye muscles.
Clearly, The Guy was at it, again.

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Short: Larry has match exact the point! In Germany we call this object the
"Miniatur-Heißluftballon".

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>

Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 02:50:18 -0000

Subject: [UFORL] Re: 'Socorro' Update

Extracted from 'Saucer Smear', Volume 41, No. 8, November 1st, 1994:

PROF. CHARLES MOORE of Roswell fame writes:

At Jim McDonald's request, I investigated the residue of the Socorro sighting in 1967 or 1968. I talked to Lonnie Zamora, who took me to the site. I searched the area for the melted rock fragments that Lonnie described. I talked to Opal Grinder, the filling station operator, who reported the Colorado motorist's complaint about an aircraft. I wrote to Capt. Holder who was Up-Range commander at Stallion Site for White Sands Missile Range in 1964 (when the Zamora sighting occurred). He never answered.

The results of my poking around? None. I found no physical evidence to support Lonnie's story despite extensive sifting of the soil at the site which in itself was quite peculiar: It was about a quarter mile or so directly off the north end of the runway at Socorro International, beneath the final approach. Lonnie believed that he saw what he reported and he appeared to be truthful, unimaginative and without any ulterior motives. Despite Phil Klass, I found no indications suggesting that this was a tourist-attracting ploy by the local Chamber of Commerce, nor was it a prank by the New Mexico Tech students.

It has been pointed out that Lonnie's description was a good one for the lunar lander for which, it is rumored, tests began at the southern end of White Sands Missile Range about three years later...

[END OF EXTRACT]

Extracted from 'Saucer Smear', Volume 47, No. 6, July 15th, 2000:

AN EXCLUSIVE UPDATE ON THE FAMED SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO UFO LANDING:

It is always with a heavy heart (and a lawyer handy!) that we seek any disagreement with our friend Phil Klass, but alas, we have always been astounded at his opinions regarding the classic Socorro, N.M. flying saucer landing of April 24th, 1964.

The Socorro case was recently re-hashed brilliantly in Issue Number Eight of "The Anomalist", published somewhat semi-annually by Dennis Stacy and Patrick Huyghe. Surely most "Smear" readers know the basic outline of the case - that a respected policeman

claimed to have seen a very noisy landed mystery craft in broad daylight, in a sparsely inhabited area just outside this little desert town. There was also confirmation from at least one other witness.

After arch-debunker Phil Klass went to Socorro several years later, he at first claimed the incident was caused by a "dust devil" (= a small whirlwind). Unfortunately, this is highly unlikely, to say the least! In recent years, Klass has insisted that the sighting was a hoax, motivated by a desire by the Town Fathers to put Socorro on the map as a tourist center. This idea worked very well indeed at Roswell, but your editor visited Socorro just five years ago, and it is still anything but a tourist town!

We have talked again recently by phone with Professor Charles Moore, the gentleman who was Project Engineer for the Project Mogul balloon flights in June, 1947, one of which almost surely gave rise to the notorious Roswell Incident. For our money it was Prof. Moore who has been the key figure in the recent long-overdue solution to the Roswell case (although there are still many in the UFO community who stubbornly refuse to accept this explanation.)

Prof. Moore, who still has not retired, has lived and worked for the past several years in Socorro, and he has some very interesting tentative conclusions about the town's famous UFO event. Moore does not believe in the "dust devil" solution, nor the hoax solution. For one thing, he accepts the veracity of the gasoline station owner who claims a tourist told him that he, too, saw the Socorro saucer after it noisily took off.

For another thing, Moore has ascertained that a Surveyor lunar module was launched from White Sands (very nearby) on the same day as the Lonnie Zamora sighting. However, has not been able to establish the time of the rocket launch.

Says Moore: "Something went wrong and they don't want to admit it. I have good reason to believe that." He did not elaborate.

Although it does not precisely fit all the controversial details of the Zamora story, Prof. Moore believes that the Surveyor launch is the key to solving this case. As far as we know, this angle has never been fully pursued by any UFO researcher, and now that we have broken the story, we hope that someone (maybe Robert Todd??) will duly pursue it!

When we say that some of the details don't fit - we mean major things like the alleged weird symbol on the craft; the two little creatures (or coveralls?), and so on. But it's better to fit a

round peg into a square hole than to attempt no reasonable solution at all! We have urged Prof. Moore to look further into the Surveyor theory if there is any way of doing so at this late date....

[END OF EXTRACT]

Presumably, in those intervening years, Prof. Moore came to have reasons to believe that the 'lunar lander' tests did not begin "about three years later" and there was a 'lunar module' test on the day of Zamora's sighting.

However, NASA's online publication, 'In Chariots for Apollo: A History of Manned Lunar Spacecraft', confirms:

'The Lunar Module and the Apollo Program'

"...configuration was not settled and major subsystems development was not begun until near the end of 1964..."

"The years 1963 and 1964 had seen the lunar module move from the drawing boards to the manufacturing line. During 1965, hardware fabrication, assembly, and testing would begin".

Is it also little-known that on 3 May, 1964, the 'Post-Standard, Syracuse, N.Y.' carried an article on the Socorro case which reported:

"At White Sands Missile Range, meanwhile, Gene Kanoft (?) [I can't decipher the printed surname], chief of administration for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at White Sands said the lunar excursion module designed for the Apollo moon flights might fit Zamora's description but won't be built until later this year. He said it was unlikely the module would be tested at White Sands".

In addition to the fundamental fact that Zamora's 'UFO' was able to remain airborne when its 'roaring flame' propulsion system had ceased almost directly after it lifted off, can we perhaps now definitively discount the 'lunar lander' as a conceivable candidate?

One other possibility it seems we can rule-out is a vehicle from Sandia

National Laboratories. Previously, I advised the list:

Consequently, Zamora's reported 'insignia' remains one of the

peculiar aspects, which isn't helped by his discrepancies.

The related sketch he made, shown here:

<http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/a1999/mar/socorro2.jpg>

...notably differs from the confirmation given to Chris Lambright some years later:

<http://www.cufon.org/contributors/chrisl/socorro.htm>

I'm sure it was Joel Carpenter who pointed out that this subsequent 'insignia' resembles the logo for Sandia National Laboratories.

Conceivably some connection with the Sandia facility at Albuquerque?

If not, there's perhaps more of a coincidence here than generally realised.

Coral Lorenzen interviewed Zamora the day afterwards and in her 1966 book, 'Flying Saucers', wrote:

"The markings were in red, consisting of a vertical line topped by two slanting lines that gave the impression of an arrow. This was surrounded by a horizontal line on the bottom, a vertical line on each side, and a semi-circle over the top of the arrow".

This is essentially as Zamora sketched for Chris Lambright, not as he depicted on that earlier drawing.

It's also different from Zamora's sketches reproduced in 'Socorro Saucer', by Ray Stanford. Again, these illustrate a semi-circular arch covering the 'arrow', not "a vertical line on each side, and a semi-circle over the top".

Did Sandia therefore have a comparative 'aerial vehicle' of some kind in operation that day [Zamora's 'UFO' came from the _general_ direction of ABQ] and was their current logo in use, maybe coloured red, in 1964.

Although any connection seemed most unlikely, especially that Sandia would, for some reason, be utilising a hot-air balloon in 1964, this was a possibility which strictly required to be eliminated.

I had made due enquiries of Rebecca Ullrich, the Research Historian at Sandia and Rebecca has been helpful in clarifying a

key issue. She writes:

"The Sandia logo has always been portrayed in turquoise. It did change slightly in the early 1970s, so looked different in 1964 than it does now. The earlier version was more bird-like in appearance and looked even less like the red image you've provided than does the current logo".

I note there is in fact a copy of Sandia's original emblem on their web site, at:

<http://www.sandia.gov/recordsmgmt/oldtbird.gif>

Rebecca has offered to investigate the matter further and that's greatly appreciated.

However, it would seem we can surely rule out any link.
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In a follow-up, Rebecca now confirms:

"I have found no indication that the event you describe was of Sandia origin. Balloons had been used in nuclear testing, but not hot air balloons (and not in New Mexico)".

Thanks Rebecca, and I'm sure many of us will appreciate her sentiment, "as you know, when you're not finding something, it's hard to decide when to stop looking".

Meantime, in search of Zamora's 'UFO' which evidently had 'lighter than air' capabilities and a propulsion system that didn't statedly make a direct impact on the ground - a somewhat significant, later recollection by Zamora which seems to have been unreported by him at the time - there continue to be interesting developments.

I can only hope those whom I still await responses from and who have been identified as contemporary, 1964 hot-air balloonists (more of them than realised) will be so helpful as Rebecca.

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Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 09:09:46 +0000

Subject: Re: [UFORL] Bournemouth triangle

At 13:21 10/03/2002 +0000, you wrote:

>Aye, right. Fire balloons.

>

>One other observation. Isn't Boscombe Down about 30 miles NNE of Bournemouth? Plenty of previous form for deltas around Boscombe Down and the SW of England going back donkey's.

Quite correct and we have Army training areas about 20 miles East of us too. We've been hearing (actually more of a sensation) some very low-frequency rumbles recently (almost like thunder but happening every 30 secs to 1 minute intervals.) We don't normally hear the tanks firing at their exercise ground, but I suppose given the right weather conditions this could happen.

Cheers

John

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From: CPaulFuller@cs.com
Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 13:38:12 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Bournemouth triangle

In a message dated 12/03/02 10:43:59 GMT Standard Time,
jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk writes:

<< Quite correct and we have Army training areas about 20 miles East of us too. We've been hearing (actually more of a sensation) some very low-frequency rumbles recently (almost like thunder but happening every 30 secs to 1 minute intervals.) We don't normally hear the tanks firing at their exercise ground, but I suppose given the right weather conditions this could happen.

Cheers

John >>

PMFJI but John is right. During my re-investigation of the 1967 Eric Cox sighting near Godshill (OSGR 207166) one of the key points was the weather conditions taking away the sound of the army exercise taking place on Salisbury Plain at 100500, 35 kms to the north. According to contemporary Air Ministry records the wind was from the SE so Eric Cox couldn't hear the battlefield simulation exercise that was taking place. Neither could he see the aircraft dropping flares or work out that he was looking at flares due to distance. The flares appeared to be formed in an intelligent manner (a triangle) because that was the way they were dropped by the airplane. Another contributory factor was his line of sight to the north, as hills intervened to the left and right - he was looking straight along the Avon river valley. Coincidentally Boscombe Down was also on his line of sight.

John, if you want to check what firing is taking place I think the Army Southern Command at Salisbury should be able to help. Sorry I don't have their number.

Cheers

Paul Fuller

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anyone who has contacted him and is awaiting a reply regarding his forthcoming
Weird Weekend conference. Unfortunately, Jon's mother passed away today after a
period of illness that has taken up much of Jon's time recently and he asks me to tell
anyone who has contacted him re WW that he will be in touch as soon as he can after
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Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 03:26:38 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] military planes?

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saw one fly in the sky in 1980, id think it was a UFO

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From: Edoardo Russo <e.russo@cisu.org>
Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 09:32:07 +0100
Subject: [UFORL] Who's interested in UFO academic dissertations?

Hello folks,

our small international group of fellow researchers, actively involved in hunting all UFO theses (i.e. university dissertations about UFOs) and getting copy of them, would like to know who else is out there following the same track, in order to better coordinate efforts through a specialized mailing list.

Ignacio Cabria from Spain, Anders Liljegren from Sweden, Jacques Poulet from Canada, Paolo Toselli from Italy are those best known as UFO theses collectors. Anybody else?

(I beg your pardon if you get more than one copy of this message, as it is sent to more lists.)

Best regards

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X-Originating-IP: 137.195.176.10
Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 17:11:35 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: [UFORL] 'Flying Saucer' Disclosures

According to their web site, the 'British Interplanetary Society' was founded in 1933 and is 'The world's longest established organisation devoted solely to supporting and promoting the exploration of space and astronautics' - see:

<http://www.bis-spaceflight.com/>

Although seemingly now founded on a scientific basis and comparatively therefore some relative lights-years away from ufology's 'disclosure' evolvement and UFO magazines which elevate 'World Weekly News' to a higher status, it evidently wasn't always so...

Currently being sold on eBay is a copy of 'Space, Gravity and the Flying Saucer', by Leonard Cramp, who I'm sure some subscribers will know was a member of the British Interplanetary Society.

If the 'flying saucer' element wasn't sufficient alert about the claims therein, it's added, "with Introduction by Desmond Leslie".

Dating from 1955, it's an interesting historical snapshot nonetheless - see:

<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=1524223406>

The 'saucer' photograph featured isn't one I recall seeing before; does anyone know the background story?

Also just sold on eBay is a copy of 'Flying Saucer from Mars', by another early British ufological figure, Cedric Allingham:

<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=1523277336>

I see that Allingham's story featured in 'UFO ROUNDUP', Volume 4, Number 8, February 22, 1999, which explained:

from the UFO Files...

1954: ALIEN LANDS AT LOSSIEMOUTH

A strange encounter between a human and a reputed alien took place at Lossiemouth, in northeastern Scotland, on February 18, 1954.

"Writer, amateur astronomer and ornithologist Cedric Allingham claimed that he saw a flying saucer land near Lossiemouth, on the north- eastern coast of Scotland."

"A 'man' some six feet tall emerged from the craft and approached Allingham. This being was said to be human-like in most respects, and appeared to differ only in that he had a very high forehead. He wore a one-piece garb with footwear incorporated, but no helmet. He also had tiny tubes running up into his nostrils, and the witness considered these to be part of a breathing aid."

"According to the witness in his published account, he and the 'man' contrived to converse by signs, and it is claimed that the visitor indicated that he came from Mars. Photographs of both the saucer and the 'Martian' were taken and published in support of this claim." (See THE HUMANOIDS, edited by Charles Bowen, Henry Regnery Co., Chicago, Illinois, 1969, pages 14 and 15. See also FLYING SAUCER FROM MARS by Cedric Allingham, Frederick Muller Books, London, 1956.)
{END OF EXTRACT]

It perhaps isn't well-known that Cedric Allingham was possibly a pseudonym for renowned British astronomer and redoubtable sceptic Patrick Moore - see:

Magonia 23, July 1986

'Flying Saucers from Moore's?', by Christopher Allan and Stuart Campbell, exposing Moore's involvement in the Cedric Allingham hoax contact story".

Incidentally, I recently received a spam e-mail from the 'Disclosure Project' [my thanks also to Jim Giglio for transcribing and posting the 'Woolsey briefing'] and I note their website promotes Gordon Cooper, Nick Pope and Richard Haines as advocating the 'UFO' cover-up nonsense.

Cooper and Pope are in fact on record as confirming otherwise, Cooper in particular noting that if there had been any such attempted concealment, his security clearance was such that he would have known about it.

Last I heard, retired NASA scientist Dr. Richard Haines was not supportive of any conspiracy either. Does Haines know he is a centrally featured in the spam [send money] e-mail being circulated, together with the pitiful accusation of a 'NASA cover-up'?

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From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>
Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 21:21:58 +0100 (CET)
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Flying Saucer' Disclosures

--- James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk> wrote:

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James, if you refer to the spiral-shaped image, it was a photo allegedly taken on March 25 (probable date), 1950 in Montuiri-Villafranca, Mallorca (Majorca in English), Balearic islands (Spain). Everything points to a fraud (ie, a hoax, a fabricated image made by a professional photographer).
Vicente-Juan

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 01:04:37 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Flying Saucer' Disclosures

Regarding:

>From: "Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos" <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Flying Saucer' Disclosures
>Date: 15 March 2002 23:02

Vicente-Juan wrote:

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Vicente-Juan,

It was the 'AMAZING PHOTOS OF A FLYING SAUCER' I was referring to, however, thank you for this interesting information concerning the 'Saucer Showing Catherine Effect' photograph.

If dating from 1950, it's an early [presumed] hoax, within three years of Arnold's misconstrued and popularised 'flying saucers'

Can anyone confirm; what were conceivably the first intentionally fraudulent 'flying saucer' photographs, both within and outwith the US?

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>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
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I wrote:

>...Cooper in particular noting that if there had been any such
>attempted concealment, his security clearance was such that he
>would have known about it.

The confirmation is from an interview with Gordon Cooper by
'OMNI' magazine, in March 1980, Cooper stating:

"I've always been honest about my views on this subject. Because
the astronauts have been so badly misquoted by irresponsible
journalists, it's up to each of us to say what he believes in.
I'm engaged in a lawsuit against people who used my name for a
commercial venture, quoting me to the effect that I'm dedicated
to forcing the government to tell the truth about UFOs. I never
said that at all. If any UFO information is being suppressed,
it's certainly not in the U.S. Air Force, because I was at a high
enough level to know about it".
[END OF EXTRACT]

The recent 'Disclosure Project' promotion I mentioned is headed,
"NASA CONCEALS UFO INFORMATION" SAY TOP SECRET INSIDERS" and
amongst the 'insiders' quoted is Larry Warren!

Isn't world-wide 'ufology' essentially now campaigning for, 'A
call to fight against America's despicable ruling tyrants and
their policies against any acknowledgment that aliens were found
at Roswell, why MJ-12 has been a fifty-year shame on democracy,
how it's known that alien abductions are real, plus a loathsome
NASA CONCEALS UFO INFORMATION cover-up', etc.?

Whatever happened to 'God Bless America' and all that?

The 'Disclosure Project' impeaches, "that rogue, illegal secret
groups within the government and certain corporations have
compelling evidence that is being withheld from the public,
Congress and the President".

Clearly, 'ufology' challenges that the incumbent US government, aside from having a conviction and courage to face external threats, should equally either admit to, or reveal, the rife corruption, disgrace and dishonour perpetrated on its own people.

Outwith any beliefs/skepticism in 'UFOs' and all it encompasses, can we agree this is the current viewpoint of mainstream and popularised 'ufology'?

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Date: Mon, 18 Mar 2002 09:25:28 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] 'Flying Saucer' Disclosures

I have identified this as a photo of a blade from a bush-hog, a tiller, or a harrow. The object is between 8 and 24 inches in diameter, depending on where the photographer obtained it.

Similar objects can be purchased today.

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Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 12:07:45 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: [UFORL] 'Among Believers'

A pertinent snapshot, exposing the current state of 'ufology':

http://www.lasvegasweekly.com/2002/03_21/news_coverstory_index.html

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Subject: [UFORL] 'Aztec UFO fest really something'

Courtesy of the 'Farmington Daily Times':

<http://www.daily-times.com/Stories/0,1002,6567%257E479279,00.html>

For full details of the 'symposium', see:

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

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Subject: [UFORL] 'Soviet Moon rocket secrets revealed'

A somewhat more scientifically founded news item which might be of interest:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/sci/tech/newsid_1883000/1883348.stm

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Also:

'Two-faced Mars explained'

http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/sci/tech/newsid_1884000/1884001.stm

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Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Among Believers'

In a message dated 3/22/2002 7:10:07 AM Eastern Standard Time,
voyager@ufoworld.co.uk writes:

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 16:11:27 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] 'Aztec UFO fest really something'

Details on the Aztec cases:

One was the famous case of a saucer landing which was told by Frank Scully. He was duped by people trying to create interest in flying saucers for an upcoming Hollywood movie. He swallowed the whole yarn.

The second was the bursting of a Skyhook balloon in very cold upper air weather. The balloon shattered into over 50 reflective pieces.

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@ Sent: Friday, March 22, 2002 07:27

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: [UFORL] 'Aztec UFO fest really something'

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 04:50:58 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Maury Island 'Flying Saucer' Debris!

Simply for information and ignoring the 'true believer' diatribe therein, currently on eBay is the sale of some material which is allegedly, "

From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 05:32:01 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] 'Reports of close encounter with 'silvery people' in NT'

Don't panic... it's not Windows NT.

From:

<http://abc.net.au/news/newsitems/s512018.htm>

"The Northern Territory's Wycliffe Well Roadhouse may be famous for its UFO sightings in the sky, but it seems there has now been a ground encounter.

Lou Farcus has been a resident at Wycliffe Well for the last 17 years and says workers on the Alice Springs to Darwin railway at a site west of the roadhouse have also seen unusual lights in the sky.

Mr Farcus says several weeks ago an Aboriginal woman had a close encounter.

'Her knowledge of the area gave her the instinct it wasn't anything to do with the army or the railway so she turned round to go back and have a look at it and saw this triangular sort of object in the paddock and all of a sudden she saw these silvery character looking people who started coming towards the vehicle, so she quickly turned around and took off,' Mr Farcus said".
[END]

Perhaps one of our antipodean subscribers can explain why, "Wycliffe Well Roadhouse may be famous for its UFO sightings in the sky".

Any further information about this story of a "triangular sort of object"?

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 03:29:08 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Kenneth Arnold and 'Little Tahoma'

Irrespective of whatever Arnold witnessed, the foundation of his belief that the objects were some 26 miles away is that they appeared to pass behind a distant "jagged peak".

In my cover article for the August, 2000 edition of 'Fortean Times', I set out the background and explained why 'Arnold's peak' was now evidenced to be 'Little Tahoma [Tacoma]':

[BEGIN]

Martin Kottmeyer wrote: "In 'The Coming of the Saucers', Arnold said they momentarily disappeared 'behind a jagged peak that juts out from Mount Rainier proper.' In his memoir for the First International UFO Congress, Arnold 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."

Kottmeyer continues: "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."
{END OF KOTTMAYER EXTRACT}

In an attempt to clarify this geographical conundrum, I again took the query to people with good local knowledge. David Basset, a mountaineer with vast experience of Mt. Rainier and surrounding peaks, responded: "The jagged peak you are referring to is clearly Little Tahoma. It is jagged because it is unglaciated and very steep. It rises from the base of Mt. Rainier on the East or Southeast side. You said the observation was taken from the west or southwest. This might be troubling because it is on the other side of the mountain, but rest assured, Little Tahoma is the peak. It stands out, being much higher than any other mountain close to Rainier."

Located at Mt. Rainier National Park, Park Guide Chris Trotter,

and Douglas Kraus, the Park Naturalist, confirmed: "The consensus from my co-workers is that the 'jagged peak' is Little Tahoma. This peak can be seen from many areas around the mountain."

It looks likely that Little Tahoma (or Tacoma) is the only peak which matches Arnold's description and it could have been visible from his location. If we accept this, there are fundamental repercussions.

Arnold relied on the apparent, momentary disappearance of the objects behind a far-off peak to establish the objects' distance and consequently their airspeed.

Arnold, flying more or less eastwards towards Mt. Rainier's slopes, consistently and repeatedly told how the nine objects, travelling southwards, passed directly in front of him on the western slopes of Mt. Rainier. Little Tahoma, however is on the mountain's far eastern side. The obvious conclusion is that Arnold misperceived how those nine objects momentarily disappeared behind this remote peak. In fact, they absolutely must have passed in front of it.

Commenting on the unreliability of perceptions of perspective, Kottmeyer wrote: "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 one 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."

[END OF 'FORTEAN TIMES' EXTRACT]

To my knowledge, although well over a year has elapsed, in that intervening period no-one has offered any factual rebuttal to the identification of Arnold's peak as 'Little Tahoma'.

The question I would like to ask is whether we might actually have historical documented evidence which establishes 'Little Tahoma' as conclusively, 'Arnold's peak'.

If so, then Arnold's critical perception of the object's distance and consequently their size and speed are further, demonstrably, fallacious.

There is key evidence, which I don't believe has previously been highlighted in this context and it originates from several sources, spanning many years. Extracting relevant data in sequence we have:

"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".

"Mr. Arnold, who flies 60 to 100 hours monthly throughout five western states, said he was 25-30 miles west of Mt. Rainier, en route from Chehalis to Yakima, when he sighted the objects".

"He said he could estimate the distance of the objects better because an intervening peak once blocked his view of them. He found the peak was 25 miles away, he related".

"Mr. Arnold was flying a three-passenger, single-engined plane at 9200 feet at the time, he reported".

Source: 'Pendleton, Oregon East Oregonian' - June 26, 1947

"I was approximately 25 to 28 miles from Mt. Rainier...". [Arnold doesn't mention the 'peak' in this interview - James]

Source: Radio Interview with KWRC, June 26, 1947

"I observed them quite plainly, and I estimate my distance from them, which was almost at right angles, to be between twenty to twenty-five miles. I knew they must be very large to observe their shape at that distance...". [Arnold doesn't mention the 'peak' in this letter - James]

Source: Letter to the Air Force, 1947

"I determined my distance from their pathway to be in the vicinity of twenty-three miles because I knew where I was and they revealed their true position by disappearing from my sight momentarily behind a jagged peak that juts out from the base of Mount Rainier proper. Considering that I was flying all this time in the direction of their formation, this determination can be only approximately, but it is not too far off".

Source: 'The Coming of the Saucers', 1952

"And actually they disappeared behind a sharp projection on Mt.

Rainier in the snow field to my eyesight and since I knew approximately where I was, flying of course toward the mountain, I knew where they had passed. I thought my judgement and my clocking could be within reasonable limits as to about how fast they were going".

Source: Lecture at 'UFO Congress', 1977

In summary [use a fixed font, such as Courier]:

	Miles distant (where stated)	
	~ Mt Rainier ~ Peak ~	
Newspaper	25-30	25
Radio	25-28	
Letter	20-25	[to objects]
Book	23	
Lecture		

We can see that the peak is always placed at approximately the same distance as Mt Rainier.

This would be consistent with Little Tahoma.

Furthermore, as Kottmeyer deduced, "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."

Yet, the evidence seems to indicate otherwise and as noted, Little Tahoma could seemingly have been visible to Arnold.

There's a helpful, online, photograph which illustrates this:

<http://mt.rainier.tribnet.com/photogallery/detail.asp?id=29>

It's taken from close to Arnold's approximate position, southwest of Mt. Rainier, at the time of his sighting, although perhaps much nearer to Mt. Rainer than Arnold's stated 25ish miles. That sharp projection visible to the right of Mt. Rainier is Little Tahoma.

Additionally, there were some significant insights revealed on the original UFORL list [then hosted by ListBot], dating from circa February 2000 - before my published findings in 'Fortean Times'.

As it was a 'closed' list, I won't reveal the identity of subscribers who highlighted the following and trust they would have no objection that raw data is once more addressed:

"Kottmeyer is flat wrong about Little Tahoma peak supposedly not being visible from Arnold's position. I have the topographic maps and it clearly is visible from the town of Mineral and several miles eastward.

The Little Tahoma is clearly the peak jutting out from Rainier that Arnold saw the objects fly behind. Arnold stressed that the objects were at about his level when they passed Rainier. He also said that the 'plateau' he had been searching to find the remains of the downed C-46 was at around this 9,000-10,000-foot level and that is the 'plateau' from which the peak jugged out and which the objects flew behind. He emphasized that the objects were within about 1,000 feet of his 9,500-foot altitude level when they passed Rainier and he specifically mentions the objects were at 10,000 feet in his earlier interviews. Since he had minutes earlier combed this altitude level of Rainier he certainly was familiar with that terrain".

"Little Tahoma Peak, 11,138 ft, is clearly marked on my USGS topo maps, the 7.5-minute Mt. Rainier East quadrangle, and the 15-minute Mt. Rainier quadrangle. According to the online USGS Geographic Names Information System it is located at 46-50-59 N,

121-42-40 W. Again, let me reiterate that Kottmeyer is wrong in saying Little Tahoma was not visible from Arnold's position".

"Arnold insisted that the objects maintained a 'constant' heading or 'definite direction of about 170 degrees' at about 'right angles' to his own eastward heading towards Yakima when the objects were in the vicinity of Mt. Rainier and beyond. This is not consistent with circling around the front of Mt. Rainier which requires a very discrepant 120-deg heading in order to reach Goat Ridge and destroys the 170-deg heading from there onward!".

"[James] McDonald suggested to Arnold in Nov 1966 a peak on the SW slope of Rainier and went through several possibilities by mail and over the phone, namely Pyramid Peak (6937 ft), Crystal Mtn. (6306 ft), and Iron Mtn. (6283 ft), but rejected them all because they were too low. Arnold was not sure it was on the SW

slope either, only that it 'probably' was. McDonald suggested lower altitudes to Arnold but apparently Arnold didn't agree and McDonald summarized the data later as the objects flying at 9,000 feet and CLIMBING still higher to 13,000 feet -- a new detail from Arnold never before pinned down (climbing was briefly mentioned before by Arnold, but clashed with other statements of constant elevation which McDonald mentioned to him)".

"Arnold was not sure it was on the SW slope either, only that it 'probably' was"?

Is this startling claim documented somewhere?

Overall, the evidence seems to comprehensively confirm that 'Arnold's peak', which was so critical to his perception of those nine, 'fluttering and gliding', undulating in ribbon-like formation objects as being distant, large and consequently travelling at unprecedented speed, was almost certainly Little Tahoma.

To reiterate, from that 'Fortean Times' article: "Arnold, flying more or less eastwards towards Mt. Rainier's slopes, consistently and repeatedly told how the nine objects, travelling southwards, passed directly in front of him on the western slopes of Mt. Rainier. Little Tahoma, however is on the mountain's far eastern side. The obvious conclusion is that Arnold misperceived how those nine objects momentarily disappeared behind this remote peak. In fact, they absolutely must have passed in front of it".

If the genesis of 'ufology' isn't in fact based on such a [proverbial] specious foundation, then how is the cited evidence countered?

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Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 16:20:08 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: [UFORL] 'The Flying Saucer Menace'

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<http://www.rense.com/FSM/p1.htm>

There are many interesting, historical photographs therein, including some early 'flying saucer' pictures from Europe and Australia.

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From: chris aubeck <caubeck@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 21:35:10 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: [UFORL] Searching for Rudolph

Dear listfolk,

I am currently trying to track down the earliest source for an alleged teleportation/time travel case. The incident involved one Rudolph Fentz, who is said to have jumped from 1876 to 1950 at the age of 29.

With the kind help of Anders Liljegren (of UFO Sweden <http://www.ufo.se/>) I have been able to trace the episode through Bergier to a Swedish magazine article published in 1973. However, the original source of that article remains unknown. There exists a possibility that the original source was "The Round Robin", or after 1960 "The Journal of Borderland Research." However, it may also have been any of the following books:

Buckle, Eileen: The Scoriton mystery 1967
Glemser, Kurt: Flying saucers from the fourth dimension 1969
Jessup, Morris K: The case for the UFO 1955
Jessup, Morris K: The expanding case for the UFO 1957
Michell, John: The flying saucer vision 1967
"Sanderson, Ivan T.: More ""things"" 1969
Steiger, Brad [Eugene E.Olson]: The unknown 1966
Steiger, Brad & Whritenour, Joan: The Allende letters 1968
Wilkins, Harold T.: Strange mysteries of time and space 1958
James, Trevor: They live in the sky 1958
Barker, Ralph: Great mysteries of the air 1968
Barton, Michael X: The incredible search for dr. Halsey 1965
Norman, Eric [Warren Smith]: Weird unsolved mysteries 1969
Barker, Gray: Gray Barker's book of saucers. 1965
Binder, Otto: Flying saucers are watching you 1968
Steiger, Brad & Whritenour. Joan: Flying saucers are hostile 1967

I am unable to check all of these books. If someone has read any of them and can tell me whether they contain a reference to the Rudolph Fenz (or Rudolf Fentz) case I would very grateful indeed.

Thankyou very much,

Sincerely,

Chris Aubeck

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From: "Bill Chalker" <bill_c@bigpond.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 11:13:01 +1100
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'The Flying Saucer Menace' - Australian photos.

Hi UFORL list,

Just a quick reference to the Australian photos in the 1967 "Flying Saucer menace" magazine.

Page 9 carries the 1966 Perth area Benedek photos. These were prominently carried in Life magazine soon after they were taken. The Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) examined them and concluded that the image was a kind of lens flare - a comma aberration. Although Benedek was advised of that explanation he apparently stuck to the photos (2 I believe were in the series) being of a UFO. On occasion the image has been printed upside down which heightens the impression of an aerial object rather than a low level object.(eg. cover of the 1975 reissue of Michael Hervey's "UFOs over the southern Hemisphere" (Hale). The images suggest that the RAAF explanation could be a reasonable one.

Page 12 has the rather suspect W.C. Hall "disc" photo above a seemingly content flock of sheep. As far as I could find out this image surface in an American "men's" magazine from around 1955 and was linked to an obviously concocted story of a "silo" shaped UFO landing on Hall's property leading to weird radiation related growth oddities. The editor even failed to even come up with a photo where the UFO described in the story matched the one shown. A cylinder and a disc in my book don't match. Unless someone has further info on this photo it would be safe to say its a pretty hokey photo.

Page 37. Although I could be wrong I'm not sure that the "nest" photo attributed to Tully is from the 1966 Tully "nest" milieu. It has a much more swept out appearance than the original nest connected to George Pedley's daylight observation at close proximity of a "disc" rising from Horseshoe Lagoon. There were a number of other "nests" reported in the area as the media coverage increased and this shot could be from one of them

Hope this is of interest to the list.

Regards,

Bill Chalker

----- Original Message -----

From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2002 2:10 AM
Subject: [UFORL] 'The Flying Saucer Menace'

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Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 00:22:25 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Tent footage

Regarding:

>From: "bortaf ----" <fatrob83@hotmail.com>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: [UFORL] Tent footage
>Date: 26 March 2002 02:31

Rob wrote:

>James did you by any chance see "worlds greatest hoax's" on sky
>1 last night? I only caught a breif moment of it but it had
>someone on there from the company who supposedly made the tent
>footage. I only cought part of his interview but he mentions
>that his company could not compleat the later autopsy film so
>Ray Santilli had it made in germany.
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>I missed the name of his company but i'll check to see if it's
>on again.

Rob,

Thanks for the information.

Sounds like this was almost certainly the 'World's Greatest Hoaxes', produced by Robert Kiviat for Fox TV and first shown in the US during December 1998.

I understand that the person interviewed was Keith Bateman, who created the 'tent footage', along with his partner in 'AK Music', Andy Price-Watts.

It wasn't of course originally intended to be 'the tent footage', this was the first film clip publicly shown and claimed to depict an 'alien autopsy'.

Subsequently, once the new and infinitely better quality 'alien autopsy' appeared, Bob Shell stated he had been told by Ray Santilli: "The tent footage, shot at the crash site under light from emergency lanterns, shows technicians cutting the 'space suit' off one of the bodies because, to quote the cameraman, it was holding in heat and hastening decomposition. The fabric was very tough, and they eventually had to use sheet metal cutters to cut it".

Again, I'm not so sure about allegations the 'alien autopsy' we

all know and love was made in Germany.

I suspect Bateman has made that assumption because of Santilli's later publicised links with his German business associate, Volker Spielberg, who allegedly financed Santilli's purchase from the supposed 'Roswell cameraman'.

So far as I'm aware, in other interviews Bateman acknowledged he didn't know where the 'alien autopsy' had been made. Also, Ray Santilli would surely never have revealed this.

Coincidentally, Philip Mantle has just advised:

"This is just to let you know that the cable TV station UK Horizon's will be broadcasting a show on April 1st at 7.00 pm. A small part of this show will feature a segment on the 'Tent Footage' section of the Alien Autopsy Film. Those interviewed for this segment include Philip Mantle, Reg Presley and Keith Bateman (one of the hoaxers).

Unfortunately this segment will only be a small part of the whole show but I thought you might be interested in seeing it regardless".

I'm assuming this is a further satellite TV showing of 'World's Greatest Hoaxes'. I didn't see the Sky 1 broadcast and will be interested to watch next week's program.

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From: Gerhard de Jager <profg@mweb.co.za>
Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 03:01:45 +0200
Subject: [UFORL] South Africa

Dear All

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From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>
Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2002 08:28:30 +0100 (CET)
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'The Flying Saucer Menace' - Australian photos.

Good report, Bill. Others researchers are invited to comment upon their countries' images as well, this kind of exercise tests the usefulness of an e-list like ours.
Best wishes to everybody,
Vicente-Juan

--- Bill Chalker <bill_c@bigpond.com> escribió: > Hi UFORL list,
>
> Just a quick reference to the Australian photos in the 1967 "Flying
> Saucer
> menace" magazine.
> Page 9 carries the 1966 Perth area Benedek photos. These were
> prominently
> carried in Life magazine soon after they were taken. The Royal
> Australian
> Air Force (RAAF) examined them and concluded that the image was a kind
> of
> lens flare - a coma aberration. Although Benedek was advised of that
> explanation he apparently stuck to the photos (2 I believe were in the
> series) being of a UFO. On occasion the image has been printed upside
> down
> which heightens the impression of an aerial object rather than a low
> level
> object.(eg. cover of the 1975 reissue of Michael Hervey's "UFOs over the
> southern Hemisphere" (Hale). The images suggest that the RAAF
> explanation
> could be a reasonable one.
>
> Page 12 has the rather suspect W.C. Hall "disc" photo above a seemingly
> content flock of sheep. As far as I could find out this image surface
> in an
> American "men's" magazine from around 1955 and was linked to an
> obviously
> concocted story of a "silo" shaped UFO landing on Hall's property
> leading to
> weird radiation related growth oddities. The editor even failed to even
> come
> up with a photo where the UFO described in the story matched the one
> shown.
> A cylinder and a disc in my book don't match. Unless someone has
> further
> info on this photo it would be safe to say it's a pretty hokey photo.
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> Page 37. Although I could be wrong I'm not sure that the "nest" photo
> attributed to Tully is from the 1966 Tully "nest" milieu. It has a much
> more swept out appearance than the original nest connected to George

> Pedley's daylight observation at close proximity of a "disc" rising from
> Horseshoe Lagoon. There were a number of other "nests" reported in the
> area
> as the media coverage increased and this shot could be from one of them
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> Hope this is of interest to the list.
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> Regards,
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> Bill Chalker
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
> To: <uforl@yahoogroups.com>
> Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2002 2:10 AM
> Subject: [UFORL] 'The Flying Saucer Menace'
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> > 'The Flying Saucer Menace', by Brad Steiger was a 1967 magazine
> > publication which I note is available online in its entirety:
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> > <http://www.rense.com/FSM/p1.htm>
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> > It features some historical cases and photographs which might be
> > of interest, including early 'flying saucer' pictures from Europe
> > and Australia.
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X-Originating-IP: [194.117.133.118]
Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 01:43:10 +0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] South Africa

Tony Dodds book Alien investigation has more detail on the "case".
rob....

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From: chris aubeck <caubeck@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Mar 2002 19:42:44 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: [UFORL] Chester Archey and Bruce Burkan

Dear list members,

I recently came upon these names, Chester Archey and Bruce Burkan, in connection with possible teleportation episodes. In the descriptions given to me, the cases happened as follows:

1) On August 24th 1966, police officer Chester Archey disappeared suddenly in his car while driving near Philadelphia. Witnesses saw him at the wheel, but the car vanished from the road before their eyes. Then, either simultaneously or afterwards, he reappeared in Pennsauken, New Jersey. He had somehow travelled 100 km without any explanation as to how or why.

(2) On August 22nd 1967, 19 year old Bruce Burkan was at the beach with his girlfriend in Ashbury Park, New Jersey. He suddenly recalled that he had to put some coins in the parking metre, so he got up and ...vanished. He reappeared on October 24th, wearing clothes that were not his size, at a bus station, with 7 cents in his pocket. A police officer saw him and took him to the police station. They searched him but found nothing strange, and they supposed he had to be suffering from amnesia. Finally they managed to identify the young man, but could find no explanation for his disappearance.

I have reason to believe these cases are not correctly described. Could someone please tell me where they go wrong?

Thanks,

Chris Aubeck

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com
Date: Fri, 29 Mar 2002 09:24:25 EST
Subject: [UFORL] A practical course on abduction

Ladies & Gents:

Rod D Brock has called attention, on the Project-1947 list, to this interesting college course on rhetoric of abduction claims.

Finally, a way to get a handle on it.

Clear skies,
Bob Young

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Fri, 29 Mar 2002 14:21:06 -0500
Subject: [UFORL] RE: Free Energy invention patented tuesday

I read this paper. The secret is that it is actually a Tesla Coil, with the "conditioned resistor" being a low voltage spark gap. The radio frequencies produced would not affect an ordinary meter, or an oscilloscope. This causes the power readings to be low compared to the actual amount of power emitted.

Now I am waiting for the FCC to pounce on his illegal transmitter.

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@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: Ken Dean [mailto:kd909@email.msn.com]

@ Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2002 21:44

@ To: T.J. O'Keefe; Sam Provost; Lucas Provost; Laura

@ Greenspan; Bob Dean;

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@ Subject: Free Energy invention patented tuesday

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@ Yes, it happened. JL Naudin independently verified it in

@ France. He was able

@ to power a 9 watt light bulb from only 3 watts. The

@ invention uses the

@ extra energy found in a magnet. And the experiment is so

@ stupidly simple,

@ people find it hard to believe. Bearden, who's team owns the

@ patent, was

@ also able to loop it and is self sustaining. Really, a self

@ powering unit,

@ powered only from a magnet. This will be included in the 2nd

@ patent. 136

@ years of physics has just been proven wrong. COP > 1 has been

@ obtained.

@ Goodbye oil, hello electromagnetism.

@

@ Read the teams technical paper:

@ <http://www.help4all.de/energy/MEGpaper.pdf>

@

@ The link to the US Patent Office sight is at the end of this email.

@

@ The invention is called the Motionless Electromagnetic

@ Generator or MEG. My

@ coworkers and I have already bought the materials to

@ replicate the MEG and

@ our best engineers are going to try to loop it. It's just so

@ funny listening

@ to my skeptical co-workers before the patent was granted. "No, it's

@ impossible, physics doesn't allow it", and so on. I think the

@ main problem

@ with skeptics is they suffer from a cranial rectal inversion

@ (they have

@ their heads stuck up their asses). The next thing they'll be

@ telling us is

@ that ufos don't exist.

@ Ken

@

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@ Details of JL Naudins replication:

@ <http://jnaudin.free.fr/html/megv21.htm#megstat>

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@ The MEG patent is posted at the US Patent Office web site

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 29 Mar 2002 20:55:13 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'The Flying Saucer Menace'

Some mail posted to the list earlier this week didn't arrive and the mail throughput was slow. I presumed it was a result of the Yahoo! file server upgrade work last weekend.

For some reason, that lost mail has now appeared, dated last Monday and hence a duplicated message under the above heading.

So far as I'm aware, no postings are now missing and if that's not the case, please let me know.

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Regarding:

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>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: [UFORL] South Africa
>Date: 27 March 2002 02:07

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Gerhard,

I know the Kalahari case well and as Rob indicates, it's a
comprehensively proven hoax.

'UFO Magazine' (UK), via Tony Dodd, proclaimed the 'evidence' to
be another 'Roswell' [and arguably so], to the extent an issue of
'UFO Magazine' was entirely taken up by this story.

Subsequently, they acknowledged it was a scam, perpetrated by the
central claimant, James Van Greunen, who seemed to live in
something of a fantasy world.

Van Greunen admitted he had fabricated the documentary evidence
which was pivotal to earlier 'UFO Magazine' beliefs.

Additionally, from my archives:

UFO AFRINEWS #14. July 1996

All correspondence to: Cynthia Hind
P.O. Box MP 49
Mount Pleasant
Harare, Zimbabwe

LESOTHO - ANOTHER UFO HOAX?

I have my American correspondent Albert Benajam to thank for first drawing attention to an alleged UFO crash in Leribe, Lesotho. He sent me a cutting which reported that a farmer in Lesotho had seen something crash in the hills on his land in September, 1995. There was little more to the report than that, but I immediately started making enquiries from most of our top sources in South Africa.

Then, anonymously, someone sent us some documents referring to the Lesotho crash. This was quite a revelation, apart from the fact that I thought they were faked and at the back of my mind, James van Greunen's name sprang up.

The documents looked reasonably genuine, but so had the documents purporting to be real which van Greunen had produced in his sad attempt to hoax the world with an alleged UFO crash in Botswana.

And let me reiterate here that I have never maintained that nothing occurred in Botswana, only that whatever it was, it never happened the way van Greunen reported it, and I doubt it was a UFO.

But let us tell you the story, so you know where you are.

The early report, and now the documents, alleged that an African farmer, Peter Lachasa, heard a strange sound in the sky at 21:15 hours on the 15th September, 1995. His farm was 12 km west of the Madibamatso river in Lesotho. Two minutes after he heard a dull explosion, he went to investigate the cause.

Friends of Peter Lachasa's who lived on the boundaries of his farm told him they had seen a bright light in the sky that slowly descended to the ground and exploded, giving off some blinding flashes, Lachasa accompanied them to the site where a humming sound could be heard from the 'craft' which became a dull grey in colour after the light surrounding it diminished.

An intense heat surrounded the object which prevented people approaching too closely. Also, the grass surrounds had been set alight which made close inspection impossible.

Lachasa decided to report the matter to the Leribe Police in case anyone had been injured inside the 'craft'

Lachasa allegedly arrived at Leribe Police Station at 22:30 and notified Sgt. Thobo, the Duty Officer, of what had happened. He asked the police to remove the strange 'aircraft' from his farm as it was frightening his cattle.

Supposedly, at 22:34, 14 minutes later, Sgt. Thobo and Constable Nandi escorted Peter Lachasa to the site of the crash. The Sergeant later reported that a large round disc-shaped object lay on Lachasa's farm. The object measured approximately '18 meters in length by 3 meters in height.' It was a dull grey colour; it had no windows or portholes, nor any doorway. The object did not appear to be externally damaged, although the surrounding terrain was severely disturbed.

Sgt Thobo allegedly radioed the Leribe Police and was told to return and make an official report. At 00:15, a Lesotho government official was supposedly contacted and a 2-page report faxed to South African Military Command/SAI Intelligence Unit (a bit repetitive as 'SAI' reads South African intelligence), in Bloemfontein.

As the 'documents' have it, the South African Intelligence received the fax at 00:17 and checked on what aircraft had been in the area at the time.

A 'Commander George Human' (as far as we know, he does _not_ exist) from Airborne Division instructed - _according to the documents_ - an aerial assessment of the area. Two Alouette helicopters were sent to inspect the site. At 01:17 a rescue team under 'Capt. Manie Louw' (untraceable) reported that he was at the site and a fierce fire had engulfed the area.

He said that '400 square meters were engulfed in fire'; that a disc-shaped metallic-looking object of approx. 20 meters in length seemed to be in tact (sic); that the terrain around the object was severely damaged by the impact, and that due to the darkness and smoke, clear observations could not be made.

Capt. Louw was told to patrol and secure the area.

Our source later informed us that the timing was almost an impossibility. Having access to S.A. Intelligence, he said the whole exercise could not have been accomplished within the time stated. Besides, he pointed out, the Intelligence Unit would have waited for daylight.

Further into the documents, the Botswana crash was mentioned, and knowing that the documents referring to _that_ had been faked by Van Greunen, we became even more suspicious.

To make the report even more ridiculous, it is alleged that Military Intelligence from Pretoria was informed and they instructed the Unit on site to keep 'a sterile area of 100 meters around the craft' and take control until a Foreign Technology Recovery Division from Valhalla AFB could arrive. The area allegedly remained sterile until this Foreign Recovery Unit arrived at 05:55. There are other documents involved, all extremely far-fetched in content and unbelievably naive.

The more we thought about it, the more we felt that somehow, van Greunen was involved. It was his style and yet, the last we'd heard of him, he was safely ensconced in a domestic situation with his partner in the North of Great Britain. But when examining the documents, there was definitely evidence of his personality. There were no glaring spelling mistakes, only some small ones that we could find. But the name of a General (Patric Dwight) in one document was absolutely incongruous for a South African (He was supposed to head the S.A. Air Force Intelligence). Another name was 'Col. Holt': well, there the connection immediately became apparent. Col. Halt was the C.O. of the American Air Force Base at Bentwaters, where a British/USA UFO case in late 1980, which Jenny Randles has reported so ably in STAR CRASH had occurred.

We then contacted the VIP in South Africa whom we know well, and he soon established that although the telephone number given for Intelligence in Pretoria was genuine enough, no one (not even the Top Brass - who had no idea what it was all about!) had ever heard of General Dwight or Colonel Holt.

However, the VIP source was also quick to pick up on the papers he had looked at: 'This story has the same feel about it [as the Botswana Crash case had], the same finger-printing, but with spelling corrected', he wrote. The trouble with these hoaxers is that they either over-estimate their own intelligence or under-estimate the intelligence of the recipients...!.

As far as he was concerned, here again were the trade marks of James van Greunen!

And then, through a quite different but also reliable source, we heard that van Greunen was back in South Africa!

We are quite sure he is behind this Lesotho story; as much as he was behind the hoax he perpetrated in the Kalahari/Botswana crash.

At that time, he was certainly after the 'big money' as he had been promised 2000 Deutschmarks (R5000) by a well-known and respected Editor in Germany. In fact, this is how I first had

definite confirmation that the documents in the Botswana case were a hoax, because van Greunen had stayed with this person in Munich for some time, promising this Editor his full support of the story and further documentation; and when he failed to produce any of this, he finally broke down and _confessed_ that his part in the whole story had been a lie. All the documents were faked; the reports untrue.

The only thing that he stuck by was that _something_ had happened involving a crash in Botswana, which information had been passed to him by his friend (we thought this could be Hendrik Greef, a friend, we believe, from school days. Or another contact whom van Greunen must have had from within the Air Force).

We have heard that van Greunen did his national service in South Africa in the Air Force and that he was subsequently moved to the Intelligence Section for a short period. This is a possibility but he is obviously living in a dream world; a fantasy of his own making; deeply involved with UFOs - he joined MUFON when he was 16 - and determined to be recognized as some sort of super ufologist with perhaps the 'Geller' effect.

In retrospect, we really feel sorry for him! His problems are already enormous and he is creating even bigger ones for himself.

If he really is involved again this time, we can only say,

'Watch it, James; you cannot get away with these hoaxes all the time. There's bound to be some retribution!'.
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I hope this helps to explain the general background.

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Regarding:

>From: <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: [UFORL] A practical course on abduction
>Date: 29 March 2002 16:16

Bob wrote:

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Bob,

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Date: Fri, 29 Mar 2002 21:19:05 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] 'Proper Research into STS Video Anomalies'

PROPER RESEARCH INTO STS VIDEO ANOMALIES

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March 29, 2002

To properly assess imagery from the Space Shuttle, especially imagery of objects of unknown size and range, much more information is needed than merely the videotape in question. Any attempt to assess the nature of such imagery that is done without this contextual information cannot be considered reliable.

Just having a tape is nowhere near good enough. While interesting measurements can be done on motions that are seen, no trustworthy conclusions can be deduced from such incomplete data.

First, you need the illumination environment. Is it day or night? Where is the sun relative to the camera line-of-sight? What is the 'beta angle', the angle between the earth-sun line-of-sight and the Orbiter's orbital plane. Where is the camera relative to the Orbiter shadow (its umbra)? What sources of artificial illumination and backlit illumination (a sunlit Earth) are available?

Second, you need the camera parameters and a reliable clock. This data is encoded on video downlink and can be displayed on sequences requested from NASA. For the time, request GMT. For the camera parameters, request pan/tilt, focus, iris setting, and AGC (auto-gain control) setting, inter alia.

Third, you need the NASA records of the video sequence. This is in a mission-specific document called the 'Scene List', so you can get exact clock times and also brief descriptions of camera, views, etc.

Fourth, to understand what the crew was doing at this time, you need the Flight Plan which specifies minute-by-minute activities of the crew, as well as Orbiter context such as communications mode, lighting, etc. This is revised daily and uplinked overnight as the 'daily update package' and you should request it for each day that holds events of interest. Specific application of the cameras may also be given in this document.

Fifth, to interview eyewitnesses to specific events in the mission Control Center, you need the flight controller duty roster per shift for the mission in question, 'as flown' so you can coordinate the time of the events in question with the specialists who were 'on console' at those times. You also can query the flight crew themselves.

Sixth, when you have moving dots of interest, and changing courses, you also need to request a complete Reaction Control System jet firing history tabulation for that phase, as well as a graphical plot of attitude, attitude rates, and deadbands, so you can determine all prosaic candidates for the motion as recorded. Then also ask for copies of the 'as-flown attitude timeline'.

Seventh, so you can produce your own orbital flight path simulation, you need a standard set of orbital elements that define the Orbiter's path through space. These are called TLE's, or two-line element sets.

Without this contextual information, any guesses made about interpretations of images on television screens are simply hopeless, as experience has shown with other famous cases.

The way such information can be used can be seen from the example of STS-48 (September 1991) where some intriguing videos have been interpreted for many years as anomalous by researchers who did not have this information and in fact boasted that they did not NEED this information. With full information, the events can be explained as exactly what space experts inside and outside NASA have always said they were: routine nearby small sunlit debris hit by the expanding exhaust of a shuttle steering rocket triggered randomly by the computer autopilot which was steering the spaceship.

The zig-zag occurred at approximately 20 hours 39 minutes 20 seconds GMT on Julian Date 258 -- or about 3:39 PM CDT on September 15, 1991. The crew was just waking up -- powerful prima facie evidence that they were not engaged in some intensive secret experiment. The shuttle was on "Orbit 44" and -- most significantly -- was flying southeastwards, just emerging from Earth's shadow (which it did in fifteen seconds centered at precisely 20:37:04 GMT). As it did, the space around it became bathed in sunlight that remained invisible to the TV view except when NEARBY objects drifted into them -- if the objects had NOT been nearby they would NOT have become illuminated at the same time the shuttle emerged into sunlight.

Note also that the "beta angle" is 44 degrees, which means that as the shuttle and its aft pointed TV camera (viewing backwards along the flight path to observe lightning) rise into sunlight,

the illumination is coming from 44 degrees off to the side of the direction of flight (north, as it turns out, or to the left, when facing into the direction of flight). Thus the shuttle's umbra -- the shadow it casts 'down sun' -- is tilted 44 degrees to the line of sight of the TV camera -- horizontally to the left, in the field of view as seen. This means that objects closest to the shuttle will be in its shadow and will only become visible when they drift out of the shadow into sunlight -- but it also means that objects along the same line-of-sight can be either IN shadow (if they are closer to the shuttle) or OUT of the shadow (if they are at a slightly greater range), a three dimensional concept that has escaped many of the theorists proposing extraordinary 'explanations'.

Chart 2 at <http://www.igs.net/~hwt/zigzag.html> shows a plot of telemetry from the shuttle during a six minute interval around the time of the zig-zag. The displayed parameters are the roll-pitch-yaw angle rate errors of the shuttle (bottom), the angular rate the shuttle is drifting in all three axes (center), and the amount the angles differ from the desired direction loaded into the computer (upper section). The "digital autopilot" (or "DAP") is also told how much slack to allow the shuttle's drift before making a corrective rocket firing -- this is called a "deadband" and at the time of the zig-zag it was set at one degree. As can be read off the charts, the steering jet firing that was observed on the video as a flash occurred in response to a slow drift in 'pitch error' (see top section, dotted line labeled 'pitch'), which had gradually been approaching the 'deadband limit' of one degree over the previous three minutes. The timing of the firing is thus shown to be determined by a slow ordinary flight process, and any coincidences with other factors (such as sunrise) are only by random chance.

Notice that the change in pitch rate caused by the rocket firing is about 0.010 degrees per second (as shown on the center section data), which over a period of one minute amounts to an angular distance of half a degree. Despite widespread assertions that the absence of a detectable change in background motion proves that the flash cannot be a steering rocket, this actual motion is far too small to be noticeable in the motion of background features, especially since at the shuttle's actual orientation (roughly wing down, nose to the side, belly "into the wind"), this half a degree per minute of different pitch motion (nose up or down relative to the shuttle body) merely moved the line-of-sight along the horizontal axis of the field of view.

Separate tables of telemetry from the steering jets (not shown here) indicate that jet R5D fired at 20:39:23.31 for precisely 1.68 seconds, and its symmetric twin L5D fired at 20:39:23.79 for precisely 1.2 seconds (it had not fired for the previous 13

minutes). They both stopped at the same time, 20:39:24.99.

This is exactly the set of jets one would expect to fire to correct a small error in pitch, which persuasively connects the angle error telemetry chart with the jet firing history data. The reason the computer fired one jet slightly ahead of the other can be deduced from the angle chart (center section) which shows a slight rolling drift which was also corrected by the unbalanced firing of the pair.

It should also be pointed out that as all experienced observers of shuttle TV images realize, the visible flare of these jet firings is only an occasional and sporadic feature of their actual firings, which at other times -- especially in periods of smooth, stable propellant flow -- can be invisible. Therefore the actual start, stop, and duration of the jet firing cannot be determined solely based on visual evidence on the TV image.

Once the precise timing of a videotaped event is available, its explanation can become clear. For the STS-48 mystery, the key parameter was the time from sunrise to the zig-zag. Calculated from orbital parameters, the sunrise can be shown to occur eighty seconds prior to the documented flash and zig-zag. When viewing the actual videotape, the sunrise is evident to the camera as a slight haze and as the appearance of some small dots - clearly nearby sunlit debris. Eighty seconds later, the flash and zig-zag occur, and one dot makes a spectacular turn while others (including one which had appeared at sunrise) turn simultaneously to lesser degrees.

I find this concurrence of timing - the same eighty second interval -- immensely persuasive that the flash is indeed the RCS jet and that the dots are indeed small nearby sunlit debris. It looks spectacular only because one of them 'appeared' later, as it presumably emerged from the Orbiter shadow a minute after sunrise. This phenomenon of dots becoming visible at a finite range from the Orbiter, in the center of the field-of-view of the camera (which is only natural, since the camera is pointed back down along the shadow), is common on space videos.

To thoroughly investigate the nature of moving dots seen on other videos from the Orbiter, only a process as rigorous and complete as this one for STS-48 has any hope of reaching a reliable conclusion. If the dot's motion changes, the time of the change needs to be calibrated against documented firings of the Orbiter's thrusters. If the dot appears or disappears, the depth of natural and artificial illumination along the line-of-sight in the camera field-of-view needs to be charted. With the 'big picture' of ALL the context and environment and precedents of such images, there's a chance to really understand them.

Further reading:

Three space.com articles by Oberg on this phenomenon:

Strange Shuttle Sights: Unearthly and Mundane

http://www.space.com/sciencefiction/phenomena/shuttle_ufos_991213.html

Some Notorious 'Anomalous' Shuttle Events

http://www.space.com/sciencefiction/phenomena/shuttle_ufos_examples_991213.html

Shuttle TV: Is What We See What NASA Gets?

http://www.space.com/sciencefiction/phenomena/shuttle_tv_991227.html

STS-48 Technical Data <http://www.igs.net/~hwt/zigzag.html>

Larry King Show (June 26, 1992) debate

<http://userfs.cec.wustl.edu/~sl17/lksts.html>

Summary solution (June 28, 1992)

http://www.debunker.com/texts/sts48_ufo.html

My article for ABCNEWS.COM home page

<http://www.abcnews.go.com/sections/science/DailyNews/ufo990217.html>

and <http://www.rense.com/ufo2/stss.htm>

July 1995 open letter to Kasher:

<http://groups.google.com/groups?q=oberg+STS+UFO&start=50&hl=en&safe=off&rnum=59&selm=9506248066.AA806610506%40CC.IMS.DISA.MIL>

Horizon-shift and camera parameter data

<http://groups.google.com/groups?q=oberg+STS+UFO&start=50&hl=en&safe=off&rnum=51&selm=19991101180303.13748.00001088%40ng-fw1.aol.com>

My big study:

area51.upsu.plym.ac.uk/~moosie/ufo/txt/sight/027.htm and

<http://bedlam.rutgers.edu/ufo/oberg.txt>

in four parts:

<http://ufos.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm?site=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.ufobbs.com%2Ftxt1%2F045.html>

Mike Bara's Critique:

<http://www.lunaranomalies.com/rebuttal.htm>

My response to Bara:

<http://groups.google.com/groups?q=oberg+STS+UFO&hl=en&safe=off&num=9&selm=20001204135420.08448.00002511%40ng-mk1.aol.com>
NASA 1970 report on external visual phenomena
<http://members.aol.com/moonpigeons/>

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Date: Fri, 29 Mar 2002 21:23:09 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] 'Long Island's Tall Tales'

There's an interesting article online, at:

<http://www.newsday.com/features/printedition/longislandlife/ny-feat-lcov0331.story?coll=ny%2Dfeatures%2Dheadlines>

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 30 Mar 2002 03:00:34 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] 'Fortean Times'

The newly published 'Web Guide' from UK magazine, 'Computer Active' [<http://www.computeractive.co.uk/>], rates 'Fortean Times' as the foremost internet 'weird/UFO', etc. web site.

Well done to those involved.

Acclamation for the primary 'skeptical', internet web site goes to... 'Fortean Times'.

Surely a landmark accomplishment to be acknowledged as the source of such an objectively skeptical publication!

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Fri, 29 Mar 2002 22:11:47 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] 'Long Island's Tall Tales'

They believe global warming????

Actually the problem was that I had to diddle around a lot to get that super-long URL into one piece to be read by my browser. It's too long to fit in the window.

But I am finding that a lot of the newspaper-style web pages pointed to in posts have evaporated by the time the world turns around to evening here. This just wasn't one of them.

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@ From: James Easton [mailto:voyager@ufoworld.co.uk]

@ Sent: Friday, March 29, 2002 16:23

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: [UFORL] 'Long Island's Tall Tales'

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com
Date: Fri, 29 Mar 2002 22:24:06 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] A practical course on abduction

In a message dated 3/29/2002 4:20:52 PM Eastern Standard Time,
voyager@ufoworld.co.uk writes:

<< Regarding:

>From: <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: [UFORL] A practical course on abduction
>Date: 29 March 2002 16:16
James, List:

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Clear skies,
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Bob,

It appears there may be a 'missing link' within your e-mail!
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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 30 Mar 2002 22:36:37 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] UFO Sightings Reported in Queensland

Courtesy of news.com.au:

http://www.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,4057,4047559%255E1702,00.html

AAP 30 March, 02

RESIDENTS in the Brisbane suburbs of Redcliffe and Caboolture have reported four UFO sightings, police said.

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"People are seeing something, but I'm sure there is a more logical explanation for it," the spokesman said.
[END]

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From: Ed Stewart <ufoindex@lanset.com>
Date: Sat, 30 Mar 2002 16:47:51 -0800
Subject: [UFORL] Flying Saucer on cover of 1942 Buck Rogers comic book

Here is another early (pre-1947) example of a flying saucer in the popular culture; this time in August 1942:

<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=1086740818>

Ed Stewart

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Ed Stewart | So Man, who here seems principal alone,
ufoindex@lanset.com | Perhaps acts second to some sphere unknown.
 |>'?'<, |Touches some wheel, or verges to some goal,
 | (O O) |'Tis but a part we see, and not a whole.
-----ooOO-()-OOoo----- Alexander Pope, Essay on Man -----

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 31 Mar 2002 04:03:37 +0100
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Flying Saucer on cover of 1942 Buck Rogers comic book

Regarding:

>From: "Ed Stewart" <ufoindex@lanset.com>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>; <PROJECT-1947@listserv.aol.com>
>Subject: [UFORL] Flying Saucer on cover of 1942 Buck Rogers
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>Date: 31 March 2002 03:18

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Ed,

A fascinating discovery.

We could perhaps also note that the person 'Buck Rogers' is shooting at, may be one the earliest depictions of those hooded attendants within the 'alien autopsy' footage!

The cover certainly shows, albeit somewhat primitive with 'cannons', a 'flying saucer' and clearly the artist exhibits remarkable foresight.

I hesitate to ask whether that distant peak might be Little
Tahoma...

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 31 Mar 2002 05:55:22 +0100
Subject: Re: [UFORL] A practical course on abduction

Regarding:

>From: <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] A practical course on abduction
>Date: 30 March 2002 05:01

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Bob,

Thanks for the clarification.

Interesting, as it would by any default be exceptional that tales from self-professed, hypnotised, 'me too', supposed 'alien abductees' would ever warrant academic consideration, even if only in relation to the psychological or sociological aspects.

It's obviously not the reality one would suggest at any 'UFO' conference, for fear of 'flying handbags on the attack', from nearby believers.

And who knows how the women might react...

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From: Diane Harrison <auforn@hypermax.net.au>
Date: Sun, 31 Mar 2002 15:43:13 +1000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] UFO Sightings Reported in Queensland

>Courtesy of news.com.au:
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>[http://www.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,4057,4047559%255E1702,](http://www.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,4057,4047559%255E1702,00.html)
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Hi James

It was nothing more than a Laser light show "sorry"

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Regards

Diane Harrison

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From: "Luis R. Gonzalez" <lrgm@arrakis.es>
Date: Sun, 31 Mar 2002 13:42:32 +0200
Subject: [UFORL] Luli Oswald's abduction

Dear friends,

I have read "An encounter with 'rat-faces- in Brazil", by Irene Granchi, in FSR 29:1, about the abduction of Luli Oswald and a male student. This abduction was the best non-USA abduction according to Eddie Bullard 1987 study.

Unfortunately, my own collection of FSR ended with Volume 30. Did Irene Granchi (or any other) published more information (or an update) about this case later?

Yours,

Luis R. González Manso

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Date: Sun, 31 Mar 2002 12:38:03 -0800 (PST)
Subject: Re: [UFORL] A practical course on abduction

The URL is:

<http://abacus.bates.edu/~skelley/teach/rhet391/syllabus.html#desc>

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 2 Apr 2002 03:23:26 +0100
Subject: [UFORL] Voyager Newsletter No. 21

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1. 'Alien Autopsy': The Origin Revealed?
2. Socorro Update.
3. The Portage County [Ravenna], Spaur-Neff Case.
4. Kenneth Arnold and 'Little Tahoma'.
5. 'The Sky At Night'.
6. Photographic Evidence of 'Black aircraft?'?
7. The UFO Research List.

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1. 'Alien Autopsy': The Origin Revealed?

As first mentioned on the 'UFO Research List' [UFORL], I recently came across the following:

<http://www.mhvf.net/forum/scifihorror/posts/124218244.html>

'Don's FANTASIA Diary 7-26-2001'

"Because of the dinner, we all skipped the 7:45pm showing of FUCCON FAMILY (it's playing again later) and went to Club 300 to keep getting tanked on more beer. About a half hour after we sat down, Olaf Ittenbach, director of tonight's LEGION OF THE DEAD joined us for a few pitchers. The beer kept on pouring and we had a good time. We had to get Olaf completely plastered to get ready for his film's premiere, of course! I found out that, a few years ago, some wacko actually held everyone hostage at Club 300 and finally shot himself. It's a great place to drink! Also, this might be of interest to some... remember the 'Alien Autopsy' craze a few years ago? Remember the Fox special that actually interviewed Nacho Cerda about the similarities between his film AFTERMATH and the 'autopsy' video? Well, here is a surprise. Olaf admitted (I guess he can now that the contact he had was so old) that HE was the one who helped create that damn video! The truth is revealed!

He went into great detail about how they faked the film stock, etc. and said that he did it because they paid him a LOT of money to do it. So, there you have it, folks! Olaf Ittenbach, director of PREMUTOS and LEGION OF THE DEAD is the bad boy behind that controversy.

We talked briefly about the Stan Winston interview and about how Winston was saying the autopsy was too real to be faked. All Olaf said was that they probably gave him LOTS of money to do the interview!"
[END]

A key figure in the 'alien autopsy' story was of course Volker Spielberg, a fellow German and 'music publisher' who allegedly funded Ray Santilli's acquisition from the 'Roswell cameraman' and statedly owned the 'film reels'.

I'm not familiar with Ittenbach, however, a cursory research of his 'blood and gore' films does suggest an 'alien autopsy' would be consistent with the genre and his interest in 'special effects' - see:

<http://www.legionthemovie.com/legionolaf.html>

As for the claim "they faked the film stock", that's disconcerting as no 16mm 'alien autopsy' film stock was ever made available, aside from those few frames with anomalous images which didn't appear within the footage.

However, his 1997 film, 'Premutos', was shot on 16mm.

Although the author, Don May, has been of assistance, it seems there was indeed, "a LOT of pitchers of beer" drunk that night and recollections are a bit hazy!

However, Don has suggested how Ittenbach can be contacted and I've followed that up.

For a number of reasons, I would be more than a little surprised if Ittenbach _was_ responsible for creating the 'alien autopsy'.

Only Ittenbach can fully resolve whether he did take credit for the original footage and if that was in fact a justified claim. Incidentally, I see that rumours of his connection were actually being circulated before the apparent July, 2001 confession to Don May and others: "Also, rumor has it that Ittenbach was responsible for the infamous Alien Autopsy footage...":

<http://www.vidjunkie.com/barebones/archive.htm>

However, there may be significant misunderstandings within Don's account of the inebriated anecdotes and I might have pieced together the true story of Ittenbach's involvement. I've discovered he was certainly a 'player' in those early days and why the rumour, even if untrue, could easily have surfaced in later years.

I'll explain more in due course.
[END OF EXTRACT]

I'm now able to do so within this newsletter.

During 1995 [when the footage was first broadcast after world-wide distribution rights had been sold], the film and encompassing 'Roswell cameraman' story featured in a documentary by 'STERN TV', a German news magazine program on the RTL channel ['stern' is apparently German for 'star'].

My files contain the review from a friend in Germany, who reports that the STERN TV broadcast was called, 'How to Make an Alien' and they staged their own 'alien autopsy' for comparison. It was created by "one SFX man and 5 students (physician) in five weeks".

I've located online the confirmation that Ittenbach's credits include:

1996 Roswell Alien Stern TV 16 mm, 20 min
1996 Roswell Alien Report Video, 15 min

See:

<http://www.splatter.de/fgrafie.html>

Although the year doesn't equate, I'm assuming it's an error and should relate to 1995, when Ittenbach had been contracted to show how an 'alien autopsy' could, inherently, be faked.

I have no record - during thoroughly documented 1996 developments - of any STERN TV interest during that year and certainly not an attempted 'alien autopsy' recreation, which would surely have been widely noted.

If these assumptions are correct, then Ittenbach's 1995 'alien autopsy' did not receive favourable reviews from some who subsequently viewed the 'RTL footage'!

Although Don May, President of 'Synapse Films', is now aware of Ittenbach's resultant 'alien autopsy' spoof, he remains of the opinion that Ittenbach was acknowledging he created the 'alien autopsy' footage promoted by Ray Santilli.

Despite considerable efforts by myself and others to contact Ittenbach, he has not as yet clarified matters.

Ray Santilli, who claimed to have bought film of an alien dissection from the 'Roswell' cameraman, wrote to me, "It's complete crap. I have never heard of the guy".

I suspect Ray to be correct and the explanation is as revealed here.

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2. Socorro Update.

Also heavily featured on UFORL in recent months has been local police officer Lonnie Zamora's 24 April, 1964 encounter with an evidently lighter-than-air [LTA] vehicle, near Socorro, New Mexico.

There continue to be new developments in researching this pivotal 'UFO' case and one possibility that the object was a hot-air balloon, exceedingly rare in the US at that time.

A thorough summary of that hot-air balloon evidence and a rebuttal of many factually unfounded 'points of objection', featured in 'Voyager' newsletter No. 18:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/v18.txt>

Material which has since been highlighted on UFORL includes:

A Freedom of Information Act [FOIA] request and response from the 'Department of the Navy, Office of Naval Research':

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL/message/374>

Professor Charles Moore, of 'Roswell'/'project Mogul' fame and his connections with 1960s hot-air balloon activity at Langmuir Atmospheric Laboratory, near Socorro:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL/message/377>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL/message/379>
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL/message/385>

The Socorro object's 'insignia' and its resemblance to the logo for Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Sandia's Research Historian investigates:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL/message/386>
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL/message/572>

The important and potentially crucial evidence which was overlooked by principal case investigators, Dr. J. Allen Hynek and Major Hector Quintanilla of 'Project Blue Book':

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL/message/390>

A proposal that there has always been a significant misunderstanding concerning the time which had elapsed, before Sergeant Chavez arrived at the 'landing site':

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL/message/391>
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL/message/392>
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL/message/411>

Professor Charles Moore claims that a 'lunar lander' test failure, from nearby White Sands, was responsible for the object Zamora witnessed.

Why that theory can evidently be entirely dismissed:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL/message/572>

It might sometimes be necessary to follow a message thread for an understanding of the full context.

Philip Klass believes the Socorro case can be resolved as a hoax, instigated by the local Mayor.

He explained this in detail during an interview with Gary Posner, which is online at:

http://members.aol.com/garypos2/Klass_inter.html

Phil describes contemporary, 1964 Socorro as an, "economically depressed" area, although he didn't actually visit Socorro until 1966.

The portrayal is one of a small town with a low profile and basically, not much happening.

However, that's not strictly true.

It would already have been known to locals and especially Socorro's Mayor, Holm Bursum Jr., that only some five to six weeks following press coverage of Zamora's report, the fourth, consecutive year of a reasonably prestigious golf tournament would be taking place at nearby New Mexico Tech campus.

This tournament bore the name of Socorro's perhaps most famous citizen, Conrad Hilton, of 'Hilton hotels' fame.

An online article records the tournament's history:

"The annual Hilton Open is a week-long golf event held in Socorro, New Mexico, on the New Mexico Tech campus during the first full week of June. The University and its course offer an oasis in the desert of the Rio Grand valley, an hour south of Albuquerque. Hilton week is packed with events for professional and amateur golfers.

As the longest-running golf tournament in New Mexico, the Hilton enjoys a long history of noteworthy players, sponsors, and events. Among those players have been Rich Beem, Don Klein, Gene Torres, Adam Kase, Ray Cragun, Shaun Haberstoh, and Mike Sauer; some of whom have been involved with the Hilton Open since its start in 1960. Over the past 40-plus years, the Hilton has grown from a single nine-hole event, to a multi-event competition including the notorious Elfego Baca Shoot.

The original 9-hole tournament was the brain child of Holm Bursum Jr., then Mayor of Socorro, who wanted an event to promote the small community. Bursum, with the help of the City of Socorro and Socorro County Chamber of Commerce, started the 9-hole tournament at the New Mexico Tech Golf Course. Since its beginning, the Open has bore the name of one of Socorro's favorite native son's, Conrad Hilton, the hotel chain founder. Hilton, with his sons Barron and Conrad Jr., came to Socorro to kick off the very first event in the summer of 1960.

In 1968, Holm Bursum III, took over as tournament chairman and has remained at the post since. Also in 1968, Bursum contacted Barron Hilton, chairman of Hilton Hotels Corp., to co-sponsor the

tournament with First State Bank. Barron and Hilton Hotels have been generous supporters of the event ever since".

See:

<http://www.hiltonopen.com/History.htm>

It is of course clear from the evidence that neither Zamora, or anyone else, were involved in a hoax and even Phil's 'depressed area' assertions have seemingly overlooked an important aspect.

Perhaps all somewhat trivia, however, further connections are, at least, remarkably so.

[William] Barron Hilton became a significant competitor in hot-air balloon events and a sponsor of attempts to circumnavigate the world in a hot-air balloon.

Apparently, in 1967, he also, "declared that Hilton would be the first company to put hotels in space. He even arranged with director Stanley Kubrick to make the circular, orbiting hotel in '2001: A Space Odyssey' a Hilton". There's an insightful article on this topic, at:

http://www.spacefuture.com/archive/hotels_in_space.shtml

Still more remarkable, Hilton is a 'Hall of Fame Abductee'!

Err.. no, hang on, that should be 'Hall of Fame Inductee':

<http://www.soaringmuseum.org/hallfame/hofalpha.htm>

Perhaps, overall, there was more to circa 1964 Socorro than Philip Klass implies. It had a small airport and as recently noted on UFORL, in Prof. Charles Moore's 'Saucer Smear' contribution, he confirms the 'landing site', "was about a quarter mile or so directly off the north end of the runway at Socorro International, beneath the final approach".

Astonishingly, this was a striking, potential clue which 'Project Blue Book' and Hynek et al were seemingly oblivious to. Focused on a 'metallic, rocket-propelled craft' with two crew members, it seems they were all sidetracked from a most likely origin of an indigenous, unidentified vehicle and never investigated whether any flights had departed from Socorro airport around the time of Zamora's sighting.

It could, for example, simply have been a demonstration hot-air balloon flight, perhaps for an aviation enthusiast who had local business connections, was interested in buying one of those brand new devices and went along as a passenger.

Speculation aside, Socorro Airport have been asked if they still have contemporary, historical records and an update on that, plus a number of general research responses from further, pioneering 1964 hot-air balloonists who have been located and contacted, will be published in the next newsletter.

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3. The Portage County [Ravenna], Spaur-Neff Case.

Comparative with Socorro, also apparently overlooked by Quintanilla, Hynek and 'NICAP', was manifest evidence which seems to clearly reveal the probable identity of a highly publicised 'UFO', which on 17 April, 1966 was pursued for some 80 miles by local police officers.

The background to this and a request for some confirmation that key evidence had actually been recognised and investigated, can be found on UFORL, at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL/message/402>
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL/message/403>

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4. Kenneth Arnold and 'Little Tahoma'.

Additionally addressing the question whether some founding 'UFO' cases were never solved because of primary investigative failures, incorporates the most pivotal sighting of all.

It was on 24 June, 1947 that private pilot Kenneth Arnold observed what he presumed to be nine mysterious aircraft in formation. In the ensuing media hysteria, these of course came to be known as 'flying saucers', although Arnold had in fact described the objects as 'crescent-shaped'.

Irrespective of whatever Arnold witnessed, the foundation of his belief that the objects were some 26 miles away is that they appeared to pass behind a distant "jagged peak".

In my cover article for the August, 2000 edition of 'Fortean Times', I set out the background and explained why 'Arnold's peak' was now evidenced to be 'Little Tahoma [Tacoma]':

[BEGIN]

Martin Kottmeyer wrote: "In 'The Coming of the Saucers', Arnold said they momentarily disappeared 'behind a jagged peak that juts out from Mount Rainier proper.' In his memoir for the First International UFO Congress, Arnold 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."

Kottmeyer continues: "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."
{END OF KOTTMAYER EXTRACT}

In an attempt to clarify this geographical conundrum, I again took the query to people with good local knowledge. David Basset, a mountaineer with vast experience of Mt. Rainier and surrounding peaks, responded: "The jagged peak you are referring to is clearly Little Tahoma. It is jagged because it is unglaciated and very steep. It rises from the base of Mt. Rainier on the East or Southeast side. You said the observation was taken from the west or southwest. This might be troubling because it is on the other side of the mountain, but rest assured, Little Tahoma is the peak. It stands out, being much higher than any other mountain close to Rainier."

Located at Mt. Rainier National Park, Park Guide Chris Trotter, and Douglas Kraus, the Park Naturalist, confirmed: "The consensus from my co-workers is that the 'jagged peak' is Little Tahoma. This peak can be seen from many areas around the mountain."

It looks likely that Little Tahoma (or Tacoma) is the only peak which matches Arnold's description and it could have been visible from his location. If we accept this, there are fundamental repercussions.

Arnold relied on the apparent, momentary disappearance of the objects behind a far-off peak to establish the objects' distance and consequently their airspeed.

Arnold, flying more or less eastwards towards Mt. Rainier's slopes, consistently and repeatedly told how the nine objects, travelling southwards, passed directly in front of him on the western slopes of Mt. Rainier. Little Tahoma, however is on the mountain's far eastern side. The obvious conclusion is that Arnold misperceived how those nine objects momentarily disappeared behind this remote peak. In fact, they absolutely must have passed in front of it.

Commenting on the unreliability of perceptions of perspective, Kottmeyer wrote: "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 one 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."

[END OF 'FORTEAN TIMES' EXTRACT]

To my knowledge, although well over a year has elapsed, in that intervening period no-one has offered any factual rebuttal to the identification of Arnold's peak as 'Little Tahoma'.

The question I would now ask is whether we might actually have historical documented evidence which establishes 'Little Tahoma' as conclusively, 'Arnold's peak'.

If so, then Arnold's critical perception of the object's distance and consequently their size and speed are further, demonstrably, fallacious.

There is key evidence, which I don't believe has previously been highlighted in this context and it originates from several sources, spanning many years. Extracting relevant data in sequence we have:

"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".

"Mr. Arnold, who flies 60 to 100 hours monthly throughout five western states, said he was 25-30 miles west of Mt. Rainier, en route from Chehalis to Yakima, when he sighted the objects".

"He said he could estimate the distance of the objects better because an intervening peak once blocked his view of them. He found the peak was 25 miles away, he related".

"Mr. Arnold was flying a three-passenger, single-engined plane at 9200 feet at the time, he reported".

Source: 'Pendleton, Oregon East Oregonian' - June 26, 1947

"I was approximately 25 to 28 miles from Mt. Rainier...". [Arnold doesn't mention the 'peak' in this interview - Editor]

Source: Radio Interview with KWRC, June 26, 1947

"I observed them quite plainly, and I estimate my distance from them, which was almost at right angles, to be between twenty to twenty-five miles. I knew they must be very large to observe their shape at that distance...". [Arnold doesn't mention the 'peak' in this letter - Editor]

Source: Letter to the Air Force, 1947

"I determined my distance from their pathway to be in the vicinity of twenty-three miles because I knew where I was and they revealed their true position by disappearing from my sight momentarily behind a jagged peak that juts out from the base of Mount Rainier proper. Considering that I was flying all this time in the direction of their formation, this determination can be only approximately, but it is not too far off".

Source: 'The Coming of the Saucers', 1952

"And actually they disappeared behind a sharp projection on Mt. Rainier in the snow field to my eyesight and since I knew approximately where I was, flying of course toward the mountain, I knew where they had passed. I thought my judgement and my clocking could be within reasonable limits as to about how fast they were going".

Source: Lecture at 'UFO Congress', 1977

In summary [use a fixed font, such as Courier]:

	Miles distant (where stated)	
	~ Mt Rainier ~	Peak ~
Newspaper	25-30	25
Radio	25-28	
Letter	20-25	[to objects]
Book	23	
Lecture		

We can see that the peak is always placed at approximately the same distance as Mt Rainier.

This would be consistent with Little Tahoma.

Furthermore, as Kottmeyer deduced, "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."

Yet, the evidence seems to indicate otherwise and as noted, Little Tahoma could seemingly have been visible to Arnold.

There's a helpful, online, photograph which illustrates this:

<http://mt.rainier.tribnet.com/photogallery/detail.asp?id=29>

It's taken from close to Arnold's approximate position, southwest of Mt. Rainier, at the time of his sighting, although perhaps much nearer to Mt. Rainer than Arnold's stated 25ish miles. That sharp projection visible to the right of Mt. Rainier is Little Tahoma.

Additionally, there were some significant insights revealed on the original UFORL list [then hosted by ListBot], dating from circa February 2000 - before my published findings in 'Fortean Times'.

As it was a 'closed' list, I won't reveal the identity of subscribers who highlighted the following and trust they would

have no objection that raw data is once more addressed:

"Kottmeyer is flat wrong about Little Tahoma peak supposedly not being visible from Arnold's position. I have the topographic maps and it clearly is visible from the town of Mineral and several miles eastward.

The Little Tahoma is clearly the peak jutting out from Rainier that Arnold saw the objects fly behind. Arnold stressed that the objects were at about his level when they passed Rainier. He also said that the 'plateau' he had been searching to find the remains of the downed C-46 was at around this 9,000-10,000-foot level and that is the 'plateau' from which the peak jutted out and which the objects flew behind. He emphasized that the objects were within about 1,000 feet of his 9,500-foot altitude level when they passed Rainier and he specifically mentions the objects were at 10,000 feet in his earlier interviews. Since he had minutes earlier combed this altitude level of Rainier he certainly was familiar with that terrain".

"Little Tahoma Peak, 11,138 ft, is clearly marked on my USGS topo maps, the 7.5-minute Mt. Rainier East quadrangle, and the 15-minute Mt. Rainier quadrangle. According to the online USGS Geographic Names Information System it is located at 46-50-59 N, 121-42-40 W. Again, let me reiterate that Kottmeyer is wrong in saying Little Tahoma was not visible from Arnold's position".

"Arnold insisted that the objects maintained a 'constant' heading or 'definite direction of about 170 degrees' at about 'right angles' to his own eastward heading towards Yakima when the objects were in the vicinity of Mt. Rainier and beyond. This is not consistent with circling around the front of Mt. Rainier which requires a very discrepant 120-deg heading in order to reach Goat Ridge and destroys the 170-deg heading from there onward!".

"[James] McDonald suggested to Arnold in Nov 1966 a peak on the SW slope of Rainier and went through several possibilities by mail and over the phone, namely Pyramid Peak (6937 ft), Crystal Mtn. (6306 ft), and Iron Mtn. (6283 ft), but rejected them all because they were too low. Arnold was not sure it was on the SW slope either, only that it 'probably' was. McDonald suggested lower altitudes to Arnold but apparently Arnold didn't agree and McDonald summarized the data later as the objects flying at 9,000 feet and CLIMBING still higher to 13,000 feet -- a new detail from Arnold never before pinned down (climbing was briefly mentioned before by Arnold, but clashed with other statements of constant elevation which McDonald mentioned to him)".

"Arnold was not sure it was on the SW slope either, only that it 'probably' was"?

Is this startling claim documented somewhere?

Overall, the evidence seems to comprehensively confirm that 'Arnold's peak', which was so critical to his perception of those nine, 'fluttering and gliding', undulating in ribbon-like formation objects as being distant, large and consequently travelling at unprecedented speed, was almost certainly Little Tahoma.

To reiterate, from that 'Fortean Times' article: "Arnold, flying more or less eastwards towards Mt. Rainier's slopes, consistently and repeatedly told how the nine objects, travelling southwards, passed directly in front of him on the western slopes of Mt. Rainier. Little Tahoma, however is on the mountain's far eastern side. The obvious conclusion is that Arnold misperceived how those nine objects momentarily disappeared behind this remote peak. In fact, they absolutely must have passed in front of it".

If the genesis of 'ufology' isn't in fact based on such a [proverbial] specious foundation, then how is the cited evidence countered?

Incidentally, following the 'Fortean Times' article, I uncovered a sketch, seemingly drawn by Arnold himself (and similar to others he is known to have made) - see:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/saucers.htm>

I still remain unable to locate the original source of this bird-like depiction and would be grateful if anyone can assist.

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5. 'The Sky at Night'.

Shortly celebrating its 45th televised anniversary, 'The Sky at Night' has during that time been the UK's mainstay astronomy program, hosted by renowned astronomer, Sir Patrick Moore.

Perhaps surprisingly, it was considered necessary that such patently ludicrous, 'NASA faked the Moon landings' allegations required the latest broadcast should be entirely dedicated to debunk those claims.

However, it was an issue which was consummately addressed and Patrick, statedly playing the role of 'Devil's advocate', asked how many of the supposed 'anomalies' could be explained.

The answers were given by Douglas Arnold, who is noted on 'The Sky at Night' website to be an 'Apollo photographic expert':

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/science/space/spaceguide/skyatnight/>

UK readers who missed the program, can watch a repeat on Saturday, 6 April.

It's well worth seeing and as Douglas Arnold concludes, these farcical conspiracy charges, so much beloved of 'ufology' and heavily promoted in the UK by 'UFO Magazine', simply "demean" our extraordinary space exploration achievements.

They furthermore, utterly demean 'ufology'.

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6. Photographic Evidence of 'Black aircraft?'?

John Hanson writes:

"This is a 100 per cent genuine photograph taken by Dawn Holloway over Barmouth in Wales a few years ago, the damage to the negative was caused through loading improperly..... Dawn did not see the two 'darts' when taking the photograph".

For information, I have uploaded a copy of the hi-res scanned photograph [481k] John kindly sent, to:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/blckdart.jpg>

Interesting, although definitely in the category, 'make of it what you will'!

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7. The UFO Research List.

The 'UFO Research List' [UFORL] has over 135 members and is open to subscription from those who advocate and adopt a consistent, scientific appraisal of purported 'UFO' related evidence. The remit encompasses associated topics which may be relevant, such

as 'black projects', or 'ball lightning', etc.

The moderated list's 'home page' is at URL:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL/>

This provides access to the public list postings. For subscription requests, please send a blank e-mail to:

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Subject: [UFORL] UFORL 'Housekeeping Rules'

Confirmation of the list 'housekeeping rules':

1. The UFO Research List [UFORL] mailing list, operated via 'Yahoo! Groups', is open to subscription from those who advocate and adopt a consistent, scientific appraisal of purported 'UFO' related evidence. The remit encompasses associated topics which may be relevant, such as 'black projects', or 'ball lightning', etc.

The list currently has over 135 subscribers.

2. Subscribers must provide their full name and agree that periodically, confirmation of all subscribers' names [e-mail addresses will not be disclosed] can be posted to the list for the benefit of other members.

Details of new subscribers may also be announced separately.

3. The list archives are *PUBLIC* and the forum is *NOT* intended to enable secure discussions, although due copyright applies to any subscriber's contributions. Particular care should be taken when posting material which may be copyrighted. A suggested approach would be, 'if in doubt, leave it out'.

4. The UFORL 'home page' is located on the Internet at URL:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL>

This provides access to the public list postings, plus the addresses for subscribe or unsubscribe requests.

5. The list address for mail is:

UFORL@yahoogroups.com

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7. E-mail attachments, especially large graphics files, should *NEVER* be sent to the list - please contact the list owner if you wish to make such material available.

8. Postings should not be anonymous and the sender's name is expected to be contained either in the heading or signature.

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>

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offerings to be allowed to jump the line cheerfully accepted.)

See below for some of our very positive advance notices. Whee!

-- Cheers & many thx, KARL

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>  
Date: Wed, 3 Apr 2002 04:12:37 +0100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] A practical course on abduction

Regarding:

>From: "Rebecca" <rebeccask@yahoo.com>  
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>  
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] A practical course on abduction  
>Date: 31 March 2002 23:26

Rebecca wrote:

>The URL is:  
>  
><http://abacus.bates.edu/~skelley/teach/rhet391/syllabus.html#des>  
>c

Rebecca,

Thanks - it's interesting to find that, 'The Rhetoric of Alien Abduction' qualifies as course material, anywhere!

The course tutor, Stephanie Kelley-Romano, an Assistant Professor at Bates College, writes, "In this course, students examine a variety of approaches used to understand the alien abduction phenomenon...".

Outwith stories which originate from people who have been repeatedly hypnotised by enthusiastic 'alien abduction' believers, there's obviously no basis for a scientifically founded 'phenomenon'.

I note Stephanie also teaches, 'The Rhetoric of Women's Rights' and 'Conspiracy Rhetoric'.

Stephanie has a stated interest in 'Alien Abductee Research' and offers, "If you are an experiencer, you can take my survey":

<http://abacus.bates.edu/~skelley/research/aliens/index.html>

Especially in an academic environment, shouldn't that be \_claimed\_ 'experiencer'?

Prior to undertaking said survey, Stephanie notes, "In dealing with experiencers, I have come to recognize that telling about the encounters is often difficult and painful. Thank you in advance for your willingness to share your experience":

<http://abacus.bates.edu/~skelley/research/aliens/survey.html>

It seems there may be a predisposed belief in the 'reality' of alien abduction tales.

Although it's also assured that, "Bates College supports the practice of protection for human subjects participating in research. The following information is provided for you to decide whether you wish to participate in the present study", the actual survey page is not hosted by Bates College - it's a personal web site.

That aside, Stephanie's survey first mentions the pivotal 'hypnotic regression' as apparently somewhat incidental, later on:

"Did you undergo hypnosis/regression in order to recall your experiences?"

Where this purportedly academic, although certainly not necessarily endorsed by Bates College, research consummately fails, at the first obstacle, is differentiating between supposed 'experiencer' accounts which originated prior or subsequent to being hypnotised.

As we appreciate, many pre-abductees required ongoing 'regressions' by 'abductee proponents' before finally 'remembering' they had been abducted by ETs.

Under the heading of, 'abductee research: Some Results', which is hosted by Bates College, Stephanie publishes statistics from, "Over 130 people have taken the experiencer survey to date":

<http://abacus.bates.edu/~skelley/research/aliens/results.html>

It's utterly meaningless and academically, scientifically worthless without any analysis of how many respondents were a) genuine and b) recalled their experiences without being hypnotised by fervent believers.

Presuming that Stephanie still has the raw data, I've invited that she set in context the percentage of proclaimed evidence provided by 'experiencers' who had never undergone 'regressive hypnosis' - which naturally has zero academic or scientific attribution as research methodology.

Those results would be, academically and scientifically,

insightful.

James Easton.

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Date: Fri, 05 Apr 2002 15:04:41 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: [UFORL] 'Mars study raises life hopes'

"Scientists have found 'intriguing' new evidence that may indicate there is life on Mars".

The BBC news web site has an update on this interesting, breaking story:

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/sci/tech/newsid\\_1913000/1913228.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/sci/tech/newsid_1913000/1913228.stm)

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Date: Sat, 6 Apr 2002 13:11:06 +0200 (CEST)  
Subject: [UFORL] contact with Mordvin-Shchodro

Dear colleagues, if someone is aware of the e-mail address (or at least his postal address) of Russian ufologist Mr. Arvid I. Mordvin-Shchodro, I will appreciate being informed.

Alternatively, does someone have any factual information on a UFO case over the Russian Pulkowo airport? It happened several years ago, there is a video and the object was registered on radar.

Thanks.

Vicente-Juan

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Date: Sun, 07 Apr 2002 18:02:28 -0000  
Subject: [UFORL] Free UFO videos. (online collection)

Hi everyone, glad to find this group and the homepage. We collect UFO and Space related internet videos. If anyone knows of other online videos about UFOs and Space, please contact us here...

<http://anzwers.org/free/ufos/>

Thanks for everything, I'll keep in touch.

Best regards,

Jim.

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Date: Mon, 08 Apr 2002 10:35:05 -0000  
Subject: [UFORL] UFO sightings recorded information line

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Best regards,

Chris Rolfe  
UFO Monitors East Kent.

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Date: Mon, 08 Apr 2002 16:34:46 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: [UFORL] 'UFOs Shuttering Peace and Quiet'

Courtesy of Pravda - a first for UFORL and as always, you heard it here first:

## UFOS SHUTTERING PEACE AND QUIET

8 April, 2002

At night on Saturday to Sunday, hundreds of citizens of Austria and Germany (mostly of Bavaria and Baden-Wuerttemberg) were deprived of their deserved rest. Some unidentified flying objects disturbed them, which looked like fire balls. As any unexplained phenomenon, the fire balls excited panic spirits in peaceful buergers. Austrian citizens even called up the police and gendarmerie, asking them to take measures against the "sky disorders." The police many times arrived to the spot, though there were no tracks of UFO's attack on the Earth. Experts are difficulty in determining what actually it could have been.

According to them, Austrian and German citizens could have watched falling fragments of Pegas US carrier rocket, all the more that earlier NASA notified in advance about possible fall of the rocket (who knows why, but the story with submerged Mir station comes to mind), which must take place about April 7. Though, some scientists suppose this could have been "meteorite rain," which is a rather usual sight. In Bavarian Centre of Space Research it was said that the phenomenon was "similar to a rocket's track. As if something was burning in atmosphere. Though versions about an UFO or some unknown satellite's explosion soon fall away. Version of "meteorite rain" is the most probable."

In general, German and Austrian citizens had what to be afraid of this Sunday. Though, it should be noticed that first week of April was rich as for space theme. April 3-4, reports appeared about an UFO approaching to the Earth, which later turned out to be a meteorite. According to scientists, the meteorite will collide with the Earth in 800 years. Or, probably, it will not.

Stories about UFOs and meteorites threatening with annihilation of life in our planet are actively covered by all mass media. While this is understandable. Stories like that should divert the public's attention from issues which are most actual for the world. At least, not only Palestine and Israel should be covered by the press. Though, as for UFO, mass media should know when to stop. For, such reports could became as usual as others and stop drawing the public's attention.

[END]

The Pravda article has links to previous online features, including the 'Declassifying Project':

5 December, 2001

# AMERICAN SCIENTISTS DEMAND TO PUBLISH THE INFORMATION ABOUT UFO ACCUMULATED DURING 50 YEARS

A group of American scientists and retired militaries called "Declassifying Project" launched a campaign for audition of UFO issue in the US Congress. The members of this group propose to listen the evidences of extraterrestrial existence. The group accuses the American government of the attempt to restrict information about UFO which had been accumulated during the recent 50 years. Doctor Steven Greer, one of the leaders of "Declassifying Project" explained why the American government could hide such information: "During the cold war this information was secret, because our government did not want the Soviet Union to obtain admittance to the extraterrestrial technologies. But the cold war had not ended till now. Our government is still keeping this information in secret. Probably there are many projects which conflict with our constitution and have not been discussed in the Parliament and in the White House. Maybe the authorities are not ready to admit it." One of the members of "Declassifying Project", a former military announced, that he had taken part in a group for investigation of a wrecked flying saucer where he had found wounded extraterrestrial astronauts, as BBC reports. According a lady taking part in the Project, one of the American astronauts who had visited the Moon told her about the print of an extraterrestrial space ship left on the ground of this plannet. For the time being there is not any reaction of the American authorities to the announcements of the group".

[END]

Another news item which Pravda associates with 'UFOs' is entitled, 'VALERIAN SOBOLEV ANNOUNCED THE SENSE OF HIS DISCOVERY'

- see:

<http://english.pravda.ru/main/2001/07/24/10865.html>

<http://english.pravda.ru/society/2001/07/25/10987.html>

Although Sobolev's reported claims were widely ridiculed, interestingly, I note they prompted a response from Jack Shulman

of 'American Computer'. I'm sure some subscribers will recall Shulman's 1996-98 involvement concerning 'reverse-engineered alien technology PCs', see for example:

<http://byamerican.com/computersolutions/>  
<http://www.american-computer.com/thanksgiving.htm>

On 20 August, 2001, Shulman wrote to Pravda:

The above was a very interesting article. Some of my peers suggested that Dr. Sobolev had access to a UFO and was deploying reverse engineered Alien technology. Which of course I found a very clever if humorous interpretation.

I find several exceptions to the announcement in as much as I have had an opportunity in the past to deploy technology in the gravity subordination, and transpatial fields, in various experimentation, and in the development of science in the area of trans-spatial breakthrough propulsion which also has some relevance to low cost energy.

I clearly see this announcement not as a challenge, but more as an invitation by Dr. Sobolev for a wide spectrum of international collaboration on a scientific and commercial level.

In any event, in spite of language barriers, I'd be interested in hearing more of what Dr. Sobolev has to say about these innovations his team and he have alleged to have discovered and I'll, of course, be glad to reciprocate to the extent I am allowed, however I would suggest that if a dialog by web is to occur that both sides be willing to accept the limitations that the other has on them as to the depth of disclosure, to ensure that at least some ideas are able to be exchanged academically and to our both benefit without either of our respective countries being worried about the possibility of damage to its respective economic position.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Jack A. Shulman  
CEO / VP Engineering R&D  
American computer  
Cranford, NY  
[END]

Previously, Shulman didn't advocate that the deployment of reverse-engineered PCs was "a very clever if humorous interpretation", at least not according to his claims the

transistor had been developed as a result of technology recovered at Roswell.

These claims were naturally taken seriously by many and Shulman successfully came across as a businessman who, having innocently stumbled upon the truth, could be trusted. Here, finally, was \_the evidence\_ which proved an alien spaceship crashed at Roswell and that a grandiose cover-up had been enforced, ever more despicable than previously imagined.

Shulman's allegations were duly promoted and vehemently defended on some mailing lists, especially UFO UpDates. Although it was demonstrated how the transistor's development was consummately documented and a natural evolution, there was typically no reasoning with believers.

Alas, like the mythical Roswell flying saucer, it all came crashing down to earth when it was announced, after some two years:

Source - IUFO and Riskers Mailing List

ACC Jack Shulman Admits Using UFO's For Bait

On a local radio show in Atlantic City, NJ yesterday, ACC President Jack Shulman admitted using UFO's, aliens, alien-abductions, and the paranormal to increase sales for his small NJ company.

In the interview, Mr. Shulman was asked why this worked. "Because so many people are involved in this, we have an automatic audience. They are going to listen to us, because if they don't, they become part of the conspiracy". Mr. Shulman said he thanks both the people involved in ufology, and the United States government for promoting his company for him.

ACC began using this tactic nearly two years ago, when he began "The Roswell Story." The brainchild of Shulman himself, compiled of reports from all over the net, in books, and on TV. "People believe there is something to it, and if we claim that we have the secrets, they come. While they are there, they might buy a computer."

Some of those deep in the study of UFO's say that this is damaging to a cause that is devoted to finding the truth. Shulman says in response, "...the 'UFO community' is nothing but a bunch of crackpots and losers, with nothing better to do with their lives."

[END]

Presumably Shulman, who also professes to have invented the 'Windows' operating system, has a higher opinion of those in the Russian market place.

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Date: Mon, 8 Apr 2002 22:23:45 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: [UFORL] John Macklin - who and where is he?

Dear list members,

I am trying to contact author John Macklin,  
author of several books on supernatural themes.  
Could someone please provide me with an address?

Thankyou,

Chris Aubeck

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Date: Tue, 09 Apr 2002 16:20:18 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: [UFORL] Re: 'UFOs Shattering Peace and Quiet'

Thanks to ananova.com:

Tuesday 9th April 2002

Meteorite discovery solves German UFO sightings

A mystery over widespread reports of lights in the sky over southern Germany has been solved by the discovery of a meteorite.

A Bavarian farmer's wife found a 3ft wide crater in her vegetable patch with the meteorite lodged at the bottom.

Munich Institute for Geology experts estimate the meteorite weighed over 100 kilos before hitting the atmosphere at speeds of almost 125,000mph.

The rock is bigger than a tennis ball but can still be held in one hand.

It is now at the institute of geology, where officials said it is worth a lot more than the damage caused to the vegetable patch.

The woman from Friesing took the blackened rock to the local police station hoping if she reported it she might be eligible for compensation.

Although her insurance company have told her she is unlikely to get cash for meteorite damage, she is likely to get a decent reward from the scientists.

Police in Bavaria and neighbouring Austria were swamped with calls from worried locals at the weekend. They reported seeing the sky "lit up like daytime" and hearing a violent explosion.

The farmer's wife said she witnessed bright flashes of light and heard a loud noise as she put her daughter to bed, but believed it was youths causing a nuisance.

The Bavarian interior ministry says hundreds of worried people called to report the UFOs, described as a series of flashes that looked like lightning.

[END]

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Subject: [UFORL] FYI: www.foxnews.com (article and links)

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,49881,00.html>

## The End of the UFO Affair

Tuesday, April 09, 2002  
By Ken Layn  
FOX NEWS

What happened to the UFOs?  
Are the space buddies scared of terrorists?

These important questions were raised (by me) on Monday night, when a British news site published this report about a strange light in the sky over southern Germany.  
[http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm\\_562185.html?menu=news.latestheadlines](http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_562185.html?menu=news.latestheadlines)  
I realized I hadn't seen a decent flying-saucer story on the wires since last summer.

It would take minutes of research to prove this, of course. But a dedicated columnist doesn't mind a little legwork. I searched the news on Yahoo, Google and BBC. The results clearly support my theory.

Google's news site offered nothing more than that same report from Germany, a Taipei Times article about a radio station called "UFO," and an International Herald Tribune feature about April Fools' jokes.

Yahoo News had a single match: an article about a snack food in Hong Kong called "Nissin UFO Oomori Yaki Soba Instant Noodles."  
[http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&u=/nm/20020320/hl\\_nm/food\\_additive\\_1](http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&u=/nm/20020320/hl_nm/food_additive_1)

And this year, the BBC's Web site has published exactly one story about the space monsters — and it's about a 1950s UFO commission in Britain. (Those amused by lazy editors will appreciate that this story's photograph [http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/uk/newsid\\_1740000/1740189.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/uk/newsid_1740000/1740189.stm) is the same picture used in the last UFO article on the BBC Web site, [http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/uk/newsid\\_1363000/1363848.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/uk/newsid_1363000/1363848.stm) from June 2001.)

Forget those stupid Pulitzer prizes. The real Media Scandal is the shocking lack of reported UFO sightings since Sept. 11.

Is the modern-day space alien so cowardly that it won't visit Earth during wartime? During World War II, "foo fighters" swarmed around bombers.  
<http://www.unmuseum.org/foo.htm>

During the Cold War,  
[http://www.coldwar.org/articles/40s/ufo\\_chrash.php3](http://www.coldwar.org/articles/40s/ufo_chrash.php3)

the United States went bonkers over UFOs.  
<http://www.parascope.com/articles/0697/arnold.htm>

We've even got astronauts who believe alien spaceships are hanging around Earth.  
<http://ufos.about.com/cs/astronautsufos/>

Are the ETs afraid of a nutcase like Bin Laden? Aren't the aliens supposed to be an advanced race? And if so, are they threatened by a guy with bad kidneys who has to use Hotmail to communicate with his evil minions?

Worse yet, are we bored with the spacemen?

Steven Spielberg gussied up his "E.T." for re-release last month, and the thing vanished from the multiplex quicker than a Hungarian historical romance starring Tom Green.  
[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/entertainment/film/newsid\\_1912000/1912954.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/entertainment/film/newsid_1912000/1912954.stm)

The X-Files is in its last season, according to news reports.  
<http://www.eonline.com/News/Items/0,1,9395,00.html>

We have to trust the news reports here, because nobody has actually watched The X-Files in years. They're too busy watching Alias, another hour-long suspense show with a tough redhead — but it's mercifully free of space monsters. (Meanwhile, X-Files has become a term  
[http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&u=/nm/20020401/od\\_nm/conspiracy\\_dc\\_1](http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&u=/nm/20020401/od_nm/conspiracy_dc_1)  
used to mock the gullible French for buying a conspiracy book claiming a jet never crashed into the Pentagon.)  
[http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/091/nation/Notion\\_that\\_US\\_staged\\_attack\\_on\\_Pentagon\\_lures\\_France+.shtml](http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/091/nation/Notion_that_US_staged_attack_on_Pentagon_lures_France+.shtml)

The Weekly World News used to report on presidents shaking hands with extraterrestrials.  
[http://weeklyworldnews.com/features/aliens\\_story.cfm?instanceid=12068](http://weeklyworldnews.com/features/aliens_story.cfm?instanceid=12068)  
Now we get AP photos of Laura Bush being embraced by a guy in a rabbit suit.

Some egghead will probably write an article about this for an academic journal in the fall of 2002. So what? Thanks to the magic of the Internet, I can say it right now: the Great Alien-American Love Affair is over. Sorry, Commander Xamfrangle, but I sort of met this other entity ... and, well, this hurts me more than it hurts you. And you'll always be very special to me, but ... I need to see other species right now. Maybe someday, if you could, like, stop being so noncommittal and take a little

more responsibility and maybe appear in daylight ... I don't know. I'm just confused. I need space. And I need you to go back to space.

Surely I'll get a lot of e-mail about this controversial statement. But I'm ready to defend the position.

The big Star Wars show at the Brooklyn Museum of Art?

[http://www.brooklynart.org/visit/special\\_exhibitions/starwars/Default.htm](http://www.brooklynart.org/visit/special_exhibitions/starwars/Default.htm)

Simple nostalgia for the good old days of gas lines, Jimmy Carter and friendly wookies. The new robot dogs from Sanyo? A practical solution for apartment dwellers scared of real-life killer dogs. These troubling Japanese space-alien commercials

<http://newtown.hi-ho.ne.jp/raibo/raidersei/image/agency/cm/mail.swf>  
for an Internet service? Could mean anything.

[http://www.thismodernworld.com/weblog/archive/2002\\_04\\_07\\_blogger.html#75162766](http://www.thismodernworld.com/weblog/archive/2002_04_07_blogger.html#75162766)

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com

Date: Wed, 10 Apr 2002 10:02:36 EDT

Subject: Re: [UFORL] FYI: [www.foxnews.com](http://www.foxnews.com) (article and links)

Candy:

You ought to send this to UFO Updates, too.

Interesting.

Clear skies,  
Bob Young

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From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>  
X-Originating-IP: 137.195.176.11  
Date: Wed, 10 Apr 2002 15:50:49 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: [UFORL] Re: 'Reports of close encounter...'

Regarding:

>From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>  
>Date: Sun Mar 24, 2002 5:32 am  
>Subject: 'Reports of close encounter with 'silvery people' in  
>NT'

I quoted the 'Australian Broadcasting Corporation' article:

"The Northern Territory's Wycliffe Well Roadhouse may be famous for its UFO sightings in the sky, but it seems there has now been a ground encounter.

Lou Farcus has been a resident at Wycliffe Well for the last 17 years and says workers on the Alice Springs to Darwin railway at a site west of the roadhouse have also seen unusual lights in the sky.

Mr Farcus says several weeks ago an Aboriginal woman had a close encounter.

'Her knowledge of the area gave her the instinct it wasn't anything to do with the army or the railway so she turned round to go back and have a look at it and saw this triangular sort of object in the paddock and all of a sudden she saw these silvery character looking people who started coming towards the vehicle, so she quickly turned around and took off,' Mr Farcus said".  
[END]

I note that 'The New Zealand Herald' now reports:

10.04.2002

'Outback rail dream arrives after century '  
By GREG ANSLEY in Canberra

With UFOs streaking in the night sky above and politicians slugging it out below, the first tracks have finally been laid for a railway line that will follow the trail of 19th century Afghan camel-drivers.

How else could the Alice Springs to Darwin line be launched, a century or so after political campaigners first began their regular election-time promises to send trains across some of the

world's most inhospitable country?

In temperatures that soar in summer to 50C, tracklayers have begun humping 155,000 tonnes of steel over 1410km of Australia's ochre-red interior, putting down rails at the rate of 1.6km a day at an ultimate cost of A\$1.4 billion (\$1.6 billion).

This is the stuff of Outback legend, binding together mythology with high technology and, in a weird late addition, extraterrestrials probably as amazed as anyone else that the line is actually under way.

One rail worker claims to have filmed a UFO hovering above a bridge under construction, a woman to have fled after silvery creatures walked towards her from three triangular-shaped craft near the tiny dot of Wycliffe Well, and others to have seen cigar- and hat-shaped objects whipping through the night.

[...]

[END]

See:

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/storydisplay.cfm?storyID=1294096&thesec  
tion=news&thesubsection=world](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/storydisplay.cfm?storyID=1294096&thesection=news&thesubsection=world)

I presume, as originally stated, there was allegedly only one triangular-shaped object and three 'creatures', not three triangular-shaped craft.

Is there a published interview with the claimed witness?

James Easton.

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Date: Wed, 10 Apr 2002 15:59:00 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: [UFORL] 'Mubende Hit By Rocket Fragment'

Cortesy of allAfrica.com:

New Vision (Kampala)  
April 10, 2002  
Posted to the web April 10, 2002

Frederick Kiwanuka

POLICE yesterday said the alien spherical object that landed in Kasambya, Kikandwa sub-county in Mubende district last month was not a meteorite but a suspected rocket fragment from outer space.

Police spokesman Asuman Mugenyi, whose personnel collected the object for scrutiny, said yesterday that they were still scrutinising the object whose whereabouts he did not disclose.

Earlier reports had indicated that the black, blue and white object was a meteorite, but more inquiries by the New Vision revealed that the object was man-made.  
[END]

See:

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200204100271.html>

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Date: Wed, 10 Apr 2002 16:25:29 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: [UFORL] Galaxy 'may hold Earth-like planets'

Courtesy of BBC online:

Wednesday, 10 April, 2002

The search for life in outer space has received a boost.

British scientists say that in theory there could be a billion Earth-like planets in our own galaxy, the Milky Way.

It may be only a matter of time before telescopes spot them.

The prediction has been made by two astronomers at the Open University using a mathematical model.

According to computer simulations, some of the newly discovered distant Solar Systems should contain smaller, Earth-like planets.

"We do know that there are a lot of known planetary systems beyond our own Solar System," Dr Barrie Jones told the BBC.

"But what we don't know is if there are any Earth-like planets up there."

### \_Gaseous giants\_

Astronomers have identified nearly 100 planets in orbit around distant stars.

These so-called "exoplanets" are not the sort that could support life. They are enormous and of the same gaseous make-up as Jupiter.

Dr Jones believes that smaller Earth-like planets may exist in some of these far-flung planetary systems.

"What I've been doing is saying: 'Well we can't see Earths yet - but let's suppose that they are there - could they actually exist or would they be flung out into interstellar space by the presence of these big giants?'" he said.

He said a computer model to see whether Earth-like planets could survive among the giants had produced "some rather encouraging results".

\_Ursae Majoris\_

It suggests that more than one billion habitable planets could exist in our own galaxy.

Dr Jones said it would be 10-15 years before telescopes are powerful enough to spot any smaller planets that might be present. But astronomers will at least know where to look.

The Solar System most like ours discovered so far is centred around a distant star called 47 Ursae Majoris.

Two planets orbit the star - one twice the size of Jupiter and the other slightly smaller.

The findings will be presented at the National Astronomy Meeting in Bristol on Wednesday 10 April.  
[END]

See:

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/sci/tech/newsid\\_1920000/1920896.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/sci/tech/newsid_1920000/1920896.stm)

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Subject: [UFORL] Re: Voyager Newsletter No 21

Mendoza's compliments to one and all:

A propos the Arnold sighting a couple of things come to mind.

First is what happens if you "draw a map!" (usually stated as an imperative in capitals by our favorite US Navy optician) -- as indeed Marty Kottmeyer did, also projecting the presumed flightpath of Arnold's Object \*back\* to show their previous location(s). He notes:

'The salient point to observe is that the objects are first seen at a point essentially just outside the city limits of Seattle, the most populous city in the state of Washington. There are also many small cities in this area. Also, it should be noted that the intersection point is a little more than 50 miles away from Arnold. This would seem to indicate the objects are fairly impressive in size especially if one accepts the statement that the initial flash lit up Arnold's "whole aircraft, even the cockpit." (Proceedings, p. 19) How could such a large fleet of supersonic objects not be seen and especially heard by large numbers of people in this area of hundreds of thousands of people? How could there not be numerous corroborative accounts of these objects from all the people near and under the established course. Note also if you extrapolate back the course to the north - presumably Seattle is not home to an alien base and anyway nothing is said of an ascending course when first seen - there is a myriad of other coastal towns that should have seen and heard it.'

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Sorry if these points have been raised here before -- I just happen not to have seen them anywhere.

On a more general note, I learned at the FT UnCon just held that skeptics are a nasty virus who hate "that infinite capacity for wonder that defines human beings", for whom the truth is "nearly always 'terrible'" as well as "vicious, destructive, and cruel". And also I learned that "the common phrase...[today] is Thou Shalt Not See Intelligently Controlled Flying Disks in the Atmosphere of Mother Earth. It sounds familiar: such a systems-blindfold was not only applied to witches, it was applied with vastly more terrible effects in Mao's villages, and in the prisons and concentration camps of Stalin and Hitler." Thus spake Colin Bennett. So mind where you put your foot, folks.

best wishes

Peter B

Very Bad Person and Honorary Virus

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Subject: [UFORL] Re: Voyager Newsletter No 21

Regarding:

>From: "Mendoza" <Horseman@onetel.net.uk>  
>Subject: [UFORL] Re: Voyager Newsletter No 21  
>Date: 11 April 2002 12:24

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>cockpit." (Proceedings, p. 19)

Peter,

Thank you for raising some interesting and relevant points.

If the objects \_did\_ mirror sunlight to such an extent this reflected from his airplane, then it's obviously most improbable they would have been birds.

That's obviously always been a de facto acceptance, however, the question was whether this actually happened. It's not the story originally told by Arnold and was a claim which first appeared in his letter/'official report' to the Air Force.

This underlines crucial anomalies, as I once explained to Bruce Maccabee, in response to his assertion that we need to 'draw a map':

[START]

Which version of Arnold's story do you want to begin with - you

do realise there are at least four of them?

[A] "That area is located at about, it's elevation is about 10,000 foot, and 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".

Source: KWRC radio interview

[B] "I made a 360 degree turn to the right and above the little city of Mineral, starting again toward Mt. Rainier.

"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".

"The sky and air was clear as crystal. I hadn't flown more than two or three minutes on my course when a bright flash reflected on my airplane".

Source: Letter to Air Force

[C] "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".

Source: 'The Coming of the Saucers'

The first story is of merely observing objects crossing the face of Mt Rainier - to Arnold's left. Was Arnold heading south at this time?

Then, he claims to have made a 360 degree turn over Mineral and was heading in the direction of Yakima - and had been for 2-3 minutes - when the incident began. So, now he's heading east?

Next, it's a 180 degree turn and he's in the process of doing so when the first 'flash' is noted. This time, he's heading...

where?

There's one more version I located and you previously didn't know about. In July last year, I posted on UFORL:

Looks like I may have come across another account of Arnold's - it's confirmed as his own voice and apparently taped from a TV program - in which he claims:

"I could see way off to the right, coming in the vicinity of Mt. Baker, a whole chain-like string of very... of aircraft..."

That's a different story!

Now, the objects were first noticed "way off to the right" and not, as stated elsewhere, to his left.

This could make sense and explain some things which I suspected were possible.

As previously noted, we have quite different versions of where Arnold actually was and his heading when the objects had first been noticed.

Therefore, with Arnold now claiming he first saw the objects on his right-hand side. Was he heading north, rather than south, or east?

We do know he turned his aircraft around - "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".

It's an important fact only mentioned in that KWRC interview - I wonder why Arnold never included it again?

So, we don't know where Arnold was when the incident began, what direction he was heading and what his speed was. We don't know where the objects were first sighted, what Arnold did next and when he turned his plane around. We have no idea how long that turn took and whether Arnold subsequently reduced or increased speed.

What we do know is that no sooner had he seen the objects, then Arnold believed they passed behind a 'jagged peak' on Mt. Rainier and that's now almost certain been identified as 'Little Tahoma'. However, it's on the eastern side and as the objects flew down the western side, they couldn't have travelled behind it.



They must have passed in front of it, so almost straight away, Arnold, having relied on this peak as a '25 miles away' distance marker actually has no idea how distant the objects are, what size they are and where exactly they are heading.

Although Arnold thinks he does.

To the extent he decides to 'clock' how long it takes the objects to reach Mt Adams, or so he perceives.

This mess is entirely separate to what the objects might have been.

Taking all of the above into account, why are you still bleating that nobody's drawn you an 'accurate' map?

Tell you what... here's a simple question.

Is it possible that there's enough variation here to choose from, so that it illustrates one of many obvious scenarios why Arnold never recognised the true situation.

Yes or no?

Yes?

Good. Now draw a map which clarifies this and then consider it came from myself with best wishes.

Result!

You have a map and I haven't wasted my time.

What's the problem now... despite a map, you still don't believe it...

We're truly astonished...  
[END]

As you note, by the time of that 1977 symposium, those reflections had grown from merely reflecting on Arnold's aircraft to illuminating the cockpit.

And this from objects which were statedly, according to his book, still \_more than\_ 100 miles distant some time after the initial 'flash' allegedly lit up the sky.

I don't think so.

How are these later claims reconciled with Arnold's earliest account, from the KWRC radio interview, on 26 June:

"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...".

It's an entirely different perspective.

Here is Arnold, at the outset, confirming that the objects were in fact first observed as "a chain which looked to me like the tail of a Chinese kite" as they passed "across the face of Mt. Rainier" and how he initially considered they might be birds.

Indeed, he reiterated the latter, according to Bill Bequette's seminal 26 June, 'Pendleton, Oregon East Oregonian' feature:

"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?'"

Next he thought they were jet planes. He said he had heard so many stories of the speed of this type of craft traveled so he determined to clock them.

However, he quickly realized 'their motion was wrong for jet jobs.'"

'I guess I don't know what they were -- unless they were guided missiles,' he said".

It can surely only be concluded there is sufficient evidence, from Arnold himself, which endorses the possibility that our undulating formation of intermittently fluttering and gliding objects were, in fact, first noticed as they crossed in front of Mt. Rainier. Also, their reflective capabilities were insufficient to immediately rule out any likelihood they might be birds. Indeed, that was Arnold's initial assumption.

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Another, paramount, factor which emerged during past discussions was how it could be mathematically determined, on the basis of angular size and eyesight limitations, that Arnold's observation absolutely had to be of tiny objects.

On the former UFORL, which was a 'closed' list and I can't therefore identify the authors, this was both emphasised and endorsed by those who uphold beliefs Arnold probably witnessed a squadron of alien spaceships.

It was demonstrated and accepted that, as viewed through his windscreen, each object would have been approximately 1/16th of an inch long and the entire span of all nine would have covered some 5 inches.

As one subscriber commented, "the objects were just above the limit of resolution". They would have been, "tiny, scintillating glints of light, not birds, aircraft or anything comparable to an 'object'".

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That premise seems to be primarily in the context of his report to the Air Force, made some time afterwards and subsequent to the media 'flying saucer' hysteria which ensued. It strikes me as being something of a 'clean' account and, as shown, is a

different version of events than given elsewhere. Arnold had been ridiculed by sections of the media and one thing which would have been important to Arnold, especially as a pilot, is that at least the Air Force believed his story.

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Interestingly, Arnold turned his plane around for a specific reason - he wanted to make sure those presumed jets, southward bound, didn't have a tail, as confirmed in the interview:

"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".

Looking at this again, isn't Arnold explaining that:

- he believed the 'jets' must, naturally, have tails
- he couldn't see their tails, however, this must be because he didn't have a clear enough view
- he couldn't open his cockpit window because it was on the wrong side for observing the objects
- Arnold therefore turned his plane around so that he could open the window.

Did Arnold's 'Callair' plane only have one cockpit window which could be opened?

If so, then confirming which side it was on would help to answer some questions.

Can any subscribers assist?

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Regarding:

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I wrote:

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To clarify further; in his letter to the Air Force Arnold does of course confirm:

"A number of news men and experts suggested that I might have been seeing reflections or even a mirage. This I know to be absolutely false, as 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)".

It's only the radio interview where he refers to turning his airplane "around", indicating an opposite course.

It would make sense that Arnold, apparently heading in the object's general flightpath, had to turn his airplane both "around" and "sideways" to obtain an unobstructed view through his open window. I'm sure they are equivalent.

As Arnold was flying in a roughly due east heading, if he:

a) 'turned sideways', to look out of his right-hand-side window, then he would for some time have been travelling in a more northerly direction and also away from the objects

or...

b) 'turned sideways', to look out of his left-hand-side window, then he would for some time have been travelling in a more southerly direction.

It would be helpful to resolve which was more likely.

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From: "James Easton" <media@jeaston.com>  
Date: Sun, 14 Apr 2002 01:35:16 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] 'To Chinese UFO buffs, it's a serious science'

Courtesy of CNN:

April 12, 2002

CNN's Kristie Lu Stout

HONG KONG, China (CNN) -- UFO research is the stuff of sci-fi buffs and conspiracy freaks, but in China it's treated seriously.

Joseph Wong, a lab manager at Hong Kong's City University, is a man of science. His job is to assess the structural performance of buildings.

But familiar as he is with hard data, Wong is also a fan of the unexplained.

"If something flies over, there's a very good reason for trying to understand why they're here, why they come to us, what is their relationship between us and them," he says.

Wong is the Chairman of Hong Kong's thriving UFO club -- exploring "unidentified flying objects" or, to the uninitiated, "flying saucers."

The club meets once a month to explore otherworldly topics like "E.T. Civilization" and "Alien Kung Fu."

Members occasionally meet at a cyber cafe called UFO Station in Hong Kong's Tsim Sha Tsui district. The spot is home to Hong Kong's own version of the X-files.

The dark monitor-lit café has UFO books, newsletters, and old news clippings of close encounters -- material that UFO club members take very seriously.

\_A masters in UFOlogy?\_

"In order to understand UFO phenomena, we need to have a broad understanding of different disciplines," says Albert So, university professor and Hong Kong UFO club member, "including mathematics, physics, history, philosophy, even some sort of paranormal activities and all that."

Hong Kong's UFO enthusiasts, like So, are not dreamy stargazers, but researchers who see their passion as a science.



So much so that they're lobbying for a university degree program in "UFOlogy."

"The graduates of this program will grasp at least all the major knowledge in order to understand UFO phenomena, and also other technologies and any skills related to UFOs," says So.

"After students or friends finish this degree, they may have their own understanding about this universe," Wong adds.

"Maybe they will be able to come up with a new universe model, new way of life, or whatever."

It sounds like a tough sell, but it may not be hard to pitch in mainland China, where there is little taboo about discs that glow in the night or theories on visitors from out there.

### Flying boats in China

China's state-run media reports on UFO sightings. Even the government's Ministry of Science and Technology treats the topic with respect.

"It seems that people in the East are more open to discuss issues related to UFOs," So says.

"Perhaps that is something to do with the culture of the races. In particular, Chinese. Chinese is a kind of race who easily believes in something supernatural."

And they may have been believing for a long time. UFO researchers point to an ancient drawing of the 100-year story of an emperor meeting a flying boat - a compelling artifact in support of UFO study, but not the only one.

"For me, it's not very important whether there is really a UFO that can fly or not," Wong says.

"It's when we are investigating this, I think it's the process that actually helps us to understand more about ourselves or our planet."

For club chairman Joseph Wong, the truth may be out there, but the payoff is personal - studying aliens helps to satiate a very healthy, and very human, curiosity.  
[END]

See:

<http://asia.cnn.com/2002/BUSINESS/04/12/hk.ufology.china/index.ht>

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James Easton.

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Things are not so great in the Australian Ufology<BR>  
world of conferences. Well not with the current<BR>  
organisers of the Melbourne UFO Conference, April<BR>  
20th - 21st, 2002.<BR>

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<A HREF="http://melbourneufo.com/">http://melbourneufo.com/</A><BR>  
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In a last minute collapse and change to a one day<BR>  
event, it has been called off!<BR>

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The original idea came from a Mr Craig McDonough &<BR>  
Mr Lyndon Reeks at Big Organised Productions.<BR>

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<A HREF="www.iholidays.com">www.iholidays.com</A><BR>  
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Located at 157 High Street, Prahran, VICTORIA 3181,<BR>  
AUSTRALIA &lt;lyndon\_bop@atlasmail.com>. But McDonough<BR>  
& Reeks have created some angry emails between<BR>  
some researchers down this way.<BR>

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Ten months ago the original dream had a high<BR>  
quality roll call:<BR>

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GRAHAM BIRDSALL (UK), GEORGINA BRUNI (UK),<BR>  
DR. RICHARD HAINES (USA), DR. JOHN MACK (USA),<BR>  
BUD HOPKINS (USA), JOHN AUCHETTL (AUST),<BR>  
GEORGE SIMPSON (AUST), MIKE FARRELL (AUST).<BR>

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However, when the final list came out the big guns<BR>  
were all missing, and another list was posted on the<BR>  
web page.<BR>

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By February 2002 the speakers list was reduced to:<BR>  
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GRAHAM BIRDSALL (UK), CHRISTOPHER MARTIN (UK),<BR>  
NICK REDFERN (UK), JIM MARRS (USA), HARRY MASON (AUST),<BR>  
GEORGE SIMPSON (AUST), MIKE FARRELL (AUST),<BR>  
BRENDA BUTLER (AUST).<BR>

<BR>

But NICK REDFERN (UK) was not a real runner and was<BR>

soon replaced by BILL CHALKER (AUST).<BR>

<BR>

Things went from bad to worse as speakers became agitated<BR>

with the lack of communication. Thanks to the good<BR>

common sense of a Mr Mike Farrell, some hard questions<BR>

were asked about the organisation in a Farrell "REALITY<BR>

CHECK" email.<BR>

<BR>

Before long, Mr Farrell (a well respected researcher<BR>

from New South Wales) pulled the pin on his speakers<BR>

agreement. He cited many errors in the production and<BR>

tried to get someone to listen in, his concerns were with<BR>

the paying public and their expectations. Then came the<BR>

crunch when the organisers reported that around 50 prepaid<BR>

tickets had only been sold! That was it, the end came<BR>

quickly as the others followed and bailed out.<BR>

<BR>

The Australian Skeptics report - When asked what went<BR>

wrong the organisers said that it was due to some<BR>

malcontents who killed it off. A more detailed case<BR>

was not given. However, a Mr George Simpson was singled<BR>

out as one of the loose cannons, that lacked guts and<BR>

that killed the dream.<BR>

<BR>

They also reported that well known Victorian and one of<BR>

Australia's few respected senior researchers into the<BR>

paranormal, did not even get off the 'starting blocks' with<BR>

the organisers, back in August 2001, when he was asked<BR>

to help and also speak. Mr John Auchettl of <I>Phenomena<BR>

Research Australia (PRA)</I> is reported to have questioned<BR>

the lack of any solid plans, especially in the advertising<BR>

of the conference.<BR>

<BR>

Auchettl noted to other researchers that the venue was<BR>

too large for a two day conference. The '<I>Dallas Brooks Hall</I>'<BR>

can hold 1700 people and was too big for such an audience,<BR>

as well as that the place lacked food or transport access.<BR>

Auchettl at another conference this year at Melbourne<BR>

University is reported to have said that he could fill<BR>

around 100 to 300 seats top, so it would be a very empty<BR>

hall for a very long time. He asked if the venue could be<BR>

moved to a hotel conference room that speakers could rest<BR>

in their rooms before their talks and have something to eat,<BR>

then it would work. Also the public could book in at their<BR>

own rooms and rest when they needed. But that fell on deaf<BR>

ears. So back in Aug 2001, Auchettls reported that he<BR>

would have to declined the invitation and wished them all<BR>

the luck in the world. As it turned out they needed it.<BR>

<BR>

Thanks to MIKE FARRELL (AUST) the last word should come<BR>

from GRAHAM BIRDSALL (UK) in a public email he said:<BR>  
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From: Graham Birdsall (UFO Magazine-UK)<BR>

Date: 2 April 2002<BR>

<BR>

REF: 'Reality Check For Melbourne Conference 2002'<BR>

<BR>

Dear Mike,<BR>

<BR>

Trust you are well and thanks for alerting me to<BR>

the disturbing news concerning the proposed<BR>

Melbourne Conference.<BR>

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While attending the International UFO Congress<BR>

Convention at Laughlin, Nevada (2-9 March), I spoke<BR>

with Kathy Dickman, a resident of Adelaide and a<BR>

personal friend. Kathy said that before leaving<BR>

for the United States, she had telephoned the organisers<BR>

in&nbsp;Melbourne to make doubly sure that the conference<BR>

was going ahead before booking her flight. She was<BR>

assured this was the case, but felt a tinge of<BR>

nervousness because the person on the other end of<BR>

the line came across as lax and unprofessional.<BR>

<BR>

I failed to sooth her nerves when I told her that<BR>

I had heard nothing from the organisers for a<BR>

considerable period of time, aside of news that<BR>

they were seemingly struggling to sell tickets <BR>

for the event. Almost one month later, and<BR>

barely three weeks before the event is due to be<BR>

held, I have still to learn news of any travel and<BR>

accommodation arrangements [least of all receive<BR>

confirmation of my airline ticket].<BR>

<BR>

I know what a tough job Glennys Mackay had in pulling<BR>

in the crowds at the Brisbane Conference back in 1997.<BR>

As you correctly point out, she at least was able to<BR>

call on local support and that of other groups elsewhere.<BR>

It would appear such support and 'networking' is lacking <BR>

over in Melbourne. Correct me if I am wrong, but didn't<BR>

Glennys take some of&nbsp;the Brisbane speakers to appear<BR>

in Melbourne the following week back in '97? I had to<BR>

return to the UK and couldn't make it, but I later<BR>

heard the audience at Melbourne was woeful by<BR>

comparison with that of Brisbane.<BR>

<BR>

All of which sounds sadly familiar given your<BR>

timely comments.<BR>

<BR>

As someone who has probably organised more UFO<BR>

conferences than anyone else during the course of  
the last 20-plus years, the sums of money cited by  
Lyndon for staging the Melbourne event appears  
excessive. However, while I don't doubt for a  
moment that the figures he quotes are accurate,  
one cannot help but feel a miracle is required if  
he and BOP hope to attract audiences of  
between 400 and 600 in the short time available.

I believe that the Melbourne organisers should issue  
an urgent statement as to their intentions in light  
of this discouraging news. Christopher Martin, for  
example, has made arrangements to fly out to  
Australia in the next few days and plans to tour  
other cities.

Unlike Christopher, however, I have a publishing  
company to run and a myriad of responsibilities that  
go with that. Time is more precious to me than most,  
but after careful consideration and much planning  
(staffing arrangements, etc.) I was committed to making  
the long haul to and from Australia.

Mike, perhaps you will be so kind as to keep Christopher  
and myself informed as to any further developments?  
As things stand, I will need much powerful persuading,  
involving personal guarantees and evidence of flight  
and accommodation details (in writing) before undertaking  
this journey.

Assuring you of our best attention at all times, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Graham W. Birdsall [Editor]  
UFO Magazine

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Date: Tue, 16 Apr 2002 16:21:03 +0200 (CEST)  
Subject: [UFORL] Tom King's address

Hi, List, I need the e-mail address of Mr Tom King, from Arizona, which previous one <ufohunter@home.com> does not work. Please reply directly, thanks.  
Vicente-Juan

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Subject: [UFORL] BBC Radio Mod X-files

[www.radiotimes.com](http://www.radiotimes.com)

Thursday, 25 April 2002  
BBC Radio 4: FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198  
8pm

Choice of the Day: Britain's X-Files

Conspiracy theorists and fans of the long-running television series will enjoy this half hour, which benefits from access to Ministry of Defence files only recently released under the absurd rules whereby the decisions of one generation are kept hidden from the next two.

Were aliens about to invade Britain shortly after the Second World War? R.A.F. pilots reported strange objects in the skies and radar tracking stations also picked up the signals, but although these were undoubtedly unidentified flying objects in the literal sense of the term, Britain's defence chiefs were not primarily of a mind to believe that Martians were about to land. Their concern was that the Soviet Union, an ally against Hitler, may have developed a deadly new fighter.

Britain's response is documented here by historians  
David Clarke and Andy Roberts

\*A series of unexplained sightings in the skies over Britain in the postwar years helped to fuel a growing national fixation with aliens and UFOs. Officially, Whitehall denied interested but this programme reveals details of secret investigations carried out by a government terrified of the Russians.

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From:&nbsp;PRA<BR>

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CNN - Lobbying for study of UFOs (2:30)<BR>

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UFO clubs are growing in popularity in Hong Kong,<BR>

and for some enthusiasts the study of UFOs is more<BR>

than just a hobby.<BR>

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CNN's Kristie Lu Stout reports (April 16)<BR>

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From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
Date: Wed, 17 Apr 2002 12:09:22 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] Rendlesham UFO

Hi All

Has anyone seen this "report"?

<http://www.bentwaters.org/rendleshamufo/cd-idnh.htm>

It makes an interesting read.

Cheers

John

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From: DanI <reknaw\_2000@yahoo.com>  
Date: Wed, 17 Apr 2002 19:51:35 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Rendlesham UFO

After reading the report I would have to say I agree with one thing and that RAF Woodbridge and Bentwaters was a weird place to live.

I live on both bases from 1991-1993 and had loads of weird things go on.

1. Ghost living in and around the military bases
2. Countless 2 hour delays for school due to thick fog

and I have only encountered this only at these bases

3. Strange noises from Technical Side of RAF Bentwaters

I may sound like im rabbiting on but 1992 has been the weirdest year for me and if alot of stuff like this happens then we could also have SpaceCraft landing aswell...

...Daniel Simpleman

--- John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
wrote: >  
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From: TPrinty@aol.com  
Date: Wed, 17 Apr 2002 19:06:32 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Rendlesham UFO

As Artie Johnson said, "Verrrrrry Interesting....." Makes you wonder about some of the claims that were made. I am sure James will be interested.

Tim Printy

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<FONT FACE=arial,helvetica><FONT COLOR="#8000ff" SIZE=2>Hi, I just read this re the Oz UFO conference. You had me down as "not a real runner". The truth of the matter was that I moved to the US to live in 2001 and visa issues prevented me getting to the conference as I was right in the middle of the US immigration/permanent residency process at the time that the dates for the conference were finalised and couldn't leave the US. I was the one who informed the organizers that I couldn't make the conference and suggested alternative speakers for them. I don't mind being discussed in a public forum but get your facts right next time pal. Nick Redfern.</FONT>

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From: "Robert McLean" <robert.mclean2@virgin.net>  
Date: Thu, 18 Apr 2002 08:12:39 +0100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Rendlesham UFO

John

Those recollections by Chuck Dalldorf were up on the Woodbridge website [www.woodbridgeweb.co.uk](http://www.woodbridgeweb.co.uk) a couple of years ago. In some circles on the twin bases the rumours were flying around. I think it depended on who you knew, and which Flight you were on. I met with Tim Egeric last weekend and dicussed just this point - in the Security Police, people from one Flight could be on base with people on another Flight for years and not even know each other's names.

People in the know were ordered to keep quiet, or at least it was suggested to some that they keep quiet. There are perfectly mundane reasons why this might have been done, e.g. to preserve the reputation of the USAF, maintain morale, and to stop gangs of personnel from making the forest their second home. In Sky Crash it is related that in late Feb 1981, signs had been posted at the roads leading into the forest stating that permission of the Base Commander was needed to enter the forest. So they did put a lid on it, for whatever reason.

Robert

----- Original Message -----

From: "John Burtenshaw" <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk> Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2002 12:09 PM  
Subject: [UFORL] Rendlesham UFO

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From: "David Clarke" <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>  
Date: Sat, 20 Apr 2002 11:33:58 +0100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Bentwaters/Woodbridge UFOs

Greetings list,

During my research into the 'classic' Bentwaters-Lakenheath radar UFO event of 1956, I've traced a number of former RAF and USAF personnel. One in particular, a pilot who flew with the USAF 512th FIS based at Bentwaters in 1955-57, was directly involved in the 'search' for the radar UFOs and has some very interesting comments on light phenomena produced by unusual weather conditions on the twin-base complex. His comments may be a highly significant clue towards the nature of the lights seen in Rendlesham Forest in 1980.

He writes:

"The UFO became a very familiar event for us at Bentwaters during our three year assignment there. I have a pretty good memory of a number of UFO sightings and of trying to chase one night. We really were a bit disturbed about some of the things we sighted until the sightings were explained. I will relate a couple of the more significant events to you and you can judge for yourself what we concluded.

Bentwaters AFB had UFO sightings that really kept us excited for weeks in 1956. The event that really started the whole thing consisted of a phone call from the tower operator asking us to take a look at the strange lights that were "floating" on front of the tower. It was early evening and there were only a few of the pilots in the ready room so we all ran out to the tower to see what was happening. I have to say that there were strange glowing balls of light floating in front of the tower. They would float slowly by the tower and then seem to ascend slowly to about 500 feet and cease to be visible. As we stood there we next saw some more light balls floating down the runway from the North end of the runway and do the same thing. We watched this happen for perhaps 20 minutes. It was very easy to let yourself get pretty excited and so we called our GCA and asked them if they say anything. My memory says that they could not find anything on their screens but that they did sight them when they went outside . Their view point was from the East side of the runway slightly to the South of the tower. We were all dumbfounded by this activity. After about 20 minutes the frequency of sightings seemed to decrease to a point of none for 15 minutes and then two balls would appear and do the same thing. After standing in the chill evening air we finally retired to the O Club for a few drinks and talk about what we had seen.

At this point I should relate the weather conditions. It was cool and very damp with a light fog in the air. The night was clear of clouds.

This strange happening was seen on several nights during the next few

weeks. Always the same direction and pattern seemed to be the order of things. Some times there were a lot of sightings and other times only a very few. Spooky to say the least.

The conclusion reached for this series of UFO events came about a few weeks later when I just happened to mention the subject to my landlord who had a family estate about four miles from Bentwaters. He said, "oh yes, these lights have been seen many times over the years and long before you came, even during the war and perhaps before." At this point he stated that " these lights only happen during periods of damp slightly foggy weather. They are caused by autos following the road way that runs almost straight at the runway and then turns to the West about a quarter mile from the runway." .... "The cause was determined to be auto lights on approaching machines being somehow reflected by a layers of cold damp air that lay over the area of the airbase as a low altitude." Sounded like a winner to me so we tested the theory and guess what, that was the source of the UFOs.

Testing was easy but it was not easy to find the proper conditions and we waited a long time to get a sighting that would allow us to test. When the time arrived we drove down the road toward the runway while observers were standing around the tower. As we descended the high ground North of the runway we would turn the lights off and on for a distance of about a half mile just before the road turned West. Yep, you guessed it. The observers say our lights blink off and on but only by watching the floating balls of light as they drifted by. That was enough for me to say the we had found the source of our "Bentwaters UFOs".

There was [another] event that occurred early one evening some time doing this period of sightings. It consisted of a strange bright light that seemed to be directly East of the Base and was acting sort of oddly. I scrambled in an F-86 and went out over the North Sea chasing it. I used afterburner in the climb and the "thing" just ran off and left me. As I broke out of a layer of poor visibility at about 25,000 feet I finally got my mind to see what was really out there and make the decision that there was no way to ever catch up. It was a nice big star that sure had me going for a few minutes. At about 30,000 feet I reported the star and came home. Just goes to show you that you can really get fooled visually by lights that are effected by water vapor in layers of air. I felt a bit foolish after I returned from that one.

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Comments welcome!

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X-Originating-IP: 172.186.170.155  
Date: Sat, 20 Apr 2002 14:47:53 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: [UFORL] Re: 'To Chinese UFO buffs...'

Regarding:

>From: <praufo@aol.com>  
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>  
>Subject: [UFORL] Re: 'To Chinese UFO buffs...'.  
>Date: 17 April 2002 11:46

>CNN - Lobbying for study of UFOs (2:30)  
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>[...]  
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>This Link Is In Low 56K WinMedia:

Thanks for highlighting the multimedia feature.

I'm not so sure about claims that 'UFOs' are treated more seriously and with an 'open mind' in the 'east'.

Surely, as ufology's genesis originated, evolved and remains primarily popularised in the 'west', the contrary is true?

>Note: The 1000 year old drawing.

One of those images is particularly interesting, although there's no background information given.

It's the drawing of a spiral with 'Chinese roof' [is this supposed to look like a 'flying saucer'?] above - just before the stated "1000 year old drawing of an Emperor meeting a 'flying boat'".

It's comparative to depictions of spirals which are so inherent to Celtic art and even going back circa 2000 BC. For example, the Neolithic passage tomb at Fourknocks Hill, in north Co. Dublin, dating from around 2000 BC, contains this strikingly similar spiral detail:

<http://www.celtic-connection.com/myth/myth-gal/four-knocks.jpg>

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Date: Sat, 20 Apr 2002 14:54:48 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: [UFORL] Re: 'UFOs Shattering Peace and Quiet'

Courtesy of ananova.com:

\_Expert claims Bavarian meteorite announcement was wrong\_

A German scientist claims a supposed meteorite found after strange lights were seen over Germany is just an ordinary rock.

The tennis ball-sized object was thought to be evidence of a meteor strike in Bavaria.

But Dieter Heinlein says it was just slag material which is common in the region.

However, he is sure meteorites did fall in the region that night and is now searching for the evidence.

A farmer's wife said she found the rock in a 3ft wide crater in her vegetable patch.

Officials from Munich's Institute for Geology told the media it was a meteorite.

Dieter told Ananova: "I have seen about two dozen specimens which have been brought by people who thought they had found meteorites but no real meteorites have been found yet. It is not easy to search for meteorites but we are hopeful."

He has spent 25 years studying and collecting space rocks and has worked for Germany's space and aeronautics agency - the DLR.

Dieter is now locating the area in the Alpine foothills most likely to have been hit by the meteorites. He said: "They are interesting because they are extraterrestrial matter which can tell us more about the origins of our solar system."

Dieter hopes to measure the radioactivity in the rocks, he said: "The sooner we find them the better chance we have of measuring the short-lived isotopes present in them."

[END]

See:

[http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm\\_565692.html?menu=news.scienc  
eanddiscovery.phenomena](http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_565692.html?menu=news.scienc<br/>eanddiscovery.phenomena)

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Date: Sat, 20 Apr 2002 14:56:00 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: [UFORL] 'Would you believe?'

Courtesy of National Post Online:

Would you believe?

Callers to Art Bell's radio show get genial tolerance for their  
creepy tales

Robert Fulford  
National Post

It was the middle of the night, as it always is, and Jim in Wolfville was on the line, calling all the way from Nova Scotia to Art Bell's home radio studio in Pahrump, Nev. (pop. 7,400), where Jim's and Art's voices were being beamed up to a satellite so they could be sent back down to about 500 radio stations across the United States and Canada.

Jim is one of us, one of 10 million or so listeners (occasional, frequent or obsessive) to the most outlandish long-running radio show anywhere, Cross Country with Art Bell, a five-hour program much loved by night workers, insomniacs and those who enjoy visiting the outer reaches of human credibility.

Bell may be the only broadcaster in the business who will never scoff at you when aliens land their ship in your backyard. He won't think you odd if you yearn for yet one more discussion of the famous 1957 Chevrolet that "just fell out of the sky" some years ago in Long Beach, Calif. On his show a typical caller begins, "I'm phoning about the stories about mysterious balls of light."

Jim was calling from Wolfville because he was bothered by some ghost voices, messages from the Beyond, that Art's guests of the evening had taped in graveyards and were now playing on the air. The spirits on the tapes said nothing interesting, of course. Like all dead people ever contacted by spiritualists, they apparently thought that just getting in touch was enough, like remembering to phone your Mom on Sunday. They certainly didn't feel called upon to communicate anything they had learned on the Other Side.

But Jim wasn't concerned about that. He was worried because he had distinctly heard the ghosts on the tapes ... breathing. As he said, "It is kind of interesting that the ghosts have to breathe. If that's the case, do they eat?"

I suspect Jim was a skeptic pretending to be innocent, but Bell took him seriously. He treats unbelievers and believers with the same genial tolerance. "Good point," he said. "After all, they're dead. What do they need with breathing sounds?"

One of the tape-collecting spiritualists was ready for that question. "To be honest," he answered, "I really don't believe they are actually breathing. I think it's a memory thing. They're remembering how they talked in life, and to do that, they had to breathe. That's how they communicate with us." Bell, who has been hearing creative explanations like that for more than two decades, pronounced this one good, in fact perfect. His voice conveyed his warm appreciation of a sure-footed researcher.

Bell himself is an object of curiosity to many listeners. Who is he, and does he believe what all those people tell him? He was born in 1945, to a father and mother who were both U.S. Marines. He worked as an operator in radio stations and finally landed an on-air job. He specialized in unexplained phenomena, from UFOs to spontaneous human combustion, because he realized no one else was mining those subjects. Now he sometimes limits callers to one topic ---- he'll open a specific phone line for, say, vampires, or time travellers.

His listeners' stories often sound true to him. He believes spaceships visit Earth, and thinks he's seen one. He takes a friendly interest in all the people who phone, whether he agrees with them or not.

"I help them tell their story and let the audience judge. I don't laugh at them. I listen." No one screens the calls.

The tales that come to life on Bell's show range from the eccentric to the downright creepy. The second category includes the Hale-Bopp comet in 1997. It was on Bell's show that someone first reported an alien spaceship was shadowing Hale-Bopp in the general direction of Earth. The rumour spread, and 39 members of Heaven's Gate, a California cult, killed themselves in the belief that the spaceship would take them to a better place.

Bell's fans don't blame Bell: He carried debunking material about the story as well as the story itself, and in any case the cultists had been waiting for a sign. They might just as easily have found it in the words of Stairway to Heaven.

In Austin, Milwaukee, Orange County and other places, Art Bell chat clubs have sprung up so people can get together and talk about what they've heard on his show. His listeners love to figure the angles on whatever phenomenon comes up. One of his

callers, after hearing a program on people who died during operations and then came back to life, demanded to know why these were called "near-death experiences" when all the signs indicated the patients were in fact dead. Proudly, this caller announced that he'd worked out the answer: Insurance companies don't want to pay death benefits to the same person more than once.

Then there was the man who phoned to express his concern about cloning and criminal justice. Won't cloning mean that a person's DNA will be no longer be unique and therefore won't be admissible as evidence in criminal cases? Bell replied, "That is really an awfully good point. If you had a bunch of clones and there was a murder, you'd have no way of separating the suspects ... There would be no DNA evidence that would stand up in court." That sort of question would occur only to a Bell fan.

Stephen Osborne, the editor of Geist magazine in Vancouver, told me a few years ago that I should listen to Bell. Osborne occasionally passes on details of callers I've missed, such as the man who hit a 700-pound Sasquatch on a road in the Midwest last summer. He had moved it, with jeep and winch, to what he called his "Y2K-fallout shelter," and it seemed still to be alive. He wanted Bell himself to take charge of it. He didn't trust anyone else. Bell advised him to call a vet and promised to put him in touch with a Sasquatch expert. In Bell's world it is taken for granted that there's an expert on everything, whether the thing itself exists or not.  
[END]

See:

<http://www.nationalpost.com/commentary/columnists/story.html?f=/stories/20020416/652746.html>

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From: Frits Westra <fwestra@hetnet.nl>  
Date: Sun, 21 Apr 2002 12:37:13 +0200  
Subject: [UFORL] Fwd = [IMO-News] Details on April 6, Southern Bavaria Fireball

Forwarded by: fwestra@hetnet.nl (Frits Westra)  
Originally from: imo-news@yahoogroups.com  
Original Subject: [IMO-News] Digest Number 300  
Original Date: 19 Apr 2002 10:31:23 -0000

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Date: Thu, 18 Apr 2002 00:46:43 +0200  
From: "Pavel Spurny" <spurny@asu.cas.cz>  
Subject: EN060402 bolide

Dear all,

I am sending you the information about the results on the EN060402 bolide which was observed by many people over a large territory of Central Europe. As you can read below, it was a really exceptional case.

The April 6, 2002 fireball

A very bright fireball illuminated large territory of Western Austria and Southern Bavaria on Saturday evening, April 6 at 22:20:18 local time (UT+2h). The fireball was observed by many casual witnesses over the territory of almost whole Central Europe, but most observations were reported from Bavaria and Western Austria. Except of numerous visual observations, the fireball was recorded by several kinds of scientific instruments. The most important records were obtained by the systematic long-term observational photographic program - the European Fireball Network (EN). The records were taken at 5 German, one Czech and one Austrian station of the EN. Each of these stations is equipped with one all-sky camera, which is open whole night and whole sky is photographed on one image. The German and Austrian stations are equipped with mirror all-sky cameras and are operated by the German Aerospace Center DLR, Berlin. The Czech stations of the EN are equipped with very precise Zeiss Distagon fish-eye objectives and are operated by the Astronomical Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Ondrejov. Most Czech stations had cloudy skies on April 6, however. The photographic records are most important for exact determination of the fireball atmospheric trajectory, including prediction of meteorite impact area and derivation of heliocentric orbit. In addition to these photographic data, the



fireball was recorded by three radiometric systems placed in the Czech Republic at Ondrejov Observatory and Kunzak station, which gives us basic information about light curve and maximum brightness of the fireball and about exact time of the event. Furthermore the fireball was recorded by at least at two infrasound stations, one located at Freyung, Germany (see <http://www.seismologie.bgr.de>) and second at Deelen, The Netherlands (see <http://www.knmi.nl/~evers/infrasound/events/020406/bavaria-bolide.html>) and also at several seismic stations from Austria, Southern Germany and Switzerland.

All data presented below are based only on above-mentioned photographic and radiometric data recorded within the EN observing program and are very close to final values. All records were measured, reduced and all computations were performed at the Ondrejov Observatory, the headquarters of the European Fireball Network.

The fireball started its almost 92 km long luminous trajectory at an altitude of 85.6 km about 15 km NE from Innsbruck, Austria (longitude 11.564 deg E, latitude 47.304 deg N). Maximum brightness of about -18 absolute magnitude was reached in a bright flare at a height of 21 km near Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany (longitude 10.91 deg E, latitude 47.51 deg N). The fireball terminated at an altitude of only 15.8 km about 20 km W from Ga-Pa (longitude 10.85 deg E, latitude 47.53 deg N). Such deep penetration of a fireball is very scarce and this fireball belongs to the deepest ever-photographed fireballs in the history. It also implicates, that some part of the initial mass survived the ablation processes in the atmosphere and landed on the ground as meteorites. The slope of the atmospheric trajectory to the Earth's surface was 49.5 degrees. The fireball entered the atmosphere with the velocity of 20.9 km/s and during its flight substantially decelerated to the final value of only 4 km/s, when ablation process was stopped. According to the dynamic behavior in the atmosphere this fireball belongs to the fireball type I, which is usually identified with stony material, mostly ordinary chondrites. The initial dynamic mass of the entering meteoroid was about 500 kg and most of this mass was ablated and only about 30 kg of total mass could land on the ground in several fragments. The impact area is relatively large, it is at least several kilometers long and about 1km wide. The main fragments will lie eastwards from Schwangau, Germany. Smaller fragments could be found also around the Austria-Germany border westwards from Ga-Pa. The whole area is located in high mountains (the Alps), which is unfortunately very unfavorable for any systematic search.

From: "Robert McLean" <robert.mclean2@virgin.net>  
Date: Sun, 21 Apr 2002 12:46:53 +0100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Bentwaters/Woodbridge UFOs

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From: "David Clarke" <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2002 11:33 AM  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Bentwaters/Woodbridge UFOs

> Greetings list,

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> During my research into the 'classic' Bentwaters-Lakenheath radar UFO  
> event of 1956, I've traced a number of former RAF and USAF personnel.  
> One in particular, a pilot who flew with the USAF 512th FIS based at  
> Bentwaters in 1955-57, was directly involved in the 'search' for the  
> radar UFOs and has some very interesting comments on light phenomena  
> produced by unusual weather conditions on the twin-base complex.  
> His comments may be a highly significant clue towards the nature  
> of the lights seen in Rendlesham Forest in 1980.

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> He writes:

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> "The UFO became a very familiar event for us at Bentwaters during our  
three  
> year  
> assignment there. I have a pretty good memory of a number of UFO sightings  
> and of trying to chase one night. We really were a bit disturbed about  
some  
> of the things we sighted until the sightings were explained. I will relate  
a  
> couple of the more significant events to you and you can judge for  
yourself  
> what we concluded.

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> Bentwaters AFB had UFO sightings that really kept us excited for  
weeks  
> in 1956. The event that really started the whole thing consisted of a  
phone  
> call from the tower operator asking us to take a look at the strange  
lights  
> that were "floating" on front of the tower. It was early evening and there  
> were only a few of the pilots in the ready room so we all ran out to the  
> tower to see what was happening. I have to say that there were strange  
> glowing balls of light floating in front of the tower. They would float  
> slowly by the tower and then seem to ascend slowly to about 500 feet and  
> cease to be visible. As we stood there we next saw some more light balls  
> floating down the runway from the North end of the runway and do the same  
> thing. We watched this happen for perhaps 20 minutes. It was very easy to  
> let yourself get pretty excited and so we called our GCA and asked them if  
> they say anything. My memory says that they could not find anything on  
their  
> screens but that they did sight them when they went outside . Their view  
> point was from the East side of the runway slightly to the South of the  
> tower. We were all dumbfounded by this activity. After about 20 minutes

the

> frequency of sightings seemed to decrease to a point of none for 15 minutes

> and then two balls would appear and do the same thing. After standing in the

> chill evening air we finally retired to the O Club for a few drinks and talk

> about what we had seen.

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> At this point I should relate the weather conditions. It was cool and

> very damp with a light fog in the air. The night was clear of clouds.

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> This strange happening was seen on several nights during the next few

> weeks. Always the same direction and pattern seemed to be the order of

> things. Some times there were a lot of sightings and other times only a very

> few. Spooky to say the least.

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> The conclusion reached for this series of UFO events came about a few

> weeks later when I just happened to mention the subject to my landlord who

> had a family estate about four miles from Bentwaters. He said, "oh yes,

> these lights have been seen many times over the years and long before you

> came, even during the war and perhaps before." At this point he stated

that

> " these lights only happen during periods of damp slightly foggy weather.

> They are caused by autos following the road way that runs almost straight at

> the runway and then turns to the West about a quarter mile from the runway."

> .... "The cause was determined to be auto lights on approaching machines

> being somehow reflected by a layers of cold damp air that lay over the area

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From: "David Clarke" <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>  
Date: Sun, 21 Apr 2002 20:05:32 +0100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Bentwaters/Woodbridge UFOs

Hi Robert,

Thanks very much for this - I will forward your message to my fighter pilot friend and ask him for clarification.  
I'll post his reply to the list when received.

Many thanks

Dave Clarke

----- Original Message -----

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Subject: Re: [UFORL] Bentwaters/Woodbridge UFOs

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From: voyager@ukonline.co.uk  
X-Originating-IP: 172.181.250.160  
Date: Tue, 23 Apr 2002 02:38:32 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Rendlesham UFO [1/2]

Regarding:

>From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>  
>Date: Wed, 17 Apr 2002 12:09:22 +0100  
>Subject: [UFORL] Rendlesham UFO

John wrote:

>Has anyone seen this "report"?  
>  
><http://www.bentwaters.org/rendleshamufo/cd-idnh.htm>  
>  
>It makes an interesting read.

John,

Thanks for highlighting this.

I have previously been in contact with Chuck Dalldorf, as mentioned in 'Voyager Newsletter No. 17':

A military exercise seems unlikely as it was the Christmas holiday period, plus, any night-flying operations had effectively been ruled out. Also during 1998, Chuck Dalldorf told me:

"I was an aircraft maintenance technician with the 81st TFW working on A-10A and prior to that F-4D's during my tour which lasted from December 1977 through July 1981. I had also been assigned several times to the 67th ARRS on temporary duty to work on both the HC-130N/P's and the HH-53's as well.

[...]

One issue I would like to address right away is, the 67th ARRS did not scramble any missions (either HH-53 or HC-130 during the week between Christmas 1980 and New Year's Day 1981).

There were no alerts anytime during the week between Christmas, 1980 and New Years Day 1981 at RAF Bentwaters or RAF Woodbridge. No alerts for the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing (A-10A) or for the 67th ARRS (HC-130 and HH-53).

[...]



There was a trip that I helped run with my landlord, Joe Haninia of Woodbridge Town who ran a travel service for the base called Big Ben Travel. The trip went from RAF Bentwaters to Edinburgh to celebrate Hogmanay in Scotland. We left the base and were not recalled. There were 28 people on the trip from both the 81st TFW and the 67th ARRS.

[END OF NEWSLETTER EXTRACT]

Col. Halt also substantiated there were no helicopter flights during the 'second' incident, when he became personally involved.

From: voyager@ukonline.co.uk  
X-Originating-IP: 172.181.250.160  
Date: Tue, 23 Apr 2002 02:40:27 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Rendlesham UFO [2/2]

Continuation...

Although it merely compounds matters further, there's another testimony which could be more significant than initially realised.

From: "james\_easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
X-Originating-IP: 137.195.176.10  
Date: Tue, 23 Apr 2002 09:54:42 -0000  
Subject: [UFORL] 'Green goo conjures up alien theory'

The Associated Press  
4/22/02 10:15 PM

VERBENA, Ala. (AP) -- The eerie green glow emanating at night from a field had folks in Chilton County wondering whether aliens chose Alabama as a landing ground or grave site.

The green light was seen March 16 in a 100-foot by 75-foot field off Chilton County Road 59.

"It was plumb weird looking," said Rodney McGuire. "I'm 54 years old and I've lived in Chilton County all my life and I've never seen anything like it."

McGuire called for backup and asked Bill Collum, director of the Chilton County Emergency Management Office, to take a look.

"When Rodney called me he said 'There is green stuff all over this field and it's glowing,'" Collum said. "Rodney said, 'You better bring your Geiger counter. It might be radioactive.'"

Not to worry -- an extra-terrestrial invasion isn't on the way, and the Geiger counter showed no evidence of radiation.

The mystery was solved by Chilton County Extension Agent Gary Gray, who said the green substance was actually a glowing fungus that grows on decaying wood. It has been known variously as fox fire, will-o-the-wisp, cold fire and faerie fire.

Sandy Wimberley, whose parents own the field, said the fungus grew on stumps and limbs left after her parents cleared the land.

"We were just amazed to see something glowing in the dark like that," Wimberley said.  
[END]

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Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Green goo conjures up alien theory'

I've seen this stuff when I was a kid in the woods at a boy scout camp.

Bob Young

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From: Ktperehwon@aol.com  
Date: Tue, 23 Apr 2002 11:57:19 EDT  
Subject: [UFORL] Where in the world...

...is Simone Mendez?

COLLEAGUES, FRIENDS, ENEMIES ET AL.:

Does anyone out there know the whereabouts of Simone Mendez and, if so, how I might contact her?

I would like to send her inscribed copies of my Roswell (in which she's mentioned and her assistance is acknowledged) and Jim Moseley's and my new Shockingly Close to the Truth!

If you have any information that might help, please contact me off-list. Thx. -- Cheers, KARL

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Subject: [UFORL] Colin Bennett on pelicans

Comment read in a footnote of Colin Bennett's "Looking for Orthon"

Note 139 (p. 219)

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Date: Wed, 24 Apr 2002 01:17:57 -0000  
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Bentwaters/Woodbridge UFOs

Regarding:

>From: "David Clarke" <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>  
>Date: Sat, 20 Apr 2002 11:33:58 +0100  
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] Bentwaters/Woodbridge UFOs

Dave wrote:

>During my research into the 'classic' Bentwaters-Lakenheath  
>radar UFO event of 1956, I've traced a number of former RAF and  
>USAF personnel.

Dave,

The results of your research are some extremely significant  
witness testimonies.

>The conclusion reached for this series of UFO events came about  
>a few weeks later when I just happened to mention the subject to  
>my landlord who had a family estate about four miles from  
>Bentwaters. He said, "oh yes, these lights have been seen many  
>times over the years and long before you came, even during the  
>war and perhaps before." At this point he stated that "these  
>lights only happen during periods of damp slightly foggy  
>weather. They are caused by autos following the road way that  
>runs almost straight at the runway and then turns to the West  
>about a quarter mile from the runway."  
>  
>"The cause was determined to be auto lights on approaching  
>machines being somehow reflected by a layers of cold damp air  
>that lay over the area of the airbase as a low altitude."  
>Sounded like a winner to me so we tested the theory and guess  
>what, that was the source of the UFOs.

It's always welcome to actually have a 'remarkable' and seemingly  
inexplicable UFO sighting resolved.

>There was [another] event that occurred early one evening some  
>time during this period of sightings. It consisted of a strange  
>bright light that seemed to be directly East of the Base and was  
>acting sort of oddly. I scrambled in an F-86 and went out over  
>the North Sea chasing it. I used afterburner in the climb and  
>the "thing" just ran off and left me.

If that had been the end of this newly reported, historical UFO



incident, it would qualify as a 'classic' case and assuredly evidence, notably from an experienced pilot, that we are being visited by infinitely more advanced space beings.

Suggestions it might have been, for example, a star would be, by some, scoffed at and denounced as absurd.

>As I broke out of a layer of poor visibility at about 25,000  
>feet I finally got my mind to see what was really out there and  
>make the decision that there was no way to ever catch up. It was  
>a nice big star that sure had me going for a few minutes. At  
>about 30,000 feet I reported the star and came home.

I would have thought this account is an important discovery and reaffirms the parameters within which UFO reports must be evaluated.

It helps to define the boundaries of UFO perceptions and how even something so mundane as a star can be responsible for military aircraft being scrambled in a 'UFO chase'.

An exceptional and landmark insight.

Dave, your posting has reminded me of another, contemporary testimony which seems worthwhile recalling.

I have highlighted the details previously, however, it was so long ago that I can't remember where and when. It may only have been in private discussions and never before revealed publicly, until now.

The story comes from Roy Dent and I first heard of it from Jean-Pierre Pharabod, who, appreciating my undoubted interest, thoughtfully obtained Roy's permission that I might pursue this further directly with Roy.

Jean-Pierre clarified:

"I think you will be interested in knowing that in 1956, there had probably been another kind of Lakenheath incident over Great-Britain.

This case has just been unveiled in the skeptic discussion group. Of course it could be a hoax, but from the general discussion on skeptic it think it's unlikely. Roy Dent agreed that I pass on this case to you. Up to now he thought he could not speak of this because of the British Official Secrets Act".

During April, 1996, Roy had initially commented on a well-known

Skeptics mailing list:

I'm not aware of what qualifies Tony Mills to comment on the performance of radar in the 1950's - I assume that he is referring to the incident quoted briefly below in this posting - but my excuse is that I was a radar operator with the RAF in Norfolk during the period in question.

Although it is true that radar had not reached today's level of sophistication, it was quite definitely far superior to what Mr Mills would have us believe, and was perfectly capable of tracking \*conventional aircraft of the period\* with a claimed accuracy in range and bearing of less than 100 yards (if my memory serves me correctly). It is true that height information was much less reliable.

The 1956 incident which I witnessed was not at night, it was during the afternoon, but was certainly sometime during the summer and pre-Suez. The objects, which caused a \*major\* 'flap', certainly came into UK air space over the North Sea, but initially from a northerly direction. At that time this was the favoured direction for a sneak attack on the UK by the Soviet Union. I cannot remember the height, suffice to say that I remember it as being well above the operational ceiling of RAF fighter at that time. As I said above height information was not as accurate as range and bearing. What was amazing was the speed at which these things moved. After forty odd years I cannot remember an exact figure, but one could get a rough idea of speed by noting the distance between the traces of the targets produced by successive scans of the radar head. Instead of the modest little jumps that even experimental aircraft such as the P1 (later the Lightning) took, these things leapt across the screens. Fighter aircraft were scrambled eventually (mainly Javelins I think) from bases around the UK as these targets proceeded to make a Grand Tour of Britain. They "flew" so high and so fast that none of our aircraft could get anywhere near them. Eventually they disappeared somewhere over the Atlantic I think, they certainly went out of radar range.

During this chase, I was able to hear what amounted to a running commentary from other stations in the RAF's chain of air defence radar stations around the country, plus some comments via vhf radio from the fighter pilots. Dozens of aircraft and their crews were involved, scores of radar operators and Air Defence staff knew/heard/saw what was happening. And yet, to the best of my knowledge, this incident never got reported publicly. I wonder how many similar events there have been over the years?

To this day I do not know what I witnessed, I have kept a completely open mind on it, but I am still very intrigued....

I will be watching the BBC2 TV program with great interest, I will reserve \*my\* judgement on it until I have seen it.  
[END OF COMMENTS]

The BBC2 TV program referred to was Jenny's feature on the Lakenheath case.

In our subsequent discussions, Roy confirmed:

I watched Jenny Randles' program with great interest, particularly the events over Norfolk and Suffolk. I have to say that the incident I witnessed was quite definitely not the same one as in that program, although there were distinct similarities.

What I observed certainly happened in the same year, it was sometime during the summer, I regret that I cannot be precise with dates after all this time, but it was certainly in the period between noon and 16.00. To answer another of your questions, I was stationed at that time at RAF Trimmingham, which was on the Norfolk coast a few miles from Cromer, and just outside the village of Mundesley. We were mainly operating as part of the UK's Air Defence Radar chain which consisted of ourselves, RAF Buchan in Scotland, Ventnor on the Isle of Wight, and possibly one or more similar stations further west in the UK, but I simply cannot now remember. There was also a similar station at RAF Neatishead, which I believe is still operational, which had similar equipment but which operated only 'during office hours'.

Neatishead was at the time our Sector, to whom we directly reported. Trimmingham operated twenty four hours a day, and after midnight we were usually the only station of our type operational. At those times, the area for which we were responsible included all of the UK, plus much of Northern Europe, and extended deep into Eastern Germany.

On the afternoon in question, I was acting junior N.C.O for our watch ('B' Watch if I recall correctly) although my substantive rank was only SAC. There would also have been, beside a crew of about twelve other ranks, a Senior N.C.O (Sergeant or Flight Sergeant) plus the Officer of the Watch a Flying Officer. We worked a rather peculiar twenty four hour watch system which meant that on that day we were on duty between 12.00 Noon and 16.00, then again that same midnight until 08.00 the next morning. I am therefore able to be fairly precise with the time, if not the date. That afternoon my task was to monitor the direct landlines which connected us to all the other stations in the

chain, maintain our log book (I wonder if these and other logs still exist?) and keep a general watch on what was being plotted on our table. Obviously when any unusual or unidentified "raid" - that was the term we used - was plotted, the Senior N.C.O and Officer of the Watch would be alerted. In fairness they would usually spot oddities before we did!

Because of my task that day, I was able to hear what all the other stations in the chain was seeing - I could hear their plotters directly - and I was also able, by means of my patch panel, to plug into and legitimately listen to conversations between GCI controllers on the ground, and the fighter aircraft which they were attempting to vector onto their targets. There were thus \*at least\* a hundred or more (I would estimate) witnesses to the event, both on the ground and in the air. \*All\* the ops. rooms would have been keeping logs of the events as I was.

Additionally, and I do not believe this is generally appreciated now, all stations of our type routinely took photographs of the radar display on film every 15 seconds. This film could then be projected onto plotting tables etc. for display. This animated film was also used from time to time for practice/training purposes. This film was kept, unusual events would be kept in this way indefinitely. I suggest that film of radar screens recording this, and perhaps similar events, is almost certainly still in existence somewhere in either the MOD or Public Records Office. I wonder if researchers have ever asked to see this kind of evidence? In Jenny Randles fascinating BBC2 program we saw her examining lots of paper files, we saw what looked like routine library clips of rocket launches, but no mention of radar film.

Final note, the radar equipment mainly involved (as far as I'm aware) was Marconi Type 80 (long distance surveillance radar) and Type 13 (I don't know the maker) for information on altitude.  
[END]

I had almost forgotten about this.

One response on the Skeptics list was that the objects were probably meteors, a suggestion which Roy was apparently duly skeptical about.

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&gt;Just goes to show you that you can really get fooled<BR>

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Hi David,<BR>

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What a very strange F-86D Sabre "night fighter" pilot<BR>

story(s)?<BR>

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post 1945 knew quite well that<BR>  
<B>"You can not chase STARS"</B> - they will not <I>"just ran off</I><BR>  
<I>and left me"</I> as our above story tells us. The miss<BR>  
identification of stars as objects is just <B>crazy</B>. (Unless<BR>  
the pilot is crazy?)."<BR>  
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Did all pilots have such knowledge?&nbsp; I don't think so.&nbsp; It is far too  
absolute a statement. History has shown the pilots and aircrews do misidentify stars  
and planets.&nbsp; Didn't pilots and aircrews try and shoot down Venus during  
WWII on raids to Japan?&nbsp; How about this one from Hynek's research in  
1953:<BR>

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"And another sighting - in Northern Michigan - on July 29 of last year, a pilot chased  
a brilliant multicolored object close to the horizon, and due north. He flew at 21,000  
feet, followed the object for over a half-hour but could not gain on it. Radar operator  
[in the aircraft] reported contact with the object for about thirty seconds. And ground  
control interceptor station reported blips too [on its radar]. In this case, it seems  
certain that our harried pilot was pursuing [the star] Capella! Capella was at lower  
culmination, that is, at the lowest point of its swing around the pole just skirting the  
horizon. I have seen it at that position myself in Canada, and can vouch for the fact  
that its blue, yellow, and red twinkling can be spectacular." (Klass UFOs: The public  
deceived - p. 78)<BR>

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Of course, there is the pilot who chased Venus in the Condon report.&nbsp; He never  
caught up to it&nbsp; (See Case 37).<BR>

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Alan Hendry's book includes many observations of stars and planets <BR>

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"Included among these shapes are: discs and discs with domes ("Like two plates put  
together"-case 332; "elongated, as big as a distant plane"-case 377; "dome on top and  
bottom" - for one and a half hours in case 332), domes, a "plate with a hole in the  
center," vertically oriented small triangles, ovals, a football ...even "teacups,"  
"Mexican sombreros," and "bananas as large as the moon, shrinking back down to a  
star." People have seen "spikes," beams," "appendages," and sparkles shooting out in  
all directions from bright stars."&nbsp; (Hendry 28)<BR>

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Since eyewitnesses could mistake stars and planets for such objects, why not pilots?&nbsp; Do all pilots have a working knowledge of the stars and planets (which shift position in the sky being morning or evening objects depending on time of year)?&nbsp; I think you give pilots far too much credit for being so knowledgeable.&nbsp; If WWII pilots could try and shoot down Venus thinking it was a "spotlight plane" to direct intercepts, I think a pilot could mistake a star for a UFO.

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"However, for a light source to give you an <B>illusion</B> that<BR>

it's an object; you need a number of things to happen -<BR>

just a few are:<BR>

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\* The target or objects must have a mean<BR>

&nbsp;visual mag of -3.8 and above.<BR>

\* Motion across a darker field.<BR>

\* Rotation or flicker.<BR>

\* Parallax."<BR>

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Are these absolutes?&nbsp; Hmmm...I recall reading about experiments with points of light giving the idea that there was motion to the observer if they look at it long enough (autokinesis).&nbsp; Then there are Hendry's observers who swore they saw UFOs instead of stars and planets (actually giving size to point sources).&nbsp; While in Michigan and seeing policemen point to Arcturus as a UFO, Hynek remarked that it was a "sobering demonstration".&nbsp; How could police officers determine a point source was a UFO when it's magnitude was only 0 (much dimmer than the -3.8 you give), have no parallax, and no apparent motion (there was the normal motion of the earth's rotation but too slow to really perceive)?&nbsp; The only possible one on your list is "flicker" which in astronomical terms is "scintillation" for stars.&nbsp; This is what often produces odd effects (such as shifting colors, sparkling, etc.) on stars, especially when they are low in the sky. This was the case in !

Michigan and easily could have been the case in the F-86 story.&nbsp; The pilot reported unusual atmospheric conditions which would tend to give a false impression and make a star scintillate.&nbsp; BTW, in 1956, Venus was a morning star in the east and Mars was having a close opposition making it bright&nbsp; (better than -2) in the east in the evenings.&nbsp; Of course, it could have been the bright star Sirius (another common UFO) but there are no details to pin this one down. I think you make too many absolutes and do not take into account the "human" factor of the eyewitnesses involved.&nbsp; <BR>

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If you look at Hynek's, The UFO Report, we discover that pilots were the most likely to misperceive a known source as a UFO.&nbsp; Hynek declared:<BR>

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"What we have here is a good example of a well-known psychological fact:

"transference" of skill and experience does not usually take place. That is, an expert in one field does not necessarily "transfer" his competence to another one."&nbsp; (page 261)

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To suggest that the F-86 story is a "flight of fancy" is to disregard a lot of history on UFOs and astronomical sources.&nbsp; As an amateur astronomer for thirty years I know how little people really understand the night sky.&nbsp; I would not be suprised that a pilot was tricked by a star. It happens a lot more than you seem to want to believe.<BR>

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Tim Printy<BR>

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Regarding:

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>motto should be "some people will disbelieve anything".

Luis,

Thanks for mentioning these amusing remarks!

This is presumably the same Colin Bennett [I've personally never heard of him] of whom Peter Brookesmith recently wrote:

>From: Mendoza <Horseman@onetel.net.uk>  
>Date: Thu, 11 Apr 2002 00:02:44 +0100  
>Subject: [UFORL] Re: Voyager Newsletter No 21  
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>"On a more general note, I learned at the FT UnCon just held  
>that skeptics are a nasty virus who hate "that infinite capacity  
>for wonder that defines human beings", for whom the truth is  
>"nearly always 'terrible'" as well as "vicious, destructive, and  
>cruel". And also I learned that "the common phrase...[today] is  
>Thou Shalt Not See Intelligently Controlled Flying Disks in the  
>Atmosphere of Mother Earth. It sounds familiar: such a systems-  
>blindfold was not only applied to witches, it was applied with  
>vastly more terrible effects in Mao's villages, and in the  
>prisons and concentration camps of Stalin and Hitler." Thus  
>spake Colin Bennett. So mind where you put your foot, folks".

I am entitled to expect that Bennett understands the fundamentals of my FT article, before he comments on it.

It was never my "idea" that Arnold possibly observed a squadron [strict terminology] of American White Pelicans, a bird species I had been entirely unfamiliar with.

My 'idea' was a logical conclusion that those nine objects in formation, presupposing they were not alien spaceships [the most unlikely scenario of all] had to be either aircraft or birds. As previous investigations seemed to have ruled out aircraft being responsible, an obvious research undertaking was to contact Pacific North-west ornithologists and ask if the flight attributes described by Arnold were recognised by them.

This had never previously been pursued.

It was \_their\_ expertise which resulted in a number of responses offering the exact same conclusion - an undulating, intermittently 'fluttering and gliding', echelon formation was a distinctive characteristic of American White Pelicans, indigenous to Washington state.

It's also not my fault that Arnold's preferred sketch of said objects resembles a bird, infinitely more than a flying saucer.

It is of course astonishing to find out that Bennett is an aficionado of George Adamski and Venusians who drop in for tea.

So far as 'flying saucers from outer space' and due skepticism are concerned, the onus is on believers to provide some tangible evidence - an elementary criteria which hasn't been satisfied in over FIFTY years of fervent endeavours.

As that will evidently never happen, they are often merely reduced to bewailing their woes.

Despite over half a century of chasing rainbows, a premise somehow remains that science and the media do not have sufficient intellectual capacity to accept the alien visitation evidence in front of them.

Take, for example, those authentic Trent photographs of rear-view-mirror-like alien saucers, the saucer and beamship phenomenon as documented by Billy Meier and Ed Walters, ever-multiplying scores of genuine Government documents which

anonymously surface and prove that ETs were found at Roswell. There's now even secret Government film of them being dissected.

Not to mention the crop circles which no human could have created, NASA's cynical moon landing hoax and Mars face cover-up coercion, plus tales of alien terror accurately recalled under reliable, regressive hypnotherapy.

It's so overwhelming that people are stupid if they can't see this.

Of course, if none of these examples are remotely dependable and most of them blatantly bogus, then the opposite must equally be true.

If one believes in any proclaimed 'scientific enigma' which doesn't factually exist, it has to be eternally frustrating when you can't produce convincing substantiation, will never be able to and much of what you championed as 'best evidence ever' is inevitably exposed as quite the reverse and confirmation merely of being gullible.

It's not so long ago since Michael Hesemann chided me:

"I saw the tent footage many times and just the speed of the movements and also the sharpness of the images indicates it was shot with a 16 mm camera and not with video. The only reason why Ray doesn't like it is that it is so bloody dark (dimly lit) and looks pathetically bad. I personally think it shows the being when the medics try to remove its spacesuit. A tent in the desert at night... with no electricity, that's why it is so dark. But all these sceptics will say again: Look, they have something to hide, looks, why is it so bad...".

Michael is seemingly undeterred that the 'tent footage' was subsequently proven to have been filmed with a colour video camera in a Bedfordshire barn, starring the local butcher as Hesemann's medic and the farmer as President Truman.

Someone mentioned to me that Hesemann recently wrote to 'UFO Updates', avowing, "Regarding my alleged 'gullibility' I am one of the very few UFO researchers who try to find the truth 'out there', by extensive field investigations in 44 countries of the world. I think I work too hard and too carefully to be 'easily deceived'."

Hesemann, apparently taking it all very seriously, was on this occasion responding to comments raised at a MUFON conference and which supposedly came from one of Billy Meier's ET contacts, a

'Plejaran called Ptaah', who claimed Hesemann worked with too many charlatans, was easily fooled and also believed that he [Hesemann] might be an alien.

Hesemann is of course a well-known promoter of Meier's flying saucer photographs/contactee tales and defender of their legitimacy.

It's this typical background which ensures that skepticism will never owe ufology any apologies.

Starved and devoid of the proof it so craves, the campaign for acceptance of alien visitation reality - it used to be called 'ufology', I think it's now known as the 'Disclosure Project' - forcibly resorts to anecdotes. Any fantasy which emerges when 'hypnotised' can be declared corroborative evidence.

Not that I would wish to offend any self-professed 'me too' abductees, as they might hit me with their handbags.

And that's just the guys!

The telling feedback from my 'Fortean Times' article came via objective researchers and informed case historians such as Robert Sheaffer, not Adamski or Gulf Breeze, etc. devotees. It was also welcome to receive an endorsement from Martin Kottmeyer, whose earlier research I had built on.

Amongst the most significant endorsements were comments expressed by Dr Jacqueline Mitton, Public Relations Officer for the Royal Astronomical Society these past 13 years or so.

Dr Mitton wrote, "I found what you had to say of great interest and your detailed research adds strong weight to the interpretation of Arnold's sighting as birds".

Dr Mitton considered that my research, particularly the profound repercussions resulting from an almost certain identification of 'Arnold's peak', merited being presented to the 'British Association for the Advancement of Science'.

Apropos disenchantment from Bennett and his ilk, I would have to be comfortable with such peer review from somewhat more scientific sources, not all of which I can publish, at present.

Those who, like Bennett, perceive 'anarcho-mystical skepticism', whatever that's supposed to be, as 'a nasty virus' can doubtless

find solace in the usual ravings on 'Plejaran UpDates'...  
whatever.

Perhaps subscribers who also advocate 'flying saucers' and 'alien abductions' to be 'real', can explain how a demonstrably default skepticism of same draws a comparison to "the prisons and concentration camps of Stalin and Hitler".

I'm reminded of an apposite quote on Robert Sheaffer's web site [www.debunker.com]:

"Anyone who suggests that UFOs are anything but alien spacecraft soon finds out how it feels to be taken apart by a pack of flesh-ripping religious weasels."

Peter Brookesmith, Fortean Times, May, 2000.

Fortunately, they're effectively toothless; always have been and on current form, always will be.

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I think that's unlikely. Crew members who behaved oddly weren't generally classified as 'crazy' but as LMM - Lacking Moral Fibre - in effect, cowardice. The stigma of this alone was often enough to get them back into the planes.

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Subject: [UFORL] Re: Bentwaters/Woodbridge UFOs

On the question of 'trained observers' being deceived by planets/stars, Dr. Donald H. Menzel had this to say in a prepared paper for the 'Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects', July 29, 1968:

[...]

Nevertheless, the UFO buffs believe, almost as an article of faith, that "trained observers," such as military or airline pilots, could not possibly mistake a meteor, a planet, a star, a sundog, or a mirage for a UFO. This viewpoint is absolutely nonsense and the Air Force files bear witness to its falsity! They contain thousands of solved cases -- sightings by "reliable individuals" like the pilots: But such persons have made huge errors in identification.

A huge meteor flashes in the sky! The co-pilot thinks it is going to strike the plane and takes evasive action. The pilot disagrees and he is right. The UFO proves to be a fireball or meteor a hundred miles away! Such occurrences are frequent, not rare. They have even increased with the growing number of re-entries and spectacular decay of satellite debris from the space operations of the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R.

Distances overhead are uncommonly hard to estimate -- either on the ground or in the air. A bird's feather, shining brightly in the sun and floating a mere 20 feet overhead may seem to be a distant object moving at very high speed. Conversely, a pilot may think that a bright object on the horizon, in reality a star or planet, lies just beyond his wing tip. Sometimes, a layer of warm air, sandwiched between 2 layers of cold air, can act as a lens, projecting a pulsing, spinning, vividly colored, saucer-like image of a planet. Pilots, thinking they were dealing with a nearby flying object, have often tried to intercept the image, which evades all attempts to cut it off. The distance may seem to change rapidly, as the star fades or increases in brightness. Actual "dog fights" have been recorded between a confused military pilot and a planet. I myself have observed this phenomenon of star mirage. It is both realistic and frightening.

Such observations fortified the UFO legend -- that these objects "maneuver as if under intelligent control." But the pilots failed to realize that the "intelligent control" came from within themselves. And I think that Air Force personnel of Project Blue Book still do not appreciate this important UFO phenomenon.

Mirages are not the only apparitions that appear to maneuver. I think I was the first person, to point out that a special kind of reflection of the sun (or moon), sometimes called a sun dog (or moon dog), also can perform evasive action. Layers of ice crystals are necessary, like those found in cirrus clouds. An aviator flying through cirrus sometimes sees a peculiar metallic appearing reflection, a reflection of the sun or moon. He may elect to chase it. The apparition will recede if approached, or approach if the pilot reverses his course. The object seems to execute evasive action! As the pilot runs out of ice crystals, the UFO will seem to put on a burst of speed and disappear into the distance.

But such behavior does not imply, as the UFO addicts argue, the presence of an intelligent pilot to guide it. No! It's like chasing a rainbow, which recedes as you approach it or advances as you move away.

As we look over the Air Force files, we find that some 90 per cent of the solved cases result from the presence of material objects in the atmosphere. I list some of these objects. Reflections from airplanes, banking in the sun, simulate saucers. Momentarily, a bright reflection appears and then vanishes. The plane is invisible in the distant haze. An imaginative person concludes that an interplanetary vehicle has come in fast, reversed course, and rapidly receded into the distance. Often the observers say "It couldn't have been a plane," because "no noise was heard" or because "it moved too swiftly." And yet careful study proves beyond doubt that the object was indeed an aircraft. The brilliant landing lights of a plane can almost dazzle a person on the ground. Sometimes such lights may appear to be very close -- only a few hundred feet away.

You'd be surprised at the variety of mundane objects that people have reported as UFO's. Balloons, child's balloons, weather balloons lighted or unlighted, and especially those enormous plastic balloons as large as a ten-story building, which carry scientific instruments to altitudes of 100,000 feet! Reflecting full sunlight while the earth below lies in dim twilight, these balloons shine more-brilliantly than Venus! Advertising planes or illuminated blimps frequently become UFO's.

Birds, by day or night, often reflect light from their shiny backs. Windblown kites, hats, paper, plastic sacks, feathers, spider-webs, seed pods, dust devils have all contributed their share of UFO sightings. Insects single or in swarms. Saucer-shaped clouds, reflections of searchlights on clouds! Special space experiments, such as rocket-launched sodium vapor releases or balloons from Wallop's Island have also produced spectacular

apparitions! Ball lightning and the Aurora Borealis occasionally contribute.

Reflections from power lines, insulators, television antennas, radars, radio telescopes, even apartment windows! These, too, have produced realistic UFO's.

I could add to this list almost indefinitely. But the chief point I want to make is that simple phenomena like the above have tricked intelligent people into reporting a UFO.

[...]

On our return across Minnesota we had an experience which I have always remembered as illustrative of the fallacy of all human testimony about ghosts, rappings, and other phenomena of that character. We spent two nights and a day at Fort Snelling. Some of the officers were greatly surprised by a celestial phenomenon of a very extraordinary character which had been observed for several nights past. A star had been seen, night after night, rising in the east as usual, and starting on its course toward the south. But instead of continuing that course across the meridian, as stars invariably had done from the remotest antiquity, it took a turn toward the north, sunk toward the horizon, and finally set near the north point of the horizon. Of course an explanation was wanted.

My assurance that there must be some mistake in the observation could not be accepted, because this erratic course of the heavenly body had been seen by all of them so plainly that no doubt could exist on the subject. The men who saw it were not of the ordinary untrained kind, but graduates of West Point, who, if any one, ought to be free from optical deceptions. I was confidently invited to look out that night and see for myself. We all watched with the greatest interest.

In due time the planet Mars was seen in the east making its way toward the south. "There it is!" was the exclamation.

"Yes, there it is," said I. "Now that planet is going to keep right on its course toward the south."

"No, it is not," said they; "you will see it turn around and go down towards the north."

Hour after hour passed, and as the planet went on its regular course, the other watchers began to get a little nervous. It showed no signs of deviating from its course. We went out from time to time to look at the sky.

"There it is," said one of the observers at length, pointing to Capella, which was now just rising a little to the east of north; "there is the star setting."

"No, it isn't," said I; "there is the star we have been looking at, now quite inconspicuous near the meridian, and that star which you think is setting is really rising and will soon be higher up."

A very little additional watching showed that no deviation of the general laws of Nature had occurred, but that the observers of previous nights had jumped at the conclusion that two objects, widely apart in the heavens, were the same.

Those words came from a book called "Reminiscences of an Astronomer," published in 1903 by Simon Newcomb, who was in charge of the American Nautical Almanac office from 1877 until 1897. The event actually occurred in 1866. The similarity to modern UFO's is overpowering. A star cavorting across the sky! Military officers as responsible witnesses!  
[END]

The full text is online, courtesy of the 'National Capital Area Skeptics', at:

<http://912a-87.umd.edu/ufosymposium/menzel.html>

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Hi Tim,<BR>

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Thank you for your interesting reply, I will try and address your<BR>  
thoughts and ideas on the subject as best as I can without going<BR>  
off in an oblique direction.<BR>

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You asked:<BR>

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I agree. There is no such value as an absolute. Not in this world<BR>  
of chance. However, I can find some paths that look absolute<BR>  
especially in mathematics etc.<BR>

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But - did I post that? Hmm&#x2013;<BR>

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Was it your thought or mine - I don't toil in absolutes, never<BR>  
have and at present have no reason to change.<BR>

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Yet it's an interesting point Tim, as by signalling out that </FONT><FONT  
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I view the topic as an absolute, it gives one the impression<BR>  
that you believe I (we) don't recognise that pilots make mistakes?<BR>  
The problem with this rationalisation is that you also would need<BR>  
me to somehow explain away or hide every aircraft accident and a<BR>

100 years worth of documentation about pilots and their errors.<BR>  
How could anyone do that.<BR>

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My point is if I thought that pilots were all perfect then how do I<BR>  
explain the other things they get up to?<BR>

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<B>Tim the records are full of pilot mistakes.</B> <BR>

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However, a question one needs to address is more to do about the<BR>  
irrational activity of flying or chasing after an unresolved point<BR>  
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Hmmmâ€¦<BR>

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Conversely, I have many accounts were the opposite is<BR>  
reported and the illusion is that a moon, planet, UAO or UFO <BR>  
are "following you as you drive" etc. This is a very common<BR>  
description.<BR>

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This perception of motion while you're in transit is well<BR>  
documented and again to a trained eye quickly eliminated.<BR>  
However, to a child and many adults it still looks real and may<BR>  
need some explanation and demonstration to eliminate the effect.<BR>  
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Shit I think most (too absolutes?) would shoot at the anything!<BR>  
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Some aircrew are just crazy. I wonder what 0.5 tracer rounds<BR>  
look like as they fall short of a star? And how would you blaze<BR>  
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As well as this <I>Capella</I> has a Mag: 0.08 (Variable). It pumps<BR>  
out around 900 photons / cm^2 / Å... at you.<BR>  
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I am talking about stars not planets. The word "<I>morning star</I>"<BR> is a strange & interesting problem on its own. But some<BR> other time.<BR>

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physics here folks.<BR>

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My copy of the <I>Condon Report</I> is well worn, and I have used it<BR> for years. Like you I will refer back to it for opinion and<BR> direction and still do. However, over the years with new data on<BR> the cases, improved research on topics in the report and the added<BR> (positives) release of more information from the Government <BR> the Condon Report is not that credible. In fact in my opinion,<BR>

I would only recommend it as a <B>must read</B> but go away and do<BR>  
a rewrite. The report is defunct these days. Some of the data is<BR>  
redundant and obsolete. It has served its purpose.<BR>

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Have you really thought about its purpose?<BR>

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The <I>Alan Hendry's</I> references are easy. These effects are well<BR>  
documented refraction, reflection, scatter, lens, inversions,<BR>  
mirages etc and the more human visual problems such as the<BR>  
PONZO illusion etc. Very interesting subjects but it's still<BR>  
first year astronomy, no argument from me.<BR>

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I have some problem with his afterburner climb to 30,000ft<BR>also.<BR>

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For all we know the CO pulled one on him. He may need the<BR>scramble exercise or better still some poor fool at OPS<BR>sent him off without getting confirmation. So in the end this<BR>pilot saw a star, climbed to 30,000ft for the ride told the OPS<BR>it was a star (doh) and came home, threw the report in the<BR>bin and went to the pub and had a good gripe about the OPS.<BR>Who can tell but its just as valid.<BR>

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On a serious note. Your comment to me </FONT><FONT COLOR="#0000ff" style="BACKGROUND-COLOR: #ffffff" SIZE=2 FAMILY="SANSSERIF" FACE="Arial" LANG="0">"Are these absolutes?"</FONT><FONT COLOR="#000000" style="BACKGROUND-COLOR: #ffffff" SIZE=2 FAMILY="SANSSERIF" FACE="Arial" LANG="0"><BR>should be directed to the F-86D Sabre "night fighter" pilot.<BR>The facts are in 167 words we have nothing to measure the<BR>validity of the conclusion. Now that's an </FONT><FONT COLOR="#0000ff" style="BACKGROUND-COLOR: #ffffff" SIZE=2 FAMILY="SANSSERIF" FACE="Arial" LANG="0">absolute</FONT><FONT COLOR="#000000" style="BACKGROUND-COLOR: #ffffff" SIZE=2 FAMILY="SANSSERIF" FACE="Arial" LANG="0"> fact!<BR>

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Best regards to you,<BR>

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John Auchettl<BR>

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Astronomers and their expressions!<BR>

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Imagine how a child would respond to:<BR>

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**<B>"Scintillation Scintillation Quantum Corona".</B><BR>**  
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Give me the good old:<BR>  
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**<B>"Twinkle Twinkle Little Star".</B><BR>**  
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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Date: Fri, 26 Apr 2002 15:59:01 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: BBC Radio Mod X-files

There is another factor that has not been entered into this discussion yet - the total inability of the human visual system to determine the size, distance, or speed of an UNKNOWN object against the sky, or against the ground when seen from the air.

Sure, any competent airman can tell the distance of an airplane, and gage its speed pretty well too. But he recognizes it as a particular kind of airplane, and thus has knowledge of the true size.

From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Date: Fri, 26 Apr 2002 17:30:43 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Bentwaters/Woodbridge UFOs.

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-----Original Message-----

From: praufo@aol.com [mailto:praufo@aol.com]  
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2002 07:40Subject: [UFORL] Re: Bentwaters/Woodbridge UFOs.

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@ a journey to nowhere. This red herring is like the swamp gas excuse,  
@ life is just too short to re-run this same old movie. I agree it's an easy  
@ excuse but it's not rocket science.

It is no red herring. I have many cases in my files where trained police officers went chasing stars or planets. In each case, once an astronomer pointed out that the object the police were pointing out to him was Mars, Capella, Sirius, Jupiter, or Venus, then the sightings stopped.

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I am an indirect witness to this. On 10/16/1973, my city was in the midst of a rash of UFO sightings. I decided to go out that evening and see if I could find out what was going on. I found a location which gave me a clear view of the entire sky, with only a small obstruction to the west in a distant row of trees.

I observed from 7 pm until 12 pm, EST. I saw one meteor, two airplanes, some stars, and Mars glowing brilliantly in the east. Mars was at opposition, and was brighter than it was last year. But not one UFO showed up. I took reference photos of Mars and of one of the planes.

The next day, I waited for the papers to come, to see if any UFOs had been reported. There was a rash of sightings that night. There were two groups of sightings with different characteristics:

1. One group of people several miles west of my location reported that a low flying UFO had come from the northwest, passed

overhead, and disappeared in the southeast.

That same day, the paper also reported that the remains of a fire balloon had been found on Rockport Road, about where the UFO had disappeared.

2. Two other groups of people about 2 miles west of me reported a stationary UFO which seemed to them to be hovering right over my position. Since I didn't see it, it must have been either something very close to where they were and below my horizon, or Mars, which was in the right direction, but way beyond my position.

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@ CONDON REPORT - CASE 37.

@ An interesting case to reference Tim.

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@ conveniently killed off.

There is an interesting phenomenon in UFO sightings. I like to call it "told where to look".

Most laymen think of RADAR as being a kind of TV picture of what is in the air. With transponders on all planes, this is generally true. But in 1967, only a few military and commercial flights had transponders. Everything else in the air was just a blip. Adding to the confusion, there were also blips which did NOT correspond to something known to be in the air - all of the time, not just during UFO sightings. Which is why RADAR now has transponders on all aircraft - the spurious blips (including stray UFOs) will no longer show on the screen.

If a RADAR operator was asked to find a target in a specific direction or area in the days before universal transponders, he would inevitably find one of those spurious blips, and tell the person calling that he had something there.

The spurious blips were eventually traced to several different causes:

- Ground objects high enough to reflect the beam back.
- Multipath interference, where the beam can bounce off of two or more objects in sequence.
- Corner reflectors on the ground. One operator was able to tell a construction company owner where all of his dump trucks were.
- Second pulse (or second trip) echoes. These are echoes from objects so far away that the RADAR set had already sent out a new pulse. The distance was computed from the new pulse, not the old one.

- Gremlins within the RADAR set itself. Usually these involved standing waves in the mercury delay line used to implement devices which reject stationary targets.

@ And when was the last time you read your wrist watch  
@ under the glow/light of Venus? Again some very strange  
@ physics here folks.

Oh really? I guess you have never been far enough away from electric lights for your scotopic (night) vision to switch itself on. It takes about 15 minutes of being in a very dark environment, devoid of artificial light and with no moon, before scotopic vision begins to work.

That is how long it takes the rod cells in your eye to replace the visual purple pigment (rhodopsin), which is bleached out and rendered useless by brighter light. Simultaneously, your irises have opened to the largest aperture. And then, after that 15 minute wait, the visual purple increases the gain of the rod cells, and you can see with very little light, in black and white vision.

After my scotopic vision has come on, I can read a large dial watch with thick hands. Digital watches are too small to be read, because scotopic acuity is not as good as photopic (day) acuity. And you have to look slightly to one side of the watch, because the fovea has no rod cells in it. The center of your scotopic vision becomes blurred as a result.

This does not work on a solidly overcast night with no source of light at all, unless a distant city provides enough light. Starlight is enough to illuminate things, but not a totally dark environment.

Try it! It works! But one look at a distant auto headlight and you have to start the waiting period over. Looking at stars does not restart the period. But Venus appears almost dazzling with full scotopic vision.

During World War II, many military devices were made with dim red illumination, because red light does not bleach out the visual purple. Men were trained in dark-adaptation, so they would not accidentally wipe out their scotopic vision. Light one cigarette, and it's gone.

This is also why it hurts when someone comes into your room at night while you are sleeping and turns on the light. With the gain cranked all the way up, your eyes are overloaded.

Some people have reported this ordinary phenomenon of human vision to me as though they had experienced some kind of paranormal experience. In each case, it was the first time the



person had been away from artificial light. And in each case, they were astonished when I told them that almost all humans can do this (but a vitamin A deficiency prevents it from working).

@ The big question always left out in discussions related to stars @ etc is the energy seen. How do you increase the photon stream @ from a star so that it looks like Venus? Another Hmmmâ€

You turn up the gain of the eye.

The above phenomenon, witnessed for the first time, is that striking. But since most people are never away from artificial light, they never get to use it. On the other hand, if you know how to use it, it comes in handy.

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Actually, it's probably another case of "told where to look".

Fuel was dirt-cheap before 1973. I remember one time when gasoline got down to 8 cents a gallon in 1962.

And they were still trying to understand RADAR anomalies back then, and often sent jets just to see if they could find anything.

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From: TPrinty@aol.com  
Date: Fri, 26 Apr 2002 18:53:35 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Bentwaters/Woodbridge UFOs.

"Was it your thought or mine - I don't toil in absolutes, never have and at present have no reason to change."

Didn't you state:

"Pilots, especially, post 1945 knew quite well that "You can not chase STARS" - they will not "just ran off and left me" as our above story tells us. The miss identification of stars as objects is just crazy. (Unless the pilot is crazy?)."

It seems you are saying that a pilot could never misidentify a star or chase one. Perhaps you can clarify. Are you now stating that "most" pilots would not misidentify stars?

"As an astronomer, do you believe that "You can chase a star"?"

Not myself personally but I believe that people have tried to do so. There seems to be good evidence for such in the records. Condon 37 is one example as others I posted.

"Conversely, I have many accounts where the opposite is reported and the illusion is that a moon, planet, UAO or UFO are "following you as you drive" etc. This is a very common description."

Interesting, then why do you think the opposite could not occur?

"The ground references you use to navigate (hills, trees poles etc) can turn on you in a big way. The star just sit at one place and the rest of the world near you rushes by it, however, I don't have to explain this to you, it is very common quickly overcome."

However, for a pilot flying in the sky at night, there are no points of reference. Even still, the police officers in case 37 ignored these references in their initial chase.

"Now if one decided to rationalise this false motion into wanting to chase that star then you're either dumb, crazy or have a lot of free time?"

Have you looked at distant aircraft heading towards you at night? They appear as relatively stationary points of light just like a bright star. I have seen people viewing Sirius low on the horizon, comment why the plane does not land. The scintillation effects caused the star to shift colors and give the impression of being an aircraft on landing approach. I am not rationalizing anything. I am stating that people do often misidentify stars and planets for other objects both unknown and known. You are again,

talking in absolutes. You infer that people would have to be crazy to chase a star or planet. Couldn't they simply be mistaken? Isn't that a possibility? After, all that is what the pilot states. He was somewhat embarrassed by the whole episode.

"A better hypothesis is that the crew were just trigger happy; shit scared 18 years olds who were over enemy country in the dark."

Many of these were experienced aircrews by the time at the end of the war when this occurred. They simply felt Venus might be an aircraft. It gave the impression to them that it was. Painting them as "shit-scared 18 year olds" is demonstrating a lack of knowledge on the subject of bomber crews. Don't you think the pilot/co-pilot/navigator would have told them to stop wasting ammunition? They didn't because they thought it was a "searchlight" plane as well.

"In the end Tim Venus is still there. Those crazy pilots just missed it."

They misidentified the source.

"And can someone tell me how radar locked onto a star?"

The description shows intermittent contact and not continuous contact. Radar, especially in its early use was very buggy (try reading the Invention that changed the world by Buder on the history). There is also an excellent discussion of radar angels in the condon report as well as UFOs: a scientific debate. The source of radar returns that are intermittent indicates they were probably false returns/angels.

"You will get a raft of ideas, from birds to inversions and faulty radar and if that does not work then try and discredit the operators. However, in the end the fact that a contact was established is not weighed at all and some how is dropped from the formula?"

Because, intermittent contacts can be caused by just about anything. Check out the literature on the subject. It is not evidence that there really was something being seen. If you have an intermittent contact in the direction of a light source, it is very easy to state they are the same source but that proves nothing from one point of view. It takes some triangulation of visual observations to match the contact on radar to create a match.

"Crazy science in this one folks."

Actually it is crazy science to state that the contacts could not have been spurious. Again, you are speaking in absolutes implying the radar contacts MUST be of something solid and could NEVER be something else like angels, anomalous reflections, etc. even though there are scientific studies that show such things exist!

"I am talking about stars not planets. The word "morning star" is a strange &

interesting problem on its own. But some other time."

My mistake about using the term "morning star" for Venus. Old sayings die hard. However, stars and planets essentially appear the same in the sky (with the exception that planets don't exhibit as much scintillation/twinkle as stars and that they shift position over time). They should be included since the average person can not determine the difference.

"You see if someone think Sirius as a "common UFO" then we are on a journey to nowhere. This red herring is like the swamp gas excuse, life is just too short to re-run this same old movie. I agree it's an easy excuse but it's not rocket science."

I have found that people do misidentify Sirius quite often (I should have used the term UFO turned IFO). Mostly because of it's great brilliance and the degree of scintillation it presents. In one case, I had a person tell me he was watching it split in three and merge again through binoculars. He also described it as jumping about. I was close by and went to investigate. Sure enough he was watching Sirius. Hendry reported that a significant number of his IFOs seen at night were stars and planets. It is a factor to consider when discussing lights in the sky at night. To disregard these sources as potential IFOs is not being objective in one's investigation.

"Can you explain to me Tim how the radar confirmation is conveniently killed off."

Perhaps you should read more about the case, which Dr. Craig expounded upon in his book. His description of the radar contacts goes as follows:

"He informed me that he was not even certain he had seen radar returns from the aircraft, let alone from the unidentified object. His scope showed a steady target which he assumed to be the aircraft. At the time, he thought another object might be indicated; after thinking about the incident later, however, he wasn't at all certain about the second object. The second target had "painted" on only two sweeps of the radar, separated by several sweeps in which no such target showed. It appeared that the supporting radar evidence had evaporated." (UFOS: An insiders view of the official quest for evidence, Craig 42-3)

This is mentioned in the report but you seemed to have missed that part. Here it is in case you missed it:

"Later, thinking about his experience he left word at the radar tower that he wasn't at all sure he had seen a second target. Contacted later by phone, the operator stated that he never did identify the plane, much less a second object. He had one steady target, which he assumed to be the aircraft, since it disappeared when the pilot said he was at 2,500 ft. and returning to the airport. The intermittent target painted only on two sweeps in about a minute. This was on an ASR-5 radar (which would make 10 or 12 sweeps per minute). It was early in the morning, the operator was somewhat tired at the

time, according to his own words. He was quick to point out that the intermittent target" was not a "good paint", and could well have been a ghost return."

"And when was the last time you read your wrist watch under the glow/light of Venus? Again some very strange physics here folks."

Only if you don't read the report carefully or examine the facts. The police officer stated:

"This object, whatever it was, caught up with us as we approached the city limits. The other officer started making a pretty scared sound and pointing out behind us. That is when I turned around and saw it. It lit the police car enough inside to make the hands on your wristwatch visible."

The police officers did not notice this until they returned to town. What do we have in most towns? Streetlights (not as many as today but they were present) and other sources of stray lighting. Because the car inside may have been lighter, they could have attributed it to the UFO. However, there is another factor to consider. The event happened on October 20, 1967. The moon was just past full and would have been putting out a lot of light. On a full moon (for that matter even a first quarter moon) night it would not be difficult at all to read a wristwatch. The car was apparently facing west, with the moon at a high angle shining into the front window of the cruiser. The officer did not notice the brilliance of the ambient light simply because he did not consider it until his partner pointed out the UFO was chasing them.

"My copy of the Condon Report is well worn, and I have used it for years."

As is mine. NCAS puts out an electronic version on the web. Saved my copy from total destruction.

"Have you really thought about its purpose?"

I have read many opinions, the "alternate" report (UFOs! yes) as well as Craigs take on the matter. There has been a lot of spin both ways but I think the "purpose" you are aluding to seems to be more of the standard spin that it was a coverup. That is your opinion and reflects the standard spin I read in other pro-ETH books. I feel Craig was closest on this matter.

"The Alan Hendry's references are easy. These effects are well documented refraction, reflection, scatter, lens, inversions, mirages etc and the more human visual problems such as the PONZO illusion etc. Very interesting subjects but it's still first year astronomy, no argument from me."

Hmmm....so are you saying that people can misidentify point sources as objects of distinct size and shape? I thought you stated:

"However, for a light source to give you an illusion that it's an object; you

need a number of things to happen -just a few are:

- \* The target or objects must have a mean visual mag of -3.8 and above.
- \* Motion across a darker field.
- \* Rotation or flicker.
- \* Parallax."

It seems that you agree that there is a human factor after all and that this statement is not correct (or at least is incomplete).

"No not my inference, read the original post by that strange F-86D Sabre "night fighter" pilot. Don't you find it strange that such an experienced pilot (night fighters are highly trained) comes up with such a lame account. And if you were the Base Commander of the 512th FIS I wonder how you would justify the fuel? Other questions: Who gave him the order to chase? A night fighter without a GCI? Hmm... maybe the story was designed to discredit the UFO lineage as what you call another "flight of fancy"."

It is up to Dave to produce the validity of the witness. If you are questioning if he ever was a fighter pilot, then that is a valid argument. However, at this point I am willing to figure that Dave did his homework and verified the credentials of the individual.

As for the purpose of the intercept, considering that it was during the mean old cold war, it would not be a problem to scramble a fighter after something that appeared odd or a potential threat to ground observers. Recall, this is only fifteen years after Pearl Harbor and many officers who were in charge of defending airspace would not want to end up like the poor fool who disregarding reports from a radar unit seeing a formation of aircraft (not intermittent contacts but a solid formation they could track) heading towards the island. There is the justification for expending fuel and sending up the interceptor.

As for the pilot's story, according to Dave's account the pilot reported that he could not verify the source until after he broke out of a layer of poor visibility. It seems that, as you stated about the Hendry observations, atmospheric conditions played a factor in this incident as well. Human observers on the ground apparently thought they saw an unidentified object and the jet was scrambled to check it out. The pilot also reported this in his remarks.

BTW, I think you are misreading the "afterburner to 30K" statement. It seems he used afterburner during the initial climb but not all the way to 30K. It is hard to say from Dave's account but I think it would explain some of the problems you may have with this part of the statement that was made. It is open to interpretation.

"On a serious note. Your comment to me "Are these absolutes?" should be directed to the F-86D Sabre "night fighter" pilot. The facts are in 167 words

we have nothing to measure the validity of the conclusion. Now that's an absolute fact!"

It seems you feel that the pilot may have taken off after a star after all, which is what the whole story is about isn't it?

Tim Printy

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Tim,<BR>

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I Asked:<BR>

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As an astronomer, do you believe that <B>"You can chase a star"</B>?<BR>

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You said:<BR>

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I Agree.<BR>

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I also believe that <B>"You can not chase a star"</B>.<BR>

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Now... Back to our pilot friend (note pilot), lets spin<BR>

this in another direction.<BR>

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I also believe that pilots can not catch (chase) a </FONT><FONT  
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Now I know pilots see them (a fact) and I have been told<BR>

that there is a pot of Gold at the end of that rainbow<BR>

(the Inducement) but it still wont help. Apart from<BR>

leprechauns, children, and the crazy, when it rains down<BR>

this end of the world I don't see pilots chasing after<BR>

rainbows. <BR>

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In the world of chance that's about as absolute as you<BR>

can get.<BR>



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Happy chasing.<BR>  
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Best regards to you,<BR>  
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You Asked:<BR>  
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My Reply:<BR>  
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A <B>better hypothesis</B> is that the crew were just trigger happy; shit<BR>  
scared 18 years olds who were over enemy country in the dark.<BR>  
Shit I think most (too absolutes?) would shoot at anything!<BR>  
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Your Reply:<BR>  
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experienced aircrews by the time at<BR>  
the end of the war when this occurred. They simply felt<BR>  
Venus might be an aircraft. It gave the impression to<BR>  
them that it was.</FONT><FONT COLOR="#000000" style="BACKGROUND-  
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I concede Tim.<BR>

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Your knowledge on the subject of bomber crews can not be<BR>

questioned. You are obviously experienced in this matter<BR>

and this is 'demonstrating my lack of knowledge'. <BR>

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You must be a return solider (vet).<BR>

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Your Said:<BR>

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pilot/co-pilot/navigator would have<BR>

told them to stop wasting ammunition? They didn't because<BR>

they thought it was a "searchlight" plane as well.</FONT><FONT

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It sound like a lot of wasted ammo to me!<BR>

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Dumb opposition. Flying with a <B>7 million candlepower</B><BR>

search light on or if not that - then his landing lights on or<BR>

- his nav lights on or - a cockpit light on or - was that it the<BR>

glow from that Jap cigarette? Did we believe that they (Jap's)<BR>

would fly with a light on?<BR>

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Question:<BR>

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<B>Did the Jap's go into night combat with lights on?</B><BR>

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John Auchettl<BR>

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PS:<BR>

This is getting a long way from Bentwaters/Woodbridge.<BR>

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I Asked:<BR>

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And when was the last time you read your wrist watch<BR>

under the glow/light of <I>Venus</I>? Again some very strange<BR>

physics here folks.<BR>

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Your Reply:<BR>

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whatever it was, caught up with us as we<BR>

approached the city limits. The other officer started<BR>

making a pretty scared sound and pointing out behind us.<BR>

That is when I turned around and saw it. It lit the<BR>

police car enough inside to make the hands on your<BR>

wristwatch visible."</FONT><FONT COLOR="#000000" style="BACKGROUND-  
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returned to town. What do we have in most towns?<BR>

Streetlights (not as many as today but they were <BR>

present) and other sources of stray lighting.</FONT><FONT COLOR="#000000" style="BACKGROUND-COLOR: #ffffff" SIZE=2 FAMILY="SANSSERIF"

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So it was a <B>street light</B> that "came close enough<BR> to one police car".<BR>

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The report tell us that the police knew about the street<BR> light situation - Hell that's their job and turf - they even say:<BR>

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<I>"I thought it was a new street light we had never seen before"</I><BR>

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Ok?<BR>

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How much light did they need, to read their watches, in a<BR>

car - away from a street light they had never seen before"?<BR>

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A street light puts out around 20 lx&nbsp; and&nbsp; 1.2 cd/m<sup>2</sup><BR>

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And <I>Venus</I>&nbsp; about&nbsp; 0.00014 lx <BR>

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<B>How about these gems:</B><BR>

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<I>"we stopped the car and I got out, it <B>veered</B> away<BR> and disappeared behind the trees."</I><BR>

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<I>"It came over the wooded area, over the top of the<BR>

trees, and appeared right behind the car. I would<BR>

say it was maybe <B>500 feet behind</B> us and maybe 500<BR>

or <B>600 feet high</B>, roughly guessing."</I><BR>

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<I>"We watched it until it <B>climbed</B> and took a position<BR> in the sky."</I><BR>

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As you said.<BR>

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## Science and the Teachable Moment

By Edna DeVore  
Director of Education and Public Outreach, SPACE.com

In late March, the SETI Institute education team was at the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) meeting in San Diego, CA along with about 14,000 other science teachers. It's a good thing that these NSTA meetings coincide with spring break, or no science would be taught in U.S. schools during that week every spring.

I had a long conversation with a high school science teacher about teaching science in a world where his students are continually exposed to pseudo-science, the stuff they learn from watching television and reading the tabloids. What do they believe is real? The face on Mars, alien autopsies, Area 51 in the Nevada desert as alien storage quarters, the "non-landings" on the Moon, UFO's, alien kidnappings--these are all the grist of great story telling and speculation in the media. It is easy for uncritical kids (and adults) to believe the "evidence" of alien beings and encounters when it is carefully gift-wrapped by creative television producers who crank out dramatic programs depicting these events with well-trained actors and elaborate sets. Of course, these are the same folks who bring us fantastic science fiction films which we ALL know are entertainment, not science education. Or at least I function under that illusion.

The pseudo-science accounts are carefully filmed and professionally narrated for television as "documentaries" about mysteries, or unexplained events. All aim to convince the public that aliens have been here or nearby on the Moon or Mars, and that all of the "evidence" is being covered up by a grand conspiracy of seriously un-fun people in the government, universities, and research organizations. Folks like me. Denying, providing alternative explanations, or criticizing the "evidence" somehow "proves" there is a cover-up.

About 50% of the American public believes that UFO's are real, and what they mean by "real" is that UFO's are piloted by aliens from some distant world, not Earthlings from the local Air Force Base or actors in Hollywood costumes. Think about that, and then consider teaching space science and astronomy in this social context.



Take the face on Mars. The first photograph of this bumpy mesa was snapped by the Viking Orbiter, and released by NASA (news - web sites) to the public on July 31, 1976.

It is an intriguing image, and certainly does look like a face. In fact, since then, this "face" on Mars has inspired a whole library of books and groups of true believers that now find "evidence" of a "Pyramid" and an "Inca City" as well. All, of course, photographed by Viking but "covered up" by NASA officials. Note that all of the publications help to put bread on the table and pay the rent for the creative folks churning out such books, articles, and tabloid stories about "the face."

Now, imagine being a science teacher with a classroom full of 15-year old students who believe the television accounts of the face on Mars, cities on the Moon, alien autopsies, etc., and you are teaching your unit on space and astronomy. A careful excursion through the characteristics of the planets and their moons interests your students; the red spot on Jupiter would hold at least 3 Earths, a cool factoid, but it doesn't grab them. The face on Mars does. And this was what I discussed with the science teacher at NSTA.

The face on Mars is a teachable moment. Turn your students into scientists. Present the evidence for students to consider. There is the Viking photograph, taken in 1976 and the Mars Global Surveyor (MGS) photographs taken about 25 years later. Ask the students what they see in the 1976 photograph. Like everyone else, they will see a face. I see a face in that photograph too. Humans interact with the natural world by organizing perception into recognizable form. Who has not watched clouds on a summer day and seen patterns that look like horses, dragons, beautiful men/women, ships, and such? In the early part of the century astronomer Percival Lowell was convinced that he saw canals on Mars through his telescope in Arizona. Subsequently, other observers and photography of Mars proved that his mind was connecting broken features into lines, which he perceived as canals. It was all in his mind, not on Mars. Humans are pattern seekers, and seeing familiar forms in strange places helps us to organize our perceptions of the natural world. There was a rock formation near my childhood home in the Sierra Nevada Mountains that looked like a bear, but I never assumed that it was carved by unknown beings to make me believe in them or to ponder bears. I understood that it was jagged granite, and the fact that it looked like a bear was a coincidence. I also had to stand in the right place to see the "bear"; otherwise, it just looked like a mountain peak. Like the bear, to see the face on Mars, you have to "stand" in the right place, and at the right time of day.

Move forward a couple of decades. We've returned to Mars. We have

new, higher resolution photographs of the same mesa taken by MGS and posted to the web by Malin Space Science Systems, the designers and builders of the camera onboard MGS. These are detailed, new views, including views from different places at different times of the day. The raw data from MGS is image processed to bring out the details on the mesa, and a clear explanation for how scientists accomplish this work helps students to understand that there is not cover up. It's more like an uncovering to reduce raw data to images. There are movies that allow you to "fly" around the "face" and check out the terrain for yourself. Send your students there for the evidence. What does the mesa look like when seen more clearly, more closely?

The shadows cast by the low Sun angle in 1976 created a lovely illusion, a giant face-like mesa on Mars. The new images, taken by MGS reveal the "face" as a rocky mesa, one of many in the Cydonia region of Mars. It looks a lot like mesas in the western region of the United States. In fact, it looks a lot like other mesas in that same region on Mars--similar in size, dimension, and height. It's an ordinary feature on Mars, not a gargantuan piece of artwork left to make us ponder whether Mars had been visited by alien artists who sculpted on a grand scale. But, don't ask students to "believe" in science, provide the evidence, and allow them to critically consider what we now know about the "face" on Mars. Give them the same opportunity granted the space scientists that took the images with Viking and with MGS.

Finally, ask yourself and your students how much money people made and continue to make from selling pseudoscientific accounts and films to the gullible public. That discussion might reveal why the "face on Mars" is so persistent.  
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Tim, John -

If I might interject a story here, about pilots, experience and the misidentification of objects in the night sky.

I was talking to a lieutenant colonel about the Kinross episode (you know, the airplane that disappeared over Lake Superior in 1953) and we were talking about observations. He said that he was with a flight crew (all older than 18, all experienced in night flight) as they were flying north over Canada (but were an American crew) when they saw an orange glow on the horizon. To them it looked for all the world like a huge forest fire. They all commented on it, reported what they had seen to the closest base thinking that someone might need to get out to fight the fire. Imagine their embarrassment when the forest fire was discovered to be moon rise. No fire on the horizon, just the moon.

The point here is that pilots and flight crews can misidentify mundane objects and interpret vague and ambiguous stimuli in all sorts of strange ways, which doesn't make them bad pilots or inexperienced flight crews. It merely makes them human.

And yes, for those who are interested in these sorts of things, I was a military pilot and have been in combat. And no, I never did mistake a star for a searchlight, or for tracers but have seen a lot of strange things.

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In a message dated 4/27/2002 10:29:59 AM Eastern Daylight Time, praufo@aol.com writes:

<< "We watched it until it climbed and took a position  
in the sky." >>

How long did they watch? Here, a copy armed with a shotgun once  
charged up a mountain after Venus which had been seen to "land"  
(read set) on the top of the ridge.

Never happen, right?

Clear skies,  
Bob Young

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<I>"We watched it until it <B>climbed</B> and took a position<BR>  
in the sky."<BR>  
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In typical ETH fashion you selectively quote the entire text.&nbsp;The actual end of  
this statement says:<BR>  
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"It climbed to such a height that it appeared to be a <B>STAR</B>, and that is where  
it was hanging when I got off duty at 7 o'clock and went home.&nbsp;It was still  
visible, and looking like a star at that time."<BR>  
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And that is a true indicator for the source of the UFO.&nbsp;A bright star-like object  
in the east that climbed over a long period of time (not a short period as your selective  
quote states).&nbsp;Sounds a lot like Venus but keep spinning.<BR>  
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Navy 22 years.&nbsp; However, as a WWII history buff, I do feel you are completely  
misrepresenting the individuals involved.<BR>  
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"Dumb opposition. Flying with a <B>7 million candlepower</B><BR>  
search light on or if not that - then his landing lights on or<BR>  
- his nav lights on or - a cockpit light on or - was that it the<BR>  
glow from that Jap cigarette? Did we believe that they (Jap's)<BR>  
would fly with a light on?"<BR>  
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The interpretation at the time was a light was placed on the plane to direct potential  
night interceptors to the aircraft.&nbsp; In WWII, night interception was not as easy  
as it seemed.&nbsp; The use of a searchlight to illuminate a fleet of bombers so  
fighters/AA could find them had always been used from the ground. It would not be a  
stretch to do so from the air.<BR>  
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PS:<BR>

This is getting a long way from Bentwaters/Woodbridge.<BR>  
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Yes it is.<BR>  
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@ From: TPrinty@a... <Tim Printy >  
@ Date: Fri Apr 26, 2002 10:53 pm  
@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Bentwaters/Woodbridge UFOs.

@ Tim,

@ The police officers did not notice this until they  
@ returned to town. What do we have in most towns?  
@ Streetlights (not as many as today but they were  
@ present) and other sources of stray lighting.

@ So it was a street light that "came close enough  
@ to one police car".

No, but the streetlights could have provided enough indirect  
light for reading the watch.

@ "It came over the wooded area, over the top of the  
@ trees, and appeared right behind the car. I would  
@ say it was maybe 500 feet behind us and maybe 500  
@ or 600 feet high, roughly guessing."

NOBODY has the ability to determine either of these  
numbers using just the unaided eye. You can't get any  
reliable distance, size, speed, or altitude information if the  
object is farther away than 30 feet, unless you have other  
information that independently reveals the location. Such  
information includes:

1. Identifying the object, and thus knowing its true size.  
This is how pilots can accurately determine distance

and altitude of planes. But without a known size, none of that visual process works.

2. The object flies in front of some objects and behind others, narrowing down the distance.
3. The object casts a shadow at a known location, and the sun's position in space is known.
4. Other objects cast shadows from a light source on the object.
5. The object lands at a known location.
6. Triangulation is used from two points a known distance apart, and with the observers in constant communication with each other.
7. Technology is used to measure the distance or speed independently (such as RADAR). But this assumes that both the visual observer and the RADAR have the same object under observation (which may not be the case).

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Subject: [UFORL] 'Did Jackie Gleason view UFO bodies?'

'Did Jackie Gleason view UFO bodies?'

It was a question asked, some years back, in the following 'press release':

NEW YORK - The clamorous cry "To the moon, Alice" frequently delivered on the 'Honeymooners' by the late, great Jackie Gleason, may have been inspired in part by the comic's fascination with outer space.

Gleason was an avowed believer in UFOs and, according to his ex-wife Beverly McKittrick, he even got involved in some spaced-out exploits with his friend Richard Nixon.

Beverly was a -year-old divorcee with a great golf game when Jackie met her at Miami country club. Their four year marriage ended in 1974.

In her unpublished biography of the funnyman entitled "The Great One," Beverly, Gleason's second spouse, describes a bizarre trip Jackie took with the then President in 1973 to Homestead AFB in Florida to see what see says were bodies of four dead space aliens recovered by the Air Force.

The aliens were supposedly embalmed and displayed on operating tables and classified as top-secret material. Gleason and Nixon visited the base under extremely tight security, she says.

"The significance of the information is tremendous," said Mike Luckman, director of the UFO research Center in New York. "The four bodies that Gleason saw were probably the same ones the Army recovered in 1947 at Roswell, N.M. We want to establish that link."

Gleason had a lifelong interest in the supernatural and accumulated one of the largest private libraries of esoteric and psychic literature in the country.

He even named his Peekskill N.Y. home "The Mothership" and had architects build everything in the round to resemble a flying saucer.

Said Luckman: "Most of the furniture was circular. So was the garage, which he called the Scout Ship."

[END]

One source is:

[http://www.totse.com/en/fringe/government\\_ufo\\_coverups/gleason.html](http://www.totse.com/en/fringe/government_ufo_coverups/gleason.html)

Subsequently:

'JACKIE GLEASON & THE LITTLE 'MEN FROM MARS"  
(From: UFO Universe Summer 1993)  
by Timothy Green Beckley

Way back in the mid-1960s, I got a letter in the mail from Jackie Gleason Productions, Hollywood, Florida, ordering a copy of a mimeographed booklet I had put together relating to UFOs. This, to me, was confirmation of what I had heard rumors about for a long time ... that "the Great One" was personally involved in researching UFOs. Supposedly and I've since found out that this is true-Gleason had one of the greatest UFO book collections in the world. This is where the tale gets a bit wilder. A story circulated by Gleason's ex-wife, Beverly, has Jackie actually viewing the bodies of several aliens who died when their craft crashed in the Southwest.

The story was carried originally in the National Enquirer, and though Beverly Gleason later confirmed it to members of the press who were able to track her down, independent confirmation of Gleason's supposed experience could-for the longest time-not be certified.

Now with the striking revelations of a young man who knew Gleason personally, it can safely be said that such an event did take place.

Larry Warren was an Airman First Class stationed at Bentwaters Air Force Base in England (a NATO installation staffed mainly by US. servicemen) when an incredible series of events took place over Christmas week of 1980.

[...]

"Jackie Gleason was interested in hearing my story first hand," Warren offers as a means of explaining how he met the famous comic in May, 1986. "At the time I was living in Connecticut and both CNN and HBO had run pieces on the Bentwaters case. Through mutual friends who knew members of his family, I was told that Gleason would like to talk with me privately in his home in Westchester County, and so the meeting was set for a Saturday when we would both have some time to relax." After being formally

introduced, the two men ventured into Gleason's recreation room complete with pool table and full-size bar. "There were hundreds of UFO books all over the place," Warren explains, "but Jackie was quick to tell me that this was only a tiny portion of his entire collection, which was housed in his home in Florida." For the rest of the day, UFO researcher and UFO witness exchanged information. "Gleason seemed to be very well informed on the subject," Larry says, "as he knew the smallest detail about most cases and showed me copies of the book 'Clear Intent' that had just been published, as well as a copy of 'Sky Crash', a British book about Bentwaters that was published, actually, before all the details of this case were made public. I remember Gleason telling me about his own sightings of several discs in Florida and how he thought there were undersea UFOs bases out in the Bermuda Triangle." But it wasn't till after Warren had downed a few beers and Gleason had had a number of drinks-"his favorite Rob Roys"-that conversation really got down to brass tacks."

At some point, Gleason turned to me and said, "I want to tell you something very amazing that will probably come out some day anyway. We've got em!" Got what, I wanted to know? "Aliens!" Gleason sputtered, catching his breath. According to Warren, Jackie proceeded to tell him the intriguing set of circumstances that led him to the stunning conclusion that extraterrestrials have arrived on our cosmic shores. "It was back when Nixon was in office that something truly amazing happened to me," Gleason explained. "We were close golfing buddies and had been out on the golf course all day when somewhere around the 15th hole, the subject of UFOs came up. Not many people know this," Gleason told Warren, "but the President shares my interest in this matter and has a large collection of books in his home on UFOs just like I do. For some reason, however, he never really took me into his confidence about what he personally knew to be true... one of the reasons being that he was usually surrounded by so many aids and advisers."

Later that night, matters changed radically, when Richard Nixon showed up at Gleason's house around midnight. "He was all alone for a change. There were no secret service agents with him or anyone else. I said, 'Mr. President, what are you doing here?' and he said he wanted to take me some place and show me something." Gleason got into the President's private car and they sped off into the darkness, their destination being Homestead Air Force Base. "I remember we got to the gate and this young MP came up to the car to look to see inside and his jaw seemed to drop a foot when he saw who was behind the wheel. He just sort of pointed and we headed off." Warren says that later Gleason found out that the secret service was going absolutely crazy trying to find out where Nixon was. "We drove to the very far end of the base in a segregated area," Gleason went on, "finally stopping

near a well guarded building. The security police saw us coming and just sort of moved back as we passed them and entered the structure. "There were a number of labs we passed through first before we entered a section where Nixon pointed out what he said was the wreckage from a flying saucer, enclosed in several large cases." Gleason noted his initial reaction was that this was all a joke brought on by their earlier conversation on the golf course. But it wasn't! As Gleason soon learned. "Next, we went into an inner chamber and there were six or eight of what looked like glass-topped Coke freezers. Inside them were the mangled remains of what I took to be children. Then, upon closer examination, I saw that some of the other figures looked quite old. Most of them were terribly mangled as if they had been in an accident."

According to Larry Warren's testimony (regarding his lengthy conversation 'UFOs and Space Visitors') he said he even drank more heavily than usual until he could regain some of his composure and come back down to everyday reality." Larry Warren is convinced that Gleason wasn't lying to him. "You could tell that he was very sincere. He took the whole affair very seriously, and I could tell that he wanted to get the matter off his chest, and this was why he was telling me all of this." And as far as Larry Warren was concerned, the Great One's personal testimony only added extra credibility to his own first hand experience with aliens while he was in the service.

"Jackie felt just like I do, that the government needs to 'come clean', and tell us all it knows about space visitors. It's time they stopped lying to the public and release all the evidence they have. When they do, then we'll all be able to see the same things the late Jackie Gleason did!"

Hopefully this day may arrive soon!  
[END]

See:

<http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/news2/greatone.htm>

Also:

Some of you may remember that Jackie Gleason was always interested in UFOs and the paranormal mostly due from his own sighting, but did you know he actually saw some alien bodies?

The late comedian Jackie Gleason's second wife, Beverly, tells a very strange story that she swears is the truth. One evening in 1973, she wrote in an unpublished book on their marriage, Gleason

returned to her Florida home badly shaken.

After first refusing to tell her why he was so upset, Gleason confided that earlier in the day his friend President Richard Nixon had arranged for him to visit Homestead Air Force Base in Florida. Upon his arrival armed guards took Gleason to a building at a remote location on the site.

There, Gleason, who harbored an intense interest in UFOS, saw the embalmed bodies of four alien beings, two feet long, with small bald heads and big ears. He was told nothing about the circumstances of their recovery. He swore his wife to secrecy, but after their divorce Beverly freely discussed the story.

In the mid-1980s, when ufologist Larry Bryant sued the U.S. government in an attempt to get it to reveal its UFO secrets, he tried without success to subpoena Gleason to testify. Gleason never commented on Beverly's report.  
[END]

Source:

<http://www.eagle-net.org/UFOSSI/special/gleason.html>

Plus:

In February 1973, President Richard went on one of his frequent trips to Florida. On February 19, 1973, according to White House Records, the President played a game of golf at the Inverness Golf and Country Club with Jackie Gleason.

According to Gleason's second wife, Beverly McKittrick, Gleason apparently had done more than talk and golf with his friend Richard Nixon while in Florida. McKittrick stated that one night Gleason had returned home very shaken. It was during the Nixon February 1973 visit to Florida. She related that President Nixon had taken Jackie to a heavily secured area at Homestead Air Force Base where he had viewed the remains of small aliens in a top secret repository. McKittrick related this story in an unpublished manuscript of Gleason called "The Great One."  
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Source:

<http://www.presidentialufo.8m.com/richardm.htm>

Initially, according to Beverly McKittrick's reported claims there were allegedly four aliens, "supposedly embalmed and

displayed on operating tables".

By the time of Warren's published story, they had seemingly multiplied from four to "six or eight", stored in "what looked like glass-topped Coke freezers".

A further striking discrepancy is that Beverly's tale has the visit being conducted "under extremely tight security", whilst Warren emphasises there was no security at all.

Concerning the 'http://www.presidentialufo.8m.com/richardm.htm' claim that, "On February 19, 1973, according to White House Records, the President played a game of golf at the Inverness Golf and Country Club with Jackie Gleason", I'm not aware whether this is correct, however, on said date President Nixon presented "Informal Remarks at the Jackie Gleason Inverrary Classic" at the 'Inverrary Country Club [East]' in Lauderhill, Florida:

[http://www.nixonfoundation.org/Research\\_Center/PublicPapers.cfm?BookSelected=1973](http://www.nixonfoundation.org/Research_Center/PublicPapers.cfm?BookSelected=1973)

Although it's further claimed, "McKittrick stated that one night Gleason had returned home very shaken. It was during the Nixon February 1973 visit to Florida...", I can find no evidence to substantiate Beverly McKittrick ever said those purported events occurred "during the Nixon February 1973 visit to Florida" and it seems to be an assumption entirely originating from the same author.

These anomalies duly noted, there is yet another version of a remarkably similar anecdote, which ended somewhat differently.

I would expect this isn't well-known and relates to a lengthy article entitled, 'The Other World of Jackie Gleason', by William E. Brown, Jr. and Kelley Blewster.

So far as I'm aware, it's not available online.

Brown and Blewster set the background in context:

One can only imagine the sorts of books Ralph Kramden would have favored. Spy thrillers? Mysteries, perhaps? Maybe even science fiction. Probably that's as otherworldly as the tastes of 'The Honeymooners' perpetually beleaguered bus driver would have run. Surely this working stiff with the big dreams but with feet planted squarely on terra firma would have scoffed at the books his creator loved.



Jackie Gleason had a passion for the paranormal. Any book or periodical he discovered about UFOs, spiritualism, ghosts, psychical research, metaphysics, reincarnation, psychic mediums, mysticism, mental telepathy, the occult, witchcraft, hypnotism, life after death - indeed, any kind of supernatural phenomena -- promptly joined his library of beloved volumes. He actively sought out such material, staying constantly tuned in for word about titles he hadn't yet read. At one time Gleason had a standing order with a bookdealer in New York to ship him any books on the metaphysical -- new, used, rare, or out-of-print - that the dealer found.

This is not to say that Jackie Gleason was a strong believer in the paranormal, in a league with the likes of, say, Shirley MacLaine. His widow, Marilyn Gleason, contrasts him with MacLaine, who upon recently winning a Golden Globe Cecil B. DeMille award for lifetime achievement joked that of course she would have a chat with DeMille's ghost later that evening. Mrs. Gleason says that her husband wasn't the sort who would have run out to Roswell, New Mexico, last year to join the throngs of ufologists commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of purported UFO sightings there. Rather than being convinced of the accuracy of the claims behind unexplained happenings, Gleason read and coveted these books in a genuine search for spiritual truths.

[...]

And it was through June Taylor that he met his third wife, Marilyn Taylor, June's sister and a dancer with the troupe. Though he and Marilyn met early in his separation from Genevieve and began an on-again, off-again relationship, Gleason married Beverly McKittrick immediately following his divorce from Genevieve. (He also had one other serious love affair during the years he was estranged from Genevieve, with Honey Merrill.) Jackie divorced Beverly in 1974 and married Marilyn the next year.

[...]

Some of the highlights of his collection of approximately 1,700 volumes about the supernatural, which Marilyn donated to the University of Miami Library in 1988, include attractively bound nineteenth-century volumes such as *Nineteenth Century Miracles*, or *Spirits and Their Work in Every Country of the Earth*, by Emma Hardinge Britten (1884); *The Other World, or Glimpses of the Supernatural*, edited by the Rev. Frederick George Lee (1883); and *John William Fletcher, Clairvoyant*, by Susan E. Gay (1882). An interesting selection of periodicals, some with rather lurid covers, complements the dignified-looking old books, for example, *Fate Magazine: True Stories of the Strange and the Unknown*, from

the 1950s, and *The Occult Digest: A Monthly for Everybody*, from the 1920s and 1930s.

More recent titles in the collection include *The Boy Who Saw True*, by Peter Nevill (c. 1953) and *Life on Other Planets: Extrasensory Excursions into the Cosmos*, by Mary Cain (c. 1959). The collection also contains a good number of volumes about the entertainment industry -- biographies, for example, of some of Gleason's associates.

Gleason's ability to sit and talk for hours about the paranormal sometimes mystified his friends and associates. Two writers for his show marveled at the four hours Gleason spent with Joseph Banks Rhine, a professor in the field of extrasensory perception from Duke University and the author of a favorite book of Gleason's, *New World of the Mind* (1953). As Jim Bishop recounted, the befuddled writers could only assume that "they probably floated a couple of broads in."  
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We can only wonder if Gleason's 'President quizzed about UFOs during a golf match' story has its true origins in a recollection related by Brown and Blewster and attributed to Marilyn Taylor.

Brown and Blewster write:

"Mrs. Gleason remembers with amusement a joke between her husband and Gerald Ford. While Ford was on a visit to Florida to play in the charitable golf tournament that Gleason organized for years and which bore his name, the comedian pressed the former president for the truth about UFO activity reported near a Florida air force base. "Do you think there really are men from outer space in those aircraft?" Gleason asked. Says Marilyn, "Ford gave exactly the right answer. 'Look at it this way,' he said. 'We should pay far more attention to determining if someone from the other side of Earth is hovering over us and spying on us. That would be a much more likely -- and potentially frightening -- event.'" It is doubtful that such a pragmatic answer satisfied her husband. "He would have loved for a verifiable supernatural event to have happened in his lifetime," Mrs. Gleason says. "He would have given anything to come up with the answers he sought...".  
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If Jackie Gleason had, in truth, already been so incredibly privileged to have closure of "the [UFO] answers he sought", why would he still be searching for consequential proof and "a verifiable supernatural event to have happened in his lifetime"?

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Just back on deck but thanks for that data.<BR>

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I Said:<BR>

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@ And when was the last time you read your wrist watch<BR>

@ under the glow/light of Venus? Again some very strange<BR>

@ physics here folks.<BR>

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me get this straight...<BR>

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An important post.<BR>  
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That's a fact. I absolutely <B>agree</B> with you.<BR>  
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There are some amazing pilots who we never hear from.<BR>  
If they don't run into "clouds with rocks" over the early<BR>  
years of their careers, the reports and facts they can tell<BR>  
us can be quite astonishing.<BR>  
<BR>  
Unfortunately many say little.<BR>  
<BR>  
Being a military pilot, Kevin you may find this interesting.<BR>  
<BR>  
<I>This is from a 2 minute (+) video taken in Dec 1998.<BR>  
It was taken over the ocean, west of turning point 'PROBO'.<BR>  
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"I think you give pilots far too much credit for being so<BR>

knowledgable.&nbsp; If WWII pilots could try and shoot down<BR>

Venus thinking it was a "spotlight plane" to direct<BR>

intercepts, I think a pilot could mistake a star for a UFO." </FONT><FONT

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I Noted:<BR>

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"Dumb opposition. Flying with a 7 million candlepower<BR>

search light on or if not that - then his landing lights on or<BR>

- his nav lights on or - a cockpit light on or - was that it the<BR>

glow from that Jap cigarette? Did we believe that they (Jap's)<BR>

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on the plane to direct potential night interceptors to<BR>

the aircraft.&nbsp; In WWII, night interception was not as<BR>

easy as it seemed.&nbsp; The use of a searchlight to illuminate<BR>

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etc you and I both <B>agree</B>. As you said:<BR>

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I again <B>agree</B>, as you noted (above) "Look at the facts<BR>

and not wishful thinking or <B>interpretation</B>."<BR>

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Date: Tue, 30 Apr 2002 14:33:26 -0500  
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Indiana University (812) 855-5073 Room 42  
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1025 E 7th St Rm 112 I voted for gridlock.  
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Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2002 08:53Subject: [UFORL] Re: Bentwaters/Woodbridge  
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@ Steady on there Larry you Indiana University, Room 42,  
@ Kinesiology Dept undergrads are the US finest but let  
@ me get this straight...

@ Your telling us all on this post that you have read your  
@ wrist watch under the glow/light of Venus?

Not just Venus, but the light of all of the stars in the sky  
plus any stray light scattered in the air from earthly sources  
are enough to illuminate things sufficiently to allow vision  
under dark-adapted conditions.

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There are mechanisms in the eye which accommodate to darkness, and amplify what little light is there. Many times, I have fled the city and found a place where no artificial lights are visible. Then I can become dark-adapted and observe the stars and planets. There used to be an ideal place where my family used to vacation.

Two things happen to accommodate the eye to darkness. The first is the opening of the iris much wider than it is open during the day. This allows the eye to gather much more light. It takes about 2 minutes for this to fully happen.

But then another wonderful thing happens. The eye is always cranking out rhodopsin in the rods. But in the light, most of it is immediately destroyed by light. So there is just a little available, just enough for your peripheral vision to work. But at night, this rhodopsin builds up in the rod cells, making them much more sensitive. It's like someone turned up a brightness control. After 15 minutes, you can see things around you which you could not see at the end of the 2-minutes it takes for the iris to open. And after a half hour, full night vision is available. The gain in eye sensitivity is about 10000, 10 from the iris, and 1000 from the increase in rhodopsin.

There aren't more photons coming from the star, but more molecules of rhodopsin able to receive them, and the lens is open wider. It's like we used a camera, and substituted ASA 2000 film for the ASA 200 that was in a camera before, and opened the f-stop from f22 to f5.6.

See the sensitivity vs time curve here:

<http://www.anglia.ac.uk/optometry/matthew/matthew4.html>

Note:

In the logarithmic scale of dB, adding 10 dB is the same as multiplying the number of photons by 10. So the scale on the left indicates that the number of photons required to see an object at a given threshold:

The visual threshold starts at 50 db (the first plotted point).

When it drops to 40 dB, you can see things that are 10 times fainter

When it drops to 30 dB, you can see things that are 100 times fainter

When it drops to 20 dB, you can see things that are 1000 times fainter

When it drops to 10 dB, you can see things that are 10000 times fainter

Another way to put it is that with photopic vision, you need 10000 times as many photons to see an object as you do with scotopic vision.

If you don't have night blindness, you can see a lot at night if you keep yourself dark-adapted. But most people don't know they have this power, because they have never been in the dark long enough to use it.

Sometimes I get a late start on cutting the grass. The sun goes down and it gets dark, but I keep going, because I can still see what I am doing. My neighbor used to come out and ask how I could see where I was cutting. But she had just come out of a lighted room, so she could not see the individual blades like I could.

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@ as well as another dozen light sources had influenced  
@ their night vision rhodopsin.

@ I think that's self evident.

Or did they get out and shut off their vehicles, so they could see the UFO better? Once they realized that the headlights hid the details of the UFO from their view, they would have shut off the lights to see better.

The light from their own headlights reflected from other objects is not as bright as the light coming toward them from the lights of another car. So if their own lights were not shining on anything bright, if what they were looking at was red, or if they saw red lights, the rhodopsin would not be destroyed. Rhodopsin is sensitive to green and blue light, but not red.

Also, even if they had lost the gain of 1000 from the rhodopsin, they still would have the gain of 10 from the open iris.

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One side note: I have often wondered on the Milledgeville GA case (Condon 37) whether or not the initial object was something else (e.g. a fire balloon), and then the cops got "UFO fever" and started seeing unusual lights as UFOs. I have seen this happen many times, and always after the case gets into the papers.

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Wed, 1 May 2002 10:35:31 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Bentwaters/Woodbridge UFOs.

In a message dated 5/1/2002 5:06:04 AM Eastern Daylight Time,  
lrobins@indiana.edu writes:

<<

If you don't have night blindness, you can see a lot at night if you keep yourself dark-adapted. But most people don't know they have this power, because they have never been in the dark long enough to use it. >>

Larry, Tim:

There is another problem, though, with night vision. The dark adapted eye can't resolve things smaller than about 30 minutes of arc. Reading a watch face in the dark could be done, but I usually have to hold it close to my eyes.

Bob Young

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From: TPrinty@aol.com  
Date: Wed, 1 May 2002 17:02:36 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Bentwaters/Woodbridge UFOs.

Bob wrote:

"There is another problem, though, with night vision. The dark adapted eye can't resolve things smaller than about 30 minutes of arc. Reading a watch face in the dark could be done, but I usually have to hold it close to my eyes."

It was not my contention that the police officers could read their watches because of dark adaptation. Most important were the two key sources of light that were available at the time:

- 1) The town's streetlights. They did not report the higher lighting levels until they made it town.
- 2) The moon's ambient light. The moon was just past full and the vehicle was facing west with the moon still high in the western sky (about 40 degrees by my calculations). This light would have been coming in the front windshield, illuminating the front part of the passenger compartment. This alone would give enough ambient lighting so they could read a watch.

Tim Printy

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Date: Wed, 1 May 2002 17:30:19 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Bentwaters/Woodbridge UFOs.

1/2 degree? That's the size of the full moon. It's also half the size of the fovea, which contains no rods at all. Thus, central vision is limited to 30 minutes. But around the fovea, the resolution is better, but you have to train your eyes to see where you aren't looking.

During a power failure last year, I was able to actually see the distortions of the empty foveal disc. Small objects would completely disappear if I looked directly at them. The shapes of larger objects would be distorted into simpler shapes, usually rounded or square, in the parts covered by the disc.

But peripheral vision is much better than 30 minutes. Not enough to read with, but enough to find blades of grass.

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@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: TPrinty@aol.com [mailto:TPrinty@aol.com]

@ Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2002 16:03

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Bentwaters/Woodbridge UFOs.

@

@

@ Bob wrote:

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@ dark adapted

@ eye can't resolve things smaller than about 30 minutes of

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Wed, 1 May 2002 18:44:51 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Bentwaters/Woodbridge UFOs.

In a message dated 5/1/2002 5:53:20 PM Eastern Daylight Time, TPrinty@aol.com writes:

<< The moon was just past full and the vehicle was facing west with the moon still high in the western sky (about 40 degrees by my calculations). This light would have been coming in the front windshield, illuminating the front part of the passenger compartment. This alone would give enough ambient lighting so they could read a watch. >>

Tim:

Agreed.

Bob Young

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From: voyager@ukonline.co.uk  
X-Originating-IP: 213.122.208.140  
Date: Thu, 02 May 2002 00:09:22 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: [UFORL] 'Scientific Process Is Mysterious To Americans'

Scientific Process Is Mysterious To Americans  
Wednesday, May 1, 2002

BY PAUL RECER  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON -- Few Americans understand the scientific process and many believe in mysterious psychic powers and may be quick to accept phony science reports, according to a national survey.

The survey, part of the National Science Foundation's biennial report on the state of science understanding, research, education and investment, found that the belief in "pseudoscience" is common in America. The study found that science literacy has improved only slightly since the previous survey and that 70 percent of American adults do not understand the scientific process.

America continues to lead the world, the study found, in scientific investment, in research and development and in technology advances. But it found weakness in some levels of scientific education and noted that the United States continues to depend heavily on foreign-born scientists and now faces increased competition from steadily improving scientific enterprises abroad.

A survey of 1,574 adults found that 60 percent agreed or strongly agreed that some people possess psychic powers or extrasensory perception, a premise that is generally discarded as unproven by most scientists.

Although 57 percent of those surveyed disagreed that UFOs came to Earth bearing aliens, about 30 percent believe that some reported objects in the sky are really space vehicles from other civilizations. Seventy-seven percent of those surveyed believe in the theory of global warming, that the planet is being heated by an excess of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. In response to a separate question, 86 percent said global warming is a serious or "somewhat serious" problem.

Americans were almost evenly divided about genetic engineering -- the modifying of life forms by manipulating the genes. Forty percent thought the science would produce more good than bad effects, but 33 percent feared that there would be more harm than benefit. In an effort to assess the level of general scientific

knowledge, the NSF survey asked a series of basic true-false or multiple-choice science questions. In contrast to two years ago, when half of those surveyed were wrong, a majority, 54 percent, answered correctly when asked how long it takes the Earth to orbit the sun. (One year.)

Some of the other questions, with the right answers and the percent answering correctly:

\* Lasers work by focusing sound waves. (False. Lasers focus light.) 45 percent.

\* Antibiotics kill viruses as well as bacteria. (False) 51 percent.

\* The universe began with a huge explosion. (True, according to the "Big Bang" theory widely accepted by scientists, but dismissed by some religious leaders.) 33 percent.

\* The earliest humans lived at the same time as the dinosaurs. (False. Dinosaurs died off millions of years before humans appeared.) 48 percent.

\* Humans developed from earlier species of animals. (True, according to the theory of evolution, which is accepted by the majority of scientists, but not by many religious leaders.) 53 percent.  
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Thanks to the 'Salt Lake Tribune' [and other sources which carried this story] - see:

[http://www.sltrib.com/05012002/nation\\_w/733136.htm](http://www.sltrib.com/05012002/nation_w/733136.htm)

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Wed, 1 May 2002 19:09:44 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Bentwaters/Woodbridge UFOs.

In a message dated 5/1/2002 6:47:46 PM Eastern Daylight Time,  
lrobins@indiana.edu writes:

<< But around the fovea, the resolution is better, but you  
have to train your eyes to see where you aren't looking. >>

Larry:

I brought this up because of the claim that the cops could read  
their watches. But this was not in total darkness, with the streetlights  
and the Moon.

Clear skies,  
Bob Young

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Date: Thu, 02 May 2002 00:19:57 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: [UFORL] 1 May: List Admin

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From: "Andy Roberts" <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>  
Date: Thu, 2 May 2002 19:00:11 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] Dave and Andy's Not So Weird World

People may be interested in the following article which is the lead story in the Ministry of Defence's in house Journal, Focus. It features details of the Flying Saucer Working Party and is written up by Tony Matthews, of D News, the MoDs press agency.

We are surprised that Nick Pope didn't mention it in his recent Nick Pope's Weed World, as the MOD are still Nick's employer. Has Nick been covering this up? And if so why? The public should be told!

NO ALIENS, NO FILES  
By Tony Matthews

If ET ever wants to phone home from MOD he will have a problem. After half a century of investigations, the department decided a couple of years ago that - on balance - he didn't exist.

At least that was when the Defence Intelligence Staff told the Air Staff to stop sending them reports on unexplained aerial phenomena - unidentified flying objects to you and me. For the previous 30 years not a single one of thousands of reports from both military and civilian sources had yielded any valuable information whatsoever. No extra-terrestrials or bug-eyed monsters looking to take over the planet. Not even any Earth-based enemies keen to penetrate UK air space. Just nothing!

But hold on, little green men never die; they only fade into the cosmos until the next time they are needed. Hence widespread interest in the latest revelations on UFOs with a BBC Radio 4 programme, a new book being published on May 9, and a forthcoming TV documentary covering the work of "ufologists" David Clarke and Andy Roberts who claim to have exposed an official cover-up dating back to the 1940s.

There's not much secrecy about it these days but a high point of their painstaking research in the Public Records Office and the British Library was locating a once classified report to MOD's Joint Technical Intelligence Committee by the short-lived Flying Saucer Working Party which existed 1950-51. Mysterious high speed, cigar-shaped missiles, sometimes emitting bright lights, had been spotted over Scandinavia in 1946 and "saucer-like discs" over Britain itself and the US from 1947-50. Were the Martians coming or the Soviets trying to frighten the free world?

With the Cold War at its height, Ministry officials were relieved to report mundane explanations for all the Scandinavian sightings while the Americans were said to have put the blame on misinterpretation of aircraft, balloons, meteors, stars or fireballs as well as mass hysteria and deliberate hoaxes. As for UFOs over Britain, these were largely put down to meteorites. Three particular sightings by RAF officers at Tangmere and Farnborough were explained as a weather balloon whose speed had been over-estimated and ordinary aircraft whose flying positions against the light had probably produced optical illusions. The Flying Saucer Working Party, recommending no further investigations, was promptly wound up.

But the story was far from over. The Working Party had been based at what was then the Air Ministry's Metropole Building and Clarke and Roberts have found reports that years later, technical intelligence officers were continuing to monitor UFOs there from a former attic room on the ninth floor. The pair unearthed a Sunday newspaper reporting in 1957 that, while "at airfields all over Britain fighter planes are kept ready to intercept and if necessary engage any unidentified flying object within combat range" (hardly surprising during the Cold War), the Air Ministry also had "a special department" in the Metropole Building which had accumulated 10,000 UFO reports over 10 years. Though most had been "cleared up", some remained unexplained. Defence chiefs were "taking the Flying Saucer SERIOUSLY" the paper proclaimed.

Clarke and Roberts claim to have pinpointed the exact location where this UFO department operated in the Metropole Building - Room 800 in Dome D, now empty. They visited it recently along with a TV camera crew for the forthcoming Discovery Channel programme. But in keeping with their claim of an official cover-up of UFO investigations, they point to the lack of any available files revealing what the department found.

A big mystery? Well maybe - until you remember the DIS decision a couple of years ago. Are valueless files really worth keeping? With no prior background information now available about him, it looks like ET will simply have to join the ordinary queue for his MOD security pass.

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Date: Fri, 03 May 2002 00:37:13 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: [UFORL] Re: 'Did Jackie Gleason view UFO bodies?'

Regarding:

>From: <skywatcher4u@aol.com>  
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>  
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Did Jackie Gleason view UFO bodies?'  
>Date: 30 April 2002 10:32

Nick Redfern wrote:

>Hi James, Saw your posting re Gleason. I followed up on this a  
>few years ago. The story was well known at Homestead AFB when I  
>contacted the base but treated as a bit of harmless fun or as an  
>intriguing legend depending on the opinion of who you spoke with  
>- none of which has a bearing on whether the Gleason visit  
>actually occurred or not of course! I have a copy of Gleason's  
>FBI file, which doesn't, I should stress, deal with the story at  
>all. Larry Warren told me about his discussion with Gleason  
>which made for interesting listening around 97 when he was in  
>the UK promoting Left at East Gate.

Nick,

Thanks for the feedback.

As Gleason is not personally on record as confirming the claims, we only have hearsay from two other sources, both of which give different accounts.

Although I would have thought it unlikely that Gleason made up the story related by Larry Warren, or that Warren entirely fabricated Gleason's tale, there's not much leeway for any misunderstandings and unless it's essentially true, one of these explanations must seemingly apply.

Also, Marilyn Gleason's recollections do indicate there was no such episode involving Nixon.

Surely, having later been informed by Ford that incursions by terrestrial enemies were a 'much more likely' event, Gleason would have confided, 'Mr President, there's something you should know about...'. ;)

If either Marilyn or Beverly McKittrick can ever be located and interviewed in more detail, it would be interesting to hear what they have to say, especially Marilyn's comments on the earlier

story.

James Easton.

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Granted the Gleason story is difficult to fathom without the man himself to ask. I  
certainly don't think Larry fabricated anything here at all though. When he told me  
about their discussion I believe he was speaking genuinely from memory. Am I right  
in thinking that Tim Good briefly mentioned the story in one of his books (maybe  
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James;

Evidently Beverly McKittrick had been previously located and interviewed regarding this. This occasion was published in a Buffalo, New York newspaper.

One factor that will be important to consider in this case is how the interview came about. Did McKittrick contact the Buffalo newspaper (perhaps in the late 80s) requesting to be interviewed or did they contact her seeking verification? I am unclear on how this came about, but would be curious. If she approached them, that may give us insight into her motivation.

I will try to find out more about this plus locate the newspaper article (which I have stashed away somewhere here) and try to call the reporter for clarification on how the interview came to be, if he would still be around, that is.

As for locating McKittrick, I have been trying for about a year now with no luck. I do have a private detective contact in another state that is helping me with this, as he has some contacts with a California detective who knows a thing or two about finding 'celebrity spouses.' He informed that the procedure would be for their agency to send the spouse a formal letter advising that you seek to contact them. It then remains their decision whether or not to agree to speak with whoever is looking for them.

I also had questions about this Homestead AFB issue:

- 1). Wouldn't the base security retain detail logs, morning reports or anything obtainable through FOIA regarding Nixon or Gleason showing up on the date in question?
- 2) You would think The Secret Service would create a report, note, log or file somewhere about this 'incident' if Nixon clearly escaped from their protective eye for a short period of time. Similarly, this should also be available through FOIA.

I would be happy to file these FOIA's if I knew of the appropriate agencies to target the request to. Also, it wouldn't hurt to consult with someone in

The Secret Service and/or also the Homestead AFB to see what their procedure was for creating reports, logs or files. As long as the suspected date of this alleged event is known, then that provides something to request files from. It's simply a matter of locating the relevant agencies.

Thanks,  
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From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>  
Date: Fri, 03 May 2002 02:42:59 -0700  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 'Did Jackie Gleason view UFO bodies?'

Well I'm not so sure if the information I had in that last Email regarding Beverly McKittrick's interview in a Buffalo newspaper was accurate. I had earlier stated that she had been interviewed. In going through my files and finding the original reference, it does not appear that this was necessarily a 'first hand' interview between McKittrick and a reporter as there seems to be no quotes listed. I still don't understand the nature of the article and who wrote it and under what circumstances, however. Aside from this Buffalo News article of June 12, 1987, there is a second article beneath that I do not have a date or source from. See below -- KY

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Full name: Herbert John Gleason  
Born: February 26, 1916 in Brooklyn, New York  
Died: June 24, 1987 in Lauderhill, Florida  
Eye and Hair Color: Blue and black  
Wives: (1) Genevieve Halford, (2) Beverly McKittrick, (3) Marilyn Taylor  
Children: Geraldine and Linda (with Genevieve Halford)

November 4, 1974  
In Ft Lauderdale, Jackie Gleason, 58, is granted a divorce from Beverly McKittrick, 41.

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According to a story in the BUFFALO NEWS on Sunday, June 12, 1987, Jackie Gleason was fascinated with outer space.

The text of the article is as follows:

"Gleason was an avowed believer in UFOs and, according to his ex-wife Beverly McKittrick, he even got involved in some spaced-out exploits with his friend Richard Nixon. Beverly was a 37-year-old divorcee with a great golf game when Jackie met her at a Miami country club. Their four-year marriage ended in 1974."

"In her unpublished biography of the funnyman entitled "The Great One," Beverly, Gleason's second spouse, describes a bizarre trip Jackie took with the then-president in 1973 to Homestead Air Force Base in Florida to see what she says were the bodies of four dead space aliens recovered by the Air Force. The aliens were supposedly embalmed and displayed on operating tables and classified as top secret material. Gleason and Nixon visited the base under extremely tight security, she says."

"Given the gravity of the matter and its universal implications for national security, it's hardly surprising that the TV star and the former president kept mum about it all these years."

The article also told how Gleason had accumulated one of the largest private libraries in the country, which he kept in his Florida home. I have heard this story debunked in past years, however, I have never seen any evidence of an in-depth investigation of the story. I don't expect any official release of Nixon papers on this subject, but Nixon also apparently had an interest in the subject and made noises about opening the files. I have seen no indication that any of the following field work has been done: 1) a review the contents of the Gleason private library; 2) interviews with the top 25 people involved with Gleason from 1973 until his death; 3) interviews with Gleason's drivers and pilots; 4) private interviews with Gleason's ex-wife; 5) an examination of his travel records for 1973; 6) interviews with his private physicians; and 7) an examination of where else he and Nixon visited during their friendship? Of course, this is just a beginning of a thorough examination of the possible evidence.

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<http://www.geocities.com/Hollywood/Park/1568/JackieGleason.html>

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Did Jackie Gleason View UFO Bodies?

(date and source unavailable)

NEW YORK~The clamorous cry "To the moon, Alice," frequently delivered on "The Honeymooners" by the late, great Jackie Gleason, may have been inspired in part by the comic's fascination with outer space.

Gleason was an avowed believer in UFOs and, according to his ex-wife, Beverly McKittrick, he even got involved in some spaced-out exploits with his friend Richard Nixon.

Beverly was a 37-year-old divorcee with a great golf game when

Jackie met her at a Miami country club. Their four-year marriage ended in 1974.

In her unpublished biography of the funnyman entitled, "The Great One," Beverly, Gleason's second spouse, describes a bizarre trip Jackie took with the then-president in 1973, to Homestead AFB in Florida, to see what she says were the bodies of four dead space aliens recovered by the Air Force.

The aliens were supposedly embalmed and displayed on operating tables and classified as top-secret material.

Gleason and Nixon visited the base under extremely tight security, she says.

"The significance of this information is tremendous," said Mike Luckman, director of the UFO Research Center in New York. "The four bodies that Gleason saw were probably the same ones that the Army recovered in 1947, at Roswell, New Mexico. We want to establish that link."

Gleason had a lifelong interest in the supernatural and accumulated one of the largest private libraries of esoteric and psychic literature in the country.

He even named his Peekskill, New York, home "The Mothership" and had architects build everything in the round to resemble a flying saucer.

Said Luckman: "Most of the furniture was circular. So was the garage, which he called the Scout Ship."

End of article

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Tue, 7 May 2002 03:40:02 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Kenneth Arnold Publications

Regarding:

>Date: Mon, 6 May 2002 18:36:54 +0100  
>Subject: [UFORL] Re: Kenneth Arnold Publications

I wrote:

>Coincidentally, according to Rhodes, this is the correct  
>orientation - see:  
>  
><http://www.earthfiles.com/earth099.htm>

Therein, it's claimed:

"His photographs were taken late in the afternoon of Monday, July 7, 1947 and published in The Arizona Republic on Wednesday, July 9, 1947 upside down".

The 'Arizona Republic' published two front page photographs.

However, the left-hand-side photograph as shown on the 'Earthfiles' web site is truncated and the original newspaper publication was of a much longer image, which shows buildings at the bottom.

In his 'The Mystery of the Flying Disks' FATE article, Ray Palmer notes of Rhodes photographs that, "Photo number one also included a skyline of trees and a telephone wire, adding to its authenticity".

That photograph, at least, can not be upside-down.

What I presumed to be a third Rhodes photograph was featured by the 'Los Angeles Evening Herald and Express', also on 9 July, 1947 [amidst an article on the Roswell case].

There's a copy on my web site, at:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/060.jpg>

It's now clear this is not another photograph, there were only two and the 'Los Angeles Evening Herald and Express' image is from that same left-hand-side 'Arizona Republic' photograph.

The 'object' is an artefact of some kind which can be seen in the full-length copy of Rhodes' first photograph, beneath the 'flying disk'.

What's also apparent [Ray Palmer helpfully includes a copy of the entire 'Arizona Republic' feature] is that the first Rhodes picture must surely be even more expansive than the long, relatively 'thin' strip published [I'll scan and upload a copy of the 'Arizona Republic' front-page].

Also, unless Rhodes' stated 'box camera' had a telephoto lens, the 'second' photograph as published must be an enlargement from an image which would show the proverbial bigger picture.

Rhodes photographs were allegedly 'borrowed' by 'the Government' and never returned. Did that include his negatives?

It seems we may have an answer to that question.

An online source states, "One week after the publication of the photos in the Republic Rhodes was visited by an FBI agent and a Intelligence officer from Hamilton Camp (California). The visitors flooded the witness with innumerable questions and asked him whether he would be willing to give the Air Corps the photographs "for assessment". The photographer, in good faith, let the officers take the documents, trusting they would promptly be returned to him. One month later Rhodes asked to have the pictures back but Washington replied that was utterly impossible" - see:

[http://www.jjbenitez-only-eyes.com/HTML\\_GALERIA/html%20inglesas/1947/1947\\_phoenix.htm](http://www.jjbenitez-only-eyes.com/HTML_GALERIA/html%20inglesas/1947/1947_phoenix.htm)

Although I am personally unable to verify any of this, I will assume the basic premise is factual.

It's extraordinary how this then evidently relates to Arnold's own experiences and that he may have substantiated Rhodes' claims about those photographs being procured by 'Military Intelligence'.

In Arnold's FATE story of his Maury Island investigations, he recalls how Lieutenant Brown and Captain Davidson arrived at Tacoma - Arnold had requested some 'official' involvement. Arnold immediately took them to task and relates how he essentially asked them to 'come clean' with him. What did they \_really\_ know about the flying disks.

He then writes:



"Captain Davidson asked me to come over and sit down on the bed where he took out a pencil and piece of paper and drew me some pictures. He said: 'We have several [surely only two - James] photographs in our Intelligence Department that were taken by a man in his front yard in Phoenix, Arizona, that are authentic. They are pictures and good pictures of those flying saucers or flying disks. I am drawing you here, Mr. Arnold, the photographs that we have in our possession'.

He drew me a picture. First, of an almost round object that had a dark circle in the center of it and made this remark: 'It apparently seems, according to the negative, that this flying disk had a hole in the center of it, or it could be a hole in the center of it [yes, I know this doesn't make complete sense - James].

I was being very much convinced by this time.

Then he drew another picture. This picture was really quite a shock to me. He drew a picture of a half-moon that had a sort of half-peak in the center of it. It was all rounded, easy flowing lines, and this picture was of another type of disk. This is the peculiar part of it and the reason I was shocked. On June 24th when I made my observation of the nine flying disks, the second one from the bottom looked exactly like the picture he drew. The reason that I had never mentioned it or even talked about it or said anything to anyone about this peculiar shaped disk was that I thought the angle that I was looking from was the reason why the second one from the bottom in this formation looked like the one they drew in their picture, but upon reviewing my observation carefully, I feel that if one had looked like that picture, all of them would have looked the same which, of course, they didn't. They had a convex angle at the tail instead of a more or less concave angle rounded in shape. The peculiar object which they drew is four times as wide as it is long and the tips of its wings are rather bat-like and its center of fuselage is exactly the same length as the tips of the wings".

If Captain Davidson did say, "according to the negative", it implies that 'Military Intelligence' had possession of same.

As for Arnold's comments about the crescent, bat-like shape only applying to one of the nine objects, this is the fundamental anomaly.

He did of course subsequently decide on that outline as depicting all nine objects, it's shown in some of his early sketches and Bill Bequette's pivotal 'Pendleton, Oregon East Oregonian'

article of June 26, 1947, reported:

"The Boise man, who owns the Great Western fire control supply which handled automatic fire fighting systems, described the objects as 'flat like a pie pan and somewhat bat-shaped'..."

Next day, the 'Oregon Journal' confirmed, "Kenneth Arnold, a veteran pilot and fire control engineer, Thursday clung stoutly to his story that he saw nine shiny crescent-shaped planes or pilotless missiles flying in formation..."

A perhaps little-known article seems to establish that by sometime in 1948, Arnold was comfortable with those 'crescent' flying disks.

From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Wed, 8 May 2002 00:24:14 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] Re: 'Did Jackie Gleason view UFO bodies?'

Regarding:

>From: <skywatcher4u@aol.com>  
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 'Did Jackie Gleason view UFO bodies?'  
>Date: 03 May 2002 10:09

Nick wrote:

>Am I right in thinking that Tim Good briefly mentioned the story  
>in one of his books (maybe Alien Liaison). If he did, might be  
>worth checking the references to see where he got the story  
>from. I don't have the book here or I'd check.

Nick,

You are correct, I see that the story is mentioned in 'Alien Liaison'.

It draws on the same sources as previously highlighted here, plus one other - Larry Bryant - which I will explain in a moment.

Also:

>From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>  
>Date: Thu, 02 May 2002 23:30:54 -0700  
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 'Did Jackie Gleason view UFO bodies?'

Kenny wrote:

>As for locating McKittrick, I have been trying for about a year  
>now with no luck. I do have a private detective contact in  
>another state that is helping me with this, as he has some  
>contacts with a California detective who knows a thing or two  
>about finding 'celebrity spouses.'

Kenny,

Thanks for letting us know about this. I was surprised that no-one seemed to have followed-up on obvious leads.

According to Timothy Green Beckley's 1993 article, "The story was carried originally in the National Enquirer, and though Beverly Gleason later confirmed it to members of the press who were able to track her down, independent confirmation of Gleason's supposed experience could-for the longest time-not be certified".

I've seen one reference to a related and earlier article which apparently appeared in the 'MUFON Journal, February 1988, No. 238'.

That might be informative, if any subscribers have access to a copy.

The 'National Enquirer' publication is essential evidence.

>I also had questions about this Homestead AFB issue:  
>1). Wouldn't the base security retain detail logs, morning  
>reports or anything obtainable through FOIA regarding Nixon or  
>Gleason showing up on the date in question?

If Homestead AFB truly did store alien bodies, perhaps unlikely there would be any documentary evidence of Nixon and Gleason's 'informal viewing'!

If some 'paperwork' had resulted, it would either never be found or revealed under a FOIA request, or any circumstances. ;)

>2) You would think The Secret Service would create a report,  
>note, log or file somewhere about this 'incident' if Nixon  
>clearly escaped from their protective eye for a short period of  
>time. Similarly, this should also be available through FOIA.

Interestingly, the following is cited as evidence that Nixon had on occasions intentionally 'escaped' from his security:

The obvious question that has been asked about this incident is how Nixon, the most protected man in the world, was able to get away from his secret service detail, get a car, and head off to Homestead with Jackie Gleason. The story seems at first totally impossible.

The Director of the Secret Service under President Clinton, Lewis Merletti, claimed that the idea of a President escaping his secret service agents only happens in the movies. In response to a question by reporter Joan London about the possibility of the President escaping his protection to go out and secretly do something Merletti claimed, "all Hollywood, there's no sneaking out. It has never happened."

Marty Venker, a Secret Service agent who worked with Merletti under Presidents Ford and Carter, however, tells a different story. In his book Confessions of an Ex-Secret Service Agent tells that not only can the President disappear, but it has

happened. Venker stated that in the exact year of the Homestead incident with Gleason, 1973, Nixon had tried to cut his secret service protection. Venker also stated that it was not uncommon for Nixon to try to elude his secret service detail. The agents working on the Nixon Presidential detail had been warned about it.

Venker even recounted one occasion when Nixon was able to ditch his secret service guards while at his California compound:

"Nixon always felt that he was overprotected. He felt that he couldn't pick his nose without some agent taking notes. In 1973, he tried to cut his detail by a third. 'I don't like it and my family doesn't like it,' he said."

"I'd be warned of the lengths Nixon would go to elude us. One time he snuck out of the San Clemente compound. His valet, Manolo Sanchez, drove past the agents in a car with Nixon stretched out in the back seat under a blanket. Nixon just wanted to go to a restaurant. But some reporters saw him and phoned the house. They wanted to know what Nixon was up to. The secret service told them, he's not at any restaurant, he's here at home. But then the agents found he was gone they chased him down."

Nixon was very familiar with Homestead Air Force Base which was only minutes from his Biscayne Bay compound. Every time Nixon flew south to his "Southern White House" Air Force One would land at Homestead. In Nixon's first term as President he traveled to his Key Biscayne compound 55 times and spent 118 nights there.

Gleason, on the other hand, lived in nearby Miami, and owned his own golf course, the Inverrary Country Club nearby in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

There is no proof that Nixon escorted Jackie Gleason to view alien bodies at Homestead, but everything checked out indicates it could very well have happened. It would have been very easy in terms of distance for the Gleason/Nixon alien event to have occurred.

This author wrote Gleason's third wife when Jackie Gleason died to ask for her assistance in clarifying the story. She wrote back one simple hand-written line, "So sorry we can not be of any help to you."

[END OF EXTRACT]

See:

<http://www.presidentialufo.8m.com/richardm.htm>

The 'Buffalo News' article dated 12 June, 1987, begins:

"Gleason was an avowed believer in UFOs and, according to his ex-wife Beverly McKittrick, he even got involved in some spaced-out exploits with his friend Richard Nixon. Beverly was a 37-year-old divorcee with a great golf game when Jackie met her at a Miami country club. Their four-year marriage ended in 1974."

It seems to originate from the same source as

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Gleason was an avowed believer in UFOs and, according to his ex-wife, Beverly McKittrick, he even got involved in some spaced-out exploits with his friend Richard Nixon.

Beverly was a 37-year-old divorcee with a great golf game when Jackie met her at a Miami country club. Their four-year marriage ended in 1974.

[END OF EXTRACT]

The 'National Enquirer' story must predate this by some months/years - a brief timeline:

May 1986: Larry Warren is allegedly invited to meet Gleason.

12 June, 1987: The 'Buffalo News' article is published.

24 June, 1987: Jackie Gleason dies [forty years to the day after Arnold's sighting].

If we also consider the following claims:

According to Gleason's second wife, Beverly McKittrick, Gleason apparently had done more than talk and golf with his friend Richard Nixon while in Florida. McKittrick stated that one night Gleason had returned home very shaken. It was during the Nixon February 1973 visit to Florida. She related that President Nixon had taken Jackie to a heavily secured area at Homestead Air Force Base where he had viewed the remains of small aliens in a top secret repository. McKittrick related this story in an unpublished manuscript of Gleason called "The Great One."

Larry Bryant, the editor of Just Cause, the newsletter Gleason

had a subscription to, filed a Freedom of Information Act Request with Homestead Air Force Base. Bryant requested documentation on the top secret repository and Gleason's visit there to see the alien bodies. The Air Force Base replied that " no such records existed." Bryant also sent an advertisement to the Homestead Air Force Base Newspaper soliciting information anyone on the base could provide about the alien bodies or Jackie Gleason's visit to see them. The public affairs officer at Homestead denounced the Bryant advertisement and "forbade its publication."

At the same time Bryant wrote Gleason providing him with a draft affidavit. He asked Gleason to execute the affidavit so it could be used as part of a growing accumulation of evidence Bryant was collecting in preparation for taking the government to court to release all information on alien crash retrievals. Gleason did not reply.

About the same time as Bryant was approaching Gleason to provide an affidavit about his experience at Homestead, Gleason was approached by the film industry about the rumored story. Bryant recounted the story;

"Though I never did hear from Gleason," said Bryant, " I did learn that he had been contacted by a third party in the film industry. At this confrontation, Gleason chose to neither confirm nor deny the story, saying that he would prefer not to discuss it all . The way I see it Gleason easily could have set the record straight in reply to my proposal or in an explanation to the inquisitive film-industry representative. If the story was a fabrication or misinterpretation on the part of his wife, he now had every opportunity to say so. That he chose not to merely deepens the mystery."  
[END OF EXTRACT]

Again, extracted from:

<http://www.presidentialufo.8m.com/richardm.htm>

Therefore, if Larry Bryant was able to undertake all of these enquiries and given that Gleason died on 24 June, 1987, the 12 June 'Buffalo News' article can not be the original source of Beverly McKittrick's claims.

If someone could perhaps contact Larry Bryant, it seems this can surely all be clarified.

One obvious question which arises; if Gleason told Warren about the Homestead AFB events in May 1986, why didn't Warren

apparently go public with this until 1993?

Conversely, if he didn't speak of this until 1993, what were the circumstances which resulted in him doing so at that time?

In 'Left at East Gate' [1997], Warren provides a systematic chronology of the many weird and wonderful events in his life. Although he documents that, "In June [1986], I presented a paper [sic] at the annual Massachusetts MUFON conference in Beverly", there's oddly no mention whatsoever about having just met Jackie Gleason and receiving such fundamental, first-hand, confirmation of the 'alien cover-up' reality.

Perhaps Larry Bryant can help to resolve a number of these issues and we might locate a copy of the referenced 'National Enquirer' article.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Wed, 8 May 2002 13:35:33 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] List Admin

I'm ever more concerned about copyright when reproducing articles from daily newspapers.

It's emphasised by a 'UFO' related story I was about to transcribe and which ended, "No material may be reproduced or reused without explicit permission".

One solution is that online features regularly now offer, 'e-mail this to a friend'. The difference is it will probably not be in plain text and doubtless contains advertising. However, sometimes only details of the article's title and URL are automatically sent.

I would like to proceed on a trial basis, by e-mailing any future newsworthy articles direct to the list. All subscribers can of course equally do so.

There will be over 150 list members by the end of this week and I'm aware that many others, often with media connections, read the online contents.

It's being seen as 'media responsible' which is increasingly desirable and although Internet newspaper articles may have a short life-span, as opposed to a permanent UFORL transcript, it's probable I will keep a text copy of all relevant material for personal reference.

If in future anyone therefore requires a copy of an archive article, for their own use, I might be able to help.

One of the list 'housekeeping rules' is:

6. The standard mailing list code applies and messages should be unformatted, in plain text and no more than 65 characters in length.

If replying to mail, only the relevant section(s) should be quoted, not the entire original message.  
[END]

As the 'plain text' rule has never been enforced, is commonly overlooked and no-one has ever complained, can we abolish it altogether?

Again, it's on a trial basis and if there are any objections to either proposal, please let me know at the undernoted e-mail address, not via the list.

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Date: Thu, 9 May 2002 11:39:48 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Pilots Mistaking Stars as Aircraft/UFOs

The following account, from the same Ruppelt article in "The True Report on Flying Saucers" (1967) also contains the following account, which further shows the inability of even experienced pilots to accurately measure distance, size, altitude, or velocity of unknown objects:

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The other "dogfight" occurred September 24, 1952, between a Navy pilot of a TBM and a light over Cuba. It had a sequel that revealed some fascinating information about the illusions the supposedly objective human eye can contrive.

The pilot had just finished making some practice passes for night fighters when he spotted an orange light to the east of his plane. He checked on aircraft in the area, learned that the object was unidentified, and started after it. Here is his report, written immediately after he landed:

"As it (the light) approached the city from the east it started a left turn. I started to intercept. During the first part of the chase the closest I got to the light was 8 to 10 miles. At this time it appeared to be as large as an SNB and had a greenish tail that looked to be five to six times as long as the light's diameter. This tail was seen several times in the next 10 minutes in periods of from 5 to 30 seconds each. As I reached 10,000 feet it appeared to be 15,000 feet and in a left turn. It took 40 degrees of bank to keep the nose of my plane on the light. At this time I estimated the light to be in a 10 to 15 mile orbit.

"At 12,000 feet I stopped climbing, but the light was still climbing faster than I was. I then reversed my turn from left to right and the light also reversed. As I was not gaining distance, I held a steady course south trying to estimate a perpendicular between the light and myself. The light was moving north, so I turned north. As I turned, the light appeared to move west, then south over the base. I again tried to intercept but the light appeared to climb rapidly at a 60 degree angle. It climbed to 35,000 feet, then started a rapid descent.

'Prior to this, while the light was still at approximately 15,000 feet, I deliberately placed it between the moon and myself three times to try to identify a solid body. I, and my two crew men, all had a good view of the light as it passed the moon. We could see no solid body. We considered the fact that it might be an aerologist's balloon, but we did not see a silhouette. Also, we would have

rapidly caught up with and passed a balloon.

"During its descent, the light appeared to slow down at about 10,000 feet, at which time I made three runs on it. Two were on a 90 degree collision course, and the light traveled at tremendous speed across my bow. On the third run I was so close that the light blanked out the airfield below me. Suddenly it started a dive and I followed, losing it at 1,500 feet."

When he landed, anyone who would have tried to tell him he was chasing a lighted weather balloon would have had a rough time. Twenty-four hours later, he was convinced that he had chased a balloon.

The following night, a lighted balloon was sent up and the pilot was ordered up to compare his experiences. He duplicated his "dogfight" - illusions and all. The Navy furnished us with a long analysis of the affair, explaining how the pilot had been fooled. It is recommended reading for anyone who believes that an experienced pilot cannot be fooled by what he sees.  
END EXCERPT

Notice the following excerpts, and the real reasons:

"It took 40 degrees of bank to keep the nose of my plane on the light. At this time I estimated the light to be in a 10 to 15 mile orbit"

Actually, the plane was orbiting the nearly stationary balloon light. The pilot thought it was much larger, and thus much farther away. The combination of climb and tight bank made the pilot think it was outrunning him.

"I then reversed my turn from left to right and the light also reversed."

As the plane orbited the stationary balloon light in the opposite direction, the perceived path of the object (perceived to be much farther away than it was) also reversed.

"It climbed to 35,000 feet, then started a rapid descent."

Actually, the plane flew through the altitude of the balloon and passed it, probably at about 13000 ft.

"I deliberately placed it between the moon and myself three times to try to identify a solid body. I, and my two crew men, all had a good view of the light as it passed the moon. We could see no solid body."

The plane was so close to the balloon that the aerostat was above the moon, so it was not seen. Most weather balloons have a length

of cable between the aerostat and the instrument package.

"Also, we would have rapidly caught up with and passed a balloon."

If the plane was on a course unrelated to the balloon, this would have been true. But because the plane was making course changes based on the perceived position, distance, and velocity of the "UFO", rather than it's actual position, it never could catch up with it.

"On the third run I was so close that the light blanked out the airfield below me. Suddenly it started a dive and I followed, losing it at 1,500 feet."

I would bet that the plane's wash burst the balloon at this point.

Again, the rules are:

- NOBODY can visually estimate the size, speed, distance, or altitude of anything unknown which is farther away than 30 feet if it is seen against the sky, or against a uniform background.
- If the observer knows what the object is, then he has an additional clue, because he knows the object's true size. Mental trigonometry then provides the other values. This is how pilots find the distance and velocity of other planes.
- If the observer guesses at what the object is, then this introduces a distortion into the observation. The distance, speed, and altitude estimates will be off by a factor corresponding to the error in the size estimate.
- If the object passes both in front of a known fixed object (so it obscures that object), and behind a known fixed object (being obscured by it), then the observer has a set range of distances to use as a clue to distance.
- If the object casts a shadow, and the location of both the light source and the shadow are known, then the object must be on a line connecting the light source to the shadow.
- If the object is a light source, and other objects of known locations cast shadows from its light, the location of the object can be found.
- If the object lands at a known location, the distance can be found.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Fri, 10 May 2002 03:30:32 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Kenneth Arnold Publications

Uploaded to UFORL's file area is a scan of the 'flying disk' outlines as recalled by Kenneth Arnold, subsequent to those revelations and sketches drawn by Captain Davidson:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL/files/>

This is as published in FATE, Spring 1948.

It now seems to be established that Arnold genuinely believed these were representations of a 'flying disk', photographed by William Rhodes on 9 July, 1947. As Rhodes' photographs were not featured in the national press, Arnold would have been unaware why, in truth, those outline 'flying disk' profiles were never representative of the 'object' shown in Rhodes' pictures.

That faux pas seems to have been of influential significance to Arnold, who was at the time investigating claims of a 'flying disk' which had allegedly been observed at length and had dumped material debris on 'Maury Island'. According to the claimed witness, Harold A. Dahl, his observed flying disks, 'were doughnut-shaped, with a hole in the center'.

This was clearly instrumental in Arnold's, understandable, conviction why it corroborated evidence of a 'flying crescents/disks/doughnuts/saucers' reality.

After all, hadn't the Air Force shown him a sketch of the exact same thing, taken from 'genuine' [Rhodes] photographs in their possession.

Alas, the perceived Maury Island 'flying disk' substantiation was evidently borne of a hoax, as summarised in an online article:

The "Maury Island Mystery" began to unfold around July 22, 1947 when Kenneth Arnold received a second letter from Raymond Palmer.

Palmer wrote Arnold that had received a letter from a man named Fred Lee Crisman, who had written Palmer a years earlier, claiming to have been in an underground battle with Richard Shaver's demonic "Deros". In the letter, Crisman claimed that he was a Harbor Patrolman at Tacoma, Washington and that he and an employee had seen several UFOs near Maury Island in Puget Sound.

Palmer asked Arnold to fly to Tacoma and investigate the story,

even sending Arnold two hundred dollars to cover his expenses. So, on July 29, Arnold flew down and met the next day with Crisman and Crisman's "subordinate", Harold A. Dahl.

According to Kevin Randle's *The UFO Casebook* and *Watch the Skies* by Curtis Peebles, the story they told was this:

On June 21, 1947, Dahl, his son, his dog, and two crewmen were on a boat near Maury Island when suddenly six large metallic objects appeared silently overhead. They were doughnut-shaped, with a hole in the center and rows of windows around the outside. Five of the objects were circling the sixth, which seemed to be having problems. Dahl beached the boat on Maury Island in order to take photos. The objects hovered about 500 feet over them and one of the circling objects moved in and touched the ailing one in the center. When it did so, the center object began spitting out hot metallic material from its center hole. A lot of the stuff fell on the boat, damaging it, and some fell on the dog, killing it. One piece even burned Dahl's son's arm. This regurgitation seemed to "fix" the ailing object, and all six objects headed off toward the ocean. Dahl picked up some of the debris and put it into the boat and then headed back to Tacoma. He took his son to the emergency room and then reported to his superior, Fred Lee Crisman. Crisman did not believe Dahl, and was in fact angry about the boat being damaged.

The next morning, Dahl received a visit from a "man in a dark suit", who told him that he had seen something he wasn't supposed to and warned him not to discuss it with anyone.

Crisman, meanwhile, had taken a boat out to the spot on Maury Island to investigate. He found tons of debris scattered about, and, as he was examining the debris, he saw one of the objects appear overhead.

After hearing the story, Arnold decided he needed some help, so he called his friend and fellow UFO witness, United Airlines Captain E. J. Smith. Smith said he would be glad to help, so Arnold flew up to Seattle and brought him back to Tacoma.

The two examined the debris that Dahl and Crisman brought them, and heard the story over several times. Dahl claimed the pictures had come out spotted, as if exposed to some sort of radiation. Somehow, the two men could never seem to actually produce any of the pictures, spotted or not.

Things just kept getting stranger and stranger for Arnold. The local newspaper kept calling and saying that they were receiving anonymous phone calls from someone who apparently knew everything that Arnold and Smith were doing. Arnold and Smith searched their



rooms for bugs, but found none. Arnold finally decided that it was time to call in Brown and Davidson, the two intelligence officers that he had met. He did so, and the two flew in from Hamilton Field on a B-25.

After seeing the debris and hearing the story, Brown and Davidson decided that it was a hoax. They drove to McChord Field and told the intelligence officer there that they felt it was a hoax. They hadn't told Arnold because they didn't want to embarrass him, he was so taken in by Dahl and Crisman. The next morning, August 1, they boarded a B-25 back to Hamilton Field. A few hours later, they were killed when the B-25 crashed.

The newspapers hinted that the plane had been sabotaged because they were carrying classified material about flying saucers. They made much of the fact that the crew chief and a passenger were able to bail out, but that Brown and Davidson were not.

The fact, according to the Randle and Peebles books, is that the only classified material they were carrying was a file of reports that had nothing to do with flying saucers. The plane crashed because an engine caught fire. Brown and Davidson couldn't bail out in time because a wing broke loose and tore off the tail section.

Dahl and Crisman later admitted that the "debris" was only worthless slag from a local smelter. There had been no UFO's. They had only been telling publisher Raymond Palmer what he wanted to hear. The Air Force considered prosecuting the two men, but decided that they hadn't actually meant to cause any harm.  
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Courtesy of:

<http://ufos.about.com/library/weekly/aa062497.htm>

Wasn't that rumoured 'classified material' actually some of the Maury Island debris? In his FATE account, Arnold confirms, "[Captain] Smith and I helped them load a whole Kellogg's corn flake box of flying disk fragments from Maury Island into the rear trunk of the army taxi car that came to get them from McChord field".

In an accompanying article, 'The Mystery of the Flying disks', Ray Palmer cites a report from the Chicago 'Sunday Times', dated 3 August 1947:

"Link 'Sky Metal' to Mystery Blast"

[...]

Whether the box of Maury Island "specimen molten lava" aboard the plane had anything to do with the crash has caused considerable speculation.

Authorities at (Hamilton) field admitted the plane had made a flight to McChord field, outside Tacoma.

They said, too, that the airplane was carrying an "unclassified cargo" and went on to describe it as "hot stuff".

Asked whether the cargo was connected with the Maury island matter, a spokesman at the field said the query was "very close" to the situation.

[END OF EXTRACT]

As for claims that, "The plane crashed because an engine caught fire. Brown and Davidson couldn't bail out in time because a wing broke loose and tore off the tail section", this is evidently inaccurate.

I don't have a copy of either Kevin's 'The UFO Casebook' or Curtis Peebles' 'Watch the Skies' [yes, I know, shame on me] and I'm therefore unaware of what they actually wrote.

What it seems I can say for sure is there were four people on the plane and two survived to tell at least part of that story. Along with Captain William L. Davidson [pilot] and First Lieutenant Frank M. Brown [co-pilot] were two enlisted men, Master-Sergeant Elmer L. Taff and Technician Fourth Grade, Woodrow D. Matthews.

In 'The Mystery of the Flying Disks', [Palmer's article incorporating Arnold's report of his Maury Island investigation] Arnold writes:

We heard through Crisman that morning that both the pilot and the co-pilot were killed, but that two other men, a chief engineer and a passenger, had parachuted to safety. [Captain] Smith verified all this information at McChord Field. We found that the bomber had been under military guard while Lieutenant Frank M. Brown and Captain Davidson were interviewing us at the Hotel Winthrop.

We also found out that the two men who parachuted from the plane were ordered to parachute by the co-pilot who strapped chutes on them and forced them out the door. The plane did not crash until eleven minutes later. This was found out through the United Press and their informants.

Ted Morello [United Press correspondent - James] let us listen to the first recording of one of the men who had parachuted to safety and who was slightly injured. It was the passenger. This boy told the story that the left engine had burst into flame all at once and that it happened about twenty minutes after the take-off. It was also mentioned that the chief engineer had said that the automatic fire fighting apparatus installed in this airplane had failed to function.

There was a sheriff at Kelso who watched the plane in the air and saw it crash. The description this man gave the press was that the plane was observed at high altitude with the left engine on fire. Its wings, tail and fuselage were intact. It turned, went into a very steep dive and crashed into the hillside. This steep dive lasted for quite some time before the crash.

If a man is conscious and his airplane is on fire, the first thought any pilot would have is to try to slow that airplane up, as slow as possible, because he would rather crash at 90 miles an hour than 250 or 300 miles an hour.

Their plane was intact; tail, rudder surfaces and wings. I know both of these pilots and I saw their licenses. They were pilots of the highest type of ability and would have slowed up that airplane before they crashed. Were both of these men dead long before their plane actually crashed and is that the reason their plane was under little or no control?

Further, this airplane was equipped with the finest type of radio devices. They did not radio or attempt to radio anyone that their engine was on fire or that the plane was in trouble.  
[END OF EXTRACT]

\_If\_ this is a reliable account, then Brown, and Davidson, heroically gave precedence to saving their passengers.

Why though, as Arnold deliberates, didn't they save themselves?

Arnold's understanding that, "the plane did not crash until eleven minutes later", would require verification to evidence what actually occurred during the entire sequence of events.

We do, however, know that both passengers parachuted, whether as alleged forcibly or otherwise, from the stricken airplane.

So far, this is apparently factual.

Brown and Davidson did not 'abandon ship'.

That's also factual.

Presumably, they hoped to regain control of the airplane?

As Brown and Davidson were unable to do so, it must, at some point, have surely become obvious they either had to 'bail out' [assuming both had parachutes], or face certain death.

Unless, they had of course become 'unconscious' as Arnold surmises, or... deliberately flown the airplane into a 'hillside' [is this factual?], knowing that otherwise, if they 'bailed out', it could have crashed on a populated area.

Typically, more questions than answers and input welcome.

James Easton.

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From: "Bill Chalker" <bill\_c@bigpond.com>  
Date: Fri, 10 May 2002 13:10:05 +1000  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] OZ "orange lights" & "fire balloons"

Hi Brett & list,

Thank you for pointing out this interesting historical curio. Clearly such "fire balloons" etc have been around for a long time.

As for whether authorities getting interested in such matters, I tried precisely that back in 1992 & 1993, with police and the police air wing. Such "hot air balloons" and their variants were possible air navigation (they were generally low to nil profiles re radar) and fire hazards. In one example I had police highlighting one example of one of the "orange lights" coming down in a tree and it catching fire. Luckily the fire didn't spread, but I recollect some discussion with police where we were trying to apprehend the offenders with a view for prosecution on the grounds of public nuisance and property damage. However resources spread thinly meant that once the offender lay low for a while the police moved on to other priorities. Then later the whole cycle would begin again, with authorities usually gifted with short memories.

I remember thinking during the terrible fire outbreak that followed with the next (?) summer that some of the fires that ringed Sydney may have been caused by "orange light"/"fire balloons". Such a connection could not be proven, but I did notice that the regular "orange light" occurrences that largely clustered or peaked around the weekends during this period dropped away to virtually disappearing from the scene. Given the severity of the fires I suspect, it was quite a while before the "orange light" outbreaks began again with any regularity.

The perennial "orange light" outbreaks around Australia and overseas generally have common causes and hoaxing clearly predominates. A few remain curious and difficult to explain, but such reports are very much in the minority.

All I can say is these people should "get a life", but when you come across instructions on how to create such things in infants school texts on open education/parents days then you realise that the "education" process starts pretty young.

While I don't want to throw out the baby with the bath water, if there is any legitimate UFO "signal" amongst the "orange lights", it is drowning in the bath, and may have already gone down the plug hole!

While many on this list seem dismissive of any genuine UFO phenomena, from my obviously naive point of view, there is much of worth to look at beyond such IFO outbreaks.

Regards,

Bill Chalker

A rather different perception of the occasion:

Source: The Australian Town and Country Journal, 19 January 1901, p. 13.  
The Landing of Captain Cook.

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The visitors then adjourned to the scene of the landing. Co-incidentally the troubles of Mr. Dacey (and Ö of the committee), began. To all appeals to "Kindly step back there!" the crowd turned a deaf ear, if not a derisive smile.Ö. Eventually the committee got some of the ground cleared which they wanted possession of, and then somebody on shore fired into the air a number of rockets that released fire-balloons, and inflated things of fantastic shapes and bright colours, probably to add to the realism of the impending spectacle.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Brett Holman" <b.holman@physics.unimelb.edu.au>Sent: Friday, May 10, 2002 10:11 AM

Subject: Re: [UFORL] OZ files UFO Sightings 6th.05.2002

> On Thu, May 09, 2002 at 03:15:26PM -0500, Robinson, Larry wrote:

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Sat, 11 May 2002 09:30:40 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Flying Saucers' and Where They Came From

In a message dated 5/10/2002 10:23:44 PM Eastern Daylight Time,  
voyager@ukonline.co.uk writes:

<< Can we now duly credit the 'Boise, Idaho Statesman' as first  
declaring that Kenneth Arnold had seen 'flying saucers'? >>

James:

Seem's so. Anybody have anything exculpatory?

Clear skies,  
Bob Young

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Date: Sat, 11 May 2002 19:56:10 -0600  
Subject: [UFORL] StatesmanJournal.com: UFO Fest flies into McMinnville

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<a href="http://news.statesmanjournal.com/cityguide/article.cfm?i=3755"><b>UFO Fest flies into McMinnville</b></a><p>  
The event will include a costume ball and a film festival.<p>  
BY ANGELA YEAGER, Statesman Journal<p>

May 8, 2002<p>

The story can be found at <a href="http://news.statesmanjournal.com/cityguide/article.cfm?i=3755">http://news.statesmanjournal.com/cityguide/article.cfm?i=3755</a>.<p>

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Sun, 12 May 2002 14:37:54 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] 'After half a century, it's RIP for the UFOs'

Extracted from 'Sunday Nation' [Africa]:

'After half a century, it's RIP for the UFOs'  
By GERRY LOUGHRAN

There is a very popular play here called Peter Pan wherein Tinkerbell from Fairyland announces she is dying because people don't believe in her any more. The children in the audience then clap like mad and call out, "We believe in fairies, we believe in fairies," and Tinkerbell's light grows bright again and she stops dying forthwith.

If the modern version of Tinkerbell from Fairyland is ET the Extraterrestrial, all the clapping and believing in the world will not keep the little fellow alive. It's official: We don't believe in aliens any more.

The Ministry of Defence Directorate of Intelligence has declared that it no longer wishes to be sent any reports of UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) and, perhaps more pertinently, the enthusiasts of the British Flying Saucer Bureau announced they are suspending activities because sightings have dried up. "Perhaps", said a spokesman wanly, "our alien visitors have completed their survey of earth".  
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The full article is online, at:

<http://www.nationaudio.com/News/DailyNation/Today/Comment/LettLondon40.html>

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Date: Sun, 12 May 2002 15:22:45 +0100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Flying Saucers' and Where They Came From

Regarding:

>From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
>Date: Sat, 11 May 2002 09:30:40 EDT  
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Flying Saucers' and Where They Came From

Bob wrote:

>>Can we now duly credit the 'Boise, Idaho Statesman' as first  
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>Seem's so. Anybody have anything exculpatory?

Bob,

One concern is the correct date of that 'Boise, Idaho Statesman' article. On the 'Project 1947' web site, it's dated 27 June, however, the story is then credited to 'PENDELTON (sic). June 28 (UP)' - see:

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

I'm assuming it was published on 27 June and there's one other reference to the article on an interesting web site, at:

<http://www.paralibros.com/padd/karn470.htm>

This features one contemporary report I can't recall seeing before:

'Un cable de Associated Press desde Oregon da cuenta del reporte de Arnold'

If anyone can translate this, a transcript would be much appreciated.

For general information, there are numerous, early 'flying disk' articles available as an 'ALIENS OVER OREGON' compilation, from:

<http://www.cnnw.net/~hangar18/reports.html>

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Date: Sun, 12 May 2002 13:02:14 -0400 (EDT)  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Lifters': An Idea in the Clouds'

On Sun, 12 May 2002, James Easton wrote:

> The entire article [on "lifters"] is online, at:  
> <http://www.wired.com/news/technology/0,1282,52432,00.html>

Following the links in the article, you arrive at  
AmericanAntigravity.com. Keep going, and you encounter stuff  
written by Tom Bearden. Do a YAHOO search on the name, and you'll  
arrive at his web site. He believes that \_everything\_ in the  
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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Wed, 15 May 2002 02:12:03 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] Alien Skulduggery

The latest edition of 'Fortean Times' features a number of interesting articles, as always.

One is entitled, 'Keeping an Eye on Cyclops - Strange skulls found in Bulgaria and the Philippines echo stories of ancient one-eyed giants'.

It's reported therein:

According to a report in the usually sober Turkish newspaper 'Milliyet' on 4 January, 2002, a very strange skull was found in southern Bulgaria, near the border with Greece on 21 May, 2001.

An unnamed 38-year-old resident of Plovdiv claimed to have had a dream in which five aliens dressed in one-piece yellow metallic suits told him to visit a certain point on Rodop [sic] Mountain, near Ardino and Madan, about 200km (124 miles) south of Sofia, and dig.

When he did so, he found the skull and a small elliptical metal object.

The Bulgarian news agency 'BTA' published a photo of the skull on 31 January, 2002, generating a lot of excitement and speculation about extraterrestrials. The skull weighs 250 grams (9oz) and has six orifices in it, but no mouth. The bone is thinner than that of an average 'Homo sapiens'. 'Milliyet' asserted that 'Prof Yordan Yordanov, one of the best-known anthropologists in Europe, claimed that he had never seen a human or animal skull like this in his life.

The director of the Palaeontology Museum in Asenovgrad, Dimitar Kovachev, is positive that the find is no fossil and had no analogy or resemblance to any hominid skull known to science.

The well known Bulgarian psychic Koubrat Tomov said the creature could be 'a product of the Atlanteans, created to serve man'. DNA tests and carbon-14 analysis were promised.  
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Proclaimed 'Bulgarian psychics' and a genesis to 'Atlanteans' can perhaps be explained by a stated reference to this material originating from:

'UFO Roundup 7/4, 22 Jan, and 7/6, 7 Feb 2002'.



See:

<http://www.ufoinfo.com/roundup/v07/rnd0704.shtml>

and

<http://www.ufoinfo.com/roundup/v07/rnd0706.shtml>

That clarified, our purported 'Bulgarian ET skull', is the same one, first publicised on UFORL, dated November, 2001, when I wrote:

I've received a series of photographs which the sender thought might be of interest - was it possibly the skull of an alien creature!

The writer claims to be an amateur archaeologist from Bulgaria:

"I am from Bulgaria and found the skull in the Rodopi mountains. The skull I found by accident, I was on a walk in the mountain when I almost stepped on it. It is the size of a baby's head. I thought it was a kind of animal but no animal has such a skull in the Rodopi mountains. That's the most weird thing".

Although doubtless the skull [if genuine] does come from an animal, it is bizarre looking.

[...]

[END OF EXTRACT]

Where and when did the subsequent tale of, "a dream in which five aliens dressed in one-piece yellow metallic suits told him to visit a certain point on Rodop [sic] Mountain" originate?

Although the person who contacted myself did reply to early e-mails, there was no response to further questions raised [I'll pursue this again].

However, what was provided were several images of the 'skull' and I made these available at the time.

I did also take a resultant query, 'which animal is this?', to the foremost 'mammal' mailing list.

Richard W. Thorington, Jr., from the Smithsonian Institution's

Division of Mammals, noted:

"It looks like a cow skull to us".

Stephen Cox Thomas, a 'Bioarchaeological Researcher' from Toronto, added:

"About the mystery skull, I agree with those who identified it as *Bos taurus*.

It looks very much like a calf skull minus the facial portion as well as the temporals, and much of the occipital--the basioccipital exoccipitals & outer table of the supraoccipital. Most of the floor of the brain case appears to be missing.

It is possible that much of the damage was caused by carnivore gnawing. If so there should be gouges and punctures visible upon close inspection. The straight anterior edge of what appears to be remains of the basisphenoid-presphenoid area in profile views suggests that the anterior portion of the skull could have been removed by a butchers saw".

Uploaded to the UFORL library is the published photograph of our 'Bulgarian ET' skull, courtesy of 'Fortean Times':

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL/files/>

During related UFORL discussions, I mentioned:

There's also an example of a cattle skull on York University's web site at:

<http://www-users.york.ac.uk/~wjh101/hedbone/Cattle/cattle.htm>

The cattle skull featured therein is '*Bos taurus*', cited as an explanation.

I still can't see how it resembles the photographs I received. Those five pictures are detailed, high resolution close-ups, showing different profiles of the 'skull' - front, top, bottom and both sides.

The University of York's online material depicts a "lateral view". For comparison, I've uploaded to UFORL's library a copy of the same perspective relating to our enigmatic skull - see:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL/files/>

Given due copyright concerns, this is presently a much smaller image than the actual photograph.

Amongst many problems with those changing stories of how the 'Bulgarian skull' was found, is that initial claim, "I almost stepped on it. It is the size of a baby's head".

Clearly, from the photograph published in 'Fortean Times', it's significantly larger than a small artefact which could literally be 'stumbled upon'.

Fundamental anomalies duly noted, I've located a new source which should offer opinions with a specific expertise in 'animal skulls'. Feedback on the photographs has simply been invited and without revealing any background story [perhaps best not to highlight on a scientific forum that there's a connection with 'five aliens dressed in one-piece yellow metallic suits'].

Resulting developments will be posted to UFORL.

James Easton.

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Regarding:

>From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
>Date: Wed, 15 May 2002 02:12:03 +0100  
>Subject: [UFORL] Alien Skulduggery

I wrote:

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>which should offer opinions with a specific expertise in 'animal  
>skulls'. Feedback on the photographs has simply been invited and  
>without revealing any background story [perhaps best not to  
>highlight on a scientific forum that there's a connection with  
>'five aliens dressed in one-piece yellow metallic suits'].  
>  
>Resulting developments will be posted to UFORL.

I'll explain more in due course, however there is a consensus  
from our new 'animal skull' experts that the skull is  
unquestionably from a calf [Bos taurus] and has been badly  
damaged.

This agrees with those previous opinions highlighted [which I  
didn't mention to the new source].

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Subject: [UFORL] Bad Astronomy

Oops.

The article about Gert Herb's survey of amateur astronomers was  
in the August 1979 Reflector newsletter of the Astronomical League.

Clear skies,  
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Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Flying Saucers' and Where They Came From

Regarding:

>From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
>Date: Sat, 11 May 2002 09:30:40 EDT  
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Flying Saucers' and Where They Came From

Bob wrote:

>>Can we now duly credit the 'Boise, Idaho Statesman' as first  
>>declaring that Kenneth Arnold had seen 'flying saucers'?

>Seem's so. Anybody have anything exculpatory?

Bob,

Yes, I do.

As a result of ongoing research, I've discovered there were two other newspapers which used the terminology on 27 June.

Current joint-leaders are, the 'Boise, Idaho Statesman', the 'Portland Oregonian' and the 'Portland Oregon Journal'.

More significantly and remarkable, if verified, is that there was apparently one newspaper which did portray the objects as 'flying saucers', on 25 June.

This would be two days before, so far as I'm aware, any previously realised occurrence.

I'm attempting to authenticate the existence and content of this alleged 25 June article [the newspaper involved is being extremely helpful]. I've never seen it mentioned in any features on the Arnold case, even lists of 'all known', contemporary 'flying saucer' newspaper reports.

Hopefully, more on this shortly.

Meanwhile, courtesy of the 'Project-1947' web site:

The June 25, 1947 issue of the Pendleton (Oregon) East Oregonian carried the very first report of Arnold's sighting at the bottom of page 1.

\_Impossible! Maybe, But Seein' Is Believin', Says Flier\_

Kenneth Arnold, with the fire control at Boise and who was flying in southern Washington yesterday afternoon in search of a missing marine plane, stopped here en route to Boise today with an unusual story -- which he doesn't expect people to believe but which he declared was true.

He said he sighted nine saucer-like aircraft flying in formation at 3. p.m. yesterday, extremely bright -- as if they were nickel plated -- and flying at an immense rate of speed. He estimated they were at an altitude between 9,500 and 10,000 feet and clocked them from Mt. Rainier to Mt. Adams, arriving at the amazing speed of about 1200 miles an hour. "It seemed impossible," he said, "but there it is -- I must believe my eyes."

He landed at Yakima somewhat later and inquired there, but learned nothing. Talking about it to a man from Ukiah in Pendleton this morning whose name he did not get, he was amazed to learn that the man had sighted the same aerial objects yesterday afternoon from the mountains in the Ukiah section!

He said that in flight they appeared to weave in an (sic) out in formation.  
[End]

The June 25 issue of the Chicago Daily Tribune quoted Arnold in a page one story:

"The first thing I noticed was a series of flashes in my eyes as if a mirror was reflecting sunlight at me... I saw the flashes were coming from a series of objects that were traveling incredibly fast. They were silvery and shiny and seemed to be shaped like a pie plate . . . What startled me most at this point was . . . that I could not find any tails on them.

I counted nine of them as they disappeared behind the peak of Mount Rainier. Their speed was apparently so great I decided to clock them. I took out my watch and checked off one minutes and 42 seconds from the time they passed Mount Rainier until they reached the peak of Mount Adams . . . All told the objects remained in view slightly less than two minutes from the time I first noticed them."

[END OF 'PROJECT-1947' EXTRACT]

Does anyone have a copy of the entire 'Chicago Daily Tribune' article?

It seems we have two mistakes therein; although Arnold is quoted as saying the objects, "disappeared behind the peak of Mount Rainier", that should presumably be, 'behind a peak on Mount Rainier'. Also, he used the dashboard clock for timing, not his watch.

Another problem is the dating. According to Brad Sparks, it should actually be 26 June:

"However, the Chicago Tribune story was published on June 26 not the 25th, based on phone interview of late the 25th (Loren Gross' history misdates it). Jan Aldrich of Project 1947 informs me there was no Tribune article on the case at all on the 25th".

See:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1999/apr/m01-002.shtml>

It's obviously still shown on the 'Project-1947' site as '25 June'.

Arnold recounted in, 'The Coming of the Saucers' [1952]:

It was about four o'clock in the afternoon when I landed at Yakima and went straight to Al Baxter, general manager of Central Aircraft.

[...]

The high point of my enthusiasm got its top knocked off when one of the helicopter pilots said, "Ah, it's just a flight of those guided missiles from Moses Lake."

I proceeded to gather my scattered wits together, got back in my airplane, and took off for Pendleton, Oregon.

[...]

When I landed at the large airfield at Pendleton there was quite a group of people to greet me. When I got out of my plane no one said anything. They just stood around and looked at me. I don't recall just how the subject came up in those first few minutes after I landed, but before very long it seemed everybody around the airfield was listening to the story of my experience.

[...]

To me, that evening, that was that. They were guided missiles,



robotly controlled.

[...]

After talking to the editor of the East Oregonian newspaper, I was fairly convinced that it was some new government invention along the line of guided missiles. I could almost tell what this editor thought when the story went scudding over the news wires--that the government had taken this way to announce a new principle of flight.

I could have gone to sleep that night if the reporters, newsmen, and press agencies of every conceivable description had left me alone.

[END OF EXTRACT]

Arnold doesn't clarify when he spoke with the newspaper's editor, however, it was presumably the following day.

In various accounts, Arnold says his destination was Yakima and never explains why he then flew on to Pendleton.

It could be that he intended to inform the FBI, as revealed in Bruce Maccabee's review of Arnold's June 1977 lecture at the 'First International UFO Congress':

"Arnold goes on to say he made the 35 minute flight from Yakima to Pendleton, Oregon. There were people at the airport. His story had preceded him. While flying he had figured the speed. He had measured the distance and minimum 39 miles distance in the time he measured. He got speeds above 1200 miles an hour. Says he stopped at Pendleton because he thought he should tell the FBI. He thought they could possibly be from Russia. Of course, no one had seen circular aircraft. So at Pendleton he went to the FBI office but it was locked. So he went to the newspaper office and told the guy there he wanted to see the FBI. The newspaper man wanted to know what the story was. He had charts with him and described it to the newspaper man. Before the evening was over Arnold was besieged and asked all types of questions".

The Tacoma Public Library has a helpful and lengthy online feature entitled, 'Unsettling Events', from which the following is excerpted:

#### FLYING OBJECTS

Curtis Peebles, "The Age of Confusion begins," Watch the Skies! A chronicle of the flying saucer myth. Washington and London: The

Smithsonian Institution Press, 1994. p. 8-15.

On the summer day the flying saucer myth began, Kenneth Arnold was a 32-year-old successful businessman, married with two daughters. He owned the Great Western Fire Control Supply and flew his own light aircraft. Kenneth Arnold was, in the vernacular to come, a reliable witness.

[...]

Arnold did not measure the distance between the two peaks until he landed at Pendleton, Oregon, later that afternoon. He found it was forty-seven miles which gave a ground speed of 1,700 mph-more than twice the speed of sound. No aircraft had yet flown as fast as the speed of sound. Other pilots suggested the objects might be guided missiles.

Arnold took his map and calculations to the local FBI office, but found it closed. He then decided to go to the East Oregonian newspaper. Arnold talked with Nolan Skiff, the editor of the 'End of the Week' column.

He said the objects 'flew like a saucer would if you skipped it across the water.- A report was sent out on the Associated Press wire. It read:

PENDLETON, Ore. June 25 (AP)-Nine bright saucer-like objects flying at "incredible speed" at 10,000 feet altitude were reported here today by Kenneth Arnold, Boise, Idaho, [a] pilot who said he could not hazard a guess as to what they were.

[...]

[END]

The AP dispatch went out in the late morning of June 25. Newspapers in the northwestern U.S. carried the report that evening. The following day (June 26), it had spread nationwide.  
[END OF EXTRACT]

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Regarding:

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>Date: Mon May 20, 2002 3:24 am  
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Flying Saucers' and Where They Came From

I wrote:

>Additionally:  
>  
>Norman, Oklahoma Transcript - June 26, 1947  
>  
>"They were shaped like saucers and were so thin I could barely  
>see them', he told Jack Whitman, a local businessman".  
>  
>This is a second-hand quote and consequently unreliable.  
>  
>Is it also merely coincidental that, once more, the word "flat"  
>is used in conjunction with a 'disk-like' simile.  
>  
>Did Arnold perhaps actually say, "They were like saucers, so  
>thin I could barely see them", or something along these lines?

Slight typo there; it was intended to read:

Is it also merely coincidental that, once more, the words  
'flat/thin' are used in conjunction with a 'disk-like' simile.

There is of course the perfect example of what Arnold attempted  
to explain when he said the objects were, "flat like a pie pan"  
and "like a big flat disk".

Appended to the report he sent to the Air Force were two  
sketches. Firstly, Arnold illustrates how the object looked in  
full profile and then shows a "side view" - see:

<http://www.project1947.com/fig/ka.htm>

It's that side view which he refers to and it is indeed 'saucer-  
like'.

For some reason, Arnold chose to accompany this statement with a drawing which is unlike the "somewhat bat-shaped" object he described and sketched elsewhere.

In 'The Coming of the Saucers', [which should certainly have been tiled more accurately], Arnold wrote:

"It was about four o'clock in the afternoon when I landed at Yakima and went straight to Al Baxter, general manager of Central Aircraft. I met him in his outer office and rather breathlessly asked to see him in private. He dropped whatever it was he was doing and in his private office I related the story of my observation and drew him pictures of what I had seen".

I understand that it is those same pictures which were reproduced on the front cover of the 'International UFO Reporter' [March/April 1995] - see:

[http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/arnold/sketch\\_1.jpg](http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/arnold/sketch_1.jpg)

Arnold actually depicts three different shapes, perhaps because the objects themselves were changing as they flapped and then glided, sorry, "fluttered and sailed".

That middle portrayal is the exact same as Arnold later settled on; those at either side are more like his drawing for the Air Force.

Note that further to the right, he again shows a side-view and it resembles an upside-down saucer.

Despite all the desperate efforts we have seen in recent years, often typically fanatical and ill-mannered, to convince that Arnold really did see saucer-shaped objects as were reported, believed in and which are the essential foundation of 'ufology', 'flying saucers' they were not, never had been and the cause of so much confusion is embedded in those similes Arnold, quite appropriately, used to describe how flat all nine objects looked.

There's no escaping this and no way back from it.

James Easton.

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Subject: [UFORL] 'Sightings: UFO's and Visual Perception'

There's a little-known, online article which may be of interest:

'Sightings: UFO's and Visual Perception'  
By Mark B. Fineman, Ph. D.

From, 'The New England Journal of Skepticism Vol. 1 Issue 3  
(Summer 98)' - see:

<http://www.theness.com/articles/sightingsufosandvisual%20perception-nejs0103.html>

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Subject: [UFORL] 'Sharing the Secrets'

Also online and which may be of interest, a commentary and insight into that seminal relationship between Kenneth Arnold and Ray Palmer, plus their involvement with the Maury Island 'flying saucers' hoax:

<http://www.sangraal.com/AMET/research/SS4c.html>

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One further piece of evidence I will now highlight is a somewhat crucial revelation which came from Arnold in later years.

For some reason, Arnold did not disclose this fact at the time.

Those nine, "bat-shaped", or bird-shaped, fluttering and gliding objects, actually appeared to be living creatures.

As Arnold confirmed, "They seemed to be alive in the center, to have the ability to change their density. I know that sounds strange".

This would explain, as I suggested, why in Arnold's earliest sketch he shows the objects shape as changing. Strangely, it resembles a large bird flapping its wings.

I wonder if this was in any way connected with when they "fluttered".

So, when the evidence is fully digested, there are no saucer-shipped objects at the heart of 'flying saucers'.

Instead, we have an echelon formation of nine intermittently fluttering and gliding bird-shaped objects that had a distinctive undulating flight, were evidently living and which seemed to "change their density".

That's where 'flying saucers' truly came from, according to the witness.

I seem to recall publishing evidence which was not a million light-years away from arriving at that same conclusion.

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James, List:

The article didn't mention autokinetic motion of the muscles of the eyes, creating the famous "falling leaf effect", probably the most commonly reported motion of single nocturnal light reports.

When cues about surroundings are missing or other bright objects are not near this one is common.

Clear skies,  
Bob Young

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Wed, 22 May 2002 03:16:26 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] Re: 'Flying Saucers' and Where They Came From

I'm pleased to reveal that I have located a copy of what seems to now become the first known newspaper use of the terminology, 'flying saucers'.

Although, as mentioned, the reference I found to this news report dates it as 25 June [and on a specific 'inside page'], the article which has been unearthed was actually published as a front page story by the same newspaper on 26 June.

However, it may originally have appeared as a late 'inside page' news item in an evening edition on the 25th - this is being further investigated.

Nevertheless, on 26 June, 1947, 'flying saucers' assuredly entered the media vocabulary in America, not 27 June, as seems to have previously been accepted.

It's of historical interest, especially as I'm informed the headline which proclaims Arnold encountered 'flying saucers' is based entirely on a reproduction of that 25 June AP 'newswire'.

I'm awaiting a scan of the front page story as published and I'll then confirm this.

In 'Watch the Skies!: A Chronicle of the Flying Saucer Myth', Curtis Peebles [apparently] wrote, "The AP dispatch went out in the late morning of June 25. Newspapers in the northwestern U.S. carried the report that evening".

I have yet to see firm evidence of any newspaper, other than the 'Pendleton (Oregon) East Oregonian', which reported Arnold's sighting on 25th June, let alone one that interpreted them as 'flying saucers'.

Where are all those stated 25 June news reports documented?

The newspaper which did, on 26 June [and possibly beforehand], declare that Arnold had observed 'flying saucers', is based in the Eastern [EDT] time zone.

It should imminently be proven [excepting any evidence ever cited contrariwise] that 'flying saucers', per se, were evidently first

conceived by a provincial north-eastern newspaper, who have never been renowned for publishing any contemporary articles about Arnold's popularised sighting at all!

James Easton.

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From: chris aubeck <caubeck@yahoo.com>  
Date: Thu, 23 May 2002 19:18:25 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 'Flying Saucers' and Where They Came From

Dear List,

Disc-shaped objects were reported generations before Arnold, and in several different countries, but to cite a more recent example, I recall Ole Jonny Brønne found a Norwegian one dating to 1946. There they used the term "saucer" or at least "plate" (as in dish).

I don't have my archives at hand, so I can't be more precise right now, but I would suggest we kept our minds open for a little longer about how much the media contributed to the creation of the 'flying saucer' legend.

Best wishes,

Chris Aubeck

--- Ktperehwon@aol.com wrote: > JAMES -- In a message dated 05/22/2 19:50:57, you

> wrote:

>

> >Incidentally, has anyone else noticed why the

> obvious 'flying

> saucer' faux pas, is effectively further proof those

> founding,

> farcical, 'MJ-12' documents are a hoax?

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> I suppose you're referring to the opening sentence

> of the "briefing

> document": "On 24 June, 1947, a civilian pilot

> flying over the Cascade

> Mountains in the State of Washington observed nine

> flying disc-shaped

> aircraft traveling at a high rate of speed." Or

> have I missed something more

> subtle?

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> At any rate, the foregoing ref. to "disc-shaped

> aircraft" isn't "further

> proof" that the MJ-12 documents are a hoax (do we

- > need anything further?).
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- > USAAF/USAF documents from
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- > flying saucers or disks," etc.
- >
- > While I find your investigation of the genesis of
- > the term "flying saucer"
- > very interesting and historically valuable, it
- > certainly doesn't make the
- > case for media hysteria causing people to "morph"
- > what they saw into saucers.
- > You conveniently ignore the numerous sightings of
- > circular/globular/semi-circular/half-moon-shaped
- > somethings over several
- > months before Arnold sighted his saucers/pie
- > pans/pelicans/mirages/???. That
- > is, the disks came before the saucers, James... --
- > Cheers, KARL
- >
- >

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Fri, 24 May 2002 05:24:31 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] Re: 'Flying Saucers' and Where They Came From

Regarding:

>From: Ktperehwon@aol.com  
>Date: Thu, 23 May 2002 11:04:08 EDT  
>Subject: 'Flying Saucers' and Where They Came From

Karl wrote:

>I suppose you're referring to the opening sentence of the  
>"briefing document": "On 24 June, 1947, a civilian pilot flying  
>over the Cascade Mountains in the State of Washington observed  
>nine flying disc-shaped aircraft traveling at a high rate of  
>speed."

Karl,

Indeed, plus the claim that one of the discs had been recovered at Roswell and how "the disc was most likely a short range reconnaissance craft", etc.

It's all founded on disc-shaped objects, alias, 'flying saucers'.

>At any rate, the foregoing ref. to "disc-shaped aircraft" isn't  
>"further proof" that the MJ-12 documents are a hoax (do we need  
>anything further?).

NO!

>Other unquestionably genuine formerly classified USAAF/USAF  
>documents from the same time period also refer to reports of  
>disk-shaped objects, "so-called flying saucers or disks," etc.

Absolutely, however, the US Air Force did not in fact recover an alien craft at Roswell.

You will doubtless appreciate that fact more than most!

If they had, then, we should find no ambiguity as to whether they were saucer-shaped, or disk-shaped, or whatever.

>While I find your investigation of the genesis of the term  
>"flying saucer" very interesting and historically valuable, it  
>certainly doesn't make the case for media hysteria causing  
>people to "morph" what they saw into saucers.

I wrote:

"It's additionally been emphasised that immediately ensuing, seemingly corroborative, reported sightings of 'flying disks', 'flying pie-pans' and of course, 'flying saucers', were not borne of any media hysteria which followed first newspaper reports of Arnold's observation.

That's equally exposed and it can also now be proven how in one instance - there may be others - 'flying saucers' were a direct consequence of Skiff's AP newswire".

The key phrase here is "any" as in "any media hysteria".

It was intentional and I do not assert 'media hysteria' was responsible for all which ensued, simply that there is undeniable evidence the media reporting was influential.

Thanks to your comments, I recognise my own require some clarification.

I would now revise them to say:

"It's additionally been emphasised that immediately ensuing, seemingly corroborative, reported sightings of 'flying disks', 'flying pie-pans' and of course, 'flying saucers', were not borne of any media reporting which followed first newspaper reports of Arnold's observation.

That's equally exposed and it can also now be proven how in one instance - there may be others - 'flying saucers' were a direct consequence of Skiff's AP newswire".

'Hysteria' is perhaps unnecessary, arguably unjustified and duly amended.

Note also that I only attribute one specifically, proven, example where "flying saucers" were a direct consequence of Skiff's AP newswire.

However, I believe it can now be additionally evidenced that the popularised, underpinning foundation of disk/saucer/pie-pan-shaped objects originates from a genesis where the entire context of Arnold's founding sighting report was misunderstood to a much greater extent than previously realised.

As a direct consequence of your welcome feedback, I've considered this from another perspective - Kenneth Arnold's.

Summarising readily available data from [known] contemporary

newspaper reports, how did they accurately reflect Arnold's pivotal sighting?

Is there evidence that 'flying disks', 'flying pie-pans' and 'flying saucers', were significantly a popularised media creation and do not have any tangible connection to Kenneth Arnold at all?

What might Arnold have said about this, if he had been asked a few days afterwards.

Perhaps something like...:

[BEGIN]

On 25 June, the 'Pendleton, Oregon East Oregonian' ran the first story of my sighting and also released it on the Associated Press (AP) newswire.

In both, they reported that I said the objects were saucer-like.

I actually said they flew in a saucer-like fashion, like a saucer would skip if you threw it across water.

On 26 June, a United Press (UP) newswire was published in the 'Norman, Oklahoma Transcript' and reported I had observed "saucer-shaped" objects.

They further misquoted that I told Jack Whitman the objects "were shaped like saucers".

I never claimed they were even saucer-like, let alone saucer-shaped.

However, that same day, another newspaper [to be identified - James] declared in their front page headlines I had encountered "Flying Saucers".

Bill Bequette also wrote a detailed 26 June article in the 'Pendleton, Oregon East Oregonian' and again published how I had described the objects as "saucer-like".

Thankfully, he did mention I also described them as "somewhat bat-shaped", the first time this had been correctly reported.

Unfortunately, that was only to happen once more.

Also on 26 June, the 'Portland Oregon Daily Journal' (AP) headlined that the "Flying Disk Mystery Grows", the 'Salem Oregon



Statesman' (AP) headlined "Disk-Shaped Objects", the 'Yakima (Washington) Daily Republic' (AP) headlined I had sighted "Saucer-Like Objects", the 'Los Angeles Times' (AP) also headlined that I had seen "Saucerlike Objects", the 'Seattle Post-Intelligencer' (AP) headlined "Mystery Disks", which were reportedly "saucer-like" and in the 'Santa Fe New Mexican' (UP) headlines it was once more proclaimed the objects I observed were "Saucer-Shaped".

The 'Santa Fe New Mexican' UP article also repeated the misquote that I had told Jack Whitman the objects "were shaped like saucers".

Worse yet, the 'Chicago Daily Tribune' misquoted that I said the objects flew behind the peak of Mt. Rainier - I said a peak \_on\_ Mt. Rainier - that I used my watch to time them - I used the dashboard clock - and that the objects were shaped like a pie-plate.

On 27 June, the 'Boise, Idaho Statesman' (UP) headlined that I was a "Harassed Saucer-Sighter" and implying a direct quote, wrote, "Kenneth Arnold said today he would like to get on one of his 1200-mile-an-hour 'flying saucers,' and escape from the furore".

They also derided "Arnold's saucers".

The Portland Oregon Journal (AP) headlined the "Flying Disk Case" and twice referred to "flying saucers", the 'East Oregonian' (AP) headlines confirmed there was a "'Flying Disc' Mystery" and in a separate article therein, Bill Bequette maintains I said the objects were "saucer-like".

On 28 June, another Bill Bequette article replaces "saucer-like" with a headline which refers to "Flying Discs".

'The Oregonian' headlined that the "Flying Saucer Story Grows" and referred to my "story of the 'flying saucers'" and "saucer-like objects" I had reported.

On the two occasions where newspaper stories were based on direct quotes from interviews actually undertaken with myself beforehand, I did explain that the objects were "somewhat bat-shaped", as reported by Bill Bequette and "half-moon shaped, oval in front and convex in the rear", as reported by the 'Oregon Journal' (AP) on June 27.

In both interviews I also explained how flat those objects were.

I said to Bill Bequette they were, "flat like a pie pan and somewhat bat-shaped" and as reported in the Oregon Journal, "There were no bulges or cowlings; they looked like a big flat disk".

I did not say the objects were "flat AND shaped like a pie pan" or "SHAPED like a big flat disk".

Why would I, as in both instances I had already clarified what the objects did look like.

Is it merely coincidence that the Oregon Journal article, from a personal interview, seems to be the only one where it was accurately reported I had observed "crescent-shaped planes or pilotless missiles".

I also confirmed this in a radio interview with local station KWRC on 26 June, when I reiterated the objects, "looked something like a pie plate that was cut in half with a sort of a convex triangle in the rear".

From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Sun, 26 May 2002 01:47:26 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] 'Best Copy Available'?

The Defense Intelligence Agency's online 'UFO' related documents  
can be viewed/downloaded from:

<http://www.dia.mil/Public/Foia/index.html>

I acquired copies long time ago and noted they contained some  
interesting material.

Having had a closer look at the contents, it's disappointing that  
so many of the documents are unreadable - either suitable for a  
game of 'join the dots', or conversely too 'black', or negatives  
which are illegible.

They are claimed to be, "BEST COPY AVAILABLE", or "POOR  
ORIGINAL".

This isn't exclusive to the DIA publications.

Is it known why, what should presumably be clear photocopies of  
original documents, are such appalling quality?

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From: "THE WATCHDOG" <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>  
Date: Wed, 29 May 2002 20:15:09 -0700  
Subject: [UFORL] Possible Legal Action Pending in Reed UFO Fraud

POSSIBLE LEGAL ACTION PENDING IN REED UFO FRAUD  
Investigation Continues Into Financial Aspects of Fraud, Reports Being Taken  
At Website For Class Action Lawsuit

UFOWATCHDOG.COM has received numerous complaints from people that have purchased products related to the Reed UFO Hoax. These complaints have centered around the misrepresentation of facts in this case by those associated with it. In order to continue our investigation into this case, and to see if there are grounds for a class-action lawsuit against those involved (which it appears there are), people are asked to direct all reports here:

<http://www.alientrack.com>

If you have purchased books, video tapes, lecture tickets or have hosted those involved with this scam as presenters/lecturers, please do file a report at the link above. All the information you need to file a report is on-line at Alien Track and will only take a few minutes to complete.

UFOWATCHDOG.COM has also received information that several people contributed money to "Dr.Reed" to assist him after he claimed to be struggling after his bogus alien encounter. Reports of these amounts vary from a few hundred dollars to several thousand dollars. If you have contributed any money to "Dr.Reed" or any other people associated with this case, then please go to Alien Track and file a report. There are many victims in this matter, and we only want to see justice done in this case.

For those not familiar with this case, or do not know that "Dr.Reed" has been exposed as a fraud, please read the investigative report found at:  
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From: Val Thor <valthor2002@yahoo.com>  
Date: Thu, 30 May 2002 12:14:54 -0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Possible Legal Action Pending in Reed UFO Fraud

Thank you for all your hard work on this one. I've been following this and I have wondered why there is not an official inquirey into this by the fraud/bunko squad for the local Seattle police. I guess its the type of fraud that counts? Are UFOs on the no-no list? This is one ridiculous fraudulent conspiracy that should be prosecuted.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Sat, 1 Jun 2002 03:03:27 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] Bentwaters - A Suffolk Summer Festival

Courtesy of 'The Guardian':

'The spying game'

Bentwaters Airbase has stored nuclear weapons, been the scene of UFO sightings and was almost bought by yogic flyers. Now, as part of the Aldeburgh festival, it is to be the venue for a haunting piece of music inspired by espionage. Andy Beckett reports...

[...]

The area around Bentwaters is probably the closest Britain comes to the mysterious military-dominated territories of the American south-west, made infamous in recent decades by UFO hunters and conspiracy theorists of all kinds. Next door to the airbase is another vast former airfield, Woodbridge; a few miles to the east is Orford Ness, a stony peninsula where British weapons were secretly tested for 70 years in unexplained pagoda-shaped bunkers. Originally, the plan was for a conSPIracy cantata to be performed in one of these, but the logistics of transporting the audience across the coastal creeks and shingle proved too difficult. Then Jonathan Reekie, who runs the festival, came across the "Star Wars building" at Bentwaters.

Inside, it is clammy and cold, even on a mild afternoon. Reekie is considering installing temporary heaters, but otherwise he wants the claustrophobic low ceilings and crude breezeblock walls left as they are. The building was completely stripped when the Americans moved out in the early 1990s; your imagination is free to roam the corridors, with their silvery metal doors straight out of Dr Strangelove.

The history of Bentwaters holds enough riddles to keep conspiracy-hunters occupied. It was built in 1942 and taken over by the Americans nine years later. Among its official functions over the years, it provided the "Soviet" aircraft for Cold War defence exercises, and housed bombers with nuclear weapons. Its runway was one of the longest in Europe. In December 1980, an incident occurred in the woods at the runway's western end that has provoked speculation ever since. Early one morning, according to documents released by the Ministry of Defence 20 years later, "unusual lights" were seen in the sky by American guards at Bentwaters. "A strange glowing object...metallic in appearance and triangular in shape" was then spotted above the trees. When it disappeared from view, the guards searched the woods and found - depending on which of their accounts you believe - either odd

indentations in the ground and traces of radiation, or a landed spacecraft complete with "life forms about four feet tall...with big humanoid heads and dark, catlike eyes."

Five of the MOD documents about all this remain confidential on the official grounds that they contain secret briefings to ministers, relate to national security, might alter Britain's relations with America, or all three. "There are a lot of military stories and myths about this area," says Reekie.

[...]

[END OF EXTRACT]

For the full story, see:

[http://www.guardian.co.uk/friday\\_review/story/0,3605,724601,00.html](http://www.guardian.co.uk/friday_review/story/0,3605,724601,00.html)

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There's nothing like factual reporting, and this is nothing like...

Still... a Suffolk summer festival... photo/video access to RAF Bentwaters [maybe a night-time excursion through Rendlesham forest]... UFO/conspiracy allusions to the CIA, MI6, Mossad, Czech intelligence service, Delphi oracle et al... and "sheds with enticing taped-up doorways" [we'll soon sort that out]...

If anyone intends going to this unique Bentwaters 'artistic' recital - sounds like an unmissable event for 'Rendlesham' aficionados and circlemakers! - please contact myself directly.

James Easton.

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X-Originating-IP: 24.120.195.235  
Date: Tue, 04 Jun 2002 19:40:33 -0000  
Subject: [UFORL] Socorro Photos

Hi, this is my first post to this group. I'm glad to find a group of serious minded people discussing UFOs.

Questions re. Socorro:

1. Who has clean first generation copies of the "Chavez photos"? Charles Moore? Hector Quintanilla?
2. Where are the original negatives? Project Blue Book Files? In possession of Chavez himself?
3. Were there any other important photos of the site taken by anyone else?

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Wed, 5 Jun 2002 05:23:13 +0100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Socorro Photos

Regarding:

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>Subject: [UFORL] Socorro Photos

Ed wrote:

>Hi, this is my first post to this group. I'm glad to find a  
>group of serious minded people discussing UFOs.

Ed,

A warm welcome and thanks for some interesting questions.

>This would put the burned bush more or less on the line between  
>the NE and NW pad marks and thus arguably "inside the pad marks"  
>but hardly "near the center of gravity of the craft" as I've  
>seen claimed.

Maybe we can clarify this.

>Lastly I have these measurements from Phil Klass (via Gary  
>Posner):  
>  
>NW pad to NE pad: 142.5 inches  
>  
>NE pad to SE pad: 177.5 inches  
>  
>SE pad to SW pad: 158.5 inches  
>  
>SW pad to NW pad: 115.5 inches  
>  
>As far as anyone knows, are these correct? Does anyone have  
>measurements as to the exact position of the burned bush in  
>relation to the pad marks?

These measurements seem to originate from Ray Stanford, as published in 'Socorro Saucer'. There's a copy of Stanford's related diagram on my web site, at:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/socorro.jpg>

A map of the 'landing site' area can be seen at:

<http://www.cufon.org/contributors/chrisl/roadmap.htm>

Note that for convenience this has been illustrated 'upside down'  
- South is [almost directly central] at the top.

>One last thing. Does the landing site still exist as it did in  
>1964 or has something been built on it?

So far as I'm aware, the site is still accessible.

>I live in Las Vegas NV, within half a day's drive of Socorro and  
>would like to go out and see it for myself. No, I'm not  
>expecting to see pad marks, but I would like to look at the  
>terrain as I have questions about the size of the craft and from  
>where it could or couldn't be seen by Zamora.

Coincidentally, if time permitted, I intended to fly over to  
Vegas [from the UK] within the next month or so, for a couple of  
week's holiday and spend some time in Socorro.

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Subject: Re: [UFORL] Socorro Photos

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<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/socorro.jpg>

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Date: Thu, 6 Jun 2002 10:18:23 +0200

Subject: [UFORL] Early abductions

In Peter Rogerson's "Recovering the Forgotten Records" (MAGONIA #50) he mentions the case of Mimi Gorzelle who wrote a letter to the American magazine FATE published in November/December 1972 about her abduction during a summer 1967 night. Peter has provided me with a xerox of one of his sources (BUFORA Journal 3:11 Summer 1973) but he had misplaced a posterior one (BUFORA Journal 4:3 p. 24). Can any one send me a copy (xerox or scan) of this one? Or even better, the original letter in FATE? According to the information provided then by Lucius Farish the case was being investigated by Walt Andrus. Did he make any report?

Thanks in advance.

My postal address is:

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Date: Fri, 7 Jun 2002 03:28:47 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] Re: 'Flying Saucers' and Where They Came From

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>From: <caubeck@yahoo.com>  
>Date: Thu, 23 May 2002 19:18:25 +0100 (BST)  
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"Daylight Disk - Denison, Texas, USA - 2 January 1878

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--- James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk> wrote: >  
Regarding:

>  
> >From: <caubeck@yahoo.com>  
> >Date: Thu, 23 May 2002 19:18:25 +0100 (BST)  
> >Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 'Flying Saucers' and  
> Where They Came

> >From

>

> Chris wrote:

>

> >Disc-shaped objects were reported generations  
> before Arnold, and  
> >in several different countries, but to cite a more  
> recent  
> >example, I recall Ole Jonny Brønne found a  
> Norwegian one dating  
> >to 1946. There they used the term "saucer" or at  
> least "plate"  
> >(as in dish).

>

> Chris,

>

> There was a pre-Arnold, 'flying saucer' sighting  
> which originated  
> in the US and, if I recall, had been reported by a  
> 'cowboy'(?),  
> circa the 1800s(?).

>

> I can't now locate a source, however, I did see it  
> featured  
> online by a promotional/tourist web site for a  
> town/city/state -  
> I believe connected with New Mexico.

>

> It was claimed to be, 'the true first flying saucer  
> sighting'.

>

> If any subscriber recognises this case, please let  
> us know.

>

>

> What I do specifically remember is that it wasn't



> actually a  
> 'flying saucer' at all. The witness had reported an  
> enigmatic  
> aerial object which he described as, 'about the size  
> of a  
> saucer', or similar. Like Arnold, he didn't say it  
> was saucer-  
> shaped.  
>  
>  
> >I don't have my archives at hand, so I can't be  
> more precise  
> >right now, but I would suggest we kept our minds  
> open for a  
> >little longer about how much the media contributed  
> to the  
> >creation of the 'flying saucer' legend.  
>  
> Comprehensively cited evidence does seem to prove  
> the media did  
> more than merely contribute - they effectively  
> created a  
> popularised belief that Kenneth Arnold had seen nine  
> unidentified  
> objects which were, astonishingly, shaped exactly  
> like  
> saucers/disks.  
>  
> Conversely, the premise is that this was irrelevant  
> to 'some'  
> extent, as there were reports of disk-shaped objects  
> which  
> predated Arnold's misconstrued comments.  
>  
> In short; just because the media were initially  
> mistaken in  
> portraying a scenario where America was being  
> overflowed by disk-  
> shaped (air)craft of unknown origin, doesn't mean  
> that people  
> were not suddenly witnessing non-earthly [could be  
> from one or  
> more planets or dimensions, or...] disk-shaped  
> craft(s).  
>  
>  
> It's an issue which is inherently fundamental to our  
> overall  
> understanding of 'flying saucers and where they came  
> from'.

- >
- >
- > Two principal elements therein; firstly, how many
- > comparable
- > 'flying disc' accounts do we, in fact, have
- > documented before 24
- > June, 1947?
- >
- > Secondly, to \_what\_ extent are those likely to
- > explain why
- > 'flying saucer/disk' sightings became so
- > instantaneously prolific
- > \_and archetypal during the next fifty plus years\_
- > [countless
- > hoaxes acknowledged], following our inaccurate media
- > headline
- > 'flying saucer/disk' descriptions, post 25 June?
- >
- >
- > The challenge is to evidence why 'flying saucers' -
- > the absolute
- > essence of ufology - do not have a blatantly
- > recognisable,
- > specious basis. It's one which I have, equally, duly
- > addressed
- > and can offer no argument against.
- >
- > Perhaps I'm simply unaware of the many, significant,
- > pre-Arnold
- > accounts which might suggest why non-earthly,
- > disk-shaped
- > vehicles are a, factually, tenable genesis for
- > 'flying
- > saucers'... and everything built on that foundation.
- >
- > To begin with - perhaps we can establish and
- > document \_all\_ of
- > those apparent pre-Arnold 'disk-shaped' reports.
- >
- >
- > James Easton.
- > E-mail: [voyager@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk)
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From: chris aubeck <caubeck@yahoo.com>  
Date: Fri, 7 Jun 2002 11:55:20 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 'Flying Saucers' and Where They Came From

This is not a follow-up on my previous message, just a curiosity item. Has this case been catalogued already?  
I suppose it is meteorological in nature, but it resembles many modern reports.

Chris

From: "Luis R. Gonzalez" <lrgm@arrakis.es>  
Date: Fri, 7 Jun 2002 19:08:03 +0200  
Subject: [UFORL] New Zealand's Vilas Boas

Dear colleagues,

In the Mail Bag section of FSR 11:3 (May-June 1965) and under the title "The Brazilian Farmer 's Story", Henk J. Hinfelaar (who identified himself as Editor of "Spaceview", Journal of N.Z. Scientific Space Research, p.o. Box 21-007, Henderson, New Zealand) wrote:

"3. We have a similar case on record which for security reasons we are unable to publish. I can assure you this is not just another dramatic statement,as it took us four or five years to accumulate all the available evidence..."

Does anybody know whom is he referring to?

The only one I can think of is the story of John Stuart and Doreen Wilkinson as related in his book UFO Warming (1963) and commented by Jerome Clark in an article for FORTEAN TIMES ("Sex and the silencers", Fortean Times n° 114 (Septiembre 1998), p. 47)

Can anybody help?

Luis R. González

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From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>  
Date: Fri, 07 Jun 2002 12:27:40 -0700  
Subject: [UFORL] Jackie Gleason update

It has been said that an unusual article appeared in the BUFFALO NEWS dated Sunday, June 12, 1987. The article was regarding Beverly McKittrik, the ex-wife of the late comedian Jackie Gleason. The article supposedly has McKittrick charging that Gleason was taken to Homestead AFB by President Nixon to view unusual creatures held in storage at the facility.

Investigation of this case began in early 2002 by attempting to locate the original Buffalo News article.

On May 9, 2002, Cincinnati-area researcher Donnie Blessing filed the following report:

I contacted the Buffalo News newspaper this morning. Their number is 1-800-777-8680. I spoke to someone in the newsroom. I explained the information I was trying to find. [I asked if they] Could they tell me the reporters name who wrote the Jackie Gleason article and was told that the newspaper only keeps their archives back to 1997. The suggestion was given that I contact the Buffalo Public Library and find out if they could look that information up on microfilm of old newspapers. If I was able to get the news reporter's name then I could call the paper back and they would look to see if they could find the reporter in their files.

I then placed a call to the Buffalo Central Public Library. Their number is 716-858-8900. I spoke to a Joann who works in Special collections. She told me that she would have someone to look and see if they could find this story tonight on microfilm. I gave the date that I needed. She asked that tomorrow I call back to see if they had found the information. She also said that if they find the

information that I could retrieve a copy of the article for 5 dollars.

This I will do and hopefully it will include the reporters name

which I will ask for on the phone also. Will keep you updated on

any info I get tomorrow.

Through follow up inquiry, Donnie learned that the librarian at the Buffalo Central Public Library could not locate any such article regarding Jackie Gleason or Beverly McKittrick from the Sunday, June 12, 1987 edition of the Buffalo News.

Seeking to undertake a more satisfactory and comprehensive review, Donnie obtained the actual microfilm of the June, 1987 Buffalo News through Interlibrary Loan. The microfilm was delivered to the downtown, Cincinnati branch of the Hamilton County Public Library system.

Upon making one search for the Jackie Gleason story in late May of 2002, Donnie was also unable to locate any such article on the date in question. Not being satisfied by her first search, she made another search effort while the microfilm was being held at the Cincinnati library. Enclosed below are her comments, dated Tuesday, June 4, 2002:

Kenny,

Just got back from the library and I reviewed the dates June 11th

thru the 15th for the Buffalo News for 1987 and did not find a

word about the Jackie Gleason article. I scanned very carefully

these dates and did not think it was necessary to go any further.

The one reel was for the 11th thru the 17th. So make of this

what you want but if there is an article out there its not under

the 12th for sure. Let me know what you make of this.

COMMENT:

A total of three (3) searches were made for the Jackie Gleason article that was said to have appeared in the

June 12, 1987 Buffalo News. One search was made by a librarian at the Buffalo Central Public Library and two searches, one very comprehensive, was made by researcher Donnie Blessing. These three searches failed to produce the article that was said to have appeared in this newspaper. At this point it might be necessary to trace the story back to the source who alleged the existence of the article to begin with. Perhaps this source can produce a copy of the article. If so, it is not likely to be verified as its reference cannot be located in the microfilmed copy of the June, 1987 Buffalo News.

A Pennsylvania-based private detective is assisting this investigation and helping us to locate McKittrik. This phase of the investigation is still ongoing and details on this will be posted when available.

prepared by Kenny Young  
Friday, June 7, 2002

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From: TPrinty@aol.com

Date: Fri, 7 Jun 2002 17:53:38 EDT

Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 'Flying Saucers' and Where They Came From

"A MYSTERIOUS VISITANT

A Strange Object Observed in the Heavens at  
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From: chris aubeck <caubeck@yahoo.com>  
Date: Sat, 8 Jun 2002 19:06:03 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: [UFORL] Pazzaglini, Williamson, Writing, 1937.

Hello list members,

In The Anomalist No. 1, 1994, there appears an interesting interview with Mario Pazzaglini, a clinical psychologist who has studied samples of "alien writing."

One of the samples he mentions comes from the estates of George Williamson and George Adamski. "The oldest example Williamson had was from 1937, from pre-flying saucer days, in other words. But the story involved a craft that landed in a field. When the farmer went out, they handed him a piece of paper and there were symbols on it."

Does anyone know anything about this case? And the "writing"? I'd like to know more about the incident if possible.

Best wishes,

Chris

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From: "havabilah" <havabilah@yahoo.com>

X-Originating-IP: 63.206.90.222

Date: Sat, 08 Jun 2002 21:08:06 -0000

Subject: [UFORL] new book

Moishe Hablivilah, has written a new book called "The Contact Paper Has Been Placed." Hablivilah claims to have been contacted by visiting aliens who told him to write a book in June of 1997. Most journalists are skeptical of stories about UFOs and visitors from space. This book is important because a key member of the news industry is putting his reputation on the line telling others we are being visited.

Essentially a peaceful race of extraterrestrials is making contact with Earth's leaders from an Intergalactic Federation. The editor of the Plainfield Times is a skeptical journalist, who with his won acclaim for his coverage of the Plainfield riot of 1968. He claims to have been taken aboard a craft from another world. Hablivilah claims he was instructed to help other humans accept we are not alone. Now is the time for us to prepare to enter the Intergalactic Federation of Sovereign Planets. Important people from all over the world are being contacted by the extraterrestrials to serve as ambassadors to the human race. The aliens claim to carry no weapons and are peaceful, promise a new wonderful world and call themselves, Galumbabini . Their planet is 50 light-years from Earth and is smaller than the Earth. They assured him that the universe is teeming with life and there are hundreds of thousands of inhabited planets. Dan Dowop interviewed Moishe Hablivilah in California and found him to be a warm, intelligent person, not apparently mishugina. He certainly believed his story and assured us that other important people will be speaking out in the coming years concerning their contact. He claims that he recognized many important people aboard the space ship who were also undergoing edification and indoctrination. All have been given a mission to meet with Earth's leaders and to prepare them for the future summit and contact. A new city will be constructed by the extraterrestrials overnight and called, "Newark frum Space" Key leaders from all backgrounds will go to Newark frum Space and be trained to participate in the confederation. The essential message is that they come in piece, they have discovered the True Tooth and they will spread it on our path. Humanity is on the threshold of rebirth. They will be our shepherd and watch over us like lambs. The first announcements will come in 2002. The book is from Watanabe House Publishers and local stores. Note: This is pretty wild stuff even for a UFO investigator.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Sun, 9 Jun 2002 03:19:13 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] 'Spacefleet Landing'

Cosmic contemplation in Cowtown is nothing new for Hip Pocket Theatre. But this time, the spaciness is tongue-in-cheek.

With the world premiere of Preview for the Spacefleet Landing on Earth in 2001 A.D. by Uriel, Cosmic Visionary, writer-director Johnny Simons has adapted the wacky beliefs of the Unarius Academy of Science, a Southern California UFO cult established in 1954 by Ernest and Ruth Norman. Unarius is an abbreviation for "Universal Articulate Interdimensional Understanding of Science."

The cult's elaborate theology persists to this day, despite the fact that its central prophecy - that representatives of an interplanetary coalition would land on Earth in 2001 - did not pan out.

[...]

[END]

For the full story, see:

<http://www.guidelive.com/profile/332118/>

James Easton.  
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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Sun, 9 Jun 2002 03:23:06 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] 'Silverton UFO sightings...'

'Silverton UFO sightings in the eyes of the beholders'  
By Mary Manning  
LAS VEGAS SUN

John Darger and his family came all the way from Salt Lake City to catch a glimpse of a UFO predicted to appear in Las Vegas on Thursday.

"We're in Vegas," Darger said. "What are the odds? Not good."

Darger, a building contractor, is a skeptic and an amateur hypnotist and knows the tricks of the trade. But he said he was willing to give mentalist Kreskin a chance to pull a flying saucer out of the night sky.

The Amazing Kreskin, also known as George Joseph Kresge Jr., attracted about 300 people Thursday night to a dark desert lot behind the Silverton hotel at Interstate 15 and Blue Diamond Road.

The mentalist and entertainer had predicted that one of the largest UFO sightings in recorded history would take place in Nevada's desert in either May or June. Kreskin was so certain, he promised that if nothing was sighted, then he would donate 50,000 [dollars] to charity.

But in the end Kreskin, who says he's not a psychic, never expected to see anything otherworldly himself. He planned to plant the idea in the minds of the audience to see alien objects in the sky.

"It's not going to hurt you, it's not going to jeopardize you," he told the crowd in the showroom before the sightings. "It's going to be fulfilling. It will be real to you, but it will be subjective."

"You are part of a gigantic experiment. Damn it, some of the members of the intelligence community better raise their intelligence."

[...]

[END]

Courtesy of...

<http://www.lasvegassun.com/sunbin/stories/lv-other/2002/jun/07/513550514.html>

"Kreskin was so certain, he promised that if nothing was sighted, then he would donate 50,000 [dollars] to charity".

Doubtless he's 'intelligent' enough to appreciate 'something' will be 'sighted' [read the small print, etc...].

James Easton.

E-mail: [voyager@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk)

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From: "Luis R. Gonzalez" <lrgm@arrakis.es>  
Date: Sun, 9 Jun 2002 09:19:03 +0200  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] new book

Can you provide an electronic (or postal) address for the publishers of Hablivila's book?

Luis R. Gonzalez

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Sun, 9 Jun 2002 10:28:53 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] new book

In a message dated 6/8/2002 11:40:31 PM Eastern Daylight Time,  
havabilah@yahoo.com writes:

<< Moishe Hablivilah, has written a new book called "The Contact Paper  
Has Been Placed.">>>

I may seem dense, here, but is there any connection between the  
sender of this post and the skeptical journalist Hablivilah? Can you  
folks over the pond tell me how leading the Plainfield Journal is?

Skeptically yours,  
Bob Young

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From: cgibson@skomer.u-net.com  
Date: Sun, 09 Jun 2002 22:07:35 GMT  
Subject: [UFORL] Re: new book

Probably about as leading as the Press and Journal.

Chris

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From: Ktperehwon@aol.com  
Date: Mon, 10 Jun 2002 16:04:24 EDT  
Subject: [UFORL] Yes, a NEW Roswell TV documentary

DEAR COLLEAGUES,

Believe it or not, a NEW Roswell documentary will air this Thursday, June 13, on the History Channel (consult local listings for time). It's called "Roswell: The Final Declassification," and features Kevin Randle, Yrs Trly, and who knows how many other experts and "experts"--thankfully most of them not the usual suspects (or so I'm told).

I've not seen the final (or any) cut yet, so I can't say anything one way or another about either the value and accuracy of its content or its entertainment value. I can tell you this: to put it politely, the title is more than just a stretch.

Anyhoo, it may be at least a tad better than summer reruns. -- Cheers, KARL  
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"Today" being Monday, 10 June....

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FYI:

James Moseley interview airs today on "The Todd Mundt Show" (NPR) from 1-2 pm and 8-9 pm ET. The audio of the show is available online this afternoon at [www.toddshow.org](http://www.toddshow.org), as is a list of stations nationwide that will air it.

Jill

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Bob,

I can find no online mention of a "skeptical journalist  
Hablivilah", however, prominent is 'Moishe Hablivilah' and  
'Rosconian Science' - see:

<http://www.geocities.com/SoHo/Museum/2772/>

You gotta have time for anyone depicted wearing a hamster on his  
head.

Following that link to the, 'Ancient Mysterious Order of  
Rosconian Pedunkins AMORP':

<http://www.geocities.com/SoHo/Museum/2772/indexr.htm>

...invites we can, "receive a copy of our Not Quite Free  
introductory booklet, 'Mastery of the Gungle Fitzer'".

A reference to, "one of the largest collections of Potosylvanian,  
Balloonian and Ass-Serious? antiquities on display" and copyright  
attributed to, the "Supreme Grand Hodge-Podge of AMORP, Inc."  
further questions whether this is all mocking nearby 'Rosicrucian  
Order, AMORC' and a Masonic 'Grand Lodge'.

See:

<http://www.rosicrucian.org/>

Is it, "Moishe Hablivilah in one of his Incarnations" as  
associated with the 'Ashtar Galactic Command'?:

<http://communities.msn.com/AshtarGalacticCommand/members.msnw?action=ShowPhoto&PhotoID=26>

And maybe, Moishe Hablivilah from 'Elijah's Home Page':

"Hello Friend, My name is Moishe Hablivilah and I'm the Publisher/Editor of The Hablivilah Letter. It contains wonderful words of hope and inspiration, straight from The Word of God Zooks. I got your name from a Rosconian website, and thought you wouldn't mind receiving a weekly thought-provoking newsletter which is geared towards Rosconians. Please reply to this letting me know if you care to receive it, or not. If you wish, you may put the word "yes" in the subject. Thanks for your time. May God Zooks bless you. Moishe Hablivilah Moishe Hablivilah".

Godskooks indeed...

Also regarding:

>From: "havabilah" <havabilah@yahoo.com>  
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[...]

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>who with his won acclaim for his coverage of the Plainfield riot  
>of 1968. He claims to have been taken aboard a craft from  
>another world.

Moishe Hablivilah does not seem to be a "key member of the news industry", or even editor of a small, local newspaper.

Besides, if taken aboard a flying saucer, what's he still skeptical about?

Perhaps infinitely more revealing and explaining why a proclaimed, "new city... constructed by the extraterrestrials overnight" will be called "Newark from Space", are the following insights:

<http://www.geocities.com/SoHo/Workshop/2200/moishe.htm>  
<http://www.geocities.com/havabilah/index.htm>



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Karl,

Thanks for the info/warning!

Hopefully, this will also in due course be featured on the  
'History Channel' via its inherent UK satellite broadcast.

If of general interest to subscribers, there's currently a 1945  
map of 'Roswell Army Air Field' on sale at eBay:

<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=2109758713>

Although it strictly merits a separate heading - perhaps worth  
highlighting another, unrelated, recent item:

<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=2110140303>

James Easton.  
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From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
Date: Sun, 16 Jun 2002 11:18:41 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] UFOs on BBC TV

Hi Guys

The BBC local TV station based in Southampton are running a series of UFO stories in their local news programme, "South Today", which UK members can watch anywhere in the UK on the BSkyB digital satellite service. South Today is on for 30 minutes from 6.30 and the UFO story line will run from Monday the 17th June for 5 days.

For the non-UK residents the website [www.bbc.co.uk/southampton](http://www.bbc.co.uk/southampton) has details plus video clips of UFOs taken over Dorset and Hampshire. They have promised to show a sequence of video footage of an object which "experts" have failed to identify.

Cheers

John

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From: "deodand2001" <eablair90@hotmail.com>  
X-Originating-IP: 24.120.195.235  
Date: Sun, 16 Jun 2002 21:47:34 -0000  
Subject: [UFORL] SOCORRO LANDING SITE

Hi, All;

I've found a USGS aerial photo of Socorro. I've marked various positions. Please tell me if I've got things right.

[www.geocities.com/deodand2001/socorrooufo.html](http://www.geocities.com/deodand2001/socorrooufo.html)

As you can see, the map commonly cited is crude and misleading. (Yes, I know it's "upside down.")

[www.cufon.org/contributors/chris/roadmap.htm](http://www.cufon.org/contributors/chris/roadmap.htm)

Any help with this would be appreciated.

Ed Blair

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Date: Mon, 17 Jun 2002 12:29:28 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Silver Orb Washes Up On S.C. Coast.

I just thought of some things:

1. During the early years of RADAR, lower frequencies were used, and so the spheres would have to be heavier.
2. Exposure to the elements for years would cause discoloration and pitting.
3. It also might be a dummy mine or bomb used during training exercises (the Dam Buster was a sphere).

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-----Original Message-----

From: TPrinty@aol.com [mailto:TPrinty@aol.com]  
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2002 20:15Subject: Re: [UFORL] Silver Orb Washes Up On  
S.C. Coast.

I wonder if the sphere looks something like these?

[http://www.gosti.com/Cal\\_Tgts/Cal\\_Tgts.html](http://www.gosti.com/Cal_Tgts/Cal_Tgts.html)

Tim Printy

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From: "Luis R. Gonzalez" <lrgm@arrakis.es>  
Date: Tue, 18 Jun 2002 13:59:15 +0200  
Subject: [UFORL] Early abductions

Recently (26 Jun 2002) Larry W. Bryant wrote to the U.S. Department of Justice asking for a policy statement on abductions. Among the material appended he included the following FBI memo dated January 18, 1967:

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT ALLEGEDLY SIGHTING, JANUARY 17, 1967

At 4:10 a.m., January 18, 1967, (deleted) advised that he desired to report that he had observed a large oblong-shaped object which alighted in the street in front of him when he was on his way home from his television repair shop, the (deleted), Chesapeake, Virginia. He believes that he was taken into this craft which he recalls as being made of a glass like substance and being transparent. It was manned by several individuals who appeared to be undersized creatures similar to members of the human race, probably not more than 4 feet tall. They were allegedly wearing regular trouser pants and T-shirts. (deleted) believes that he was transported by this craft for an undetermined distance and returned to his point of take-off approximately one hour later.

(Deleted) spoke in a coherent manner although he appeared to be under certain emotional strain. He claimed he had not been drinking any intoxicants but he was unable to account for the time between 8:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.. he stated he was telephoning from his workshop but had no recollection of being elsewhere between 8:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

The above is being furnished for your information

NOTE: (deleted) furnished information to night supervisor SA (deleted) Special Investigative Division. A check of Bureau indices did not disclose any information which could be identified with (deleted).

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Does anybody know more details about this interesting memo or the incident?

Luis R. González Manso

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From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@skomer.u-net.com>  
Date: Wed, 19 Jun 2002 22:21:49 +0000  
Subject: Re: RE: [UFORL] Silver Orb Washes Up On S.C. Coast.

Copper spheres 3ft (91cm) in diameter were used in the Dazzle and Gasligh tests during the UK ballistic missile development programme. These were launched on Black Knight launchers and tracked on radar to investigate re-entry vehicle behaviour.

Chris

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Thu, 20 Jun 2002 00:20:51 +0100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Jackie Gleason update

Regarding:

>From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>  
>Date: Fri, 07 Jun 2002 12:27:40 -0700  
>Subject: [UFORL] Jackie Gleason update

Kenny wrote:

[To recap]

>It has been said that an unusual article appeared in the BUFFALO  
>NEWS dated Sunday, June 12, 1987.

>On May 9, 2002, Cincinnati-area researcher Donnie Blessing filed  
>the following report:

[...]

>A total of three (3) searches were made for the Jackie Gleason  
>article that was said to have appeared in the June 12, 1987  
>Buffalo News. One search was made by a librarian at the Buffalo  
>Central Public Library and two searches, one very comprehensive,  
>was made by researcher Donnie Blessing. These three searches  
>failed to produce the article that was said to have appeared in  
>this newspaper. At this point it might be necessary to trace the  
>story back to the source who alleged the existence of the  
>article to begin with. Perhaps this source can produce a copy of  
>the article. If so, it is not likely to be verified as its  
>reference cannot be located in the microfilmed copy of the June,  
>1987 Buffalo News.

Kenny,

Thanks for the informative, research update.

If it helps, there is at least one online reference (I'm sure  
I've seen another) that Beverly McKittrik told the story on-air:

Another curiosity I have come across regarding any formal release  
of proof of alien existence comes from the Great One, Jackie  
Gleason. I happened to see the comedian's ex-wife on a CNBC talk  
show discussing aliens a few years back. She retold the story of  
Jackie being good friends with President Nixon. Evidently, Nixon  
arranged for Gleason to see actual alien bodies (corpses?) at  
some military base.

[END]

[http://www.alienzoo.com/articles/showarticle.php?article\\_id=210](http://www.alienzoo.com/articles/showarticle.php?article_id=210)

The only mention I can find, online, of any other possible source for our initial news feature is:

"Well according to the article," I replied, "Jackie told his wife that ole Dick said that he once visited Area 51 and actually saw the alien bodies."

"Where did you read this?" he asked, his concern growing more apparent.

"The New York Post," I said. "Page Six. Mrs. Gleason, who's now a widow, called them up and just had to get it off her chest."

"Hmmpmphhhh!" he snorted. "So much for security."  
[END]

I don't know if this is intended to be a factual newspaper reference [alas, there's no date given], or just jokingly part of the anecdote at:

<http://www.xylostyle.com/businesspolitics.html>

Where did we first find claims of an article in the 'Buffalo News'?

I can't locate any reference other than:

UFO POTPOURRI

John F. Schuessler, 9862 West Unser Ave., Littleton, CO 80128  
No. 423 February 1999

[...]

\_Did Jackie Gleason See Dead Aliens?\_

According to a story in the BUFFALO NEWS ,on Sunday, June 12, 1987, Jackie Gleason was fascinated with outer space. The text of the article is as follows:

"Gleason was an avowed believer in UFOs and, according to his ex-wife Beverly McKittrick, he even got involved in some spaced-out exploits with his friend Richard Nixon. Beverly was a 37-year-old divorcee with a great golf game when Jackie met her at a Miami country club. Their four-year marriage ended in 1974."

"In her unpublished biography of the funnyman entitled 'The Great One,' Beverly, Gleason's second spouse, describes a bizarre trip Jackie took with the then-president in 1973 to Homestead Air Force Base in Florida to see what she says were the bodies of four dead space aliens recovered by the Air Force. The aliens were supposedly embalmed and displayed on operating tables and classified as top secret material. Gleason and Nixon visited the base under extremely tight security, she says."

"Given the gravity of the matter and its universal implications for national security, it's hardly surprising that the TV star and the former president kept mum about it all these years."

The article also told how Gleason had accumulated one of the largest private libraries in the country, which he kept in his Florida home.

[...]

[END]

That's from 1999, and we have the comparative...

\_Did Jackie Gleason view UFO bodies?\_

[...]

NEW YORK - The clamorous cry, "To the moon, Alice", frequently delivered on the 'Honeymooners' by the late, great Jackie Gleason, may have been inspired in part by the comic's fascination with outer space. Gleason was an avowed believer in UFOs and, according to his ex-wife Beverly McKittrick, he even got involved in some spaced-out exploits with his friend Richard Nixon. Beverly was a 37-year-old divorcee with a great golf game when Jackie met her at Miami country club. Their four year marriage ended in 1974. In her unpublished biography of the funnyman entitled 'The Great One,' Beverly, Gleason's second spouse, describes a bizarre trip Jackie took with the then President in 1973 to Homestead AFB in Florida to see what she says were bodies of four dead space aliens recovered by the Air Force.

[...]

[END]

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I wonder if the date in Schuessler's online feature has a typo.

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Perhaps worth pursuing, if possible.

James Easton.

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Date: Thu, 20 Jun 2002 00:35:33 +0100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Early abductions

Regarding:

>From: "Luis R. Gonzalez" <lrgm@arrakis.es>  
>Date: Tue, 18 Jun 2002 13:59:15 +0200  
>Subject: [UFORL] Early abductions

Luis wrote:

>Does anybody know more details about this interesting memo or  
>the incident?

Luis,

There's some previous background, at:

<http://www.ufocity.com/f-lwb/lwb-05.cfm>

James Easton.  
E-mail: [voyager@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk)

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Thu, 20 Jun 2002 05:16:09 +0100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] SOCORRO LANDING SITE

Regarding:

>From: "deodand2001" <eablair90@hotmail.com>  
>Date: Sun, 16 Jun 2002 21:47:34 -0000  
>Subject: [UFORL] SOCORRO LANDING SITE

Ed wrote:

>I've found a USGS aerial photo of Socorro. I've marked various  
>positions. Please tell me if I've got things right.

Ed,

Thanks for making such invaluable research material available.

If downloaded and contrast enhanced, the detail is surprisingly clear.

In his report, Zamora wrote:

"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".

If, "After got to top, traveled slowly on the gravel road westwardly... Noted nothing for awhile...for possibly 10 or 15 seconds, went slow...", then Zamora [twice noting he was travelling slowly] might have had that initial glimpse from approximately where you indicate - maybe slightly further on [impossible to say for sure].

This early 90's photograph shows a building directly in front of 'X' and presumably it wasn't there in 1964.

Your conclusions effectively agree with Chris Lambright's map - for which the correct URL is:

<http://www.cufon.org/contributors/chrisl/roadmap.htm>

However, in 'Socorro Saucer', Ray Stanford provides a map of events which, interestingly, is quite different and that's only now evident on seeing the USGS overhead you have provided.

He places, 'Object and two humanoids sighted' as much nearer the vicinity of Zamora's second observation, with little distance between both.

Stanford also locates our 'UFO' as close to the dirt road, indeed only a short distance from it.

Zamora added:

"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".

Although Zamora seemingly doesn't confirm how far distant to said object, Stanford claims in his book, "fifty feet or so away".

Given that Zamora at first, "noted a shiny type object to south about 150 to 200 yards" - say, 500 feet - then Stanford's illustration should agree, i.e., Zamora was 'ten times' further away at his initial sighting of an object in the arroyo.

It clearly doesn't equate, with Zamora being depicted by Stanford as only about 250 feet from the object when briefly seen at first glance.

Coming back to the USGS photo as evidence, we have a scenario where Zamora's first and subsequent observations are separated by circa a factor of ten.

Or do we.... who says so, except for Ray Stanford and whose own published research actually corroborates otherwise?

From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>  
Date: Thu, 20 Jun 2002 01:22:09 -0700  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Jackie Gleason update

James Easton wrote:

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James,

Yes this is a good point. I recall Donnie making mention that Sunday did not even fall on June 12 so it is very possible this could have been a typo and the actual date was July and not June. This is an easy mistake to make and I'm a frequent target of the date-typo-gremlin myself. Before talking with Donnie Blessing about going through all this again, I'll drop a note to John Schuessler also to see if he has the original article on file as that would save going through another lengthy hassle of getting microfilm delivered from across the country and still not finding it if the date would be 1986 or some other year. - KY

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From: "deodand2001" <eablair90@hotmail.com>  
X-Originating-IP: 24.120.195.235  
Date: Thu, 20 Jun 2002 20:38:51 -0000  
Subject: [UFORL] Socorro Landing Site Update

I've had to revize my material on the Socorro UFO Landing Site Photo extensively. Believe it or not I was misled by a surprising and persuasive optical illusion involved with the satellite photo.

<http://www.geocities.com.deodand2001/socorroufo1.html>

(That's a "one" after "ufo" in the URL - not an "L")

Sorry for the confusion, but when you see the new info on this photo you'll see that it was a very honest mistake and is just another warning to us about the power of optical illusions.

I really do think I have this right this time.

-This USGS photo was taken on Oct. 6, 1996.

-Dave Thomas, of New Mexicans for Science and Reason, tells me that there is no monument or museum dedicated to the Socorro landing.

Ed Blair

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Date: Fri, 21 Jun 2002 05:00:51 +0100  
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Regarding:

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Ed,

Thanks for uploading this new research material, for which the correct URL is:

<http://www.geocities.com/deodand2001/socorroufo1.html>

Fascinating data and you have now placed Zamora close to both sighting positions documented by Ray Stanford. As I mentioned, Stanford doesn't show much distance between them.

On the web-site, you write:

"It looks as if Zamora was pretty close to the UFO when he had his close encounter. About 30 yards?

Looks as if he might have as close as 150 yards away when he had his two second sighting".

Zamora wrote: "Suddenly noted a shiny type object to south about 150 to 200 yards", which agrees with your conclusion.

As previously noted, Stanford states the second observation was from "fifty feet or so away".

Given that Stanford was a foremost on-site investigator, his calculations should be the most reliable and I would have thought we can accept that, at closest proximity, Zamora was 20, or 30 as you say, yards distant.

It's a huge difference from other claims - for example, Jack Graeme's 'Lonnie Zamora's Big White Egg' article reports the sightings were, from "more than half a mile away" and "100 yards from the object", respectively.

I hope to shortly make available a copy of Stanford's maps, which helpfully include a measurement of scale and a topology.

That photograph of Hynek on your web site is reproduced in 'Socorro Saucer' with the caption: "Dr. J. Allen Hynek is shown photographing 'direction from which the object approached'."

The 'pad print', at:

<http://www.geocities.com/deodand2001/socorroufo.html>

is, according to Stanford's book, "The southwest imprint photographed on the morning after by New Mexico State Police Sergeant Samuel Chavez".

On the web site, at:

<http://www.geocities.com/deodand2001/socorroufo3.html>

you comment:

"The white X marks a probable site for Zamora's two-second sighting. He's at the top of the steep slope yet he can still see around the lower slope of the larger ridge marked in yellow. Farther along the road I doubt that the UFO would have been visible. The road looks as if it goes down a gentle slope past building C and would probably be "sunken" a bit as dirt roads often are, and lined with greasewood - (creosote bush for you tenderfeet). The effect of being on the crest of the ridge on a sunken road that close to the landing site at the base of the ridge would be like that of a cat standing on the middle of a table trying to see something at the base of the leg of the table. Zamora's line of sight would pass OVER the UFO".

That does seem to equate with Zamora's official statement:

"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".

However, Zamora evidently couldn't see the object at this point... or could he?

Zamora stopped at a suitable location where he could, "go down to where I knew the object (car) was". Does that imply it wasn't actually visible?

In 'Flying Saucers' [1966], Coral Lorenzen, who had also interviewed Zamora the following day, wrote:

"He got out of the car, but in doing so, dislodged his microphone, which he picked up and put back in its place. Taking three steps towards the gully, he was now in a position to see the object down the short slope and a little to his left. Suddenly an ear-splitting roar filled the air..."

Comparatively, Zamora confirmed:

"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.

From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Date: Fri, 21 Jun 2002 12:31:04 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Socorro Landing Site Update

The shadows of the buildings support this.

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X-Originating-IP: 24.120.195.235  
Date: Sat, 22 Jun 2002 03:59:04 -0000  
Subject: [UFORL] Another Socorro Update

I've added one more page to the SocorroUfo site. This is a close up of the landing site, but this time with the photo turned North side up. It's amazing how different this photo looks when you rotate it, and what features pop up. It looks to me that a distance of 50 to 100 feet from Zamora to the UFO is quite possible.

I also have comments on where Zamora's first two second sighting could have occurred and why his three steps toward the UFO might have been three long difficult steps.

<http://geocities.com/deodand2001/socorroUfo5.html>

or if you want to start at the beginning of the site

<http://geocities.com/deodand2001/socorroUfo1.html>

(This is a free site and the pages are connected sequentially with hyperlinks, without any homepage or menu. You can't move backwards. I'm working on an actual website with such amenities.)

- Phil Klass tells me that he has 8x10 prints of the Chavez photos stored in his basement. Sadly, he is feeling too weak and ill to dig them out. He has invited me to his house in Washington DC, but as I live in Las Vegas, Nevada this isn't practical. Any volunteers in the Washington DC area?

- A Socorro resident says, "Lonnie retired from city last year. Was landfill official."

I don't know if that means he still lives in Socorro. I would think that he probably does.

All the best, everyone;

Ed Blair

PS - if those hyperlinks above don't work this time, I'm going to bite a chunk out of my arm. I typed each letter and digit individually and checked them both eight times. They've got to be right this time!

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X-Originating-IP: [194.242.132.21]  
Date: Mon, 24 Jun 2002 15:56:46 +0000  
Subject: [UFORL] UFO sightings recorded information line

Dear Members,

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Tel 0870 046 2270 (24 hours)

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Best regards,

Chris Rolfe  
UFO Monitors East Kent.

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From: Ktperehwon@aol.com  
Date: Tue, 25 Jun 2002 12:20:16 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Another Socorro Update

Ed & colleagues:

>I don't know if that means he still lives in Socorro. I would think  
>that he probably does.

He does and is most unwilling to talk with anyone about his 1964 experience.  
-- Cheers, KARL

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Date: Tue, 25 Jun 2002 14:29:54 -0700  
Subject: [UFORL] Turkey Springs Gone  
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Date: Thu, 27 Jun 2002 14:43:37 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Turkey Springs Gone

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The area is one of my wife's and my favorites. In fact, for several years, we've been toying with the idea of a get-away place there, or even permanently relocating. Sad, sad, indeed. Let's hope this tragedy will have a silver lining: that the Forest Service and others finally (!) will get the message about failed, foolish forest management/job elimination/fire kindling policies.

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Many on this list know I think it highly likely that the Walton incident was a hoax. However, I've definitely not fully closed the door on the possibility it was a real abduction event. The "tree-whispered," tree-ring-captured secret, if any, just might throw the door wide open again. Let's hope it's not gone with the wind.

Jim, please keep us posted. Meanwhile, may you and your family and Rogers and his and all your neighbors soon be able to return safely home. -- Cheers,  
KARL PFLOCK

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From: Ktperehwon@aol.com  
Date: Thu, 27 Jun 2002 18:14:13 EDT  
Subject: [UFORL] Banished from UpDates? Or...?

Does anyone out there have a clue why I'm not receiving anything from UFO UpDates and haven't for some weeks now? Errol has not responded to my queries.

Any clues, suggestions, etc., will be muchly appreciated. Thx. -- Cheers,  
KARL

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Fri, 28 Jun 2002 03:38:11 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] The Navy's "Flying Saucer"

An interesting curio, still currently on eBay (although now sold  
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<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=1838049435>

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That inherent 'Hiller Flying Platform', did involve the Office of  
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From: Ktperehwon@aol.com  
Date: Fri, 28 Jun 2002 19:20:08 EDT  
Subject: [UFORL] I'm back...or Errol's back...or...

HI, ALL -- This afternoon, just as mysteriously as the stopping of UpDates reception, I began receiving again. Hmmmmm... Dang MIB!!

Thx, all, and especially Errol. -- Cheers, KARL

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Date: Fri, 28 Jun 2002 20:09:55 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Navy's "Flying Saucer"

I've seen this on TV - a real one flying. But it was very hard to control, which is why they scrapped it. Lose your balance and die.

The 1956 flying saucer project turned out to be the AVRO hovercraft.

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@ Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2002 21:38

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X-Originating-IP: [24.120.195.235]  
Date: Sat, 29 Jun 2002 09:38:53 -0700  
Subject: [UFORL] Socorro - One Last Speculation

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<DIV>I've been comparing the Hynek photo from <EM>Socorro Saucer </EM>with the USGS aerial photo and I think I can place the landing site closer to the road than I had been assuming.&nbsp; If you'd like to see what I mean, go to</DIV>

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<DIV>(I will have a real website with its own URL by the end of next week.&nbsp; I will also have material about the January 5, 2000 UFO sighting in Illinois - the one featured in that Discovery Channel thing <EM>UFOs Over Illinois.</EM>&nbsp;

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<DIV>I've called this post the <EM>Last Speculation </EM>because, first, it <EM>is</EM> only speculation - my best <EM>guess </EM>I can make with these fuzzy photographs, and, for all I know, I could be a half mile off.&nbsp; Second<EM>,&nbsp;</EM>I'm hoping that Dr. Charles Moore can help me to pinpoint the exact location of the site.&nbsp; He visited the site with Mr. Zamora and should be an authoritative source.&nbsp; He's away from home for the weekend so it will be several days before I expect to hear from him.</DIV>

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<DIV>I hope to find time to get to Socorro within the next few weeks.&nbsp; It's only a 12 hour drive from my home in Las Vegas NV.&nbsp; It will be very interesting to visit the site in person.&nbsp; If I can get good copies of the Chavez

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<DIV>Do you think this unlikely?&nbsp;<div>The key will be the plants.&nbsp;<div>Desert plants live a long time - the oldest know living thing is "King Clone," a creosote colony which is at least 9,400 years old.&nbsp;<div>They also don't change in appearance much over a paltry four decades.&nbsp;</DIV>

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<DIV>Check this site to see a mesquite bush in photos taken 62 years apart:</DIV>

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<DIV>It may even be possible to find the remains of the burned bush or it could have come back to life.&nbsp;<div>Creosote bushes are awfully tough and I do think that the burning bush was a creosote bush, not mesquite.</DIV>

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<DIV>Link to this site to see some material on desert plants:</DIV>

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Date: Tue, 2 Jul 2002 00:29:22 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] 'Rats blamed for mysterious cattle mutilations'

\_Rats blamed for mysterious cattle mutilations\_  
Reuters

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina - Recent mutilations of cattle and horses in the Argentine countryside were the work of rodents, scientists said on Monday, not ritualistic slayings by extraterrestrials or vampires as some farmers feared.

For the full story, see:

<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/nationworld/sfl-71rats.story?coll=sfla%2Dnews%2Dfringe>

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Subject: [UFORL] 'Man setting up for UFOs isn't too far out there'

\_Man setting up for UFOs isn't too far out there\_  
by Mike Nichols

"I hesitate to admit this in the current climate.

Hate to put myself square in the middle of a bull's-eye, and be the one to hand out the rotten tomatoes. But I have an opinion I'd like to share about the possible existence of alternate life forms - and, no, I am not talking about Michael Jackson.

I am one of that small number of much-maligned, much misunderstood Americans who don't believe in them".

Courtesy of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel:

<http://www.jsonline.com/news/ozwash/jun02/52034.asp>

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Date: Tue, 2 Jul 2002 10:24:57 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Socorro - One Last Speculation

How does each one match up with seeing the object landed earlier? When he saw the object while driving to the site.

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Date: Wed, 3 Jul 2002 11:01:52 +0200 (CEST)  
Subject: [UFORL] Spanish UFO book again available  
boundary="0-1417788134-1025686912=:87936"

The UFO book EXPEDIENTES INSÓLITOS (Anomalous Files), by Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, published 1995 by Temas de Hoy publisher (Madrid) is again available on a limited supply.

Those interested can purchase copies following these procedures:

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Nice picture of that shirt button.

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are also studying their experiences hoping to logically explain <BR>  
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KEITH BASTERFIELD: Someone who comes forward with these <BR>  
claims is probably a person who has had a long-standing interest <BR>  
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<DIV>Dr. Charles Moore has given me some sad news.&nbsp; He writes:</DIV>

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<DIV><EM>The land to which Lonnie Zamora took me in the late 1960s and which he identified as the landing site has now been subdivided and bulldozed over such that none of the original rock circles around the indentations on the ground now exist.&nbsp; The small declivity on the south side of the original site has now been filled in and is no longer there.&nbsp; The land on the top of the mesa is now all smoothed for home sites.</EM></DIV>

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<DIV><EM>The best location that I can choose for the original site is just south of Buford Street in the Highland Estates development at about 34.04505 degrees north and 106.90005 degrees west plus or minus about 50 meters.</EM></DIV>

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<DIV><EM>There is now a house at the top of the hill at the site on the gravel road where Zamora said that he stopped and first saw the craft on the ground.&nbsp; The extension of the gravel road from that point on to where Zamora identified the site no longer exists; it's been bulldozed over.</EM></DIV>

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<DIV>To see the area to which Dr. Moore refers, go to:</DIV>

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href="http://www.ufosolutions.com/socorro.html">http://www.UFOsolutions.com/socorro.html</A></DIV>

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<DIV>Dr. Moore further writes, "The site to which Zamora took me was about 1000 feet or more to the northwest of the site you have chosen.&nbsp; Your site is on Raychester road."</DIV>

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From: "havabilah" <havabilah@yahoo.com>  
X-Originating-IP: 63.202.179.155  
Date: Sun, 07 Jul 2002 07:07:45 -0000  
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Fantasy Prone Personality Types - Abductions.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Tue, 9 Jul 2002 05:35:03 +0100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Sad Socorro News

Regarding:

>From: "EDWARD BLAIR" <eablair90@hotmail.com>  
>Date: Sat, 06 Jul 2002 22:18:58 -0700  
>Subject: [UFORL] Sad Socorro News

Ed and list,

In 'Socorro Saucer', Ray Stanford clarified:

"Zamora angled Socorro 2 to the right, off the paved road at a point just beyond a small church building, the name of which translates from Spanish as 'Church of the Good Shepherd'."

Later today, I'll scan and upload a copy of Stanford's own map and some other material which is relevant.

Having visited the site shortly afterwards, Stanford should have pinpointed its correct location.

I've acquired and await delivery of a book entitled, 'New Mexico Geological Society: Fourteenth Field Conference, 1963 - Guidebook of the Socorro Region.'

This contains contemporary maps, including some showing the location of "Perlite, Mining Districts, Tritium Studies, Ground Water, Springs, Sais Quartzine, Oil, Gas", etc.

There was a "perlite mill" not far from the site and according to Stanford, Zamora stated: "I couldn't tell what might have kept the thing up or going; it was now completely silent. It kept that same height above the ground - ten to fifteen feet - 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".

Zamora added, "When there was the 'flame' and roar, the object rose slowly [Stanford's emphasis is shown underlined], like it was heavy. Seemed like an effort getting up that twenty feet or so, I'd say. But when there was silence and no roar or 'flame' or nothing, everything looked easy! Looked like no effort to take off across toward the perlite mill and to climb up at least at a 45 degree angle real fast after that".

There's a significant photograph in 'Socorro Saucer', which shows

the nearby dynamite shack and terrain beyond, in which general direction the object departed.

If, as Zamora claimed, the object flew directly over that dynamite shack, then it apparently was not heading towards the perlite mill.

Stanford realises that Zamora may be mistaken somewhere in his perceptions and writes in the photograph's caption:

"The dynamite shack which the departing object passed 50 to 100 feet behind and \_not over\_ as it appeared from Zamora's position, and terrain over which the object passed during its departure from the landing site. The general course of departure is illustrated by the black pointer.

The illusion of passing \_over\_ the shack was because Zamora was located 60 to 80 feet northwest of where this photo was taken".

Of course, Zamora had already dropped his glasses and was without them when watching the object's initial departure. As he wrote in his formal testimony:

"It did not come any closer to me. It appeared to go in straight line and at same height--possibly 10 to 15 feet from ground, and it cleared the dynamite shack by about three feet. Shack about eight feet high. Object was travelling very fast. It seemed to rise up, and take off immediately across country. I ran back to my car and as I ran back, I kept an eye on the object. I picked up my glasses (I left the sun glasses on ground), got into the car, and radioed to Nep Lopez, radio operator, to "look out of the window, to see if you could see an object." He asked what is it? I answered "It looks like a balloon." I don't know if he saw it. If Nep looked out of his window, which faces north, he couldn't have seen it. I did not tell him at the moment which window to look out of.

As I was calling Nep, I could still see the object. The object seemed to lift up slowly, and to "get small" in the distance very fast. It seemed to just clear the Box Canyon or Six Mile Canyon Mountain. It disappeared as it went over the mountain. It had no flame whatsoever as it was traveling over the ground, and no smoke or noise".

If, "the object seemed to lift up slowly" whilst Zamora "was calling Nep", surely it must be the same moment, as he told Stanford, when, "it never did get much higher until it got over near the perlite mill on the west side of US 60, maybe a mile away".

This would indicate the object had only travelled circa one mile by the time Zamora had returned to his car and made that call, bearing in mind his later revelation - not featured in 'Socorro Saucer' - how the radio would not initially work.

It's also questionable how far distant the object actually was when it began to ascend - how could Zamora know it wasn't only half a mile away, or even nearer? Stanford cites that Zamora had already made an error of judgement, locating the object 50-100 feet closer than factual, when it was approximately just 100 feet from him.

Stanford's claims are obviously conjecture and required simply to agree with Zamora's recollection about the perlite mill trajectory.

What is does alter the context of is Zamora's official statement and the impression given, albeit sincerely, that our object had rapidly "disappeared" beyond "Box Canyon or Six Mile Canyon Mountain".

Where exactly was "Box Canyon or Six Mile Canyon Mountain" in relation to the landing site and that perlite mill?

James Easton.

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Is that all?

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So what are you saying?

Crazy is not a medical term that I'm aware of. I'm not  
suggesting that abductees \_are\_ crazy. They might even be what  
they claim to be, for all I know.

I don't think that the medical community knows all especially  
when it comes to mental health. And I'm sure they lack  
knowledge of abductees. If we could ever get the communities  
together we might learn more about the subject of abduction and  
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Subject: RE: [UFORL] Sad Socorro News

I have USGS maps of the area from 1972. I will look at those.

I also have a 1964 Rand McNally Road Atlas.

I will check these tonight.

One thing to look for would be the dynamite shack. Is it the little white square on the second to last map?

I do know that Interstate 24 had not been built in 1964, and that the large Y to the trumpet interchange was not there.

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<P><TT>And how was this research achieved? Who were the people they  
interviewed? Did they just ask anyone who believed they were abductees to come in  
and have a chat with them or did they try and use a set of filters to determine who  
would be suitable candidates. As we know, there is a major difference for those  
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My view of abduction and UFO occupant reports:

- Many abduction sequences are generated by improper questioning under hypnosis. If the hypnotist is expecting alien activity, the questions asked may be leading enough for the subconscious to produce an abduction experience.

I consider any case as "tainted" once a hypnotist has plied his trade on the witness. Hypnotism is not just a viewer of the mind, it is also an editor.

- There are several cases which resulted from post-hypnotic suggestion during "party hypnosis".

- I'd say a good portion of abduction cases are people trying to win the cash prizes the tabloids give away for the "best case of the year".

In one "men in black" case, the police arrested the MIB, and found a press card for a tabloid on him.

- There are people who are so under stress at the time that the right stimulus will cause hallucinations. I have also encountered cases (non-UFO) where allergic reactions caused hallucinations.

- I know of an abduction where the event was staged as a prank on the victim (who was drunk).

- Some cases were offered as alibis for nonperformance of work, to get out of contracts, sleeping on the job, speeding, or for ammunition wasted (security guard).

- I know of at least 3 cases where the abduction or occupant report came around as a result of a wager. In two of the cases, the bet was that the case could be pulled off, in the third, it was the payoff for losing the bet.

- I know of another case where the "victim" was given LSD without knowing it.

- I personally have known two people who constantly see aliens, UFOs, fires, and other out-of-place objects, years after sustaining brain damage in road accidents. Nobody else can see them.

- There are still people who think they can make money by reporting a bizarre abduction. Usually they find out the hard way that the trouble they get is not worth what they make in interviews and book

sales.

- Some people report things just to get their names in papers.

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Date: Wed, 10 Jul 2002 15:57:09 -0700 (PDT)  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Fantasy Prone Personality Types - Abductions.

--- "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu> wrote:

- > My view of abduction and UFO occupant reports:
  - >
  - > - Many abduction sequences are generated by improper questioning under hypnosis. If the hypnotist is expecting alien activity, the questions asked may be leading enough for the subconscious to produce an abduction experience.
  - >
  - > I consider any case as "tainted" once a hypnotist has plied his trade on the witness. Hypnotism is not just a viewer of the mind, it is also an editor.
  - >
  - > - There are several cases which resulted from post-hypnotic suggestion during "party hypnosis".
  - >
  - > - I'd say a good portion of abduction cases are people trying to win the cash prizes the tabloids give away for the "best case of the year".
  - >
  - > In one "men in black" case, the police arrested the MIB, and found a press card for a tabloid on him.

<snip>

"The existence of wigs does not preclude the existence of real hair."

--Marcello Truzzi

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
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Subject: Re: [UFORL] Horten Ho IX V2

Regarding:

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Rob wrote:

>Does anyone have any suggestions for sites containing info on the  
>craft after it was recovered by the US?

Rob,

There's helpful information at:

[http://www.hotel.wineasy.se/ipms/stuff\\_eng\\_detail\\_hoix.htm](http://www.hotel.wineasy.se/ipms/stuff_eng_detail_hoix.htm)

This features a photograph of what was apparently the only V3 captured at Friedrichsroda.

As you will note, what seems to be the untouched airframe can still be seen in a museum.

>Has it's similarity to Kenneth Arnolds siting in 47 been brought  
>up before?

Yes, it's one of several 'flying wings' which have been investigated by myself and others and dismissed as possible candidates.

A summary was contained in my November 2000, 'Fortean Times' article:

As an experienced pilot, Kenneth Arnold seemed to be a reliable witness; but what could he have observed that so perplexed him? The most obvious explanation was a formation of military aircraft, which for some reason he didn't recognise and was simply mistaken about their airspeed.

On first examination, there are some intriguing possibilities about this hypothesis. Arnold's crescent-like object resembles the tail-less 'flying wing' concept pioneered by John 'Jack' Northrop in the United States. Northrop's XB-35, YB-49 and particularly YRB-49A were all similar to Arnold's depiction.

However, prior to 24 June 1947, only one XB-35 had been built and

due to several mechanical problems it had been grounded since the previous September. The second XB-35 to be built made its maiden flight on 26 June, 1947, two days after Arnold's sighting. The testing was carried out at Muroc Dry Lake (later re-named Edwards Air Force Base) in California, far removed from Washington's Cascade mountain range.

The Northrop YB-49, a jet-propelled derivative of the XB-35, first flew on 21 October 1948. Only one YRB-49A was built, but that didn't take off until May 1950.

In Germany, the Horten brothers - contemporaries and counterparts of Jack Northrop - had also developed innovative 'flying wing' designs. Their 'Ho IX' (also known as the 'Go 229') was nearing production as WWII ended. During late April 1945, the Horten plant at Friedrichsroda was occupied by American troops and one of the 'Ho IX' airframes was transported back to the US. Its design is almost identical to Arnold's crescent-like sketch.

So, decades before today's dark rumours about recovered alien technology at Area 51, could the US Air Force have been indulging in a spot of clandestine reverse-engineering, not of alien but German craft? Aviation historians seem satisfied that the looted 'Ho IX' airframe was never completed and test-flown in the US. Even if it had been, those other eight, tail-less objects that escorted it and matched its airspeed are not accounted for.

The contemporary similarity between experimental flying wings and Arnold's 'flying saucers' is therefore a remarkable coincidence and nothing more. The hypothesis that Arnold witnessed nine such top-secret, tail-less aircraft is not, evidently, sustainable.  
[END]

>...check out the 10th picture down on this site and let me know  
>what you think...

It's wonderful to see that someone has actually flown a working and superbly crafted model of this aircraft.

Amazingly similar to the profile Arnold believed he had observed, even though it's evidently straightforward why nine 'flying wings' are not an explanation.

Not as aircraft, anyway.

James Easton.

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Hope it helps.<BR>

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Tim Printy</FONT>

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Date: Thu, 11 Jul 2002 14:32:56 GMT  
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Horten Ho IX V2

I had pondered the possibility of the Arnold vehicles being Hortens (Assuming they weren't Jack Northrop's designs) but discounted it. My reason was that the Hortens were in Argentina designing cargo planes around that time.

'Fraid I must waver towards pelicanism.

Mind you, at least nobody has suggested they might be Armstrong Whitworth AW.52s.

Chris

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I thought I recall reading a Sign document stating they were in Germany still.

Tim Printy

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@ <snip>  
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@ "The existence of wigs does not preclude the existence  
@ of real hair."  
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@ --Marcello Truzzi

True. But it makes it harder to tell at a distance if real hair is there or not.

One thought:

We do have evidence for both the existence of wigs and the existence of real hair. And a quick yank is a sufficient test to tell the two apart. Either you get a loud scream, or a detached wig.

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Subject: RE: [UFORL] Horten Ho IX V2

I guess the real problem would be getting 9 working ones all together in the same place near Mt. Rainier.

I just found out another little tidbit of info. I have a photo of an Army Air Corps airman holding a 3 ft gas engine model of a disc plane similar to the Vought V-173, but with no horizontal stabilizer fins and only one engine. I also once had the plans for this plane in a book published by Popular Science in 1946.

The same problem exists for the models too.

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Subject: Re: [UFORL] Horten Ho IX V2

Thanks for the swift reply James, would you say that the the number of craft  
observed is the main hiccup in the Horton-Arnold conection?  
Many thanks  
rob....

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I'd need to check my books on that one, which is difficult from 500 miles away.

Chris

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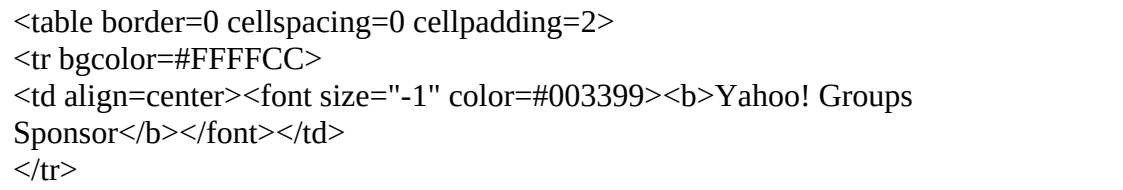
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Regards

Diane Harrison

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Thanks for that Tim!  
At least from this report it appears that the US government were at least  
looking at/for the objects reported by Arnold and not the media version.  
( unlike the rest of the population ) :-)  
It seems they were doing a better job than people gave/give them credit for,  
taking into account the obvious fact that they wouldn't be blaming the  
sightings on their own black projects.  
thanks again.  
rob.....

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Seems the Hortens were still in Germany in 1947 after all.  
Thanks Dave

Chris

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somewhere flat to lessen damage possabilitys.  
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It surely do :-)

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@[[JJS]] You would be remiss in assuming that abductions do not exist. By "abductions" I mean  
@reports of abduction experiences. Your counter-examples notwithstanding, we all know that  
@there exist in the database reports unfettered by such complications as you cite. I, too, am  
@unwilling to ascribe anything to aliens until such time as it's proven, but that does not stop us  
@from studying the phenomenon as it presents itself, to see why all these seemingly "normal"  
@people are reporting such bizarre circumstances.

@Perhaps a better analogy would be, "The existence of Munchausen's Syndrome does not  
@preclude the existence of legitimate illnesses." Which is not to imply that abduction experiences  
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I think you are misunderstanding the "assumed not to exist".

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@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

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Subject: Re: [UFORL] Horten Ho IX V2

Good Evening, All -

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Actually, the Army Air Corps didn't exist at that time either. In 1941 it had become the Army Air Forces and the Air Corps was a branch of the Army in the way that Infantry, Artillery and Armor were branches of the Army. As an aside, the aviation portion of the Army is now know as Aviation.

KRandle

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Subject: Re: [UFORL] Horten Ho IX V2

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Not to quibble minor points Larry but at the time of the air study #203 (which is what I was referring to in my post), it was 1948. The USAF official start date is 18 September 1947.

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The case is only amazing if you agree with his speed calculations take it out of the equation and a flock of pelecans become as good an answer as any, along with miss-identification normal aircraft or secret flying wing aircraft.

And i totally agree with you on the plane thing,i've seen footage of a B2 coming into land head on,it looks very very saucer like, seems to not get larger as it approached and displayed a very pronounced falling leaf style of flight,seeming to hover and lower gently to the ground.Only then did it appear to be moving as the ground gave a stable base on which to judge movement and speed.

Not sure but i beleave the motion is called Yaw?(anyone help me out on this)when the wings move up and down in an arc around the center line of the craft.

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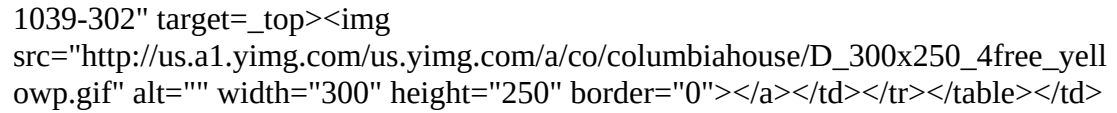
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From: "rotsky" <rotsky@wanadoo.fr>  
Date: Sat, 20 Jul 2002 10:41:22 +0200  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Horten Ho IX V2

Could be. Same for stealth. The F-117A 'Wobblin Goblin' (it's original and unofficial name) is - like many fly-by-wire designs - inherently unstable. It is simply unflyable without the computer to make all those instant little corrections. (The same, by the way, is NOT true of the A320 and upwards series of airliners!). One advantage of FBW is that it allows unstable designs, which in turns allows the designer to use stealthy shapes or - in the case of fighters - give the aircraft an ability to turn and pitch with a rapidity that a stable design simply couldn't offer (because stable designs, by their nature, fight against the turn or pitch movement).

a+  
Steve

Sent: 20 July 2002 02:38 Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Horten Ho IX V2

>From: "rotsky" <rotsky@wanadoo.fr>  
>>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>  
>Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Horten Ho IX V2  
>Date: Sat, 20 Jul 2002 00:01:47 +0200  
>  
>The B-2 also has the advantage of sophisticated fly-by-wire which (if I  
>remember correctly) uses split ailerons to control yaw through differential  
>drag.  
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Could that be the reason flying wing design took so long to be perfected?  
waiting for a fast enough controll system to come along?  
rob.....

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Thu, 25 Jul 2002 04:48:17 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] 'Rendlesham' and MoD Curios

I've been contacted by someone with an interesting story which, although having no evident, direct connection to the late December 1980 incidents, is curious nonetheless.

It might be dated within that general timeframe and apparently occurred either pre-Christmas late 1970s, or 1980.

I'm optimistic this can be further clarified.

By any default it's a reported 'UFO' sighting and the observation was on Suffolk's east coast, not that far from RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge's twin airbases.

The witness recalls:

It was 4 or 5 pm. and I was waiting for a bus from the dock into Felixstowe. You could see the bus at the terminus from where I was and as I looked to see if it was coming I caught sight of a light in the sky. It was just a point of light, like a star but moving in a direction from Dovercourt to the entrance of the Orwell estuary. As I followed it across the sky I caught sight of a second point of light travelling towards the estuary from the south, southeast. Just off the point at Harwich. Both seemed to moving to the same point. A third appeared from the northeast to the same point where the three met and remained still. They were a few miles away and just looked like stars. No coloured lights, no identifiable shapes etc.

At that point I noticed the person stood next to me watching the same point of the sky as me. Our eyes met as if questioning what we observed but we said nothing. The bus arrived and we went on the top deck. Both of us immediately looked and found the three points of light still stationary. As the bus pulled away the lights moved together in the direction of where the third approached from. Suddenly, without any perceived acceleration they just shot off. I asked the person (she was a switchboard operator with the Atlantic Steam Navigation Company) whether she had seen what I saw. She said she had even without me saying what I saw. We said nothing much else as I recall. I wasn't shocked at all, just very curious.

Having spent many years as a Coastguard Auxiliary trained to observe, I can without doubt say what it was not. All that is left as an option is that it flew and I couldn't identify it. If there are such things as UFO's, then these were good candidates.  
[END OF EXTRACT]

This is comparative to other 'UFO' reports I've seen, including some originating from the same general area.

Appreciating it's anecdotal evidence, any suggestions for an explanation?

Although the following can't, at present, be precisely dated, here's another noteworthy tale from the same source:

During the period between Christmas and the beginning of January many US airmen used the seafront hotel bars as was usual. On one of these nights I and a couple of mates were drinking in the Marlborough Hotel and there were half a dozen or so 'yanks' in the bar. They were chatting amongst themselves and saying hello to a few of the locals who they were friendly with. There seemed to be a bit of anxiety between them and one bloke looked as if he was getting a dressing down. This bloke took his drink and stood alone. He was mumbling to himself about something loud enough for one of the other yanks to go over to him and tell him to keep his voice down. One or two others went over to him and looked as if they were trying to console him. At that point we overheard a bit of their conversation, words like - keep quiet; don't tell anyone and (craft, spaceship, ufo) unsure of exact term used. The consoling had no effect and he started to raise his voice again when he was escorted out of the hotel.

[...]

We heard rumours about what may have happened, but as there were no reports in the local press we assumed they had been on the 'wacky baccy' and sent back home for being 'bad boys'.

Of course, we never thought much more of it as it was years later before the UFO story hit the headlines.

At the same period there seemed to be more military vehicles around Bawdsey Manor which we thought was closed. We could see them across the river from Felixstowe Ferry but never thought much of it.

In retrospect, if it was not for the above events, when the news appeared in the NOTW ['News of the World' - James] I would have taken the issue with a pinch of salt.  
[END OF EXTRACT]

The reported activity at Bawdsey Manor, close to RAF Woodbridge,

is interesting.

Bawdsey Manor was where [Sir] Robert Watson-Watt, born in Brechin, Scotland and a graduate of St Andrew's University, effectively invented RADAR - see:

<http://www.zephyrus.co.uk/robertwatsonwatt.html>

Circa 1980, was Bawdsey Manor still in use by the Ministry of Defence (MoD)?

Cursory research locates, 'The Essex Yeomanry Journal', 2001, which seemingly records of the '70 (Essex Yeomanry) TA Centre, Signal Squadron' [TA = (part-time) Territorial Army - James]:

Early in 1978 the Squadron was informed that Bawdsey would be the new location for the Armed Forces Headquarters, 4 AFHQ, which it supported, and on one Saturday afternoon Lieutenant Stephen Foakes and myself, SSgt David Swann, met Major David Casstles at Bawdsey to look the place over. It consisted of an old RAF base with Bawdsey Manor at one end and a two storey underground bunker at the other. We were told that the RAF would be moving Ground to Air Missiles in soon and 4 AFHQ would be using the bunker. That September, 907 Troop occupied the area above the bunker, during camp 1978 with their D11 HF radio multi vehicles and had one of the most successful exercises ever. (see EY Journal 1979) Over the next few years the Squadron made many trips up to Bawdsey not only for radio exercises but for extremely enjoyable functions as guests of the RAF.  
[END OF EXTRACT]

See:

<http://www.essex-yeomanry.org.uk/journal/2001journ.pdf>

Some fascinating historical material which may relate to that 'two storey underground bunker', can be found online, at:

<http://www.radarpages.co.uk/oral/dbarrett/bawdsey.htm>

Also worthy of mention:

'Airfields of Suffolk: A Visitors Guide', by Duncan R. Skeels:

<http://www.babergh-south-suffolk.gov.uk/tourism/airfields.pdf>

Amongst perhaps a number of questions, why would in 1978 the RAF allegedly, "be moving Ground to Air Missiles", situated at

Bawdsey?

Presuming the factual dating can be equated, we find:

In August 1979 Bawdsey re-opened as a Bloodhound Mk2 surface to air missile (SAM) site operated by C flight of No 85 Squadron. It was divided into 2 missile sections, each equipped with 6 launchers and a Type 87 fire control radar. The Type 84 modulator building (R17) was retained as a crew room and store for Bloodhound armament handling flight. It is unclear what part the R3 bunker played Bloodhound operation if any. The new storage sheds and storage bays and protective wall are all of Bloodhound origin.

[END OF EXTRACT]

See:

<http://www.subbrit.org.uk/rsg/sites/b/bawdsey/>

Occasionally, such eclectic research tangents culminate in a conceivable new lead.

Consider, in this instance, Victor David Mitchell...

Never heard of him?

Likewise...

Victor evidently claims he was assigned to both 'RAF Bawdsey' during May 1967 - August 1967 and subsequently, during November 1976 - September 1980, the '4M5/68th', which I can only ascertain as apparently being connected to the '68th Apprentice Entry, RAF Cranwell 68th Entry (4m5)':

[http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/brian\\_parkinson\\_3/68Entry.htm](http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/brian_parkinson_3/68Entry.htm)

Of foremost significance, is that between November 1976 and September 1980, Victor David Mitchell statedly:

Held appointment as Ops Ground Environment 2 in MOD Whitehall. Responsible for operational efficiency of all UK Air Defence Radar sites worldwide. Represented UK in the final CENTO conference held in Teheran in 1978.

Was responsible for collating UFO reports and answering Parliamentary Questions within my sphere of responsibility.

[END OF EXTRACT]

See:

<http://homepage.ntlworld.com/barryf/index2.html#12>

If, 'Ops Ground Environment 2', were "collating UFO reports", where is any other reference to 'Ops Ground Environment 2'?

Which Parliamentary Questions?

Yet, otherwise, does Victor's 'Curriculum Vitae' give any indication of being dubious?

I've been able to locate and contact Victor and his invited comments will hopefully be insightful.

All others, inherently welcome.

James Easton.

E-mail: [voyager@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk)

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X-Originating-IP: 65.35.210.43  
Date: Fri, 26 Jul 2002 23:58:55 -0000  
Subject: [UFORL] UFO In Vietnam

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Kool

Anyway, they make for good searches.

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From: "David Clarke" <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>  
Date: Sat, 27 Jul 2002 12:01:59 +0100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Final Rendlesham documents released by MOD

Greetings list,

This is a copy of a posting I placed on the UFOIN list this morning:

Further to my posting yesterday regarding the release of the remaining 3 documents from the MOD's Rendlesham forest file, I can now report that I have received copies this morning, courtesy of Whitehall.

The covering letter reads: "There has recently been an investigation by the Parliamentary Ombudsman into the decision to with-hold these documents and the Ombudsman has concluded that the three documents do fall under the scope of Exemption 2. However, in the particular circumstances of this case he recommended that the documents should nonetheless be provided to the individual who made the complaint, and the MOD accepted this. The MOD also agreed to supply the documents to all those from whom they had previously been withheld and they are therefore enclosed for your information..."

Credit must go to Eric and Tim for taking the matter this far, and (political point here) to the Government whose forthcoming FOIA has made all this possible.

What do the documents contain? Well, not much we didn't already know. The first is a draft answer to Patrick Wall MP's question in Parliament in November 1983 (following the News of the World article), with a briefing attached from Sec AS 2; the second is a copy of the same briefing to answer a follow up question by Wall; and the third is a collection of correspondence between David Alton MP, Michael Heseltine and Ralph Noyes in 1985, with Noyes making reference to Jenny Randles' seminal work on the case.

The only document worth quoting in full is the briefing by Sec AS2 given to the Defence Minister John Stanley in 1983, in preparation for his answer in Parliament. Wall's question was:

"To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether in view of the fact that the United States' Air Force memo of 13 January 1981 on the incident at RAF Woodbridge has been released under the FOIA, he will now release reports and documents concerning similar incidents in the UK."

The briefing John Stanley, the Defence Minister, was given, is as follows:



"These three questions follow from the News of the World article of 2 October 1983 (Annex A) describing an alleged UFO sighting by USAF personnel at RAF Woodbridge in Suffolk on 27 December 1980.

"The report of 13 January 1981 (Annex B) was examined by the Air Staff and DS 8. It was concluded that there was nothing of defence interest in the alleged sighting.

"There was, of course, no question of any contact with 'alien beings' nor was any unidentified object seen on any radar recordings, as alleged in the News of the World.

"A BBC investigation into the incident following publication of the News of the World article concluded that a possible explanation for the lights seen by the USAF personnel was the pulsating light of the Orfordness lighthouse some 6-7 miles away.

"The sole interest of the MOD in UFO reports is to establish whether they reveal anything of defence interest (eg intruding aircraft). MOD investigations are not pursued beyond the point at which we are satisfied that a report has no defence implications. No attempts are made to identify and catalogue the likely explanation for individual reports."

So there you have it folks!

I predict that claims will now be made that the MOD are continuing to with-hold other papers on the incident. I'd wager a tidy sum on that.

I hope Eric and Tim will publish the text of the Ombudsman's judgement soon. This sets quite a precedent in terms both of the British FOIA itself, and on future applications for UFO material.

Best,

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From: cgibson@skomer.u-net.com  
Date: Sun, 28 Jul 2002 09:28:15 GMT  
Subject: [UFORL] Re: UFO In Vietnam

jrfahlsing writes:  
well i thought nothing of it until i found that they  
> didn'tr have helicopters,

I assume you mean during the period of US involvement. The North Vietnamese did have helicopters, including one of the biggest, the Mi-6 Hook that they rather imaginatively used to move their MiG-17 Fresco interceptors around. So they had enough. I have a photo if anyone is interested.

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The rules of engagement were such that all air targets had to be visually identified before attack and there were numerous bizarre (to current observers)rules such as a strike aircraft could not fire at a SAM site until it fired at the aircraft etc etc.

It may be that given the rarity of North Vietnamese helicopters, US forces considered all helicopters as friendly or there was a blanket ban on hitting choppers. (I decline to comment further on this)

I'm sure there's some-one out there that will know more detail. Suffice to say, the sweeping statement that there were no North Vietnamese helicopters doesn't get off the ground.

Chris

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Date: Sun, 28 Jul 2002 10:45:51 -0700  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Horten Ho IX V2

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> Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2002 8:09 AM  
> To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com  
> Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Horten Ho IX V2

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> David

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You're probably right. I was going on memory, as I seem to have a visual in my brain of a series of small uprights on the trailing edge of the B-2. I may be thinking of artists' conceptions of the TR3 or the Mantajet, or something equally exotic.

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Date: Sun, 28 Jul 2002 12:26:59 -0700 (PDT)  
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Tony

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Maybe....Depends on location and time. You will have to give us that at least. It could  
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From: "rotsky" <rotsky@wanadoo.fr>  
Date: Mon, 29 Jul 2002 10:25:28 +0200  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Fast light in the sky

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From: Tony Eccles <tonyeccles@yahoo.com>  
Date: Mon, 29 Jul 2002 01:26:24 -0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Fast light in the sky

Hi Stuart,

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[www.iridium.com](http://www.iridium.com)  
[www.ee.surrey.ac.uk/Personal/L.Wood/constellations/](http://www.ee.surrey.ac.uk/Personal/L.Wood/constellations/)  
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It's the name of a satellite that reflects the sunlight strongly. This reflection is known as an Iridium flare, and can be seen very clearly from the ground.

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Date: Mon, 29 Jul 2002 09:43:14 +0100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Final Rendlesham documents released by MOD

To answer your questions:

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yes, in 1983 DS 8 was the department that would brief ministers on UFO matters...DS 8 became Sec (AS) 2A in 1984/5.

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Date: Mon, 29 Jul 2002 12:35:12 +0200  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Fast light in the sky

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Later I found on <http://www.heavens-above.com/> that it was -7 magnitude flare, the data corresponding exactly with the time and location of my observation.

The location data on this web site are really amazing, I even found the suburb I live in...

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>Noyes making reference to Jenny Randles' seminal work on the  
>case.

This is really funny if it has been subject to any secrecy and 'exclusive' release - as the correspondance is hardly even bottom secret, let alone top.

Its already been published and the background fully explained and some of the replies actually published in books by me! So much for the need to withhold this stuff.

In actual fact I first got David Alton involved in the case in February 1985. He was a local MP when I lived on Merseyside. And Ralph and I subsequently chose to send joint material in order to try to maximise the opportunity offered by Alton's willingness to assist. Ralph knew that I knew the facts better than he did at that stage and I knew that he stood a better chance of getting any serious response out of parliament given his background.

Alton was then a very liberal minded crusader willing to take up politically sensitive fights and to be fair to him he did try hard. But in the end Heseltine shuffled off responsibility to Lord Trefgarne and it was he who wrote the replies to Alton, not Helseltine.

If Heseltine did correspond with Alton and Alton kept that news from Ralph and I in 1985 then that is worth knowing as Alton, of course, is still around  
and I would certainly want to know why he never told us this.

This story of the Alton correspondance is briefly recounted in 'UFO Crash Landing?' but in rather more detail on pages 95 - 99 of '

From: TPrinty@aol.com  
Date: Mon, 29 Jul 2002 12:52:25 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Fast light in the sky

"can u expand on 'iridium'"

A series of satellites which are highly reflective. They are known for brilliant flashes as they pass over. More can be found at:

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

Tim Printy

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Date: Mon, 29 Jul 2002 12:35:18 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] UFO In Vietnam

The Chinese have had the fire balloon since the 14th century. They have used it for religious festivals, and also (in recent times) to confuse enemies, as did the Japanese and French during World War II. I wouldn't be surprised if that was what was seen at night.

If so, the order to not fire on it was because even a direct hit will not set off the warhead. It would fall on and destroy an unintended target.

And as the Gorman and Jefferson County KY cases show, pilots would go nuts trying to intercept them, because they are a lot smaller and closer than they look.

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@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: jrfahlsing [mailto:jrfahlsing@yahoo.com]

@ Sent: Friday, July 26, 2002 6:59 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: [UFORL] UFO In Vietnam

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@ Friends of mine after coming home, told me tales of North Vietnamese

@ Helicopters, well i thought nothing of it until i found that they

@ didn'tr have helicopters, the tern NV Copters was referred to UFO's

@ and other un-identifiables. Thouht someone else might shed some

@ light on this. One thing mark told me, we, the USA was not allowed

@ to engage or chase, fire upon or otherwise harass anything not

@ relating to the war itself, in or around the skies in NV!

@ Kool

@ Anyway, they make for good searches.

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@ Sent: Sunday, July 28, 2002 6:07 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] Fast light in the sky

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Why would a power loss be correlated with a UFO? In most cases of coincident UFO sightings and power failures, one of these effects was operating:

1. The power failure caused a visual effect which was reported as a UFO. Shorting power lines, weather effects, and trees falling on power lines produce brilliant displays. I once saw a brilliant orange ball fly into the sky as the lights went out. No aliens. A large transformer blew up, and the orange ball was a ball of flame from the ignited transformer oil.
2. The power failure brought people outside to "see what is happening". They see a mundane light (like Venus) and report it as the "cause of the power failure". Why? They've been watching too much science fiction on TV.
3. The UFO was a power company helicopter searching for downed power lines, a police helicopter dispatched to prevent looting, or an airplane prevented from landing because of the blackout.

Here is the stupidest comment I ever heard from the 1965 blackout: "As I stood outside wondering why the lights went out, I saw many more planes in the sky than usual. Maybe they were looking for the cause." No, those planes were waiting for instructions on where to land, since the blackout had shut off the runway lights of all airports in the area.

I think someone's imagination is overflowing on this light in the sky. We need to look for mundane causes first:

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I was at the county fair last week. I saw a white fuzzy light flying over the fairgrounds at a pretty good clip. While I was pondering what this was, a purple one flew over. Then I realized that they were just toy balloons which had escaped from children and were illuminated by the fair's own lights.

There is a fundamental limitation of the human vision system, which many UFO investigators seem to be grossly unaware of. I keep bringing it up, because anyone investigating UFOs will become totally misled if he ignores this limitation:

The human vision system is totally unable to correctly report the size, speed, distance, or altitude of an UNKNOWN object seen against the sky, provided that object is at least 30 feet away.

You may ask: How can a pilot report correctly the distance, speed, and altitude of an airplane? The answer is that he KNOWS THAT IT IS AN AIRPLANE. If he is good, he can even identify the type of airplane. Armed with this knowledge, he now has the true size of the plane, and from that he can make a pretty good guess of the distance, speed, and altitude by rough trigonometry.

But an unknown object does not reveal its size, so there is no way for an unaided observer to find out the true distance, speed, or altitude of it. In UFO cases, the observer then usually guesses wrong about what the unknown object is, and gives the investigator erroneous figures of size, distance, altitude, or speed. These are then printed as "fact", but they are totally untrustworthy. These "facts" then mislead investigators away from the true cause of the sighting.

Often the erroneous size chosen by an observer is about the size of a road vehicle - something capable of carrying a man.



Only if other aids are used can a person find the true size, speed, distance, or altitude of an unknown object farther away than 30 feet. Here are the techniques, and their limitations:

1. Binocular parallax with other objects at known distance works to about 500 feet away.
2. The object went in front of some objects at known distances and behind others. For this to work, one object must actually hide part of the other.
3. Perspective works on the ground, but NOT in the sky. You can see how far away something is by seeing where it is touching the ground.
4. The sun or moon casts a shadow of the object in a known place.
5. Light the object gives off casts shadows.
6. Optical aids are used, like a naval gunnery rangefinder.
7. Multiple witnesses a distance apart can triangulate, but only if their observations are synchronized in time.

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This is a great website for tracking down interesting lights in the sky. About a month ago, while out observing the sky, we had two satellites in tandem moving across the sky (startled some of my fellow astronomers). A check found that the satellites turned out to be USA-160 A and USA-160 C (apparently a classified satellite).

Best of luck watching the skies.

Tim Printy

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From: "rotsky" <rotsky@wanadoo.fr>  
Date: Mon, 29 Jul 2002 23:34:16 +0200  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Fast light in the sky

>>- A sailplane carries only white lights, as does a photo mapping plane.

Can you provide references for this assertion, especially the latter?

If this was a sailplane or balloon, it would have had to be very low to effect the angular velocity I witnessed - low enough, indeed, that I would probably have seen something of the object itself from light pollution from the ground and the very bright moonlight (sailplanes tending to be white, after all). As a pilot, I'm accustomed to judging the rough speed of objects and although there was no way of judging its altitude, the speed of movement was enough to tell me that any sailplane making that kind of angular velocity would practically have parted my hair!

By popular consensus, a satellite seems to be the most likely solution, which is pretty much what I suggested in the first place!

a+  
Steve

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From: Robinson, Larry [mailto:lrobbins@indiana.edu]  
Sent: 29 July 2002 21:04Subject: RE: [UFORL] Fast light in the sky

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Date: Mon, 29 Jul 2002 23:34:17 +0200  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Fast light in the sky

That's an amazing site. Unfortunately, the details for Iridium sats have already lapsed (the sighting was more than 48hrs ago).

a+  
Steve

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From: Robert Buljevic [mailto:[skeptic@s1c.org](mailto:skeptic@s1c.org)]  
Sent: 29 July 2002 12:35Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Fast light in the sky

Iridium was a network of satellites for mobile communications. It failed because of financial problems. However, the satellites making this network are still up there, and since they have a high reflective propriety we can sometimes see the so called "Iridium flares"

I saw one in 2000 and it was a bright light suddenly appearing in the sky for some 5 seconds, it moved rather slowly.

Later I found on <http://www.heavens-above.com/> that it was -7 magnitude flare, the data corresponding exactly with the time and location of my observation.

The location data on this web site are really amazing, I even found the suburb I live in...

go here <http://www.heavens-above.com/countries.asp> to select the country, then you type the city and after that you can select the particular part of the city... for each location there is a range of observational data, among others the Iridium flare data.

Regards,  
Robert Buljevic

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From: John Lundberg <john@circlemakers.org>  
Date: Mon, 29 Jul 2002 23:11:49 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] The Verneys EFL/VLF case?

Hi all,

Not strictly UFO related, but...

I'm looking for information on the Anthony and Doreen Verney case. The elderly couple who lived in Dargle Cottage in Biddenden, Kent who were allegedly victims of VLF / ELF microwave testing.

There's a couple of chapters in Armen Victorian's "Mind Controllers" and I know Robin Ramsey covered the case in Lobster magazine, but I've googled and beyond the above refs have found surprisingly little about the case online.

Can anyone suggest other sources, both on or offline for more background on the case?

Were the Verneys - who both died in 1996 - ever discredited?

Later,  
John

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Date: Mon, 29 Jul 2002 17:47:35 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Fast light in the sky

I didn't know where this took place. These are US conventions, since a white light means to give way to slower traffic, and these object must always be given way to.

I have seen both in the sky at night.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Tue, 30 Jul 2002 03:15:42 +0100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Fast light in the sky

Regarding:

>From: "rotsky" <rotsky@wanadoo.fr>  
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>  
>Subject: [UFORL] Fast light in the sky  
>Date: 28 July 2002 19:19

Steve wrote:

>Last night my wife and I were outside watching the moon rise and  
>gazing at the stars. Then we noticed a light moving fast across  
>the sky - pretty much directly overhead, moving due west-to-  
>east. It moved at about the speed I would expect from a light  
>plane at about 1000ft, or a jet fighter a few thou higher.

[...]

>However, this was unlikely to have been an aircraft. It was a  
>single, steady white light, like a very bright star or Venus. It  
>was a very still night, but there was no sound.

Steve,

That same night, I observed what was first thought to be a particularly bright and scintillating star.

The light was so intense that there seemed to be 'rays' emanating from it, forming an inverted 'V' shape. I soon realised the source was in fact travelling from approximately north to south.

Its apparent speed and altitude were comparative to an aircraft, although perhaps at high altitude.

However, there was no \_discernable\_ sound, on an otherwise silent, moonlit night.

Earlier this evening, I happened to see an aircraft on a similar route. All of its navigation lights were visible and the aircraft could be heard before I located it.

By comparison, the single white light was like Venus, when brilliant in the sky.

It does seem analogous to what you describe.

I can't precisely recall the time of my observation - it was around midnight.

Same object and heading your way, or merely coincidence?

James Easton.

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Date: Tue, 30 Jul 2002 12:05:35 +0200  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Fast light in the sky

>>between 23:56 and 00:03 local ... WSW to ENE ... 86 degrees

That's it! I love it when a wild uneducated guess turns out to be true :-)

a+  
Steve

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@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com  
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(nibble)

@ VLF / ELF microwave testing.

This phrase doesn't make any sense to an electronics engineer.

VLF and ELF are frequencies below 10 KHz - in the audio range if played through a speaker.

Microwaves are in the 1 GHz to 100 Ghz range - getting close to the frequency of light. Red light has a frequency around 430 GHz.

These are at opposite ends of the radio spectrum. They can't be descriptive of the same signal.

A study a few years ago concluded that 60 Hz power line frequency has no effect on living beings, plant or animal. This is right in the middle of the ELF band.

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Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Fast light in the sky

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No problem just bring up the stats for the last 24hours then click on prev  
at the top of the page and go back 24hours at a time, not sure how far back  
you can go but i went back to the 24th july no problem.

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Albert Buddens book 'Psychic Close Encounters'  
page 113/125  
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From: Val Thor <valthor2002@yahoo.com>  
Date: Tue, 30 Jul 2002 11:59:54 -0700 (PDT)  
Subject: [UFORL] Triangles in Illinois - Hi-Tech Ballons?

Interesting hypothesis. Has this idea been around  
awhile?

[http://198.63.56.18/pdf/illinois\\_trianglehypothesis.pdf](http://198.63.56.18/pdf/illinois_trianglehypothesis.pdf)

Erik Rogers

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Date: Tue, 30 Jul 2002 23:07:41 +0200  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Fast light in the sky

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-----Original Message-----

From: bortaf ---- [mailto:fatrob83@hotmail.com]  
Sent: 30 July 2002 18:28 Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Fast light in the sky

No problem just bring up the stats for the last 24hours then click on prev at the top of the page and go back 24hours at a time, not sure how far back you can go but i went back to the 24th july no problem.

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From: "rotsky" <rotsky@wanadoo.fr>  
Date: Tue, 30 Jul 2002 23:40:16 +0200  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Fast light in the sky

I don't know about gliders (although gliding at night sounds like a suicidal occupation to me), but I think you've got your facts wrong about mapping aircraft.

Federal Aviation Regulations, part 91, sections 205 & 209 refer to lighting equipment to be carried by powered aircraft for both VFR and IFR night flights. They stipulate quite clearly that an aircraft must carry an anti-collision light (normally red, but white for some older aircraft) \*and\* the three standard position lights - red, green and white. This requirement is not one of the sections subject to waiver under Appendix A to part 91.

There is certainly no reference to 'mapping' aircraft - nor would this make sense. A mapping aircraft would certainly be no slower than, say, a Piper Cub or loitering helicopter, both of which are required to have the standard lights.

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Steve

-----Original Message-----

From: Robinson, Larry [mailto:lrobins@indiana.edu]  
Sent: 30 July 2002 00:48Subject: RE: [UFORL] Fast light in the sky

I didn't know where this took place. These are US conventions, since a white light means to give way to slower traffic, and these object must always be given way to.

I have seen both in the sky at night.

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Date: Wed, 31 Jul 2002 00:08:06 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] Socorro Site Map

Some difficulties with new scanner drivers now resolved, a hi-res copy of Ray Sanford's site map has been uploaded to the UFORL library, at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL/files/Socorro.jpg>

James Easton.  
E-mail: [voyager@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk)

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X-Originating-IP: 195.92.194.19  
Date: Wed, 31 Jul 2002 02:48:24 -0000  
Subject: [UFORL] silverbug

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Date: Wed, 31 Jul 2002 16:18:09 +0000  
Subject: [UFORL] UFO sightings recorded information line

Dear Members,

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Chris Rolfe  
UFO Monitors East Kent.

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Date: Wed, 31 Jul 2002 21:25:57 +0200  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Digest Number 261

Date: Wed, 31 Jul 2002 02:48:24 -0000  
> From: "stuart99marshall" <stuart99.marshall@virgin.net>  
> Subject: silverbug

> does anyone have any info on the silverbug project of 1955 (reports  
> have been released from the US AirForce on this)

Hi Stuart,

Check out  
<http://www.project1947.com/fig/sb/silverbu.htm>

Regards,

Ivo

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Date: Wed, 31 Jul 2002 14:50:38 -0500  
Subject: FW: [UFORL] Triangles in Illinois - Hi-Tech Ballons?

I have a question: How many of those big airships have been built?

I have a simpler hypothesis: A prank in the form of a fire balloon.

Here is info on fire balloons:

<http://php.indiana.edu/~lrobin/candbal.htm>

<http://php.indiana.edu/~lrobin/ufomaneu.htm>

And here is info on the innate human depth perception errors that make this false UFO prank possible:

<http://php.indiana.edu/~lrobin/ufopercp.htm>

<http://php.indiana.edu/~lrobin/distmode.gif>

Now, to answer the six questions in the report:

Q(1) Why is it silent?

A(1) Candles don't normally make any noise.

Q(2) Why is it brightly lit, sometimes with blinding light?

A(2) This is a common illusion with the fire balloon. Since the witness thinks it is much larger and much farther away, the amount of light emitted also seems disproportionately large. Also, dark adaptation increases the eye's sensitivity by a factor of about 1000. In the absence of other lights, a candle can seem very bright.

Most people are unaware of dark adaptation, usually because they are always surrounded by bright streetlights and headlights. These destroy dark adaptation. It takes a good half hour for dark adaptation to fully resume after an exposure to bright light ends, and most people are in too big a hurry to stay out in the dark that long.

Q(3) Why is it seen a lot of times near water/lakes?

A(3) Probably because the pranksters launched them where they will be seen and reported as UFOs.

Lakes also have several properties that make a sighting (not an object) more likely: people out at night, unobstructed view (no trees growing out of the lake), no city lights to compete for attention, vacationers

relaxing.

My question: Using the same definition of "near", how much of the area of the US is NOT "near water/lakes"? I need to travel only one block to get to open water, two blocks to get to a stream or a swimming pool, 3/4 mile to get to a good sized creek, 2 miles to get to the nearest lake (a reservoir), 5 miles to get to the largest lake in the area, and 14 miles to get to a major river. There are 5 lakes in my county, and too many ponds and streams to count. I would have to work at it to NOT be "near water".

The same thought could be applied to being "near power lines"

Q(4) How does the object appear to accelerate so quickly from a hovering position?

A(4) Since the lift of a fire balloon is not constant, it can rise into and fall out of moving currents of air. One common event reported in fire balloon sightings is for the balloon to dip down below treetops, hover around for a while, and then fly away over the trees at "high speed". Of course, the mistake in depth perception magnifies the departure speed in the eyes of the witness.

Another commonly reported effect is that the UFO suddenly accelerated in a direction DIRECTLY AWAY from the witness, and vanished in the distance. Of course, the clue here is that ALL of the witnesses, on ALL sides of the UFO, reported the same effect. Therefore, the object did NOT speed away, since it could not go in all of these different directions "directly away" at the same time. Instead, the candle simply dimmed and went out, and the observers took the dimming as an increase in distance.

Q(5) How does the object turn without banking?

A(5) It's a balloon, and is at the mercy of the wind. Dirigibles and helicopters also turn without banking. Banking is necessary only where air flowing over fixed wings provides the lift. To keep the same amount of air flowing over each wing, the plane must bank. No banking = no fixed airfoil for lift. Seagulls bank into turns. But hummingbirds, which fly more like helicopters, do not.

Q(6) Why the reported huge size (football field size)?

A(6) NOBODY can visually measure the speed, distance, size, or altitude of an unknown object seen against the sky, unless it is closer than 30 feet, or unless additional clues give away the position. These reports are usually based on assumptions by the witness that the object is a

powered, piloted craft. It's not just a matter of training. Humans don't come equipped with the necessary sensors to make these measurements. Our eyes were designed for catching prey for food, not tracking UFOs.

A trained aviator can measure the distance, speed, and altitude of a plane, because he KNOWS what plane it is, and therefore how BIG it is. The training needed includes knowing all of the aircraft types and their true sizes. The pilot or spotter can then apply rough mental trigonometry to the angle subtended by the plane in flight, and get the other values with reasonable accuracy. Give the observer a sextant and a chart of known aircraft, and the accuracy is improved

But an unknown object does not reveal its actual size, so the other values cannot be found.

Guessing that a fire balloon is a plane leads to reports of fantastic performance, because the speed, distance, size, and altitude are all grossly overestimated. See the Kentucky helicopter incident in the case study on the perception page:

<http://php.indiana.edu/~lrobins/ufopercp.htm>

The reported sizes of UFOs suddenly increased after the TV series "V", which showed very large flying saucers. They increased again after the movie "Millennium" was released. Both of these Hollywood creations changed the expectations of the public about the size of a "UFO".

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@ Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2002 2:00 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: [UFORL] Triangles in Illinois - Hi-Tech Ballons?

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@ Interesting hypothesis. Has this idea been around

@ awhile?

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@ [http://198.63.56.18/pdf/illinois\\_trianglehypothesis.pdf](http://198.63.56.18/pdf/illinois_trianglehypothesis.pdf)

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or this one:

<http://www.project1947.com/fig/sb/silverbu.htm>

They've got a heap of stuff on Silver Bug there.

Rebecca

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Waldorf, Md., man told the Washington Post that he saw a U.S. military jet lose  
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>have one question. Is there any evidence of their use outside North America?  
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Hi Steve,

yes. Such ballons are known here in Germany and 20 % of all reported UFOs going back to this objects. Last weekend we has a small flap of this objects around the whole nation.

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Lots of information posted on UFO updates.&nbsp; Unfortunately, for some unknown  
reason, their server is down.&nbsp; Kenny Young seems to have made a few inquiries  
and there was some info in the Washington Post.&nbsp; Some important points to  
note:<BR>

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1)&nbsp; Kenny Young's check with local police yielded no reports of strange lights  
in the sky.<BR>

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2)&nbsp; The washington post story and Kenny Young's questions to NORAD  
indicate that the radar contact was apparently slow moving (something akin to a  
private aircraft) which apparently faded out prior to the F-16s arriving in the  
location.&nbsp; <BR>

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3)&nbsp; Some of has suggested the F-16s would not need to be on afterburners for  
such a slow target.&nbsp; However, after 9/11, wouldn't you want the F-16s getting  
there as fast as possible if the plane were another suicide attempt on the nation's  
capital?&nbsp; <BR>

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4)&nbsp; Only one witness has come forward so far and that is Renny Rogers.<BR>  
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This sounds like a case of misperception of some kind.&nbsp; Perhaps Renny came  
out after hearing the Jets and thought he saw something being chased by an F-  
16.&nbsp; You never know. Insufficient information to draw a conclusion but it  
would be interesting to know if Renny saw one or two F-16s.&nbsp; If he only saw  
one then the second light could have been the other F-16.<BR>

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Date: Thu, 1 Aug 2002 10:57:02 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Digest Number 261

Ah! The AVRO Disc. Unfortunately, it was unstable when higher than a few feet from the ground. It is at the Army Transportation Museum in Ft Eustis VA. The design did have a use. Similar vehicles are used as ferryboats across the English Channel.

A few other aircraft evolved from this project, with results carrying forward to today.

These didn't make it:

- The Ryan vertiplane: This was a conventional airplane with the biggest wing flaps ever made. There were also large downward -pointing vertical fins at the ends of the wings to contain the air. The propellers, hung under the wings, pushed against the lowered flaps to make the plane rise vertically. Raising the flaps allowed horizontal flight. I built a flying model of this as a kid, and it did work. The problem was what happened if one engine failed - it fell over sideways before the pilot could do anything.

- The Super Pogo: This was a tail-sitter, with 4 tail fins and two wings.

Two large counter-rotating propellers were in the nose. It took off vertically, and could land either vertically or conventionally (two of the fins had tail wheels). The hard part was getting it to transition back to vertical for landing safely, since it stalled the wings before the propeller lift took over.

- The Doak 16: This little plane has ducted fan engines on the wingtips which swiveled from horizontal to vertical flight. The propellers were linked to a central turboprop-type engine. It had problems maintaining roll and pitch stability in vertical flight. And if the engine suddenly failed at low altitude in vertical flight, the plane fell.

- The Hiller Tilt-Wing: On this four-motor craft, the entire wing tilted from horizontal to vertical. But again, disaster happened if an engine failed in vertical flight. The pilot could not adjust the throttles in time to prevent a crash. Control was lacking in vertical flight too.

- The Ryan Vertijet: This was a delta-winged tail sitter which took off vertically, but landed conventionally. This one worked. Oops. This one still needs a long runway at the destination - longer, in fact. So how do you get it into the tight place for the takeoff? On a truck. Very un-military.

- The Bell X-10: The blast of the wing-mounted jet engines was diverted to lifting gratings on the bottoms of the wings. Again, there were

control problems in vertical flight, and an instant crash if an engine quit.

- The Ryan Vertifan: There was a huge ducted fan in each wing, powered by the wing-mount jet engines. This one had most of the disadvantages listed above, plus possible failure of the fan covers.

Why doesn't a helicopter crash if the engine quits? The pilot can release the drive clutch, and change the pitch of the blades so they auto-rotate and act like airplane wings. The air flowing up through them spins them, and then they generate lift. So he can "glide" in to a gentle landing, if he can find a safe place to set down which is close enough.

Now for the ones which worked:

- The Benson Autogyro: This is an ultralight with a free-spinning rotor and a pusher propeller. It was the first successful aircraft that met the criteria. The rotor auto-rotated during flight, but could be given a quick burst of engine power for a jump into the air (without a tail rotor, the engine could not power the rotor in the air without spinning the aircraft). While it was sold primarily for private ultralight use, the military did buy quite a few. And it appeared in the James Bond movie "Thunderball" - the jets, LASERs, and bombs were fake, but the rest was real.

- The (British) Hawker-Siddely Jump Jet: Basicly an outgrowth of the Bell X-10, this one was more stable because the engines are in the body, not on the wings. While it was developed earlier than the Benson, it didn't go into real use until much later. It is still in use.

- The Bell helicopter with a pusher propeller, a rigid rotor, and wings.

- The jet-propelled helicopters in use today.

- Many STOLs (Short Take Off and Land) aircraft based on the Ryan Vertiplane. They linked the props together and solved the problem.

- The Osprey: The newer version of the Doak. Enough said.

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@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: Ivo Westerlaken [mailto:ivo\_westerlaken@hotmail.com]

@ Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2002 2:26 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] Digest Number 261

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@ Date: Wed, 31 Jul 2002 02:48:24 -0000

@ > From: "stuart99marshall" <stuart99.marshall@virgin.net>

@ > Subject: silverbug

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@ > does anyone have any info on the silverbug project of 1955 (reports

@ > have been released from the US AirForce on this)

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@ Hi Stuart,

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@ Check out

@ <http://www.project1947.com/fig/sb/silverbu.htm>

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@ Regards,

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@ Ivo

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Date: Thu, 1 Aug 2002 11:01:25 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] silverbug

This is the idea they started with. The result (after budget cuts) was the AVRO disc.

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@ From: bortaf ---- [mailto:fatrob83@hotmail.com]

@ Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2002 7:04 PM

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Date: Thu, 1 Aug 2002 11:21:29 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: silverbug

Sorry, but those photos could not be the actual design:

- No air intake on top.
- The engine would have to be tiny.

I think that little disc was actually a lifting body designed for either space rescue or high altitude ejection.

But it also looks similar to the 1961 GM hovercar of the future (which I actually sat in - it was at the 1961 Autorama show mentioned in the following UFO page).

<http://php.indiana.edu/~lrobin/uforogue.htm>

If you want to see the GM hovercar, find a copy of the Newsboys album "Take me to Your Leader". It's on the front cover of the CD.

But it also might have been a non-working mock-up used to secure funding.

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@ Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2002 10:38 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: [UFORL] Re: silverbug

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@ or this one:

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<http://www.project1947.com/fig/sb/silverbu.htm>

They've got a heap of stuff on Silver Bug there.

Rebecca

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Date: Thu, 1 Aug 2002 11:33:53 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] F-16 chase

Here's the rub with those "jets chasing something as seen from the ground" stories. Were the jets really chasing the object, or did it just line up with the jets AS SEEN BY AN OBSERVER IN THAT LOCATION?

Remember, our human visual systems cannot make even a rough guess of the distance, size, altitude, or speed of an object which is in the sky and is farther away than 30 feet. Unless, of course, the witness knows what the object is, and thus knows its true size. Our vision was designed for catching prey, not tracking UFOs.

There are several possibilities:

- A stealth fighter acting as a bogey in an exercise.
- An airplane or helicopter closer to the witness than the jets.
- A child's balloon in the wind (it's that county-fair time of year), much closer to the witness.
- A bird - extremely close to the witness.

Without a description of the shape, and the relative sizes, I have to guess at possibilities.

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-----Original Message-----

From: rotsky [mailto:rotsky@wanadoo.fr]  
Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2002 3:15 AM  
Subject: [UFORL] F-16 chase

Saw the following on AVWeb - any other info about this...?

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jet "in the dust." Military officials acknowledged that two F-16s were scrambled from Andrews Air Force Base after a "track of interest" was plotted on radar, but "everything was fine" and they went home ... but then, isn't that what they always say?

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Steve

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Date: Thu, 1 Aug 2002 12:01:45 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Triangles in Illinois - Hi-Tech Ballons?

Definitely!

They were invented in China in the 14th century. This "flying lantern" was used as a prayer device.

They are known to have been flown in the following places and times:

- China and Southeast Asia from the 14th century, in a once-a-year festival of flying lanterns.
- Asian armies used them to capture villages by frightening away the inhabitants.
- France in the late 1700s and early 1800s, after the Montgolfier flights.
- Midwest USA in the mid 1800s
- Western USA in the 1890s
- Eastern USA in the 1920s and '30s
- The Underground used them to confuse the Germans in World War II.
- The Japanese used large ones to carry bombs to the US west coast in World War II. They may have also used them as barrage balloons over Japan.
- On and off in the US and UK since World War II.

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@ Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2002 3:15 AM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: RE: [UFORL] Triangles in Illinois - Hi-Tech Ballons?

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@ Larry,

@

@ Fire balloons certainly sound like the perfect UFO prankster

@ material, but I

@ have one question. Is there any evidence of their use outside

@ North America?

@ I have a feeling that they may be a peculiarly American pastime...

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@ Steve

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Thu, 1 Aug 2002 15:31:32 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] F-16 chase

In a message dated 8/1/2002 10:46:53 AM Eastern Daylight Time,  
rotsky@wanadoo.fr writes:

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>>

Steve:

James Oberg has proposed the first light was the first interceptor and the noise of the jets followed as the second one was seen, thus there seemed to be one jet chasing a silent UFO. Since two jets were scrambled, this may explain this sighting.

Clear skies,  
Bob Young

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From: cgibson@skomer.u-net.com  
Date: Thu, 01 Aug 2002 21:31:23 GMT  
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Digest Number 261

Robinson, Larry writes:

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> Bell X-10, this one was more stable because the engines are in the body,  
> not on the wings. While it was developed earlier than the Benson, it  
> didn't go into real use until much later. It is still in use.  
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I think you'll find that the "Jump Jet" was in fact based on Wibault's vectored thrust ideas. How many engines are involved?

I'll ignore the rest of the post.

Chris

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Tim Printy<BR>

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X-Originating-IP: [194.117.133.118]  
Date: Thu, 01 Aug 2002 23:31:02 +0000  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Triangles in Illinois - Hi-Tech Ballons?

>From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
>>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>  
>Subject: RE: [UFORL] Triangles in Illinois - Hi-Tech Ballons?  
>Date: Thu, 1 Aug 2002 12:01:45 -0500

>- The Underground used them to confuse the Germans in World War II.

Hi Larry, how were the fire lanterns used? re: WW2  
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rob.....

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From: Brett Holman <b.holman@physics.unimelb.edu.au>  
Date: Fri, 2 Aug 2002 10:43:26 +1000  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Triangles in Illinois - Hi-Tech Ballons?

On Thu, Aug 01, 2002 at 12:01:45PM -0500, Robinson, Larry wrote:

- > Definitely!
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- > World War II. They may have also used them as barrage balloons over
- > Japan.
- > - On and off in the US and UK since World War II.

And Australia, 1901:

<<http://www.arts.monash.edu.au/ncas/teach/unit/aus/aus1020/popcook.html>>

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The visitors then adjourned to the scene of the landing. Co-incidentally the troubles of Mr. Dacey (and of the committee), began. To all appeals to "Kindly step back there!" the crowd turned a deaf ear, if not a derisive smile. Eventually the committee got some of the ground cleared which they wanted possession of, and then somebody on shore fired into the air a number of rockets that released fire-balloons, and inflated things of fantastic shapes and bright colours, probably to add to the realism of the impending spectacle.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Fri, 2 Aug 2002 06:48:25 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] 'The Socorro, NM UFO - Explained?'

Now online, at:

<http://www.nmsr.org/socorro.htm>

...is Dave Thomas' above entitled, suggested resolution of 'Socorro', courtesy of, 'New Mexicans for Science and Reason'.

This reveals the evidence which led Prof. Charles Moore [also (of course) foremost associated with confirming his involvement with 'Project Mogul' as definitively explaining 'Roswell'], to seemingly conclude that, "a helicopter used to carry a Lunar Surveyor around for some tests", was responsible for Zamora's sighting.

Previously, on UFORL:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL/message/572>

In essence, I highlighted Prof. Moore's \_reported\_ claims, as featured in 'Saucer Smear'.

Dave's article explains and documents precisely \_why\_ Prof. Moore had such convictions and perhaps still does.

The evidence is noteworthy and Dave comments of a 24, April, 1964, 'White Sands Missile Range test':

"The timing isn't right for the UFO sighting -- the range log calls for morning tests, and the sightings occurred in late afternoon - but then things don't always go 'according to plan,' and many tests which have defied completion by morning have been known to somehow get finished up in the afternoon. In fact, bombing runs scheduled for that part of the range might have delayed the tests".

He continues:

"There are many other tantalizing bits that might support the Surveyor explanation for Socorro.

- The Surveyor tests were done with a small Bell helicopter that supported the craft from its side. The helicopter and spacecraft would have presented a bizarre profile. The Surveyor's slanted legs fit Zamora's description well, and are also a match for the shape of the "landing pod imprints" found later. In Stanford's

1976 book, he mentions Phil Klass' comment that landing pads like Surveyor's were among the only practical shapes for that function.

- The spacecraft used vernier engines and attitude jets to probe and sample soil, which could explain the flames the policeman saw, and the burn marks many saw. The flames weren't being used for lift; that was supplied by the helicopter. The burn marks at the site did not indicate sufficient thrust to lift a large vehicle, according to Hynek.

- The Surveyor used a mechanical scoop with a shape that matches a rectangular trough photographed at the Socorro site.

- Zamora described the craft as 'aluminum-white,' which certainly matched the bulk of the Bell helicopter.

- The tests missions were manned by a helicopter pilot and a Hughes engineer ... two persons, in white coveralls.

- Most people in Socorro, and several of the investigators, thought it was most likely a secret government experiment, and some Blue Book researchers even pinned it down as a tenant operation run by Holloman, the base for the Surveyor test flights".

[END OF EXTRACT]

Does, "a helicopter used to carry a Lunar Surveyor around for some tests", resemble the object Zamora described and its various characteristics?

The following aspects require to be explained:

1. On descent, the object emitted a 'roaring flame', which Zamora noted, "changed from high frequency to low frequency and then stopped". Both apparently ceased, before the object landed.

2. There was no other discernable sound.

3. The object was, "like O in shape" and "like aluminum--it was whitish against the mesa background, but not chrome".

4. When its 'roaring flame' was next encountered, the object was slowly lifting off; "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".

5. The "Object was oval, in shape. It was smooth--no windows or doors".

If Zamora, somehow, came across a 'Surveyor lunar lander' [presumably in that era, a 'Surveyor 1' prototype], horizontally attached to a helicopter, how can this be equated with his stated, albeit brief, observations?

Alternatively, demanding due consideration in this respect... was Zamora utterly baffled by a helicopter, to which a 'Surveyor lunar lander' was horizontally attached?

Amongst many obvious questions:

- how and why was the Surveyor lander firing its 'decent rockets', when being transported by helicopter?
- how and why was the Surveyor lander then, only circa a couple of minutes [if even that] afterwards, firing its 'ascent rockets', when a) it seemingly didn't have any and b), it was being lifted by a helicopter?
- how could Zamora conceivably fail to notice during his subsequent, more detailed [although brief], closest observation that the 'object' was not in truth oval-shaped, did have windows, exhibited distinctive characteristics of a helicopter and that there were actually two objects?
- why was the 'Surveyor lander' so far from home?
- did the incoming trajectory of Zamora's cited object coincide with an origin from White Sands?
- why did it momentarily 'drop in' near Socorro?
- why did it almost immediately depart?
- where was it heading for and why?

Dave Thomas asserts:

1. "The Surveyor tests were done with a small Bell helicopter that supported the craft from its side".

Where can we find confirmation of this?

2. "The helicopter and spacecraft would have presented a bizarre profile".

Doubtless so, if these were the sources of Zamora's encounter.

How can this be equated with his factual description of a singular, oval object, described over the radio as, "It looks like a balloon"?

3. "The Surveyor's slanted legs fit Zamora's description well..."

No, they are entirely inconsistent.

How many legs did the Surveyor lander have; how many 'legs' did Zamora recall?

4. "...and are also a match for the shape of the 'landing pod imprints' found later".

No, they are not - check it out.

5. "The spacecraft used vernier engines and attitude jets to probe and sample soil, which could explain the flames the policeman saw, and the burn marks many saw".

Explain the 'roaring flames' on descent, ascent and [enough for now]...

6. "The Surveyor used a mechanical scoop with a shape that matches a rectangular trough photographed at the Socorro site".

Seemingly proposed is that the test-model 'Surveyor lunar lander' had time and a seemingly unfathomable reason to deploy its 'mechanical scoop', during an otherwise proclaimed fleeting crisis.

How tenable is this?

7. "Zamora described the craft as 'aluminum-white,' which certainly matched the bulk of the Bell helicopter".

Zamora never described the object as "aluminum-white", he said it was, "like aluminum-white" and yet, "not chrome".

This aside, how can it possibly be construed and championed that Zamora's perceived 'shiny' coloration, "certainly matched the

bulk of the Bell helicopter"?

8. "The tests missions were manned by a helicopter pilot and a Hughes engineer ... two persons, in white coveralls".

At the outset, a somewhat fundamental problem, to say the least, with Dave Thomas' proposed explanation is acknowledged. Dave writes of the White Sands Missile Range 'Log' for 24 April, 1964:

"The timing isn't right for the UFO sighting -- the range log calls for morning tests, and the sightings occurred in late afternoon".

Perhaps Dave can at least evidence that, at anytime, on 24 April, 1964, "tests missions were manned by a helicopter pilot and a Hughes engineer ... two persons, in white coveralls" and they had any connection whatsoever with the 'Socorro' case.

9. "Most people in Socorro, and several of the investigators, thought it was most likely a secret government experiment, and some Blue Book researchers even pinned it down as a tenant operation run by Holloman, the base for the Surveyor test flights".

As I previously highlighted:

Is it also little-known that on 3 May, 1964, the 'Post-Standard, Syracuse, N.Y.' carried an article on the Socorro case which reported:

"At White Sands Missile Range, meanwhile, Gene Kanoft (?) [I can't decipher the printed surname], chief of administration for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at White Sands said the lunar excursion module designed for the Apollo moon flights might fit Zamora's description but won't be built until later this year. He said it was unlikely the module would be tested at White Sands".  
[END OF EXTRACT]

Noted that he's talking about, "the lunar excursion module designed for the Apollo moon flights" and not a contemporary, 1964 un-manned Surveyor project.

Of more consequence, why did - only days after 'Socorro' - the "chief of administration for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration", statedly have no related explanation?

How is this rationalised?

10. The publicised, 'Socorro solved' contention seems to be based on a reported claim from Capt. James McAndrew [not exactly a 'stranger to controversy!'] that, "there were special tests being conducted at the north end of the White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) involving a helicopter used to carry a Lunar Surveyor around for some tests".

Where is any meaningful evidence? Said 'range log' merely documents, 'Surveyor helicopter flights,' which have zilch evidenced association with later events same day and so many miles away.

Conversely, we can ascertain online that, during April 1964, there were indeed cursory tests pertaining to 'Surveyor 1' and how:

"..in April 1964, ...a test version of the spacecraft, outfitted with working radars and vernier engines, was suspended from a balloon and lofted 1,500 feet above the New Mexico desert for a test of the landing system.

Before the test could begin, a nearby electrical storm triggered the balloon's electronic release mechanism and the test Surveyor fell to the desert floor and broke into pieces.

For JPL, Surveyor's troubles worsened an already dire situation. Ranger 6 had failed that January. The bad news persisted even after Ranger 7 finally triumphed in July: A second Surveyor drop test failed in October because of a series of malfunctions. When engineer Robert Parks took over as project manager of the Surveyor effort, his colleagues at the lab offered condolences. "They thought I had taken on an impossible task," he says.

The delays cost the Surveyor team the moon race. On February 4, 1966, a Soviet soft-lander called Luna 9 alighted on the plains of the moon's Ocean of Storms and radioed back pictures..." - see:

<http://www.airspacemag.com/ASM/Mag/Index/1997/JJ/hdld.html>

Dave Thomas' online article is an "edited version" of a July 2001, 'Skeptical Inquirer' feature.

Is it now therefore accepted by the 'Skeptical Inquirer' that Philip Klass' previously endorsed, advocated and upheld determination of Zamora's report as a 'hoax', was blatantly

preposterous?

A recipient of my 'Voyager' newsletter, veteran 'sceptic' Steuart Campbell, recently reminded me that, unmistakably:

"A mirage of Canopus was the object reported by police patrolman Lonnie Zamora over Socorro (New Mexico) in April 1964".

James Easton.

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Date: Fri, 2 Aug 2002 07:09:35 +0100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] silverbug

From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>

> This is the idea they started with. The result (after budget cuts) was  
> the AVRO disc.

We have to very clear here. It wasn't simply budget cuts. The AVROCAR was built to fulfil a totally different requirement from Silverbug. It was intended to be a ground effect vehicle whereas Silverbug and the other Y2 concepts were supersonic fighters.

I'm sure you know this already, but it's vital to underline this point for those unfamiliar with the complexities of the work carried out by AVRO Canada's highly secret Special Projects Group.

There is no way on this Earth that John Frost, the head of the SPG would have expected the AVROCAR to do much more than it did. It's a common misconception that it was intended to be a high speed aircraft and was therefore a total disaster. It wasn't - it was a research vehicle / technology demonstrator for a surface(ish) craft.

Regards

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the summer time because of the danger of causing fire.

I bought one package a couple of years ago and tried it at winter time in  
Finland. The phenomenon is really fascinating even at the day time and it is  
no wonder that someone who see it will believe that it is an ufo. Especially  
disappearing so suddenly (when parafin burns out) in the middle of the dark  
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National ufo research organization in Sweden (UFO-Sverige) have some  
information (video + pictures) about these fire balloons at their website  
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Whereupon, the attendant replied, "Oh, we have a lot of helicopters flying around here."

To which the tourist replied, "If that was a helicopter it's the damndest helicopter I ever saw...."

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>air balloon" package includes a plastic bag (about 60 liters), two steel  
>strings and a piece of parafin. Parafin burns about 8 to 10 minutes and will  
>lift the ball up to 1000 meters. These ufo-balloons should not be used at  
>the summer time because of the danger of causing fire.

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>I bought one package a couple of years ago and tried it at winter time in  
>Finland. The phenomenon is really fascinating even at the day time and it is  
>no wonder that someone who see it will believe that it is an ufo. Especially  
>disappearing so suddenly (when parafin burns out) in the middle of the dark  
>sky makes the phenomenon even stranger than it actually is.

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>National ufo research organization in Sweden (UFO-Sverige) have some  
>information (video + pictures) about these fire balloons at their website  
><http://www.ufo.se/information/misstolkningar/ufoballonger1.shtml>.

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>Uforesearcher Marko Repo

>Vantaa, FINLAND

Hi Marko,

can you me send a VHS-video-tape-recording about this balloons? Adress: Werner Walter, Eisenacher Weg 16, 68309 Mannheim, Germany.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Sun, 4 Aug 2002 07:50:28 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] Occam's Razor

In, 'The Socorro, NM UFO - Explained?'...:

<http://www.nmsr.org/socorro.htm>

...Dave Thomas concludes:

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Yet, moreso, what exactly is 'Occam's Razor', beloved of 'supporting' a mundane explanation, as opposed to one which is otherwise 'not so straightforward'.

Quoting:

<http://wotug.ukc.ac.uk/parallel/www/occam/occam-bio.html>

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He entered the Franciscan order at an early age and took the traditional course of theological studies at Oxford. Strong opposition to his opinions from members of the theological faculty prevented him from obtaining his Master's degree. His teaching had also aroused the attention of Pope John XXII, who summoned him to the papal court in Avignon (France) in 1324.

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How did this become a 'skeptic' edict?

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or:

'Entia non sunt multiplicanda praeter necessitatem' -

"No more things should be presumed to exist than are absolutely necessary..."

Why the discrepancies and how did this evolve?

From: "rotsky" <rotsky@wanadoo.fr>  
Date: Sun, 4 Aug 2002 12:09:16 +0200  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Occam's Razor

Actually, those explanations make it clear why Occam's razor is so apt as a sceptical principle. For any given 'event', it is better to accept explanations based on accepted or proven phenomena (Venus, fire balloons etc) than an explanation which demands the unproven existence of extra-terrestrials or fantastic technology. In other words, if there is a workable mundane explanation, this is far more likely to be the truth than something supernatural. That doesn't necessarily 'prove' the case, of course, but this is an area where belief is important and scientific standards of proof are often impossible or (in so many cases, IMHO) irrelevant.

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Steve

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Sun, 4 Aug 2002 10:09:37 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Occam's Razor

Ha! Thanks for the good food for thought.

Clear skies,  
Bob Young

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Date: Mon, 5 Aug 2002 10:19:29 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Triangles in Illinois - Hi-Tech Ballons?

The underground basically gave the Germans something to waste ammo on.  
They  
couldn't figure them out - the distance was hard to find. They were  
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targets, unlikely to be hit by flak. If one was hit, the Germans could  
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Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS lrobin@indiana.edu  
Indiana University (812) 855-5073 Room 42  
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@ Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2002 6:31 PM

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@ >Date: Thu, 1 Aug 2002 12:01:45 -0500

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@ >- The Underground used them to confuse the Germans in World War II.

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@ Hi Larry, how were the fire lanterns used? re: WW2

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@ rob.....

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Actually, the AVRO was built to test the ability to direct the flow of air to control the flight of the proposed vehicle. When they found out that stability was lost at altitudes over a few feet above the ground (an unexpected result), they canned the rest of the project.

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@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] silverbug

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@ > This is the idea they started with. The result (after

@ budget cuts) was

@ > the AVRO disc.

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@ We have to very clear here. It wasn't simply budget cuts. The

@ AVROCAR was

@ built to fulfil a totally different requirement from Silverbug. It was

@ intended to be a ground effect vehicle whereas Silverbug and

@ the other Y2

@ concepts were supersonic fighters.

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@ I'm sure you know this already, but it's vital to underline

@ this point for

@ those unfamiliar with the complexities of the work carried out by AVRO

@ Canada's highly secret Special Projects Group.

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@ There is no way on this Earth that John Frost, the head of

@ the SPG would

@ have expected the AVROCAR to do much more than it did. It's a common

@ misconception that it was intended to be a high speed aircraft and was

@ therefore a total disaster. It wasn't - it was a research vehicle /  
@ technology demonstrator for a surface(ish) craft.

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@ Regards

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@ David

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A couple of oddities between a map sent earlier and this:

1. Wasn't the gas station on US 60? If so, what route did the witness take? He saw both the UFO and the police car, and ended up at the gas station?

2. I found the dynamite shack on the USGS map sent earlier. It is a little white square. I used a USGS map in a copy of the NICAP file which I have. The square is identified "dynamite shack" on the NICAP file by whoever annotated the map., and it is in exactly the same place on the map I received through UFORL. It is just off the road Zamora took.

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@ >"Your airplanes fly awfully low around here, one liked to knock

@ >me off the road just south of town." Whereupon, the attendant

@ >replied, "Oh, we have a lot of helicopters flying around here."

@ >

@ >To which the tourist replied, "If that was a helicopter it's the

@ >damndest helicopter I ever saw...."



@ >  
@ >

From: "bortaf ----" <fatrob83@hotmail.com>  
X-Originating-IP: [62.30.0.2]  
Date: Mon, 05 Aug 2002 23:22:26 +0000  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Triangles in Illinois - Hi-Tech Ballons?

>From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
>>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>  
>Subject: RE: [UFORL] Triangles in Illinois - Hi-Tech Ballons?  
>Date: Mon, 5 Aug 2002 10:19:29 -0500  
>  
>The underground basicly gave the Germans something to waste ammo on.  
>They  
>couldn't figure them out - the distance was hard to find. They were  
>small  
>targets, unlikely to be hit by flak. If one was hit, the Germans could  
>not  
>identify any remains (tissue paper, if it didn't burn up) as what they  
>shot down.

Thanks Larry :-)  
rob....

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Occam's Razor<BR><BR></FONT></DIV>  
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<DIV style="FONT: 10pt arial"><B>Subject:</B> [UFORL] Occam's  
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<DIV><BR></DIV><TT>In, 'The Socorro, NM UFO -  
Explained?'...:<BR><BR><A

href="http://www.nmsr.org/socorro.htm">http://www.nmsr.org/socorro.htm</A><BR>  
><BR>...Dave

Thomas concludes:<BR><BR>A lot has happened since 1964, and it's difficult  
to reconstruct<BR>events from that long ago, especially events with  
strong<BR>implications. Was it a college prank? A hoax? A balloon? An  
alien<BR>craft from another world? Perhaps we'll never really  
know.<BR>Gildenberg is confident that William of Occam, of Occam's  
Razor<BR>fame, would think kindly of the Surveyor explanation,  
especially<BR>over some of the other contenders.<BR>[END OF  
EXTRACT]<BR><BR><BR>I propose that 'William of Occam' would be  
dismayed to  
see the<BR>'Surveyor explanation', cited as substantiation of  
'Occam's<BR>razor'.<BR><BR>Not only is there zero evidence, whatsoever, of  
any 'Surveyor'<BR>connection to Zamora's reported observations, the  
proclaimed<BR>evidence is both entirely circumstantial and an antithesis  
to<BR>Zamora's fundamental, witness testimony.<BR><BR><BR>Yet, moreso,  
what

exactly is 'Occam's Razor', beloved of<BR>'supporting' a mundane  
explanation, as opposed to one which is<BR>otherwise 'not so  
straightforward'.<BR><BR>Quoting:<BR><BR><A

href="http://wotug.ukc.ac.uk/parallel/www/occam/occam-  
bio.html">http://wotug.ukc.ac.uk/parallel/www/occam/occam-  
bio.html</A><BR><BR>William

of Ockham, born in the village of Ockham in Surrey<BR>(England) about 1285,  
was the most influential philosopher of the<BR>14th century and a  
controversial theologian.<BR><BR>He entered the Franciscan order at an early  
age and took the<BR>traditional course of theological studies at Oxford.  
Strong<BR>opposition to his opinions from members of the  
theological<BR>faculty prevented him from obtaining his Master's degree.  
His<BR>teaching had also aroused the attention of Pope John XXII,  
who<BR>summoned him to the papal court in Avignon (France) in  
1324.<BR><BR>The charges against him were presented by Jogh Lutterell,  
the<BR>former chancellor of the university of Oxford. Ockham was  
never<BR>condemned, but in 1327, while residing in Avignon, he  
became<BR>involved in the dispute over apostolic poverty. When  
this<BR>controversy reached a critical stage in 1328, and the Pope  
was<BR>about to issue a condemnation of the position held by  
the<BR>Franciscans, Ockham and two other Franciscans fled from  
Avignon<BR>to seek the protection of Emperor Louis IV, the  
Bavarian.<BR><BR>They followed the emperor to Munich (Germany) in 1330,

where Ockham wrote fervently against the papacy in a series of treatises on papal power and civil sovereignty. The medieval rule of parsimony, or principle of economy, frequently used by Ockham came to be known as Ockham's razor. The rule, which said that \_plurality should not be assumed without necessity\_ (or, in modern English, keep it simple, stupid), was used to eliminate many pseudo-explanatory entities. It is believed that he died in a convent in Munich in 1349, a victim of the Black Death. His name, spelled Occam, lives on in the names of streets and restaurants in Munich ... and in the brave new world of high-performance safety-critical parallel computing. [END OF EXTRACT] So... 'Occam's razor' was, apparently, in truth a comment on 14th century religious persuasions? How did this become a 'skeptical edict'? As opposed to a conviction that 'Occam's Razor' proclaims, "Entities should not be multiplied unnecessarily", we find: 'Pluralitas non est ponenda sine neccesitate' - "Plurality should not be posited without necessity..." or: 'Entia non sunt multiplicanda praeter necessitatem' - "No more things should be presumed to exist than are absolutely necessary..." Why the discrepancies and how did this evolve?

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Date: Wed, 7 Aug 2002 12:26:45 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: [UFORL] UFO Data Exchange Website

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From: "North Kent" <northkent121@hotmail.com>  
X-Originating-IP: [194.242.132.17]  
Date: Wed, 14 Aug 2002 17:53:03 +0000  
Subject: [UFORL] UFO sightings recorded information line

Dear Members,

You may be interested to know, we run a UFO sightings recorded information line. Updated each week, we bring you all the latest news in UFOLOGY. Please feel free to leave a message after our news update and we can include your topic, news and views in a future update. You may wish to promote your own group or forthcoming meeting etc.

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Best regards,

Chris Rolfe  
UFO Monitors East Kent.

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From: Jouko Forsström <jouko.forsstrom@kolumbus.fi>  
Date: Thu, 15 Aug 2002 00:21:25 +0200  
Subject: [UFORL] Another "Roswell", 1897?

Texas ufo crash 1897?  
<http://www.jimmarrs.com/news/news081202.html>

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From: KRandle993@aol.com  
Date: Wed, 14 Aug 2002 23:01:24 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Another "Roswell", 1897?

Good Evening -

Please, this story was an admitted invention by a stringer for the Dallas Morning News who created the tale in 1897 to put his dying home town back on the map...

KRandle

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Date: Thu, 15 Aug 2002 09:44:11 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Another "Roswell", 1897?

Oh, yes! The Aurora case.

There are a few little bits of relevant info:

1. H.G. Wells' "War of the Worlds" was new then.
2. The new railroad company had just decided to take a route which did not include Aurora.
3. The hoax was concocted by the newspaper to bring people to the town.
4. The "airship sightings" were at their peak in the west then. Many of them were fire balloons launched by pranksters.
5. The windmill supposedly knocked down by the spaceship never existed.
6. A few years ago, UFOlogists sued to open the grave they thought contained the alien.

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@ From: Jouko Forsström [mailto:jouko.forsstrom@kolumbus.fi]

@ Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2002 5:21 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: [UFORL] Another "Roswell", 1897?

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@ Texas ufo crash 1897?

@ http://www.jimmarrs.com/news/news081202.html

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Date: Fri, 16 Aug 2002 23:26:15 +0100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] UFO sightings recorded information line

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You, dear members, may also be interested to know that here in the tropical depths of the upper Towy Valley we run a retreat centre - a space that serves for anyone who wants to come to this remarkable part of the world and forget what happens in rest of it for a while. Just give us a call at the cheapest rate you can wangle at 01 550 760 247.

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Oddly enough, this is not an advertisement. It is more by way of a snort of protest that there is a real world in which people live and work and have their being, which could not care less about whether Mrs Brown saw a light in

the sky at 10:00 pm on Thursday that she couldn't explain.

Asking that people should even consider that a sense of proportion should apply in ufology is probably much the same as asking one of our uncut colts to ignore a randy mare. Nonetheless, I feel it's worth bearing witness occasionally to the world of hogweed, traffic jams, council taxes, cat fleas, chain saws and chip butties, about which we can actually do something.

best wishes  
Peter B

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From: Mendoza <Horseman@onetel.net.uk>  
Date: Tue, 20 Aug 2002 03:07:12 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] Ufology in Perspective

Compliments from the Mendoza remuda:

>Subject: ufology in perspective  
>Sent: 14/08/20 02:43  
>Received: 20/08/02 01:14  
>From: Jerome Clark, jkclark@FRONTIERNET.NET  
>To: Project-47, PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

Perhaps Jerry is feeling the pinch, not having had anyone to pontificate at for a few days, but surely this is either a wind-up or a desperate attempt at cheerleading.

Knees up and twirl the pom-poms, then.

Zetetic is not Greek, ancient or demotic, for "skeptical enquirer". Liddell & Scott give several ancient Greek words from the zeta-ita-tau-ita root (which suggests "zetetic" should be pronounced zEEteetik -- I can see that catching on). The "ita" is here transliterated as an "i", but should be pronounced long, as in "geek". The verb zitéo means variously to seek, search out, inquire into, examine or investigate. A "zítítis" (accent on the final syllable) is a seeker, searcher, or examiner. L&S add that zititai were commissioners appointed to investigate state offences! In modern demotic Greek the meaning has changed somewhat, and the accent has shifted to the first syllable: zítea means begging, zítima is a problem, zítisis is a demand (as in "the global demand for petroleum") or quest for truth, and zitao means to look for ("Zitao ton gatton mou", I am looking for my tomcat) -- or to beg, or to ask \*for\* something ("I asked him for a meal").

English "zetetic" need imply no more than an enquiring mind. In an ideal world the term "zetetic scholar" would contain an otiose redundancy [yes, this is a self-referring sentence].

There is no suggestion of "skepticism" in either the ancient or the current usages. Ancient Greek had a good word, "skeptomai", I look about, watch, look carefully or, when applied to mental activity, I view, examine, or consider. In demotic Greek one might use "skeptomai" to mean "it is my considered opinion that" or "to reflect

on" something. "Skeptikos" means pensive. Those who know the history of "skeptic", as Sir W. Raleigh did, use it in this sense. Ignorant persons, among whom I would count some members of CSICOP as well as purveyors of terms such as skeptibunker and pelicanist, use it in a peculiarly destructive sense, which is a pity, because it muddies the waters of meaning. We have been through this one before, so I won't rant about the abuse of the word "debunker" by the ignorati.

Truzzi mostly sets up easy targets among allegedly scientific pursuits in comparison with anomalistic ones. It ought to be obvious to anyone that electronic SETI is a matter of naive (and ethnocentric) faith, or that economics, sociology, and psychotherapies are bogus sciences -- the first two are descriptive, not predictive, disciplines, and the third are sheer hokum, invented on the hoof by such as "pioneers" as Freud and Jung. This last is perhaps more obvious in 2002 than it was in 1987. But there is no comparison between Nessie (anecdotal evidence, photos of socks on poles etc) and the big bang and black holes -- I see no subtle mathematics taking place on the shores Loch Ness. I'm not arguing against the monster: I am just pointing out the falsity of the analogies that Truzzi wants to draw.

Insofar as Truzzi (in 1987) wanted to cock a snook at science, he failed; and to that extent he also failed to put ufology in context, pace one of its senior theologians. Ufology can't predict anything, unlike a real science, and cannot logically link cause (anecdote) and effect (belief), and often can't tell which is cause and which is effect. No question, it has dedicated scholars. On the other hand it is not always clear what those scholars are recording, or what gives them ultimate impulsion.

best wishes

Prosciuttio D. Melone, HTML (failed)

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Posted to the Project 1947 List in response to:

>Subject: ufology in perspective  
>Sent: 14/08/20 02:43  
>Received: 20/08/02 01:14  
>From: Jerome Clark, jkclark@FRONTIERNET.NET  
>>PROJECT-1947@L  
>To: Project-47, PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

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>The reason that the zetetic [Greek for "skeptical inquirer"] may appear to  
>take a softer critical line may be the result not so much of a less critical  
>view of the extraordinary but of a more critical view of the ordinary with  
>which it is contrasted. Those who leap to call parapsychology a  
>pseudoscience might do well to look more closely at the social sciences  
>in general. Those who laugh at the implausibility of a possible plesiosaur  
>in Loch Ness should take a close look at the arguments and evidence  
>put forth for the Big Bang or Black Holes. Those who think it unreasonable  
>to investigate reports of unidentified flying objects might do well to look  
>carefully at arguments and evidence of those who promote current attempts  
>at contacting extraterrestrial intelligence allegedly present in other solar  
>systems. Those who complain about the unscientific status of psychic  
>counselors should be willing to examine the scientific status of orthodox  
>psychotherapy and make truly scientific comparisons. Those who sneer at  
>phoney prophets in our midst might also do well to look at the  
>prognosticators in economics and sociology who hold official positions as  
>"scientific forecasters." Those who concern themselves about newspaper  
>horoscopes and their influence might do well to look at what the "real"  
>so-called helping professions are doing. The scientist who claims to be a  
>>true skeptic, a zetetic, is willing to investigate empirically the claims of  
>the  
>American Medical Association as well as those of faith healers; and, more  
>important, he should be willing to compare the empirical results for both  
>before defending one and condemning the other.  
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>-- Marcello Truzzi, in "Zetetic Ruminations on Skepticism and Anomalies  
>in Science." Zetetic Scholar 12/13 (1987): 7-20,

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Date: Tue, 20 Aug 2002 15:21:32 -0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] New FT sighting  
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<P>Dear all,  
<P>Can I ask if anyone has received any reports of an FT sighting at around 10:13pm tonight?

<P>A friend of mine called me about a man in Leasowe who saw an 'FT' moving from north to south at a very quick speed. Apparently, three orange lights were seen in a triangular formation, the witness stressed that these lights were 'pale' not bright. The witness stated that these lights appeared to be fixed in a tight formation, he was asked if he could see any astronomical objects in between the lights, he replied that he could not. In the sky there was a passenger jet which he could see and hear clearly, there was no noise emitted from the three lights and the witness thought that the lights were actually lower than the jet plane! The witness says that&nbsp;because of the low level of light pollution at Leasowe he had a fantastic view of the night sky, which was the reason why he was out in his garden at that time.

<P>I'm going to see if this is another&nbsp;sighting of NOSS.

<P>Tony&nbsp;

<P>&nbsp;</P><p><br><hr size=1><b>Do You Yahoo!?</b><br>

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Date: Fri, 23 Aug 2002 08:40:30 +1000 (EST)  
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Date: Fri, 23 Aug 2002 07:12:30 +0100

Subject: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

Taking the synopsis from a readily available, acknowledged  
unverified, online source:

The story of Betty and Barney Hill begins in September 1961, in the state of New Hampshire. Barney had recently developed an ulcer, and he and his wife Betty decided to take a short vacation to Canada. The couple had visited Niagara Falls, and Montreal, and on the 19th of the month, they began their journey back home to Portsmouth. The night was clear, with a crescent moon shining on the heavily wooded landscape, that surrounded US Route 3 in the central part of New Hampshire. At about a quarter past 10:00 P.M., three miles south of the city of Lancaster, Barney noticed what appeared to be a bright star, or planet which seemed to move erratically. Barney pointed this out to Betty, and they both began to keep track of the object.

The couple began to believe that they were watching a plane, appear and disappear, as the movement of their vehicle caused the trees to come and go in obstructing their view. Later Barney would state that he tried to convince himself that the object was a plane, but that Betty thought it to be something else; an unidentified craft of some kind. As the two continued to the Flume, just north of North Woodstock, the object appeared to move in an odd way. As they reached Indian Head, Barney actually stopped the car to have a look at the object with his binoculars. He saw multicolored lights, and rows of windows on a flat-shaped object, which now seemed to be moving toward him. As the object moved to within a hundred feet of him, he could see occupants inside. Frightened, he ran back to his car where Betty waited. They climbed inside and sped away. Soon, two hours of their lives would vanish into oblivion.

After resuming their journey home, they were not able to see the strange craft anymore. Oddly though, they heard a beeping sound. They then heard the beeping a second time, noticing that they were suddenly thirty-five miles farther down the road than a minute or two ago. They were now in Ashla. The mood in the car was quiet as they proceeded home, and went to bed. They both slept until the next afternoon. When Betty got up, she called her sister Janet, and told her what had happened. Janet told her to call nearby Pease Air Force Base, and report what she had seen. Betty reported the incident, speaking to Major Paul W. Henderson, who told Betty; "The UFO was also confirmed by our radar." It is important to note at this point that Barney was against calling the sighting in to the base, hoping to keep it quiet.

At this time, neither Betty nor Barney recalled any abduction. Soon, Betty began having nightmarish dreams of her and her husband being taken aboard a craft of some kind, against their will. In a matter of weeks, two writers got wind of the story, and after interviewing the Hills, made an intensive log of the events of the night. They discovered that there were two hours of unaccounted time in the Hill's story, even allowing for stops for the Hills, and breaks for their dog, who also had made the trip with them. Another interesting note that I should interject here is that these "two writers," which are mentioned in almost every report of this incident, (and there are literally thousands of them), have not been named, or I cannot find their names.

However, the story is true, because their interview was attended by Major James MacDonald, a former Air Force Intelligence Officer. Shortly after Betty began having these disturbing dreams, she wrote a letter to Major Donald Kehoe, who passed her information on to one Walter Webb, who was on the staff of the Hayden Planetarium. Webb, at the time, was a scientific advisor for the National Investigations Committee on Ariel Phenomena. (commonly referred to as NICAP). What he did with the report is unknown.

It was Major MacDonald who made the suggestion to the Hills that regressive hypnosis might account for the two hours of missing time. In the spring of 1962, the Hills contacted a psychiatrist about the hypnosis sessions, but decided to put it off for a time. All the while, Betty was still haunted by the dreams, and Barney's ulcer was worse, and he was again suffering from hypertension. After dodging reporters, and doing some research on psychiatrists, the Hills made a decision to contact well-known Boston psychiatrist and neurologist, Dr. Benjamin Simon, who was one of the most respected doctors in his field. After a couple of initial interviews, Dr. Simon's preliminary diagnosis was "anxiety syndrome," relating to the incidents of the night of September 19, 1961. His next step was to find out what those events were.

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The method of treatment that Dr. Simon chose for the Hills was regressive hypnosis, which was meant to get to the source of their problem, whatever that may have been. He began the sessions on Barney, and then followed up with the same treatment for

Betty. The process was slow, but after six months, it was Dr. Simon's expert opinion that the Hills had been abducted, and taken aboard an unknown flying craft on the night in question. Anyone who is deeply interested in these sessions, can see transcripts of them in an excellent book on the entire Hill story, "The Interrupted Journey," written by award-winning investigative author John G. Fuller. The Hills' story was also included in a two-part article in "Look" magazine, and a movie, "The UFO Incident," a made-for-TV production. The movie was released in 1976, and starred Estelle Parsons as Betty, and James Earl Jones as Barney.

After the many sessions with Dr. Simon, the following details became evident. The Hills related that their car had stalled, and then the alien craft landed on the road in front of their vehicle, forming a kind of roadblock, hailing them down. They were taken into the craft, and given medical examinations by these aliens, and before being released, were ordered under hypnosis not to recount any of the details of their incident. The entities were described by the Hills as "....bald-headed alien beings, about five foot tall, with greyish skin, pear shaped heads and slanting cat-like eyes."-- This was the very first mention in UFO folklore of the so-called "greys." The Hills were taken into separate rooms during their examinations. These "tests" involved both physical and mental procedures.

As part of these tests, skin, hair and nail samples were taken. Betty had a long needle inserted into her navel, and was told it was a pregnancy test. Under duress, Barney related that he had given a semen specimen. Betty stated that she was given a kind of book as a token of her visit, but this item was later taken back. Another odd fact related under hypnosis was that the aliens seemed to have no conception of time, or of colors, whatever this may mean. At one point, the aliens seemed surprised to find that Barney's teeth (dentures) could be removed and replaced. Betty asked one of her abductors where they were from, and in reply, she was shown a star map of sorts, which will be discussed in more detail later. After these events, the Hills were taken back to their car, and the last thing they remembered was an orange glow disappearing into the night sky. It is very important to note that the Hills tried to keep these events out of the press, but unfortunately, an inaccurate version of the events was leaked to the press, after which, the Hills decided to come forward with the true events of the case.

Dr. Simon was under a great amount of pressure to release whatever information the Hills authorized about their case. This was considered prudent, not to exploit the story, but to stop speculation that the absence of a statement by him would seem to shed a negative light on the Hills' story. Simon concluded that

the Hills were not fabricating their story. He further stated that he there were several conclusions that could be reached. [1] "The experience actually happened, or, [2] some perceptive and illusory misinterpretations occurred in relationship to some real event." What the "real event" may be, I do not know.

As the facts of the Hills' case came to public knowledge, two notable, respectable professionals investigated the story, and made their conclusions. One was Dr. J. Allen Hynek, who was at the time, Professor of Astronomy at Northwestern University, and later to be an Air Force Consultant on Aerial Phenomena. He eventually would create his own "Center For UFO studies." The other was Stanton T. Friedman, a nuclear physicist and the nation's only space scientist devoting full time to researching the UFO phenomenon.

As a consultant to Project Bluebook, Hynek later released the book, "The UFO Experience," in which he discussed the Hills' case. I will insert his own words here; "Under repeated hypnosis they independently revealed what had supposedly happened. The two stories agreed in considerable detail, although neither Betty nor Barney was privy to what the other had said under hypnosis until much later. Under hypnosis they stated that they had been taken separately aboard the craft, treated well by the occupants - rather as humans might treat experimental animals - and then released after having been given the hypnotic suggestion that they would remember nothing of that particular experience. The method of their release supposedly accounted for the amnesia, which was apparently broken only by counterhypnosis".  
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On 7 September 1963, I gave a talk on hypnosis to one of the adult study groups at a Unitarian Church in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Afterward, two people came up to me, introduced themselves as Betty and Barney Hill, and asked me if hypnosis could be used to recover lost periods of memory. I wondered why they asked that question, because I had mentioned it in my talk, but I said, "Yes, that's one of the classical uses of clinical hypnosis."

They started telling me about something that happened to them as they were driving home from Canada on the night of 19-20 September 1961 -- a light in the sky that seemed to follow them and then circled them, and being stopped on the road, and how they later realized they had a three-hour gap in their memories. As they told their story, Barney's face kept twitching spasmodically on one side. I didn't like the looks of that.

They said some of their friends thought the light that followed them was a UFO, and asked me what I thought about UFOs. I said, "There are a lot of reports by credible people." Then they asked me if I would hypnotize them to recover that three-hour gap in their memories. My first thought was: "I don't want to wade into whatever is making his face twitch like that. I'm not a psychiatrist." Then I thought: "UFOs ... I'm an Air Force officer ... hypnosis ... I have no credentials." So I said, "No, I'm not qualified to do that." But I strongly encouraged them to find a reputable psychologist or psychiatrist who used hypnotherapy. They said that several people had suggested they try hypnosis, and since I had studied hypnosis and recommended it for that purpose, they thought they would go ahead with it. I answered a few other people's questions about my talk, and went home.

I didn't hear anything about the Hills for the next nine months. It was only later that I learned they had acted on my recommendation and were referred to Dr. Benjamin Simon, a well-known psychiatrist in Boston. They first met with him on 14 December 1963.

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Date: Fri, 23 Aug 2002 10:49:52 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Best Evidence

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In fact, the Hills described beings quite different in many important respects from our beloved grays/greys--size, the all important eyes, etc. (See the transcripts of the sessions with Simon in John Fuller's book.) Whether or not misinterpretations of what the Hills said about the appearance of their captors "evolved" the grays, or if there had been earlier instances of beings described as closely matching today's little buggers, I don't know. But the fact is that the Hill's captors weren't grays as we've come to know and love them. Not by a long shot. -- Cheers, KARL

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Hopkins once got a letter from an oncologist in Canada. This gentleman uses hypnosis to relieve his patients' anxiety, and was amazed one day to find an abduction scenario emerge. He'd never heard of such a thing. After doing some research, he discovered that abduction stories had emerged before, and contacted Budd, mostly to find out what he should do. </SPAN></FONT></DIV>

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From: "Luis R. Gonzalez" <lrgm@arrakis.es>  
Date: Fri, 23 Aug 2002 23:13:38 +0200  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Best Evidence

Greg,

Can you give us the reference of this Michael Nash's book?

Thanks in advance,

Luis R. González Manso

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My memory failed me here. Michael Nash is a psychology professor at the University of Tennessee, and editor of the International Journal of Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis. He's an important hypnosis researcher, but he's not the author of the book I was talking about.

My notes on that book aren't with me at the moment, but I believe it's Michael Yapko's "Suggestions of Abuse: True and False Memories of Childhood Sexual Trauma" (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1994). To verify this, though, I'll have to find my notes (which are on a floppy disk that I believe is in my country house), or else make another visit to the NY Public Library, and search their psychology citations, where I found this book in the first place.

My apologies for the mistake. Yapko, by the way, is a clinical psychologist currently famous for his use of hypnosis to treat depression. The book I've cited was Yapko's angry response to the recovered memory movement, and especially to the many therapists who claimed to help their patients recover memories of sexual abuse.

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Yes, of course this has been attempted.

Normally, people have tried electronic monitoring, sometimes by methods as simple as leaving a video camera trained on their beds while they sleep at night. Allegedly, the monitoring devices malfunction, at times (or so it's said) in inexplicable ways. David Jacobs tells a story about a video camera that showed a woman sleeping, then stopped, then showed the woman sleeping again. It allegedly didn't show her or anyone else approaching it to turn it off. Nor did it show her leaving her bed. And of course the woman involved claims she didn't do it. I believe she was supposedly alone in her house.

An account of one monitoring attempt is in "Connections: Solving Our UFO Abduction Mystery," by Beth Collings and Anna Jamerson.

There's a systematic monitoring study going on now, with respectable double-blind methodology. I don't know when it's scheduled to conclude, or when results will be published. Though I know details of the study (who's doing it, how it's being done), these details are confidential until the results are published. One thing I'll say, though -- abduction researchers aren't involved. Or, to be precise, they were asked to recommend abductees for the study, but they weren't and won't be involved in planning, executing, or evaluating the work.

Greg Sadow

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Date: Sat, 24 Aug 2002 02:08:45 +0100  
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Louis Aaron Reitmeister's 'If Tomorrow Comes', The Walden Press, New York, 1934

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Date: Sat, 24 Aug 2002 04:34:09 +0100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Best Evidence

Regarding:

>From: Ktperehwon@aol.com  
>Date: Fri Aug 23, 2002 8:49 pm  
>Subject: Re: Re: [UFORL] Best Evidence

Karl wrote:

>Bob, Check out the McMinnville photos of May 1950 and the work  
>done on same by Bruce Maccabee and Brad Sparks. That weren't no  
>truck mirror or record turntable thingy, no how.

Karl,

I would have thought Joel Carpenter's exceptional research evidenced why the Trent 'flying saucer' was almost certainly a suspended 'rear-view mirror' - see:

<http://www.ufx.org/mcminn/photo.htm>

I recall asking Bruce Maccabee, before Joel's research was published... is that 'funnel' at the top of our Trent 'flying saucer' more likely to be evidence of 'Puffing Billy from the Pleiades', or an artefact which was in fact part of the object which duped so many as a professed 'flying saucer'.

As, say, the 'arm' which enables a rear-view mirror to be adjusted.

We can perhaps also ask why this foremost 'flying saucer' photograph is a depiction of the saucer-shape which was utterly misconstrued and popularised after Kenneth Arnold's founding story.

Besides, why waste time on these mere two Trent photos?

Surely, it's more infinitely more significant to highlight Maccabee's research which was published as confirming the authenticity of Ed Walter's 'flying saucer' photographic portfolio.

Why wasn't such, comparatively, overwhelming and endorsed photographic evidence presented to the 'Sturrock panel'?

Maccabee's co-authored book was, after all, proclaimed as 'UFOs  
Are Real: Here's the Proof'.

Is there a problem...?

James Easton.

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Date: Sat, 24 Aug 2002 06:48:09 +0100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Ufology in Perspective

Regarding:

>From: Mendoza <Horseman@onetel.net.uk>  
>Date: Tue Aug 20, 2002 3:07 am  
>Subject: Ufology in Perspective

Peter wrote, in a 'cross-post':

>Posted to the Project 1947 List in response to:  
>Subject: ufology in perspective  
>From: Jerome Clark, jkclark@FRONTIERNET.NET  
>To: Project-47, PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

>There is no suggestion of "skepticism" in either the ancient or  
>the current usages. Ancient Greek had a good word, "skeptomai",  
>I look about, watch, look carefully or, when applied to mental  
>activity, I view, examine, or consider.

Peter,

Pyrrho was a Greek philosopher from Elea, and founder of the Greek school of skepticism.

In his youth he practiced the art of painting, but passed over this for philosophy. He studied the writings of Democritus, became a disciple of Bryson, the son of Stilpo, and later a disciple of Anaxarchus. He took part in the Indian expedition of Alexander the Great, and met with philosophers of the Indus region. Back in Greece he was frustrated with the assertions of the Dogmatists (those who claimed to possess knowledge), and founded a new school in which he taught that every object of human knowledge involves uncertainty. Thus, he argued, it is impossible ever to arrive at the knowledge of truth (Diog. Laert, 58).

It is related that he acted on his own principles, and carried his skepticism to such an extreme, that his friends were obliged to accompany him wherever he went, so he might not be run over by carriages or fall down precipices.

It is likely, though, that these reports were invented by the Dogmatists whom he opposed. He spent a great part of his life in solitude, and was undisturbed by fear, or joy, or grief. He withstood bodily pain, and when in danger showed no sign of apprehension.

In disputes he was known for his subtlety. Epicurus, though no friend to skepticism, admired Pyrrho because he recommended and practiced the kind of self-control that fostered tranquillity; this, for Epicurus, was the end of all physical and moral science. Pyrrho was so highly valued by his countrymen that they honored him with the office of chief priest and, out of respect for him, passed a decree by which all philosophers were made immune from taxation. He was an admirer of poets, particularly Homer, and frequently cited passages from his poems. After his death, the Athenians honored his memory with a statue, and a monument to him was erected in his own country.

Pyrrho left no writings, and we owe our knowledge of his thoughts to his disciple Timon of Phlius. His philosophy, in common with all post-Aristotelian systems, is purely practical in its outlook. Skepticism is not posited on account of its speculative interest, but only because Pyrrho sees in it the road to happiness, and the escape from the calamities of life.

The proper course of the sage, said Pyrrho, is to ask himself three questions.

Firstly, we must ask what things are and how they are constituted.

Secondly, we ask how we are related to these things.

Thirdly, we ask what ought to be our attitude towards them.

As to what things are, we can only answer that we know nothing. We only know how things appear to us, but of their inner substance we are ignorant. The same thing appears differently to different people, and therefore it is impossible to know which opinion is right.

The diversity of opinion among the wise, as well as among the vulgar, proves this. To every assertion the contradictory assertion can be opposed with equally good grounds, and whatever my opinion, the contrary opinion is believed by somebody else who is quite as clever and competent to judge as I am.

Opinion we may have, but certainty and knowledge are impossible. Hence our attitude to things (the third question), ought to be complete suspense of judgment. We can be certain of nothing, not even of the most trivial assertions. Therefore we ought never to make any positive statements on any subject. And the Pyrrhonists were careful to import an element of doubt even into the most trifling assertions which they might make in the course of their

daily life. They did not say, "it is so," but "it seems so," or "it appears so to me." Every observation would be prefixed with a "perhaps," or "it may be."

This absence of certainty applies as much to practical as to theoretical matters. Nothing is in itself true or false. It only appears so. In the same way, nothing is in itself good or evil. It is only opinion, custom, law, which makes it so. When the sage realizes this, he will cease to prefer one course of action to another, and the result will be apathy (ataraxia). All action is the result of preference, and preference is the belief that one thing is better than another.

If I go to the north, it is because, for one reason or another, I believe that it is better than going to the south. Suppress this belief, learn that the one is not in reality better than the other, but only appears so, and one would go in no direction at all. Complete suppression of opinion would mean complete suppression of action, and it was at this that Pyrrho aimed.

To have no opinions was the skeptical maxim, because in practice it meant apathy, total quietism. All action is founded on belief, and all belief is delusion, hence the absence of all activity is the ideal of the sage. In this apathy he will renounce all desires, for desire is the opinion that one thing is better than another. He will live in complete repose, in undisturbed tranquillity of soul, free from all delusions. Unhappiness is the result of not attaining what one desires, or of losing it when attained.

The wise person, being free from desires, is free from unhappiness. He knows that, though people struggle and fight for what they desire, vainly supposing some things better than others, such activity is but a futile struggle about nothing, for all things are equally indifferent, and nothing matters. Between health and sickness, life and death, difference there is none. Yet insofar as we are compelled to act, we will follow probability, opinion, custom, and law, but without any belief in the essential validity or truth of these criteria.  
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I know all of this be true, as I found it on a web site. ;)

See:

<http://www.utm.edu/research/iep/p/pyrrho.htm>

Does Jerome Clark seriously argue that, "Those who laugh at the

implausibility of a possible plesiosaur in Loch Ness should take a close look at the arguments and evidence put forth for the Big Bang or Black Holes"?

It's long been, scientifically, proven that Loch Ness does not factually have a 'food-chain' which could ever sustain even one 'plesiosaur'.

This is evidently the same Jerome Clark who once professed:

Many years later I read Jacques Vallée's *Passport to Magonia* and was taken with his attempt to link traditional fairy lore to modern flying saucer lore.

I began reading in the considerable scholarly literature on fairy beliefs. In one of these books, Katharine Briggs's 'The Fairies in Tradition and Literature', I came upon a brief account of the Cottingley episode, about which Dr Briggs, one of Britain's leading folklorists, wrote: "As one looks at these photographs, every feeling revolts against believing them to be genuine. Yet, noting some of the unexplained aspects of the affair, she went on guardedly to suggest that the pictures might be psychic photographs".

She was troubled by a few odd items of evidence, such as the testimony of three photographic experts who said they didn't know how the pictures could have been faked.

Intrigued, I reread Doyle's book and two others on the subject. I was impressed not so much by the testimony of the photographic experts as by the demonstrated inability of would-be debunkers to come up with plausible, non-extraordinary explanations. Typical of the blunders was Houdini's bold assertion that the models for the fairy figures came from a certain advertising poster. This allegation was widely published and uncritically accepted. But eventually, when investigators located copies of the poster in question they found that the fairies depicted on it looked not at all like those in the Cottingley pictures.

I was also interested to read that as late as the early 1970s, over 50 years after the events in question, the two photographers, both now elderly women, seemed to stand by their earlier testimony.

So, following Briggs's lead, I cast all caution to the wind. I was at least wise enough to concede that the Cottingley fairies didn't look real but dismissed that as a subjective consideration. To me the absence of convincing negative evidence, coupled with the presence of positive evidence (however thin),



added up to the conclusion that these might be authentic thoughtographs much like those Ted Serios is said to produce.

To this day I can't believe how stupid and how credulous I was.

As we know now beyond any reasonable doubt, the Cottingley pictures are clumsy and absurd fakes. In his 1978 book 'Ghosts in Photographs'; Fred Gettings reveals that the models from the figures came from a popular children's book of the period. Photo-analysis by William Spaulding's Ground Saucer Watch has shown that, yes indeed, the figures are of cardboard, just as my 11-year-old eye had told me many years ago.

Robert Sheaffer, in his effort to debunk the story, contributed to the grand tradition of misleading nonsense by claiming, on the basis of the thinnest possible circumstantial evidence, that Theosophical writer Edward Gardner was the mastermind behind the hoax - an assertion that quickly fell victim to Occam's Razor, but not before proving once again that the Cottingley affair could as easily make fools of disbelievers as of believers.

In their recent books, non-admirers of mine like Sheaffer and Martin Gardner have resurrected my foolish remarks on these non-fairy/non-thoughtograph pictures in an effort to discredit me.

Sheaffer even claims that he, as the man who commissioned Spaulding to analyse the pictures in 1977, forced me to relinquish my support. He doesn't mention that, on the contrary, I accepted this first truly solid negative evidence with almost unseemly haste, in part because I like to think I am intellectually honest and in part because on some level - specifically the level of my psyche at which the embers of common sense still glowed, however faintly - I had long suspected that in taking the pictures seriously I was making a very, very dumb mistake.

Another mistake was in assuming the existence of thoughtographs, the evidence for which is shaky at best. In other words, I had attempted to explain a dubious claim with another dubious claim. Realising belatedly that I was lost deep in a jungle of Fortean unreality, I decided that it was high time to cut and slash my way through the undergrowth and return to safety, sanity and scepticism. At the end of my harrowing adventure my hair was whiter but my head was clearer.

The moral of the story is this:

(1) There is something to be said for common sense.

(2) Just because the debunkers are wrong, it doesn't necessarily follow that therefore the proponents are right.

(3) The time had come for this proponent to do some serious rethinking of his position.

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See:

<http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/80/confessions.htm>

It dates from 1983, under the heading, 'Confessions of a Fortean Sceptic', by Jerome Clark.

Comments duly invited, which seems Fairy 'nuff...

James Easton.

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Date: Sat, 24 Aug 2002 08:58:18 +0200  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

For the story of the Greys iconography you really should read Martin Kottmeyer's series in MAGONIA. A must!

LuisR

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Yours

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Date: Sat, 24 Aug 2002 09:22:00 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Best Evidence

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TPrinty@aol.com writes:

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- 4) If it has been tried, whether data has been obtained or not, why has this not been reported? What would this imply?

Clear skies,  
Bob Young

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Sat, 24 Aug 2002 09:24:55 EDT  
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In a message dated 8/23/2002 7:25:53 PM Eastern Daylight Time,  
greg@gregsandow.com writes:

<< It allegedly didn't show her or anyone else  
approaching it to turn it off. Nor did it show her leaving her bed. And  
of course the woman involved claims she didn't do it. I believe she was  
supposedly alone in her house. >>

Greg: The house must have had an electric circuit breaker.

Bob Young

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Date: Sat, 24 Aug 2002 10:42:24 -0700  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'  
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Attached is a jpg image of the inside plate from a recent auction on this item.

Also, Kottmeyer's article in Magonia was interesting, but by no means exhausted the early literature, or the last word on the story of the Greys iconography. I agree that it is must reading, but be aware that there is much, much more of the ealier development of the Greys iconography that Kottmeyer is not aware.

Regards,

Ed Stewart  
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ufoindex@lanset.com |Perhaps acts second to some sphere unknown.  
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( O O ) |'Tis but a part we see, and not a whole.  
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Date: Sat, 24 Aug 2002 20:40:27 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

I'd like to see that, too!

Chris Aubeck

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rotsky@wanadoo.fr writes:

<< As we all know, alien  
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incubus & succubus, the Old Grey Hag etc. >>

Yes, but we should be careful to distinguish between the stimulus  
and today's latest mythology to explain it.

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Subject: Re: [UFORL] Best Evidence

It's been suggested but aint heard nowt.

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From: "bortaf ----" <fatrob83@hotmail.com>  
X-Originating-IP: [194.117.133.118]  
Date: Sat, 24 Aug 2002 22:01:00 +0000  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Best Evidence

>From: "Jim Speiser" <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>  
>>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>  
>Subject: RE: [UFORL] Best Evidence  
>Date: Fri, 23 Aug 2002 17:31:04 -0700

>  
>I've heard of a couple of cases where video cameras and motion sensors were  
>used, to no avail.  
>  
>Understand, I am not at all wedded to the idea that these abductions are  
>actual physical events. I AM convinced, however, that the percipients are  
>100% convinced they are real.  
>  
>Of course, there is one case where an abduction was -nearly- witnessed by  
>six guys in a truck....the Walton case. I say "nearly", they high-tailed  
>it  
>before they saw Walton actually taken aboard the "craft."  
>  
>And then there is the Linda Cortile case, which was allegedly a witnessed  
>abduction...  
>  
>==JJS==  
>

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Hi Ed,<BR>

<BR>

Thanks for that data Ed, the 1934 image was very impressive!<BR>

<BR>

Great data.<BR>

<BR>

Also others may find these interesting links. They are from researcher,<BR>

<I>John Auchettl</I> of <B>Phenomena Research Australia</B>.<BR>

<BR>

I spoke to John at the <I>AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE  
SYDNEY</I><BR>

2nd - 6th Aug 2002 - the images from that function are in a link below.<BR>

<BR>

John is a most interesting person and arguably the very best we have in  
Australia.<BR>

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However, have a read - just follow the links:<BR>

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<I>There is a living connection or precedence to the alien 'Greys'<BR>  
idea found in some locations in Papua New Guinea.</I><BR>  
<BR>  
<I>This 'Grey' image was around long before the modern alien images<BR>  
came into vogue. The images however, were categorised (and<BR>  
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T. E. Spencer (Minj 292) and a Father Bodner (Catholic Mission<BR>  
159).</I><BR>  
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<I>However, Jameson wrote in 1954 - "I am shocked at the changes we<BR>  
Europeans have imposed on this culture and in the next decade I<BR>  
see no hope of being able to record any verbal history, as the<BR>  
elders will be influenced or dead".</I><BR>  
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From: Brett Holman <b.holman@physics.unimelb.edu.au>  
Date: Sun, 25 Aug 2002 22:58:23 +1000  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Best Evidence

On Sat, Aug 24, 2002 at 10:01:00PM +0000, bortaf ---- wrote:  
> Wasn't there an Austrailian case where a woman was abducted from a car  
> whilst two reserchers where with her(she didn't go anywhere) in the car?  
> rob.....

That would be the Maureen Puddy case in the early 1970s. There's an account from one of the researchers on the VUFORS website:

<<http://members.ozemail.com.au/~vufors/puddy.htm>>

The researchers didn't see anything, although

as I entered her car, I had the odd feeling that something  
was amiss, I was experiencing a tingling sensation (like  
that of a mild electric shock), which passed off quite quickly

which obviously is not particularly impressive corroboration ...

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Sun, 25 Aug 2002 13:29:28 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

In a message dated 8/23/2002 2:19:01 AM Eastern Daylight Time, voyager@ukonline.co.uk writes:

<< The story of Betty and Barney Hill begins in September 1961, in the state of New Hampshire. Barney had recently developed an ulcer, and he and his wife Betty decided to take a short vacation to Canada. The couple had visited Niagara Falls, and Montreal, and on the 19th of the month, they began their journey back home to Portsmouth. The night was clear, with a crescent moon shining on the heavily wooded landscape, that surrounded US Route 3 in the central part of New Hampshire. At about a quarter past 10:00 P.M., three miles south of the city of Lancaster, Barney noticed what appeared to be a bright star, or planet which seemed to move erratically. Barney pointed this out to Betty, and they both began to keep track of the object.  
>>

Good Morning James, other Listers:

Robert Sheaffer, in his book, The UFO Verdict - Examining the Evidence (Prometheus Books, 1981) pp. 34-36, says that the Hills actually noticed the "star" below the moon. Shortly afterward, according to Sheaffer, Betty reportedly spotted a second object, which she described as a bigger or brighter star, above the first star. It was this second brighter object which she thought was a UFO.

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| Object         | Azimuth | Altitude |
|----------------|---------|----------|
| Moon           | 226 deg | 13 deg   |
| Jupiter (UFO?) | 224 deg | 11.5 deg |
| Saturn         | 228 deg | 9 deg    |

If the original stimuli for this incident can be attributed to these astronomical objects, it suggests a Psycho-Social cause.

Clear skies,  
Bob Young

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From:chris aubeck <caubeck@yahoo.com>  
Date: Sun, 25 Aug 2002 22:21:22 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

As I have said in previous posts, I see no correspondence between the alien "Greys" and the Papua New Guinea entities. What are we supposed to be looking at in particular, the colour? None of them have the facial features associated with modern aliens, and unless some documented evidence is presented to show the connection I am inclined to doubt there is one.

Documented with a document, mind.

Not everything that is grey is a Gray. On the other hand, I am tremendously interested in the 1934 image, which no doubt will either get my friend Luis Gonzalez writing immediately, or will keep him quiet for a while... :)

Best,

Chris Aubeck

--- glenUNSW@aol.com wrote: > >From: Ed Stewart  
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> >Date: Sun Aug 25, 2002 3:42 am  
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From: chris aubeck <caubeck@yahoo.com>  
Date: Sun, 25 Aug 2002 22:31:29 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

In any case, the most important question is:

What is Louis Aaron Reitmeister's "If Tomorrow Comes"  
all about? A search has not helped much.

Chris

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A search through my personal research library produced no annotated story entries on this book, or short summaries in the reference literature. As far as I can tell, no book reviews are listed in the various science fiction book review indexes available. I think I have all of them.<br><br>

From: "Jim Speiser" <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>  
Date: Mon, 26 Aug 2002 04:24:29 -0700  
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From: "rotsky" <rotsky@wanadoo.fr>  
Date: Mon, 26 Aug 2002 18:16:54 +0200  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

We only have to rewrite the books if what he saw is the same as what he  
\*said\* he saw. Memory is a strange thing...

a+  
Steve

-----Original Message-----  
From: Jim Speiser [mailto:jimspeiser@yahoo.com]  
Sent: 26 August 2002 13:24Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

Bob,

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Date: Mon, 26 Aug 2002 12:55:43 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Best Evidence

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@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: Jim Speiser [mailto:jimspeiser@yahoo.com]

@ Sent: Friday, August 23, 2002 12:34 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: RE: [UFORL] Best Evidence

@ That's a very broad generalization. In fact I've been involved to  
@ some extent with abduction research, and have been very careful to  
@ select hypnotists that are fairly neutral on the subject, and  
@ monitored their suggestions carefully for any sign of "leading"  
@ questions.

From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Mon, 26 Aug 2002 14:30:39 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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jimspeiser@yahoo.com writes:

<<

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Jim:

That's what he said later.

Most binoculars people carry in their cars are not only cheap, but  
usually misaligned or not quite focused.

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Problem is that Betty reported seeing the Moon and a bright star  
below it and the brighter UFO next to the Moon. That would have  
been Jupiter. She didn't report seeing one star below the Moon and  
a brighter one next to it, and the UFO.

Well, I don't think that one can say anything IN GENERAL about UFO  
sightings. Each one is different. The history is clear, though: close  
encounters can be caused by astronomical IFOs.

Once one "draws a line" based upon a criteria selected by the  
investigator, mysterious causes will be left, because it can't be  
prosaic.

I would agree that something else must also be at work: the human mind  
and Psycho-social causes.

Clear skies,  
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Date: Mon, 26 Aug 2002 13:30:42 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

That was the evolutionary theory of what WE would look like in the future,  
at the time that was made. It has nothing to do with ET.

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@ Sent: Saturday, August 24, 2002 12:42 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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@ this item.

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@ Also, Kottmeyer's article in Magonia was interesting, but by no means  
@ exhausted the early literature, or the last word on the story of the  
@ Greys iconography. I agree that it is \_must\_ reading, but be  
@ aware that

@ there is much, much more of the ealier development of the Greys  
@ iconography that Kottmeyer is not aware.

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@ Regards,

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@ Ed Stewart

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@ Luis R. Gonzalez wrote:

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@ > >Greys/Grays as we have come to know and love them were  
@ depicted in 1934.

@ > >The initial front plate to:

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@ > > Louis Aaron Reitmeister's \_If Tomorrow Comes\_, The  
@ Walden Press, New

@ > >York, 1934

@ >

@ > >depicts a head study of a Grey.  
 @ >  
 @ > By the title, I assume it was a SF novel? There are plenty  
 @ of similar  
 @ > examples in SF, but I do not remmber this one. Can you send  
 @ a scan of the  
 @ > cover to the list or privately?  
 @ >  
 @ > Yours  
 @ >  
 @ > LuisR  
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 @ Ed Stewart | So Man, who here seems  
 @ principal alone,  
 @ ufoindex@lanset.com |Perhaps acts second to some  
 @ sphere unknown.  
 @ ,>'?'<, |Touches some wheel, or verges to  
 @ some goal,  
 @ ( O O ) |"Tis but a part we see, and not a whole.  
 @ -----ooOO-( )-OOoo----- Alexander Pope, Essay on  
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carefully for any sign of "leading"<BR>@ questions.&nbsp;



From: "Jim Speiser" <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>  
Date: Mon, 26 Aug 2002 11:55:59 -0700  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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From: "Greg Sandow" <greg@gregsandow.com>  
Date: Mon, 26 Aug 2002 15:01:50 -0400  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Best Evidence  
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From: "Greg Sandow" <greg@gregsandow.com>  
Date: Mon, 26 Aug 2002 15:10:57 -0400  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Best Evidence

Good thought. There may have been something more anomalous about what the camera showed, but I don't remember all the details.

What would be interesting, of course, would be to monitor with a video camera for many months, and (using proper double-blind procedures) compare anomalies in what the camera showed with the abductee's reports of alleged abductions. Maybe the circuit breaker would oddly assert itself only on abduction nights -- which, of course, might also suggest some kind of electrical source for the abduction experience.

One test like that was done by William Levensgood, a retired plant physiologist. He found a female abductee, who slept each night with her hair in curlers. Levensgood put a plant seed (a wheat seed, I think) in the curlers each night for a month. The seeds were put into containers, labeled with the day they were used. The abductee kept a log of possible abductions. At the end of the month, with proper double-blind procedures, the log and the seeds were compared. The abductee reported an abduction on one of the nights. The seed from that night differed from all the other seeds. It appeared, at least to Levensgood, to have been subjected to high heat. And it germinated faster than the seeds from non-abduction nights.

I don't know whether this research has been published. I've read about it in informal accounts, which I've verified with an associate of Levensgood's. Certainly this work needs to be replicated before it's taken as serious evidence of anything.

Greg Sandow

> -----Original Message-----

> From: YoungBob2@aol.com [mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com]

> Sent: Saturday, August 24, 2002 9:25 AM

> To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

> Subject: Re: [UFORL] Best Evidence

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> In a message dated 8/23/2002 7:25:53 PM Eastern Daylight Time,

> greg@gregsandow.com writes:

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> << It allegedly didn't show her or anyone else

> approaching it to turn it off. Nor did it show her leaving

> her bed. And of course the woman involved claims she didn't

> do it. I believe she was supposedly alone in her house. >>

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> Greg: The house must have had an electric circuit breaker.

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> Bob Young  
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From: "Jim Speiser" <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>  
Date: Mon, 26 Aug 2002 12:13:42 -0700  
Subject: [UFORL] Turkey Springs Incident Update

Regrettably I bear the sad news that the Rodeo-Chediski wildfire did in fact go through Turkey Springs, Arizona, and the TSI/Walton site was affected. HOWEVER, the good news is that the site was not thoroughly consumed, and the trees, though charred, are still standing, and are still viable for future evidence collection.

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From: "Greg Sandow" <greg@gregsandow.com>  
Date: Mon, 26 Aug 2002 15:30:30 -0400  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Best Evidence

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Robinson, Larry [mailto:lrobins@indiana.edu]  
> Sent: Monday, August 26, 2002 1:56 PM  
> To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com  
> Subject: RE: [UFORL] Best Evidence  
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> @ That's a very broad generalization. In fact I've been  
> involved to @ some extent with abduction research, and have  
> been very careful to @ select hypnotists that are fairly  
> neutral on the subject, and @ monitored their suggestions  
> carefully for any sign of "leading" @ questions.



From: "Jim Speiser" <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>  
Date: Mon, 26 Aug 2002 14:05:29 -0700  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

(Can't seem to get the quoting just right for some reason)

-----Original Message-----

From: YoungBob2@aol.com [mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2002 11:31 AM  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

In a message dated 8/26/2002 11:52:19 AM Eastern Daylight Time,  
jimspeiser@yahoo.com writes:

<<

Didn't Barney look at the object through binoculars at one point, and didn't he see a structured craft complete with occupants?>

<<That's what he said later.

Most binoculars people carry in their cars are not only cheap, but usually misaligned or not quite focused. >>

Is it possible for binoculars to be out of focus without the viewer being aware of it? Wouldn't he simply have attempted to focus them? Or failing that, would he not have simply mentioned that the binocs were out of focus during one of his interviews? I've looked at stars through unfocused binoculars. They look.....unfocused.

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Second, I can't help what's left. If it's mysterious and can't be "prosaic," maybe it's because we're dealing with a mysterious and non-prosaic phenomenon?

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From: "rotsky" <rotsky@wanadoo.fr>  
Date: Mon, 26 Aug 2002 23:11:09 +0200  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

Not convoluted at all. You see something that you think is a little strange, under a certain amount of stress. Then your mind gets to work on it. Your wife already has dreams about abductions. It isn't a large step to 'remembering' that you've seen structures... Memory of any event is notoriously flawed - memory of traumatic events more so.

A bizarre and insupportable comment would be to say he definitely saw structures and creatures because that's what he remembers.

a+  
Steve

-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Speiser [mailto:jimspeiser@yahoo.com]  
Sent: 26 August 2002 20:56Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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Date: Mon, 26 Aug 2002 23:11:10 +0200  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Best Evidence

>>Alvin Lawson did a famous experiment, in which people made up abduction accounts. They differ from each other far more than "genuine" abduction stories do.

Well, if people are consciously using creative faculties rather than subconsciously responding to common cultural stimuli, that's precisely the result one would expect, surely.

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From: Anthony Craig <feenix43@yahoo.com.au>  
Date: Tue, 27 Aug 2002 08:18:01 +1000 (EST)  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Turkey Springs Incident Update

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Being new to the list I am not sure what your interest in the site is so forgive my ignorance. I

had just read some background on the whole story.

<http://www.debunker.com/texts/walton.html>

Is it still being considered as a site for ET visitation or is your study trying to determine the possible causes of what Walton "saw"?

Anthony

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Date: Mon, 26 Aug 2002 19:34:45 EDT  
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Greg:

It seems that with the large number of videocams and even computer videocams that somebody would have tried something. The fact that no one seems to know if it has been done might suggest that either something has been tried but the results have never been reported, itself odd (because negative?), or that all of these people supposedly curious about what is happening to them are making no effort (again deliberately?) to find out.

The longer things go with no serious effort to gather data and publish the results, positive or negative, does raise some interesting question.

Clear skies,  
Bob Young

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Mon, 26 Aug 2002 21:11:26 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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Yes, of course. And the mothership was hiding behind the Moon.

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The Moon, Jupiter and Saturn could all have been covered by one's fist held at arm's length:

| Object         | Azimuth | Altitude |
|----------------|---------|----------|
| Moon           | 226 deg | 13 deg   |
| Jupiter (UFO?) | 224 deg | 11.5 deg |
| Saturn         | 228 deg | 9 deg    |

Betty MENTIONED the star below the Moon (Saturn) but not the star next to the Moon, which was three times as bright. But she did say that the UFO was next to the Moon, and brighter than the star below. It's clear that Jupiter and Saturn fit the observation.

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< Only if one persists in assuming that nighttime UFOs are bright stars, and then just finds the nearest candidate, then -assumes- that that is the explanation.>

Well, if the only alternate explanation that you can give is that the flying saucer was covering up a planet in the same place, you will then conclude that all astronomical UFO report stimuli must be saucers covering up the stars.

OK, case closed, or should I say never closed.

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Betty and Barney Hill, or anybody, will not be able to tell how far away an unknown object is unless they have a clue. The only clue was the Moon. A saucer 500 feet away did not require binocs, focused or not.

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From: Rebecca <rebeccask@yahoo.com>  
Date: Mon, 26 Aug 2002 21:45:43 -0700 (PDT)  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Best Evidence

- "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu> wrote:

[snip]

> 3. Often the material is from the birth experience, not a UFO  
> encounter.  
> (I do have two prenatal memories, and two memories from just  
> after  
> birth.)

You can remember prenatal things but you can't remember what  
magazine you read about a balloon being the cause of the  
Socorro sighting? <G>

Seriously, if you really can remember please give us more  
details about your birth memories. And how did you learn that  
these were really prenatal or early memories?

I'd like to add that I think you are being a little too general  
with your facts by using words like "often" and "have known to"  
which reminds me of "could be". I might be more accepting of  
your statements if you included something such as quotations or  
documented examples.

Rebecca

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X-Originating-IP: 209.223.26.235  
Date: Tue, 27 Aug 2002 04:59:35 -0000  
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Best Evidence

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Tue, 27 Aug 2002 05:59:39 +0100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

Regarding:

>From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
>Date: Sun Aug 25, 2002 6:29 pm  
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

Bob wrote:

>Good Morning James, other Listers:  
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>Robert Sheaffer, in his book, The UFO Verdict - Examining the  
>Evidence (Prometheus Books, 1981) pp. 34-36, says that the Hills  
>actually noticed the "star" below the moon. Shortly afterward,  
>according to Sheaffer, Betty reportedly spotted a second object,  
>which she described as a bigger or brighter star, above the  
>first star. It was this second brighter object which she thought  
>was a UFO.  
>  
>Sheaffer notes (p. 35) that this exactly matches the  
>configuration of the moon, Saturn and brighter Jupiter.

Bob,

The Hills' case is one I have never previously looked at in any detail.

Some further, still cursory research, unearths apparently glaring discrepancies within published and accepted case evidence.

As our 'incident', reportedly occurred on September 19, 1961 and the Hills weren't first 'regressed' until January to June 1964, during which time they doubtless discussed recollections and professed, subsequent 'nightmares', any images which emerged under 'hypnosis' are, by default, of no scientific research value whatsoever.

Much more interesting would be any available evidence of what was initially reported and there is fortunately, considerable, early documented material.

Available online, is a helpful, detailed analysis of foremost case evidence, as discussed in:

AIR COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE  
RESEARCH STUDY  
AIR UNIVERSITY  
REPORT NO. 0450-74  
SHOULD THE USAF REOPEN PROJECT BLUE BOOK?

By William E. Brummett, 310-40-5845FR, Major, USAF  
And  
Ernest R. Zuick, Jr., 549-46-3888FR, Captain, AF, CA ANG

See:

<http://www.geocities.com/hooch43us/afu-ufos.html>

Their study highlights evidence for and against Jupiter being responsible for the Hill's sighting.

One question which I hoped to answer is whether the following was accurate:

"He saw multicolored lights, and rows of windows on a flat-shaped object, which now seemed to be moving toward him. As the object moved to within a hundred feet of him, he could see occupants inside. Frightened, he ran back to his car where Betty waited".

See:

<http://bjbooth.topcities.com/Hill.html>

Did Barney Hill believe, at the outset, he could see occupants and was this reported to the USAF?

According to Brummett and Zuick [B&Z], Barney apparently did not tell the USAF he might have seen occupants [for 'fear of ridicule'] and at nearest perceived proximity, the object was not "within a hundred feet of him", but "'hundreds of feet' above their car".

However, there may be inherent contradictions. In summarising the overall story, B&Z state:

The couple lost sight of the object temporarily until it suddenly appeared approximately 300 feet to the right of their car.(10:46) At this point Barney stopped the car, grabbed his binoculars, and walked toward the object, which he now realized was a spacecraft. Barney stopped approximately fifty feet away from the object and began viewing the UFO through his binoculars and noticed at least six living creatures staring back at him

from behind the craft's windows. Barney immediately ran screaming toward his car. Reaching his automobile in a state of near hysteria, he jammed the car into gear and sped toward his original destination.  
[END OF EXTRACT]

Later, B&Z write:

Betty Hill talked with Major Paul W. Henderson of the 100th Bomb Wing (SAC) at Pease AFB and relayed the bare outline of their sighting. Since Barney was concerned about being considered irrational, he purposely avoided mentioning the figures observed in the craft. (10:47) The official Air Force Form 112, report No. 100-1-61, as transcribed by Major Henderson appears in Project Blue Book files as follows:

They report that the object was travelling north very fast. They report it changed directions rather abruptly and then headed south. Shortly thereafter it stopped and hovered in the air. There was no sound evident up to this point. While hovering, objects began to appear from the body of the "object" which they describe as looking like wings which made a V-shape when extended. The "wings" had red lights on the tips. At this point they observed it to appear to swoop down in the general direction of their auto. The object continued to descend until it appeared to be only a matter of "hundreds of feet" above their car.

At this point they decided to get out of that area, and fast. Mr. Hill was driving and Mrs. Hill was prevented from observing its full departure by her position in the car.  
[END OF EXTRACT]

In our 'ET kidnap/medical examination' context, there's a significant difference between a proclaimed aerial object, originally 'star-like' and then appears to be much lower overhead...as opposed to one which now seems to be, "300 feet to the right of their car" and the Hills then approach to a distance of only 50 feet.

Presuming early USAF documentation to be more accurate than later retellings of the story, it's nowhere near so dramatic.

I would like to know when Barney first reported the occupants and if it was indeed pre-hypnosis.

Obviously, it's hardly probable the Hills observed an object, which Betty statedly thought from the beginning to be 'a star-



like UFO', was an 'alien spacecraft'... that coincidentally happened to be on a mission to kidnap Betty and Barney.

What about corroborative witnesses?

Doubtless, avowed sky phenomena was seen and mentioned by numerous others?

Did no-one else on that same road, or nearby, during a stated and astonishing thirty minute observation, notice the 'UFO', especially when it supposedly descended and hovered?

Moreso, if an ET spaceship had, as 'recalled under hypnosis', landed on the road in front of the Hills, forming a roadblock and they were then taken on-board, etc., was there no other traffic within, say, a mile or so during that entire period?

The same question relates to how the Hills were 'returned'.

As for those critical, proclaimed, two hours of 'missing time', there seems to be a fundamental variance concerning the background to any such 'realisation'.

So far as I can see, neither Betty or Barney Hill thought any time was unaccounted for, until they were subsequently encouraged to believe this...

There are so many different online versions of the popularised story, however, what seems to have happened is this typical mythology:

"When they awoke, they found themselves driving near Ashland, two hours later. Ashland is 35- miles south of Indian Head, a twenty or thirty minute drive. They continued their drive home, feeling somewhat uneasy and confused about their missing two hours".

See:

<http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/a1999/hills/>

It's a claim repeated elsewhere.

Yet, alternatively...

"At this time, neither Betty nor Barney recalled any abduction. Soon, Betty began having nightmarish dreams of her and her

husband being taken aboard a craft of some kind, against their will. In a matter of weeks, two writers got wind of the story, and after interviewing the Hills, made an intensive log of the events of the night. They discovered that there were two hours of unaccounted time in the Hill's story, even allowing for stops for the Hills, and breaks for their dog, who also had made the trip with them. Another interesting note that I should interject here is that these "two writers," which are mentioned in almost every report of this incident, (and there are literally thousands of them), have not been named, or I cannot find their names. However, the story is true, because their interview was attended by Major James MacDonald, a former Air Force Intelligence Officer. Shortly after Betty began having these disturbing dreams, she wrote a letter to Major Donald Kehoe, who passed her information on to one Walter Webb, who was on the staff of the Hayden Planetarium. Webb, at the time, was a scientific advisor for the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. (commonly referred to as NICAP). What he did with the report is unknown".

See:

<http://bjbooth.topcities.com/Hill.html>

I can identify who those two writers were and instantly, this pillar of belief in 'UFOs', 'alien abductions' and the 'greys', begins to alarmingly collapse...

Taking up the story, from elsewhere:

"Meanwhile, Betty's letter to Kehoe had been passed to Walter Webb, a lecturer on the staff of the Hayden Planetarium in Boston. Webb was a scientific advisor for NICAP (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomenon), Kehoe's UFO organization. Webb was asked to interview the Hills. He drove up to Portsmouth and spent several hours interviewing them. He was much impressed with their sincerity and with the detail they provided, and he wrote a long report for NICAP.

After talking to Keyhoe, and after reading Webb's report, two technical writers who were interested in UFOs, Robert Hohman and C.D. Jackson, made arrangements to interview the Hills in November. It was during this interview that one of the writers asked a key question: Why had it taken the Hills so long to get home? Calculating the time and the mileage from Colebrook to Portsmouth showed that they should have gotten home two hours sooner than they did, even allowing for stops. Also present at this interview was Major James MacDonald, a former Air Force Intelligence officer and close friend of the Hills. It was he who

first suggested hypnosis to recover their memory of the missing time period.

In March of 1962, they spoke to a psychiatrist about hypnosis, but decided to put it off until a later date. That summer, Barney's ulcers returned, and his recurring hypertension returned. Feeling that his problems were emotional in origin, he began therapy with a psychiatrist in Exeter, Dr. Stephens. He continued this therapy through the next year, but the UFO sighting was not explored as part of this treatment at first.

But, not long after Betty and Barney had been asked to speak to a church group about their sighting, Dr. Stephens decided that the sighting was important. He also decided that hypnosis was needed to help Barney deal with the incident. Not being proficient in hypnosis himself, he referred Barney to Dr. Benjamin Simon, a well-known Boston psychiatrist and neurologist.

[...]

He began by hypnotizing Barney, then Betty. Over the next six months, the story of the two hours of missing time began to emerge. Betty and Barney Hill told of being stopped at a roadblock and being taken onto the UFO, where they were given medical examinations before being returned to their car. Betty reported being shown a "star map" that was later interpreted to mean that the aliens came from Zeta Reticuli. Their story was later written into a two-part article in Look magazine, a book titled *The Interrupted Journey* by John G. Fuller, and later a TV movie called *The UFO Incident* starring Estelle Parsons and James Earl Jones as the Hills.

The Hill's story was the first "modern" abduction story. There was no Communion back in 1961, and no X-Files. Abduction stories had not become part of the popular culture yet. People had claimed to have contact with aliens, but they were "contactees" in the mold of George Adamski, who claimed to have been visited by friendly Venusians with long blond hair who gave him a warning for all mankind about nuclear war. Skeptics such as Martin S. Kottmeyer claim that the elements of the Hill abduction could be found in movies like 1953's *Invaders*

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Date: Tue, 27 Aug 2002 11:47:54 -0400  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Best Evidence

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> Sent: Monday, August 26, 2002 5:11 PM

> To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

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From: "Greg Sandow" <greg@gregsandow.com>  
Date: Tue, 27 Aug 2002 11:55:17 -0400  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Best Evidence

Like much of ufology, abduction research is a cottage industry. The people I know who engage in it -- Budd Hopkins and Dave Jacobs, primarily -- do it on their own time, with their own money, with notable damage to their mainstream careers. I don't say this to praise them or get sympathy for them. I just want to note the context in which things do or don't get done. Another factor is scientific help. There are scientists who help both Budd and Dave, but almost always they'll only do it secretly, for fear of damage to their own careers. That greatly limits what they can do.

If I were going to make a list of abduction work that ought to be done, I'd start with something relatively simple -- publication of data. A lot of major information remains unpublished. I understand why that is, but it's sad. And yes, this means I wish the books Budd and Dave have written took a somewhat different approach, but that's another story.

> -----Original Message-----

> From: YoungBob2@aol.com [mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com]

> Sent: Monday, August 26, 2002 7:35 PM

> To: UFORL@yahooogroups.com

> Subject: Re: [UFORL] Best Evidence

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> In a message dated 8/26/2002 3:57:41 PM Eastern Daylight Time,

> greg@gregsandow.com writes:

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> What would be interesting, of course, would be to monitor

> with a video camera for many months, and (using proper

> double-blind procedures) compare anomalies in what the

> camera showed with the abductee's reports of alleged

> abductions. Maybe the circuit breaker would oddly assert

> itself only on abduction nights -- which, of course, might

> also suggest some kind of electrical source for the

> abduction experience.

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> Greg:

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> It seems that with the large number of videocams and even

> computer videocams that somebody would have tried something.

> The fact that no one seems to know if it has been done might

> suggest that either something has been tried but the results

> have never been reported, itself odd (because negative?), or

> that all of these people supposedly curious about what is

> happening to them are making no effort (again

> deliberately?) to find out.

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> The longer things go with no serious effort to gather data  
> and publish the results, positive or negative, does raise  
> some interesting question.  
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> Clear skies,  
> Bob Young  
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Rebecca,

I've seen reprints of his scientific papers, as well as his CV. He's apparently the real thing.

> -----Original Message-----

> From: rebeccask [mailto:rebeccask@yahoo.com]

> Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2002 1:00 AM

> To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

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Subject: RE: [UFORL] Best Evidence

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@>@ Sent: Friday, August 23, 2002 12:34 PM  
@>@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com  
@>@ Subject: RE: [UFORL] Best Evidence

@>@ That's a very broad generalization. In fact I've been involved to  
@>@ some extent with abduction research, and have been very careful to  
@>@ select hypnotists that are fairly neutral on the subject, and  
@>@ monitored their suggestions carefully for any sign of "leading"  
@>@ questions.

From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Date: Tue, 27 Aug 2002 12:50:34 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

From: "rotsky" <rotsky@wanadoo.fr>  
Date: Wed, 28 Aug 2002 00:07:22 +0200  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Best Evidence

People who share a culture share the same stimuli, no?

Certainly these will change over time, just as the culture changes over time.

a+  
Steve

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Hill go for a nice leisurely drive in New England.&nbsp;  Suddenly Betty sees the  
planet Jupiter, which she instantly mistakes for an interstellar  
spacecraft.&nbsp;  Later, Barney views an advertising plane through cheap,  
unfocused binoculars and becomes so convinced he sees aliens that he jumps back  
in the car and starts driving.&nbsp;  Both of them then experience two hours of  
missing time - years before that term was even invented - perhaps because they  
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Betty starts having nightmares about being abducted, and because she describes  
them to Barney, he begins having the same nightmares.&nbsp;  That happens all the  
time, right?&nbsp;  They get regressed, and begin recalling images of their  
births which they mistake for a medical exam by aliens.&nbsp;  During one  
session, Barney screams in utter panic, presumably because he remembers how  
frightened he was by Klaatu in "The Day The Earth Stood Still."&nbsp; &nbsp;  His  
unconscious mind conjures up a suggestion planted by a party hypnotist years  
earlier that grey beings were taking him aboard a flying saucer.&nbsp;   
Meanwhile, Betty recalls one of the grey beings sticking a needle in her abdomen  
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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Date: Wed, 28 Aug 2002 09:49:08 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

My thought is that they saw an ad plane first, then thought Jupiter was the same object later.

My question is: Why didn't they also see Jupiter again afterwards, on the way home after the encounter?

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Date: Wed, 28 Aug 2002 20:07:11 +0100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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If Barney used simple 7X35s or 7X50s, I doubt he would have been able to resolve much more than a slightly larger light (assuming it was a star-like point visually) if he even used them correctly.&nbsp; Exactly how Barney was able to determine that this star-like object suddenly was an alien craft of some kind with such a low power instrument is hard to understand. If it were Jupiter, then he probably would have seen a brighter center dot (Jupiter) and several smaller lights in a row (between 1 and 4 moons could have been present) giving the impression of some larger dark craft with running lights.&nbsp; Additionally, setting the diopter correctly, steadying the binoculars, and even getting the focus correct could have given Barney problems.&nbsp; These are all pointed out by Hendry and are based on my own personal astronomical experience using these instruments for almost thirty years.&nbsp; I would be careful in accepting Barney's observations as an accurate representation!

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Date: Wed, 28 Aug 2002 19:30:51 EDT  
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In a message dated 8/28/2002 2:46:44 PM Eastern Daylight Time,  
lrobins@indiana.edu writes:

<< My question is: Why didn't they also see Jupiter again afterwards, on  
the  
way home after the encounter?  
>>

Larry:

It set by midnight. It was also less than 15deg high during the sighting  
period and was thus more susceptible to atmospheric effects. It once  
disappeared and they were surprised to see it reappear in front of  
them. Obviously this was caused by horizon obstructions.

Bob Young

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Date: Wed, 28 Aug 2002 22:16:10 EDT  
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In a message dated 8/28/2002 9:45:35 PM Eastern Daylight Time, jimspeiser@yahoo.com writes:

<< Concurrent, bipartisan road hypnosis. For the exact same length of time. Yeah, that's the ticket.... >>

Jim:

Of course they were stressed. After all, a flying saucer was following them, zig zagging back and forth so as to precisely cover the planet Jupiter. Then when it went behind trees or a hill, it suddenly appeared in front of them. Of course, they wouldn't have known this since it only looked like a bright star.

It's probably why on the Today Show when promoting the movie Interrupted Journey, after she was asked by Tom Brokaw if this really happened to her, Dr. Simon looked over and said (I'm paraphrasing from memory) something like, "It didn't happen, Betty, it was a fantasy."

This case is the primo Certified Miracle. How Jupiter can become a flying saucer filled with Jimmy Durantes, or Greys, or whatever, is at the crux of it. There seems no question that the initial sighting was of Jupiter, Saturn and the Moon. If we knew the reasons for the rest, we could all go out and write a paper for one of the peer reviewed UFO magazines. Yeah, that's the ticket.

Clear skies,  
Bob Young

"This definitely ranks a 9.0 on my weird stuff-o-meter"  
-- "Jay"(Will Smith), Men in Black, 1995

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Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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From: "rotsky" <rotsky@wanadoo.fr>  
Date: Thu, 29 Aug 2002 15:00:13 +0200  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

That article sounds very interesting. Any chance you could post or email it?

a+  
Steve

-----Original Message-----

From: KRandle993@aol.com [mailto:KRandle993@aol.com]  
Sent: 29 August 2002 05:11Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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Good Morning, All -

>reporting the same on the night of  
>the sighting and finally reporting, weeks later, a domed disk with two  
>occupants inside.

I see where this might be confusing so... what it means is that on the night of the sighting, the two witnesses reported points of light, like stars in the distance falling toward the ground (in reality they were the landing lights of aircraft going into the local airport), but during subsequent interviews, one of the witnesses produced a sketch that showed a domed disk and in another, later interview, produced another sketch of the domed disk but this time with shapes on the inside. The story evolved from points of lights to a domed disk with "creatures" in a matter of weeks.

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From: "Greg Sandow" <greg@gregsandow.com>  
Date: Thu, 29 Aug 2002 12:06:11 -0400  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Best Evidence

> People who share a culture share the same stimuli, no?

Not necessarily. It depends on what you define as a culture, and what you define as a stimulus. It's tempting to reason something like this: "I'm an American, and I'm interested in the UFO abduction phenomenon. And I see a lot about it on TV, in the movies, and in the press. I notice these things. Therefore most other Americans notice them, too, and know something about abductions."

(By the way, I'm not assuming that everyone reading this, or Steve who I'm responding to, is American. I'm just using this as a convenient example, probably because I'm American, and we all know that there's a lot of talk about abductions in America.)

But what this ignores is many things familiar to social scientists, demographics experts, cultural theories, and -- much more simply -- people in business who do marketing. For instance, there's the well known phenomenon of subcultures. Much talk about that from social scientists and cultural theorists. People who belong to a large cultural group in modern western society don't necessarily share a common culture. They fragment into smaller subcultural groups.

Allied with this is something marketers talk about -- "psychographics." Psychographic factors cut across demographic groups. People who are outwardly similar -- in, for instance, income, occupation, and many external factors of lifestyle -- may have very different mindsets. These mindsets, in turn, make them interested in different things. Very important, for example, for people marketing pop music. Familiar demographic distinctions don't begin to tell you who's going to be interested in specific pop groups.

If all this seems a little abstract, here's an example from my own experience. Recently I read a rather famous book about jazz, Ashley Kahn's "Kind of Blue." It's about the Miles Davis album by that name, and among other things it spends a lot of time establishing how popular -- and how widely familiar -- the album is. There's even a story about a jazz musician who lost his copy, and, needing to hear the music, knocked on the door of a neighbor he didn't know, confident that this neighbor would have the album. Which the neighbor did.

My wife, however, is an educated, musical, upscale professional, culturally aware -- and in fact a music professional, a classical music critic for the NY Times. When I mentioned the book to her, it turned out she'd never heard of the album. Now, obviously, my wife might be an exception, and, on the other hand, the jazz musician Kahn talks about might have been wildly optimistic in assuming his neighbor would have a

copy.

But then maybe that jazz musician knew what the neighbor looked like, and maybe they lived somewhere -- like, maybe, Berkeley, CA, or Cambridge, MA -- where you really could assume that people who looked a lot like you would share your musical subculture. When I lived in Cambridge in the '60s, I could reasonably assume that any of my neighbors who bought records would have the Band's "Music from Big Pink," for instance, or (the most obvious example), the Beatles' "Sgt. Pepper."

The point of this, though, is that Kahn, from his vantage point in the jazz world, takes more or less for granted that "everyone" in mainstream American culture knows the album; my wife, from her vantage point in the classical music world, had never heard it so much as mentioned. Both these positions may be unusual; the truth may lie somewhere in the middle. But are we in any position to know what that truth is? What percentage of culturally-aware Americans do in fact know "Kind of Blue"? And -- a very important question for anyone at Sony Music marketing a reissue of the album, or for Ashley Kahn's publisher, marketing the book -- which culturally-aware Americans would these be? Which subculture, which demographic, which psychographic, would you go to if you wanted to find people who'd respond to this marketing?

These are serious, real-world questions that arise every day. I'm involved, in my own professional work, with various attempts to determine who the audience is in America for classical music. Who are the people who go to classical concerts regularly? How do they differ from people no different from them demographically, who go to classical concerts occasionally, or not at all? I know two serious studies of these questions, one by the Knight Foundation, the other by the American Symphony Orchestra League. Neither group assumes that "people who share a culture share the same stimuli." Even more importantly, they don't assume that people respond to the stimuli in the same way. They can't afford to make these assumptions. They have to know -- to put this in the most basic, bottom-line terms -- who to go out and sell tickets to.

It's easy to see how this is relevant to UFOs and abductions. Obviously a lot of people in America (again, I'm using the US just as an example, because I'm familiar with it) know about abductions. But which Americans, precisely, are these? What subculture, what demographic, what psychographic do they belong to? How -- using whatever tools social science offers -- can they be defined as a group?

Once we've done that study, we could then look at abductees, who of course form yet another of the many subcultures in America. (And who, in my experience, anyway, have a few subcultures splitting them into further subgroups.) What defines abductees, culturally?

Having done that study, we could then compare people interested in

abductions with abductees. Do they belong to the same subculture? Or are they, subculturally, rather different? Maybe there's no subcultural connection between them at all. This information wouldn't prove anything conclusively, but it certainly would be interesting to have. For instance, suppose abductees turned out to be very different, culturally, from people who follow abduction material in the media. This might suggest that abduction accounts can't readily be said to derive from media information. Or at least we'd have to take the data into account in considering that question.

I've written far too long, far longer than I expected to, and I'll bring this to a halt. I'll add just one thing -- that on UFO lists like this one, we take physical science very seriously. We don't go around making assumptions --at least not if we're serious people -- that physical scientists would say are unsupported. But we do fling social science concepts around really carelessly, at least in my opinion. We make blanket statements about things that social scientists have considered in great detail, and only rarely do we even mention that there might be a body of literature on the concepts we carelessly take for granted.

Disclaimer: I'm not a trained social scientist. I do read widely, though, and because of my professional work in both pop and classical music I've had to deal with some of the social science discussion of cultures and subcultures.

Greg Sadow

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Date: Thu, 29 Aug 2002 14:03:48 -0400  
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- > @ Which explains Betty and Barney Hill....how?
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- > "The Day the Earth Stood Still" 1951
- > "It Came from Outer Space" 1953
- > "Earth VS The Flying Saucers" 1956
- >
- > Everything the Hills reported was similar to items seen in
- > these movies. All three contain abduction sequences and mind
- > control, two contain medical procedures aboard a saucer, and
- > one contains EM effects (power and auto failure).

Depends on how you define "everything" and "similar." Obviously, some things the Hills reported weren't in these movies. Driving around in the mountains, pursued by a light in the sky that turned out to be a craft. Having a sperm sample taken from Barney. (Suppressed in the original reports of the case, but it emerged later.) Marks on the car. Betty seeing a star map, being offered a book. Etc.

And then the capture of humans by aliens in these movies wasn't much like the capture of the Hills. The ambience/feel/stories of the movies are very different. Where, for instance, in the Hills' account is the support for world peace that's central to "The Day the Earth Stood Still"? Where's the massive robot? Where's the alien living in a peaceful urban boarding house?

There are, in other words, great differences between these movies and the Hills' story. Whether the similarities seem more important than the differences is a highly subjective call. The objective study of whether the films could have influenced stories like the Hills' is a complicated matter. See my comments on social science in another post.

Greg Sandow

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From: "Greg Sandow" <greg@gregsandow.com>  
Date: Thu, 29 Aug 2002 14:15:19 -0400  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Best Evidence

Larry,

Re birth memories: With all respect, and taking you very seriously, what you report here reminds me of what abductees report. Both you and many abductees are very serious, wholly sincere, and as objective as you're able to be. You don't mean to be making unsupported assertions.

And on the other hand, what you say here and what abductees report are both outside the frontiers of accepted science. And there's no objective corroboration for what you say here, or for what abductees say.

One statement you make is almost exactly like the way many abductees talk. "Nothing happened until I came to 'In the Mood' (which I know my dad has a 78 of). Suddenly the whole memory came back to me..." Abductees, too, say that memories suddenly flood back into consciousness. For instance, when the Hills thought they stumbled on the place where they'd been abducted. Or in many other cases I've heard about from abductees. "I saw the picture of the alien on the cover of 'Communion,' and suddenly the memory of seeing exactly that alien came back to me...I drove past the spot where I now know I was abducted, and the memory came back to me....Someone in my abduction support group talked about the cold metal table he was examined on, and suddenly I remembered lying on a table exactly like that....I saw fireworks in the sky, and suddenly remembered the bright UFO that swept down from the sky to abduct me....."

Larry, I'm not challenging your memories, and certainly not demeaning their importance to you. I'm only saying that we're in a gray area here (no pun with alien grays intended!), where strongly held and very personal beliefs conflict with established science, and may be hard to corroborate.

A related area, for what it's worth. Therapists who work with trauma victims often find that the trauma victims have detailed memories of the traumatic event. The therapists take these memories seriously, in their work with the trauma victim. They may help the victims explore the memories in many ways, occasionally even with hypnosis. But the therapists don't necessarily believe the memories are true, no matter how strongly the patient believes in them. The truth of the memories may have nothing to do with how important they seem to be, or how strongly the person believes in them.

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Actually, I'm not assuming anything that specific. The cultural stimuli we share are often far more subtle than this. You don't have to have any specific interest in UFOs, abductions, greys etc to be aware \*at some level\* that these things exist. These stimuli might be as fleeting as an advertising image that you are not aware of having seen, but which passes through your gaze many times; it might be a TV news item to which you thought you paid no particular attention and may have forgotten seeing. These are the stimuli we share because they cannot be avoided.

I've often read, in UFO or abduction accounts, that so-and-so described a craft/entity that matches others but can't have been influenced at all by previous accounts because 'they had no previous interest in UFOs etc'. This simplistic reasoning just doesn't hold up. I have absolutely no interest in sport, and consciously try to avoid all sports programmes, will change channel when the news switches to sports coverage, never read the sports pages. But I still absorb information one way or another - I know when there's a World Cup and even where it is, that there is such a person as Beckham etc.

Obviously, different people have different interests, but we share a cultural environment and the stimuli we receive are never limited solely to those areas in which we are interested. If only...

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Steve

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From: Greg Sandow [mailto:greg@gregsandow.com]  
Sent: 29 August 2002 18:06  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Best Evidence

> People who share a culture share the same stimuli, no?

Not necessarily. It depends on what you define as a culture, and what you define as a stimulus. It's tempting to reason something like this: "I'm an American, and I'm interested in the UFO abduction phenomenon. And I see a lot about it on TV, in the movies, and in the press. I notice these things. Therefore most other Americans notice them, too, and know something about abductions."

(By the way, I'm not assuming that everyone reading this, or Steve who I'm responding to, is American. I'm just using this as a convenient example, probably because I'm American, and we all know that there's a lot of talk about abductions in America.)

But what this ignores is many things familiar to social scientists,

demographics experts, cultural theories, and -- much more simply -- people in business who do marketing. For instance, there's the well known phenomenon of subcultures. Much talk about that from social scientists and cultural theorists. People who belong to a large cultural group in modern western society don't necessarily share a common culture. They fragment into smaller subcultural groups.

Allied with this is something marketers talk about -- "psychographics." Psychographic factors cut across demographic groups. People who are outwardly similar -- in, for instance, income, occupation, and many external factors of lifestyle -- may have very different mindsets. These mindsets, in turn, make them interested in different things. Very important, for example, for people marketing pop music. Familiar demographic distinctions don't begin to tell you who's going to be interested in specific pop groups.

If all this seems a little abstract, here's an example from my own experience. Recently I read a rather famous book about jazz, Ashley Kahn's "Kind of Blue." It's about the Miles Davis album by that name, and among other things it spends a lot of time establishing how popular -- and how widely familiar -- the album is. There's even a story about a jazz musician who lost his copy, and, needing to hear the music, knocked on the door of a neighbor he didn't know, confident that this neighbor would have the album. Which the neighbor did.

My wife, however, is an educated, musical, upscale professional, culturally aware -- and in fact a music professional, a classical music critic for the NY Times. When I mentioned the book to her, it turned out she'd never heard of the album. Now, obviously, my wife might be an exception, and, on the other hand, the jazz musician Kahn talks about might have been wildly optimistic in assuming his neighbor would have a copy.

But then maybe that jazz musician knew what the neighbor looked like, and maybe they lived somewhere -- like, maybe, Berkeley, CA, or Cambridge, MA -- where you really could assume that people who looked a lot like you would share your musical subculture. When I lived in Cambridge in the '60s, I could reasonably assume that any of my neighbors who bought records would have the Band's "Music from Big Pink," for instance, or (the most obvious example), the Beatles' "Sgt. Pepper."

The point of this, though, is that Kahn, from his vantage point in the jazz world, takes more or less for granted that "everyone" in mainstream American culture knows the album; my wife, from her vantage point in the classical music world, had never heard it so much as mentioned. Both these positions may be unusual; the truth may lie somewhere in the middle. But are we in any position to know what that truth is? What percentage of culturally-aware Americans do in fact know "Kind of Blue"? And -- a very important question for anyone at Sony Music marketing a

reissue of the album, or for Ashley Kahn's publisher, marketing the book -- which culturally-aware Americans would these be? Which subculture, which demographic, which psychographic, would you go to if you wanted to find people who'd respond to this marketing?

These are serious, real-world questions that arise every day. I'm involved, in my own professional work, with various attempts to determine who the audience is in America for classical music. Who are the people who go to classical concerts regularly? How do they differ from people no different from them demographically, who go to classical concerts occasionally, or not at all? I know two serious studies of these questions, one by the Knight Foundation, the other by the American Symphony Orchestra League. Neither group assumes that "people who share a culture share the same stimuli." Even more importantly, they don't assume that people respond to the stimuli in the same way. They can't afford to make these assumptions. They have to know -- to put this in the most basic, bottom-line terms -- who to go out and sell tickets to.

It's easy to see how this is relevant to UFOs and abductions. Obviously a lot of people in America (again, I'm using the US just as an example, because I'm familiar with it) know about abductions. But which Americans, precisely, are these? What subculture, what demographic, what psychographic do they belong to? How -- using whatever tools social science offers -- can they be defined as a group?

Once we've done that study, we could then look at abductees, who of course form yet another of the many subcultures in America. (And who, in my experience, anyway, have a few subcultures splitting them into further subgroups.) What defines abductees, culturally?

Having done that study, we could then compare people interested in abductions with abductees. Do they belong to the same subculture? Or are they, subculturally, rather different? Maybe there's no subcultural connection between them at all. This information wouldn't prove anything conclusively, but it certainly would be interesting to have. For instance, suppose abductees turned out to be very different, culturally, from people who follow abduction material in the media. This might suggest that abduction accounts can't readily be said to derive from media information. Or at least we'd have to take the data into account in considering that question.

I've written far too long, far longer than I expected to, and I'll bring this to a halt. I'll add just one thing -- that on UFO lists like this one, we take physical science very seriously. We don't go around making assumptions -- at least not if we're serious people -- that physical scientists would say are unsupported. But we do fling social science concepts around really carelessly, at least in my opinion. We make blanket statements about things that social scientists have considered in great detail, and only rarely do we even mention that there might be a body of literature on the concepts we carelessly take for granted.



Disclaimer: I'm not a trained social scientist. I do read widely, though, and because of my professional work in both pop and classical music I've had to deal with some of the social science discussion of cultures and subcultures.

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[UFORL] The

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an advertising plane through cheap, unfocused binoculars and becomes so  
convinced he sees aliens that he jumps back in the car and starts

driving."<BR><BR></FONT><FONT lang=0 style="BACKGROUND-COLOR:  
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use of

binoculars in misidentifying stars as UFOs.&nbsp;  Perhaps you should read,  
Hendry's "The UFO Handbook"&nbsp;  Chapt 15 "Tools: Optics". I could quote



From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Thu, 29 Aug 2002 22:19:57 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Best Evidence

In a message dated 8/29/2002 6:05:33 PM Eastern Daylight Time,  
greg@gregsandow.com writes:

<< One statement you make is almost exactly like the way many abductees  
talk. "Nothing happened until I came to 'In the Mood' (which I know my  
dad has a 78 of). Suddenly the whole memory came back to me..."  
>>

Larry, Greg:

Could this be an example of de ja vu? And also, I've always been interested  
in the power of old familiar music to enhance a memory. When we hear  
music of an earlier era, a lot of old memories can come flooding back. It's  
usually quite pleasant.

Clear skies,  
Bob Young

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Date: Thu, 29 Aug 2002 22:19:59 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Turkey Springs Incident Update

In a message dated 8/29/2002 6:36:16 PM Eastern Daylight Time,  
jimspeiser@yahoo.com writes:

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Jim:

Was the area thinned out around this spot? This could have a big effect, sunlight, etc.

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Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

In a message dated 8/29/2002 6:36:08 PM Eastern Daylight Time,  
rotsky@wanadoo.fr writes:

<<

If you don't like the jigsaw puzzle approach, are you saying that any explanation has to be simple? I too feel that non-ETH 'explanations' can sometimes sound highly contrived, like excuse-making, but that doesn't mean they're not true, especially when the alternative seems to be actual aliens.

>>

Steve, Jim:

Exactly. After all, ranked on a scale of simplicity, which comes first, An observation of a bright planet, followed sometime later by the observation of the planet in misaligned or out of focus binocs or the observation of an advertising plane? Or, ET?

On another aspect of this, Barney claimed to have had to look at the mystery object with his binocs before he saw the details, but at a distance of - 50 feet? He needed binocs? Or were his binocs set for 50 feet (focused close) when he was looking at a twinkling Jupiter?

Clear skies,  
Bob Young

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multiplicanda praeter necessitatem

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Thu, 29 Aug 2002 22:20:00 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

In a message dated 8/29/2002 7:31:46 AM Eastern Daylight Time,  
KRandle993@aol.com writes:

<< I did an article for IUR not long ago (Spring 2001) called UFOs on  
Memory Lane which shows the development in a witness' testimony  
from seeing a point of light and reporting the same on the night of  
the sighting and finally reporting, weeks later, a domed disk with two  
occupants inside. Might provide some insight on how these things  
develop.  
>>

Kevin:

Thanks for pointing out your interesting article. Confabulation created  
filled in details. I think it's an article that anyone interesting in UFOs  
ought to read. It's interesting that they thought the object was only  
30 feet away. Clearly a "Close Encounter", if defined by the witness.

Reminds me of Frank Drake's finding about bright meteor sightings:  
half the witnesses are wrong about something after one day; 75%  
after two days; 90% after four days, and after 5 days, the accounts  
were more fantasy than fact.

It's clear that detailed notes from a sequence of interviews was  
important. How important do you think continued interviews, perhaps  
years later, are to illuminating the original event?

Clear skies,  
Bob Young

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Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

In a message dated 8/29/2002 10:57:37 PM Eastern Daylight Time,  
jimspeiser@yahoo.com writes:

<< Apparently you have  
assigned the ETH a probability of 'x' such that 'x' is automatically less  
than the probability of ANY other explanation offered, so long as said  
explanation occurs within the bounds of known science. >>

Jim:

Well, I assign the ETH a less probability than Jupiter or an airplane,  
for a nocturnal light case such as the Hills'.

Bob Young

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Date: Fri, 30 Aug 2002 16:32:40 +1000 (EST)  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Turkey Springs Incident Update  
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<P> If the study turns up some positive results, it could be very interesting from the "earth lights" perspective. There are a few theories that UFO (read "anomalous luminous phenomena) sites are at crossings of ley lines. I know the hard-core skeptics reject ley theories, but to me it offers an interesting alternative.

<P>Anthony

<P>&nbsp; <B><I>Jim Speiser &lt;jimspeiser@yahoo.com></I></B> wrote:

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istorical curiosity, our purpose was to follow up on previous site<BR>&gt; investigations which indicate anomalous growth patterns in the trees<BR>&gt; immediately surrounding the site. In the near future I intend to post more<BR>&gt; details on this possible evolution of the TSI CE-I into a CE-II.&nbsp; Suffice it<BR>&gt; to say that the investigation is ongoing...thanks to the hardiness of the<BR>&gt; Ponderosa Pine.<BR>&gt; <BR>&gt; ==JJS==<BR>&gt; <BR>&gt; <BR><BR>Being new to the list I am not sure what your interest in the site is so forgive my ignorance. I<BR>had just read some background on the whole story.<BR><BR><A href="http://www.debunker.com/texts/walton.html">http://www.debunker.com/texts/walton.html</A><BR><BR>Is it still being considered as a site for ET visitation or is your study trying to determine the<BR>possible causes of what Walton "saw"?<BR><BR>Anthony<BR><BR><A href="http://digital.yahoo.com.au/">http://digital.yahoo.com.au</A> - Yahoo! Digital How To<BR>- Get the best out of your PC!  
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pseudo-precision reeks of quack science. I'm ever-ready to make a paradigm shift  
if I see something that warrants it - which I certainly don't in the Hill  
case.</FONT></SPAN></DIV>

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comes down to belief, really. If you look at the Hill case and see two tired,  
stressed people with a predisposition to seeing aliens&nbsp;- thanks to Betty's  
sister's beliefs - freaked out by something they see in the sky which their  
minds go to work on - well, that's one solution.</FONT></SPAN></DIV>

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interesting to me is that not one of these scenarios (or any others you care to  
compose) is in any way provable. And this applies to the whole UFO/abduction  
scene. After nearly 60 years of sightings and alleged contact, there isn't a

single case that would satisfy rules of evidence for either a legal or scientific case.

Of

course not, because these cases belong in the realm of belief, not of data. The 'evidence', such as it is, is overwhelming sourced from the experiences and memories of eye-witnesses, and as such is processed through their own belief systems, prejudices, knowledge, experience, desires, intellect and psychoses (delete where inapplicable).

I must

admit to a wry smile when I see MUFON-types adopting quasi-scientific methods of gathering evidence. Not that it's entirely worthless - maybe they will stumble across something that will lead to a real discovery (not holding my breath, though). It's just that the bulk of the evidence is locked in people's heads, and extracting it without distortion is an impossible task.

What

can we really know of any witness's motives, perceptions and predispositions? We can take a group of people living in the same area, experiencing basically the same culture references, and yet the subtleties of their upbringing, educational, life experiences and even, perhaps, their very chemistry will produce complex and profound variations in outlook.

So,

investigating these cases becomes a job for psychiatrists, psychologists and sociologists and - as far as I'm concerned - that's where the whole thing falls apart. Because I have deep reservations about these disciplines, in that I feel they tend to gloss over the subtler variations in our personalities in order to assign us to their predefined categories.

So

what does this mean? It means that cases like the Hills will always be unprovable and that each of us must then make a decision as to what we believe. Me, I'm an old cynic (comes of being a journalist, or maybe it's the other way around). I reckon that if a mundane explanation works I'll take that in preference to a fantastic solution that involves extraterrestrials, faeries, ghosts or new realms of physics. Maybe the mundane explanation is a tad contrived, but if you've sat in a courtroom during a complex case you'll find that seemingly contrived explanations are capable of sending people to

gaol.

From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Date: Fri, 30 Aug 2002 10:19:43 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

Of course, if Occam has anything to do with it, there are a lot of possibilities much more likely than space aliens. Unless, of course, somebody can prove that there's always an alien around when you need one.

I just realized something. Could the KKK have had anything to do with this? This was a mixed-race couple, and that was one of the things they hated most in 1961. Could they have staged the whole thing to discredit these people? This seems farfetched, but it still seems a lot more likely than aliens.

And missing time was an element in one of the movies I mentioned, though it was not treated with the mystery it is treated with today, because the aliens were already shown to be there.

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Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2002 12:37 AM  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

OK, let's stop for a moment and take a look at what we have so far.

Betty and Barney Hill go for a nice leisurely drive in New England. Suddenly Betty sees the planet Jupiter, which she instantly mistakes for an interstellar spacecraft. Later, Barney views an advertising plane through cheap, unfocused binoculars and becomes so convinced he sees aliens that he jumps back in the car and starts driving. Both of them then experience two hours of missing time - years before that term was even invented - perhaps because they pulled over to read an obscure 1934 science fiction novel and fill their minds with subliminal images of gray aliens.

Months later, Betty starts having nightmares about being abducted, and because she describes them to Barney, he begins having the same nightmares. That happens all the time, right? They get regressed, and begin recalling images of their births which they mistake for a medical



exam by aliens. During one session, Barney screams in utter panic, presumably because he remembers how frightened he was by Klaatu in "The Day The Earth Stood Still." His unconscious mind conjures up a suggestion planted by a party hypnotist years earlier that gray beings were taking him aboard a flying saucer. Meanwhile, Betty recalls one of the gray beings sticking a needle in her abdomen to do a pregnancy test. This, of course, was something she must have seen on "The Outer Limits."

That sound you hear is William of Ockham pirouetting in his grave....

==JJS==

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From: Robinson, Larry [mailto:lrobbins@indiana.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2002 10:51 AM

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Let's look at just how much "popular culture" influenced me on UFOs BEFORE I became actively interested in them in 1966:

I saw all of the following movies (and more):

- The War of the Worlds
- The Day the Earth Stood Still
- The Thing
- The Red Planet Mars
- Earth vs the Flying Saucers
- Invasion of the Star People
- Invasion of the Saucer Men
- Angry Red Planet
- Forbidden Planet
- Plan 9 from Outer Space
- 5 Million Years to Earth
- Bamboo Saucer
- Journey to Mars
- The Time Machine
- It Came from Outer Space
- Gamara
- Godzilla vs Monster Zero
- When Worlds Collide
- Escape to Witch Mountain
- several Flash Gordon movies
- Journey to the Far Side of the Sun
- Flying Saucers and the US Air Force
- This Island Earth
- Queen of Outer Space
- Invasion of the Eye People
- Kronos

I watched all of the following TV shows (which either had UFOs as a topic, or had episodes with UFOs in them:

- The Outer Limits
- The Twilight Zone
- The Invaders
- My Favorite Martian
- Gilligan's Island
- The Adventures of Superman (The original grays? Don't forget, Superman is an alien too.)
- Dobie Gillis
- Rocky Jones, Space Ranger
- Men Into Space
- Twelve O'clock High

- Sky King
- Dick Van Dyke (It went "Oonioops! Oonioops!")
- Lost in Space
- The Man from UNCLE
- Star Trek
- Mission: Impossible
- Batman
- The Big Valley (it was a scam)
- Bonanza (another scam)

And the following kids cartoons had episodes with flying saucers in them:

- The Jetsons
- Superman
- Batman
- Rocky and His Friends (Cloyd and Gidney)
- Tom Terrific (The flying sorcerer) - mid 1950s
- Colonel Bleep
- The Astronut
- Space Ghost
- Ruff n Ready
- Felix the Cat
- Johnny Quest
- Mighty Mouse
- Loony Tunes (Marvin the Martian)
- Beanie and Cecil
- Sidney the Elephant
- Space Angel
- Super Chicken
- The Flintstones (Gazoo)
- Dick Tracy

Comic books and newspaper comic strips:

- Superman (and all of the spin-offs)
- Space Mouse
- Batman
- Archie
- The Atom
- Captain Marvel
- Rocky & Bullwinkle
- Sgt. Rock
- Ripley's Believe it or Not
- BC
- Boner's Ark
- Beetle Bailey
- Flash Gordon
- Buck Rogers
- Steve Canyon

- Steve Roper

And novels, both for kids and adult:

- the Tom Swift series (every book except the first few)
- the Hardy Boys series
- the Nancy Drew series
- The War of the Worlds
- the Ellery Queen series
- The Day the Machines Stopped
- Who Goes There?

Plus a very few newspaper and magazine stories:

- I read about the Vaught V-173 and the AVRO disc in Popular Science.
- I read several stories about building hovercraft that looked like the Jetsons' saucer and were powered by lawnmower engines.
- I read about one UFO case (Fairfield IL, 1963) in the paper.

And I saw the GM car of the future (a hovercraft) at a car show in 1961.  
It looked like the Jetsons' saucer.

I think I was well primed.

Then the "Swamp Gas" sightings happened, and I became interested. But the only sightings I had any info on for the next year were the Michigan sightings, the Exeter NH case, the Fairfield IL case, the Fogl Photo, the Tulsa photo, two photos from Queens, two photos from Sydney Australia, the McMinnville photo, and the Rouen photo. All of these were in the press here shortly after the Michigan cases.

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@ Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2002 11:06 AM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: RE: [UFORL] Best Evidence

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@ > People who share a culture share the same stimuli, no?  
@  
@ Not necessarily. It depends on what you define as a culture, and what  
@ you define as a stimulus. It's tempting to reason something like this:  
@ "I'm an American, and I'm interested in the UFO abduction phenomenon.  
@ And I see a lot about it on TV, in the movies, and in the press. I  
@ notice these things. Therefore most other Americans notice them, too,  
@ and know something about abductions."  
@  
@ (By the way, I'm not assuming that everyone reading this, or Steve who  
@ I'm responding to, is American. I'm just using this as a convenient  
@ example, probably because I'm American, and we all know that there's a  
@ lot of talk about abductions in America.)  
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Date: Fri, 30 Aug 2002 12:23:31 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

OK, how many pieces do you have to hammer into place to get the alien abduction scenario to work?

- Space aliens have to exist. You can't even assume that, until we have proof.
- Space aliens must be coming to earth. You can't assume that either.
- They would have had to get through NORAD, which came on-line the previous year, without being detected. (Please, no ad-hoc postulations of alien technology able to evade RADAR. That's right out of sci-fi. You cannot assume that "they" even know what RADAR is, let alone that they know how to hide from it.)
- They would have had to be able to hide their vehicle from everyone else on the road and in the air. (The same ad-hocracy rule applies.)
- They would have to have a form of telepathy and mind control. (Ditto.)
- They would need to temporarily be able to hide the planet Jupiter.
- They would have to be able to navigate in three-dimensional space from a flat chart.

By this time, the pounding loosened the head of the hammer. It flew off of the handle during a swing, and smashed the mirror by which we must periodically examine ourselves in (looking for the presence of reality). Without that, an X-acto knife is then used to cut the pieces into shape.

My, what a funny looking scene. A collage?

It looks just like the one the Evolution scientists pasted together.

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Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

I'm not downplaying any one particular cause of misidentifications. I'm sure that unfocused binoculars have caused quite a few problems in the past, as I'm sure Jupiter has been called a UFO many times in the past. It's the concurrence of all these various explanations that I'm questioning. It kinda reminds me of how Creation Scientists work. We have a jigsaw puzzle with many pieces missing. Those pieces we do have seem to form one picture; but the pieces can be rearranged and fit together extremely crudely to form a completely different picture. Of course in order to do that you have to hammer certain pieces into place.  
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But there were many other movies. I gave three of which I knew the dates preceded 1961.

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@ > @ Which explains Betty and Barney Hill....how?

@ >

@ > "The Day the Earth Stood Still" 1951

@ > "It Came from Outer Space" 1953

@ > "Earth VS The Flying Saucers" 1956

@ >

@ > Everything the Hills reported was similar to items seen in

@ > these movies. All three contain abduction sequences and mind

@ > control, two contain medical procedures aboard a saucer, and

@ > one contains EM effects (power and auto failure).

@

@ Depends on how you define "everything" and "similar." Obviously, some

@ things the Hills reported weren't in these movies. Driving

@ around in the

@ mountains, pursued by a light in the sky that turned out to

@ be a craft.

@ Having a sperm sample taken from Barney. (Suppressed in the original

@ reports of the case, but it emerged later.) Marks on the car. Betty

@ seeing a star map, being offered a book. Etc.

@

@ And then the capture of humans by aliens in these movies wasn't much

@ like the capture of the Hills. The ambience/feel/stories of the movies

@ are very different. Where, for instance, in the Hills' account is the

@ support for world peace that's central to "The Day the Earth Stood

@ Still"? Where's the massive robot? Where's the alien living in a



@ peaceful urban boarding house?  
@  
@ There are, in other words, great differences between these movies and  
@ the Hills' story. Whether the similarities seem more  
@ important than the  
@ differences is a highly subjective call. The objective study  
@ of whether  
@ the films could have influenced stories like the Hills' is a  
@ complicated  
@ matter. See my comments on social science in another post.  
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I don't know much about it, but I have read that Spielberg's first film was about alien abductions (in 1964).

Has this got anything to do with anything?

Chris

--- "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu> wrote: >  
Of course, if Occam has anything to do with it,  
> there are a lot of  
> possibilities much more likely than space aliens.  
> Unless, of course,  
> somebody can prove that there's always an alien  
> around when you need  
> one.  
>  
> I just realized something. Could the KKK have had  
> anything to do with  
> this? This was a mixed-race couple, and that was one  
> of the things they  
> hated most in 1961. Could they have staged the whole  
> thing to discredit  
> these people? This seems farfetched, but it still  
> seems a lot more  
> likely  
> than aliens.  
>  
> And missing time was an element in one of the movies  
> I mentioned, though  
> it was not treated with the mystery it is treated  
> with today, because  
> the aliens were already shown to be there.  
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> To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com  
> Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'  
>  
> OK, let's stop for a moment and take a look at what  
> we have so far.  
>  
> Betty and Barney Hill go for a nice leisurely drive  
> in New England.  
> Suddenly Betty sees the planet Jupiter, which she  
> instantly mistakes for  
> an interstellar spacecraft. Later, Barney views an  
> advertising plane  
> through cheap, unfocused binoculars and becomes so  
> convinced he sees  
> aliens that he jumps back in the car and starts  
> driving. Both of them  
> then experience two hours of missing time - years  
> before that term was  
> even invented - perhaps because they pulled over to  
> read an obscure 1934  
> science fiction novel and fill their minds with  
> subliminal images of  
> gray aliens.  
>  
> Months later, Betty starts having nightmares about  
> being abducted, and  
> because she describes them to Barney, he begins  
> having the same  
> nightmares. That happens all the time, right? They  
> get regressed, and  
> begin recalling images of their births which they  
> mistake for a medical  
> exam by aliens. During one session, Barney screams  
> in utter panic,  
> presumably because he remembers how frightened he  
> was by Klaatu in "The  
> Day The Earth Stood Still." His unconscious mind  
> conjures up a  
> suggestion planted by a party hypnotist years  
> earlier that gray beings  
> were taking him aboard a flying saucer. Meanwhile,  
> Betty recalls one of

> the gray beings sticking a needle in her abdomen to  
> do a pregnancy test.  
> This, of course, was something she must have seen on  
> "The Outer Limits."  
>  
>  
> That sound you hear is William of Ockham pirouetting  
> in his grave....  
>  
> ==JJS==  
>  
> -----Original Message-----  
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Subject: [UFORL] Firelight

<http://www.boxoff.com/may97story1.html>

I'd love to see a photo of the aliens!

Chris

Firelight

The date was March 24, 1964. The movie was "Firelight." Its production cost was under \$600, and it was the first feature-length film written and directed by a high school junior named Steven Spielberg. After becoming a professional filmmaker, Spielberg publicly disparaged "Firelight" as "one of the five worst films ever made anywhere." But his extraordinary promise was obvious to everyone who attended the Phoenix premiere of the 8mm production. "'Firelight' is just as good, although this may be construed as criticism, as some of the science-fiction movies seen by the late-late television viewers," wrote Arizona Journal reviewer Larry Jarrett. "The plot, the action, the basic material of the movie, is sound and not as far out as some of Hollywood's fantasies-de-science."

Allen Daviau, the cinematographer who has shot such Spielberg films as "E.T.--The Extraterrestrial," "The Color Purple," and "Empire of the Sun," was shown "Firelight" by Spielberg in the late 1960s. "It's what you expect with a kid's film, the acting and so on, but oh, God! Some of it was so audacious," Daviau says. "The effects were what was really amazing--that's what his heart was in. What he did with crumpled aluminum foil and bits of Jello on a kitchen table was pretty amazing."

The stimulus for "Firelight" was an unidentified flying object Spielberg did not see when he was growing up in Phoenix. Fascinated by heavenly lights ever since the night in 1957 when he and his father saw a meteor shower in the desert, Steve, like virtually every American boy growing up in the '50s, was intrigued by reports of flying saucers and other UFO's. He longed for the real thing--the chance to see a UFO with his own eyes. So he was devastated when he missed a Boy Scout outing, "the only overnight I missed the entire year. Wouldn't you know," and his

fellow Scouts came back and told him how, at midnight in the desert, they all saw "something they couldn't explain...a blood-red orb rising up behind some sagebrush, shooting off into space. I felt so left out not being there." Patrol leader Bill Hoffman says, "One overnight Spielberg was absent out in the desert. I don't recall who did it, but the story was told to Spielberg that someone had seen a flying saucer. Spielberg was very interested. It wasn't true at all. As far as I can tell, it was a complete fabrication."

Steve's 67-page, fully dialogued screenplay for "Firelight" was completed in early 1963, near the end of his sophomore year at Arcadia High School. He spent about six months shooting the film, from June through December of that year, with collaborators recruited from his fellow actors and crew members in "Guys and Dolls" and other school plays. Postproduction, including post-synchronization of dialogue and recording of a musical score, continued until the March premiere. "I used the high school band to score [the] movie," Spielberg recalled. "I played clarinet and wrote a score on my clarinet and then had my mother [who played piano] transpose it to her key. We made sheet music, the band recorded it, and I had my first original soundtrack."

Spielberg had been making amateur films since he was 10 years old; his mother proudly called him "Cecil B. DeSpielberg." "Firelight" was his first film with trained actors and a carefully detailed screenplay, and he had not yet developed into much of an actor's director. But his innate narrative sense, his precocious flair for visual storytelling, and his already evident ability to orchestrate complex movement and character interaction (as outlined in the script) made "Firelight" a gripping, well-constructed (if overlong) yarn about a small group of scientists investigating mysterious red, white, and blue balls of moving light coming from the Arizona sky to abduct people, animals, and objects.

"Close Encounters of the Third Kind," Spielberg's 1977 sci-fi masterpiece, "was actually a remake of 'Firelight,'" says Jean Weber Brill, a Spielberg classmate who did the makeup for "Firelight." "There were scenes in 'Close Encounters' that were almost direct copies from 'Firelight,' such as the lights appearing on the highway and the scene when the little boy looks out the door at the bright light. The storyline of 'Close Encounters' was very similar, but obviously rewritten and more sophisticated."

"Firelight" introduces the themes of supernatural

intruders, suburban alienation and escape, broken families and abducted children, scientific adventure, and spiritual renewal that would become familiar in Spielberg's mature work. But unlike "Close Encounters," which radically departed from sci-fi movie tradition to depict its extraterrestrials as benign rather than menacing, "Firelight" derives in large part from the mood of anxiety and paranoia that characterized the genre in the 1950s, when Spielberg became hooked on sci-fi. "It was a Cold War movie," says cast member Clark (Lucky) Lohr. "They talk about it being his [first] version of 'Close Encounters,' and it was, in a sense--a sky movie, about sky gods--but the 'cinematic vision' of 'Firelight' owed more to horror movies about aliens dusting humans."

Arnold and Leah Spielberg bankrolled the production of their son's first feature. "Steve's parents were totally behind the film," Jean Weber Brill remembers. Leah not only kept the cast and crew supplied with snacks, but cheerfully put up with "constant commotion at her home" weekend after weekend, the Arizona Republic reported in a feature about the production. She even allowed Steve to set up a flashing red light by the carport door to signal the neighbors to keep quiet while filming was in progress. People in Phoenix still speak in awestruck tones of how Spielberg talked his way into shooting scenes for "Firelight" at Baptist Hospital and Sky Harbor Airport, using an actual jet plane. But much of the film was shot in and around the Spielberg home at 3443 North 49th Street in the city's Arcadia neighborhood, with the family carport used as a studio for both interior and "exterior" shots. The summer shooting mostly took place at night, because of the heat. After school resumed, Steve had to film mostly on weekends.

Arnold Spielberg, a pioneer in the field of computer engineering and himself a longtime amateur filmmaker, helped on many of his son's early films. For "Firelight," Arnold rigged the lights for scenes filmed in the carport, helped design miniature sets, and built a dolly for the elaborate tracking shots that were already a hallmark of the Spielberg visual style. Steve enlisted his three younger sisters, Anne, Sue, and Nancy, into the production as well. Anne served as a script supervisor, Nancy played the key role of a little girl abducted by aliens, and all three of them bounced up and down on the hood of the jeep inside the carport to make the jeep look like it was speeding through the desert night around Camelback Mountain.

Steve and Arnold gave the shoestring production the illusion of a Hollywood spectacle with ingeniously designed visual effects. These included optical tricks to conjure up supernatural firelights and the filming of some elaborate miniatures, including a map of the area with flashing lights to show where the firelights were attacking, an Arizona town under glass, and a papier-maché mountain for a stop-motion sequence of firelight disintegrating National Guardsmen, tanks, and jeeps.

For the visual effects involving the firelight, Steve employed a variety of simple but effective techniques. Charles G. (Chuck) Case II, now a federal judge in Phoenix, played a love scene with Dede Pisani in an orange grove. The scene ends with the young couple being chased by a firelight and Case calling the police. "The firelight was just a red gel on a light," Case recalls. "It descended from the trees, and the illusion was effective. In the film it really looked like something strange was happening." Arnold Spielberg explains how Steve showed "the firelight picking up Nancy. She was crawling along the ground. He had her crawl from here to a tree, and he timed it in his head, backed up the film, then re-exposed the same thing, but with a firelight coming right down to where Nancy was. In order to get this effect of a whirling piece of flame, of energy, he took two glass plates and a red gel and put Vaseline between the plates. Sue or Anne would take the plates and pull them back and forth, and that would make the jelly wiggle and move, and then he'd film through it. If you imagine a bunch of clouds in fast motion whirling around, that was his effect of firelight. And it came out! It looked like it took her and she disappeared."

"I was intrigued by the contraptions [Steve] dreamed up," says cast and crew member Warner Marshall. "The one I remember most vividly was a scene in his parents' carport. Somebody was sitting on the hood bouncing the jeep, and he had pullies with a couple of white Christmas lights--a clothesline of lights would move past the jeep so it would look like the jeep was driving in the country passing a house. He had floodlights shining down on the jeep to make it look like moonlight. He had a big piece of cardboard with triangular holes in it that would pass in front of the light to make shadows. He conceived all that! It made a heck of an impression on me when I was 15 years old--this guy really knew what he was doing. But he didn't exude an air of a guy who knew exactly where



he was going and what he was doing. He was humble and kind of quiet."

Perhaps the most remarkable visual effect was Steve's use of a series of quick lap dissolves in showing the attack of the firelight on a UFO expert played by Lucky Lohr. "He collapsed on the floor and we filmed him disintegrating," makeup artist Jean Weber Brill recalls. "We filmed the scene in the Spielbergs' front room. Steve had the camera on a tripod and we filmed about eight frames at a time, then we would change the setup and the makeup and film another eight frames. We did that all day long." "They had red and brown makeup and wet Kleenex on my face," Lohr remembers. "I had a cold at the time, so I was shivering. I thought I was being a real trouser. At the end of the scene, Steve pulled out a plastic skull, moved me out, set the skull down, and shot a couple of frames of the skull." Spielberg redid that scene at the end of "Raiders of the Lost Ark," when the blazing light from the Ark of the Covenant hits a Nazi and disintegrates him right down to his skull.

Throughout the protracted making of "Firelight," even when the two actors originally cast in the lead roles (Carol Stromme and Andy Owen) quit after the first two weeks of shooting, Spielberg did not become discouraged. He recast those parts with Beth Weber and Bob Robyn and reshot the opening scenes in December. "I remember the energy level starting to flag, people starting to wonder, 'Gee, do I want to spend my entire Saturday doing this?,'" says Warner Marshall. "He was having a great time. He'd say, 'I want to get this one last thing. Would you mind staying?' He was extremely gracious. He created an atmosphere where everybody had an affectionate respect for him."

"It was a huge undertaking," marvels Spielberg's classmate Rick Cook, who now writes science-fiction novels. "He wrote a professional-looking script, he had to be the production manager, he had to scare up props, he had to convince actors to be in it--although that wasn't too hard--he had to juggle everything. He was the damndest promoter. He knew how to get things out of people, and he did it without being pushy or obnoxious. He was not a braggart, he was not one who would talk about what he was going to do. He just did it. He knew what he wanted, he was young and kind of attractive, and it was a matter of enthusiasm and dedication being contagious."

Betty Weber, whose daughters Beth and Jean worked on "Firelight," was a volunteer stage manager at the nonprofit Phoenix Little Theatre. She cajoled the

theatre's board members into donating their facilities for the premiere. She also barraged the local newspapers and radio stations with announcements about the young filmmaker, arranged for photo spreads in the Republic, and made sure the title of "Firelight" was displayed on billboards at businesses all over town.

Leading lady Beth Weber typed and mimeographed the programs distributed to the opening-night audience. The limousine that brought Steve and his actors to the theatre was supplied and driven by a cast member's father who owned a local brewery. The searchlight was borrowed from a nearby shopping center. Arnold Spielberg helped Steve play the complicated sound-track for the movie, and Leah Spielberg climbed a ladder to put the title of her son's first feature on the marquee. As she did so she was thinking, "This is a nice hobby."

That triumphant evening in March 1964 marked a coming of age for Steve Spielberg. His debut as a feature film-maker was also his farewell to his boyhood years in Arizona. The day after the premiere, he and his family moved to California. Before leaving, Spielberg told a local reporter that making movies "grows on you. You can't shake it...I want to write movie scripts, but I like directing above all. All I know for sure is I've gone too far to back out now."

Adapted by the author from Joseph McBride's "Steven Spielberg: A Biography," published by Simon & Schuster. Photos pgs. 11-14 are from the book, courtesy Simon & Schuster.

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Subject: [UFORL] Firelight II

There are some photos here, but not of aliens:

<http://www.mrboy.com/spielberg/images1/lastgun-amblin.html>

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From: KRandle993@aol.com  
Date: Sat, 31 Aug 2002 09:26:00 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

Good Morning -

>It's clear that detailed notes from a sequence of interviews was  
>important. How important do you think continued interviews, perhaps  
>years later, are to illuminating the original event?

For those of us who read history, we're bombarded with articles and books written years after an event in which the participants recall that event. We accept this testimony as accurate, rarely questioning the views of those who claimed to have been there.

I have an article coming out in MHQ (The Quarterly Journal of Military History) about the claim that Davy Crockett surrendered at the Alamo. Most of this claim is based on a document that surfaced in 1956. It was the diary of one of Santa Anna's officers but is relevant to us because the forensic evidence suggests it is a hoax. Faked documents plague the UFO field, but seem to plague history as well. This means that we must continually evaluate the information as we search for the truth.

We also have an opportunity to study how memories of traumatic events are stored in the human brain. Within days of the sinking of Titanic, many of the survivors were called to testify in front of an American investigation.

And

I mean days. The survivors were pulled from the lifeboats on Monday and by Friday they were telling their stories in front of the Senate investigation.

And,

then, over the years, they provided to reporters and historians, their memories

of what happened that night. It would be interesting to see how the stories evolved over time, if they did evolve, and how that evolution might color our impressions of that night.

The article I did for IUR looked at one UFO sighting because there were two witnesses who were not in communication with one another after the event, we had the drawings made at different times... the first on the night of the event, and we had the stories as told by both witnesses at a later date. One claim went from bright lights in the distance to a domed disk with occupants and that evolution didn't take long. This is illustrative because it tells us that the mind sometimes adds details that weren't observed originally and that complicates our search.

All this is relevant to the Hill case because the story as we have come to understand it was not given to us within days, but evolved over a period of years and was complicated by the nightmares of Betty and the use of hypnosis. And this means we must be very careful as we study events from the past.

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The Birth of

the 'Greys'  
OK, let's stop for a moment and take a look at what we have so far.  
Betty and Barney Hill go for a nice leisurely drive in New England. Suddenly Betty sees the planet Jupiter, which she instantly mistakes for an interstellar spacecraft.  
Later, Barney views an advertising plane through cheap, unfocused binoculars and becomes so convinced he sees aliens that he jumps back in the car and starts driving.  
Both of them then experience two hours of missing time - years before that term was even invented - perhaps because they pulled over to read an obscure 1934 science fiction novel and fill their minds with subliminal images of gray aliens.  
Months later, Betty starts having nightmares about being abducted, and because she describes them to Barney, he begins having the same nightmares.  
That happens all the time, right?  
They get regressed, and begin recalling images of their births which they mistake for a medical exam by aliens.  
During one session, Barney screams in utter panic, presumably because he remembers how frightened he was by Klaatu in "The Day The Earth Stood Still."  
His unconscious mind conjures up a suggestion planted by a party hypnotist years earlier that gray beings were taking him aboard a flying saucer.  
Meanwhile, Betty recalls one of the gray beings sticking a needle in her abdomen to do a pregnancy test.  
This, of course, was something she must have seen on "The Outer Limits."  
That sound you hear is William of Ockham

pirouetting  
in his grave....  
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date was March 24, 1964. The movie was<BR>"Firelight." Its production cost was

under \$600, and<BR>it was the first feature-length film written

and<BR>directed by a high school junior named Steven<BR>Spielberg. After

becoming a professional filmmaker,<BR>Spielberg publicly disparaged

"Firelight" as "one of<BR>the five worst films ever made anywhere." But

his<BR>extraordinary promise was obvious to everyone who<BR>attended the

Phoenix premiere of the 8mm production.<BR>"`Firelight' is just as good,

although this may be<BR>construed as criticism, as some of the

science-fiction<BR>movies seen by the late-late television viewers,"<BR>wrote

Arizona Journal reviewer Larry Jarrett. "The<BR>plot, the action, the basic

material of the movie, is<BR>sound and not as far out as some of

Hollywood's<BR>fantasies-de-science." <BR>&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp; Allen Daviau, the

cinematographer who has shot such<BR>Spielberg films as "E.T.--The

Extraterrestrial," "The<BR>Color Purple," and "Empire of the Sun," was

shown<BR>"Firelight" by Spielberg in the late 1960s. "It's what<BR>you expect

with a kid's film, the acting and so on,<BR>but oh, God! Some of it was so audacious," Daviau<BR>says. "The effects were what was really<BR>amazing--that's what his heart was in. What he did<BR>with crumpled aluminum foil and bits of Jello on a<BR>kitchen table was pretty amazing."&nbsp; <BR>&nbsp; <BR>&nbsp; The stimulus for "Firelight" was an unidentified<BR>flying object Spielberg did not see when he was<BR>growing up in Phoenix. Fascinated by heavenly lights<BR>ever since the night in 1957 when he and his father<BR>saw a meteor shower in the desert, Steve, like<BR>virtually every American boy growing up in the '50s,<BR>was intrigued by reports of flying saucers and other<BR>UFO's. He longed for the real thing--the chance to see<BR>a UFO with his own eyes. So he was devastated when he<BR>missed a Boy Scout outing, "the only overnight I<BR>missed the entire year. Wouldn't you know," and his<BR>fellow Scouts came back and told him how, at midnight<BR>in the desert, they all saw "something they couldn't<BR>explain...a blood-red orb rising up behind some<BR>sagebrush, shooting off into space. I felt so left out<BR>not being there." Patrol leader Bill Hoffman says,<BR>"One overnight Spielberg was absent out in the desert.<BR>I don't recall who did it, but the story was told to<BR>Spielberg that someone had seen a flying saucer.<BR>Spielberg was very interested. It wasn't true at all.<BR>As far as I can tell, it was a complete fabrication."<BR>&nbsp; <BR>&nbsp; Steve's 67-page, fully dialogued screenplay for<BR>"Firelight" was completed in early 1963, near the end<BR>of his sophomore year at Arcadia High School. He spent<BR>about six months shooting the film, from June through<BR>December of that year, with collaborators recruited<BR>from his fellow actors and crew members in "Guys and<BR>Dolls" and other school plays. Postproduction,<BR>including post-synchronization of dialogue and<BR>recording of a musical score, continued until the<BR>March premiere. "I used the high school band to score<BR>[the] movie," Spielberg recalled. "I played clarinet<BR>and wrote a score on my clarinet and then had my<BR>mother [who played piano] transpose it to her key. We<BR>made sheet music, the band recorded it, and I had my<BR>first original soundtrack."&nbsp; <BR>&nbsp; <BR>&nbsp; Spielberg had been making amateur films since he<BR>was 10 years old; his mother proudly called him "Cecil<BR>B. DeSpielberg." "Firelight" was his first film with<BR>trained actors and a carefully detailed screenplay,<BR>and he had not yet developed into much of an actor's<BR>director. But his innate narrative sense, his<BR>precocious flair for visual storytelling, and his<BR>already evident ability to orchestrate complex<BR>movement and character interaction (as outlined in the<BR>script) made "Firelight" a gripping, well-constructed<BR>(if overlong) yarn about a small group of scientists<BR>investigating mysterious red, white, and blue balls of<BR>moving light coming from the Arizona sky to abduct<BR>people, animals, and objects. <BR>&nbsp; <BR>&nbsp; "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," Spielberg's<BR>1977 sci-fi masterpiece, "was actually a remake of<BR>'Firelight,'" says Jean Weber Brill, a Spielberg<BR>classmate who did the makeup for "Firelight." "There<BR>were scenes in 'Close Encounters' that were almost<BR>direct copies from 'Firelight,' such as the lights<BR>appearing on the highway and the scene when the little<BR>boy looks out the door at the bright light. The<BR>storyline of 'Close Encounters' was very similar, but<BR>obviously rewritten and more sophisticated." <BR>&nbsp; <BR>&nbsp; "Firelight" introduces the themes of supernatural<BR>intruders, suburban

alienation and escape, broken families and abducted children, scientific adventure, and spiritual renewal that would become familiar in Spielberg's mature work. But unlike "Close Encounters," which radically departed from sci-fi movie tradition to depict its extraterrestrials as benign rather than menacing, "Firelight" derives in large part from the mood of anxiety and paranoia that characterized the genre in the 1950s, when Spielberg became hooked on sci-fi. "It was a Cold War movie," says cast member Clark (Lucky) Lohr. "They talk about it being his [first] version of 'Close Encounters,' and it was, in a sense--a sky movie, about sky gods--but the 'cinematic vision' of 'Firelight' owed more to horror movies about aliens dusting humans." Arnold and Leah Spielberg bankrolled the production of their son's first feature. "Steve's parents were totally behind the film," Jean Weber Brill remembers. Leah not only kept the cast and crew supplied with snacks, but cheerfully put up with "constant commotion at her home"

weekend after weekend, the Arizona Republic reported in a feature about the production. She even allowed Steve to set up a flashing red light by the carport door to signal the neighbors to keep quiet while filming was in progress. People in Phoenix still speak in awestruck tones of how Spielberg talked his way into shooting scenes for "Firelight" at Baptist Hospital and Sky Harbor Airport, using an actual jet plane. But much of the film was shot in and around the Spielberg home at 3443 North 49th Street in the city's Arcadia neighborhood, with the family carport used as a studio for both interior and "exterior" shots. The summer shooting mostly took place at night, because of the heat. After school resumed, Steve had to film mostly on weekends. Arnold Spielberg, a pioneer in the field of computer engineering and himself a longtime amateur filmmaker, helped on many of his son's early films. For "Firelight," Arnold rigged the lights for scenes filmed in the carport, helped design miniature sets, and built a dolly for the elaborate tracking shots that were already a hallmark of the Spielberg visual style. Steve enlisted his three younger sisters, Anne, Sue, and Nancy, into the production as well. Anne served as a script supervisor, Nancy played the key role of a little girl abducted by aliens, and all three of them bounced up and down on the hood of the jeep inside the carport to make the jeep look like it was speeding through the desert night around Camelback Mountain. Steve and Arnold gave the shoestring

production the illusion of a Hollywood spectacle with ingeniously designed visual effects. These included optical tricks to conjure up supernatural firelights and the filming of some elaborate miniatures, including a map of the area with flashing lights to show where the firelights were attacking, an Arizona town under glass, and a papier-maché mountain for a stop-motion sequence of firelight disintegrating National Guardsmen, tanks, and jeeps. For the visual effects involving the firelight, Steve employed a variety of simple but effective techniques. Charles G. (Chuck) Case II, now a federal judge in Phoenix, played a love scene with Dede Pisani in an orange grove. The scene ends with the young couple being chased by a

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Subject: [UFORL] Earth Energies

The following excerpts are taken from the book "Ancient energies of the Earth by David Cowan and Anne Silk. I would appreciate any comments on whether you feel it relates to the UFO phenomenon.

Anthony

## STRANGE HAPPENINGS ON THE EARTH ENERGY SYSTEM

### Black Spirals, Ill Health and Apparitions

"The lodestone causes mental disorders, makes people melancholic and is often fatal. With a sort of fumes it can greatly affect the mind."

WILLIAM GILBERT, DE MAGNETE, 1600

Earth energies play a part in phenomena of various types. The apparitions, poltergeists and strange phenomena with which i have been involved seem to be broadly divided into three categories:

1 Holograms, where the image of a person or object is captured in crossing energy leys.

2 Earth energy spirals (blind springs), where spirits appear to be trapped.

3 Hallucinatory experiences caused by telluric spirals, 'hot spots' from modern electrical sources, natural Earth and seismic energies (including outgassing (the releasing of gas) from the planet).

The first, the hologram, is an automatic repeat performance of an event. The second is where an apparition sometimes shows awareness. The third, the hallucinatory experience, may be caused by an input of external extremely low frequency (ELF), radio frequency or microwave energy into the brain, causing the temporal lobes to produce powerful hallucinatory images. These, and seismic energies and outgassing, will be discussed in more detail in later chapters.

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Earlier I explained how leys were formed from standing stones situated on 'hot spots' directly above at least two veins of water crossing underground at different depths. Energy from a vein, fissure or pipe, is emitted vertically to the surface. There are

also two other waves, at an angle of 45° on each side, which together form three parallel lines on the surface, down the length of the vein. The centre line is the centre of the interconnecting spirals and the width of the spirals is determined by the outside lines. The spirals may be healthy (white spirals) or unhealthy (black spirals), depending upon the subterranean rock and other factors. The distance from the centre line directly above the water to the outer parallel is the same as the depth of the vein (see Figure 61). This is used by water diviners to gauge the depth of subterranean water sources.

When some types of ley comprising individual vertical waves (overgrounds) encounter the outside of such a spiral, they automatically tune into its centre, giving a powerful 'hot spot' A few decades ago, these overgrounds were mainly natural and the spirals were comparatively weak, but in this modern age we have 'artificial leys' from other sources: nuclear submarines and missile stores, radar stations, microwave towers, television repeater stations, electric sub stations and power station generators, for example. In addition, we have an increasing amount of disturbed Earth energies from quarrying, deep mining and in particular open cast coalmining (oil drilling may also be bad, judging from a conversation with an oil rig employee). These activities create micro seisms and draw unhealthy sub surface Earth currents to the surface and on their journey across country to eventually earth themselves, perhaps in a quarry, they focus on the centre of black spirals. Basically, the more electricity we use and the more we disturb the planet, the more powerful these telluric spirals, both black and white, become.

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Living, and especially sleeping, above a subterranean fissure emitting such vortices can have a profound effect on our brainwave patterns, as you can readily observe in Figure 62. The top scan was taken in the clinic of a complementary practitioner and shows the normal electroencephalograph readout of a patient. Knowing about geopathic stress, the practitioner took another EEG, this time with the patient lying on his bed, below which a water diviner had previously discovered an underground stream. The lower scan is the result. As can be seen, the difference is marked, to say the least, and anyone sleeping in such a place will suffer depressed brainwave activity which can only result in an eventual illness, as one of the purposes of sleep is to enable the body to repair cellular damage. The patient's wife, not surprisingly, had ME.

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## CAUGHT IN A BLACK HOLE

I have already mentioned the powerful energy ley which runs from Comrie's Braefordie standing stone down Crieff High Street to two standing stones in tandem, one at Aberuffiven and the other at Dunning. This also passes through Crieff's old parish burial ground (see Figure 54). A local lady, walking past this disused burial ground with her husband, suddenly found herself enveloped in almost pitch darkness, even although it was a bright November afternoon. Terrified, she could just see in front of her a young girl, aged about eight, whom she instinctively knew was herself (she had had a frightening experience at this age). Eventually, after about five minutes, she managed to free herself and walked through into the light again, to find her husband walking a few yards in front of her as if nothing had occurred. When she asked him what had happened he was quite puzzled – he had noticed nothing at all. Time, apparently, had stood still for her in these few minutes.

When I checked the site of this occurrence I found that not only had she been on the Braefordie/Dunning energy ley, but also that she had been standing above one of the many underground streams which run under this hill town.

Another surprise was in store for me when I checked her house there was a black spiral in her bed, at her head. Sleeping under the influence of this black spiral for some eight years, she could well have become hypersensitive to such unhealthy energies, and walking into an even more powerful spiral from the underground stream next to the old parish burial ground could have triggered the hallucination, which to her was very real.

Another fact which may be relevant is that the burial ground had recently been landscaped using heavy machinery and the gravestones removed to the side, which might conceivably have disturbed something who knows what?

Four months later, the lady was still in a state of shock and spent much of her time in her house lying on a settee, crying. Shortly after I had shown her what had happened and referred her to others who had shared a similar experience, she recovered.

It is an intriguing possibility that people who believe they have been abducted by aliens or suffer other phenomena of a bizarre nature might also be under the influence of nature's energies, the event itself taking place not necessarily in bed, where they may have been sensitised to these malevolent energies, but at another power point elsewhere which they happen to walk into at the wrong time.

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Kevin:

This was about the time of the Davy Crockett movie and TV program and craze. I think that I once had a "Davy Crockett" coonskin hat, the musket, the plastic powder horn, etc., when I was a kid back in Philadelphia about that time. Did the document make anybody any money?

Bob Young

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>pieces we do have seem to form one picture; but the pieces can  
>be rearranged and fit together extremely crudely to form a  
>completely different picture. Of course in order to do that you  
>have to hammer certain pieces into place.

Jim,

Will 'Creation Scientists' ever be dissuaded from their beliefs,  
any more than the mainstream of those who populate 'ufology' can  
be persuaded their convictions in hoaxed 'flying saucer'  
photographs, escalating bogus 'MJ-12 documents', 'paranormal crop  
circles', 'fake NASA Moon landings' or the 'face on Mars cover-  
up', 'classic flying saucer cases', et al... have no factual  
substance?

Not unless it is unequivocally proven otherwise?

The world was created in seven days and the animals did go  
into the Ark 'two by two'. Millions of people resolutely believe  
so.

And millions more avow to other, intrinsic, 'religions'.

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salvation from our inescapable evolution towards inevitable death  
and 'non-existence'?

Are professed beliefs in 'aliens, crop circles, astrology, self-  
professed mediums and psychics... et al', effectively an earnest  
hope there's 'more to life than we know - certainly greater than



skeptics comprehend' and of foremost panic/concern,  
wishfully/consequently maybe 'more to death'... than evident?

If 'ET' proverbially landed on the White House lawn and in a  
nationwide broadcast declared, "except for space travel,  
actually, we know no more than you do..."

If, 'nothing in it for me...' how many would be interested... or  
would switch over to the live game on the sports channel?

James Easton.

E-mail: [voyager@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk)

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&gt;&gt;History) about the claim that Davy Crockett surrendered at the Alamo.  
Most<BR>  
&gt;&gt;of this claim is based on a document that surfaced in 1956. &gt;&gt;<BR>  
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&gt;Kevin:<BR>  
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&gt;This was about the time of the Davy Crockett movie and TV program<BR>  
&gt;and craze.&nbsp; I think that I once had a "Davy Crockett" coonskin hat,<BR>  
&gt;the musket, the plastic powder horn, etc., when I was a kid back in<BR>  
&gt;Philadelphia about that time.&nbsp; Did the document make anybody any<BR>  
&gt;money?<BR>  
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&gt;Bob Young<BR>  
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For those keeping score at home, the document was the alleged diary<BR>  
of Colonel Jose Enrique de la Pena. The problem was a lack of provenance,<BR>  
ink of a formula developed after 1870 rather than ink from 1836, information<BR>  
that appeared in the diary but that wasn't learned until long after the <BR>  
document was written and a lack of conformity to other, known documents <BR>  
of the time, to name just a few of the problems.<BR>  
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And, of course, people made money on it. There is a large trade in items<BR>  
from the Texas War for Independence and many bogus documents have<BR>  
appeared... sort of reminds me of MJ-12, but who's paying attention?<BR>  
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James, Listers:

Please see this recent article in New Scientist about research  
linking paranormal beliefs to brain chemistry. The dopes just  
have too much dopamine.

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Clear skies,  
Bob Young

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From: Mendoza <Horseman@onetel.net.uk>  
Date: Mon, 2 Sep 2002 01:56:57 +0100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

Compliments of the Duke:

At 14:26 +0100 31/08/02, KRandle993@aol.com wrote  
(among other things):

>All this is relevant to the Hill case because the story  
>as we have come to understand it was not given to us  
>within days, but evolved over a period of years and was  
>complicated by the nightmares of Betty and the use of  
>hypnosis. And this means we must be very careful as we  
>study events from the past.

I have been half-following this thread over the last  
few days, so apologies if these points have been made  
already by someone else.

First, yea bro, and so on: well said Kevin. Second off,  
the apparently web-based account that James posted of the  
Hill case is a prime example of "evolution". There are  
so many errors of detail in that account that it is not  
worth anything to anyone wanting to consider the Hill  
case dispassionately. John Fuller's book is more reliable,  
and that is not very reliable at all in important respects.

For example. Betty Hill wrote to Donald Keyhoe, having  
read his book and (a somewhat overlooked fact) various  
others and even then, but a few weeks after the sighting-  
cum-encounter, remarking that hypnosis might be a way  
to discover what had actually happened to her and Barney.  
Exactly" "We are considering the possibility of a competent  
psychiatrist who uses hypnotism." Fuller suppressed this  
sentence, presumably for dramatic reasons. But it reveals  
that the idea came from the Hills themselves. This may or  
may not tell us something about Betty's attitude when the  
couple finally wound up with Doc Simon.

Betty & Barney approached Patrick J. Quirke, M.D. of  
Georgetown, Mass., with the same idea in March 1962. He  
counselled against hypnosis and suggested that memories  
of the events would surface over time. (This is a line  
Betty takes today.)

Meanwhile Barney was being treated by a Dr Stephens for  
various stress-related symptoms, including an ulcer.  
(Ulcers are now known to be caused by bacteria and are

not necessarily psychosomatic in origin.) Acting on a third party's suggestion - which we have to assume only reinforced the Hills' own original idea - Barney put the possibility of hypnosis to Dr Stephens, who passed the Hills on to Doc Simon. Whatever else is pertinent, Barney was under massive stress during that period of time. Consider his career as a civil-rights campaigner in a state approximately 98% white, for starters...

Simon had used hypnosis to resolve various behavioral problems exhibited by WW2 combat veterans. His work was documented by John Huston in "Let There Be Light", made for the US Army Signal Corps, if memory serves. It is an extraordinary film, notable for Simon's brusqueness with his patients. He was not interested in whether or not they were recalling events accurately, but in evincing some memory, real or false, that would enable them to confront their current inadequacies and rise above them. This is important when considering his role in the Hill case.

The apparent discrepancy between Barney Hill's initial account to the USAF of seeing the UFO "some hundreds of feet away" and his later description of it being within only 50 feet (yet still using binoculars to view "the leader" whose gaze so entranced him) is a classic of ufological ambiguity. The extra distance in the earlier report \*may\* be a product of his not wishing to discuss the UFO's apparent occupants with the USAF. In other words, he may have been economic with the truth. Thus the later account may be more accurate. On the other hand it may be contaminated, tho' innocently, through discussion with Betty. It is absolutely certain that Barney (despite Betty's repeated claims to the contrary over the years) knew of her dreams in detail, for example. I would argue that his own account of the abduction took off from that (I do not suggest his account follows hers, but that it was inspired by it).

The behaviour of the UFO during the first close encounter is not consistent with \*merely\* an astronomical sighting, and there is no reason to suppose (there again, one can't entirely eliminate the opposite) that an advertising plane would be flitting around one of the least inhabited parts of New Hampshire fully lit. The two red lights on the UFO actually suggest a military lighting configuration - not impossible, but one does wonder from where and to where such a plane might have been going (NH is not NM) and why it would bother to cross Rte 3 just where it did. And so on. I don't know how to explain the first CE-III, taking

all things into account, tho' I would temperamentally plump for a prosaic explanation. However, no supporting evidence exists for one, however one might enjoy speculation.

I can account to my own self-critical satisfaction for the couple of hours of alleged missing time during the rest of their journey, having driven the route myself. Karl Pflock can equally well defend his case for the Hills' being inordinately slow on that leg of their journey and thus there being an element of "missing" time. (He's done that trip too.) We are both agreed that the exact route the Hills took can no longer be precisely established, but it may come as a surprise to some to learn that their deviation from their planned course added perhaps three miles to their total journey.

It's unlikely anyone would have witnessed their various stops and starts. This really was a desolate region in 1961, and even today people seem to get abed early. If the Hills were either abducted, or got lost, but in either case ended up on Mill Brook Road where Betty now believes they met the ufonauts, traffic would be non-existent at that time of night. (The road is a dead end, or as we say in English, a cul-de-sac.) When Karl and I poked around up there two years ago, in the middle of the day, we met \*one\* passing pick-up truck, whose occupants wanted to know if we'd stopped because we'd seen a moose.

The argument that there must be something to the Hills' story because of their (or Barney's) emotional reactions under hypnosis is not worth pursuing. One of the classic cases of false (not fake!) emotion under hypnosis is that of Jane Evans (aka Janet Jones) who shrieked and screamed while describing horrible scenes from a regressed past life, but had actually culled her material from a novel. This was thoroughly documented by Melvyn Harris, as cited in one of my books (unlike Clark, J., I can't remember which one). John Mack, whose logic escapes both me and professional psychologists of my acquaintance, still trots this discredited argument forth from time to time. It is bullshit. If you want to give credit to the Hills, there are better lines of argument to follow.

And finally. The cranially-enlarged anemic "gray" of current abduction lore did not, as Karl has pointed out, emerge with the Hill case. There are certain superficial resemblances in the Hills' aliens, but one has to recall that even they changed over time (remember those noses). The "gray" we know today is a crystallization of a floating folk motif whose roots are in science fiction, as Ed

Stewart has documented and whose evolution Marty Kottmeyer has pursued in almost painful detail in various notes and papers, some of which he has published.

In REALL News (try Google) Martin recently also addressed the little-known issue of Barney's anal rape featuring in his abduction account, but suppressed in Fuller's book for reasons of sensitivity. I don't think anyone would go as far as to claim that that is an event known only to victims of "alien" intervention. Or would they?

best wishes  
Peter B

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temporal lobe, as well as his&nbsp;<br>piezoelectric effect&nbsp;<br>theory as an  
explanation for some nocturnal lights AND daylight disks.&nbsp;<br>I don't think it  
would provide us with a comprehensive answer, but to me it's an example of  
someone thinking outside the box (without thinking outside the known universe) ,  
which I think we desperately need.&nbsp;<br></FONT></SPAN></DIV>  
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bottom line  
is, the Venus/Balloons/Birth memories stuff is wearing kinda thin, almost as  
thin as the Pleaideans/Reptilians/Underground bases stuff.&nbsp;<br>I think we need  
to put our heads together and come up with a better solution set - on both  
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From: Frits Westra <fwestra@hetnet.nl>  
Date: Tue, 03 Sep 2002 14:43:02 +0200  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

Hello,

Anomaly researcher Albert Budden has identified all of the aspects of the alien abduction experience as various effects on the brain and body of electromagnetically hypersensitive individuals, induced by electromagnetic fields from the environment.

Budden has a new website here:

<http://www.webbuilders.co.uk/budden/>

Regards,

Frits Westra  
UFO Working Group Netherlands

On 3rd September 2002, UFORL@yahoogroups.com wrote:

>Please see this recent article in New Scientist about research  
>linking paranormal beliefs to brain chemistry. The dopes just  
>have too much dopamine.

><http://www.newscientist.com/news/news.jsp?id=ns99992589>  
>Clear skies, Bob Young

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Date: Tue, 3 Sep 2002 09:20:00 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Over the years

I suggest that you read John G Fuller's "Incident at Exeter" if you want lots of reports of glowing lights in the 1960s.

But take it with a bag of salt. Students at Manchester College (NH) had been launching prank fire balloons in 1965 and 1966. And that's also what a lot of the current crop of UFOs are turning out to be.

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@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: feenix43 [mailto:feenix43@yahoo.com.au]

@ Sent: Saturday, August 31, 2002 5:34 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: [UFORL] Over the years

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@ I have read many, many accounts of UFO sightings and it seems to me  
@ that over the years the nature of the descriptions has changed  
@ somewhat. In the sixties and seventies there were many more that  
@ described some sort of craft, eg metallic, with domes and windows,  
@ etc. The more recent ones (the majority at least) seem to be  
@ descriptions of lights, or "glowing objects" (suitably vague) rather  
@ than anything that suggests a craft of any sort.

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@ Is this a fair characterisation, or am I simply not reading the  
@ right reports?

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@ Anthony

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Subject: RE: [UFORL] Earth Energies

Sounds like science fiction - or Environmentalist religion.

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@ Sent: Saturday, August 31, 2002 6:04 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: [UFORL] Earth Energies

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@ The following excerpts are taken from the book "Ancient energies of  
@ the Earth by David Cowan and Anne Silk. I would appreciate any  
@ comments on whether you feel it relates to the UFO phenomenon.

@

@ Anthony

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@

@ STRANGE HAPPENINGS ON THE EARTH ENERGY SYSTEM

@

@ Black Spirals, Ill Health and Apparitions

@

@ "The lodestone causes mental disorders, makes people  
@ melancholic and is often fatal. With a sort of fumes  
@ it can greatly affect the mind."

@

@ WILLIAM GILBERT, DE MAGNETE, 1600

@

@ Earth energies play a part in phenomena of various types. The  
@ apparitions, poltergeists and strange phenomena with which i have  
@ been involved seem to be broadly divided into three categories:

@

@ 1 Holograms, where the image of a person or object is captured in  
@ crossing energy leys.

@

@ 2 Earth energy spirals (blind springs), where spirits appear to be  
@ trapped.

@

@ 3 Hallucinatory experiences caused by telluric spirals, 'hot spots'

@ from modern electrical sources, natural Earth and seismic energies  
@ (including outgassing (the releasing of gas) from the planet).

@  
@ The first, the hologram, is an automatic repeat performance of an  
@ event. The second is where an apparition sometimes shows awareness.  
@ The third, the hallucinatory experience, may be caused by an input  
@ of external extremely low frequency (ELF), radio frequency or  
@ microwave energy into the brain, causing the temporal lobes to  
@ produce powerful hallucinatory images. These, and seismic energies  
@ and outgassing, will be discussed in more detail in later chapters.

@  
@ p. 172

@  
@ Earlier I explained how leys were formed from standing stones  
@ situated on 'hot spots' directly above at least two veins of water  
@ crossing underground at different depths. Energy from a vein,  
@ fissure or pipe, is emitted vertically to the surface. There are  
@ also two other waves, at an angle of 45° on each side, which  
@ together form three parallel lines on the surface, down the length  
@ of the vein. The centre line is the centre of the interconnecting  
@ spirals and the width of the spirals is determined by the outside  
@ lines. The spirals may be healthy (white spirals) or unhealthy  
@ (black spirals), depending upon the subterranean rock and other  
@ factors. The distance from the centre line directly above the water  
@ to the outer parallel is the same as the depth of the vein (see  
@ Figure 61). This is used by water diviners to gauge the depth of  
@ subterranean water sources.

@  
@ When some types of ley comprising individual vertical waves  
@ (overgrounds) encounter the outside of such a spiral, they  
@ automatically tune into its centre, giving a powerful 'hot spot' A  
@ few decades ago, these overgrounds were mainly natural and the  
@ spirals were comparatively weak, but in this modern age we  
@ have 'artificial leys' from other sources: nuclear submarines and  
@ missile stores, radar stations, microwave towers, television  
@ repeater stations, electric sub stations and power station  
@ generators, for example. In addition, we have an increasing amount  
@ of disturbed Earth energies from quarrying, deep mining and in  
@ particular open cast coalmining (oil drilling may also be bad,  
@ judging from a conversation with an oil rig employee). These  
@ activities create micro seisms and draw unhealthy sub surface Earth  
@ currents to the surface and on their journey across country to  
@ eventually earth themselves, perhaps in a quarry, they focus on the  
@ centre of black spirals. Basically, the more electricity we use and  
@ the more we disturb the planet, the more powerful these telluric  
@ spirals, both black and white, become.

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@ Living, and especially sleeping, above a subterranean fissure

@ emitting such vortices can have a profound effect on our brainwave  
@ patterns, as you can readily observe in Figure 62. The top scan was  
@ taken in the clinic of a complementary practitioner and shows the  
@ normal electroencephalograph readout of a patient. Knowing about  
@ geopathic stress, the practitioner took another EEG, this time with  
@ the patient lying on his bed, below which a water diviner had  
@ previously discovered an underground stream. The lower scan is the  
@ result. As can be seen, the difference is marked, to say the least,  
@ and anyone sleeping in such a place will suffer depressed brainwave  
@ activity which can only result in an eventual illness, as one of the  
@ purposes of sleep is to enable the body to repair cellular damage.  
@ The patient's wife, not surprisingly, had ME.

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@ .....

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@  
@ CAUGHT IN A BLACK HOLE

@  
@ I have already mentioned the powerful energy ley which runs from  
@ Comrie's Braefordie standing stone down Crieff High Street to two  
@ standing stones in tandem, one at Aberuffiven and the other at  
@ Dunning. This also passes through Crieff 's old parish burial ground  
@ (see Figure 54). A local lady, walking past this disused burial  
@ ground with her husband, suddenly found herself enveloped in almost  
@ pitch darkness, even although it was a bright November afternoon.  
@ Terrified, she could just see in front of her a young girl, aged  
@ about eight, whom she instinctively knew was herself (she had had a  
@ frightening experience at this age). Eventually, after about five  
@ minutes, she managed to free herself and walked through into the  
@ light again, to find her husband walking a few yards in front of her  
@ as if nothing had occurred. When she asked him what had happened he  
@ was quite puzzled he had noticed nothing at all. Time, apparently,  
@ had stood still for her in these few minutes.

@  
@ When I checked the site of this occurrence I found that not only had  
@ she been on the Braefordie/Dunning energy ley, but also that she had  
@ been standing above one of the many underground streams which run  
@ under this hill town.

@  
@ Another surprise was in store for me when I checked her house  
@ there was a black spiral in her bed, at her head. Sleeping under the  
@ influence of this black spiral for some eight years, she could well  
@ have become hypersensitive to such unhealthy energies, and walking  
@ into an even more powerful spiral from the underground stream next  
@ to the old parish burial ground could have triggered the  
@ hallucination, which to her was very real.

@  
@ Another fact which may be relevant is that the burial ground had  
@ recently been landscaped using heavy machinery and the gravestones

@ removed to the side, which might conceivably have disturbed  
@ something who knows what?  
@  
@ Four months later, the lady was still in a state of shock and spent  
@ much of her time in her house lying on a settee, crying. Shortly  
@ after I had shown her what had happened and referred her to others  
@ who had shared a similar experience, she recovered.  
@  
@ It is an intriguing possibility that people who believe they have  
@ been abducted by aliens or suffer other phenomena of a bizarre  
@ nature might also be under the influence of nature's energies, the  
@ event itself taking place not necessarily in bed, where they may  
@ have been sensitised to these malevolent energies, but at another  
@ power point elsewhere which they happen to walk into at the wrong  
@ time.  
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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Date: Tue, 3 Sep 2002 10:40:49 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

Of course, you can't prove the Creation vs Evolution question either way,  
in the same way that you can't prove that space aliens don't exist.  
There  
are 4 reasons why:

1. Evolution as the origin of species is the null hypothesis. Since random chance is usually the hypothesis that other theories are tested against, there is nothing to test Evolution against except itself. Therefore, no proof can exist that shows that Evolution is the origin of species.
2. You can never prove that something (such as space aliens, or in this case, God) does not exist.
3. Since God is defined as all powerful, there is no way that you can prove that God did not arrange everything as it is, just to fool the "foolish unbelievers" into wasting their time on Evolution. You must admit, it IS a possibility.
4. Actually, nobody has ever proven the existence of random chance.

So while Evolution is the "Occam's Razor" case of simplicity, it cannot ever be proven to be true, just as the total absence of alien visitors on Earth can never be proved.

However, it does place the burden of proof on those claiming that aliens have landed, and on those claiming Creation Science. And the test is nearly the same in each case: They need only one example showing where the null hypothesis fails.

- In the case of space aliens, all they have to do is produce just one specimen before the press, for all to see.

- In the case of Creation Science, the Bible says that no proof will be given to unbelievers until the end. But believers are given the proof they need (the trouble is, they can't ever prove it to anyone else). So you will have to either wait until the end of time, or become a believer, to find out.

Of course, the problem I have with the Evolutionists is the hate many of them display toward people who disagree with them. They get very angry whenever someone speaks up for their right to freedom of religion at the school board or state house meetings which decide curriculum. In the US,

there is a Constitutional right to freedom of religion. This means that the schools cannot take sides on any religious question.

Hate is not a scientific mode of argument. So why are the Evolutionists using hate as a means to get school systems to comply with their demands?

Are they being scientific when they use hate tactics to try to get their way? They constantly demand that their unproven belief be allowed in the schools, but that the opposing Creationist belief be banned. The correct response is to ban both, since it takes a religious decision to choose between them.

Usually, hate appears when a minority group wants to impose its beliefs on the majority, and has no valid argument for doing so. We see it time and time again, with terrorism (Bloomington Indiana has had about 30 cases of Environmentalist terrorism over the past two years), disruptions of government meetings, destruction of the campaign signs of opponents, and graffiti on public and private property. Environmentalists, Evolutionists, the Taliban, the anti-war pacifists, homosexual rights groups, and many other factions display these tactics.

Actually, I can usually tell when a group has no valid argument. That group is usually the one disrupting the meeting with boos, name calling, and attempts to drown out the speaker with noise.

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@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: James Easton [mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk]

@ Sent: Sunday, September 01, 2002 1:30 AM

@ To: UFO Research List

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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@ Regarding:

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@ >From: "Jim Speiser" <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>

@ >Date: Mon Aug 26, 2002 10:05 pm

@ >Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

@

@ Jim wrote:

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@ >It's the concurrence of all these various explanations that I'm  
@ >questioning. It kinda reminds me of how Creation Scientists  
@ >work. We have a jigsaw puzzle with many pieces missing. Those  
@ >pieces we do have seem to form one picture; but the pieces can  
@ >be rearranged and fit together extremely crudely to form a  
@ >completely different picture. Of course in order to do that you  
@ >have to hammer certain pieces into place.

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@ Jim,

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@ Will 'Creation Scientists' ever be dissuaded from their beliefs,  
@ any more than the mainstream of those who populate 'ufology' can  
@ be persuaded their convictions in hoaxed 'flying saucer'  
@ photographs, escalating bogus 'MJ-12 documents', 'paranormal crop  
@ circles', 'fake NASA Moon landings' or the 'face on Mars cover-  
@ up', 'classic flying saucer cases', et al... have no factual  
@ substance?

@

@ Not unless it is unequivocally proven otherwise?

@

@ The world \_was\_ created in seven days and the animals \_did\_ go  
@ into the Ark 'two by two'. Millions of people resolutely believe  
@ so.

@

@ And millions more avow to other, intrinsic, 'religions'.

@

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@ Isn't 'ufology', merely an offshoot microcosm?

@

@ An inherent question to list subscribers... are those utterly  
@ misconstrued and popularised 'flying saucers', in the guise of an  
@ infinitely advanced civilisation, perhaps still hoped to offer  
@ salvation from our inescapable evolution towards inevitable death  
@ and 'non-existence'?

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@ Are professed beliefs in 'aliens, crop circles, astrology, self-  
@ professed mediums and psychics... et al', effectively an earnest  
@ hope there's 'more to life than we know - certainly greater than  
@ skeptics comprehend' and of foremost panic/concern,  
@ wishfully/consequently maybe 'more to death'... than evident?

@

@ If 'ET' proverbially landed on the White House lawn and in a  
@ nationwide broadcast declared, "except for space travel,  
@ actually, we know no more than you do...".

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@ If, 'nothing in it for me...' how many would be interested... or  
@ would switch over to the live game on the sports channel?



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Subject: RE: [UFORL] Over the years

I suggest that you compare the observations of each period to the science fiction films which were popular then.

- EM and occupant cases rose after "The Day The Earth Stood Still".
- Disk shaped UFOs started rotating after "Earth vs the Flying Saucers".
- Disk UFOs started looking like upside-down bowls after "The Invaders" TV show.
- Aliens in different countries looked like the aliens in those sci-fi movies and books. Thus, in the late 1950s, we were seeing "people of the future" with large evolved brains, while in South America, they were seeing hairy dwarfs come out of their OVNI.
- After "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "ET", the grays started showing up, abductions became popular, and strange UFO shapes started to be commonly reported.
- After "V", very large UFO sizes started appearing in reports.

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@ From: rotsky [mailto:rotsky@wanadoo.fr]  
@ Sent: Sunday, September 01, 2002 4:44 AM  
@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com  
@ Subject: RE: [UFORL] Over the years

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@ One of the fascinating things about UFO reports is that they  
@ do seem to be  
@ subject to fashions. The definitive report on how fashions in  
@ ufology change  
@ and develop has yet to be done, but I think this would be a

@ great subject  
@ for someone with the right knowledge. Of course, the classic  
@ case is that of  
@ the saucers - where suddenly the majority of sightings were  
@ of saucer-shaped  
@ objects after Arnold was misreported as having seen such things.  
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@ From: Mendoza [mailto:Horseman@onetel.net.uk]

@ Sent: Sunday, September 01, 2002 7:57 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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@ The apparent discrepancy between Barney Hill's initial  
@ account to the USAF of seeing the UFO "some hundreds of  
@ feet away" and his later description of it being within  
@ only 50 feet (yet still using binoculars to view "the  
@ leader" whose gaze so entranced him) is a classic of  
@ ufological ambiguity. The extra distance in the earlier  
@ report \*may\* be a product of his not wishing to discuss  
@ the UFO's apparent occupants with the USAF.

It's probably more an inability to measure distance.

NOBODY can report accurately the distance of an object in  
the sky if it is more than 30 feet (1.2 parking space lengths)  
away, UNLESS he knows what the object is, and thus its true  
size.

An object 50 feet away is just a little farther away than  
two city parking space lengths.

But most people can't even tell (in feet or meters) how far  
away something they know about is, even when it's on the  
ground. They have never learned to estimate distance except  
relative to something else.

@ And finally. The cranially-enlarged anemic "gray" of  
@ current abduction lore did not, as Karl has pointed out,  
@ emerge with the Hill case. There are certain superficial  
@ resemblances in the Hills' aliens, but one has to recall

@ that even they changed over time (remember those noses).  
@ The "gray" we know today is a crystallization of a floating  
@ folk motif whose roots are in science fiction, as Ed  
@ Stewart has documented and whose evolution Marty Kottmeyer  
@ has pursued in almost painful detail in various notes and  
@ papers, some of which he has published.

I have a tape of a 1954 "Adventures of Superman" TV show with  
the typical emaciated gray with a large head. But they didn't  
come out of the sky in this episode. They came out of a deep  
oil well. And they glowed in the dark.

Shades of Sutton KY, 1955???

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Date: Wed, 4 Sep 2002 11:08:05 +1000 (EST)  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Earth Energies

From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Tue, 3 Sep 2002 21:45:46 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

In a message dated 9/3/2002 7:18:51 PM Eastern Daylight Time,  
lrobins@indiana.edu writes:

<< This means that  
the schools cannot take sides on any religious question. >>

Larry:

But does it mean that the schools are required to include somebody's  
religious dogma in the school curriculum, or include theological  
debate?

Bob Young

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  Birth of the 'Greys'<BR><BR></FONT></DIV><TT>Of course, you can't prove the  
Creation vs Evolution question either<BR>way,<BR>in the same way that you  
can't prove that space aliens don't exist.<BR>There<BR>are 4 reasons  
why:<BR><BR>1. Evolution as the origin of species is the null hypothesis.  
Since<BR>random chance is usually the hypothesis that other theories are  
tested<BR>against, there is nothing to test Evolution against except  
itself.<BR>Therefore, no proof can exist that shows that Evolution is the  
origin of<BR>species.<BR><BR>2. You can never prove that something (such as  
space aliens, or in this<BR>case, God) does not exist.<BR><BR>3. Since God is  
defined as all powerful, there is no way that you can<BR>prove that God did  
not arrange everything as it is, just to fool the<BR>"foolish unbelievers"  
into wasting their time on Evolution. You must<BR>admit, it IS a  
possibility.<BR><BR>4. Actually, nobody has ever proven the existence of  
random chance.<BR><BR>So while Evolution is the "Occam's Razor" case of  
simplicity, it cannot<BR>ever be proven to be true, just as the total absence  
of alien visitors<BR>on<BR>Earth can never be proved.<BR><BR>However, it  
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  place the burden of proof on those claiming that aliens<BR>have landed, and on



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Sent: Sunday, September 01, 2002 1:30 AM<BR>@ To: UFO Research List<BR>@  
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<BR>@ &gt;From: "Jim Speiser" &lt;jimspeiser@yahoo.com&gt;<BR>@  
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Aug 26, 2002&nbsp; 10:05 pm<BR>@ &gt;Subject:&nbsp; RE: [UFORL] The  
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the 'Greys'<BR>@ <BR>@ Jim wrote:<BR>@ <BR>@ &gt;It's the concurrence of  
all

these various explanations that I'm<BR>@ &gt;questioning.&nbsp; It kinda  
reminds me of how Creation Scientists<BR>@ &gt;work.&nbsp; We have a jigsaw  
puzzle with many pieces missing.&nbsp; Those<BR>@ &gt;pieces we do have  
seem

to form one picture; but the pieces can<BR>@ &gt;be rearranged and fit  
together extremely crudely to form a<BR>@ &gt;completely different  
picture.&nbsp; Of course in order to do that you<BR>@ &gt;have to hammer  
certain pieces into place.<BR>@ <BR>@ Jim,<BR>@ <BR>@ Will 'Creation  
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mainstream of those who populate 'ufology' can<BR>@ be persuaded their  
convictions in hoaxed 'flying saucer'<BR>@ photographs, escalating bogus  
'MJ-12 documents', 'paranormal crop<BR>@ circles', 'fake NASA Moon landings'  
or the 'face on Mars cover-<BR>@ up', 'classic flying saucer cases', et al...  
have no factual<BR>@ substance?<BR>@ <BR>@ Not unless it is unequivocally  
proven otherwise?<BR>@ <BR>@ The world \_was\_ created in seven days and the  
animals \_did\_ go<BR>@ into the Ark 'two by two'. Millions of people resolutely  
believe<BR>@ so.<BR>@ <BR>@ And millions more avow to other, intrinsic,  
'religions'.<BR>@ <BR>@ <BR>@ Isn't 'ufology', merely an offshoot  
microcosm?<BR>@ <BR>@ An inherent question to list subscribers... are those  
utterly<BR>@ misconstrued and popularised 'flying saucers', in the guise of  
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salvation from our inescapable evolution towards inevitable death<BR>@ and  
'non-existence'?<BR>@ <BR>@ Are professed beliefs in 'aliens, crop circles,  
astrology, self-<BR>@ professed mediums and psychics... et al', effectively an  
earnest<BR>@ hope there's 'more to life than we know - certainly greater  
than<BR>@ skeptics comprehend' and of foremost panic/concern,<BR>@  
wishfully/consequently maybe 'more to death'... than evident?<BR>@ <BR>@ If  
'ET' proverbially landed on the White House lawn and in a<BR>@ nationwide  
broadcast declared, "except for space travel,<BR>@ actually, we know no more  
than you do...".<BR>@ <BR>@ If, 'nothing in it for me...' how many would be  
interested... or<BR>@ would switch over to the live game on the sports  
channel?<BR>@ <BR>@ <BR>@ James Easton.<BR>@ E-mail:  
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From: "rotsky" <rotsky@wanadoo.fr>  
Date: Wed, 4 Sep 2002 10:04:27 +0200  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Over the years

That's a good start Larry - not that I intend to take this further myself (too many projects already) - but I think there's a good book in this, if researched well.

a+  
Steve

-----Original Message-----

From: Robinson, Larry [mailto:lrobins@indiana.edu]  
Sent: 3 September 2002 17:53 Subject: RE: [UFORL] Over the years

I suggest that you compare the observations of each period to the science fiction films which were popular then.

- EM and occupant cases rose after "The Day The Earth Stood Still".
- Disk shaped UFOs started rotating after "Earth vs the Flying Saucers".
- Disk UFOs started looking like upside-down bowls after "The Invaders" TV show.
- Aliens in different countries looked like the aliens in those countries' sci-fi movies and books. Thus, in the late 1950s, we were seeing "people of the future" with large evolved brains, while in South America, they were seeing hairy dwarfs come out of their OVNI.
- After "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "ET", the grays started showing up, abductions became popular, and strange UFO shapes started to be commonly reported.
- After "V", very large UFO sizes started appearing in reports.

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@ From: rotsky [mailto:rotsky@wanadoo.fr]

@ Sent: Sunday, September 01, 2002 4:44 AM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: RE: [UFORL] Over the years

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@ One of the fascinating things about UFO reports is that they

@ do seem to be

@ subject to fashions. The definitive report on how fashions in

@ ufology change

@ and develop has yet to be done, but I think this would be a

@ great subject

@ for someone with the right knowledge. Of course, the classic

@ case is that of

@ the saucers - where suddenly the majority of sightings were

@ of saucer-shaped

@ objects after Arnold was misreported as having seen such things.

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@ Steve

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From: "Luis R. Gonzalez" <lrgm@arrakis.es>  
Date: Wed, 4 Sep 2002 17:14:22 +0200  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Over the years

A little too much simplistic, but it merits consideration, Larry.

Two addenda:

+ I prefer to attribute the origin of large triangular and menacing UFOs, to "Star Wars".

+ The big-headed "little green men" were seen right since the beginning. You should read the recent "HeadHunt" article by Kottmeyer (in MAGONIA, of course) and/or "LGM" in THA ANOMALIST #10 for an exhaustive report.

Yours,  
Luis R. González

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobins@indiana.edu> Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2002 5:52 PM  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Over the years

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From: TPrinty@aol.com  
Date: Wed, 4 Sep 2002 12:34:27 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

"There are unexplained cases that defy mundane solutions."

There are also ghost stories, miracles, etc that also defy mundane solutions.

However, these are not proof that the events occurred as described. It is the person who has presented such story that is the center of the report and its weakest link. Any misinterpretation/misrepresentation of what actually occurred can possibly turn an easily explained case into one that defies mundane solutions simply because the witness stated something happened that actually did not. Perhaps RV Jones put it best to interpreting eyewitness testimony in WWII, "...witnesses were usually right when they said that something had happened at a particular place, although they could wildly be wrong about what had happened. "

Recent events with Hickman and Maccabee with the "Lawton Triangles" demonstrates that UFOlogists tend to be still credulous of a good story which had a photograph to go with it. This is very similar to the Warminster experiment conducted in 1970. Sometimes hoaxes are exposed and other times, they are not. This is all dependent on the hoaxer. Ed Walters is considered a hoaxer by some and not a hoaxer by others. Does his photographs go into the column of "unexplained cases" or into probable hoax? Depends on which UFOlogist you ask. Same thing can be said for the Carp video.

One can never explain away 100% of the cases simply because the best hoaxes are not easy to uncover and that misperceptions/misrepresentations of what actually happened can make a case defy explanation.

If UFO cases are as numerous as we are to believe (every week Filer's files is full of UFO reports and NUFORC reports dozens as well), why isn't there more solid evidence of their existence? After 50+ years, we are still stuck with the same basic data that was present at the beginning. Simply put, people report seeing objects in the sky that can not be routinely explained. I think the challenge of UFOlogy is to move beyond this simple gathering of reports (it has not done anything but sell books and magazines) to a more serious effort of trying to establish the existence of UFOs as an actual phenomena. The failure of UFOlogy to move beyond this point is their own undoing. As long as they rely on this "unexplained cases" idea as their cornerstone of evidence, then it will not move forward in resolving the issue.

Tim Printy

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From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@skomer.u-net.com>  
Date: Wed, 4 Sep 2002 21:18:44 +0000  
Subject: Re: RE: [UFORL] Over the years

That nice Mr Peebles suggests such a cultural link between UFOs and sci fi etc in "Watch the Skies".

Curtis' big mate Chris

snip

I suggest that you compare the observations of each period to the science fiction films which were popular then.

- EM and occupant cases rose after "The Day The Earth Stood Still".
- Disk shaped UFOs started rotating after "Earth vs the Flying Saucers".
- Disk UFOs started looking like upside-down bowls after "The Invaders" TV show.
- Aliens in different countries looked like the aliens in those countries' sci-fi movies and books. Thus, in the late 1950s, we were seeing "people of the future" with large evolved brains, while in South America, they were seeing hairy dwarfs come out of their OVNI.
- After "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "ET", the grays started showing up, abductions became popular, and strange UFO shapes started to be commonly reported.
- After "V", very large UFO sizes started appearing in reports.

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From: TPrinty@aol.com  
Date: Wed, 4 Sep 2002 17:53:16 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

"Name one"

Off the top of my head, Fatima is a good instance for a "miracle".

"How does this apply to multiple-witness cases with corroborating evidence?"

Exactly what do you define as corroborating evidence? A video of lights in the sky? What does that prove? All it proves is that there were lights in the sky. Does it compute the actual size? Mexico city in 1997 supposedly had multiple witnesses but this was a hoax! For that matter, the 1991 videos of a UFO during an eclipse seem to be showing Venus for the most part (interesting that all the astronomers in Mexico city watching the eclipse did not see the UFO and neither did I from Baja).

"By golly there's definitely something going on up there that science needs to look at?"

Let's try multiple videos/photographs of the same object at the same time from different locations that show something other than a light in the sky or something at the limits of resolution for the recording device. This would have to be supported by eyewitness testimony all suggesting the same thing. There have been multiple witness cases, but I have yet to see anybody do a real bang-up job on investigating them. Nobody seems to be interested in presenting flight paths, angular size, angular elevations, etc in such reports of "mass" sightings. This would be the first thing I would think of doing. Instead we have the witnesses telling us how high it was and how big it was. A proper investigation would ignore such estimates and go for the angular sizes and elevations to compute the true size and heights.

"As I say, it may be in the nature of the phenomenon not to leave much in the way of solid evidence behind. This is true for accepted phenomena such as ball lightning, for example."

If UFOs are something as transient as ball lightning or some form of electromagnetic energy that is short-lived but this is not generally the case. Examining the bluebook files and many of the reports I see in databases, the phenomena is usually around 3-10 minutes in duration. Also, it is the popular theory that they are actual physical craft that may be landing from time to time. These craft should leave physical evidence that would be convincing. However, even in the most promising physical trace case, there is nothing to suggest that this was caused by something outside the earth. If so, such evidence should be presented in a manner that is better than the MUFON journal/IUR. It should be sent to the appropriate journal so experts can examine the data and render their opinion. If the evidence was convincing, then you might get your response that "by golly something is happening".

Tim Printy

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobbins@indiana.edu>  
Date: Thu, 5 Sep 2002 10:49:10 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Best Evidence

Actually, I have seen a UFO, using the real meaning of the term. See the "Summer 1976" entry on my web page:

<http://php.indiana.edu/~lrobbins/uforogue.htm>

It remains unidentified. All of the other sightings listed were "UFOs" until I was able to identify them.

Maybe the following experience gave me the tools to be able to identify objects easier:

- As a kid, I was fascinated by light and optical illusions.
- I have always had a lot of technical experience (I built a working traffic light at age 13). Look at my page about the record changer I heavily modified, at <http://php.indiana.edu/~lrobbins/collaro.htm> .
- My brother studied film production in college and asked me for technical help at that time.
- We study perception where I work.
- For several years, I tutored computer, math, and science to college students who did not understand them.

Also, if you will notice, in each case, I stayed there and watched the object until I identified it. In many UFO cases, the observer got excited or scared, and left the scene before the UFO did.

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1025 E 7th St      Rm 112      I voted for gridlock.  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Speiser [mailto:jimspeiser@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Monday, September 02, 2002 10:12 PM  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Best Evidence

You know, Larry, from the list below it strikes me that you were far more inculcated into the "flying saucers and space aliens" milieu than most people, certainly more than me (and I was no slouch at sci-fi).

Yet I take it you've never seen a UFO. How does that fit in with your "pop-culture influence" hypothesis?

==JJS==

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Date: Thu, 5 Sep 2002 10:54:22 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

This sounds like someone explained away one form of pseudoscience by using another form of pseudoscience. Electromagnetic pollution????

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@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: Frits Westra [mailto:[fwestra@hetnet.nl](mailto:fwestra@hetnet.nl)]

@ Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2002 7:43 AM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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@ Hello,

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@ Anomaly researcher Albert Budden has identified all of the aspects

@ of the alien abduction experience as various effects on the

@ brain and body

@ of electromagnetically hypersensitive individuals, induced by

@ electromagnetic fields from the environment.

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@ Budden has a new website here:

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<http://www.webbuilders.co.uk/budden/>

Regards,

Frits Westra  
UFO Working Group Netherlands

On 3rd September 2002, UFORL@yahoogroups.com wrote:

>Please see this recent article in New Scientist about research  
>linking paranormal beliefs to brain chemistry. The dopes just  
>have too much dopamine.

><http://www.newscientist.com/news/news.jsp?id=ns99992589>  
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Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

No. You simply do not teach either, since both are based upon mutually exclusive belief systems, neither of which can be proved.

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@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

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@ In a message dated 9/3/2002 7:18:51 PM Eastern Daylight Time,

@ lrobin@indiana.edu writes:

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@ << This means that

@ the schools cannot take sides on any religious question. >>

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@ Larry:

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@ But does it mean that the schools are required to include somebody's

@ religious dogma in the school curriculum, or include theological

@ debate?

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You haven't been around here. We have had the following "terror events" in Bloomington in the last few years:

- At least 10 fires were set at new construction projects. Three new houses were burned down, because they were built in a watershed. The Earth Liberation Front (ELF) claimed responsibility for some of these acts of terror. The FBI is still investigating to find the people responsible.
- ELF also set fire to the local Republican campaign headquarters.
- A solar collector system was destroyed by persons unknown.
- The Animal Liberation Front set gasoline bombs at a chicken packing plant. A truck was destroyed, but the other bombs were defused by the bomb squad before they could go off.
- Democrats accused some Republicans running for School Board of trying to bring the Bible back into schools. It wasn't true, but the tactic won the election for the Democrats.
- Demonstrators stormed a school board meeting to protest the fact that someone had asked that teaching Creationism be placed on the agenda. It wasn't even on the agenda.
- After a member of a racist religious group went on a killing spree in 1999, all religions were portrayed as "hate groups" by the liberals. Then several churches were broken into and vandalized.
- Someone threw food on the windows of all of the vans and SUVs in my neighborhood.
- Demonstrators totally disrupted a public meeting on extending Interstate 69 from Indianapolis IN to Evansville IN. Anyone who spoke

in favor of the highway was heckled and not allowed to speak, and one university official was physically threatened because he spoke in favor of the highway.

- Christians who were teaching the Bible belief that homosexuality is a sin were physically attacked, and their materials were stolen and destroyed.

- Anytime a tree is cut down, a big protest ensues.

- When the chair-throwing Bobby Knight was fired, the students rioted, destroying property (including a statue in a public fountain), and battling police.

- Two years later, we won the last regional basketball game at the NCAA. As a result, rioters destroyed a lot of property and battled police. Then they screamed about the extra police posted during the next game, which we lost.

- Someone keeps smashing the windows at our local Starbucks.

- Someone keeps destroying lawn decorations.

- Someone keeps slashing tires on parked cars.

There are people in Bloomington who believe, if you are doing something that is not "politically correct", that they have the right trespass, to destroy your property, or to do other nasty things to you. Some of them are elected officials. They are determined to get their way, or else!

And they want "tolerance" from the rest of us???

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@ Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2002 9:21 PM

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@ Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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@ When have evolutionists used "terrorist" tactics? I'd like

@ some specifics. Usually they win at school board meetings  
@ BECAUSE of superior argumentation. At least in my experience.  
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- Two years later, we won the last regional basketball game at the NCAA. As a result, rioters destroyed a lot of property and battled police. Then they screamed about the extra police posted during the next game, which we lost.

- Someone keeps smashing the windows at our local Starbucks.

- Someone keeps destroying lawn decorations.

- Someone keeps slashing tires on parked cars.

There are people in Bloomington who believe, if you are doing something that is not "politically correct", that they have the right trespass, to destroy your property, or to do other nasty things to you. Some of them are elected officials. They are determined to get their way, or else!

And they want "tolerance" from the rest of us???

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@ Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2002 9:21 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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@ When have evolutionists used "terrorist" tactics? I'd like



@ some specifics. Usually they win at school board meetings  
@ BECAUSE of superior argumentation. At least in my experience.  
@  
@ ==JJS==  
@

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Actually, I have a book containing a drawing made before World War II, which depicted the "evolved future man" as being big headed and frail.

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@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: Luis R. Gonzalez [mailto:lrgm@arrakis.es]

@ Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2002 10:14 AM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] Over the years

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@ A little too much simplistic, but it merits consideration, Larry.

@

@ Two addenda:

@

@ + I prefer to attribute the origin of large triangular and

@ menacing UFOs, to

@ "Star Wars".

@

@ + The big-headed "little green men" were seen right since the

@ beginning. You

@ should read the recent "HeadHunt" article by Kottmeyer (in MAGONIA, of

@ course) and/or "LGM" in THA ANOMALIST #10 for an exhaustive report.

@

@ Yours,

@ Luis R. González

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@ From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>

@ To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>

@ Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2002 5:52 PM

@ Subject: RE: [UFORL] Over the years

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@ > I suggest that you compare the observations of each period to the

@ > science

@ > fiction films which were popular then.

@ >  
 @ > - EM and occupant cases rose after "The Day The Earth Stood Still".  
 @ >  
 @ > - Disk shaped UFOs started rotating after "Earth vs the  
 @ Flying Saucers".  
 @ >  
 @ > - Disk UFOs started looking like upside-down bowls after  
 @ "The Invaders"  
 @ > TV show.  
 @ >  
 @ > - Aliens in different countries looked like the aliens in those  
 @ > countries'  
 @ > sci-fi movies and books. Thus, in the late 1950s, we were  
 @ seeing "people  
 @ > of the future" with large evolved brains, while in South  
 @ America, they  
 @ > were seeing hairy dwarfs come out of their OVNI.  
 @ >  
 @ > - After "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "ET", the  
 @ grays started  
 @ > showing up, abductions became popular, and strange UFO  
 @ shapes started to  
 @ > be commonly reported.  
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 @ > - After "V", very large UFO sizes started appearing in reports.  
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@ Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2002 4:53 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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@ "Name one"

@

@ Off the top of my head, Fatima is a good instance for a "miracle".

@

@ "How does this apply to multiple-witness cases with

@ corroborating evidence?"

@

@ Exactly what do you define as corroborating evidence? A

@ video of lights in the sky? What does that prove? All it

@ proves is that there were lights in the sky.

Because techniques of videography exist, it doesn't even prove that.  
I have two local videos which were faked using ground lights:

One of them shows a hovering UFO. Turning the black level control on  
my TV showed me the pole holding up the sodium vapor light. Then I  
visited the scene and found that light pole.

The other video was taken through a sheet of glass which was tilted to  
reflect ground lights into the camera lens and make them move around.

@ Does it compute the actual size? Mexico city in 1997 supposedly

@ had multiple witnesses but this was a hoax! For that matter,

@ the 1991 videos of a UFO during an eclipse seem to be showing Venus

@ for the most part (interesting that all the astronomers in Mexico

@ city watching the eclipse did not see the UFO and neither did I

@ from Baja).

@

@ "By golly there's definitely something going on up there that

@ science needs to look at?"

@

@ Let's try multiple videos/photographs of the same object at  
@ the same time from different locations that show something other  
@ than a light in the sky or something at the limits of resolution  
@ for the recording device. This would have to be supported by  
@ eyewitness testimony all suggesting the same thing. There have been  
@ multiple witness cases, but I have yet to see anybody do a real  
@ bang-up job on investigating them. Nobody seems to be interested in  
@ presenting flight paths, angular size, angular elevations, etc in  
@ such reports of "mass" sightings. This would be the first thing I  
@ would think of doing.

Oh, great. Now they will try to fake that too.

Of course, there is the problem of synchronizing the witnesses in time. Two witnesses seeing the same object fly over simultaneously cannot even provide triangulation information, unless there is some way to get azimuth and elevation angles from both witnesses from precisely the same moment. It's hard enough just to get correct angles, let alone trying to synchronize the angles provided by two witnesses.

The Air Force repeatedly tried to do this in the 1950s with spaced pairs of askanias (portable theodolites with clocks and clockwork movie cameras). They NEVER got a fix by triangulation, because at least one of the following events spoiled every attempt:

- One of the askanias was not properly calibrated to north.
- The wind-up clock in one of the askanias stopped, or was wrong.
- One of the askanias was out of film, or was not assembled.
- The movie camera in one of the askanias was not wound up.
- One of the askania operators was on break, or out of radio contact.
- One of the operators couldn't find the UFO in the sky.
- The operators found and tracked two different objects.
- The UFO was below the horizon of one askania.
- The UFO sighting was where the askanias weren't.

@ Instead we have the witnesses telling us how high it was and how  
@ big it was. A proper investigation would ignore such estimates  
@ and go for the angular sizes and elevations to compute the true  
@ size and heights.

You need two synchronized witnesses to do this. One is not enough.

@ "As I say, it may be in the nature of the phenomenon not to  
@ leave much in the way of solid evidence behind. This is true for  
@ accepted phenomena such as ball lightning, for example."

@

@ If UFOs are something as transient as ball lightning or some form of  
@ electromagnetic energy that is short-lived but this is not generally

@ the case. Examining the bluebook files and many of the reports I see  
@ in databases, the phenomena is usually around 3-10 minutes in  
duration.  
@ Also, it is the popular theory that they are actual physical craft  
@ that may be landing from time to time. These craft should leave  
physical  
@ evidence that would be convincing. However, even in the most promising

@ physical trace case, there is nothing to suggest that this was caused  
by  
@ something outside the earth. If so, such evidence should be presented  
@ in a manner that is better than the MUFON journal/IUR. It should be  
@ sent to the appropriate journal so experts can examine the data and  
@ render their opinion. If the evidence was convincing, then you might  
@ get your response that "by golly something is happening".

The problem is, we really don't have any test for aliens. Someone  
thought  
up one a few years ago, based upon the idea that materials foreign to  
Earth would have isotope ratios different from the ratios found on  
Earth.  
Then I pointed out that chemical supply houses sell purified isotopes  
for  
use as markers, and that anyone could buy these, and mix up his own  
batch  
of material with any isotope ratio he wants.

Even alien DNA is out. With a DNA sequencer, anyone can make up any DNA  
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OK, folks, it's official: There is no proof of aliens sufficient to satisfy Larry Robinson of Indiana University. Like the sheep in the Serta commercials, let's move on.

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called themselves "the Martians".

Clear skies,  
Bob Young

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We have an ultralight flying club here in Phoenix as well, whom some suspect of

being the culprits in the Phoenix Lights cases. I saw them myself one Halloween,

when they were reportedly buzzing Tempe, about 5 miles south of us. On a hunch,

I dragged my wife, who has one UFO sighting to her credit, outside to view them.

I asked her, "Does that look anything like what you saw?"

"No," she said, "nothing like it. Those look like planes in formation to me."



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From: TPrinty@aol.com  
Date: Thu, 5 Sep 2002 19:48:18 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

"basically the Hudson Valley case fits this description"

I strongly disagree. Read my post again. I stated that we were to have multiple photographs of the same object at the same time from different locations. I am unaware of any such conditions for the Hudson Valley case. Perhaps you can expound on this. In Night siege were are shown many photographs of lights in the sky (curiously known show the boomerang/triangle reported by witnesses just lights in formation). However, none are of the same object at the same time (for that matter on the same night!). Worse yet, the investigation as documented in the book does not even do anything with these photographs.

From: "Jim Speiser" <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>  
Date: Thu, 5 Sep 2002 17:11:12 -0700  
Subject: [UFORL] UFO Photos

Hi Larry;

Your fake UFO photo is very impressive. I think I've seen that object before, does it have something to do with a Thermos?

I can only repeat what Marcello Truzzi said: "The existence of wigs does not preclude the existence of real hair."

Have you ever seen Richard Haines' work on the Vancouver, BC photo?

In fact, have you ever submitted your photo to Richard Haines? Might be interesting to see his take on it.

==JJS==

PS: I owned a Digi-Comp II myself! But somehow I managed to put it together wrong, and never got it to work. So I used the marbles for something else.

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From: Brett Holman <b.holman@physics.unimelb.edu.au>

Date: Fri, 6 Sep 2002 10:12:31 +1000

Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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"Anyone"? Even if I had such a thing in front of me, I doubt I could make up any DNA chain I wanted - because I don't know anything about the subject. (Besides which, why do you think aliens would have DNA? They'd probably have something which does the same thing, but evolution being what it is, it's unlikely in the extreme to be identical to terrestrial DNA.) I suspect it is technically somewhat more involved than you suggest. Ditto for faking isotope ratios. I can't just manufacture an arbitrary object out of arbitrary materials, adding in a few different isotopes to fool investigators. The degree of technical knowledge and equipment involved makes such a hoax extremely unlikely.

Science may not know what an alien will look like. But it will know it when it sees it ...

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Date: Thu, 5 Sep 2002 20:13:31 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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Again, I think you overstate the case. You state that it was a "scientist" that validated this but this is not the truth is it? Night Siege never gives us an actual name (just "martin") and all it stated was that he was an "expert" with a background in physics and electronics. Heck, I can state that I am an expert with the same credentials (years of electronic experience in the navy, studied physics in high school and ran a nuclear submarine engine room). If you have the actual scientist's name and actual credentials, then I think you would have a point. Let's be careful, what kind of "facts" we are waiving about.

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Date: Fri, 6 Sep 2002 03:13:02 +0100  
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Regarding:

>From: KRandle993@aol.com  
>Date: Sat, 31 Aug 2002 09:26:00 EDT  
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

Kevin wrote:

>For those of us who read history, we're bombarded with articles  
>and books written years after an event in which the participants  
>recall that event. We accept this testimony as accurate, rarely  
>questioning the views of those who claimed to have been there.

Kevin,

This is such an excellent point.

>I have an article coming out in MHQ (The Quarterly Journal of  
>Military History) about the claim that Davy Crockett surrendered  
>at the Alamo. Most of this claim is based on a document that  
>surfaced in 1956. It was the diary of one of Santa Anna's  
>officers but is relevant to us because the forensic evidence  
>suggests it is a hoax.

I recently watched a BBC TV documentary on the mythology of  
'Custer's last stand'.

As you may now, aside from the archaeological evidence uncovered  
in more recent years, amongst the earliest documented evidence  
largely dismissed for a century were accounts from the victorious  
Indians. These are now seen to be substantiated by the  
archaeological discoveries.

As one writer comments:

"In the past, the recollections and accounts of those Indians,  
who were the only survivors of the battle were ignored, if not  
distorted, by a biased press. Even more unfortunately, a biased  
historical establishment, which should have most vigorously  
examined, analyzed, and presented all of the facts, dismissed  
Indian accounts as unreliable".

There's obviously no substitute for factual evidence - can  
anecdotal testimony ever be considered as unquestionably  
trustworthy?

It's especially a huge problem within ufology, where frequently what are deemed to be founding claims beyond any suspicion, turn out to be not quite so dependable.

I suppose Glenn Dennis comes to mind, however, on this entire issue, Roswell arguably merits a case study of its own!

Also highly relevant, particularly as it's regarded by many as equally 'best evidence of alien visitation and the Government cover-up', are the Rendlesham forest incidents.

Central to the UFO mystery was Staff-Sergeant Jim Penniston's story of encountering a small, silent, triangular-shaped craft, with enigmatic symbols, which he personally examined for some twenty minutes before it zoomed off into the night sky.

There were apparently two other witnesses and one of them, Airman 1st Class John Burroughs, also went on record, confirming there were, at least, 'strange lights', although he never observed a structured object.

What could be more dependable and credible testimony to a craft which Penniston avowed was not of this world.

Yet, when I discovered that copies of the witnesses' earliest statements still existed and had been languishing within case documents compiled by ufologists in the US, a different picture emerged.

What had resulted in Penniston's public account becoming so detached from the reality of events?

The explanation, it seems, was 'regressive hypnosis', during which he essentially fantasised the story which became a foundation of the forest UFO encounter.

>All this is relevant to the Hill case because the story as we  
>have come to understand it was not given to us within days, but  
>evolved over a period of years and was complicated by the  
>nightmares of Betty and the use of hypnosis. And this means we  
>must be very careful as we study events from the past.

If Penniston's hypnotised 'memories' were a proverbial 'flight of fancy' and as he was apparently hypnotised not long after the incident occurred, perhaps it's inherently indicative of the overall context and that there are sufficient complexities

concerning witness recollections without compromising this further using 'regressive hypnosis'.

Equally, if Larry Warren's recall of 'secret, alien underground facilities', etc. at Bentwaters/Woodbridge are factual, then 'regressive hypnosis' - under which these claims surfaced - is an invaluable investigative tool.

Conversely, if those claims are abject nonsense - same as reported 'regressed abductee' tales about vats of body parts and cattle mutes at Dulce underground base - how can any 'regressed alien abduction' tale be remotely taken seriously?

In hindsight, one reason I had considered Zamora's Socorro encounter to be a worthwhile historical research case is that the evidence was so well documented, directly afterwards.

James Easton.

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Date: Fri, 6 Sep 2002 04:42:49 +0100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

Regarding:

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"Just two weeks prior to Walton's disappearance, NBC-TV aired a two hour movie featuring the abduction tale of Betty and Barney Hill. Rogers has acknowledged watching the first portion of the movie, the portion that detailed the Hills' 'abduction'."

See:

<http://www.debunker.com/texts/walton.html>

'Regressive hypnosis...' there seem to be differing versions on whether Walton's 'abduction' story only emerged afterwards.

What is understood to be the true context?

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Once again, let me reiterate my position.

I believe that the residuum of high-strangeness, high-credibility reports in and of itself constitutes evidence of the existence of a phenomenon, for which the prosaic explanations thus far proposed are lacking. I believe the explanations put forth thus far are trite, over-used, and extremely generalized. "People see what

they want to see" may be good enough for Elvis sightings and Marian visions, but not for UFO reports, which I consider to be a couple of orders of magnitude more enigmatic, and therefore more deserving of a closer look by science. I do NOT favor the ETH, or any particular hypothesis at all. I just think these reports should not be happening on such a widespread basis if the only stimulus is misperception, with the occasional hoax.

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I know what you mean in terms of rewriting Evolution, but what would NECESSARILY have to be re-written if UFOs turned out to be extra-terrestrial, or...? Some discoveries go against known science; others merely ADD to our knowledge. Is it not conceivable that the answer to the UFO question could fall into the latter category?

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This is one that I have pondered for decades. But recall that while "flying saucers" started with Arnold, UFOs did not. So-called "foo-fighters" were sighted before 1947.

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I do not know Travis Walton well enough at all to comment on his narrative. I do know Mike Rogers well enough to state fairly emphatically that a hoax of this magnitude is simply not within his personality inventory. It would serve absolutely no purpose; and Mike Rogers is not the sort to arrange something like this with no purpose. Further, how many people watched that particular airing of "The UFO Incident," and how long would we they have to wait after seeing it before they could have an abduction experience that would not be ascribed to having seen that movie?

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Unlike SOME other abductees. There are some that recall all the details of their "experience" without any hypnosis at all. And.. we only have a few minutes out of five days total; perhaps the most traumatic parts were in fact blocked from his conscious recall.

Again, this is not necessarily to be construed as a defense of Walton, it is just to point out that we are far too ignorant of the situation to dismiss such stories based on the percipients' differing reactions to their experiences.

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Are you asking me if there are abduction accounts in between those years? I'm not certain, but I think there are probably several in the database that were recalled years after the fact, that fall into that time period. I would suggest consulting with Hopkins or Jacobs.

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Date: Fri, 6 Sep 2002 17:35:41 +0200  
Subject: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

As part of my project to document the birth of abductions. I have come across a few references that I suspect are to backdated abductions (reported several years later than occurrence). Unfortunately, the author did not include any reference. Can any of you point me to any original data?

Cases mentioned in "Physiological effects from abductions", John Schuessler, MUFON UFO Journal #358 (February 1998), pp. 13-14.

Close Encounters followed by an abduction event

1) Woman abducted.- On October 20, 1973, a woman was abducted from a spot near her car and taken aboard a craft where beings conducted medical tests on her, including blood tests, skin scrapings and a rectal exam. They pressed needles into her arms and abdomen. Following the event she suffered from depression, weight loss and sleep loss.

2) Blood taken in Sweden.- On March 23, 1974, a man was pulled from his car near Lindholmen, Sweden, by a light beam from a UFO hovering overhead. Inside he met four beings that caused pain in his cheek by taking blood. He suffered a loss of time. After the event his wife cleaned the blood from his face and found a hole in the skin just below his temple.

Abduction Events without a UFO sighting

1) Nebraska girl taken.- On October 7, 1955, a girl was abducted by a small being from her bedroom in Nebraska. She was placed on a table of silver metal where the beings took hair and blood samples. It was a painful event.

2) Pregnant woman abducted.- On January 17, 1970, a pregnant woman was abducted from her home in Westbury, Long Island, NY. She was returned with a mark on her abdomen like that from an amniocentesis test, marked with a spot of blood on her gown. The spot on her abdomen was very cold to the touch. She recalled the smell of ozone.

3) Georgia medical exam.- On December 17, 1971, a woman was abducted from her home in Forsyth County, GA, and given a medical exam. She heard the rushing sound of air and felt the coolness of the floor. Following the event, she had blisters on the skin, backaches, burns, insomnia, nightmares, and her eyes were sensitive to light.

4) Idaho abduction.- On June 20, 1977, a woman awoke in her bedroom in Coeur D'Alene, ID, feeling paralyzed and unable to speak or move. She saw a being in the room. Suddenly, she was able to move and rushed into the front room to find two hours had lapsed. She had a severe headache for the next two days. Under hypnosis she found she had been abducted, had a warm light placed on her back, was given an examination, and had observed a wheel-like

devide with medical instruments on it.

Any help to locate more information about these cases would be appreciated.

Yours,

Luis R. González Manso

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[polaris.umuc.edu/~jgiglio2/major-y/](http://polaris.umuc.edu/~jgiglio2/major-y/)

In pondering this little goof-up, consider that Steven Greer, the head of the Disclosure Project, claims to be briefing people at the highest levels of government on matters of absolutely vital importance to the future of humanity; if he were taken seriously, his assertions would have earth-shaking consequences in all aspects of human existence. Given all that, you'd think he'd be a bit more careful in vetting his "witnesses."

I have more, BTW; I'll dig around a bit and post it.

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From: Anthony Craig <feenix43@yahoo.com.au>  
Date: Sat, 7 Sep 2002 10:23:50 +1000 (EST)  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Disclosure Project

--- Jim Giglio <jgiglio2@polaris.umuc.edu> wrote: > On Sat, 7 Sep 2002, Anthony Craig wrote:

>  
> > I would like to hear a few opinions on the Disclosure Project.  
> > Do they have any real evidence?  
>  
> Here's something on one item of their evidence. You may recall  
> the May 9, 2001 PR event at the National Press Club. Some 20 or  
> so "witnesses" from inside the big bad conspiracies got up and  
> told their stories. One of them, a fellow named Mark McCandlish,  
> waved a photo around that supposedly showed a genuine UFO. I  
> almost dropped my teeth when I saw it; it's a well-known fake,  
> and has been known to be a fake for 34 years. It's the image  
> investigated by the Colorado project back in 1968  
> (www.ncas.org/condon/) and reported as Case 7. I leave it to the  
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From: TPrinty@aol.com  
Date: Fri, 6 Sep 2002 20:59:43 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Disclosure Project

Recent events seem to have destroyed the shooting of an alien near McGuire AFB. If I recall, Filer reported he was aware of the event. It seems that NIDS has exposed it as a "likely" hoax.

You can read about it at:

[http://www.nidsci.org/news/mcguire/mcguire\\_contents.html](http://www.nidsci.org/news/mcguire/mcguire_contents.html)

If this is the type of evidence being presented by Greer, then the disclosure project is in serious trouble. Of course, Greer's background and stories about signaling UFOs with bright lights is somewhat questionable. I think a lot of popular UFOlogist's cringe when they hear his name.

Tim Printy

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Date: Sat, 7 Sep 2002 13:08:03 +1000 (EST)  
Subject: [UFORL] Brighton, Eng. UFO film

Courtesy of The Anomalist:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/kent/news/200209/02/ufo.shtml>

I was able to view the clip with RealPlayer.

Though fairly indistinct, it makes for interesting viewing. The most distinct audio is one of the pilot's saying " ... I have never seen anything like that ..."

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Date: Sat, 7 Sep 2002 16:04:55 +0200  
Subject: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'  
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Excuse the low quality, but I suppose you would appreciate a photo of a bust of one of those aliens saw by Betty and Barney Hill. It appeared in the cover of SKYLOOK nº 80 (July, 1974). Designed by none other than Marjorie Fish herself.

Yours,  
Luis R. González Manso

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From: "Robert Buljevic" <skeptic@s1c.org>  
Date: Sat, 7 Sep 2002 21:17:33 +0200  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

Evolution is a scientific theory; why are you basically saying it's a belief system?

-----Original Message-----

From: Robinson, Larry [mailto:lrobins@indiana.edu]  
Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2002 9:09 AM  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

No. You simply do not teach either, since both are based upon mutually exclusive belief systems, neither of which can be proved.

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@ From: YoungBob2@aol.com [mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com]

@ Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2002 8:46 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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@ In a message dated 9/3/2002 7:18:51 PM Eastern Daylight Time,

@ lrobins@indiana.edu writes:

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@ << This means that

@ the schools cannot take sides on any religious question. >>

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@ Larry:

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@ But does it mean that the schools are required to include somebody's

@ religious dogma in the school curriculum, or include theological

@ debate?

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@ Bob Young

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
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Jim:

If he was asked to comment on the video, he just did. What did  
you expect him to say, just speculate?

Clear skies,  
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From: TPrinty@aol.com  
Date: Sat, 7 Sep 2002 22:37:58 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Brighton, Eng. UFO film

Hard to make heads or tails out of the video but it seems to be somewhat stationary as the copter appears to be circling it and flying by it. A balloon or one of larry's fireballoons? There was an instance of a helicopter crew chasing one of those down some time ago. I believe James wrote about it and I added the article that appeared in SI about the event. Again, hard to tell by the video. More information is needed.

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Date: Sun, 8 Sep 2002 14:59:57 +0200  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

I visit Albert Budden's website and remain unconvinced. I commented his last book in EJUFOAS and I still think he has NOT done his homework.

For instance, in his website he includes among his case histories the case for Mrs. Appleton. Unfortunately, I do not think he has been able to contact the witness (Jenny Randles lost her many years ago) so he can NOT ascertain if she was EM allergic and lived in a "hot spot". Can he?

Yours,

Luis R. González Manso

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Date: Sun, 8 Sep 2002 09:44:02 -0700

Subject: [UFORL] UFO Collection for Sale

Greetings,

I currently have an advertiser at my website that is selling his ufo collection. The collection consists of 3,000 video tapes and 1,000 audio tapes. For further details, please see:

<http://www.ufowatchdog.com/collection.html>

Thanks.

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III  
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@ of religious beliefs through education. As long as they don't  
advocate  
@ any other way of doing it.

@ ==JJS==

I disagree with you. Religion is a fundamental human right. Government  
should not have any say about it in any form. That's why the US  
Constitution prohibits government from either establishing a state  
religion  
or interfering with the free exercise of religion.

The US Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled that government cannot take  
any  
position on the following two questions:

- Is a given religious belief true or false?
- Is a given religious belief right or wrong?

It's none of government's business. And as a result, it's none of the  
public schools' business.

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Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

-----Original Message-----

From: Robinson, Larry [mailto:lrobin@indiana.edu]  
Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2002 11:11 AM  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

@ The Air Force had this many opportunities to photograph UFOs? Would  
@ you mind providing a source for this information?

Ruppelt, in a True magazine interview, and in his book "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects". I also heard it from my late uncle, who worked at Wright-Patterson AFB. He said that they had enough problems with those cameras that they rarely got fixes on planes with them.

Of course, most of those "UFOs" weren't. They got birds, and airplanes, and everything else, but they thought they were UFOs at the time. But they never once got concurrent photos from two or more Askanias of an initially unidentified object in the year they ran that project.

@ OK, folks, it's official: There is no proof of aliens sufficient to  
@ satisfy Larry Robinson of Indiana University. Like the sheep in the  
@ Serta commercials, let's move on.

I didn't say that there could be no proof. I just said that it would probably have to be better than trace evidence, since that could be so easily faked.

It would be so much easier if we didn't have pranksters faking UFO sightings and evidence.

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Subject: RE: [UFORL] Best Evidence

@ So you acknowledge the existence of the problem, that's step 1.

@ Step 2, are you not the least bit curious about what you saw?

I have a feeling that it was just an airplane or a satellite reflecting the sun. I am curious, but I don't think I will ever know exactly what it was. I certainly have no reason to believe that an alien spaceship was responsible. The object was a point source of light.

I am interested in some of the things that others see. Some of them are truly puzzling - and many of them are not.

As I said in that web page, I saw many of the same stimuli that others saw and reported as UFOs, including such cases as the Lubbock Lights, the Takeda photo, and others. I simultaneously saw the exact UFO that Frank Edwards saw, and identified that.

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Subject: RE: [UFORL] UFO Photos

No, not a Thermos (or any other vacuum bottle). But you are at least in one of the right ballparks.

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@ Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2002 7:11 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups. Com

@ Subject: [UFORL] UFO Photos

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@ Hi Larry;

@

@ Your fake UFO photo is very impressive. I think I've seen that object

@ before, does it have something to do with a Thermos?

@

@ I can only repeat what Marcello Truzzi said: "The existence

@ of wigs does not

@ preclude the existence of real hair."

@

@ Have you ever seen Richard Haines' work on the Vancouver, BC photo?

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@ In fact, have you ever submitted your photo to Richard

@ Haines? Might be

@ interesting to see his take on it.

@

@ ==JJS==

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@ PS: I owned a Digi-Comp II myself! But somehow I managed to put it

@ together wrong, and never got it to work. So I used the marbles for

@ something else.

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Subject: RE: [UFORL] Disclosure Project

When I first saw the Case 7 Provo UT photo, I recognized it as the top  
from a Santa Claus cookie jar I had at the time the photo was taken.

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@ Sent: Friday, September 06, 2002 6:22 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] Disclosure Project

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@ On Sat, 7 Sep 2002, Anthony Craig wrote:

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@ > I would like to hear a few opinions on the Disclosure Project.

@ > Do they have any real evidence?

@

@ Here's something on one item of their evidence. You may recall  
@ the May 9, 2001 PR event at the National Press Club. Some 20 or  
@ so "witnesses" from inside the big bad conspiracies got up and  
@ told their stories. One of them, a fellow named Mark McCandlish,  
@ waved a photo around that supposedly showed a genuine UFO. I  
@ almost dropped my teeth when I saw it; it's a well-known fake,  
@ and has been known to be a fake for 34 years. It's the image  
@ investigated by the Colorado project back in 1968  
@ ([www.ncas.org/condon/](http://www.ncas.org/condon/)) and reported as Case 7. I leave it to the  
@ reader to enjoy the story of how the faking was uncovered.

@

@ For some reason the image was not reproduced in the report. But  
@ in 1995, Roy Craig, the primary investigator of the image, told  
@ the story in his memoir of the project, and reproduced a  
@ black-and-white version of one of the two original color slides.  
@ I contacted Dr. Craig by e-mail and requested that he allow me to  
@ borrow the image for scanning, and for eventual inclusion with  
@ the on-line report. He generously assented, and the image is  
@ currently stored at this URL:

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@ polaris.umuc.edu/~jgiglio2/major-y/  
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@ In pondering this little goof-up, consider that Steven Greer, the  
@ head of the Disclosure Project, claims to be briefing people at  
@ the highest levels of government on matters of absolutely vital  
@ importance to the future of humanity; if he were taken seriously,  
@ his assertions would have earth-shaking consequences in all  
@ aspects of human existence. Given all that, you'd think he'd be a  
@ bit more careful in vetting his "witnesses."  
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@ I have more, BTW; I'll dig around a bit and post it.  
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From: TPrinty@aol.com [mailto:TPrinty@aol.com]  
Sent: Saturday, September 07, 2002 7:46 PM Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

>>"If there's a way to get an exact quote, I'll try to find it."

>BTW its Hibbs and not Hibbler. Night siege briefly discusses him and states he had no explanation. Nothing about stating there was structure.

Gawd! I thought long and hard about that last name, and wondered if I might be getting it mixed up with a famous recording artist....I really did!

>>I was even more flabbergasted to hear him say that "That's all I as a scientist can say about it."

>What would you expect him to say?

"That's all I can say about it for now, but you can rest assured I'm going to look further into this spate of sightings, and try to get to the bottom of this, in the interest of science."

>>Here he is presented with a video of what he feels is a structured object, which correlates with an object reported by thousands and photographed by at least one other person, and he says that's all he can say as a scientist. I believe that as a scientist, he should get off his fat bum and HELP US figure out what these things are.

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Of COURSE not!

>It was only a bunch of lights in a circle against a dark sky.



Which SHOULDN'T BE THERE.

>Nothing more and as a result, he could not draw anything conclusive about it.

Absolutely, and he was correct not to. But then he dropped it like it was beneath him or something, and probably went on to study some spot in a nebula 8 billion light years away...

I'm NOT criticizing him for not coming forth and stating something specious like, "it was therefore a spaceship." I'm simply saying that I feel we have made our case to science, and science is saying, "OK, so we don't know what they are. Now go away and leave us alone."

>>If it is left to us laypeople to fill in this vacuum, then science has no one to blame but itself for the lack of scientific rigor and the subsequent encroachment of superstition.

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Apples and oranges. Astronomy is perhaps the oldest science, ufology a young proto-science (at its VERY best). It certainly would help if the "professionals" would promulgate some form of protocol for study of the problem, and then if (by some miracle) we conduct ourselves according to said protocol and come up with something interesting, give our data the thorough review it deserves.

In a previous post, you made a cursory list of data points you would like to see in connection with a photographic case. In one sense that's very helpful to us, as long as you are willing to stick to your word and consider any case that meets those standards. But the problem is, we've been down this road before. As I stated, Robert Sheaffer once told me that he would seriously consider any case that involved "multiple independent photographs of the same anomalous object." I consider the Hudson Valley case to fit that particular criterion. But now, I am told we have to prove that the photograph and the video are of the same object, AND provide all manner of telemetry to go along with it - measurements which Larry Robinson implies was next-to-impossible for the \_USAF\_ to obtain. The target has apparently moved once again. My question: Assuming that the resources of armchair Ufology are extremely limited, AT WHAT POINT DOES REAL SCIENCE TAKE OVER?

==JJS==

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Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com [mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com]  
Sent: Saturday, September 07, 2002 5:55 PM  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

In a message dated 9/7/2002 7:46:14 PM Eastern Daylight Time,  
jimspeiser@yahoo.com writes:

<< But there he was, looking at both of the Pozzuoli's video segments, and saying that one definitely seemed to be of separate objects, and the other did not. I was even more flabbergasted to hear him say that "That's all I as a scientist can say about it."

This is what makes my blood boil. Here he is presented with a video of what he feels is a structured object, which correlates with an object reported by thousands and photographed by at least one other person, and he says that's all he can say as a scientist. >>

Jim:

If he was asked to comment on the video, he just did. What did you expect him to say, just speculate?

Clear skies,  
Bob Young

Bob:

See my previous to Tim. At least some kind of acknowledgement that ufology may have scored a hit. Or a list of other information he'd like to see. At best, a commitment to perform further investigation of the case himself. At the most miraculous and too-much-to hope-for, an acknowledgement that "perhaps Phil Klass may have been a bit premature in labelling this case solved."

==JJS==

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From: Robinson, Larry [mailto:lrobins@indiana.edu]  
Sent: Monday, September 09, 2002 10:39 AM  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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From: Jim Speiser [mailto:jimspeiser@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2002 2:42 PM  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

@ Larry:

@ Since when is science a "belief system"? I mean, outside of the "belief"

@ (based on experience) that the scientific method generally works?

@ ==JJS==

@ "That evolution has occurred is a FACT, as demonstrable as the heliocentric

@ theory of the solar system."

@ --Gould

>I'm not from Missouri, but I've been there. So show me anyway.

By the way, I've been told that no one knows the origin of, or reason for, Missouri being the "Show-Me State."

Please see:

<http://www.talkorigins.org/origins/faqs-qa.html>

>We don't believe in the Geocentric theory of the Solar System. So why do

we  
still say that the sun rises?

You're kidding, I assume.

>Science itself is not a "belief system", except for one little clause in the scientific method. That clause is the assumption that no action by any deity can change the outcome of an experiment. That assumption means that science can never conclude that a deity acted, even if that were actually the case.

I am not aware of this clause, at least not as you stated it. Perhaps you mean something like this:

The universe may have both a natural and a supernatural component. Science is equipped only to study the natural component, and so the interpretation of any phenomenon should not reference the supernatural. This does not obviate the possibility of a supernatural component, it merely acknowledges that such a component is beyond direct observation, and therefore lies outside the solution set for science. I see nothing wrong with this clause.

>The belief system in the Evolution debate is in the many ASSUMPTIONS made by those who say that Evolution is a fact, including the assumption that no deity acted. Prove that these assumptions are false, and you prove Evolution as the origin of species to be false. Right now, we have no proof either way.

>Situational evolution through natural selection is a proven fact.

"Situational evolution"? I've not heard that term. Please explain. And, please explain how it is a "proven fact," given that you do not accept the assumption that no deities are involved.

What is not proven is Evolution as the origin of all species, because they have not proven that NOTHING ELSE HAPPENED. They assume it. Random chance is the null hypothesis, and in order to prove the null hypothesis true, you have to rule out ALL other possibilities - not just the ones the scientists happened to think of.

I thought the null hypothesis was the one you didn't have to prove, only disprove with a single counter example. (Forgive me if that's wrong, I'm no

scientist.)

>It's a situation similar to the bad argument that, because it wasn't a bird,  
and it wasn't a plane, it has to be Superman (an alien, remember?). In order  
to prove the presence of an alien by the process of elimination, you would  
have to prove that NOTHING else was possible except the alien. And that  
"nothing else" includes a lot of things the UFO investigator didn't think of.

>Like I said, these are assumptions. We have no real proof that they are true.

No science, including kinesiology - whatever the hell that is - could proceed without assumptions. Should we teach no science at all in school?

>We don't have any proof that they are false either. Evolution represents the  
theory with the highest correlation to the observed data. But correlation does  
not imply causality.

I beg to differ, it implies it, it just doesn't prove it.  
In any case, that's as far as Science can ever go, is demonstrate correlations and draw conclusions therefrom - and conclusions in Science are ALWAYS tentative. This tentativity should not be a barrier to making statements such as, "Evolution is by far the most likely cause of biodiversity."

==JJS==

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From: Robinson, Larry [mailto:lrobins@indiana.edu]  
Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2002 11:11 AM  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

@ The Air Force had this many opportunities to photograph UFOs? Would  
@ you mind providing a source for this information?

>Ruppelt, in a True magazine interview, and in his book "The Report on  
Unidentified Flying Objects". I also heard it from my late uncle, who  
worked at Wright-Patterson AFB. He said that they had enough problems  
with those cameras that they rarely got fixes on planes with them.

Thanks for the reference.

@ OK, folks, it's official: There is no proof of aliens sufficient to  
@ satisfy Larry Robinson of Indiana University. Like the sheep in the  
@ Serta commercials, let's move on.

>I didn't say that there could be no proof. I just said that it would  
probably have to be better than trace evidence, since that could be so  
easily faked.

It happens that I am working on a case with trace evidence that could be  
faked only with the most monumental, sustained, concerted effort. If my



data holds up, I will simply not countenance any charges of "hoax." Maccabee's Law: The hoax hypothesis is non-disprovable. At some point you HAVE to admit it's less likely even than the ETH.

>It would be so much easier if we didn't have pranksters faking UFO sightings and evidence.

Actually only about 2% of reports. This from Phil Klass himself.

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From: Frits Westra <fwestra@hetnet.nl>  
Date: Tue, 10 Sep 2002 20:31:30 +0200  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

Mr. Gonzalez,

I've taken the freedom of forwarding your message to Albert Budden himself, who is not subscribed to the UFORL list. Below is Budden's reply.

Regards,  
Frits Westra

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Dear G.Manso,

I have read many accounts of the experiences of Cynthis Appleton in such specialised literature as FSR and published books. The aspects described about her experiences are centrally typical of all of the cases that are identified as being due to EH and hot spot activity. Anyway, there is no other sets of causative parameters other than the EMPA. Are you suggesting that there are two alien contact phenomena, one caused by EM pollution and another caused by aliens? Your trouble is that you are wedded to the absurd and redundant ETH.

Albert Budden  
Sept 10, 2002

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On 8th September 2002, UFORL@yahoogroups.com wrote:

>Date: Sun, 8 Sep 2002 14:59:57 +0200  
>From: "Luis R. Gonzalez" <lrgm@arrakis.es>  
>Subject: Re: The Birth of the 'Greys'

>I visit Albert Budden's website and remain unconvinced. I  
>commented his last book in EJUFOAS and I still think he has  
>NOT done his homework.

>For instance, in his website he includes among his case  
>histories the case for Mrs. Appleton. Unfortunately, I do not  
>think he has been able to contact the witness (Jenny Randles  
>lost her many years ago) so he can NOT ascertain if she was  
>EM allergic and lived in a "hot spot". Can he?

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Is he supposed to accept one video tape as concrete evidence?&nbsp; This is why I feel that UFOlogy needs to present video/photographs of the object at the same time from two different places. I also must add that lights against a dark sky really don't help in this matter. Conditions must be established that show necessary information so the photographic locations can be established (i.e trees and landmarks in the images).&nbsp; These videos/photographs also should show an actual physical object and not some distant smudge/group of lights/solitary light.&nbsp; It has to be convincing!&nbsp; Failure to present such convincing evidence is going to keep UFOlogy mired in the mud for many more years.&nbsp; It is up to UFOlogists to obtain such data and do this through thorough and established methods.<BR><BR>

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UFOlogy really wants from science is simple.&nbsp; It wants money/funding from the government or somebody else.&nbsp; Yet, they squander their funds or chasing MJ-12 and other fantasies.&nbsp; <BR>

<BR>

You were earlier lamenting about the events in the forest where Travis Walton had his encounter.&nbsp; Why weren't UFO groups monitoring the area and doing real science?&nbsp; Instead we have the unsubstantiated word of one of the primary participants stating something odd was happening about the growths in the forest.&nbsp; If it was actually happening, why weren't the scientists associated with UFOlogy (i.e Maccabee, Hynek, etc) monitoring this situation?&nbsp;&nbsp; Is this how science is done by UFOlogists? If so, they have a long way to go to establishing the phenomena in order to get other scientists involved. <BR>

<BR>

Again, I have not heard of many UFO studies being presented in journals that inspire experts in their particular fields to take an active interest in studying the phenomena.&nbsp; Until this begins to happen, UFOlogy needs to look in the mirror for blame of why scientists are not particularly interested.<BR>

<BR>

Tim Printy</FONT>

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From: "Luis R. Gonzalez" <lrgm@arrakis.es>  
Date: Tue, 10 Sep 2002 22:02:46 +0200  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

Mr. Budden strikes again!

I can not understand why he thinks that I believe in the ETH. Absolutely wrong!

I hope his deductive skills are better when talking about EM pollution.

I have never believed in the ETH. I have always considered it a wrong theory. I sincerely believe that abductions (and UFOS) are only a psychological phenomena, with iatrogenic components, and maybe, maybe, EM components.

But Mr. Budden has to understand that he gives himself a bad methodological image, when he offers as an example of his theory a case he can not ascertain was due to EM allergy.

For the benefit of the readers, I enclose the review of his latest book which appeared in EJUFOAS. I am still waiting for real data.

Luis R. González Manso

ELECTRIC UFOS por Albert Budden

Blandford, Londres 1998. ISBN: 0 7137 2730 6 (Tapa dura) 0 7137 2685 7 (Rústica)

Review by Luis R. González Manso. Abril 1999.

For several years, Albert Budden has championed (almost) alone a very peculiar explanation for the UFO Phenomena (more precisely, about abductions) which, turning down the ETH, tries also to avoid such a strong scepticism as considering them hoaxes. His hypothesis: abductions will be due to an allergic reaction by the witnesses to electromagnetic fields.

More precisely, he proposes that abductees, after suffering during their formative years a "major electrical event" (lightning strike proximity, major electrocution, etc.) become hypersensible to environmental electromagnetic fields (natural or -specially- artificial: pylons, radio transmitter, etc.) so as, if they live in an electromagnetic "hot spot" where several fields overlap, they can reach a threshold, a load phenomenon that precipitates hallucinatory states, which are interpreted within an alien cultural context.

The idea itself has considerable appeal (specially among sceptics, who would not need to resort so much to hoaxes) and Budden has been able to answer some of the simpler criticisms. For instance, those incidents happening in rural areas or before the present time would be caused by natural electromagnetic fields around faults, etc. Unfortunately, as it is usually

the case, maybe he tries to explain too much, when he applies the same mechanism to "haunted houses" or "poltergeists", or when he says that the witnesses themselves become electromagnetic broadcasters.

His methodology presents a different problem. When the investigator visits the house of the witness with his electromagnetic detector, never fails to find what he is looking for. When he interviews the witness following a specially-designed questionnaire, answers are seldom negative. The failure arises when nobody comments negative results with those same detectors in the houses of their neighbours, or when the questionnaire does not contains neutral questions or questions that should be answered in negative. Besides, the author (whose wife is, precisely, one victim of such "electromagnetic allergies" and he himself suffered a major electrical incident in his infancy) resorts to dubious and non-proved Holistic Medicine techniques to verify his hypothesis, enlists strange experiments based "on the secret works of Nikola Tesla" to demonstrate the electromagnetic levitation of non-ferrous materials (always outside the camera), or goes through all the medical vademecun looking for an electromagnetic explanation for a symptom, whose cause could be much more simpler.

All this leads him to suspect a terrible "cover-up" by the scientific establishment in order to prevent the bankruptcy of the telecommunication and energy industrial complex. Somewhere along this way a good idea full of promises to explain part of this many-sided phenomena has slipped again. I will recommend a careful lecture of this book in order to design experiments which could help us to determine how much truth is in it.

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Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

I'm simply saying that I feel we have made our case to science, and science is saying, "OK, so we don't know what they are. Now go away and leave us alone."

Far from it. Could this UFO video been faked? Maybe or maybe not (I am not saying it is). To say that one video is making a case for science is not really saying much. What if he had been shown the video of the UFO in Mexico City in 1997? This is supposedly proven to be a hoax but it does show a structured craft. This is why there needs to be something more convincing to make a case to science. This is why am stating the photographs/videos have to be made from two different locations at the same time. Not only does it make it difficult to hoax, it makes it easier to determine what it was.

"Astronomy is perhaps the oldest science, ufology a young proto-science (at its VERY best). It certainly would help if the "professionals" would promulgate some form of protocol for study of the problem, and then if (by some miracle) we conduct ourselves according to said protocol and come up with something interesting, give our data the thorough review it deserves."

What is wrong with the scientists already involved establishing such leadership? Failure of them to lead demonstrates they aren't very good scientists because they allow standards to drop.

"In one sense that's very helpful to us, as long as you are willing to stick to your word and consider any case that meets those standards. But the problem is, we've been down this road before. As I stated, Robert Sheaffer once told me that he would seriously consider any case that involved "multiple independent photographs of the same anomalous object." I consider the Hudson Valley case to fit that particular criterion. But now, I am told we have to prove that the photograph and the video are of the same object, AND provide all manner of telemetry to go along with it - measurements which Larry Robinson implies was next-to-impossible for the \_USAF\_ to obtain."

As for the USAF, I am not sure exactly what results were obtained since we are left with less than specific information by Ruppelt. However, in all the classic UFO cases, using the standards I originally stated would strengthen the case in question. Look at my original posts. You want to "sledge hammer" the Hudson case into the criteria that I set. It does not meet such criteria but somehow you want to think it does. If the criteria were met, then the telemetry would be a piece of cake. On 4 Sept I originally stated:

"Let's try multiple videos/photographs of the same object at the same time from different locations that show something other than a light in the sky or

something at the limits of resolution for the recording device. This would have to be supported by eyewitness testimony all suggesting the same thing."

Actually, I now have to add that there needs to be some form of landmark in these images to establish the locations of the photographer/videographer. This is just a clarification on my original post. If you think this is moving the goal posts on you, well, then you didn't understand why I wanted these conditions. The idea is that the two or more photographs/videos under such conditions would strengthen the case.

"The target has apparently moved once again."

No it hasn't. You just don't have a case that meets the original target. Moaning about isn't going to make it better.

"My question: Assuming that the resources of armchair Ufology are extremely limited, AT WHAT POINT DOES REAL SCIENCE TAKE OVER?"

When UFOlogy gets its act together and decides to really dedicate these resources to scientific studies of the phenomena. For instance, why weren't efforts expended to station observers in locations to obtain triangulation photographs of the Hudson Valley UFOs once it was established that something was happening? If it were amateur astronomers (I draw on the past experience of the "aries flasher" back in the 1980s), somebody would have taken charge and would have established some form of network manned by volunteers. How many "armchair" Ufologists (for that matter leaders in the UFO community) are willing to do so? Perhaps UFOlogy needs to get it's supporters out of the armchairs and into the field more. As I continue to state, UFOlogy's failure is it's belief that all of this collection of anecdotal reports and solitary videos/photos is going to get the job done in making a case. Failure to go beyond this is why scientists aren't really interested.

Tim Printy

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Tue, 10 Sep 2002 23:17:26 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

In a message dated 9/5/2002 8:05:29 PM Eastern Daylight Time, jimspeiser@yahoo.com writes:

<< We have an ultralight flying club here in Phoenix as well, whom some suspect of being the culprits in the Phoenix Lights cases. I saw them myself one Halloween, when they were reportedly buzzing Tempe, about 5 miles south of us. On a hunch, I dragged my wife, who has one UFO sighting to her credit, outside to view them. I asked her, "Does that look anything like what you saw?"

"No," she said, "nothing like it. Those look like planes in formation to me. >>

Jim:

But she already knew that.

I doubt that ultralights are the cause of all of the Hudson Valley sightings, but once people start looking for UFOs, they see them. Stewart Air Force Base was going full blast back then with C5As and lots of other stuff supporting Fort Drum New York, etc. This pilot described to me how they began with dusk flying and after they were reported as UFOs, started to try some deliberate hoaxing.

He said they first tried to coordinate the turning on and off spots they carried with walkie talkies, but soon realized this was hard to do. It turned out to just look better without this: the leader would turn his light out first, then most everybody else, and then there always was somebody who turned off the light last. This resulted in a very neat saucer "zooming" away into space. He said if you want to see a hovering UFO, you ought to see us in a great big circle suddenly turning on our spots. Then he roared with laughter.

They finally stopped because they feared they might be blamed for traffic accidents because thousands were stopping during rush hour to look at their hijinks. This lasted for several years.

I have personally seen such a formation here at Harrisburg and although after looking at it from a distance in twilight I saw stars moving through the formation so knew it was separate planes, but couldn't hear anything. Later after meeting the pilot he confirmed that there was a ultra light flying club operating out of a small local field. I had also

investigated another such case a couple years before which had puzzled me although I had concluded at the time that it possibly was geese illuminated by streetlights. He confirmed that it probably was his club.

Some facts about ultra-light aircraft in the US:

1. They fly at less than 63 miles per hour. This is true airspeed, plus or minus the wind speed. Sometimes they appear to be (and are almost) "hovering".
2. The pilots and airplanes, many of which are homemade, are unlicensed, although they must fly under FAA rules.
3. The planes are too small and fly too slowly to show up on radar displays.
4. Since they usually fly from and return to the same small strip, they rarely, if ever, file flight plans, but fly under Visual Flight Rules.
5. They usually operate from small, sometimes isolated, rural grass strips, and not from airports.
6. They have lights for twilight flight, but are not supposed to fly at night.
7. Unless one is very close, or downwind, motor noises are often not heard. When they are, they sound like a little buzzing lawn-mower motor, which is about what they amount to

Clear skies,  
Bob Young

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Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

In a message dated 9/11/2002 1:18:04 PM Eastern Daylight Time,  
TPrinty@aol.com writes:

<< You were earlier lamenting about the events in the forest where Travis  
Walton  
had his encounter. Why weren't UFO groups monitoring the area and doing  
real  
science? Instead we have the unsubstantiated word of one of the primary  
participants stating something odd was happening about the growths in the  
forest. If it was actually happening, why weren't the scientists associated  
with UFOlogy (i.e Maccabee, Hynek, etc) monitoring this situation? Is this  
how science is done by UFOlogists? If so, they have a long way to go to  
establishing the phenomena in order to get other scientists involved.  
>>

Tim:

And when they tried to use a lie detector, they kept the negative  
results secret.

Bob Young

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Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

This country was founded on the rights of individuals, not the "public good". We fought the Revolutionary War to get rid of this imagined "public good".

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From: Jim Speiser [mailto:jimspeiser@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Monday, September 09, 2002 8:04 PM  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

@ Larry:

@ Where this policy conflicts with the public good, I  
@ (and in certain instances, I believe, the Supreme Court)  
@ am inclined to staunchly disagree. For example, I  
@ believe the courts have held that government has the  
@ right to interfere in a situation where medical care is  
@ being withheld from a child on religious grounds.

That argument is based on the belief that there is no afterlife.

IF there is no afterlife, THEN your argument makes sense.  
But if there is an afterlife, and your action to require this medical care violates a condition for entering it, then your action is much more harmful to the child in the long run.

And there is absolutely no direct evidence either way.

@ Obviously strict, unbending interpretation of this  
@ policy, if applied across the board, can have a  
@ deleterious effect on society. I don't think the  
@ government would stand idly by if a religion were to  
@ practice virgin sacrifice.

OK, are there any religions that actually practice virgin sacrifice? If not, you have chosen a ridiculous case. If so, are the virgins willing participants.

The test of what should be allowed and what should not be allowed should be:

1. Nobody (including government) has the right force you to obey a religion.
2. Nobody (including government) has the right to make you do anything your religion forbids you to do.
3. Nobody (including government) has the right to keep you from doing things your religion requires you to do, unless doing those things forces someone else to obey your religion.
4. Telling people about your religion is not forcing them to obey it.

@ So the next question becomes: does the elimination of @ origins theory from the school curriculum have a @ deleterious effect on society?

Now I ask: Why is "society" more important than the individual? This seems to be some form of socialism.

@ I would argue that it most certainly does.

I would say that it is trivial. Especially since it is not only not a proven theory, it is not even a real theory. A real theory must be testable against a null hypothesis. In the case of Evolution, it IS the null hypothesis.

So stop saying that it is proven, and stop calling it a theory, since it is not testable against random chance.

@ As I have stated here before, the paucity of science @ education in America is alarming enough already. It can @ be argued that our nation's very survival depends @ largely on what - and how - we teach our kids about @ science, since all future scientists - people who create @ national progress - are drawn from the pool of high @ school graduates.

And teaching the false belief that Evolution is true, or that Evolution is a theory, promotes real science????

@ If this nation were to suddenly find itself with a @ graduating class that did not know how old the earth @ is, because we were "afraid" to encroach on the @ hallowed ground of religion, our chances for survival

@ in a progressive 21st century would be virtually nil.

Come on! How does the age of the earth have anything to do with survival?

Progressive? Here come the liberals again, forcing their beliefs in "political correctness" upon everyone else. Something is labeled "progressive" if it agrees with the liberal standard of behavior.

What does the observed age of the earth have to do with whether or not Evolution is the correct theory?

How certain are we that the age of the earth is what the scientists say it is, since this is also dependent on a large number of assumptions.

@ Freedom of religion is a constitutional right, but like @ all such rights, must be balanced against the greater @ good, on a fulcrum of common sense.

But WHO decides what common sense is? Liberals? Vegetarians? Keynesian economists? The President? Or do we vote on it, and take away the rights of those who disagree with the majority?

Fundamental rights are fundamental rights. They should not be open for liberals and politicians to pick away at to satisfy their selfish ends.

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@ From: Jim Speiser [mailto:jimspeiser@yahoo.com]

@ Sent: Monday, September 09, 2002 9:23 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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@ >We don't believe in the Geocentric theory of the Solar  
@ System. So why do we still say that the sun rises?

@

@ You're kidding, I assume.

Stimulating thought. This kind of argument was used to "prove" that the Bible taught the geocentric theory.

@ >Science itself is not a "belief system", except for one  
@ little clause in the scientific method. That clause is the  
@ assumption that no action by any deity can change the outcome  
@ of an experiment. That assumption means that science can never  
@ conclude that a deity acted, even if that were actually the  
@ case.

@

@ I am not aware of this clause, at least not as you stated it.

@ Perhaps you mean something like this:

@ The universe may have both a natural and a supernatural  
@ component. Science is equipped only to study the natural  
@ component, and so the interpretation of any phenomenon should  
@ not reference the supernatural.

@ This does not obviate the possibility of a supernatural  
@ component, it merely acknowledges that such a component is  
@ beyond direct observation, and therefore lies outside the  
@ solution set for science. I see nothing wrong with this clause.

There is nothing wrong with the clause itself. But it means that

science can never decide between an Evolutionary origin of life and an origin of life orchestrated by a deity.

Meaning that neither theory has standing over the other.

@ >The belief system in the Evolution debate is in the many ASSUMPTIONS made by those who say that Evolution is a fact, including the assumption that no deity acted. Prove that these assumptions are false, and you prove Evolution as the origin of species to be false. Right now, we have no proof either way.

@ >Situational evolution through natural selection is a proven fact.

@ "Situational evolution"? I've not heard that term. Please explain. And, please explain how it is a "proven fact," given that you do not accept the assumption that no deities are involved.

Situational evolution is where the most adapted to a change in the environment survive. I think that in the future, we may evolve an opossum that does not stop in the road to get smashed by the first car to come along.

@ >What is not proven is Evolution as the origin of all species, because they have not proven that NOTHING ELSE HAPPENED. They assume it. Random

@ chance is the null hypothesis, and in order to prove the null hypothesis true, you have to rule out ALL other possibilities - not just the ones the scientists happened to think of.

@ I thought the null hypothesis was the one you didn't have to prove, only disprove with a single counter example. (Forgive me if that's wrong, I'm no scientist.)

The null hypothesis can never be proven, because it is usually random chance. It must be disproved to prove something else. But the ONLY way to prove that the null hypothesis is the ONLY true possibility is to DISPROVE all other POSSIBLE theories.

That's the hard part.

Take aliens. Try to prove that space aliens do not exist. That is exactly the same kind of null-hypothesis case as proving Evolution to be true is. It requires an exhaustive search.

So the null hypothesis is assumed to be true until proven otherwise. But that does not make it true.

@ No science, including kinesiology - whatever the hell that is - could  
@ proceed without assumptions. Should we teach no science at  
@ all in school?

The assumptions must be based on something tangible. The problem with the assumptions used in Evolution is that there are assumptions that depend upon assumptions which are based on assumptions of other assumptions.

@ >We don't have any proof that they are false either.  
@ Evolution represents the  
@ theory with the highest correlation to the observed data. But  
@ correlation does not imply causality.  
@  
@ I beg to differ, it implies it, it just doesn't prove it.

I am using "imply" in the logician's argument sense. Correlation NEVER implies causality. It implies only that causality is not impossible.

@ In any case, that's as far as Science can ever go, is demonstrate  
@ correlations and draw conclusions therefrom - and conclusions  
@ in Science are  
@ ALWAYS tentative. This tentativity should not be a barrier to making  
@ statements such as, "Evolution is by far the most likely cause of  
@ biodiversity."

The above is the method of social science, not the method of physical science.

Physical science can NEVER draw a conclusion from a correlation, except that there "may be a causal connection".

This is the same mistake the environmentalists make all the time. They find a correlation, and go on WITHOUT ANY PROOF to say that one causes the other. Of course, this is because most environmental science programs are parts of social studies departments, not physical science departments.

The physical scientist must demonstrate causal connections through experiment, not speculation.

I remind people of the correlation between the disease rickets, and being in certain families. For years, the scientists believed that rickets was a hereditary disease. With the discovery of Vitamin D, it was shown that poverty, not rickets, was inherited.

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Sounds interesting.

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@ From: Robinson, Larry [mailto:lrobin@indiana.edu]

@ Sent: Monday, September 09, 2002 10:53 AM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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@ >I didn't say that there could be no proof. I just said that it would

@ probably have to be better than trace evidence, since that could be so

@ easily faked.

@

@ It happens that I am working on a case with trace evidence

@ that could be faked only with the most monumental, sustained,

@ concerted effort. If my data holds up, I will simply not countenance

@ any charges of "hoax." Maccabee's Law: The hoax hypothesis is

@ non-disprovable.

@ At some point you HAVE to admit it's less likely even than the ETH.

Like I said, show me.

I thought we had a good case a few years ago. A sample of silicon from Roswell was found with a supposed abnormal isotope ratio. I threw in a hypothesis that the sample came from the Trinity atomic test site.

It turned out to be a miscalibrated mass spectrometer. And my expertise in ICP-OES, EDP-OES, and ICP-MS led to the solution. I used to work for a geochemistry lab.

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@ Is he supposed to accept one video tape as concrete evidence? This is  
@ why I feel that UFOlogy needs to present video/photographs of the  
@ object at the same time from two different places. I also must add  
@ that lights against a dark sky really don't help in this matter.  
@ Conditions must be established that show necessary information so the  
@ photographic locations can be established (i.e. trees and landmarks in  
@ the images).

Even that is no good unless the videos are synched to each other in  
time.

Otherwise, you wouldn't know which frames to line up from one video to  
the other.

@ These videos/photographs also should show an actual physical object  
@ and not some distant smudge/group of lights/solitary light. It has  
@ to be convincing! Failure to present such convincing evidence is  
@ going to keep UFOlogy mired in the mud for many more years. It is up  
@ to UFOlogists to obtain such data and do this through thorough and  
@ established methods.

That's hard to do when UFO sightings are seemingly the result of random  
encounters.

The trouble is, with an elaborate stereovideo setup, by the time the  
witness gets the thing all put together, the UFO is gone.

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In message <20020910183019.2B9444DC0@mint.nl.gxn.net>, Frits Westra  
<fwestra@hetnet.nl> writes

>  
>Mr. Gonzalez,  
>  
>I've taken the freedom of forwarding your message to Albert Budden  
>himself, who is not subscribed to the UFORL list. Below is Budden's reply.  
>  
>Regards,  
>Frits Westra  
>  
>-- begin forwarded message -----  
>  
>Dear G.Manso,  
>  
>I have read many accounts of the experiences of Cynthis Appleton in such  
>specialised literature as FSR and published books. The aspects described  
>about her experiences are centrally typical of all of the cases that are  
>identified as being due to EH and hot spot activity. Anyway, there is no  
>other sets of causative parameters other than the EMPA. Are you  
>suggesting that there are two alien contact phenomena, one caused by EM  
>pollution and another caused by aliens? Your trouble is that you are  
>wedded to the absurd and redundant ETH.

The problem with Albert Budden's "theories" is that absolutely everyone  
and everywhere meets all the parameters all the time, and that he seems  
to think that the only alternative to his ideas are a particularly  
primitive form of the ETH.

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Wed, 11 Sep 2002 23:11:40 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

Hi Larry, Jim:

In a message dated 9/11/2002 9:19:50 PM Eastern Daylight Time, lrobins@indiana.edu writes:

<< 2. Nobody (including government) has the right to make you do anything your religion forbids you to do.

3. Nobody (including government) has the right to keep you from doing things your religion requires you to do, unless doing those things forces someone else to obey your religion.>

Like child sacrifice as practiced by some sects who deny medical care to infants?

<4. Telling people about your religion is not forcing them to obey it.>

True, as long as others are not forced to sit and listen to on taxpayer's time.

< And teaching the false belief that Evolution is true, or that Evolution is a theory, promotes real science?????>

It's the chief organizing principal of modern biology and other related disciplines. Isn't it absurd not to teach it because it conflicts with some religious dogmas? Public schools are not sunday schools. If people want their kids to be uniformed and unprepared, let them send them to their own [privately paid for] "sunday schools".

< What does the observed age of the earth have to do with whether or not Evolution is the correct theory?>

Most Creationists claim that it couldn't happen in 6-10,000 years. Several Eons could give Evolution time to - well, Evolute.

< How certain are we that the age of the earth is what the scientists say it is, since this is also dependent on a large number of assumptions.>>

I'm not sure, I've not read the literature on the age tests, but I assume that error bars were given.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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You were earlier lamenting about the events in the forest where Travis  
<BR>Walton <BR>had his encounter.&nbsp;  Why weren't UFO groups monitoring  
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area and doing <BR>real <BR>science?&nbsp;  Instead we have the unsubstantiated  
word of one of the primary <BR>participants stating something odd was  
happening about the growths in the <BR>forest.&nbsp;  If it was actually  
happening, why weren't the scientists associated <BR>with UFOlogy (i.e  
Maccabee, Hynek, etc) monitoring this situation?&nbsp; &nbsp;  Is this <BR>how  
science is done by UFOlogists? If so, they have a long way to go to  
<BR>establishing the phenomena in order to get other scientists involved.  
<BR>&nbsp;  &gt;&gt;&gt;<BR><BR>Tim:<BR><BR>And when they tried to use a lie  
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From: "Jim Speiser" <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>  
Date: Thu, 12 Sep 2002 01:30:17 -0700  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

Moderator: Say the word and we'll take this elsewhere. But I'll take your silence as an indication of permission (and interest).

-----Original Message-----

From: Robinson, Larry [mailto:lrobins@indiana.edu]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2002 1:31 PM  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

>This country was founded on the rights of individuals, not the  
>"public good". We fought the Revolutionary War to get rid of this  
>imagined "public good".

If there is no "public good" then explain why governments exist at all, and why 100% of humanity lives under some form of government. And yes, I count the securing of individual freedoms as part of the public good.

@ Larry:

@ Where this policy conflicts with the public good, I  
@ (and in certain instances, I believe, the Supreme Court)  
@ am inclined to staunchly disagree. For example, I  
@ believe the courts have held that government has the  
@ right to interfere in a situation where medical care is  
@ being withheld from a child on religious grounds.

>That argument is based on the belief that there is no  
>afterlife.

>IF there is no afterlife, THEN your argument makes sense.  
>But if there is an afterlife, and your action to require  
>this medical care violates a condition for entering it,  
>then your action is much more harmful to the child in the  
>long run.

You don't see the fallacy in this argument, Larry? Hint: Today is Sept. 11th. There is one very large religion whose afterlife rewards the horizontal introduction of jet aircraft into heavily populated tall structures. Should we abandon the war on terrorism for fear of depriving future muslims of their happily-ever-after? NOW who's the liberal?

>And there is absolutely no direct evidence either way.

Exactly. There is no direct evidence either way. In the absence of that evidence, society must choose. Hopefully, it chooses based on common sense. And common sense says, "We don't know if there's an afterlife. We DO know

there is a this-life. And in this life, children should be spared suffering."

@ Obviously strict, unbending interpretation of this  
@ policy, if applied across the board, can have a  
@ deleterious effect on society. I don't think the  
@ government would stand idly by if a religion were to  
@ practice virgin sacrifice.

>OK, are there any religions that actually practice virgin  
>sacrifice? If not, you have chosen a ridiculous case. If  
>so, are the virgins willing participants.

There are religions that practice animal sacrifice - e.g. Santeria. The animals are certainly not willing participants. I believe the practice has been banned, and if not, should be. The point is, I could invent a religion tomorrow in which it is perfectly OK - encouraged, in fact - for adults to copulate with children. In fact I believe even this has happened. You say I've invented a ridiculous case, I say we are talking about a situation in which it is much too easy for ridiculous cases to become reality, especially if you rely on the caveat, "There's no direct evidence either way."

>The test of what should be allowed and what should not  
>be allowed should be:

>1. Nobody (including government) has the right force you  
>to obey a religion.

Agreed.

>2. Nobody (including government) has the right to make  
>you do anything your religion forbids you to do.

Oh, goody! There is now established a religion called Speiserism, which forbids the paying of taxes. This precept was revealed to me by a deity named "Irving." (Hey, you can't prove it wasn't!) Anyone wishing to join, please send your TAX-FREE donation of \$100 to...

>3. Nobody (including government) has the right to keep  
>you from doing things your religion requires you to do,  
>unless doing those things forces someone else to obey  
>your religion.

Great...cuz I just had another visit from Irving, who said the afterlife requires that I dance naked in one of that other deity's churches, and piss in their wine chalice. That toll-free number again, 1-800-555-2368....



>4. Telling people about your religion is not forcing  
>them to obey it.

Oh, Irving is gonna LOVE this....

@ So the next question becomes: does the elimination of  
@ origins theory from the school curriculum have a  
@ deleterious effect on society?

>Now I ask: Why is "society" more important than the  
>individual? This seems to be some form of socialism.

The needs of the individual must be balanced against the needs of society, which is a collection of individuals. The Bill of Rights granted individual freedoms to all persons collectively, so there is nothing wrong with determining individual needs on a collective basis.

@ I would argue that it most certainly does.

>I would say that it is trivial. Especially since it is not  
>only not a proven theory, it is not even a real theory. A  
>real theory must be testable against a null hypothesis.  
>In the case of Evolution, it IS the null hypothesis.

Whale shit. The null hypothesis would be, Evolution did not occur. And yes, it's a real theory, as defined by the National Academy of Sciences: "a well-substantiated explanation of some aspect of the natural world that can incorporate facts, laws, inferences, and tested hypotheses."

>So stop saying that it is proven, and stop calling it a  
>theory, since it is not testable against random chance.

Again, the NAS: "[A fact is] an observation that has been repeatedly confirmed and for all practical purposes is accepted as 'true.'" The fossil record and abundant other evidence testify that organisms have evolved through time. Although no one observed those transformations, the indirect evidence is clear, unambiguous and compelling. -- John Rennie, Scientific American, July, 2002. (By the way, is this the article you were referring to?)

@ As I have stated here before, the paucity of science  
@ education in America is alarming enough already. It can  
@ be argued that our nation's very survival depends  
@ largely on what - and how - we teach our kids about  
@ science, since all future scientists - people who create  
@ national progress - are drawn from the pool of high  
@ school graduates.

>And teaching the false belief that Evolution is true, or  
>that Evolution is a theory, promotes real science?????

According to an overwhelming majority of scientists, who seem to be fairly well versed in "real science," yes. And Irving agrees.

@ If this nation were to suddenly find itself with a  
@ graduating class that did not know how old the earth  
@ is, because we were "afraid" to encroach on the  
@ hallowed ground of religion, our chances for survival  
@ in a progressive 21st century would be virtually nil.

>Come on! How does the age of the earth have anything to do  
>with survival?

Try this little experiment at home, Larry.

- 1) Start a country.
- 2) Set up institutions of higher learning.
- 3) Withhold from your students the knowledge of the age of the earth or any clue of how we got here. This of course means no teaching of biology or other life sciences; no radiometric dating, etc. While you're at it, withhold any and all teaching that might conflict with the teachings of some religion somewhere.
- 4) Try to compete in the global marketplace.
- 5) Discuss your results.

>Progressive? Here come the liberals again, forcing their  
>beliefs in "political correctness" upon everyone else.  
>Something is labeled "progressive" if it agrees with the  
>liberal standard of behavior.

I am not a liberal. I am a common-sense moderate. I supported McCain. I eschew political correctness in almost any and all forms. I'm still seething that they started naming hurricanes after men. (It's not a "his-icane!") "Progressive" to me means anything that progresses the human race towards ultimate knowledge. I could discuss that term in length, but this is not the forum. Suffice it to say that it is what I consider the goal of mankind, the knowledge to fix as many problems as are fixable.

>What does the observed age of the earth have to do with  
>whether or not Evolution is the correct theory?

Actually, I believe I used the term Origins Theory. You were the one who started on Evolution. The age of the earth would be dated from it's origin. Evolution would not work on the time-scale proposed by its religious alternative, Creationism. We were talking about not teaching kids anything that would interfere with their religious beliefs, and telling them that the Earth is 5 billion years old conflicts with the religious beliefs of some.

>How certain are we that the age of the earth is what the  
>scientists say it is, since this is also dependent on a  
>large number of assumptions.

How certain are we that Larry Robinson exists, since this is also dependent on a large number of assumptions. In terms of minimum age, yeah, we're that certain.

@ Freedom of religion is a constitutional right, but like  
@ all such rights, must be balanced against the greater  
@ good, on a fulcrum of common sense.

>But WHO decides what common sense is? Liberals? Vegetarians?  
>Keynesian economists? The President? Or do we vote on it,  
>and take away the rights of those who disagree with the  
>majority?

If the question, "WHO decides what common sense is?" were a legitimate barrier to discourse, there would be no laws. SOCIETY decides, Larry, and makes its decision known through elections, referenda, jury decisions, etc. And right now, Larry, it's looking more and more like Society is headed more in my direction and away from yours. Secularism is on the rise, thank Irving.

>Fundamental rights are fundamental rights. They should not  
>be open for liberals and politicians to pick away at to  
>satisfy their selfish ends.

Is it OK for conservatives to pick away at them? And WHO decides what fundamental rights are? Libertarians? Meat-eaters? Friedmanesque economists? The BATF? I got it...IRVING!

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From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
Date: Thu, 12 Sep 2002 11:18:36 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] Gulliver's Travels

Hi All

I was reading Jonathan Swift's Gulliver's Travels the other day and this passage struck me as the forerunner of modern UFO abduction stories.

I reproduce it complete with the old English spellings.

"I walked a while among the Rocks, the Sky was perfectly clear, and the Sun so hot, that I was forced to turn my Face from it: When all of a Sudden it became obscured, as I thought, in a Manner very different from what happens by the Interposition of a Cloud. I turned back, and perceived a vast Opaque Body between me and the Sun, moving forwards towards the Island: It seemed to be about two Miles high, and hid the Sun six or seven Minutes, but I did not observe the Air to be much colder, or the Sky more darkned, than if I had stood under the shade of a Mountain. As it approached nearer over the Place where I was, it appeared to be a firm Substance, the Bottom flat, smooth, and shining very bright from the Reflexion of the Sea below. I stood upon a Height about two Hundred Yards from the Shoar, and saw this vast Body descending almost to a Parallel with me, at less than an English Mile Distance. I took out my Pocket-Perspective, and could plainly discover Numbers of People moving up and down the Sides of it, which appeared to be sloping, but what those People were doing, I was not able to distinguish."

Swift goes on to write about how many floors the "island" etc. The next passage concerns Gulliver's "abduction"

"They made Signs for me to come down from the Rock, and go towards the Shoar, which I accordingly did; and the flying Island being raised to a convenient Height, the Verge directly over me, a Chain was let down from the lowest Gallery, with a Seat fastned to the Bottom, to which I fixed my self, and was drawn up by Pullies."

Once on board he tells of how the "island" was made to move using a giant Lodestone.

"By means of this Load-stone, the Island is made to rise and fall, and move from one Place to another. For, with respect to that Part of the Earth over which the Monarch presides, the Stone is endued at one of its Sides with an attractive Power, and at the other with a repulsive. Upon placing the Magnet erect with its attracting End towards the Earth, the Island descends; but when the repelling Extremity points downwards, the Island mounts directly upwards. When the Position of the Stone is oblique, the Motion of the Island is so too. For in this Magnet the Forces always act in Lines parallel to its Direction."

Surely this is first mention of anti-gravity propulsion?

It makes interesting reading and does beg the question, "Is this the father of UFO stories?"

Cheers

John

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From: "Jim Speiser" <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>  
Date: Thu, 12 Sep 2002 11:56:11 -0700  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

-----Original Message-----

From: TPrinty@aol.com [mailto:TPrinty@aol.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2002 1:05 PM  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

I said:

I'm simply saying that I feel we have made our case to science, and science is saying, "OK, so we don't know what they are. Now go away and leave us alone."

You said:

Far from it. Could this UFO video been faked?

I say:

Could it have been? Yes. Was it? No. Extremely unlikely.

You said:

What if he had been shown the video of the UFO in Mexico City in 1997? This is supposedly proven to be a hoax but it does show a structured craft.

I say:

Who proved it to be a hoax? A ufologist? We have a pretty decent filtering system, made better by our past mistakes. Not foolproof by any means (not even Maccabee-proof, alas). Chances are it would not have reached Hibbs.

I said:

"Astronomy is perhaps the oldest science, ufology a young proto-science (at its VERY best). It certainly would help if the "professionals" would promulgate some form of protocol for study of the problem, and then if (by some miracle) we conduct ourselves according to said protocol and come up with something interesting, give our data the thorough review it deserves."

You said:

What is wrong with the scientists already involved establishing such leadership? Failure of them to lead demonstrates they aren't very good scientists because they allow standards to drop.

I say:

Unfortunately, there is great truth in that. I know the field is in desperate need of real leadership. Hynek made an attempt to set the bar higher, and I think he partially succeeded. But today's crop of ufologists are satisfied to get their MUFON cards out of a cereal

box and call themselves investigators.

"In one sense that's very helpful to us, as long as you are willing to stick to your word and consider any case that meets those standards. But the problem is, we've been down this road before. As I stated, Robert Sheaffer once told me that he would seriously consider any case that involved "multiple independent photographs of the same anomalous object." I consider the Hudson Valley case to fit that particular criterion. But now, I am told we have to prove that the photograph and the video are of the same object, AND provide all manner of telemetry to go along with it - measurements which Larry Robinson implies was next-to-impossible for the \_USAF\_ to obtain."

You said:  
You want to "sledge hammer"  
the Hudson case into the criteria that I set.

I say:  
No, I think it meets Sheaffer's criteria, but you've added to that. The video and the photo were not shot at the same time, but I still accept them as valid, unless someone wants to demonstrate the possibility of collusion. Your criteria sound reasonable, but may not be obtainable due to the nature of the beast. I don't think such pictures exist of ball lightning, for example.

You said:  
Actually, I now have to add that there needs to be some form of landmark in these images to establish the locations of the photographer/videographer. This is just a clarification on my original post. If you think this is moving the goal posts on you, well, then you didn't understand why I wanted these conditions. The idea is that the two or more photographs/videos under such conditions would strengthen the case.

I say:  
What Larry said. UFOs are too usually too transient for this kind of sophisticated monitoring.

==JJS==

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From: TPrinty@aol.com  
Date: Thu, 12 Sep 2002 16:03:37 EDT  
Subject: [UFORL] It isn't the mothership

Recent buzz on the net was the discovery of a 16th magnitude object that seemed to have recently entered into earth orbit. The culprit did not appear to be manmade because it's orbit did not match anything launched recently giving rise to the possibility it was a small asteroid or other object that had been captured by the earth. However, it now seems that the object is manmade but a rather older piece of material. It seems that Apollo 12's third stage has come home to roost. An interesting article with graphics is shown at:

<http://neo.jpl.nasa.gov>

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Date: Thu, 12 Sep 2002 16:28:52 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: YoungBob2@aol.com [mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com]

@ Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2002 10:12 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

@

@ Hi Larry, Jim:

@

@ Like child sacrifice as practiced by some sects who deny

@ medical care to infants?

Again, your argument is based on the belief that there is  
no afterlife.

I would really like to know how people ever survived before  
there was such a thing as modern medical care.

@ <4. Telling people about your religion is not forcing

@ them to obey it.>

@

@ True, as long as others are not forced to sit and listen to

@ on taxpayer's time.

Right. This includes Evolution too. It is a belief that is  
against most religious beliefs, so Rules 1 and 2 exclude it  
from public schools.

@ < And teaching the false belief that Evolution is true, or

@ that Evolution is a theory, promotes real science?????>

@

@ It's the chief organizing principal of modern biology and other

@ related disciplines. Isn't it absurd not to teach it because it

@ conflicts with some religious dogmas? Public schools are

@ not Sunday schools.

No, but public schools are required to be religion-neutral.

Teaching Evolution is the equivalent of saying "Your religion is false", which is definitely NOT religion-neutral.

@ If people want their kids to be uniformed and unprepared,  
@ let them send them to their own [privately paid for]  
@ "Sunday schools".

See, right there, you call the opposing view "uninformed."  
That is also what liberals do to anyone who disagrees with their tax, welfare, environment, and other political policies too. They repeatedly say that "enough education" will turn everyone to their side (or in other words, turn them into good little obedient liberals).

In other words, the liberal mantra is to say that anyone with enough gall to disagree with liberal teaching is "an idiot", "needs to be educated", or "needs psychiatric help". Our local government officials do this to anyone who disagrees with their rabid Environmentalism, Keynesian spending policies, and anti-business zoning policies. So does the School Board, if people object to the schools requiring Democrat (Keynesian) economics, sex education, Political Correctness, or Evolution.

If government schools must teach Evolution as a required curriculum, then don't make people who disagree pay the taxes that pay for the government schools.

@ < What does the observed age of the earth have to do with  
@ whether or not Evolution is the correct theory?>  
@  
@ Most Creationists claim that it couldn't happen in 6-10,000 years.  
@ Several Eons could give Evolution time to - well, Evolute.

But not all Creationists claim that the time scale is that short.  
There are several different hypotheses:

- God put the universe into "fast forward" during the creation.
- During the creation, God was accelerating and decelerating enough to experience time dilation.
- The word translated "day" can also mean "era", as in the Day of the Lord (the period after the resurrection which we occupy now). It can also mean "phase".
- God created time, and therefore is outside it.
- Because God can be everywhere at once, the constraints of space-time and the speed of light do not apply to Him.
- The period of time between God's creation of Adam and man's fall is not definite in the Bible. Only the time after the fall is reckoned into the span of Adam's life.
- The process used by God is purposefully indistinguishable from random chance to those who do not accept supernatural events. God

did say that there would be no proof given to man of His existence, other than what has been made, because He wants man to accept Him on faith rather than proof.

- God arranged everything the way it is to fool those who believe there is no God.
- The world before the fall was described as a world without decay. The introduction of sin into the universe changed the laws of physics so the universe decays.
- Time is not linear.
- The Bible was simplified by God for laymen, and was not intended to give the astrophysics of God's creation.
- Space-time is curved in such a way to make old things seem a lot older.

@ < How certain are we that the age of the earth is what the  
@ scientists say it is, since this is also dependent on a  
@ large number of assumptions.>>

@

@ I'm not sure, I've not read the literature on the age tests, but  
@ I assume that error bars were given.

You assume? Hmmm. The concentration of a radioisotope use for dating depends on two factors:

1. How long ago the isotope was incorporated into the specimen under test.
2. The concentration of that isotope in the environment at the time it was incorporated.

Scientists believe that the concentrations have not changed, so the differences are due solely to elapsed time and half-lives. But a low concentration of isotope in a specimen can either indicate that the specimen formed so long ago, or that the specimen formed more recently in an environment containing a lower concentration of isotope.

But have concentrations changed? The truth is, we don't even know that the concentration function is linear, let alone constant, since we have absolutely no data on rates of isotope formation in the time before Geiger counters and cyclotrons. We don't even know if the concentrations of radioisotopes ran at a constant rate, increased linearly over time, increased suddenly, or followed some other function. The ASSUMPTION is that the availability of new atoms of the dating isotopes was always the same. That assumption is in turn based on an assumption that cosmic radiation reaching Earth was always at the present levels. Which is based on more assumptions in the current theories of astrophysics.



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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
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@ From: Jim Speiser [mailto:jimspeiser@yahoo.com]

@ Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2002 3:30 AM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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@ If there is no "public good" then explain why governments  
@ exist at all, and why 100% of humanity lives under some  
@ form of government. And yes, I count the securing of  
@ individual freedoms as part of the public good.

But there is a difference between securing individual freedoms  
and taking them away because government wants something.

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@ their happily-ever-after? NOW who's the liberal?

First ask one question: Is this the teaching of the religion, or  
one man's interpretation of it?

@ >And there is absolutely no direct evidence either way.

@

@ Exactly. There is no direct evidence either way. In the  
@ absence of that evidence, society must choose.

That is the STATIST view. "Government first! Government first!"  
"We decided, and YOU ARE WRONG! You must believe as we believe."

That is the way of Nazi Germany.

NO, if there is no evidence, then the individual gets to choose,  
not the government.

@ Hopefully, it chooses based on common sense. And common sense  
@ says, "We don't know if there's an afterlife. We DO know  
@ there is a this-life. ...

... So you will not be allowed to go to your afterlife, because  
we don't believe it exists."

@ "And in this life, children should be spared suffering. ...

... And since we don't believe that there is an afterlife, we  
don't believe that entering it can relieve suffering."

@ There are religions that practice animal sacrifice - e.g.  
@ Santeria. The animals are certainly not willing participants.  
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@ be.

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@ are talking about a situation in which it is much too easy  
@ for ridiculous cases to become reality, especially if you  
@ rely on the caveat, "There's no direct evidence either way."

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government?

If not, how do you tell the real ones from the fake ones?

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OK, now show me the thousands of ancient copies of the texts to your religion. I can show you mine, in museums.

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@ the afterlife requires that I dance naked in one of that  
@ other deity's churches, and piss in their wine chalice.  
@ That toll-free number again, 1-800-555-2368....

Great...cuz I just had another visit from Government, which says it's OK for a President to lie in court, invade privacy, cheat on his wife, obstruct justice, steal church buildings, swindle, and destroy property.  
That toll-free number again, 1-800-QED-3665....

Just because government says it doesn't make it right.

@ >4. Telling people about your religion is not forcing  
@ >them to obey it.  
@  
@ Oh, Irving is gonna LOVE this....

Irving who?

@ >Now I ask: Why is "society" more important than the  
@ >individual? This seems to be some form of socialism.  
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@ The needs of the individual must be balanced against the  
@ needs of society, which is a collection of individuals.

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@ @ I would argue that it most certainly does.  
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@ >I would say that it is trivial. Especially since it is not  
@ >only not a proven theory, it is not even a real theory. A

@ >real theory must be testable against a null hypothesis.

@ >In the case of Evolution, it IS the null hypothesis.

@

@ Whale shit.

An emotional response. NO NO! Not allowed in science.

@ The null hypothesis would be, Evolution did not occur.

OK, how are you going to test it? You have to have something to compare it to. What? Show me! It has to make predictions different from those made by Evolution. What is the prediction? It must be different than random chance. You have to have two different measurable predictions to differentiate between theories.

WHAT IS THE OTHER ONE?

- You can't say "Evolution did not occur" because you have no definition of it sufficient to produce predictions or testable results.

- If you use "random chance" (the alternative in most other scientific disciplines), you will not find any difference, because they are both exactly the same thing.

- If you use "the prevailing theory", then surprise! It's Evolution, by a political decision, not by any scientific investigation.

- If you use Creationism, then you can't make the test because the supernatural is unobservable.

So WHAT IS THE NULL HYPOTHESIS that makes predictions different than the ones Evolution makes?

@ it's a real theory, as defined by the National Academy of Sciences: "a well-substantiated explanation of some aspect of the natural world that can incorporate facts, laws, inferences, and tested hypotheses."

Sorry, but it's now a bunch of appointed politicians.

@ Again, the NAS: "[A fact is] an observation that has been repeatedly confirmed and for all practical purposes is accepted as 'true.'"

"For all practical purposes" smells like an assumption.

What did they do, take a vote? You can't vote on truth.

@ The fossil record and abundant other evidence testify that  
@ organisms have evolved through time. Although no one  
@ observed those transformations, the indirect evidence is  
@ clear, unambiguous and compelling.

Only of you religiously believe all of the assumptions, which  
he religiously does, as evidenced by the rest of the article.

I have never seen such hatred in a scientific journal before.

@ -- John Rennie, Scientific American, July, 2002  
@ (By the way, is this the article you were referring to?)

It's one of them. It's nothing but one man's statement -  
political blather. It's almost a hate crime.

@ According to an overwhelming majority of scientists, who seem  
@ to be fairly well versed in "real science," yes. And Irving  
@ agrees.

@

@ @ If this nation were to suddenly find itself with a  
@ @ graduating class that did not know how old the earth  
@ @ is, because we were "afraid" to encroach on the  
@ @ hallowed ground of religion, our chances for survival  
@ @ in a progressive 21st century would be virtually nil.

@

@ >Come on! How does the age of the earth have anything to do  
@ >with survival?

Notice that he never answered the question.

@ Try this little experiment at home, Larry.  
@ 1) Start a country.

Ho Ho Ho.

@ 2) Set up institutions of higher learning.  
@ 3) Withhold from your students the knowledge of the age of  
@ the earth or any clue of how we got here. This of course  
@ means no teaching of biology or other life sciences;

False. It just means not teaching about the origin of life.  
There is nothing about teaching the rest of biology which  
has no bearing on origins.

@ no radiometric dating, etc. While you're at it,  
@ withhold any and all teaching that might conflict with the  
@ teachings of some religion somewhere.  
@ 4) Try to compete in the global marketplace.

@ 5) Discuss your results.

Israel. Pretty good results, except for the actions by people who hate their religion.

@ I am not a liberal. I am a common-sense moderate. I  
@ supported McCain.

Definitely a liberal. The media call him a "moderate" because he is not quite as liberal as they are.

By the way, the term "liberal" does not mean more civil liberties. It means more freedom for government to do things to you.

@ I eschew political correctness in almost any and all forms.

Including animal rights?

Including suppression of all religion?

Both are politically correct.

@ "Progressive" to me means  
@ anything that progresses the human race towards ultimate  
@ knowledge. I could discuss that term in length, but  
@ this is not the forum. Suffice it to say that it is what I  
@ consider the goal of mankind, the knowledge to fix as many  
@ problems as are fixable.

That's the goal of the religion of Secular Humanism. That's the religion that believes in the deity of "collective man" and the supremacy of government over all other things. So are you now pushing that religion upon others?

You have the belief that man can fix problems. This is also contrary to the beliefs of many religions.

@ We were talking about not teaching  
@ kids anything  
@ that would interfere with their religious beliefs, and  
@ telling them that the  
@ Earth is 5 billion years old conflicts with the religious  
@ beliefs of some.

Try answering the question that was asked. Why do they need to know it? Because you wish it to be known?

@ And right now, Larry, it's looking more and more like Society  
@ is headed more in my direction and away from yours.  
@ Secularism is on the rise, thank Irving.

And that gives you the right to force that religion upon  
the rest of us? Sorry, religious belief is not majority rule.  
In fact, the First amendment forbids such a rule.

And no religious man will ever accept this. His religion is more  
important to him than any government.

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From: TPrinty@aol.com  
Date: Thu, 12 Sep 2002 22:23:10 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

"Who proved it to be a hoax? A ufologist? We have a pretty decent filtering system, made better by our past mistakes. Not foolproof by any means (not even Maccabee-proof, alas). "

Sainio/Maccabee claim to have shown it to be a hoax. It seems somebody took the pains to do some computer magic and put it on video tape. This video was presented to quite a few analysts of high caliber. I am sure they raised their eyebrows but began to wonder if the whole thing was faked.

"Chances are it would not have reached Hibbs."

I don't think so. Plenty of UFO films and photographs have reached scientists/analysts through the years. Who was acting as the gatekeeper and would Hibbs know if he was trying to be hoaxed or not? A scientist is not going to pronounce something genuine. Again, the video was insufficient for him to make some form of grand proclamation. It was just a video of a circle of lights in the dark sky.

"No, I think it meets Sheaffer's criteria, but you've added to that."

It never met mine, which is what you asked.

"The video and the photo were not shot at the same time, but I still accept them as valid, unless someone wants to demonstrate the possibility of collusion."

Which video and which photo? There are many. Can you give us a date and possibly something to work with? I doubt it meets the criteria I want. That is something that can be verified. Two images taken from two different locations with landmarks showing some form of structured object (not formations of lights or singular lights). This is essentially what I want to see. Again, look at my 4 September post:

"Let's try multiple videos/photographs of the same object at the same time from different locations that show something other than a light in the sky or

something at the limits of resolution for the recording device. This would have to be supported by eyewitness testimony all suggesting the same thing. There have been multiple witness cases, but I have yet to see anybody do a real bang-up job on investigating them. Nobody seems to be interested in presenting flight paths, angular size, angular elevations, etc in such reports of "mass" sightings. This would be the first thing I would think of doing. Instead we have the witnesses telling us how high it was and how big it was. A proper investigation would ignore such estimates and go for the angular sizes and elevations to compute the true size and heights."

The photos and videos have to be done such that such computations can be made. Anything less falls short simply because it is too easy for something to be hoaxed in some manner.

"Your criteria sound reasonable, but may not be obtainable due to the nature of the beast. I don't think such pictures exist of ball lightning, for example."

Is ball lightning accepted as a fact? Anybody interested in trying to prove its existence would take the effort to try and prove it. My criteria is simple. Give me images where everyone can agree on computations of height, speed, size, etc. I doubt that it would happen except in the unusual event of some form of mass sighting of a structured object (like the Trents photograph). Lights/groups of lights don't quite do it. They COULD (not saying they are) be formations of aircraft with lights giving the impression of something large. This is why I want something concrete. To actually do this, I think UFOlogy needs to be proactive instead of waiting for this to happen by chance. I have a few ideas but it would require the resources of manpower, investment of some cash by those interested in establishing UFOs as a genuine phenomena, and the leadership to organize it correctly. I doubt this will happen simply because many UFOlogists don't want to dedicate the effort.

"UFOs are too usually too transient for this kind of sophisticated monitoring."

See what I mean? This is a self-defeating attitude. How do you know it won't be possible if you don't try? Isn't this what UFOlogy wants or are they willing to keep accepting ambiguous cases that may or may not be a "True" UFO.

Tim Printy

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
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Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

In a message dated 9/12/2002 9:55:03 PM Eastern Daylight Time,  
lrobins@indiana.edu writes:

<<

@ If people want their kids to be uniformed and unprepared,  
@ let them send them to their own [privately paid for]  
@ "Sunday schools".

See, right there, you call the opposing view "uninformed." >>

No, uninformed refers to students who have no idea what  
evolution is about even after taking biology or related science  
courses.

Bob Young

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From: "Jim Speiser" <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>  
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Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

Whew... Ok, here goes...

-----Original Message-----

From: Robinson, Larry [mailto:lrobins@indiana.edu]  
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2002 4:14 PM  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: Jim Speiser [mailto:jimspeiser@yahoo.com]

@ Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2002 3:30 AM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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@ form of government. And yes, I count the securing of  
@ individual freedoms as part of the public good.

>But there is a difference between securing individual freedoms  
>and taking them away because government wants something.

If there were no public good, there would be no government.  
The fact that you are free to type your ideas here is a testimony  
to the government acting in the public good - securing your freedoms.  
No government, no liberties.

@ You don't see the fallacy in this argument, Larry? Hint:  
@ Today is Sept. 11th. There is one very large religion whose  
@ afterlife rewards the horizontal introduction of jet aircraft  
@ into heavily populated tall structures. Should we abandon  
@ the war on terrorism for fear of depriving future Muslims of  
@ their happily-ever-after? NOW who's the liberal?

>First ask one question: Is this the teaching of the religion, or  
>one man's interpretation of it?

I have it on good authority that the Qu'ran can easily be interpreted  
as saying, basically, "Thou shalt kill the infidel." It is NOT the  
peace-laden religion some would have us believe. Make no mistake,  
Larry...the war on terrorism is a holy war.

@ There are religions that practice animal sacrifice - e.g.  
@ Santeria. The animals are certainly not willing participants.  
@ I believe the practice has been banned, and if not, should  
@ be.

>Now you are forcing the religion of animal rights upon the  
>rest of us, let alone the belief that animals and man are  
>equal.

Where did you get that from? Animals and man are not equal, but man has the capacity and duty to spare animals needless suffering. Animal rights is a religion? Then maybe human rights is a religion, too, eh? After all, some people think rights come from God...I happen to think rights are concepts that are "out there", waiting for us to discover them.

Characterizing everything your opponent believes in as a religion will not win you this argument, Larry.

@ The point is, I could invent a religion tomorrow in which it  
@ is perfectly OK - encouraged, in fact - for adults to  
@ copulate with children. In fact I believe even this has  
@ happened. You say I've invented a ridiculous case, I say we  
@ are talking about a situation in which it is much too easy  
@ for ridiculous cases to become reality, especially if you  
@ rely on the caveat, "There's no direct evidence either way."

>Now you are saying that all religion is the invention of man?

Well, that's not what I was saying, but, as it happens, that's my take on it, yes. What I was saying was, that even if some are real, and some are fake, you wouldn't be able to tell the fake ones, and under your thought process, you'd have to accept the fake ones and protect their rights as well.

>If that is the case, how do you tell a religion from a  
>government?

Huh? Governments deal in reality, religions deal in the supernatural?

>If not, how do you tell the real ones from the fake ones?

My way, its easy, they're all fake. Your way, you have a problem, because you rely on the chestnut, "There's no evidence either way!" which opens the door for all manner of phony religions, and there would be nothing you could do about it.

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@ >to obey a religion.

@ Agreed.

@ >2. Nobody (including government) has the right to make  
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>It works both ways. If you can believe that anyone can invent a  
>religion on a whim, then I can believe that government is a  
>religion which is being forced upon me by its members. See rule #1.

It doesn't need to be a religion to be forced on you. It already  
is. Deal with it.

>OK, now show me the thousands of ancient copies of the texts  
>to your religion. I can show you mine, in museums.

First of all, where is it written that a religion shall require  
ancient texts? How old do they have to be to qualify? Older  
than the Book of Mormon? How dangerous is that?

Secondly, Irving says they're out there, but they're invisible.  
So what?

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@ >you from doing things your religion requires you to do,  
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>Great...cuz I just had another visit from Government, which  
>says it's OK for a President to lie in court, invade privacy,  
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>swindle, and destroy property.

Yeah...and then there's all the stuff Clinton did...

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@ Oh, Irving is gonna LOVE this....

>Irving who?

God Who?

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@ >individual? This seems to be some form of socialism.

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@ The needs of the individual must be balanced against the

@ needs of society, which is a collection of individuals.

>A circular argument that does not answer the question.

It's kind of a circular question, since society is made up of individuals. Without society, the individual would not have any rights, since there would be no consensus that the individual has any rights to begin with, and no one to protect those rights.

@ @ I would argue that it most certainly does.

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@ >I would say that it is trivial. Especially since it is not

@ >only not a proven theory, it is not even a real theory. A

@ >real theory must be testable against a null hypothesis.

@ >In the case of Evolution, it IS the null hypothesis.

@

@ Whale shit.

>An emotional response. NO NO! Not allowed in science.

Sure it is. I was watching something on the Discovery Channel about cetacean excrement when I read your message, that's all.

@ The null hypothesis would be, Evolution did not occur.

>OK, how are you going to test it? You have to have something  
>to compare it to. What? Show me! It has to make predictions  
>different from those made by Evolution. What is the prediction?  
>It must be different than random chance. You have to have two  
>different measurable predictions to differentiate between  
>theories.

>WHAT IS THE OTHER ONE?

First, "Evolution did not occur" = random chance. Evolution is NOT based on random chance. Apparently you didn't read that article too well.

Second, "If Evolution did not occur, then we should not see



fossils of different morphologies than exist today." There.

>- You can't say "Evolution did not occur" because you have no  
>definition of it sufficient to produce predictions or testable  
>results.

I just did.

>- If you use "random chance" (the alternative in most other  
>scientific disciplines), you will not find any difference,  
>because they are both exactly the same thing.

Wrong. See above. See any biology text.

>- If you use "the prevailing theory", then surprise! It's  
>Evolution, by a political decision, not by any scientific  
>investigation.

So it came out of nowhere and was decided by fiat? No scientific investigation of Evolution has ever occurred? Hello?

@ it's a real theory, as defined by the National Academy of  
@ Sciences: "a well-substantiated explanation of some aspect  
@ of the natural world that can incorporate facts, laws,  
@ inferences, and tested hypotheses."

>Sorry, but it's now a bunch of appointed politicians.

OK, your definition of a theory, then? And why we should accept it over the prevailing one?

@ Again, the NAS: "[A fact is] an observation that has been  
@ repeatedly confirmed and for all practical purposes is  
@ accepted as 'true.'"

>"For all practical purposes" smells like an assumption.

No, it smells like "for all practical purposes." It's a way of ducking the epistemological problems inherent in our inability to know ultimate truth.

>What did they do, take a vote? You can't vote on truth.

Tell that to a jury. Oh, wait, that's part of government, and you don't believe in government....

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@ organisms have evolved through time. Although no one  
@ observed those transformations, the indirect evidence is  
@ clear, unambiguous and compelling.

>Only of you religiously believe all of the assumptions, which  
>he religiously does, as evidenced by the rest of the article.

>I have never seen such hatred in a scientific journal before.

Wouldn't you hate it if some religious nut came along and  
tried to tell you that Kinesiology is all wrong, because  
God said so?

@ -- John Rennie, Scientific American, July, 2002

@ (By the way, is this the article you were referring to?)

>It's one of them. It's nothing but one man's statement -  
>political blather. It's almost a hate crime.

A hate crime? Sounds like a liberal concept to me....

@ @ If this nation were to suddenly find itself with a  
@ @ graduating class that did not know how old the earth  
@ @ is, because we were "afraid" to encroach on the  
@ @ hallowed ground of religion, our chances for survival  
@ @ in a progressive 21st century would be virtually nil.

@

@ >Come on! How does the age of the earth have anything to do

@ >with survival?

>Notice that he never answered the question.

Oh, there's that cetacean excrement program again...the premise is  
this: The culture with the most advanced scientific resources will  
win the biggest share of the global marketplace. Thus it was in  
the late 19th throughout the 20th century. A country whose scientific  
thinking is held back by superstition will cede ground to those  
countries where scientific thought is unfettered by nonsense,  
and whose students are taught everything that's known about the world  
around them, enabling them to discover MORE about the world around  
them, and turn these discoveries into tangible advances. If Neils  
Bohr had been taught that God made everything and he didn't need  
atoms to do it, we would have lost World War II.

@ 3) Withhold from your students the knowledge of the age of  
@ the earth or any clue of how we got here. This of course  
@ means no teaching of biology or other life sciences;

>False. It just means not teaching about the origin of life.  
>There is nothing about teaching the rest of biology which  
>has no bearing on origins.

I would love to say at this point that Biology can't be taught without origins theory; unfortunately I am aware of a Christian high school that somehow does so...reports are that when their students enter college, they have to learn biology all over again.

@ no radiometric dating, etc. While you're at it,  
@ withhold any and all teaching that might conflict with the  
@ teachings of some religion somewhere.  
@ 4) Try to compete in the global marketplace.  
@ 5) Discuss your results.

>Israel. Pretty good results, except for the actions by people  
>who hate their religion.

Israel competes in the global marketplace? So they don't need our help? Great.

@ I am not a liberal. I am a common-sense moderate. I  
@ supported McCain.

>Definitely a liberal. The media call him a "moderate" because  
>he is not quite as liberal as they are.

And you call him a liberal because he's not quite as conservative as Vlad The Impaler. It's all in your perspective, I guess....

@ I eschew political correctness in almost any and all forms.

>Including animal rights?

>Including suppression of all religion?

>Both are politically correct.

I think we need to define political correctness. I define it as the suppression of dissent on these issues through ridicule and social pressures. I certainly do not support that. You seem to define it as "any liberal cause", or any cause espoused by anyone to the left of you.

@ "Progressive" to me means  
@ anything that progresses the human race towards ultimate  
@ knowledge. I could discuss that term in length, but  
@ this is not the forum. Suffice it to say that it is what I  
@ consider the goal of mankind, the knowledge to fix as many  
@ problems as are fixable.

>That's the goal of the religion of Secular Humanism. That's

>the religion that believes in the deity of "collective man"  
>and the supremacy of government over all other things. So  
>are you now pushing that religion upon others?

Not one phrase in the above paragraph is even close to correct, except that ultimate knowledge is a goal of Secular Humanism. Now, listen carefully, because I am quite knowledgeable on the subject of Secular Humanism.

1) It is not a religion. "Secular" = non-religious. QED.  
If Secular Humanism is a religion, then baldness is a hair style.  
2) It has no deities. "Collective Man" is not a deity.  
We worship no one and nothing. Collective Man is, for the moment, until something else comes along, our baseline for making moral decisions. Only because it makes sense that way, and for no other reason.  
3) "Supremacy of government over all things" does not enter into any Secular Humanist text, monograph, thought process or reasoning. I am stumped as to where you got it. Substitute "reason" for "government" and you'll be a lot closer.

>You have the belief that man can fix problems. This is  
>also contrary to the beliefs of many religions.

Which is why all religions will ultimately give way to secularism. God gave us polio; Jonas Salk cured it.

@ We were talking about not teaching  
@ kids anything  
@ that would interfere with their religious beliefs, and  
@ telling them that the  
@ Earth is 5 billion years old conflicts with the religious  
@ beliefs of some.

>Try answering the question that was asked. Why do they need to  
>know it? Because you wish it to be known?

I think its for you, rather, to justify the withholding of knowledge from thirsty minds. The passing on of knowledge is an integral part of the human experience, and through the ages, those who have stood in the way of that process have been uniformly scorned.

==JJS==

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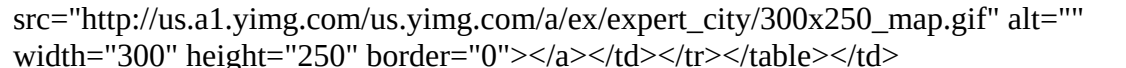
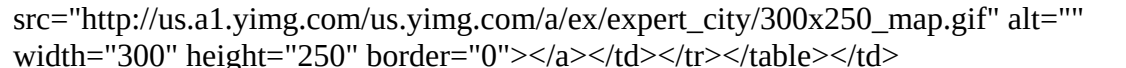
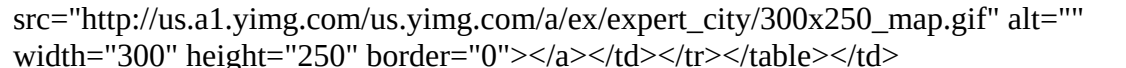
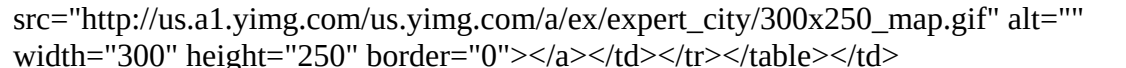
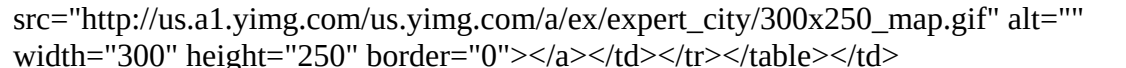
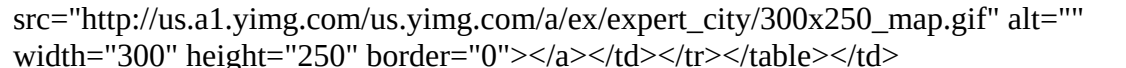
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growth situation a few years ago, some preliminary studies have been done,  
and a report is in the works.&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;  Not sure I know what you  
mean by "monitoring" the situation.&nbsp;   In fact, I'm not sure at all why  
you are attacking this piece of information at all, with phrases like  
"unsubstantiated word", etc.&nbsp;   This is a work in progress.&nbsp;   I can

assure you that "real science" will be done on this project.&nbsp; In fact, you are welcome to contribute if you have any knowledge pertinent to the situation.&nbsp; Any suggestions as to how to go about this are welcome.&nbsp;

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From: "Robert Buljevic" <skeptic@s1c.org>  
Date: Sat, 14 Sep 2002 18:53:56 +0200  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

Just to mention that the theory of evolution is entirely NON random. At least I don't see anything random in the mechanism of natural selection. Evolution has nothing to do with random chance. Yet the argument "evolution=random chance" persists, especially in religiously colored debates. Needless to say, it's an argument from ignorance. Those who say this should read some basic biology...

----- Original Message -----

From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com> Sent: Friday, September 13, 2002 9:40 PM  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

> Whew... Ok, here goes...  
> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Robinson, Larry [mailto:lrobins@indiana.edu]  
> Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2002 4:14 PM  
> To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com  
> Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'  
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>  
> @ -----Original Message-----  
> @ From: Jim Speiser [mailto:jimspeiser@yahoo.com]  
> @ Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2002 3:30 AM  
> @ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com  
> @ Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'  
> @  
> @ If there is no "public good" then explain why governments  
> @ exist at all, and why 100% of humanity lives under some  
> @ form of government. And yes, I count the securing of  
> @ individual freedoms as part of the public good.  
>  
> >But there is a difference between securing individual freedoms  
> >and taking them away because government wants something.  
>  
> If there were no public good, there would be no government.  
> The fact that you are free to type your ideas here is a testimony  
> to the government acting in the public good - securing your freedoms.  
> No government, no liberties.  
>  
> @ You don't see the fallacy in this argument, Larry? Hint:  
> @ Today is Sept. 11th. There is one very large religion whose  
> @ afterlife rewards the horizontal introduction of jet aircraft  
> @ into heavily populated tall structures. Should we abandon  
> @ the war on terrorism for fear of depriving future Muslims of

> @ their happily-ever-after? NOW who's the liberal?

>

> >First ask one question: Is this the teaching of the religion, or

> >one man's interpretation of it?

>

> I have it on good authority that the Qu'ran can easily be interpreted

> as saying, basically, "Thou shalt kill the infidel." It is NOT the

> peace-laden religion some would have us believe. Make no mistake,

> Larry...the war on terrorism is a holy war.

>

>

> @ There are religions that practice animal sacrifice - e.g.

> @ Santeria. The animals are certainly not willing participants.

> @ I believe the practice has been banned, and if not, should

> @ be.

>

> >Now you are forcing the religion of animal rights upon the

> >rest of us, let alone the belief that animals and man are

> >equal.

>

> Where did you get that from? Animals and man are not equal,

> but man has the capacity and duty to spare animals needless

> suffering. Animal rights is a religion? Then maybe human

> rights is a religion, too, eh? After all, some people think

> rights come from God...I happen to think rights are concepts

> that are "out there", waiting for us to discover them.

>

> Characterizing everything your opponent believes in as a

> religion will not win you this argument, Larry.

>

> @ The point is, I could invent a religion tomorrow in which it

> @ is perfectly OK - encouraged, in fact - for adults to

> @ copulate with children. In fact I believe even this has

> @ happened. You say I've invented a ridiculous case, I say we

> @ are talking about a situation in which it is much too easy

> @ for ridiculous cases to become reality, especially if you

> @ rely on the caveat, "There's no direct evidence either way."

>

> >Now you are saying that all religion is the invention of man?

>

> Well, that's not what I was saying, but, as it happens, that's

> my take on it, yes. What I was saying was, that even if some

> are real, and some are fake, you wouldn't be able to tell the

> fake ones, and under your thought process, you'd have to accept

> the fake ones and protect their rights as well.

>

> >If that is the case, how do you tell a religion from a

> >government?

>

> Huh? Governments deal in reality, religions deal in the supernatural?

>

> >If not, how do you tell the real ones from the fake ones?

>

> My way, its easy, they're all fake. Your way, you have a problem,

> because you rely on the chestnut, "There's no evidence either way!"

> which opens the door for all manner of phony religions, and there

> would be nothing you could do about it.

>

> @ >1. Nobody (including government) has the right force you

> @ >to obey a religion.

>

> @ Agreed.

>

> @ >2. Nobody (including government) has the right to make

> @ >you do anything your religion forbids you to do.

>

> @ Oh, goody! There is now established a religion called

> @ Speiserism, which forbids the paying of taxes. This precept

> @ was revealed to me by a deity named "Irving." (Hey, you

> @ can't prove it wasn't!) Anyone wishing to join, please send

> @ your TAX-FREE donation of \$100 to...

>

> >Oh, goody! There is now established a religion called

> >government, which requires the paying of taxes. This precept

> >was revealed to me by a deity named "Ted Kennedy" (Hey, I can

> >prove it was - I have the videotape) Anyone wishing to join,

> >please send all your money to Washington.

>

> >It works both ways. If you can believe that anyone can invent a

> >religion on a whim, then I can believe that government is a

> >religion which is being forced upon me by its members. See rule #1.

>

> It doesn't need to be a religion to be forced on you. It already

> is. Deal with it.

>

> >OK, now show me the thousands of ancient copies of the texts

> >to your religion. I can show you mine, in museums.

>

> First of all, where is it written that a religion shall require

> ancient texts? How old do they have to be to qualify? Older

> than the Book of Mormon? How dangerous is that?

>

> Secondly, Irving says they're out there, but they're invisible.

> So what?

>

> @ >3. Nobody (including government) has the right to keep

> @ >you from doing things your religion requires you to do,

> @ >unless doing those things forces someone else to obey

> @ >your religion.

>

> @ Great...cuz I just had another visit from Irving, who said  
 > @ the afterlife requires that I dance naked in one of that  
 > @ other deity's churches, and piss in their wine chalice.  
 > @ That toll-free number again, 1-800-555-2368....  
 >  
 > >Great...cuz I just had another visit from Government, which  
 > >says it's OK for a President to lie in court, invade privacy,  
 > >cheat on his wife, obstruct justice, steal church buildings,  
 > >swindle, and destroy property.  
 >  
 > Yeah...and then there's all the stuff Clinton did..  
 >  
 > @ >4. Telling people about your religion is not forcing  
 > @ >them to obey it.  
 > @  
 > @ Oh, Irving is gonna LOVE this....  
 >  
 > >Irving who?  
 >  
 > God Who?  
 >  
 > @ >Now I ask: Why is "society" more important than the  
 > @ >individual? This seems to be some form of socialism.  
 > @  
 > @ The needs of the individual must be balanced against the  
 > @ needs of society, which is a collection of individuals.  
 >  
 > >A circular argument that does not answer the question.  
 >  
 > It's kind of a circular question, since society is made up  
 > of individuals. Without society, the individual would not  
 > have any rights, since there would be no consensus that the  
 > individual has any rights to begin with, and no one to  
 > protect those rights.  
 >  
 > @ @ I would argue that it most certainly does.  
 > @  
 > @ >I would say that it is trivial. Especially since it is not  
 > @ >only not a proven theory, it is not even a real theory. A  
 > @ >real theory must be testable against a null hypothesis.  
 > @ >In the case of Evolution, it IS the null hypothesis.  
 > @  
 > @ Whale shit.  
 >  
 > >An emotional response. NO NO! Not allowed in science.  
 >  
 > Sure it is. I was watching something on the Discovery Channel  
 > about cetacean excrement when I read your message, that's all.  
 >  
 > @ The null hypothesis would be, Evolution did not occur.

>  
> >OK, how are you going to test it? You have to have something  
> >to compare it to. What? Show me! It has to make predictions  
> >different from those made by Evolution. What is the prediction?  
> >It must be different than random chance. You have to have two  
> >different measurable predictions to differentiate between  
> >theories.

>  
> >WHAT IS THE OTHER ONE?

>  
> First, "Evolution did not occur" = random chance. Evolution is  
> NOT based on random chance. Apparently you didn't read that  
> article too well.

>  
> Second, "If Evolution did not occur, then we should not see  
> fossils of different morphologies than exist today." There.  
>  
> >- You can't say "Evolution did not occur" because you have no  
> >definition of it sufficient to produce predictions or testable  
> >results.

>  
> I just did.

>  
> >- If you use "random chance" (the alternative in most other  
> >scientific disciplines), you will not find any difference,  
> >because they are both exactly the same thing.

>  
> Wrong. See above. See any biology text.

>  
> >- If you use "the prevailing theory", then surprise! It's  
> >Evolution, by a political decision, not by any scientific  
> >investigation.

>  
> So it came out of nowhere and was decided by fiat? No scientific  
> investigation of Evolution has ever occurred? Hello?

>  
> @ it's a real theory, as defined by the National Academy of  
> @ Sciences: "a well-substantiated explanation of some aspect  
> @ of the natural world that can incorporate facts, laws,  
> @ inferences, and tested hypotheses."

>  
> >Sorry, but it's now a bunch of appointed politicians.

>  
> OK, your definition of a theory, then? And why we should  
> accept it over the prevailing one?

>  
> @ Again, the NAS: "[A fact is] an observation that has been  
> @ repeatedly confirmed and for all practical purposes is  
> @ accepted as 'true.'"

>

> >"For all practical purposes" smells like an assumption.  
>  
> No, it smells like "for all practical purposes." It's a  
> way of ducking the epistemological problems inherent in  
> our inability to know ultimate truth.  
>  
> >What did they do, take a vote? You can't vote on truth.  
>  
> Tell that to a jury. Oh, wait, that's part of government,  
> and you don't believe in government....  
>  
> @ The fossil record and abundant other evidence testify that  
> @ organisms have evolved through time. Although no one  
> @ observed those transformations, the indirect evidence is  
> @ clear, unambiguous and compelling.  
>  
> >Only of you religiously believe all of the assumptions, which  
> >he religiously does, as evidenced by the rest of the article.  
>  
> >I have never seen such hatred in a scientific journal before.  
>  
> Wouldn't you hate it if some religious nut came along and  
> tried to tell you that Kinesiology is all wrong, because  
> God said so?  
>  
> @ -- John Rennie, Scientific American, July, 2002  
> @ (By the way, is this the article you were referring to?)  
>  
> >It's one of them. It's nothing but one man's statement -  
> >political blather. It's almost a hate crime.  
>  
> A hate crime? Sounds like a liberal concept to me....  
>  
>  
> @ @ If this nation were to suddenly find itself with a  
> @ @ graduating class that did not know how old the earth  
> @ @ is, because we were "afraid" to encroach on the  
> @ @ hallowed ground of religion, our chances for survival  
> @ @ in a progressive 21st century would be virtually nil.  
> @  
> @ >Come on! How does the age of the earth have anything to do  
> @ >with survival?  
>  
> >Notice that he never answered the question.  
>  
> Oh, there's that cetacean excrement program again...the premise is  
> this: The culture with the most advanced scientific resources will  
> win the biggest share of the global marketplace. Thus it was in  
> the late 19th throughout the 20th century. A country whose scientific  
> thinking is held back by superstition will cede ground to those

> countries where scientific thought is unfettered by nonsense,  
 > and whose students are taught everything that's known about the world  
 > around them, enabling them to discover MORE about the world around  
 > them, and turn these discoveries into tangible advances. If Neils  
 > Bohr had been taught that God made everything and he didn't need  
 > atoms to do it, we would have lost World War II.  
 >  
 > @ 3) Withhold from your students the knowledge of the age of  
 > @ the earth or any clue of how we got here. This of course  
 > @ means no teaching of biology or other life sciences;  
 >  
 > >False. It just means not teaching about the origin of life.  
 > >There is nothing about teaching the rest of biology which  
 > >has no bearing on origins.  
 >  
 > I would love to say at this point that Biology can't be  
 > taught without origins theory; unfortunately I am aware of  
 > a Christian high school that somehow does so...reports are  
 > that when their students enter college, they have to learn  
 > biology all over again.  
 >  
 >  
 > @ no radiometric dating, etc. While you're at it,  
 > @ withhold any and all teaching that might conflict with the  
 > @ teachings of some religion somewhere.  
 > @ 4) Try to compete in the global marketplace.  
 > @ 5) Discuss your results.  
 >  
 > >Israel. Pretty good results, except for the actions by people  
 > >who hate their religion.  
 >  
 > Israel competes in the global marketplace? So they don't need  
 > our help? Great.  
 >  
 > @ I am not a liberal. I am a common-sense moderate. I  
 > @ supported McCain.  
 >  
 > >Definitely a liberal. The media call him a "moderate" because  
 > >he is not quite as liberal as they are.  
 >  
 > And you call him a liberal because he's not quite as conservative  
 > as Vlad The Impaler. It's all in your perspective, I guess....  
 >  
 > @ I eschew political correctness in almost any and all forms.  
 >  
 > >Including animal rights?  
 >  
 > >Including suppression of all religion?  
 >  
 > >Both are politically correct.

>

> I think we need to define political correctness. I define it as

> the suppression of dissent on these issues through ridicule and

> social pressures. I certainly do not support that. You seem to

> define it as "any liberal cause", or any cause espoused by anyone

> to the left of you.

>

> @ "Progressive" to me means

> @ anything that progresses the human race towards ultimate

> @ knowledge. I could discuss that term in length, but

> @ this is not the forum. Suffice it to say that it is what I

> @ consider the goal of mankind, the knowledge to fix as many

> @ problems as are fixable.

>

> >That's the goal of the religion of Secular Humanism. That's

> >the religion that believes in the deity of "collective man"

> >and the supremacy of government over all other things. So

> >are you now pushing that religion upon others?

>

> Not one phrase in the above paragraph is even close to correct,

> except that ultimate knowledge is a goal of Secular Humanism.

> Now, listen carefully, because I am quite knowledgeable on the

> subject of Secular Humanism.

>

> 1) It is not a religion. "Secular" = non-religious. QED.

> If Secular Humanism is a religion, then baldness is a hair style.

> 2) It has no deities. "Collective Man" is not a deity.

> We worship no one and nothing. Collective Man is, for the moment,

> until something else comes along, our baseline for making moral decisions.

> Only because it makes sense that way, and for no other reason.

> 3) "Supremacy of government over all things" does not enter into any

> Secular Humanist text, monograph, thought process or reasoning.

> I am stumped as to where you got it. Substitute "reason" for

> "government" and you'll be a lot closer.

>

> >You have the belief that man can fix problems. This is

> >also contrary to the beliefs of many religions.

>

> Which is why all religions will ultimately give way to secularism.

> God gave us polio; Jonas Salk cured it.

>

> @ We were talking about not teaching

> @ kids anything

> @ that would interfere with their religious beliefs, and

> @ telling them that the

> @ Earth is 5 billion years old conflicts with the religious

> @ beliefs of some.

>

> >Try answering the question that was asked. Why do they need to

> >know it? Because you wish it to be known?



>  
> I think its for you, rather, to justify the withholding of knowledge  
> from thirsty minds. The passing on of knowledge is an integral part  
> of the human experience, and through the ages, those who have stood  
> in the way of that process have been uniformly scorned.  
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One Saturday in October 1976, three men from Sydney drove down the South Coast of NSW. For 21-year-old Nick Flaskas and Frank Zonaras, 20, it was a brief holiday between university semesters. For Frank's younger brother Bill, it was a way to while away an idle weekend. To get the approval of their parents, Flaskas and Zonaras had turned their holiday into a quasi-scientific excursion: they were going to film an eclipse of the sun.<BR>

<BR>

The scientific community were gathering in Bombala to see the eclipse, but when the trio asked around, locals said they would get a better view at an isolated point in Ben Boyd National Park.<BR>

<BR>

The group arrived at the point before 4pm, parked the car, and walked down to the cliff, which faced the ocean. It was a clear afternoon, the ocean was smooth and the location was so remote it was like, Flaskas says, "the other side of the moon".<BR>

<BR>

Turning their backs to the ocean, Zonaras and Flaskas began to set up their cameras: Zonaras was using his new Super 8 video camera, and Flaskas was working the stills camera. <BR>

<BR>

Bill was chucking stones off the cliff into the ocean. Suddenly, he called to the others to turn around. Flaskas and Zonaras turned and saw the objects in the sky.<BR>

&nbsp;   <BR>

<BR>

"There were two prominent objects and four smaller ones," Flaskas says.<BR>

<BR>

"The main object looked like a bell. Dome-shaped, a dark grey bell. And as we were watching it, it looked like it was moving, first towards us and then away from us. It was about 15 degrees above the horizon."<BR>

<BR>

The pair swung their cameras around to capture the objects on film.<BR>

<BR>

"Meanwhile the solar eclipse was starting so we thought, we'd better do the eclipse as well or we'll get into trouble with our parents," Zonaras says. So they turned the cameras around and quickly filmed the eclipse.<BR>

<BR>

When they looked oceanwards again, the mysterious objects had disappeared.<BR>

<BR>

More than 25 years later, the pair have created a Web site to tell of their experience. Marketed for an American audience, <A

HREF="http://www.ufoearthcontact.com/">ufoearthcontact.com</A> features pay-per-view of the footage that Zonaras took at Ben Boyd National Park. It costs \$US9.90 (\$18.20) to view the film. The site also includes other case studies, an area for visitors' UFO stories, and a guest book.<BR>

<BR>

The pair have appeared on ABC's Couchman show in 1991, and a television show called The Extraordinary in 1994.<BR>

<BR>

Zonaras is now a Sydney accountant, and Flaskas the manager of a car yard. As they discuss their experience, they interrupt, squabble over details and finish each other's sentences like a well-worn comedy act.<BR>

<BR>

When asked if they believe in intelligent extra-terrestrial life, Flaskas says "of course" but Zonaras just looks sheepish. Do they find it embarrassing to talk about? <BR>

<BR>

"No," Flaskas says, at the same time that Zonaras says "yes". They both laugh.<BR>

<BR>

"I had clients in New Zealand, and after this television show we were on was shown in New Zealand they came back and sung that song at me," Zonaras says, singing the theme from The Twilight Zone.<BR>

<BR>

"And you do our tax returns, they ask me?" he says.<BR>

<BR>

Zonaras originally wanted to forget about the sighting. After all, it was his footage and he had a career in accounting to think about. <BR>

<BR>

Now, with the ability to stream video on the Internet, and a hefty dose of persuasion from Flaskas, Zonaras agreed to get involved again. A healthy cash-flow opportunity was waiting to be realised. <BR>

<BR>

Ufoearthcontact.com was created with the help of the director of Triode Internet, Paul Black, who programmed the back end of the site. Video producer George Kolovos designed the hub and worked on the streaming technology for video. <BR>

<BR>

However, so far the site hasn't been an other- worldly success. Traffic has been humble since it launched in March, with around 35 unique visitors a day. It may also reflect a common response to the story they have received from people since the event. The vision of two grown men in suits claiming to have seen UFOs is somewhat hard to swallow. Flaskas nods vigorously, having met with this reaction before.<BR>

<BR>

"But if you study any of the serious literature in all cultures in all civilisations, there have been these sightings," Flaskas says.<BR>

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@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: Robert Buljevic [mailto:skeptic@s1c.org]

@ Sent: Saturday, September 14, 2002 11:54 AM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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Sent: Saturday, September 14, 2002 5:28 AM  
Subject: Re: [Young\_Atheists\_Freethinkers] Israel

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@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: Brett Holman [mailto:b.holman@physics.unimelb.edu.au]

@ Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2002 10:12 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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@ Yes, there is indeed. I think the issue is just that

@ anti-evolutionists

@ assert that evolution is \*nothing but\* random chance, ignoring the

@ whole point of natural \*selection\* (as you note). Those mutations

@ which make an organism less likely to survive are swamped by those

@ which make it more likely to survive. The inputs are random,

@ the outputs

@ are not - so evolution does not equal random chance. But then I'm

@ a godless liberal secular humanist, so I would say that, wouldn't I?

Do you mean that the organism with the mutation which makes it more likely to survive will multiply and swamp out the variation of the same organism that has the mutation that makes it less likely to survive? Or do you mean that the good mutations in a single organism will outweigh the bad ones in the same being? Your text is vague.

I do not dispute that natural selection is at work today. What I dispute is that life itself was created by random chance, and that random chance alone produced all of the mutations necessary to produce all of the life forms found now and throughout all of the history of the earth.

@ On Sun, Sep 15, 2002 at 06:40:43PM +0200, rotsky wrote:

@ > Actually, there is a random element to evolutionary theory.

@ This is when a

@ > gene mutates, accidentally and by chance, and proves to

@ give an advantage to

@ > its owner. This mutated gene is then passed on because its  
@ owner survives.  
@ > This, as I understand it, is one of the basic concepts of  
@ evolution... or is  
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From: cgibson@skomer.u-net.com  
Date: Tue, 17 Sep 2002 14:49:00 GMT  
Subject: [UFORL] Re: 1970 North Sea UFO incident

Dave,

In 1993 I was interviewed by Sky News about the black delta. The crew who did the filming were on their way back from "knocking up" an interview about that Lightning.

Talking to the journalist with the crew it sounded like they had been talking to some-one who'd been involved with the recovery and if my memory serves me right, claimed the canopy was still on the Lightning and the seat inside. Oh how I laughed. By the sound of it the BBC followed up where Sky left off.

I suppose Sky still has the footage.

Chris

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From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
Date: Tue, 17 Sep 2002 16:10:12 +0100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 1970 North Sea UFO incident

Hi All

Can someone explain why the jet's canopy was closed with no pilot inside?  
The BBC story does not address this point.

Having sat in the cockpit of a Lightning I can confirm that it is a very tight fit (I'm 5ft 8in tall), the canopy is powered so I'm assuming it was opened under its own power. lets try and put a sequence together here. The pilot tries to eject but the seat fails. Somehow, after surviving a crash into the sea without loss of consciousness, he opens the canopy and gets out. Normally ground crew would shut the canopy, but the pilot, wet and cold, crawls high enough up the fuselage to the canopy release and locks the canopy shut then presumably swims off somewhere.

Why did he not stay where he was using his life-jacket and SARBE (Search And Rescue Beacon Equipment) until the rescue chopper arrived?

It just does not make sense to me.

Cheers

John

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Date: Tue, 17 Sep 2002 22:49:45 -0700  
Subject: FW: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Speiser [mailto:jimspeiser@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2002 9:28 PM  
Subject: Fwd: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

@ If there were no public good, there would be no government.  
@ The fact that you are free to type your ideas here is a testimony  
@ to the government acting in the public good - securing your  
freedoms.  
@ No government, no liberties.

>The US government was originally founded to rely entirely on  
>individual  
>rights. Later politicians distorted this for their own use.

You cannot have a government that relies entirely on individual rights. The word "tax" or forms thereof appears 6 times in the Constitution proper; the word "right" appears once, in relation to patents and trademarks. The Constitution and the Bill of Rights taken together is a marvelous document, obviously intended to limit the power of government to infringe on personal freedoms, but personal freedoms are not absolute, and do not supercede the right of an entire society to exist. For example, if you take the second amendment to an extreme, nothing therein should be construed to prevent me from owning an atomic bomb. However, I think you see the danger to society of my owning one. (Not really; I'd only use it once, and only on a certain ancient city that rhymes with "hag-mad".....)

@ Where did you get that from? Animals and man are not equal,  
@ but man has the capacity and duty to spare animals needless  
@ suffering.

>The fact that you "gave" the animal the right to "choose".

On the contrary, animals CANNOT choose. We need to choose for them, and choose wisely and humanely. I do believe they have the right to be spared needless suffering. That's not a religious belief, it cannot be for I am not religious. It's just a belief, based on my observation that animals suffer pain.

@ >Now you are saying that all religion is the invention of man?  
@

@ Well, that's not what I was saying, but, as it happens, that's  
@ my take on it, yes. What I was saying was, that even if some  
@ are real, and some are fake, you wouldn't be able to tell the  
@ fake ones, and under your thought process, you'd have to accept  
@ the fake ones and protect their rights as well.

>So you would deny people their religious rights because you  
>yourself believe that they were all invented by man. Who are you  
>to be the one to decide?

I would not deny anyone their religious rights except where those rights come into conflict with what I consider more fundamental rights. There are people in this country, in this century, who reject medical science in favor of prayer, and who practice this bizarre and horrifying belief on \_children\_, causing them to suffer horrible, agonizing deaths on the chance that they will earn an eternal reward. This makes absolutely no sense, from a medical, legal, constitutional, or even a theological point of view. The right of the family to practice their "religion" is far outweighed by the right of a child, who may not yet have independently chosen that religion, to be spared from needless suffering. It is child abuse, plain and simple. Yes, I would impose my belief in such a situation. Would I prevent someone from going to the church of their choice? Not on your life.

@ >If that is the case, how do you tell a religion from a  
@ >government?

@ Huh? Governments deal in reality, religions deal in the supernatural?

>Governments deal in reality???? Look at some of the "reality" they  
>base  
>their laws on:

blah, blah, blah, none of which is supernatural (and some of which I agree with you that our current policies may be short-sighted).

@ >If not, how do you tell the real ones from the fake ones?  
@  
@ My way, its easy, they're all fake.

>Tell that to the people you send to hell by enforcing your  
>belief upon them.

How am I sending anyone to hell by insisting they learn how science deals with origins? I sure can't force them to believe it, just learn it. Oh, maybe I'm sending the children to hell for not allowing them to practice Christian Science unto their deaths. Perhaps if your God would send people to hell for the transgression of obeying the law,

he's not such a terrific God after all. Although I do think he said something about "Render unto Caesar...."

>The problem is, the choices you make due to your belief (that all  
>religions are fake) are the choices that do the most damage to  
>people if religion is real.

Again, we're not talking about making laws forbidding the practice of religion. We're just talking about teaching science. You don't have to believe it, just learn it.

I believe the issue that fomented this argument in the first place was, "eradication of religion through education." Perhaps I need to flesh that out a bit. I do wish to hasten the day when religion is a footnote in the history texts, and when civilized societies conduct their affairs based on common sense rather than reliance on numinous realms. However, I would no more force someone to give up practicing their faith than I would attempt by force to get you to sign the UN Extraterrestrial Disclosure Petition. But if education is given free reign to teach science, logic, and good healthy critical thinking, religion will vanish through disuse. (Likewise, so would 90% of UFO reports!!).

@ First, "Evolution did not occur" = random chance. Evolution is  
@ NOT based on random chance. Apparently you didn't read that  
@ article too well.

>OK, then how DOES evolution occur, if not by mutations induced by  
>random chance? What causes the mutations? If it's not random chance,  
>then there must be an agent. A deity?????

Perhaps it would help if you revisited the scientific definition of evolution:

"Change in allele frequency in a given population over time." The keyword here is "change." That change has occurred is undeniable. Yes, there is a random element, the mutations. And there is a non-random element, the selection process, which is what "locks in" the change. It is the locked-in changes that we see as speciation.

@ Second, "If Evolution did not occur, then we should not see  
@ fossils of different morphologies than exist today." There.

>Are you sure? You have not exhausted all of the other possible  
>causes for those fossils. How do you know that Evolution is the  
>ONLY possible cause? You seem pretty sure of yourself.

Again, Evolution, strictly defined, is NOT the cause, it is the EFFECT! What you are railing against is evolution through random selection, and seem to be saying we should not teach this because we don't know that God didn't do it. For that matter, we don't KNOW that God didn't create the world 15

minutes ago, complete with false memories and false history texts. Should we not teach history for that reason????

Maybe I'll pick up on your other points later. In the meantime, thank you for the lively discussion.

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@ Subject: FW: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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@ You cannot have a government that relies entirely on individual  
@ rights.

Actually, one used to exist, in the Solomon Islands. They had no  
taxes, no money, and no government programs. Those in the  
government also had regular jobs. Then the Japanese invaded.

@ but personal freedoms are not absolute,  
@ and do not supercede the right of an entire society to exist.

This is the liberal viewpoint. The founding fathers would have  
disagreed.

Benjamin Franklin once said that anyone who would trade liberty  
for security deserves neither.

@ For example, if you take the second amendment to an extreme,  
@ nothing therein should be construed to prevent me from owning  
@ an atomic bomb. However, I think you see the danger to society  
@ of my owning one.

Oh, I see. We keep honest people from having bombs, so only the  
dishonest people (e.g. Saddam Insane, Osama Been Lyin, etc.) have  
them.

@ (Not really; I'd only use it once, and only on  
@ a certain ancient city that rhymes with "hag-mad" .....) )

Badgag?

What about the innocent people there? You would deny religious rights to relieve pain, but then would kill many innocent people to remove one leader.

@ On the contrary, animals CANNOT choose. We need to choose @ for them, and choose wisely and humanely. I do believe they @ have the right to be spared needless suffering. That's not a @ religious belief, it cannot be for I am not religious. It's @ just a belief, based on my observation that animals suffer @ pain.

OK, I have a few jobs for you:

- Save the lemmings from the pain of drowning.
- Give pain shots to the dying salmon who have just spawned.
- Teach all of the lions to be vegetarians.
- Ban all parasites.

@ >So you would deny people their religious rights because you @ >yourself believe that they were all invented by man. Who are you @ >to be the one to decide?  
@  
@ I would not deny anyone their religious rights except where those @ rights come into conflict with what I consider more fundamental @ rights.

And who are you to decide that other rights are "more fundamental" than religious rights? I should think deciding one's ultimate destiny after life on this world should be the most fundamental right, since the effects of that choice last far longer than the short life we have here, or any pain we might have to endure here.

@ There are people in this country, in this century, who reject @ medical science in favor of prayer, and who practice this bizarre and @ horrifying belief on \_children\_, causing them to suffer horrible, @ agonizing deaths on the chance that they will earn an eternal @ reward. This makes absolutely no sense, from a medical, legal, @ constitutional, or even a theological point of view.

That's IF you don't believe in that religion. If you DO believe in it, you believe that the interference of government is going to send that child to hell - a much more permanent pain than any available on this planet.

Pain is at most temporary. Eternity is permanent.

@ How am I sending anyone to hell by insisting they learn how science @ deals with origins? I sure can't force them to believe it, just learn @ it.

You have government casting doubt on what their parents and church taught them, by effectively telling them that these teachings are false. The fact that government teaches it, even though it may be total mouse manure, clothes it with authority. So they believe the government, and end up in hell as a result.

@ Oh, maybe I'm sending the children to hell for not allowing them  
@ to practice Christian Science unto their deaths. Perhaps if your God  
@ would send people to hell for the transgression of obeying the law,  
@ he's not such a terrific God after all. Although I do think he said  
@ something about "Render unto Caesar...."

He said "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's." Life belongs to God, not to government.

@ I believe the issue that fomented this argument in the first  
@ place was, "eradication of religion through education." Perhaps I  
@ need to flesh that out a bit. I do wish to hasten the day when  
@ religion is a footnote in the history texts, and when civilized  
@ societies conduct their affairs based on common sense rather than  
@ reliance on numinous realms.

In other words, you want a world without God. You may live to see it, but you won't like it.

@ However, I would no more force someone to give up practicing their  
@ faith than I would attempt by force to get you to sign the UN  
@ Extraterrestrial Disclosure Petition. But if education is given free  
@ reign to teach science, logic, and good healthy critical thinking,  
@ religion will vanish through disuse. (Likewise, so would 90% of UFO  
@ reports!!).

Not if God really exists, and is constantly guiding people to Him.

@ Perhaps it would help if you revisited the scientific definition of  
@ evolution:  
@ "Change in allele frequency in a given population over time."  
@ The keyword  
@ here is "change." That change has occurred is undeniable. Yes, there  
@ is a random element, the mutations. And there is a  
@ non-random element,  
@ the selection process, which is what "locks in" the change. It is the  
@ locked-in changes that we see as speciation.

You keep turning the argument back to changes in existing species. That is not the part that I dispute. I question the truth of random chance being enough to bring about life, and being the ONLY cause of the entire set of living things.

@ >Are you sure? You have not exhausted all of the other possible

@ >causes for those fossils. How do you know that Evolution is the  
@ >ONLY possible cause? You seem pretty sure of yourself.  
@  
@ Again, Evolution, strictly defined, is NOT the cause, it is  
@ the EFFECT! What you are railing against is evolution through random  
@ selection, and seem to be saying we should not teach this because we  
@ don't know that God didn't do it. For that matter, we don't KNOW  
@ that God didn't create the world 15 minutes ago, complete with false  
@ memories and false history texts. Should we not teach history for  
@ that reason?????

No, I am saying that there is no other well-defined theory to test  
Evolution against, since it depends on random chance to work.

Look at history. We have enough independent sources that Abraham  
Lincoln was President of the United States during the Civil war. I can  
find his grave.

Look at physical science. I can test the facts of electron flow myself  
by repeating the experiments done by the early scientists who studied  
electricity, and comparing my results with theirs. I can slide a block  
on an inclined plane and measure the forces involved.

Look at religion. What kind of test can I devise to determine the  
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Look at government. What kind of test can I devise to determine if it  
is correct in what it is doing? All I have is the writings of others,  
plus some circumstantial evidence. Doing experiments gets you thrown in  
jail. So the only statement I can make about government is that it is  
mostly comprised of cry-babies who are totally determined to get their  
way, no matter who they hurt. They inflict more pain than Christian  
Science possibly could.

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From: "Robert Buljevic" <skeptic@s1c.org>  
Date: Wed, 18 Sep 2002 22:20:55 +0200  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

----- Original Message -----

From: Robinson, Larry <lrobin@indiana.edu> Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2002 12:09 AM  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

> Oh, really? Where do the mutations to be selected among come from?  
> There must either be an agent causing choice mutations, or the  
> mutations must occur by random chance. If such a mutation agent exists,  
> what is it?

I corrected myself in a next message.

Yet the point stands that evolution is not equal random chance.

Nobody claims that the phenomenon of life results out of random chance.

An interesting article on the difference between evolutionary algorithm and random chance:

<http://www.s1c.org/proveit/complexity3.htm>

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Here is your answer, straight from the mouth of Group Captain Barwood, who was involved in the RAF Board of Inquiry into the circumstances of the accident:

[To set the context, when the Lightning was recovered on the seabed at a depth of 190ft, the aircraft was almost completely intact with the canopy closed. The cockpit was empty but the seat was still inside, with the harness release box undone and the harness still in position.]

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Subject: Re: [UFORL] 1970 North Sea UFO incident

Hi David

Thanks for a very full explanation. It does explain a lot.

Many thanks

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Larry

You are apparently not denying evolution. The term for what you dispute is abiogenesis, which has nothing to do with evolutionary theory.

And while we're on the subject, 'evolution' in itself is not a theory; the 'theory' part that fundamentalists get upset about is the 'theory of evolution by natural selection'. The theory is a means of modelling a phenomenon in an attempt to explain it. No scientist would claim that the theory of evolution by natural selection is the only possible explanation, but they could not deny the fact of evolution. I use the word 'fact' because there is a geological stratigraphic sequence containing fossils that show change through time; that change is identical across the world, in broad terms; it is easy to document, from this geological sequence, small changes in individual plant and animal types that eventually lead to the development of new species and genera. The common complaint of fundamentalists that no-one has ever observed evolutionary change because of the putative time-scales involved is irrelevant; astronomers are competent to deal with phenomena that they can never observe in the present; archaeologists are happy about dealing with long-lost societies; particle physicists are able to examine entities so small they cannot be seen. There is a huge body of fossil evidence for biologists to use as a basis for examining the history of life. More than that, geneticists are able to model changes through time to assess when species diverged (and it's gratifying to note that although hominid palaeontologists originally pooh-pooched the very remote date of 7 to 11 million years ago at which the geneticists claimed that the human and chimpanzee lines diverged, there are recent fossil discoveries of creatures that clearly belong on the human side of the divide that are over six million years old).

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Yes you can. You find a geological sequence of fossiliferous rocks. If you want to falsify evolutionary theory, you find fossils of creatures that are in the wrong sequence according to evolutionary theory. People have been looking at these rocks for over two hundred years and there is not yet a single example of fossils occurring in the 'wrong' order.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Mon, 23 Sep 2002 04:10:25 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] SETI "Impressed" by NASA/'Crop Circle' Cover-up?

CROP CIRCLES AND THE MOD - Our World Exclusive article by Nick Pope is essential reading for those in the Crop Circle community.

THE MOON LANDINGS: NASA'S PROOF! - Take a look at the solitary image NASA has put forward which it says is evidence that they landed men on the Moon. You won't believe it!  
[END]

Some might say it's all patently ludicrous and the latter, in reverence to those who have given their lives to space exploration, is markedly lamentable.

Still, cue contemporary 'ufology', courtesy of 'UFO Magazine' [UK]:

<http://www.ufomag.co.uk/Sept02.htm#top>

They continue:

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This is part of a special section examining a veritable feast of lunar tales; from stolen moon rocks to the Hubble Space Telescope [HST] and its ability to take close-up images of the lunar surface. Using NASA's own claims and statistics (plus information issued by an astronomer working out of a University in Northern England) we reveal a massive 100% factual contradiction. No more excuses NASA. Point the HST at the Apollo landing sites and settle this particular conspiracy of 'did we, or didn't we?' to rest once and for all!  
[END]

Allegedly, even the foremost 'SETI Institute' are comfortable with these perpetual, some might conclude more than an insult to intelligence and shameful, allegations.

Graham Birdsall, editor of 'UFO Magazine' writes:

"A few days ago, on Monday, 12 August, I made my second visit in as many days to the National Space Centre in Leicester. Here I met and interviewed Seth Shostak of the SETI Institute. The full story will feature in our October issue, but I wish to place on

public record my thanks to officials at the Centre for extending their kind invitation. Throughout our near two-hour-long interview, Seth was happy to answer every question I put to him and was very forthcoming in his comments. I was much the better informed at the end of the interview, and I know that all who eventually digest what he had to say will share that view.

UFO Magazine have struck up an excellent working relationship with leading officials at the Centre who have been impressed by the professional and objective approach we bring to the subject".

Perhaps somewhat ... astounding... to hear that the 'SETI Institute' are reportedly impressed by "a professional and objective approach" which proclaims the entire foundation of space research is utterly corrupt and hides evidence of contact by demonstrably mythical 'flying saucers', who evidently are responsible for the 'crop circles' that bemuse so few...

On behalf of our 'UFO Research List' [UFORL], I have invited the 'National Space Centre' in Leicester, Seth Shostak and the 'SETI Institute' to comment on these landmark claims, for publication on the list.

James.

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@ From: Keith J Matthews [mailto:kmatthews@lunet.ac.uk]

@ Sent: Sunday, September 22, 2002 3:40 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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@ Larry

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@ You are apparently not denying evolution. The term for what

@ you dispute is

@ abiogenesis, which has nothing to do with evolutionary theory.

@

@ And while we're on the subject, 'evolution' in itself is not

@ a theory; the

@ 'theory' part that fundamentalists get upset about is the 'theory of

@ evolution by natural selection'. The theory is a means of modelling a

@ phenomenon in an attempt to explain it. No scientist would

@ claim that the

@ theory of evolution by natural selection is the only possible

@ explanation,

@ but they could not deny the fact of evolution. I use the word

@ 'fact' because

@ there is a geological stratigraphic sequence containing

@ fossils that show

@ change through time; that change is identical across the

@ world, in broad

@ terms; it is easy to document, from this geological sequence,

@ small changes

@ in individual plant and animal types that eventually lead to



@ the development  
@ of new species and genera. The common complaint of  
@ fundamentalists that  
@ no-one has ever observed evolutionary change because of the putative  
@ time-scales involved is irrelevant; astronomers are competent  
@ to deal with  
@ phenomena that they can never observe in the present;  
@ archaeologists are  
@ happy about dealing with long-lost societies; particle  
@ physicists are able  
@ to examine entities so small they cannot be seen. There is a  
@ huge body of  
@ fossil evidence for biologists to use as a basis for  
@ examining the history  
@ of life. More than that, geneticists are able to model  
@ changes through time  
@ to assess when species diverged (and it's gratifying to note  
@ that although  
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@ 11 million years ago at which the geneticists claimed that  
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How can you predict how strata would be arranged, except by using the same strata found elsewhere? That uses the system to define itself.

Also, how do you date the strata, when the dating methods depend on the assumptions made about the deposition rates of the strata, and the assumptions made about the strata depend on the assumptions made about the dating methods?

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Of course not. The Evolutionists destroyed it, so they could have their way. :D :D :D

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Actually it does not. You don't know how that stuff got piled in the strata in the order it is in, or why the animals appeared in the order they did. You ASSUME that it was as the Evolutionists say.

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I prefer allowing each family to choose what will be taught to its children by the schools, rather than cramming everyone into a standard government-approved curriculum. And that includes other subjects where different beliefs exist, such as government and economics.

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Indeed - so would I. I was employing sarcasm - sorry if it wasn't heavy enough! :)

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- > ago (when nobody was looking).
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But compared to \*what\*? \*You\* were the one who said there needed to be a control for it to be an experiment (as in "I don't call looking at strata an "experiment", because there is no control group.") Where is the control group here? Do we have a universe without gravity to compare it to? Or perhaps an Earth not in a solar system? Maybe there's a Ptolemaic solar system somewhere around here we can test it against ... The concept of a control is of limited value in observational and historical sciences like astrophysics and geology - we only have one Earth, one universe, one history. Yet remarkable progress is still possible.

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Do the dating methods depend \*only\* on the assumptions made about the deposition rates of the strata, and do the assumptions made about the strata depend \*only\* on the assumptions made about the dating methods? No, of course not. They depend on lots of other things and results from

other areas of science. If they depended only on each other, then yes, it would be circular. But they don't, and so that gives us a handle on solving it.

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Date: Wed, 25 Sep 2002 09:00:32 -0400  
Subject: Re: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

I don't know;

I would call these things observations not experiments. Observing nature and deriving conclusions based observations is a valid way of doing science. Experimenting, I.E. altering some aspect of a set of conditions and observing the results is another perfectly valid method.

Both methods require that the results or the observations must be duplicated in order to ascertain an established fact. For example, if I say "a hammer will tend to fall towards a known gravity source", I am stating a fact which can be easily duplicated. If I say, sometimes a hammer will fall away from a known gravity source, I might be speaking the truth however no one has ever observed this happening spontaneously.

If I say, "persons from another solar system are abducting and experimenting on millions of Earth people" I am not speaking a fact but a belief. I cannot prove that people are being abducted whether I believe in this or not. There has never been any outside observation of this phenomena as of yet. No one outside of the persons who claim to have been abducted can testify that this phenomena is an established fact. All we have are suppositions and beliefs, not science.

Unfortunately, believing in something gets one closer to religion but not necessarily closer to the truth.

G.P.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobins@indiana.edu> Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2002 4:18 PM  
Subject: RE: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

- > Oh, really? How about launching a satellite, or going to the Moon?
- >
- > How about trigonometrically measuring the relative sizes of the sun,
- > earth, and moon about 300 years before Christ - and accurately measuring
- > the size and shape of the earth through observed behavior of the sun?
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 > @ From: Brett Holman [mailto:b.holman@physics.unimelb.edu.au]  
 > @ Sent: Monday, September 23, 2002 8:48 PM  
 > @ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com  
 > @ Subject: Re: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'  
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 > @  
 > @ On Mon, Sep 23, 2002 at 02:31:33PM -0500, Robinson, Larry wrote:  
 > @ > It's what they are teaching in the schools here.  
 > @ Abiogenesis is part of  
 > @ > it.  
 > @ >  
 > @ > I don't call looking at strata an "experiment", because there is no  
 > @ > control group.  
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 > @ Well, there goes the heliocentric solar system - there's no control  
 > @ group, so it's not an experiment. And therefore it's unscientific ...  
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 > @ Or perhaps there is more than one way to do science?

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Thu, 26 Sep 2002 05:47:19 +0100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

Regarding:

>From: "Guy Pettingill" <guy\_pettingill@arlob.eckerd.edu>  
>Date: Wed Sep 25, 2002 2:00 pm  
>Subject: Re: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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Guy,

A judicious realisation.

We absolutely have to view ufology within a perspective where 'millions' resolutely believe that the universe, encompassing planet Earth, was created in seven days and that the animals really "went in 'two by two'...", etc.

We must also appreciate the overall context of numerous and diverse religious beliefs, which are inherently, outright contradictory.

Perhaps, in conclusion, we can easily surmise it's long since been blatantly obvious that there's as much chance of citing meaningful, scientific, evidence of 'alien visitation' than footage of someone sailing off the end of the world.

And that's a fact.

James.

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Date: Thu, 26 Sep 2002 10:49:21 -0400  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

However; we have an abundance of evidence that one \*can\* sail off of the ends of the world. This was an absurd concept 100 years ago but, it is a meaningful reality today.

I believe that one can apply scientific principles to something even as absurd as the \*fact\* that people claim to have been abducted by extraterrestrial beings in spacecraft. Only by applying rigorous standards to reporting, responsible follow-ups, careful analyses and conclusions \*based on the evidence\* not on a particular world view or belief system will ultimately reveal the answer to this puzzle. When the answer is revealed it may very well not be what people on both sides of the issue expect. One has to accept this as a consequence of the scientific process.

Analyses of beliefs and especially religious belief is a worthy subject in its own right but, once again it is important to maintain objectivity regarding this subject or one might find oneself proselitizing rather than analyzing.

G.P.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk> Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2002 12:47 AM  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

> Regarding:

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> >From: "Guy Pettingill" <guy\_pettingill@arlof.eckerd.edu>

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@ Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2002 12:01 AM  
@ To: UFORL@yahooogroups.com  
@ Subject: Re: RE: [UFORL] The Birth of the 'Greys'

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Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2002 1:38 AM  
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@ radioactive decay.

@ Keith Matthews

You mean 6005 years ago. There is no year 0 in the calendar, because it was based on Roman numerals, which could not represent 0. The year 1 BC immediately precedes the year 1 AD.

Actually, that would be the time of the fall of man, not the creation. Before Adam and Eve ate the fruit of knowledge, they wouldn't have known about time.

But there IS another possibility, rather than the slowing down of radioactive decay: The concentrations of these isotopes in the surface environment (which the strata were made from) could have been LOWER in the past (when the strata were deposited), and then increased in the environment over time to the levels found today. This makes the strata appear to be older than they are.

How could the concentrations increase over time? Increased solar or cosmic radiation, accumulation of material created by solar or cosmic radiation (if the creation rate is greater than the decay rate), volcanic activity bringing up materials from deep in the earth, and meteoric deposition are just a few possibilities that come to mind.

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On Thu, Sep 26, 2002 at 11:03:37AM -0500, Robinson, Larry wrote:

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Yes - but this is not a control group (which is the main point in your post that I objected to); it's an alternate hypothesis. In observational sciences like astronomy and geology, we compare the predictions of each hypothesis to what we observe. Heliocentrism (loosely defined, of course) and evolution win; geocentrism and creationism do not. There are no control groups.

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What do you mean "what other theory???" Don't you have an alternate theory? If so, we can compare how well evolution performs against that.

If not, what exactly is your problem with evolution? We can only go with the best explanation on offer. I don't know why you seem to think evolution is somehow untestable.

And they are not vague predictions; evolution, at least, makes quite specific predictions.

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- > the decay of any one atom. But THEN they use the half-life they
- > calculated to determine the ages of strata.

This is completely wrong. Half-lives are measured in a lab - even for isotopes with half-lives of millions of years. I don't know where you get this idea from. The measurement has nothing to do with geology at all, it's pure \*physics\*; I can explain further if you want. So, no, this is not circular at all.

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- > and that the ratios observed today are solely due to radioactive decay.
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- > time, or went through shifts in concentration? It changes the whole
- > time scale.

"What ifs" don't count - evidence does. Do you have any evidence for this happening?

For a start, there are multiple decay chains we can use (eg Ar-Ar, K-Ar, Rb-Sr, and so on). These are independent dating mechanisms, and they tend to agree. Different isotopes have different decay rates, so for this to occur by chance, across many different decay chains - which is what would have to happen if, as you suggest, the isotope concentrations increased over time - is unlikely \*in the extreme\*. In fact, the amount of change in isotope concentration for \*each\* chain would have to vary by place and by stratum in just such a way as they all give consistent ages - ie consistent across strata, locales and decay chains. This is ludicrously unlikely.

See also

<<http://www.talkorigins.org/faqs/faq-age-of-earth.html>>

<<http://www.talkorigins.org/faqs/faq-meritt/age.html>>

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- > deposition of material in strata is correct. If the strata were
- > deposited at different rates (say several layers a year, corresponding
- > to weather patterns), it throws off the whole calculation.

How many layers per year do you think would need to be laid down to create a rock with, say, 4 million layers? (The standard geological interpretation of this is that the Green River formation was laid down over 2 million years, with 2 seasonal layers added per year.)

<<http://www.cs.colorado.edu/~lindsay/creation/varves.html>>

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You may be interested to know, we run a UFO sightings recorded information line. Updated each week, we bring you all the latest news in UFOLOGY. Please feel free to leave a message after our news update and we can include your topic, news and views in a future update. You may wish to promote your own group or forthcoming meeting etc.

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Chris Rolfe  
UFO Monitors East Kent.

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From: TPrinty@aol.com

Date: Thu, 3 Oct 2002 18:42:57 EDT

Subject: [UFORL] Rudiaks accusations on Professor Moore's writings/integrity

List,

In mid-september, David Rudiak produced his scathing rebuttal on the NYU flight #4 hypothesis for the Foster ranch debris part of the Roswell incident. In addition to David's rebuttal about certain facts, he then decided that not only was Professor Moore mistaken but he was a hoaxer/liar as well. He stated that Moore deliberately altered data on several key issues.

Having long been a proponent of the NYU hypothesis, I was taken aback by several of the accusations and went about looking at Rudiak's claims. After all, to state that Moore was mistaken is one thing but to state he was deliberately falsifying and altering data was another. After examining Rudiak's work and looking at the facts, I found most of these claims of falsifying data are due to an overzealous personal attack on Moore. They are not what Rudiak claims and, in several cases, Rudiak was wrong or may have done some altering of data himself. One can even say that Rudiak has acted hypocritically in his writings.

I found several problems shortly after Rudiak posted his piece for all to view and immediately began to write a rebuttal on the work for my own web page. I held back for a week or two because of several reasons.

- 1) I was curious if Professor Moore or any of his supporters/close contacts might present some response. The word that I received was that this was apparently not going to happen.
- 2) To see if anybody else would notice some of the errors that Rudiak made in his computations. To date, I have seen nobody notice them or, at least, publicly announce them.
- 3) To see if anybody was going to suggest to Rudiak that he may be going over the top in his accusations. In fact, there were a few posts on UFO Updates that seemed to support his attack.
- 4) I just wanted to try and get the facts, as best as I can determine them, correct. This was not easy since many of the issues are open to interpretation contrary to what Rudiak has written.

Since none of items 1-3 have occurred, I am now publishing my rebuttal on the web at <http://members.aol.com/tprinty2/rudiak.html>. This is for all to examine and I hope to encourage some hopefully "friendly" debate on the items in question.

You may see Bruce Hutchinson posting a similar post on the Updates list. He was helpful in correcting my less than perfect grammar and adding a few items

to the page. However, all the basic work is mine and any mistakes are mine. Bruce was just a sounding board on ideas.

I am perfectly willing to discuss necessary corrections when obvious errors are noted in this piece. However, I would hope that not only there be a critical look at what I have written but also a critical look at Rudiak's work, which seems to have not happened to date (other than this piece). I prefer for this discussion not to degenerate into a rather rude and senseless exercise.

Anyone wanting specific information that I used that is not on the website can email me and I will gladly give them a copy.

Tim Printy

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Hopefully, this corrects the situation. <BR>

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Subject: [UFORL] Re: The Birth of the 'Greys'

--- In UFORL@y..., "Jim Speiser" <jimspeiser@y...> wrote:

> Tim:

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> Scientists associated with Ufology were apprised of the tree growth  
> situation a few years ago, some preliminary studies have been done,  
and a

> report is in the works. Not sure I know what you mean by  
"monitoring" the

> situation. In fact, I'm not sure at all why you are attacking this  
piece of

> information at all, with phrases like "unsubstantiated word", etc.

This is

> a work in progress. I can assure you that "real science" will be  
done on

> this project. In fact, you are welcome to contribute if you have any

> knowledge pertinent to the situation. Any suggestions as to how to  
go about

> this are welcome.

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> Bob:

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> APRO's failure to make public the results of the first polygraph test is

> unfortunate, to be sure. There are, of course, mitigating  
circumstances of

> which I'm sure you're aware. For one thing, the test was  
embarrassing not

> so much for its negative conclusion but for the unprofessional way  
in which

> it was conducted, effectively rendering the results invalid. For  
another,

> APRO was holding to a clause in their contract with the National  
Enquirer,

> which forbade them from publicizing negative results.

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> ==JJS==

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12102002>&nbsp;&lt;&nbsp;</SPAN></FONT></FONT></FONT><BR>The polygraph has always been a controversial topic, and much of the public -- and many introductory textbooks in psychology courses -- treat the matter with considerable skepticism. However, the more strident criticisms of the polygraph were spurred by inadequate earlier techniques, long since soundly rejected by academic scrutiny. Contemporary studies have found moderate but significant validity in the most common of modern techniques, the "Control Question Test" (CQT).&nbsp;</DIV>

<P>A recent article in the Journal of Credibility Assessment and Witness Psychology reviews the empirical and review literature concerning CQT, and concludes that, "when the ecologically valid laboratory studies and the high quality field studies are considered, both indicate high validity for the CQT." <A href="http://anw.com/fire/GPriceReport.htm#1">[1]</A>&nbsp;</P>

<P>The Fifth Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals, in its decision in the U.S. vs. Posado in 1995, overturning "per se" exclusion of polygraph evidence, gave the following overview of the state of the evidence for polygraph:&nbsp;</P><BLOCKQUOTE>

<P>"There can be no doubt that tremendous advances have been made in polygraph instrumentation and technique in the years since Frye. The test at issue in Frye measured only changes in the subject's systolic blood pressure in response to test questions. ... Modern instrumentation detects changes in the subject's blood pressure, pulse, thoracic and abdominal respiration, and galvanic skin response. Current research indicates that, when given under controlled conditions, the polygraph technique accurately predicts truth or deception between seventy and ninety percent of the time. Remaining

controversy about test accuracy is almost unanimously attributed to variations in the integrity of the testing environment and the qualifications of the examiner. ... Further, there is good indication that polygraph technique and the requirements for professional polygraphists are becoming progressively more standardized. In addition, polygraph technique has been and continues to be subjected to extensive study and publication. Finally, polygraph is now so widely used by employers and government agencies alike."

<P>And according to another court opinion:</P>

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<P>"The predominant format employed in the field of polygraphy is the 'control question' technique ... There is no dispute in this case that the 'probable lie' version of the control question technique, when properly employed, is a highly accurate method for detecting deception and possesses the type of scientific validity that satisfies the reliability prong of Rule 702. Through numerous field and laboratory studies, researchers have determined that polygraph examinations using this technique produce results that have an accuracy rate of approximately ninety percent. ...</P>

<P>"The most thorough treatment of polygraph admissibility issues can be found in two district court opinions from Arizona and New Mexico [Galbreth and Crumby] ... both courts found that polygraph theory and technique had been tested by the scientific method and repeatedly validated in field and laboratory studies, subjected to stringent peer review and extensive publication, shown to have a remarkably low error rate when properly applied by a skilled polygrapher, enjoyed substantial acceptance within the scientific community, and was widely used within government and industry."

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<P>Significant, and probably appropriate, obstacles remain before polygraph evidence finds a widespread and well-defined place in the courtroom, most notably with respect to the required standardization of examiner training, and in the ratification of techniques that are demonstrated proof against any physical and mental "countermeasures" that may be attempted by fraudulent claimants. However, a picture of significant validity and progress emerges.</P>

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Date: Sat, 12 Oct 2002 12:04:01 +0200 (CEST)  
Subject: [UFORL] FOTOCAT Project News

FOTOCAT (acronym in Spanish for Catalog of Photographs) is an in-progress project from the Anomaly Foundation <<http://www.anomalia.org>>, a not-for-profit organization set up in Spain in 1997 mainly to fund UFO research, publish journals and books, and preserve from extinction endangered UFO records.

Started initially with the objective to organize our 35-year photographic UFO/IFO archives, when it acquired significant proportions it naturally developed into a worldwide catalog with the purpose to integrate all UFO reports published in the mainstream literature where photography, film or video had been taken.

FOTOCAT has now 2,500 entries and it is rapidly expanding. We plan to release it through the Foundation's web site for public knowledge and usage when its size is considered to be acceptably representative of the "UFO photograph phenomenon" at world scale. At this stage, there are still some regional or yearly weaknesses.

#### LATE NEWS!

FOTOCAT accepts and looks for material donations in order to become a comprehensive tally of this specific segment of UFO phenomenology. One of our efforts centers in the acquisition of photographic records from various sources. It is with satisfaction that we can report here that a collection of 500 slides from the well-known ufologist from Argentina, Mr Guillermo Roncoroni (unfortunately deceased) were donated to the Anomaly Foundation thanks to the good services of his Argentinian colleagues and noted researchers Mr Alejandro Agostinelli and Mr Roberto E Banchs. This set splendidly documents such UFO cases in Latinamerica.

Very recently, Mr Philip Klass has generously donated his personal collection of 300 slides to our Project, and we have to thank the assistance provided by Mr Milton Hourcade. In this set we may find extraordinary photographic coverage of outstanding UFO events like Delphos, South Hill, or Socorro, as well as many other excellent documents.

Finally, a noted figure in the UFO field in the United States, who has collected an impressive amount of photographic material, has decided to include the Anomaly Foundation in his Last Will as future beneficiary of his UFO photo assets.

We request researchers from all corners of the world to submit us copy of any list of UFO/IFO photocases produced or to exchange regional catalogs with us. We will gladly submit what we have for a given country for correction and improvement.

Thanks for your time and best regards,

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Wed, 16 Oct 2002 01:29:52 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] Whassup...

Following a busy summer and projects which have been time consuming, I have only occasionally contributed to the list in recent weeks/months.

I'm hopeful some free time will now permit an update on material which has come my way during that period and which may be of interest.

Firstly, I must resolve problems which have surfaced with my e-mail address.

Please note that my current e-mail address is:

voyager@jeaston.com

Unfortunately, some mail sent to 'voyager@ukonline.co.uk' in recent months - going back to May - was not delivered and I've only now received a backlog, including personal correspondence from list subscribers. I'll attend to these soon as possible.

Without going into detail, it's only fair to emphasise that 'UK Online' were not responsible for the anomaly - it originated elsewhere.

Amongst new developments are significant insights from renowned balloonist Don Piccard and author Ray Stanford concerning Socorro, plus John Burroughs and others re Rendlesham.

More on these in due course.

Meanwhile, it would appear that gardeners at the White House have not of late been replacing divots from saucer landing pods and it's all been relatively quiet on the newsworthy front.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Wed, 16 Oct 2002 03:50:37 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] Re: 'The Socorro, NM UFO - Explained?'

Regarding:

>From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
>Date: Fri Aug 2, 2002 6:48 am  
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I wrote:

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Additional evidence why a helicopter was not likely to have been the object Zamora witnessed can be found in Ray Stanford's book, 'Socorro Saucer'.

Stanford writes:

"Zamora reported that as the craft rose vertically and then moved away, he observed an estimated four-foot-long elliptical opening on the bottom of the object, out of which the flame issued".

He further explains [the asterisks denotes Stanford's emphasis]:

"Zamora felt a distinct heat on his body coming from the craft's exhaust, but \*there was not nearly so much heat as there should have been if this were a rocket's exhaust of equal size and brilliance\*.

The sound made up for it, however, Zamora thought later.

Something else, though, made the 'flame', streaming downward only fifteen paces from Zamora, seem unusual.

He told me, 'That roaring flame. It looked like it should'a bounced [deflected] off the ground, \*but it didn't\*.

In fact, \*it was more like some fiery Excalibur, actually penetrating into the rocks and the earth\*, instead of deflecting off to the side as a gaseous rocket exhaust would have done'."

Stanford adds, "I was puzzled about this as I stood at the landing site that afternoon...".

Stanford also documents the following:

"[State Patrolman] 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\*.'"

Stanford then reports his later conversation in a restaurant with two women, who "lived on the south side of Socorro".

They claimed to have heard two 'roars' in the sky, with approximately a minute between, just before six o'clock on 24 April.

In response to Stanford's question, "Couldn't you have heard a jet, or something from White Sands?", he was reportedly informed by one of the witnesses, "No... it was nothing like that. We hear jets all the time. This thing sounded different, and it wasn't like anything we ever hear from over on the range. And it wasn't a helicopter, either".

Captain Richard Holder was the "up-range commander at White Sands Stallion Site". On the evening of 24 April, 1964, he had been contacted by local FBI agent J. Arthur Byrnes, Jr, who informed Holder of Zamora's report.

Holder interviewed Zamora and Ray Stanford writes of Holder, "...we have good reason to believe his statement to the press on

Saturday, 25 April, the day after the incident. He said, 'I was contacted on the evening of 24 April by local authorities to determine whether White Sands missile range or Holloman Air Force Base had anything which might produce the conditions described. \*Neither White Sands missile range nor Holloman had an object that would compare to the object described. And there was no known firing mission in progress at the time of the occurrence that would produce the conditions reported\*'. "

In personal correspondence, which I will not directly quote without permission, Ray Stanford - who vehemently still believes the object was potentially/definitely of ET origin - does emphasise Zamora's bewilderment why the object on departure did not disturb \_at all\_ the abundant ravine sand, as a helicopter obviously should have.

Why didn't a 'rocket', either?

It's a question I've asked before and which remains devoid of any 'not a hot-air balloon' rationalisation.

Where is any challenge?

Incidentally, re the possibility that Zamora may simply have encountered a then entirely uncommon hot-air balloon... although the involvement and influence of those early, circa 1964, hot-air balloon pioneers, Ed Yost, Don Piccard, Tracy Barnes and Mark Semich are well documented, what about Jimmie Craig?

Never heard of him?

You won't find any mention on the Internet.

Jimmie Craig was an associate of Ed Yost - who effectively invented the hot-air balloon in October 1960.

Craig was also the 'U.S National Hot-air Balloon Champion' in 1964 and 1965, when it was still a nascent sport with relatively few participants, certainly during 1964.

That aside, for now, in summary and bearing in mind fundamental inconsistencies previously highlighted, are there any arguments why we can not, surely, dismiss outright Dave Thomas' commendable, proposed 'helicopter/Lunar Surveyor' explanation?

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"Zamora felt a distinct heat on his body coming from the craft's exhaust, but \*there was not nearly so much heat as there should have been if this were a rocket's exhaust of equal size and brilliance\*.

The sound made up for it, however, Zamora thought later.

Something else, though, made the 'flame', streaming downward only fifteen paces from Zamora, seem unusual.

He told me, 'That roaring flame. It looked like it should'a bounced [deflected] off the ground, \*but it didn't\*.

In fact, \*it was more like some fiery Excalibur, actually penetrating into the rocks and the earth\*, instead of deflecting off to the side as a gaseous rocket exhaust would have done'."

Stanford adds, "I was puzzled about this as I stood at the landing site that afternoon...".

Stanford also documents the following:

"[State Patrolman] 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\*.'"

Stanford then reports his later conversation in a restaurant with two women, who "lived on the south side of Socorro".

They claimed to have heard two 'roars' in the sky, with approximately a minute between, just before six o'clock on 24 April.

In response to Stanford's question, "Couldn't you have heard a jet, or something from White Sands?", he was reportedly informed by one of the witnesses, "No... it was nothing like that. We hear jets all the time. This thing sounded different, and it wasn't like anything we ever hear from over on the range. And it wasn't a helicopter, either".

Captain Richard Holder was the "up-range commander at White Sands Stallion Site". On the evening of 24 April, 1964, he had been contacted by local FBI agent J. Arthur Byrnes, Jr, who informed Holder of Zamora's report.

Holder interviewed Zamora and Ray Stanford writes of Holder, "...we have good reason to believe his statement to the press on

Saturday, 25 April, the day after the incident. He said, 'I was contacted on the evening of 24 April by local authorities to determine whether White Sands missile range or Holloman Air Force Base had anything which might produce the conditions described. \*Neither White Sands missile range nor Holloman had an object that would compare to the object described. And there was no known firing mission in progress at the time of the occurrence that would produce the conditions reported\*'. "

In personal correspondence, which I will not directly quote without permission, Ray Stanford - who vehemently still believes the object was potentially/definitely of ET origin - does emphasise Zamora's bewilderment why the object on departure did not disturb \_at all\_ the abundant ravine sand, as a helicopter obviously should have.

Why didn't a 'rocket', either?

It's a question I've asked before and which remains devoid of any 'not a hot-air balloon' rationalisation.

Where is any challenge?

Incidentally, re the possibility that Zamora may simply have encountered a then entirely uncommon hot-air balloon... although the involvement and influence of those early, circa 1964, hot-air balloon pioneers, Ed Yost, Don Piccard, Tracy Barnes and Mark Semich are well documented, what about Jimmie Craig?

Never heard of him?

You won't find any mention on the Internet.

Jimmie Craig was an associate of Ed Yost - who effectively invented the hot-air balloon in October 1960.

Craig was also the 'U.S National Hot-air Balloon Champion' in 1964 and 1965, when it was still a nascent sport with relatively few participants, certainly during 1964.

That aside, for now, in summary and bearing in mind fundamental inconsistencies previously highlighted, are there any arguments why we can not, surely, dismiss outright Dave Thomas' commendable, proposed 'helicopter/Lunar Surveyor' explanation?

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files in 1982 was in fact 'selling us all short'.<BR>

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(For examples of the claims see below <B>R1, R2 & R3</B>).<BR>

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The original claim turn out to be a full of holes and that certain person has now<BR>  
decided not to talk about the matter?<BR>

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It turns out that that other UFO research Group did the first research on the  
RAAF<BR>

files, years before.<BR>

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Well respected Australian <B>MUFON</B> research, and Vice President of  
Australia's oldest<BR>

working UFO Society, Victorian UFO Research Society (VUFORS) a <B>Mr  
Paul<BR>

Norman</B> (and other) in fact did the first RAAF file research in 1978 with the help  
of<BR>

friends in the DoD, such as <B>Group Captain Brett Biddington</B>, <B>Major  
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Tim, these researchers are from two UFO Groups.<BR><BR>

The main group was VUFORS - Victorian UFO Research Society.<BR><BR>

A number of people got to work with the "full RAAF files" before they<BR>went to the other states and Canberra. There was quite a number of<BR>people from 1978 who visited the RAAF Headquarters Support Command,<BR>Victoria Barracks, Victoria - Int cells.<BR><BR>

For your information: The above can be listed on some documents<BR>as 'HQSUPCOM' or sent to 'CINTELLO' or 'C Intell O'. So watch out<BR>for that.<BR><BR>

I would say, Paul Norman and Judy Magee would be the first to see<BR>all the files.<BR><BR>

That was in the late 1970s - 1978!<BR><BR>

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<BR>So they are the first important civilian UFO researchers to access<BR>all the RAAF files.<BR><BR>

Paul is a X-USNavy man and Judy X-NAVY so that helped them.<BR><BR>

But there were others in Victoria who got to view and copy the<BR>full record in 1978 & 1979 from these two groups. Their names are<BR>on the security log books.<BR><BR>

The strange twist to this case was that the person who should have<BR>got the chance to see all the files in the late 1970s was the past<BR>President of CAPIO & VUFORS also a Lawyer, Mr Peter Norris.<BR>

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However Peter decided to get out of the UFO mad house, and not<BR>  
long after that the files became open! That's what I call bad luck!<BR>  
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Peter was the "ONLY" hard worker in the attacks against the<BR>  
Minister and 'HQSUPCOM' for the disclosure of the files.<BR>  
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And after all that he missed out. You will see Peter's letters in all<BR>  
the RAAF files.<BR>  
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&gt;Canberra does not seem to be the hub or the main collection point for<BR>  
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&gt;is not the centre of RAAF UFO research then who was and what was?<BR>  
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Canberra was not the hub!<BR>  
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The hub was Melbourne.<BR>  
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Melbourne started as the centre for all RAAF and ARMY, Intelligence<BR>  
research, science, labs, storage etc the lot. More important Melbourne<BR>  
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Victoria Barracks (Melbourne) Int Cell was very important and<BR>  
in fact the officers at that Cell did do some great work with very<BR>  
limited resources. All original UFO files were located at their<BR>  
rooms and it was quite a collection. There were some wonderful people<BR>  
at the Cell and too many to name, all were a great help, on any<BR>  
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Brian Jackson, and&nbsp; Lt John Lutton, are just three of many.<BR>  
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&gt;Thank you for Flight Lt Brett Biddington press item.<BR>  
&gt;Any word on were these people are today?<BR>  
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[1]. Brett Biddington - Brett is now a RAAF Group Captain in Canberra.<BR>  
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ARMY CELL:<BR>  
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[2]. Brian Jackson - Died on the 28th May 1996.



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As of this morning [21st] the car and the missing person have not been  
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The police can do little at present as there is no indication of a  
crime. They can not<br>

do very much in any official capacity unless some crime or belief that  
the person<br>

is at harm, the facts are people can do what they want and if they  
want to hid or<br>

run away then thats not a police matter, unless they are under age.&quot;  
He said.<br>

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The Director of PRA Mr John Auchettl said in the release, &quot;It is  
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case and it will take a bit of leg work to get to the bottom of this

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“This looks like it will also take some time to sort out, but we can not rush an investigations like this and we need to get proof and confirm the data before anything can be concluded. At present we are behind, on all our case research projects, we have so much to do. So that's all we can say until we get more facts and find the person or the car. But it looks very promising and we do live in interesting times” Auchettl said.

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William Of Ockham (1285-1347)

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From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>  
Date: Thu, 24 Oct 2002 20:33:20 +0200 (CEST)  
Subject: [UFORL] Anomaly Foundation Web Update

Mr Matías Morey, web master of the Anomaly Foundation's web site  
<<http://www.anomalia.org>> has announced that the site has been updated,  
including a bilingual section on the FOTOCAT (photographic catalog)Project  
<<http://www.anomalia.org/fotocat1.htm>>, a number of articles available in  
English <<http://www.anomalia.org/english.htm>>, and the publication of a  
long essay on the Ummo affair <<http://www.anomalia.org/ummo.pdf>>  
Good reading!  
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From: "geminivideo2000" <david@geminivideo.co.uk>  
X-Originating-IP: 195.92.67.76  
Date: Fri, 25 Oct 2002 18:53:27 -0000  
Subject: [UFORL] Witness sightings

Hi to all.

We are currently involved in script writing a one-hour documentary regarding UFO activity in the Norfolk UK region of the British Isles and are looking for reliable witness reports. We are not looking for single one-person experiences but sightings that took place with more than one or with many witnesses.

If anyone can assist, or be prepared to be interviewed 'on camera' this would be a great help.

Regards to all

David Phillips (Producer)

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From: "Luis R. Gonzalez" <lrgm@arrakis.es>  
Date: Fri, 25 Oct 2002 21:07:00 +0200  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Best Evidence

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reports that have appeared in the newspaper from 1947 to the present day. Anyone  
can turn up at the EDP and ask to see the folder and they will be happy to show it to  
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From: "Greg Sandow" <greg@gregsandow.com>  
Date: Fri, 25 Oct 2002 15:30:41 -0400  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Best Evidence

Luis,

This wan't the account I was talking about.

I've never seen this paper by Michael Nash. As I said in a post long ago, I'd confused Michael Nash with Michael Yapko. The account I referred to was in one of Yapko's books.

Greg Sandow

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Luis R. Gonzalez [mailto:lrgm@arrakis.es]

> Sent: Friday, October 25, 2002 3:07 PM

> To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

> Subject: Re: [UFORL] Best Evidence

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From: "Luis R. Gonzalez" <lrgm@arrakis.es>  
Date: Sat, 26 Oct 2002 11:22:10 +0200  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Best Evidence

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Then, on August 24, 2002 you clarified:

>My memory failed me here. Michael Nash is a psychology professor at the >University of Tennessee, and editor of the International Journal of >Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis. He's an important hypnosis >researcher, but he's not the author of the book I was talking about.

>My notes on that book aren't with me at the moment, but I believe it's >Michael Yapko's "Suggestions of Abuse: True and False >Memories of Childhood Sexual Trauma" (New York: Simon and Schuster, >1994)

Now, you say that it was not this case.

Well, the case (as you related it) coincides quite a lot with the short resumé

Dr. Nash gave about his patient in the article I mentioned, even to the point

when the patient still believes in his abduction despite Nash's opinions.

In any case, I will try to locate a copy of Yapko's book... or maybe you (or somebody else) could transcribe the pertinent paragraphs.

Yours,

Luis R. González Manso

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and any others who may have proceded me but again I have never seen any evidence  
for this or, more to the point, I have never seen any documentation that Paul or  
Judy put out to make the wider research community or the general public aware of  
their earlier access.&nbsp;</FONT></DIV>  
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person to get general comprehensive access to the Canberra DAFI files&nbsp;</FONT></DIV>  
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ages" (1991-92) indicates that both Paul & Judy did get access to the  
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<DIV>&gt;The original claim turn out to be a full of holes and that certain person has now<BR>&gt;decided not to talk about the matter?<BR><BR><FONT face=Arial size=2>Again this is Glen putting his own hollow spin. My claims were correct to the best of my knowledge and if there is evidence to the contrary I'm happy to acknowledge it. Your suggestion that I don't want to talk about it is just plain stupid.&nbsp; I've been out of the country for the past few weeks and was not checking my emails until&nbsp;now. I was thankful that during that period I was able to meet up with some sensible researchers in the field, such as Jenny Randles, Dave Clarke & Dave Baker. I thank them for their hospitality in England and would welcome the opportunity to reciprocate if the opportunity ever arises. Sadly sensible researchers in this field are an increasingly rare commodity.</FONT></DIV>

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contributions to the field them maybe I'll take him seriously. Meanwhile if he is viewed as an "asset" to the UFORL list its a little sad, but hey anybody seems welcome to this list. I live in hope for a positive real contribution from "Glen Hough" whoever he is.</FONT></DIV>

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<DIV><FONT face=Arial size=2>Glen for someone who makes a silly hallow accusation of me re "plagiarism" I find it surprising that in your haste to acquaint the UFORL List with this you failed to properly acknowledge the author of the material you cut and pasted into your message, namely John Auchetl to Tim Cook.&nbsp; Perhaps one should ask how many "degrees of seperation" are there between "Glen Hough" and John Auchetl ... none, one, 2, ???</FONT></DIV>

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<DIV><FONT face=Arial size=2>Given the style of your previous messages I don't plan to respond to any further messages of yours, unless reasonable and sensible dialogue is possible.</FONT></DIV>

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>The researchers, are they from UFO groups or within the DoD system?<br>>Was that 1977? I have some notes on researcher asking for data in<br>>the 1950s, 1960s & 1970s but not many.<br><br>Tim, these researchers are from two UFO Groups.<br><br>The main group was VUFORS - Victorian UFO Research Society.<br><br>A number of people got to work with the "full RAAF files" before they<br>went to the other states and Canberra. There was quite a number of<br>people from 1978 who visited the RAAF Headquarters Support Command,<br>Victoria Barracks, Victoria - Int cells.<br><br>For your information: The above can be listed on some documents<br>as 'HQSUPCOM' or sent to 'CINTELLO' or 'C Intell O'. So watch out<br>for that.<br><br>I would say, Paul Norman and Judy Magee would be the first to see<br>all the files.<br><br>That was in the late 1970s - 1978!<br><br><A

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Judy X-NAVY so that helped them.<br><br>But there were others in Victoria who

got to view and copy the<br>full record in 1978 & 1979 from these two groups. Their names are<br>on the security log books.<br><br>The strange twist

to this case was that the person who should have<br>got the chance to see all the files in the late 1970s was the past<br>President of CAPIO & VUFORS also a Lawyer, Mr Peter Norris.<br><br>However Peter decided to get out of the UFO mad house, and not<br>long after that the files became open! That's what I call bad luck!<br><br>Peter was the "ONLY" hard worker in the attacks against the<br>Minister and 'HQSUPCOM' for the disclosure of the files.<br><br>And after all that he missed out. You will see Peter's letters in all<br>the RAAF files.<br><br>>One of the interesting finds from my point of view is the fact that<br>>Canberra does not seem to be the hub or the main collection point for<br>>any RAAF research on the subject. This begs the question, if Canberra<br>>is not the centre of RAAF UFO research then who was and what was?<br>>Did you find that in your research?<br><br>Canberra was not the hub!<br><br>The hub was Melbourne.<br><br>Melbourne started as the centre for

all RAAF and ARMY, Intelligence<br>research, science, labs, storage etc the lot. More important Melbourne<br>was the centre for scientific and aviation research and labs.<br><br>Victoria Barracks (Melbourne) Int Cell was very important and<br>in fact the officers at that Cell did do some great work with very<br>limited resources. All original UFO files were located at

their<BR>rooms and it was quite a collection. There were some wonderful people<BR>at the Cell and too many to name, all were a great help, on any<BR>task we ask them to look at. Flight Lt Brett Biddington and Major<BR>Brian Jackson, and&nbsp; Lt John Lutton, are just three of many.<BR><BR>&gt;Thank you for Flight Lt Brett Biddington press item.<BR>&gt;Any word on where these people are today?<BR><BR>RAAF CELL:<BR><BR>[1]. Brett Biddington - Brett is now a RAAF Group Captain in Canberra.<BR><BR>ARMY CELL:<BR><BR>[2]. Brian Jackson - Died on the 28th May 1996.

From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Wed, 30 Oct 2002 22:45:31 EST  
Subject: [UFORL] Sci Fi Channel FOIO campaign

Friends:

Does anybody know if a transcript of the Sci Fi Channel's recent press conference is on the web anyplace, or if the SCI FI-commissioned report by Leslie Kean to document the government's failure to carry out systematic scientific research into the UFO phenomenon is available?

Clear skies,  
Bob Young

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Thu, 31 Oct 2002 06:36:28 -0000  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] UFO encounter: Car's rear window "sucked out".

Regarding:

>From: glenUNSW@aol.com  
>Date: Wed, 23 Oct 2002 09:27:39 EDT  
>Subject: [UFORL] UFO encounter: Car's rear window "sucked  
>out".

And..

>From: "Diane Harrison" <auforn@hypermax.net.au>  
>To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>  
>Subject: [UFORL] UFO encounter: Car's rear window "sucked  
>out".  
>Date: 25 October 2002 19:04

>"Was a person abducted that night, by a UFO?"  
>Monday, October 21, 2002  
>  
>Dr Barnett went on to report "We also have an abduction that  
>on the same night that we have under investigation, in that  
>case the person is still missing.  
>  
>The abduction that was related to the police and our  
>investigators involves a flying object that chased the  
>missing person. The witnesses who reported the story, have  
>given a description of the object and that is in the early  
>stages of the investigation." he said.  
>  
>As of this morning [21st] the car and the missing person have  
>not been located. The police can do little at present as  
>there is no indication of a crime....

What's the latest on this story?

How can there feasibly be, "no indication of a crime" if, "The abduction that was related to the police and our investigators involves a flying object that chased the missing person. The witnesses who reported the story, have given a description of the object and that is in the early stages of the investigation...".

As this was statedly reported to the police, can it please be confirmed:

- where and when was this reported to them?

- who reported it?
- who all those "witnesses" were?
- what their description of said "flying object" was?
- what the 'abduction' circumstances were?
- was the 'abduction' actually witnessed?
- if so, please, let us know how many watched and what was observed!
- where this was reported in the press?

Obviously, any other information would of immense interest to subscribers - same goes for the separate, albeit infinitely less disconcerting, story of a missing rear windscreen.

Strikingly, re the latter, perhaps we would have expected that foremost concerns were for the baby's welfare, 'back seat'.

Yet, the grandparents never mention this - was the child unharmed by whatever had allegedly 'vacuumed' a windscreen behind it?

Could it have been a failed attempt by a flying saucer to abduct the baby, i.e., 'hoover' it... out the back window?

Was our rear window vacuumed by ET... "incident at Warnambool"... investigated locally by either the 'Warnambool UFO Group', or, 'Warnambool UFO Investigations' - see:

[http://www.ufoinfo.com/organizations/org\\_oz.shtml](http://www.ufoinfo.com/organizations/org_oz.shtml)

What's the update in their research findings?

James.

E-mail: [voyager@jeaston.com](mailto:voyager@jeaston.com)

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Hi James,<BR>

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As odd as it sounds, the situation with missing people is a strange<BR>

one - you see, unless the police feel that there are no "suspicious<BR>

circumstances" or "serious concerns for the safety and welfare" etc...<BR>

police will not give it all the resources the case may need. It is a

<B>routine</B><BR>

<B>missing person report</B>. In the eyes of the law, it is NOT a crime to<BR>

hid or not tell anyone were your are going, even if someone who<BR>

loves you wants to find out!<BR>

<BR>

And then there is a '<B>time away</B>' or '<B>time out</B>' limits before Police get  
into<BR>

top gear. (I think this also comes into play???)<BR>

<BR>

Suspicious nature reports (crime) are handled by the '<B>Homicide Squad</B><BR>

<B>Missing Persons Units</B>'. They get the full works & investigation.<BR>

<BR>

I think that's the same for the UK or USA? - (Again I think this is true???)<BR>

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The first thing that happens - well it goes to the local 'Uniform police',<BR>

they look at the case and direct the response.<BR>



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>Date: Sun Oct 27, 2002 9:42 am<BR>  
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] So who was the first to view the RAAF UFO files?<BR>  
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Hi List,<BR>

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Now Bill Chalker states:<BR>

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UAS files apparently in the late 70s."</FONT><FONT COLOR="#000000"

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That's a fact Bill! And your point is...?<BR>

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For the rest of the list.<BR>

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Ken Llewelyn is in fact<BR>

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</FONT><FONT COLOR="#000000" style="BACKGROUND-COLOR: #ffffff"  
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Thats right Royal Australian Air Force. </FONT><FONT COLOR="#000000"

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Ken is also from the RAF and is now or was the RAAF's Senior Public  
Relations<BR>

Officer in Canberra, with a background In Journalism.<BR>

<BR>

Ken is the author of 2 books. </FONT><FONT COLOR="#000000" style="BACKGROUND-COLOR: #ffffff" SIZE=1 FAMILY="SANSSERIF" FACE="Arial" LANG="0"><B>[R1] & [R2]</FONT><FONT COLOR="#000000" style="BACKGROUND-COLOR: #ffffff" SIZE=2 FAMILY="SANSSERIF" FACE="Arial" LANG="0"></B>.<BR>

<BR>

Now this is odd, as Wing Commander Ken Llewelyn tell us that Chalker<BR>was <B>not the first</B>, way back in 1991, five years before Chalker writes<BR>his book.<BR>

<BR>

"Flight into the Ages" - Llewelyn - 1991.<BR>

"The OZ Files - the Australia UFO Story" - Chalker - 1996.<BR>

<BR>

If you follow Chalkers way of doing research then <B>"Ignorance is bliss"</B>.<BR>

Chalker is wrong again, especially as Chalker gathers data from just about<BR>every researchers work and magazine he can get his hand on.<BR>

<BR>

I have it on good authority that he has been told on <B>numerous</B><BR>occasions that his claim was wrong, and yet he continued to pretend<BR>and disseminate this wrong data.<BR>

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Is "Ignorance bliss" - Not in my eyes.<BR>

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Chalker states:<BR>

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never seen any documentation that Paul or Judy put out to make the<BR>wider research community or the general public aware of their earlier<BR>access. Clearly if they haven't documented it, or revealed it etc<BR>beyond a limited chosen few, it was not possible for me to be aware <BR>of such claims. I did not come across any such evidence in my<BR>examination of DAFI sighting, enquiry & policy files during the <BR>period 1982-84. If such evidence and documentation is available <BR>for examination I would happily acknowledge it."</FONT><FONT

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What an unusual way of seeing reality, because others don't beat<BR>

their own drum(s) like you do Mr Chalker. The RAAF do not have to 'flag'<BR> or 'book mark' these events.<BR>

<BR>

<I>"Evidence and documentation is available for examination.."</I>, what a<BR> nonsense, how odd? What documentation do we need? Other people,<BR> long before your false claim either got to the files or did not get to them?<BR> Now, we know others did get to research the data, the RAAF and others<BR> tell us that they did and have for years.<BR>

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Just Chalker nonsense.<BR>

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Chalker states:<BR>

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checking my emails until now. I was thankful that during that<BR> period I was able to meet up with some sensible researchers in<BR>

the field, such as Jenny Randles, Dave Clarke & Dave Baker." </FONT><FONT

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This is a common thread in your character. I have explained this<BR> type of reference before - "<B>Subconscious Validation - SV</B>"<BR>

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As I said:<BR>

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It's a simple "Trick" to add support to a person's position <BR> by using another's credentials etc, to add support or weight <BR> to the argument. A subconscious validation.<BR>

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In the other case Mr Chalker used Professor <I>DAVIES & Dr HYNEK </I><BR> as weight (or filler) to make the findings look authoritative.<BR>

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It's a common practice found with higher education<BR> students, amateurs or early year under-grads who try<BR> and "make the paper fly" or in some case give it<BR> power by authority.<BR>

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You saw Chalker do that with <I>KARY MULLIS</I> name.<BR>

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William Of Ockham<BR>

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Well, yesterday (October 30, 2002) the Press-Enterprise of Bloomsberg, PA reported that the Northumberland County Coronor Coroner, James Kelley, listed Todd Sees' cause of death as a cocaine overdose.

Earlier (October 8) the paper had reported that police had listed "cocaine toxicity" on their report.

Clear skies,

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>resources the case may need.

Glen,

Point appreciated.

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I asked, "How can there feasibly be, 'no indication of a  
crime'"...

The witnesses allegedly reported, "a flying object that chased  
the missing person".

The key phrase here is 'chased'.

If, say, someone was driving home and never arrived, then that's indeed primarily a missing person.

If, however, it's reported that they were observably being chased by another vehicle, is there "no indication of a crime"?

I dare say it depends on the interpretation of 'indication'.

If someone went to the police and reported that their wife had never arrived home from work - still, as above, statedly missing next morning - and they had been informed her car was seen to be followed/pursued/chased by another, would the police take no action whatsoever?

Would they furthermore disregard that, "The witnesses who reported the story, have given a description of the vehicle[object]" which was noted to be following her car?

Does it not qualify as "suspicious circumstances" and/or "serious concerns for the safety and welfare" ...?

Answers to the other questions I raised would be interesting.

Presumably, the supposed witnesses must have personally known the missing person and their family, otherwise they wouldn't know that person was still missing next morning.

Essentially, the obvious point is that, if proclaiming, "We also have an abduction [by aliens] that [sic] on the same night..." it does actually require some meaningful evidence.

Even if the chase vehicle was from outer space, it's still a 'missing person', at most.

And a missing car.

Unless, as queried, Dr Barnett had significant evidence, before publicising the extraordinary allegation, that both were kidnapped by ETs...

James.

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>here?

Hi James

Yes I guess there is James but in the eyes of the police they only  
have a statement to the  
fact a Car went missing under strange circumstances, which the  
witnesses are said to have  
stated in a statement to police.

>James wrote

>As pointed out, unless the witnesses knew who was in that car,  
>how can it be claimed the occupant(s) were missing at all?:

This is a good point, how can one claim a person(s) went missing from  
the said car.?

Well I guess one has to determine if the car was observed moving or stationary.

Did the eye witnesses observe the car moving or stationary.?

Did the eye witnesses know the occupant(s)

A car moving one would assume the car had a driver at the wheel?

This may sound like strange questions to be putting to witnesses but it can help determine if the witnesses saw what they said they saw and their observation

was correct. So was the car moving or stationary and did they know the occupant(s) of the car.?

These questions should be directed at PRA and Dr Barnett James, who can be contacted at this e-mail address [Praufu@aol.com](mailto:Praufu@aol.com) I feel they're in more of a position to answer any questions relating to this case.

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Correct if family or friends haven't reported the car or the person missing then there has been no crime committed. I empathize with the witnesses and they should be thanked for taking the time to care and report the incident.

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>>occupant.

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>Then how is it known anyone is missing?

These are questions you should be asking of PRA and Dr Barnett as Dr Barnett was quoted as making the statement to the newspaper.

>Conversely, if it's known who is missing, then their full

>description, make of car and license plate will also be

>available.

Correct James, maybe PRA and Dr Barnett have more information than what has already been reported. Unfortunately I'm not in any position to add anything more than what you already know. I feel your questions are valid and do raise some interesting

points and I hope PRA or Dr Barnett can add clarity and clarify these points for you.

> >James thats all I can tell you for now about this case...

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>Appreciated, in both senses.

Your welcome

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Subject: [UFORL] RE: UFO skeptics debunked

--- Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com> wrote: >

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> And of course there's one part of the discussion that you don't mention.  
> Namely, that in many eyes the leading UFO skeptics have been notably  
> debunked. Why on earth, then, should anyone be required to take them  
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> Greg Sandow

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Could you provide some more details on this? Who, where and how?

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No! Not that same old "biased Condon Report" propaganda again.

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There are a couple of things wrong with their arguments:

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This reminds me of a case several years ago, where some kids tied a helium balloon with a small light inside it to the back of their car, and then drove around town pretending a UFO was chasing them.

For all we know, the car and occupants are off for holiday somewhere.

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Subject: [UFORL] Classic Cases

<http://www.fufor.com/cases.htm>

This page contains what is supposed to be the best documented cases of UFO sightings. I am definitely a UFO skeptic, but it is hard when reading these reports not to get a sense that they seem credible, at least as far as witnesses are concerned (in many cases multiple witnesses). Does anybody know of any resource that has examined these cases in depth?

Also, the recent Sturrock panel concluded that there was no reliable physical evidence of UFOs but considered it still worth investigating further. I can't seem to get a direct quote or reference on exactly what criteria they used for deeming it worthy of further study. Any clues?

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Date: Mon, 4 Nov 2002 22:26:14 EST  
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Fascinating. Then the Sturrock Panel basically repeated the findings of the Condon Report nearly three decades before.

Bob Young

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From: "Luis R. Gonzalez" <lrgm@arrakis.es>  
Date: Tue, 5 Nov 2002 21:15:28 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] Looking for ULO

Dear colleagues,

According to a newsclipping in a Spanish magazine ("Diez Minutos", 1958) about November 1957 an object with a shape like a pear fall in Yorkshire (UK). The object was hollow and inside they found a copper book with an hieroglyphic messagesigned by "ULO".

Apparently the information appeared in the "Yorkshire Post" and the case was investigated by a UFO Society from Manchester.

Anybody can give me more data?

Thanks in advance.

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Date: Wed, 6 Nov 2002 09:36:29 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Classic Cases

This is an interesting list. Some of the cases are solved or probably solved, but others are baffling:

5/1/52, 5/14/52 - These are on my puzzling cases list

8/13/60 - This one has all the characteristics of a fire balloon

4/24/64 - The most likely explanation is an early manned hot air balloon.

9/3/65 - This case has two internal inconsistencies:

- 1. The testimony of the order they arrived at towns does not agree with the order of the towns on a Texas road map.
- 2. The UFO was bright enough to read by, yet it threw a shadow from the moon.

3/14-20/66 - Most of the sightings have fire-balloon characteristics.

10/18/73 - Possibly a meteor combined with an optical illusion, but no proof of this.

9/1/74 - An interesting single-witness case -- except that he had with him the means to make the crop circles.

10-11/75 - The SAC base events are now known to have been a secret test of stealth technology.

9/19/76 - Possibly a clandestine spy mission.

1/1/78 - Same time as Valentich case. Possibly (but only possibly) a stunt to advertise, or to win a tabloid prize.

3/4/88 - The parent object has fire-balloon characteristics. But the description of the secondary objects tend to disprove that, unless they were birds or insects.

5/25/95 - This seems puzzling, unless it is similar to the 3/13/97 Phoenix case.

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Subject: RE: [UFORL] Looking for ULO

At first, this sounds like another RADAR calibration device. These are dropped from airplanes over rural areas, to reflect calibrated amounts of RADAR waves. This is then used to calibrate RADAR receivers on the ground and in other planes.

But the "book" jogs my memory. I have a photo of it! It was a crude prank made by some college students. The object was left for others to find, but only the pranksters themselves said the object had fallen.

By the way, I distinguish between "prank" and "hoax" in the following way:

- A PRANK is a fake UFO (such as a fire balloon), or fake traces supposedly made by a UFO (or a sledgehammer), provided by the prankster for others to see and report.

- A HOAX is a fabricated report of a UFO event that never happened. It can include "evidence" (such as the pad prints left by a power company arm lift truck) which the hoaxer reports as being left by a UFO.

Some cases can be a combination of hoax and prank.

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Date: Wed, 6 Nov 2002 12:42:12 -0500  
Subject: [UFORL] Possible cause for some UFOs

This site shows a possible cause for some UFOs:

<http://www.wilk4.com/misc/soundbreak.htm>

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Date: Wed, 6 Nov 2002 13:38:49 -0800  
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Date: Thu, 07 Nov 2002 16:17:42 -0000  
Subject: [UFORL] Gulf Breeze

first post here, so firstly just to say "hi!"

secondly, whatever happened to the old Gulf Breeze sightings - were they ever conclusively proved to be a complete hoax? if not do sightings continue?

Anyone?

Neil T  
'been outta touch with this subject for a while'

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MY 5 BEST CASES. All are multiple witness sightings:

#1: 12/11/96 Fox Lake, Pelly Crossing, Carmacks YK (many) Extremely  
large UFO  
reported, triangulation between witnesses

#2: 07/14/52 Newport News VA (air: Nash, Fortenberry) 6 red circles came  
toward  
plane from front, passed underneath it; Then objects reversed course  
and  
sped away in front of the plane, joined by 2 more

#3: 04/27/50 South Bend IN (air: Manning, Adickes +) Red round UFO paced  
plane  
for miles, dove when plane turned toward it, was below horizon at  
times

#4: 05/01/52 Tucson AZ (many, air) Small disc flew in B-36 prop wash,  
another  
one flew past

#5: 07/07/61 Beulah MI (many) Blue-white object fell to earth, red glow  
appeared behind trees with rotating beacon effect, small red and white  
objects approached witnesses, who sped off in car

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My 5 WORST CASES - Oh, it was soooo hard to cull these out from the  
other worst cases:

What amazes me is that any of these were ever seriously considered to be genuine.

#1: Roswell NM, 1947. This case seems to have grown from a montage of the following cases:

06/14/47 Corona NM (Brazel) Debris found on farm, hieroglyphics found on sticky tape.

07/NN/47 Roswell NM (?) Cine: Fake alien autopsy (with telephone made after 1947).

07/NN/47 Socorro NM (?) Ejection capsule test crashed, crash dummies inside.

03/25/48 Aztec NM (Gee, Scully) Hoax. Author tricked into promoting movie.

NN/NN/48 Kingman AZ (van Valkenberg) Hoax. (alternate date given as NN/NN/53)

There is no local memory of the Aztec and Kingman cases.

I used to have a roll of that tape with decorative symbols on it.

#2: Paul Villa. Like the Energizer Bunny, he kept shooting and shooting:

04/18/63 Las Lunas NM (Paul Villa) In front of a tree!

06/16/63 Albuquerque NM (Paul Villa) Chicken brooder.

04/18/65 Bernalillo NM (Paul Villa) Covers tree branches. Stuck on truck CB antenna.

01/19/66 Algodones NM (Paul Villa) In front of trees, but no shadow on ground below.

09/24/72 Las Lunas NM (Paul Villa?) Antique headlight.

05/UU/77 Las Lunas NM (Paul Villa?) Thermos bottle cap.

All of the above had the typical signatures of small objects close to the camera lens. Most of his UFOs were parts of cars and trucks. Guess what? He was an auto mechanic.

#3: Billy and Eduard Meier - more prolific garbage, and Pleadean pleadings too:

NN/NN/65 Switzerland (Billy Meier) Hubcaps

NN/NN/75 Switzerland (Billy Meier) Machinery hub

NN/NN/75 Switzerland (Billy Meier) Cine: Small swinging model

NN/NN/75 Switzerland (Billy Meier) Hubcap stack

03/18/75 Winkelriet Switzerland (Eduard Meier) Cloud lighting doesn't match object

03/18/75 Winkelriet Switzerland (Eduard Meier) Glare too bright for

overcast

06/12/75 Berg-Rumikon Switzerland (Eduard Meier) Time to set up tripod???

Coleman Lantern parts

03/28/76 Bachtelhornli Switzerland (Eduard Meier) Another small object close to the camera

03/28/76 Fischenthal Switzerland (Eduard Meier) More hubcaps

Again, a large series of photos of objects close to the camera.

#4: The Gulf Breeze fiasco:

11/L6/87 Gulf Breeze FL (Ed Walters) Many double exposures of models later found in his attic.

NN/NN/88 Gulf Breeze FL (Ed Walters) The top of a "Swinger" carnival ride.

05/12/94 Gulf Breeze FL (?) Part of a light fixture, and a model plane. Camera moved around objects.

#5: Ummo:

06/01/67 San Jose de Valderas Spain (?) Saucer made of paper plates with Russian letter on it.

06/NN/67 San Jose de Valderas Spain (?) Backhoe pad imprints found at site.

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MY 5 MOST FUN TO SOLVE CASES:

#1: 11/09/65 The Northeast Blackout. See the REAL solution here:

<http://php.indiana.edu/~lrobbins/howiblak.htm>

#2: 04/24/59 Piata Beach, Itapoan Brazil (Helio Aguiar)

This is a rubber drive wheel out of a Collaro record changer, minus the tire. I

solved it in 1994 while fixing my Collaro.

#3: 05/07/52 Barra Da Tijuca Brazil (Ed Keffel)

The proof that this is a montage is in photo #5. The light comes from the bottom

of the object. This is impossible if the photographer is standing on the

ground.

#4: 03/03/67 Picacho Peak, Las Cruces NM (?)

This was a clear rubber suction cup stuck to the car window the picture was taken through. The photographer did not notice it when the photo was taken.

#5: The "Mutes".

11/29/74 Meeker Co. MN (?) Mutilated pig; cult, power sag put out yard light.

12/L3/74 MN, TX, OK, CA (many) Mutilated livestock; cult, drugs found in bodies.

05/L5/75 CO, TX, OK, CA, WY (many) Mutilated livestock; Helicopter cult, arrests made

09/L4/75 WI, IA, (many) Mutilated livestock; Helicopter cult; Cult imitators

09/L4/75 WI, IA, (many) Mutilated livestock; Insurance scam

10/\*\*/77 Colorado Springs CO (many) Mutilated livestock; Helicopter cult

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Date: Thu, 7 Nov 2002 17:42:44 -0700  
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Date: Thu, 7 Nov 2002 23:33:32 EST  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The BEst and Worst of UFOlogy

In a message dated 11/7/2002 3:40:10 PM Eastern Standard Time,  
lrobins@indiana.edu writes:

<< MY 5 BEST CASES. All are multiple witness sightings:

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#2: 07/14/52 Newport News VA (air: Nash, Fortenberry) 6 red circles came toward plane from front, passed underneath it; Then objects reversed course and sped away in front of the plane, joined by 2 more >>

Hi, Larry:

I think that the Nash, Fortenberry sighting can be explained by a fragmenting bolide meteor. The witnesses thought that the lights were below them, but didn't see them below the horizon. Instantaneous change of direction was as the meteor fragments burned out and seemed to zoom away. The last two were noticed as they burned out, after the pilots changed seats. They thought these last two were joining the others, but the pilots just assumed they had passed under their wing.

The giveaway is that the ufos seemed to reverse direction in order, from front (first fragment) to back, but then blinked out randomly (by size of meteor fragment). Other witnesses saw the lights in the distance, in a line.

Clear skies,  
Bob Young

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Thu, 7 Nov 2002 23:46:06 EST  
Subject: [UFORL] Best and Worst

Regarding the Loring AFB incidents, part of the "Northern Tier SAC" sightings:

I have a friend who has been a lifelong astronomy enthusiast who was a member of the airbase security unit at Loring at the time. He told me that other guards would report UFOs which were astronomical objects, and even auroral rays would be reported as UFOs behind the trees. He told me it was really wild, that other guys were reporting "everything" as UFOs. In his opinion, and he was out there at night on patrol, was that nothing out of the ordinary (beyond aircraft and sky objects) happened.

In fact, he said that it did just the opposite for him, it destroyed his notions about UFOs for good.

Philip J. Klass has proposed that astronomical objects (one light and no radar contact, for example) and flights by a civilian helicopter taking survey pictures provide good explanations. See the details of his investigation in: 'UFOs: The Public Deceived', Prometheus Books, 1983, pp. 89, 92-97, 105.)

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Date: Fri, 8 Nov 2002 12:20:31 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Gulf Breeze

They found the models used in Ed Walters' attic.

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@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: NeilSThompson [mailto:neilsthompson@yahoo.co.uk]

@ Sent: Thursday, November 07, 2002 11:18 AM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: [UFORL] Gulf Breeze

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Date: Fri, 8 Nov 2002 12:43:50 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The BEst and Worst of UFOlogy

Bentwaters and the UFO-on-the-side were more interesting cases to me.

She really saw it! That UFO-on-the-side saucer was a hot-air balloon kit sold by Edmund Scientific. It came with that lettering. I still have the catalog (found it in the attic the other day).

Bentwaters was a really intriguing set of natural phenomena and coincidences. It took a lot of patience and thought to work all of it out.

I have always thought that the Turkey Springs case was either an attempt to provide an excuse for failing to complete the contract on time, or an attempt to win the National Enquirer prize.

I will have to look (and it will be several weeks, because I have to do a lot of cleaning for an appraiser who is coming). But I think the stealth explanation of the SAC case is in one of the following books:

Peter Brookesmith: UFO - The Complete Sightings  
Peter Brookesmith: UFO - The Government Files  
The UFO Encyclopedia

I have my reservations on the Hudson Valley case, because the one photo I have is a photo of part of a carnival ride, with electric bulbs of different colors arranged in a partial ellipse.

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From: Jim Speiser [mailto:jimspeiser@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Thursday, November 07, 2002 3:57 PM  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The BEst and Worst of UFOlogy

Larry:

Three of your five worst track with mine. They are:



- 1) Gulf Breeze
- 2) Bentwaters
- 3) UMMO
- 4) Billy Meier
- 5) The one where the lady reported seeing the letters "UFO" painted on the side of the saucer.

My five best:

- 1) Hudson Valley Boomerangs
- 2) Turkey Springs/Travis Walton
- 3) Northern SAC Tier flap (which is why I'm curious as to the source of your "explanation").
- 4) Belgium 1991
- 5) Manchester, OH Army Helicopter.

I hold NONE of these out as proof of ET visitation. Just unsolved and damned peculiar, that's all.

==JJS==

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From: "David Clarke" <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>  
Date: Fri, 8 Nov 2002 21:13:45 -0000  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The BEst and Worst of UFOlogy

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From: <YoungBob2@aol.com> Sent: Friday, November 08, 2002 4:33 AM  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The BEst and Worst of UFOlogy

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Best,

Dave Clarke

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From: "rotsky" <rotsky@wanadoo.fr>  
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I see that Fortean Times has covered that alleged UFO chase by a couple of F-16s, which was discussed here recently. In a way, this is an example of how a story can gain currency because of too little analysis or information at the beginning.

The FT story (presumably because of space restrictions) doesn't go into any of the possible explanations that were offered here. As it stands, it's a story that is likely to get repeated & passed on, and in doing so will gain credibility as an 'unexplained'. Technically, of course, it *is* unexplained as there is no conclusive proof of any of the several potential mundane explanations being the true one. Naturally, in the process of being passed on, this tale will not carry with it those potential explanations.

It's important to consider these stories in context. And the context here is that, since the attacks of 9/11, there has been a heightened state of security in the US, with the security services being a little touchy. Those in the aviation world are aware that:

- 1) there are many new areas of restricted airspace in the US;
- 2) many of these are temporary (eg, over Dubya's house, when he's at home), so...
- 3) there are lots of pilots having trouble keeping track of these areas and equally having trouble keeping out of them, because the airspace is so complex in some places, so that...
- 4) there are multiple incursions into these areas every day, resulting in the scrambling of military jets to intercept, but...
- 5) often the infringing aircraft bumbles out of the area again and either the jets are recalled without making contact or they look but simply can't find the offending aircraft (this has happened *a lot* - the aircraft may have landed or dropped off the radar screens for one reason or another).

Of course, eventually, this context will be forgotten and the unexplained *mystery* will gain credibility...

a+  
Steve

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Manero's&nbsp;restaurant, when my mother shouted,&nbsp;"Look!&nbsp;Look!&nbsp;A&nbsp;UFO!"&nbsp;&nbsp;She pointed to a large and extremely bright object rapidly traversing the night sky.&nbsp;It broke into several pieces as we watched, showering "sparks" and flames in different colors.&nbsp;It appeared to head towards the ground within 5 miles or so.&nbsp;My reaction was, "No mom, I think that's a meteor."&nbsp;It happens that I was 10 years old at the time, and the youngest subscriber to the NICAP UFO Investigator.&nbsp;(Yes, I've been debunking UFOs since I was 10!) &nbsp;Since then, I can't help thinking that if a 10-year-old flying saucer freak can ID a meteor, a trained pilot should be even more capable of doing so.&nbsp;

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Sat, 9 Nov 2002 04:36:34 -0000  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Best and Worst of UFOlogy

If all UFO sightings have a prosaic explanation, I dare say it's arguable that cases which seem to best support the ET hypothesis [ETH] are conversely 'worst' cases, i.e., the most deceptive.

In terms of offering tangible evidence, five prominent cases might be:

1. Kenneth Arnold's sighting.
2. Roswell.
3. The Billy Meier flying saucer portfolio.
4. The Trent photographs.
5. Ed Walter's flying saucer portfolio.

Arnold's is significant not only as the effective genesis of flying saucers; he did note the distance seemingly covered by those nine unidentified aerial objects in a measured time and could subsequently calculate their airspeed.

That was the initial reason his story was picked up by an excited media - the USAAF had no known aircraft capable of an apparent 1,200 m.p.h.

Arnold's evidence seemed trustworthy; the fact these were described as "somewhat bat-shaped" and tail-less objects only added to the mystery.

If it was reliable [evidence otherwise re 'Arnold's peak' previously highlighted], then his sighting remains puzzling and an indication of intelligently controlled aerial craft with no contemporary, earthly counterparts.

Roswell may be long resolved, however, only days after Arnold's report, the USAAF did announce they had recovered a 'flying disk', even though the earliest newspaper descriptions were clearly of a flimsy, kite-like object.

To many, the perceived Roswell cover-up remains a foundation of belief and it has of course spawned a succession of bogus documents which are themselves advocated to be tangible ETH proof.

From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Sat, 9 Nov 2002 06:59:42 -0000  
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Regarding:

>From: "Jim Speiser" <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>  
>Date: Fri, 8 Nov 2002 16:59:27 -0700  
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You might be interested in my previous and related list posting:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL/message/435>

I have yet to see any evidence why that supposed Hudson Valley, 'Waterbury' photograph is not consistent with the same source of those 'Nashville UFO' photographs - i.e., apparently a disco/concert lighting rig.

Larry - what evidence it is a photograph from a carnival ride - merely speculation?

Jim - can you recall what was the claimed background to our photograph from a 'police officer'?

On this topic, I was reminded of the following archived e-mail, perhaps appropriate for any consideration re the 'best and worst'...:

Mr. Easton:

Re:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/feb/m22-023.shtml>

I provided a local Canadian UFO skeptic/cynic, Chris Rutkowski of Winnipeg, Manitoba a precise, detailed description of this UFO in a document in the mid-1990s (1996 or so), which I personally viewed from only several hundred feet away just after midnight on August 17, 1981, about twenty-five miles north west of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

A few weeks afterward, Chris provided a copy to Stanton Friedman, who acknowledged to me in front of an audience of about 1,000 persons at a lecture at the University of Manitoba that he was in receipt of my document, and had read it. I also have this on audiotape.

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I have also been in direct communication with Graham Behune about these images. So, if you are insinuating that these images are not authentic ones of a similar UFO



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If it is any consolation to you, at least John Velez, Bob Young and Larry Robinson believe you. (LOL!)

Randy Kitchur

P.S. You have my full permission to post this e-mail, in its entirety, wherever, and however often you wish, until you finally hopefully "get it."  
[END]

The 'Mutual UFO Network Of Connecticut' web site still proclaim, "Even the most skeptical remain unable to explain this object":

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Zone/9047/picindex.htm>

Furthermore:

"Randy Etting, a resident of Newtown, was taking a walk outside his home. A commercial airline pilot with over 30 years experience, he always looked at the sky... he saw a number of orange and red lights... approaching from the west... He... got his binoculars and called his neighbors to come outside. The object by this time was a great deal closer and seemed to be over I-84, just east of Etting's home... the lights were shimmering like distortion from engine heat, but he could hear no sound...".

"As the UFO passed over I-84, cars in both the east and west bound lanes began pulling over and stopping. The UFO displayed a semi-circular pattern of very bright multicolored lights. Five motorists reported that, as the object became visible, a number of cars lost power and had to pull off the highway. A State Police officer [who wishes to remain anonymous] sent to investigate photographed the object."

Dr. Bruce Maccabee... [analysed the photo]. His findings indicate the object was huge, perhaps over a thousand feet across..."  
[END OF EXTRACT]

See:

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Zone/9047/870526.htm>

So... the photograph was allegedly taken by a "State Police officer" who was "sent to investigate".

Jim, it seemingly equates with what you were told by Phil Imbrogno.

However, I wondered if there was any online mention of Randy Etting and have discovered the following [noticeable typo errors corrected]:

\_CLOSE ENCOUNTER ON INTERSTATE 84\_

By: Philip J. Imbrogno

In the past, the state of Connecticut has always been an area of few UFO reports, however this is no longer true. Since 1985 the counties of Fairfield and Litchfield and Hartford has seen a dramatic rise in the number of UFO reports. This UFO is described as being a semi circle or boomerang with multi-colored lights. Even more incredible the size of this UFO has been reported to be the length of a football field! This UFO that has been seen recently in Connecticut is without a doubt the Hudson valley UFO which is described in my book NIGHT SIEGE THE HUDSON VALLEY UFO SIGHTINGS (Ballantine Books 1987).

For some reason unknown to this researcher the giant boomerang UFO has shifted its activities from New York to Nearby Connecticut. The most recent sightings took place on May 26 of this year around interstate 84 one of the most heavily traveled highways in the northeast.

Between 9:30 and 10:15 PM more than 200 people phoned local and state police to report a huge object with bright lights flying low over the highway near the towns of Newtown and Southbury in Connecticut. Those witnesses that called state police in Southbury were told that it was nothing more than a group of Ultralight aircraft from Candlewood airport flying in close formation and hanging colored lanterns from the bottom of the plane. The police also told witnesses that the aircraft were painted black so that all that can be seen is the lights. Many of the witnesses to the phenomenon found it very hard to believe the official explanation.

[...]

Another witnesses was Mr. Randy Etting a commercial airline pilot with over thirty years of experience. Mr. Etting said that the idea of the ultralight theory "is the prattling of idiots" Mr. Etting observed the lights from his home in Newtown Connecticut at about 9:45 pm. He said that there were at least eight lights of different colors flying very close together and without a sound. As the object passed his home he observed it in a pair of 7X35 binoculars. Mr. Etting told me that the UFO was one object and he saw some type of heat waves coming from the object which distorted the area around the lights.

Mr. Etting watched the object with neighbors and his son for over ten minutes as it slowly drifted to the north west. All the witnesses agree that the UFO was one solid object and round in appearance.

The Etting party was observing the UFO while it was passing close to I-84. At this time over a dozen cars pulled over to view the UFO as it passed overhead.

[...]

#### \_Photographic Proof\_

This UFO was so bright and large that it was only a matter of time before someone would come forward with a photograph. To our surprise we were contacted by a person of high standing in the Southbury area who took a picture of the object as it moved very slowly over I-84 at about 9:30 PM. The photographer wishes to remain anonymous since his position is very sensitive. He is a very highly trained college educated man who fears that the publicity surrounding the photograph could hurt his career. He gave

us full rights to the photograph and his sighting account providing we do not use his real name. We will refer to him as David.

David was on I-84 on official business when he saw the lights. The lights were in the northwest and heading east. As he watched, the object tilted and all the lights got much brighter. He was pulled off the road at the time and had his camera ready. The UFO was about 45 degrees above the horizon. Due to traffic he had time to take only one picture. His camera was a 35mm with a 50mm lens at 1.8, the film type was Kodacolor asa 400 and the exposure was 1/60th of a second, or 1/125. He was not sure of the setting, but feels it was 1/60th of a second. The object then moved toward the east without a sound. During an interview with this researcher, David told me that he was sure there was a solid object behind the lights. He also said that when the object turned it looked like the lights on the sides were pulling out from the main mass, but he realized that this effect was due to the object changing position from his point of view.

\_What about the Photo\_:

Several photo-analysis experts are now looking at the photograph. Our initial study showed that the image is without a doubt hanging in the sky above the ground. Also the photograph was looked at by Dr. Willy Smith a scientist and UFO researcher of some repute. Dr. Smith's initial calculations show the object to be anywhere from 650-1600 across!

We believe that this photograph is one of the best night-time UFO pictures taken in the past twenty years. There were quite a few witnesses to the sighting over a twenty-five mile radius, all reporting the same thing. A close examination of the original negative shows that the lights are reflecting off of some type of structure in the central part of the object. Also the lights are in a perfect half circle. There is no doubt that whatever the UFO photograph represents it is one solid object. We hope to get more data on the photograph and the sightings in the weeks to come. I have taken an add in the local papers asking for videos and photographs and sighting accounts from that night.

\_A Rational Explanation?\_

What about the theory that the UFO is nothing more than Ultralights from Candlewood airport. We questioned state

police on this theory. An officer stated that they made a mistake about the airport, it wasn't Candlewood but Stormville airport. A flight instructor at Stormville later told us that there is only one Ultralight at Stormville and it only flies in the day since it is illegal for them to fly at night.

[...]

[END OF EXTRACT]

Courtesy of:

<http://theshadowlands.net/inter84.txt>

Can we presume that the 'David' and 'Waterbury' photographs, of a "perfect half circle", are one and the same?

How then could 'David' have been a 'police officer' who, according to MUFON Connecticut was, "sent to investigate" the UFO reports.

Philip Imbrogno reportedly states that related events occurred, "between 9:30 and 10:5 PM", yet David, "took a picture of the object as it moved very slowly over I-84 at about 9:30 PM".

That aside, for now, Imbrogno reportedly adds:

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Is this the same 'Dr. Willy Smith'...:

"Willy Smith as been a constant fountain of fake stories that he supports with fake evidence.

Willy Smith has even changed his educational background from an Engineering PhD by claiming to have a Masters in Astronomy and Physics and a PhD in Physics. Two letters

from the U of Michigan verify that he does not have a Masters in Astronomy and Physics nor a PhD in Physics".

See:

<http://www.skiesare.demon.co.uk/fernand.html>

An affidavit signed by, amongst others, Ed Walters...

James.

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Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: So who was the first to view the RAAF UFO files?

Glen's comments were, after much consideration, posted.

Bill Chalker is entitled to reply.

Then, it's personal and off-list.

James Easton,  
List moderator.

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Bob wrote:

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>>Date: Mon, 4 Nov 2002 19:21:05 EST  
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>>advanced in 1968 by Dr. Edward U. Condon, director of  
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>>come from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years that  
>>has added to scientific knowledge," and that "further  
>>extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified in  
>>the expectation that science will be advanced thereby."  
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>>extension to the present, the panel considers that  
>>there always exists the possibility that investigation  
>>of an unexplained phenomenon may lead to an advance in  
>>scientific knowledge."  
>>  
>>Page 122 The UFO Enigma Peter Sturrock.  
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>>However, Condon himself wrote something similar in his  
>>summary. For some reason this is often overlooked in  
>>writings about the Condon study. Condon wrote:  
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>>with good ideas for specific studies in this field  
>>should be supported. This is no contradiction. Although  
>>we conclude after nearly two years of intensive study,  
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>>the study of UFO reports, we believe that any scientist  
>>with adequate training and credentials who does come up  
>>with a clearly defined, specific proposal for study  
>>should be supported."  
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>>Condon Report

>Fascinating. Then the Sturrock Panel basically repeated  
>the findings of the Condon Report nearly three decades  
>before.

Bob,

Who can argue... evidently a parallel, scientific  
synopsis of 'ufology', spanning three decades and which  
seems to essentially have gone unnoticed.

Kudos to Tim for highlighting such a profound landmark.

James.

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the <BR>west... He... got his binoculars and called his neighbors <BR>to come  
outside. The object by this time was a great deal <BR>closer and seemed to be  
over I-84, just east of Etting's <BR>home... the lights were shimmering like  
distortion from <BR>engine heat, but he could hear no sound..."<BR><BR>"As  
the UFO passed over I-84, cars in both the east and <BR>west bound lanes began  
pulling over and stopping. The UFO <BR>displayed a semi-circular pattern of  
very bright <BR>multicolored lights. Five motorists reported that, as the  
<BR>object became visible, a number of cars lost power and <BR>had to pull off  
the highway. A State Police officer [who <BR>wishes to remain anonymous] sent  
to investigate <BR>photographed the object."<BR><BR>Dr. Bruce Maccabee...  
[analysed the photo]. His findings <BR>indicate the object was huge, perhaps  
over a thousand <BR>feet across..."<BR>[END OF  
EXTRACT]<BR><BR>See:<BR><BR><A

href="http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Zone/9047/870526.htm">http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Zone/9047/870526.htm</A><BR><BR>So...

the photograph was allegedly taken by a "State <BR>Police officer" who was "sent to investigate".<BR><BR>Jim, it seemingly equates with what you were told by Phil <BR>Imbrogno.<BR><BR>However, I wondered if there was any online

mention of <BR>Randy Etting and have discovered the following <BR>[noticeable typo errors corrected]:<BR><BR>\_CLOSE ENCOUNTER ON INTERSTATE 84\_<BR><BR>By:

Philip J. Imbrogno<BR><BR>In the past, the state of Connecticut has always been an <BR>area of few UFO reports, however this is no longer true. <BR>Since 1985 the counties of Fairfield and Litchfield and <BR>Hartford has seen a dramatic rise in the number of UFO <BR>reports. This UFO is described as being a semi circle or <BR>boomerang with multi-colored lights. Even more incredible <BR>the size of this UFO has been reported to be the length <BR>of a football field! This UFO that has been seen recently <BR>in Connecticut is without a doubt the Hudson valley UFO <BR>which is described in my book NIGHT SIEGE THE

HUDSON <BR>VALLEY UFO SIGHTINGS (Ballantine Books 1987).<BR><BR>For some

reason unknown to this researcher the giant <BR>boomerang UFO has shifted its activities from New York to <BR>Nearby Connecticut. The most recent sightings took place <BR>on May 26 of this year around interstate 84 one of the <BR>most heavily traveled highways in the northeast.<BR><BR>Between 9:30 and 10:15 PM more than 200 people phoned <BR>local and state police to report a huge object with <BR>bright lights flying low over the highway near the towns <BR>of Newtown and Southbury in Connecticut. Those witnesses <BR>that called state police in Southbury were told that it <BR>was nothing more than a group of Ultralight aircraft from <BR>Candlewood airport flying in close formation and hanging <BR>colored lanterns from the bottom of the plane. The police <BR>also told witnesses that the aircraft were painted black <BR>so that all that can be seen is the lights. Many of the <BR>witnesses to the phenomenon found it very hard to believe <BR>the official

explanation.<BR><BR>[...]<BR><BR>Another

witnesses was Mr. Randy Etting a commercial <BR>airline pilot with over thirty years of experience. Mr. <BR>Etting said that the idea of the ultralight theory "is <BR>the prattling of idiots" Mr. Etting observed the lights <BR>from his home in Newtown Connecticut at about 9:45 pm. He <BR>said that there were at least eight lights of different <BR>colors flying very close together and without a sound. As <BR>the object passed his home he observed it in a pair of <BR>7X35 binoculars. Mr. Etting told me that the UFO was one <BR>object and he saw some type of heat waves coming from the <BR>object which

distorted the area around the lights.<BR><BR>Mr. Etting watched the object with neighbors and his son <BR>for over ten minutes as it slowly drifted to the north <BR>west. All the witnesses agree that the UFO was one solid <BR>object and round in appearance.<BR><BR>The Etting party was observing the

UFO while it was <BR>passing close to I-84. At this time over a dozen cars

<BR>pulled over to view the UFO as it passed overhead.<BR><BR>[...]<BR><BR>\_Photographic Proof\_<BR><BR>This UFO was so bright and large that it was only a <BR>matter of time before someone would come forward with a <BR>photograph. To our surprise we were contacted by a person <BR>of high standing in the Southbury area who took a picture <BR>of the object as it moved very slowly over I-84 at about <BR>9:30 PM. The photographer wishes to remain anonymous <BR>since his position is very sensitive. He is a very highly <BR>trained college educated man who fears that the publicity <BR>surrounding the photograph could hurt his career. He gave <BR>us full rights to the photograph and his sighting account <BR>providing we do not use his real name. We will refer to <BR>him as David.<BR><BR>David was on I-84 on official business when he saw the <BR>lights. The lights were in the northwest and heading <BR>east. As he watched, the object tilted and all the lights <BR>got much brighter. He was pulled off the road at the time <BR>and had his camera ready. The UFO was about 45 degrees <BR>above the horizon. Due to traffic he had time to take <BR>only one picture. His camera was a 35mm with a 50mm lens <BR>at 1.8, the film type was Kodacolor asa 400 and the <BR>exposure was 1/60th of a second, or 1/125. He was not <BR>sure of the setting, but feels it was 1/60th of a second. <BR>The object then moved toward the east without a sound. <BR>During an interview with this researcher, David told me <BR>that the he was sure there was a solid object behind the <BR>lights. He also said that when the object turned it <BR>looked like the lights on the sides were pulling out from <BR>the main mass, but he realized that this effect was due <BR>to the object changing position from his point of view.<BR><BR>\_What about the Photo\_:<BR><BR>Several photo-analysis experts are now looking at the <BR>photograph. Our initial study showed that the image is <BR>without a doubt hanging in the sky above the ground. Also <BR>the photograph was looked at by Dr. Willy Smith a <BR>scientist and UFO researcher of some repute. Dr. Smith's <BR>initial calculations show the object to be anywhere from <BR>650-1600 across!<BR><BR>We believe that this photograph is one of the best night-<BR>time UFO pictures taken in the past twenty years. There <BR>were quite a few witnesses to the sighting over a twenty-<BR>five mile radius, all reporting the same thing. A close <BR>examination of the original negative shows that the <BR>lights are reflecting off of some type of structure in <BR>the central part of the object .Also the lights are in a <BR>perfect half circle. There is no doubt that what ever the <BR>UFO photograph represents it is one solid object. We hope <BR>to get more data on the photograph and the sightings in <BR>the weeks to come. I have taken an add in the local <BR>papers asking for videos and photographs and sighting <BR>accounts from that night.<BR><BR>\_A Rational Explanation?\_<BR><BR>What about the theory that the UFO is nothing more than <BR>Ultralights from Candlewood airport. We questioned state <BR>police on this theory. An officer stated that they made a <BR>mistake about the airport, it wasn't Candlewood but <BR>Stormville airport. A flight instructor at Stormville <BR>later told us that there is only one Ultralight at <BR>Stormville and it only flies in the day since it is <BR>illegal for them to fly at

night.<BR><BR>[...]<BR><BR>[END OF EXTRACT]<BR><BR><BR>Courtesy  
of:<BR><BR><A

href="http://theshadowlands.net/inter84.txt">http://theshadowlands.net/inter84.txt</A>  
><BR><BR><BR>Can

we presume that the 'David' and 'Waterbury' <BR>photographs, of a "perfect  
half circle", are one and the <BR>same?<BR><BR>How then could 'David' have  
been a 'police officer' who, <BR>according to MUFON Connecticut was, "sent to  
investigate" <BR>the UFO reports.<BR><BR>Philip Imbrogno reportedly states  
that related events <BR>occurred, "between 9:30 and 10:5 PM", yet David, "took  
a <BR>picture of the object as it moved very slowly over I-84 <BR>at about  
9:30 PM".<BR><BR><BR>That aside, for now, Imbrogno reportedly  
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Dr. Willy Smith a <BR>scientist and UFO researcher of some repute. Dr. Smith's  
<BR>initial calculations show the object to be anywhere from <BR>650-1600  
across!".<BR><BR><BR>Is this the same 'Dr. Willy Smith'...:<BR><BR>"Willy  
Smith as been a constant fountain of fake stories <BR>that he supports with  
fake evidence.<BR><BR>Willy Smith has even changed his educational  
background

<BR>from an Engineering PhD by claiming to have a Masters in <BR>Astronomy  
and

Physics and a PhD in Physics. Two letters <BR>from the U&nbsp; of Michigan  
verify that he does not have a <BR>Masters in Astronomy and Physics nor a PhD  
in Physics".<BR><BR>See:<BR><BR><A

href="http://www.skiesare.demon.co.uk/fernand.html">http://www.skiesare.demon.co  
.uk/fernand.html</A><BR><BR>An

affidavit signed by, amongst others, Ed

Walters...<BR><BR><BR>James.<BR>E-mail:

voyager@jeaston.com<BR><BR><BR><BR></TT><BR><TT>Your use of Yahoo!  
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From: "David Clarke" <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>  
Date: Sat, 9 Nov 2002 11:38:24 -0000  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Best and Worst of UFOlogy

----- Original Message -----

From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk> Sent: Saturday, November 09, 2002 4:36 AM  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Best and Worst of UFOlogy

James wrote:

- > Depends who you ask, what they want to believe, whether they
- > have a related financial incentive and often, to a great
- > extent, are they in danger of being exposed as foolish.
- >
- > Are there any really baffling cases?
- >

My list of baffling cases are as follows:

I have drawn only from those instances where I have personally interviewed the witnesses, and located related documents at the PRO:

1. 16 January 1947. North Sea. 'Unidentified aircraft' tracked on GCI radar at 38,000 feet over Dutch coast at speeds between 400-1000mph. Pursued by RAF Mosquito which obtained AI contact during a chase which lasted 1 hour, ending above the Norfolk coast. Listed as 'unidentified' by Air Ministry when details were passed to Project Sign in July 1947. Summary described how 'aircraft' took "efficient controlled evasive action."
2. August and September 1950. Disc-shaped UFO reported in daylight above RAE Farnborough by RAF test pilots, investigated by the MoD's Flying Saucer Working Party.
3. 21 October 1952. Gloucestershire, UK. Three 'flying saucers' sighted visually at 30,000 feet by the pilot and navigator of an RAF Meteor jet. Visual contact and radar confirmation by GCI and Air Traffic Control. QRA squadron scrambled but failed to make contact. See 'Out of the Shadows', pg 98-100.
4. May 1957. North Sea. UFO tracked on GCI radar, RAF Bawdsey. Two USAF F-84D Sabres scrambled from Manston to intercept. One aircraft obtained AI lock on target at 32,000 feet "the blip was burning a hole in the radar with its incredible intensity"...pilot ordered to shoot down target with missile but UFO broke lock and disappeared at speed.

These are the four cases that remain 'baffling' to an old cynic like me.

Best,

Dave Clarke

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From: "Jenny Randles" <nufon@currantbun.com>  
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written about Bill Chalker and his excellent work on revealing the content of  
the RAAF files.</FONT></DIV>  
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Bill for many years and met him a few times - something that is always a  
pleasure. We do not share opinions on some cases or the nature of UFOs but I  
have no hesitation in considering him one of the&nbsp; most tenacious,  
influential and objective UFOlogists that I had the pleasure to know. I do not  
recognise him at all in the descriptions being offered.</FONT></DIV>  
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publishing  
the RAAF data - not simply in a recent book - but 20 years ago to the specialist  
UFO literature and thus to his colleagues show that fame and fortune were in no  
way an issue. That is what matters here, is it not? The work he did and superbly  
documented back then massively influenced the extent of our knowledge on  
government interest in UFOs, not merely in Australia. We all owe him something  
for that.</FONT></DIV>  
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before him, I was certainly unaware of it and they had not made that information  
freely available to the UFO community - so Bill completed that task for the  
benefit of the rest of us, an act for which we should be grateful.</FONT></DIV>  
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From: "Luis R. Gonzalez" <lrgm@arrakis.es>

Date: Sat, 9 Nov 2002 19:49:36 +0100

Subject: [UFORL] Early Abductions

Continuing with my research into early abductions, I have been able to obtain the name and address of the abductee de Loxley October 17, 1973. He used to live in Pensacola (Florida).

Anybody interested in trying to locate him?

Yours,  
Luis R. González.

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Sat, 9 Nov 2002 17:08:27 EST  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The BEst and Worst of UFOlogy

In a message dated 11/8/2002 8:41:57 PM Eastern Standard Time,  
jimspeiser@yahoo.com writes:

<< Since then, I  
can't help thinking that if a 10-year-old flying saucer freak can ID a  
meteor, a trained pilot should be even more capable of doing so. >>

Jim:

An interesting report. But the assumption that because a person  
is a trained pilot they could never make a mistake flies into the  
face of the many pilot IFOs reported over the years, and is, itself,  
a statement of belief.

Clear skies,  
Bob Young

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Sun, 10 Nov 2002 02:33:32 -0000  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Best and Worst of UFOlogy

Regarding:

>From: "Jim Speiser" <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>  
>Date: Sat, 9 Nov 2002 00:52:34 -0700  
>Subject: RE: [UFORL] The BEst and Worst of UFOlogy

Jim wrote:

>The object depicted on the MUFON link is indeed the  
>photo I was provided by Phil Imbrogno. Beyond being  
>elliptical and multi-colored on a black background, I  
>don't see any reason to suspect that this photo is in  
>any way related to the Nashville photo.

Jim,

When the 'Nashville' photographs surfaced again, featured on:

<http://www.rense.com/submissions/3ufosday.html>  
<http://www.nationalufocenter.com/features/bethune.htm>

...I highlighted that they were apparently of a  
disco/lighting rig, which had been featured in a magazine  
- see:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/nashville.jpg>  
<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/nashcomp.jpg>

On:

<http://www.nationalufocenter.com/features/bethune.htm>

...the photograph at top of page doesn't appear amongst  
those on the Rense site and what seems to be another from  
the collection can be found at the bottom of the  
following page:

<http://www.filersfiles-ufo.com/>

I first saw some of these photographs in the May/June  
1995 issue of 'UFO Magazine' [UK]. The story was that  
they had been taken by a retired US Naval Commander who  
insisted on remaining anonymous due to his military



background. He reportedly claimed there were around 80 photographs in total.

Some copies had been given to Tony Dodd from 'UFO Magazine' when he was in the U.S. and although they were proclaimed to be genuine, on 11th January 1998, during an IRC chat, Graham Birdsall, the magazine's editor, acknowledged:

Dave\_UFO:

Wendelle Stevens made a big play of the Nashville, Tennessee UFO which you have featured. It now appears that these photograph's were nothing more than disco lights and dry ice in some sort of night club. Has Wendelle Stevens made any further comments on this?

Graham:

No, he hasn't. But you are correct, the Nashville UFO pics do appear to have been a classic set of disco lights. People who are in the business of hoaxing take great delight in fooling the UFO community, so we have to be constantly on our guard. It's frustrating, and time wasting, but Wendelle's in his eighties now and I feel for the guy.

[END]

It was only on seeing these photographs again that I realised they were similar to another photograph I had come across since 1995. I located a bookmarked, on-line copy and it turned out to be the Waterbury picture, at:

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Zone/9047/870526.htm>

As an exercise, I first compared this with an extract from one of the Nashville photos:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/saucers.jpg>

In order to do so, it was apparently necessary to both flip and 'mirror' the Nashville images, i.e.:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/upended.jpg>

Any evident correlations were then noted:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/saucers2.jpg>  
<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/saucers3.jpg>

Could the Waterbury photograph also have come from that collection, taken when the rig was simply displaying a circle of lights.

The possibility seemed more likely when I discovered that it perhaps wasn't even necessary to flip and mirror the Nashville image for comparison - the Waterbury photograph on MUFON CT's web site may itself be a reverse print.

It's my understanding it should in fact look like this:

<http://www.angelfire.com/de/xphiles1013/waterbury2.jpg>

That's how it is published in two books I'm aware of.

It's open to anyone how they judge the overall evidence.

One other point though; if you look at the supposed Nashville UFO photographs, you will find that one of the various lighting effects available is a sequence of large red lights, interspersed with smaller pale-blue lights - for example:

<http://www.rense.com/submissions/ship2.html>

Is it merely further coincidence that smaller, pale-blue lights can be seen in the Waterbury photograph [they're much clearer in book prints].

I would have to say it's also disconcerting that the origins of our Waterbury photograph are anonymous.

Incidentally, for those who haven't seen it, there's an interesting letter re the Hudson Valley sightings from Robert R. Young, in Magonia Monthly Supplement, October 1999:

<http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/ms20.html>

James.

E-mail: [voyager@jeaston.com](mailto:voyager@jeaston.com)

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Date: Sun, 10 Nov 2002 06:50:49 -0000  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Classic Cases

Regarding:

>From: "Anthony Craig" <feenix43@yahoo.com.au>  
>Date: Mon, 04 Nov 2002 22:45:55 -0000  
>Subject: [UFORL] Classic Cases

Anthony wrote:

<http://www.fufor.com/cases.htm>

>This page contains what is supposed to be the best  
>documented cases of UFO sightings. I am definitely a UFO  
>skeptic, but it is hard when reading these reports not  
>to get a sense that they seem credible, at least as far  
>as witnesses are concerned (in many cases multiple  
>witnesses). Does anybody know of any resource that has  
>examined these cases in depth?

Anthony,

Many of these cases have been researched in detail and have an evident/proven, prosaic explanation.

We can come back to that; there are however some which ostensibly seem to inexplicable and yet, rarely receive attention.

I would suggest one of these is the Lake Erie, March 4, 1988 incident:

<http://www.fufor.com/case880304.htm>

This is not only, as you highlight, a multiple witness event, it's one which was, importantly, documented by the US Coast Guard at the time.

That FUFOR summary contains some anomalies and an error at the outset. It's reported:

"Sheila and Henry Baker were driving home with their three children about 8:35 p.m."

It was apparently at 8:35 p.m. when these witnesses called the Coast Guard [according to the Coast Guard documentation] and any initial sighting must have occurred some time before.

There's a reasonably well-known case investigator's report online at:

<http://chabin.laurent.free.fr/triangul.txt>

This cites the Baker's first observation occurred at around 6:30 p.m., which would indicate it was some two hours before the Coast Guard were contacted.

However, it's not straightforward as Sheila Baker apparently first telephoned the Eastlake police, then Lost Nation Airport in Willoughby, then Fairport Harbor Coast Guard, then [possibly] Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, then the Coast Guard, again, several times...

That evidence and much more, doesn't appear to be contained within most/any other online copies of Richard P. Dell'Aquila and Dale Wedge's investigative account - it looks to be from:

"Uploaded with permission of Christopher Evans of the 'Cleveland Plain Dealer' on an article entitled 'Space Case - The Night The Coast Guard Got Buzzed', dated July 12, 1988".

See also:

<http://www.angelfire.com/ms/area51stuff2/eastlake.html>

Striking to read that Mrs Baker had allegedly shut her kids in a closet, "pulled down all the window blinds, turned off the lights and locked the bedroom door", because of a perceived 'UFO threat'.

We can but surmise how much of Christopher Evans later article is maybe 'journalistic license'.

Factual anomalies are different accounts of when the Baker's visited the beach for a closer look and that they were both on the beach and had also returned in fright to the house at specific points.

That aside, the Coast Guard 'teletype', reportedly, confirms [this capitalised text may 'wrap around']:

THIS UNIT SENT 2 CREWMEMBERS TO INVESTIGATE. BEFORE THEY ARRIVED O/S, WE RCVD 2 MORE CALLS RPTNG THAT THE OBJECT HAD APPARENTLY DISPERSED 3-5 SMALLER FLYING OBJECTS THAT

WERE ZIPPING AROUND RATHER QUICKLY. THESE OBJECTS HAD RED, GREEN, WHITE AND YELLOW LIGHTS ON THEM THAT STROBED INTERMITTENTLY. THEY ALSO HAD THE ABILITY TO STOP AND HOVER IN MID FLIGHT.

WHEN MOBILE 02 GOT O/S, THEY RPTD THE SAME ACTIVITY. THEY WATCHED THE OBJECTS FOR APPROX. 1 HOUR BEFORE RPTNG THAT THE LARGE OBJECT WAS ALMOST ON THE ICE. THEY RPTD THAT THE ICE WAS CRACKING AND MOVING ABNORMAL AMOUNTS AS THE OBJECT CAME CLOSER TO IT. THE ICE WAS RUMBLING AND THE OBJECT LIT MULTI-COLOR LIGHTS AT EACH END AS IT APPARENTLY LANDED.

THE LIGHTS ON IT WENT OUT MOMENTARILY AND THEN CAME ON AGAIN. THEY WENT OUT AGAIN AND THE RUMBLING STOPPED AND THE ICE STOPPED MOVING. THE SMALLER OBJECTS BEGAN HOVERING IN THE AREA WHERE THE LARGE OBJECT LANDED AND AFTER A FEW MINUTES THEY BEGAN FLYING AROUND AGAIN.

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[END]

Incorporating time which had elapsed before the patrol arrived and that they seemingly, "WATCHED THE OBJECTS FOR APPROX. 1 HOUR BEFORE RPTNG" what was further activity.

It must have been about a two hour show...

Any suggested explanations from list members?

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This seems quite specific; "and talked to Elizabeth Mele in the control tower".

Is there any other known evidence that Mrs Baker reported the 'triangles' had come back?

Christopher Evans' article states, "Four years later, she's still confused".

Four years later?

She's not the only one who's confused.

Contrary to aforementioned online sources, I surmise that FUFOR's reference is correct in dating the article to July 12, 1992.

James.

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Date: Sun, 10 Nov 2002 08:23:09 -0000  
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A speculative online search has discovered the following:

The News-Herald  
Monday, March 7, 1988

#### SKY-GAZERS MISTAKE PLANETS FOR UFOS

Visitors from another planet have nothing to do with the UFOs which were reported along the lake shore Friday and Saturday nights. But, according to the Coast Guard, the planets Jupiter and Venus are involved.

When the US Coast Guard at Fairport Harbor received reports Friday night [that would be the 4th and tie-in - James] of UFOs in the sky, it checked with area airports to learn what their radar indicated.

"We thought it might be someone in trouble setting off



flares," said Petty Officer John Knaub. "So we investigated ourselves."

Coast Guard members saw the lights over the lake about 1/4 mile east of the mouth of the Chagrin River. "But Lost Nation Airport advised us that we were seeing the planets Jupiter and Venus, which are lined up together in the sky. Apparently the gases in the atmosphere created the appearance of smaller objects around them."

The UFO reports rolled in again Saturday night, when the sky remained clear and was dominated by a full moon.

Knaub said the phenomena is visible around 9PM, as sky gazers look west along the lake from Fairport Harbor.  
[END]

'Petty Officer John Knaub' is identified in Christopher Evans 1992 article:

"Mobile Unit 2 was a 1984 blue Chevy Suburban and the two guys in it were gung-ho. Seaman James Powers and Petty Officer John Knaub said they could see the lights from Fairport Harbor".

How could Knaub, only three days later, reportedly support the premise he had spent over an hour being bemused by stars and 'atmospheric gases'.

To recap:

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[END OF EXTRACT]

Surely, any such documented, exceeding one hour, testimony of observable planetary phenomena and 'atmospheric gases' would merit the leading article in a scientific journal.

Especially as such ephemera seems to be unrecorded.

However, apparently the 'UFOs' did indeed return next night - it's presumed they were, as Christopher Evans recalled, once again reported by Mrs Baker:

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[...]

SUBJ: INCIDENT REPORT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. UNIDENTIFIABLE FLYING OBJECTS 1/4 MILE EAST OF CEI POWER PLANT.

2. AT 1913 LCL THIS STATION RCVD CALL FROM [Name blanked by investigators] RPTNG A LARGE OBJECT HOVERING OVER THE LAKE AT A GREATER ALTITUDE THAN LAST NIGHT. AT 1923 LCL THIS STATION CALLED LOST NATION AIRPORT (WILLOUGHBY OHIO). THEY STATED HEAVY AIR TRAFFIC THIS EVENING. THE RUNWAY THAT THEY ARE USING RUNS NORTH-SOUTH. THIS STATION SENT MOBILE 02 WITH 03 PERSONS TO INVESTIGATE. UPON ARRIVING ON SEEN THERE WERE NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS. EAST LAKE POLICE SENT A PATROL CAR TO INVESTIGATE ALSO NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS. MOBILE 02 IS GOING TO BE ON THE BEACH TO

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3. UPON FURTHER INVESTIGATION THIS STATION CALLED LOST NATIONS AIRPORT AGAIN AND TALKED TO [blanked] IN THE CONTROL TOWER. [blanked] INFORMED US THAT THE TWO BRIGHT LIGHTS ARE THE PLANETS VENUS AND JUPITER. THE FLASHING LIGHTS ARE GASES IN THE ATMOSPHERE. THE PLANETS SHOULD BE SETTING ABOUT 2130 LCL.

REQUEST INCIDENT CLOSED THIS UNIT. BT TOR-03:06:02:00  
[END]

All from:

<http://www.mimicmedia.com/ufo/UfoLakeErie.htm>

Conclusions re this 'classic case'...?

James.

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sightings. I am definitely a UFO <BR>&gt;skeptic, but it is hard when reading  
these reports not <BR>&gt;to get a sense that they seem credible, at least as  
far <BR>&gt;as witnesses are concerned (in many cases multiple  
<BR>&gt;witnesses). Does anybody know of any resource that has  
<BR>&gt;examined these cases in depth?<BR><BR>Anthony,<BR><BR>Many of  
these  
cases have been researched in detail and <BR>have an evident/proven, prosaic  
explanation.<BR><BR>We can come back to that; there are however some which  
<BR>ostensibly seem to inexplicable and yet, rarely receive  
<BR>attention.<BR><BR>I would suggest one of these is the Lake Erie, March 4,  
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see any reason to suspect that this photo is in <BR>&gt;any way related to the  
Nashville photo.<BR><BR>Jim,<BR><BR>When the 'Nashville' photographs  
surfaced  
again, featured <BR>on:<BR><BR><A  
href="http://www.rense.com/submissions/3ufosday.html">http://www.rense.com/sub  
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highlighted that they were apparently of a <BR>disco/lighting rig, which had  
been featured in a magazine <BR>- see:<BR><BR><A  
href="http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/nashville.jpg">http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/na  
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photograph at top of page doesn't appear amongst <BR>those on the Rense site  
and what seems to be another from <BR>the collection can be found at the  
bottom of the <BR>following page:<BR><BR><A  
href="http://www.filersfiles-ufo.com/">http://www.filersfiles-  
ufo.com/</A><BR><BR><BR>I  
first saw some of these photographs in the May/June <BR>1995 issue of 'UFO  
Magazine' [UK]. The story was that <BR>they had been taken by a retired US  
Naval Commander who <BR>insisted on remaining anonymous due to his military

<BR>background. He reportedly claimed there were around 80 <BR>photographs in total.<BR><BR>Some copies had been given to Tony Dodd from 'UFO  
<BR>Magazine'

when he was in the U.S. and although they were <BR>proclaimed to be genuine, on 11th January 1998, during an <BR>IRC chat, Graham Birdsall, the magazine's editor, <BR>acknowledged:<BR><BR>Dave\_UFO:<BR>Wendelle Stevens made a big play

of the Nashville, <BR>Tennessee UFO which you have featured. It now appears <BR>that these photograph's were nothing more than disco <BR>lights and dry ice in some sort of night club. Has <BR>Wendelle Stevens made any further comments on this?<BR><BR>Graham:<BR>No, he hasn't. But you are correct, the Nashville UFO <BR>pics do appear to have been a classic set of disco <BR>lights. People who are in the business of hoaxing take <BR>great delight in fooling the UFO community, so we have to <BR>be constantly on our guard. It's frustrating, and time <BR>wasting, but Wendelle's in his eighties now and I feel <BR>for the guy.<BR>[END]<BR><BR><BR>It was only on seeing these photographs again that I <BR>realised they were similar to another photograph I had <BR>come across since 1995. I located a bookmarked, on-line <BR>copy and it turned out to be the Waterbury picture, at:<BR><BR><A

href="http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Zone/9047/870526.htm">http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Zone/9047/870526.htm</A><BR><BR>As

an exercise, I first compared this with an extract <BR>from one of the Nashville photos:<BR><BR><A

href="http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/saucers.jpg">http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/saucers.jpg</A><BR><BR>In

order to do so, it was apparently necessary to both <BR>flip and 'mirror' the Nashville images, i.e.:<BR><BR><A

href="http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/upended.jpg">http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/upended.jpg</A><BR><BR>Any

evident correlations were then noted:<BR><BR><A

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href="http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/saucers3.jpg">http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ftp/saucers3.jpg</A><BR><BR><BR>Could

the Waterbury photograph also have come from that <BR>collection, taken when the rig was simply displaying a <BR>circle of lights.<BR><BR>The possibility seemed more likely when I discovered that <BR>it perhaps wasn't even necessary to flip and mirror the <BR>Nashville image for comparison - the Waterbury photograph <BR>on MUFON CT's web site may itself be a reverse print.<BR><BR>It's my understanding it should in fact look like this:<BR><BR><A

href="http://www.angelfire.com/de/xphiles1013/waterbury2.jpg">http://www.angelfire.com/de/xphiles1013/waterbury2.jpg</A><BR><BR>That's

how it is published in two books I'm aware of.<BR><BR><BR>It's open to anyone

how they judge the overall evidence.<BR><BR>One other point though; if you look at the supposed <BR>Nashville UFO photographs, you will find that one of the <BR>various lighting effects available is a sequence of large <BR>red lights, interspersed with smaller pale-blue lights - <BR>for example:<BR><BR><A

href="http://www.rense.com/submissions/ship2.html">http://www.rense.com/submissions/ship2.html</A><BR><BR>Is

it merely further coincidence that smaller, pale-blue <BR>lights can be seen in the Waterbury photograph [they're <BR>much clearer in book prints].<BR><BR>I would have to say it's also disconcerting that the <BR>origins of our Waterbury photograph are anonymous.<BR><BR><BR>Incidentally, for those who haven't seen it, there's an <BR>interesting letter re the Hudson Valley sightings from <BR>Robert R. Young, in Magonia Monthly Supplement, October <BR>1999:<BR><BR><A

href="http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/ms20.html">http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/ms20.html</A><BR><BR><BR>James.<BR>E-mail:

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Sun, 10 Nov 2002 15:07:06 EST  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Best and Worst of UFOlogy

In a message dated 11/9/2002 11:59:29 AM Eastern Standard Time, cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk writes:

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My list of baffling cases are as follows:  
I have drawn only from those instances where I  
have personally interviewed the witnesses, and located related  
documents at the PRO:

1. 16 January 1947. North Sea. 'Unidentified aircraft' tracked on GCI radar at 38,000 feet over Dutch coast at speeds between 400-1000mph. Pursued by RAF Mosquito which obtained AI contact during a chase which lasted 1 hour, ending above the Norfolk coast. Listed as 'unidentified' by Air Ministry when details were passed to Project Sign in July 1947. Summary described how 'aircraft' took "efficient controlled evasive action."
3. 21 October 1952. Gloucestershire, UK. Three 'flying saucers' sighted visually at 30,000 feet by the pilot and navigator of an RAF Meteor jet. Visual contact and radar confirmation by GCI and Air Traffic Control. QRA squadron scrambled but failed to make contact. See 'Out of the Shadows', pg 98-100.
4. May 1957. North Sea. UFO tracked on GCI radar, RAF Bawdsey. Two USAF F-84D Sabres scrambled from Manston to intercept. One aircraft obtained AI lock on target at 32,000 feet "the blip was burning a hole in the radar with its incredible intensity"...pilot ordered to shoot down target with missile but UFO broke lock and disappeared at speed.

These are the four cases that remain 'baffling' to an old cynic like me.

Best,

Dave Clarke  
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Hi, Dave:

What are the chances that these represented Soviet recce aircraft?

Clear skies,  
Bob Young

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From: "Bill Chalker" <bill\_c@bigpond.com>  
Date: Mon, 11 Nov 2002 13:35:57 +1100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: So who was the first to view the RAAF UFO files?

Thank you James for the opportunity to reply to "Glen Hough's" misguided message:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL/message/1274>

My previous message:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL/message/1218>

still stands as pretty much all I want to comment about "Hough's" messages.

But there are certain important points that need to be addressed more fully.  
Again I'll try to make it clearer.

My book "The OZ Files" (1996), "UFOs Sub Rosa" (1996) (see:

[http://www.theozfiles.com/ufos\\_subrosa.html](http://www.theozfiles.com/ufos_subrosa.html) and

<http://www.project1947.com/forum/bcoz1.htm> ) and other more recent materials

are not the first time I'm reviewed or examined RAAF materials. I have listed a range of my publications at:

[http://www.theozfiles.com/selected\\_bibliography.html](http://www.theozfiles.com/selected_bibliography.html)

of which the following are pertinent to the issue:

"The RAAF Investigation of UFOs", MUFON UFO Journal, No. 143, January, 1980, pgs. 3-6. This article first appeared in the ACOS Bulletin, No.20, August, 1979, and in UFOs over Australia, ACUFOS, 1985.

"UFOs and the RAAF - the Inside Story", UFORAN, Vol.3, Nos. 2,3 and 4, March-April, May-June, and July-August, 1982. This article appeared in abridged form in the MUFON UFO Journal, Nos. 175 (Sept. 1982) and 176 (Oct. 1982).

"Yes, There is a UFO Cover-up", OMEGA-Science Digest, Nov/Dec,1983. 1982:

"UFOs: Australia's Secret Documents Revealed", OMEGA-Science Digest, Sept.-Oct. 1982. This article appeared in the APRO Bulletin, Vol.30, No.10 (Oct.'82) & Vol.30, No.11 (Dec.'82) as Australian A.F. UFO Report files.

"UFO Sloring (UFO Coverup)", produced by SUFOI/Kim Moller Hansen, from a selection of my RAAF research papers, 1985 (in Danish).

"The North West Cape Incident: UFOs and nuclear alert in Australia", IUR, Jan/Feb, 1986, Vol.11, No.1.

"The UFO Connection - Startling Implications for NW Cape and Australia's security", OMEGA-Science Digest, March/April, 1985. This article along with Addendum (letter) appeared in FSR, Vol.31, No.5, July, 1986.

"Working with the Government", in Spencer/Evans "Phenomenon", Futura,1988, and Avon, 1989.

Late in 1982 my summary report: STUDY OF OFFICIAL AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT

INVOLVEMENT IN UFO CONTROVERSY A PROGRESS REPORT was published in various

places. A copy of that report is on the net:

<http://ufocasebook.com/ausgov.txt>

My point here that my research work was undertaken back in 1982 and beyond, and published extensively.

If others did similar research then or earlier - great. But what do we know about it?

"Hough" claims:

- >I have it on good authority that he has been told on numerous
- >occasions that his claim was wrong, and yet he continued to pretend
- >and disseminate this wrong data.

I have certainly not been told by "good authority" that my "claim" is wrong. By "good authority" I suspect "Hough" is trying to invoke "bower bird" type individuals, who seem more intent on sitting on info rather than sharing it. When they "sit on it" and don't share it I guess we will never know if their "claims" have substance, unless they can be verified independently. "Hough" is so hung up on so called "claims" he seems to really have missed the point. In this field of research I believe it is important to share research and information. I did that back in 1982 with the material I found then, based on a lot of hard work on my part and the cooperation of the Department of Defence.

There have been people who have made proclamations or statements about getting access to files and being aware of this and that. But unless those statements are backed up by accessible data etc it is difficult to give them much credence, particularly when one's own detail enquiries based on direct file examinations fail to confirm such statements. But of course the "bower birds" will crow that I've been looking in the wrong place or I've not been digging deep enough or I'm totally on the wrong track. These sorts of suggestions would be largely baseless or hollow if they are not backed up by substance. The usual retort has been that they won't share that kind of information and they will release their alleged information when it suits them. That's fine but don't expect me to then except their claims as factual when nothing has been presented to validate them. "Hough's logic" seems to be that those that have done that undocumented or unrevealed research don't need to substantiate their activities. I guess he is right. There is no obligation to do so other than the principle of sharing information and assisting research, with the broader aim of widening our base of knowledge on UFOs that is available to public researchers and the general public. I've experienced the difficulties of verification with Defence, but at least there it was often possible to verify a chain of evidence that certain things were done.

Here is a brief extract from a 1982 "progress" report I circulated back then. It was published in a number of places at the time:

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During 1982, I was able to:

- a. Examine the majority of the extent UFO files held by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF).

- b. Examine the entirety of the extent UFO files held by the Dept. of Aviation.
- c. Initiate discussions with a defence scientist privy to the official files and the inner working of governmental policies and approaches to the UFO subject.
- d. Initiate enquiries with other Australian agencies and individuals re UFO file holdings.
- e. Undertake enquiries with overseas government departments re UFO file holdings (in particular, the Ministries of Defence in the U.K. and the USAF re Project Blue Book, the latter, in relation to Australian cases).
- f. Undertake discussions with the Department of Aviation/Bureau of Air Safety investigation on the Valentich affair, and
- g. publish some of the results of my enquiries.

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This progress report was as accurate as my knowledge and understanding at the time could make it. One can pick holes as much as they like if they are so inclined but no one else was publishing the results of that kind of detailed research to a wider public research audience at the time or before other than myself. If others did so they didn't share their research with the wider research community like I did. If others did similar research they choose not to reveal it to a wider audience. It seems "Hough" is one of those types who doesn't feel that it is worthwhile to share information and research around and seems totally preoccupied with misguided and stupid attacks on someone who believes that that sort of research should be widely published and disseminated.

I am against what I refer to above as "bower bird" research where for whatever reasons people do research but sit on it and do not share that information. If such people can overcome their own reasons for that sort of mentality then maybe we might actually learn some interesting things. Maybe somebody did do earlier extensive research of the RAAF files etc. It would be great if someone who has any information of that nature could actually make it available to a wider audience. It may change our understanding of the knowledge we have about official files in Australia.

To conclude, while it might be interesting to determine who was the first to view the RAAF UFO files, and dissect the detail of "claims" and "counterclaims", I think it is much more important to make the results of such "viewings" and research available to the wider research community and the general public. I did that back in 1982-84 and since then. At the time I understood I was the first to do that and I still believe I was. Anyway that is secondary to the achievement of making a lot of information available to a wider audience so that those so inclined to do further

research etc can do so.

If this stupid debate has any positive outcome I hope it will be to entice out those who claim to have done earlier research based on direct "viewings" of the RAAF files and that they will finally after all these years, from the 70s or earlier, they might reveal what they found out to a wider research audience and the general public.

Regards to the list,  
To "Hough" - get a life,

Bill Chalker

P.S. It is dissappointing that in airing "Hough's" message that his earlier rants were aired yet again. For those inclined to get into those again I trust you will at least do your homework and look at the full discussion on these points (particularly my responses to them in the UFORL file archive), not just "Hough's" rantings and ravings.

----- Original Message -----

From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk> Sent: Saturday, November 09, 2002 6:17 PM

Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: So who was the first to view the RAAF UFO files?

> Glen's comments were, after much consideration, posted.  
>  
> Bill Chalker is entitled to reply.  
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> Then, it's personal and off-list.  
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>  
> James Easton,  
> List moderator.  
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From: "David Clarke" <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>  
Date: Mon, 11 Nov 2002 19:18:41 -0000  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Best and Worst of UFOlogy

----- Original Message -----

From: <YoungBob2@aol.com> Sent: Sunday, November 10, 2002 8:07 PM  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Best and Worst of UFOlogy

>  
> What are the chances that these represented Soviet recce aircraft?  
>  
> Clear skies,  
> Bob Young  
>

Hi Bob ---

The possibility of Soviet 'intruders' is certainly a possibility in terms of cases 1 and 4, but there are problems -- for example:

>  
> 1. 16 January 1947. North Sea. 'Unidentified aircraft' tracked on  
> GCI radar at 38,000 feet over Dutch coast at speeds between  
> 400-1000mph. Pursued by RAF Mosquito which obtained AI  
> contact during a chase which lasted 1 hour, ending above the  
> Norfolk coast. Listed as 'unidentified' by Air Ministry when details  
> were passed to Project Sign in July 1947. Summary described  
> how 'aircraft' took "efficient controlled evasive action."

Did the Soviets have aircraft with this level of performance (altitude, speed, range, manoeuvrability, etc) as early as Jan 1947, and furthermore would a Russians have run such a risk? This was not a 'recce', as the 'unidentified aircraft' crossed the coast and penetrated deep within UK territory. What's more, this was repeated again the following night, triggering a second air defence alert.

If the Soviets were capable of such incursions early in 1947, I'd like to know more! Ditto for 1957 (the latter case is weaker as we have only the testimony of the USAF Sabre pilot, the documentation - if any existed - has disappeared).

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> 3. 21 October 1952. Gloucestershire, UK. Three 'flying saucers'  
> sighted visually at 30,000 feet by the pilot and navigator of an RAF  
> Meteor jet. Visual contact and radar confirmation by GCI and  
> Air Traffic Control. QRA squadron scrambled but failed to  
> make contact. See 'Out of the Shadows', pg 98-100.

Russian or US (Bell X experimental a/c) were top of the list of possibilities when the Air Ministry looked at this one, but were apparently ruled out quickly. This was a two-witness visual, with two correlated ground radar tracks. The three 'saucers' were

in echelon formation, one canted slightly, and disappeared in the blink of an eye. The only possibility considered were some kind of meteorological phenomena, lenticular clouds etc (time was daylight, midday)...but how likely is this at 30,000 feet? And how does this explain the radar tie-in?

I'm all ears!

best,

Dave Clarke

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Date: Mon, 11 Nov 2002 14:47:40 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The BEst and Worst of UFOlogy

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@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: YoungBob2@aol.com [mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com]

@ Sent: Thursday, November 07, 2002 11:34 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] The BEst and Worst of UFOlogy

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@ In a message dated 11/7/2002 3:40:10 PM Eastern Standard Time,

@ lrobin@indiana.edu writes:

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@ << MY 5 BEST CASES. All are multiple witness sightings:

@

@ <snip>

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@ #2: 07/14/52 Newport News VA (air: Nash, Fortenberry) 6 red

@ circles came

@ toward plane from front, passed underneath it; Then objects

@ reversed course

@ and sped away in front of the plane, joined by 2 more >>

@

@ Hi, Larry:

@

@ I think that the Nash, Fortenberry sighting can be explained

@ by a fragmenting bolide meteor. The witnesses thought that

@ the lights were below them, but didn't see them below the horizon.

@ Instantaneous change of direction was as the meteor fragments burned

@ out and seemed to zoom away. The last two were noticed as they

@ burned out, after the pilots changed seats.

@ They thought these last two were joining the others, but the

@ pilots just assumed they had passed under their wing.

Whoa! In the report I have, the drawing shows the objects approaching from the front and about to be hidden by the nose of the plane when they reversed, making angular motion too. Of course, the report was

written up by Keyhoe, so there might be some distortion as the account was transferred. Do you have a different account?

Klass' searchlight theory makes some sense, except that it would be more evident on the ground than in the air.

@ The giveaway is that the ufos seemed to reverse direction in  
@ order, from  
@ front (first fragment) to back, but then blinked out randomly  
@ (by size of  
@ meteor fragment). Other witnesses saw the lights in the distance,  
@ in a line.

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Date: Mon, 11 Nov 2002 14:57:10 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Best and Worst of UFOlogy

You're kidding about Billy Meier, right?

I recognized some of his UFOs as parts identical to those of a Coleman Lantern I used to have.

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@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: James Easton [mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk]

@ Sent: Friday, November 08, 2002 11:37 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Best and Worst of UFOlogy

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@ If all UFO sightings have a prosaic explanation, I dare say

@ it's arguable that cases which seem to best support the ET

@ hypothesis [ETH] are conversely 'worst' cases, i.e., the most

@ deceptive.

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@ In terms of offering tangible evidence, five prominent cases

@ might be:

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@ 1. Kenneth Arnold's sighting.

@ 2. Roswell.

@ 3. The Billy Meier flying saucer portfolio.

@ 4. The Trent photographs.

@ 5. Ed Walter's flying saucer portfolio.

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@ Arnold's is significant not only as the effective genesis of

@ flying saucers; he did note the distance seemingly covered by

@ those nine unidentified aerial objects in a measured time and

@ could subsequently calculate their airspeed.

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@ That was the initial reason his story was picked up by an

@ excited media - the USAAF had no known aircraft capable of an

@ apparent 1,200 m.p.h.

@

@ Arnold's evidence seemed trustworthy; the fact these were  
@ described as "somewhat bat-shaped" and tail-less objects only  
@ added to the mystery.

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@ If it \_was\_ reliable [evidence otherwise re 'Arnold's peak'  
@ previously highlighted], then his sighting remains puzzling  
@ and an indication of intelligently controlled aerial craft  
@ with no contemporary, earthly counterparts.

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@ Roswell may be long resolved, however, only days after  
@ Arnold's report, the USAAF did announce they had recovered a  
@ 'flying disk', even though the earliest newspaper descriptions  
@ were clearly of a flimsy, kite-like object.

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@ To many, the perceived Roswell cover-up remains a foundation  
@ of belief and it has of course spawned a succession of bogus  
@ documents which are themselves advocated to be tangible ETH  
@ proof.

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@  
@ That acknowledged, I remain unable to conclude a rational  
@ explanation for any of these reports:  
@  
@ <http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/kathy.htm>

This sounds like a fighter aircraft. I know both the Venom and the  
Vulcan look like stingrays.

@ <http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/jackie.htm>

How about an owl. Some of them have interesting markings on them  
designed to look like eyes.

@ <http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/jn.htm>

The terms "Remote Operated Vehicle" and "fabrication" both come to  
mind here.

@ <http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/j.htm>

This reminds me of many fire-balloon sightings.

@ They're not well-know, however, I was able to document them  
@ myself, discuss at length with the witnesses and have no  
@ reason to believe any of them were disingenuous.  
@

@ Same goes for:

@

@ <http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/theresa.jpg>

I do know of a kite that is roughly that shape (but it is not solid,  
but full of ports and ducts to make it fly)

@ Also:

@

@ [http://www.OrionWorks.com/artgal/svj/MayEncounters\\_m.htm](http://www.OrionWorks.com/artgal/svj/MayEncounters_m.htm)

Note that NONE of those size or distance estimates mean anything.

Could it have been a kite?

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Subject: RE: [UFORL] The BEst and Worst of UFOlogy

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@ From: James Easton [mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk]  
@ Sent: Saturday, November 09, 2002 2:00 AM  
@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com  
@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] The BEst and Worst of UFOlogy

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@ Regarding:

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@ >From: "Jim Speiser" <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>  
@ >Date: Fri, 8 Nov 2002 16:59:27 -0700  
@ >Subject: RE: [UFORL] The BEst and Worst of UFOlogy

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@ Jim wrote:

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@ >>From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
@ >>Date: Fri, 8 Nov 2002 12:43:50 -0500  
@ >>Subject: RE: [UFORL] The BEst and Worst of UFOlogy  
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@ >>I have my reservations on the Hudson Valley case,  
@ >>because the one photo I have is a photo of part of a  
@ >>carnival ride, with electric bulbs of different colors  
@ >>arranged in a partial ellipse.

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@ >Phil Imbrogno showed me that photo when he first got it  
@ >"from a police officer." I agree that it is too  
@ >ambiguous to be evidence of anything, ET craft or  
@ >carnival ride.

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@ Jim,

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@ You might be interested in my previous and related list  
@ posting:

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@ <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL/message/435>

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@ I have yet to see any evidence why that supposed Hudson

@ Valley, 'Waterbury' photograph is not consistent with the

@ same source of those 'Nashville UFO' photographs - i.e.,

@ apparently a disco/concert lighting rig.

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@ Larry - what evidence it is a photograph from a carnival

@ ride - merely speculation?

Go to a carnival and find it. It's in the center of a kiddie ride (I think it was little flying saucers). There is a hollow cylinder (like a hoop) of metal higher than the rest of the ride, with electric bulbs on it, with the bulbs pointing out from the center of the ride.

By the way, the fact that the red and yellow lights are brighter than the other colors shows that incandescent bulbs were used.

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From: "rotsky" <rotsky@wanadoo.fr>  
Date: Mon, 11 Nov 2002 23:05:45 +0100  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Best and Worst of UFOlogy

I would take that speed estimate with a very large pinch of salt. For one thing, look at the range - 400-1000. That immediately suggest to me a possible explanation for that part of the story - we are dealing with early radar, after all, and such sets were prone to all kinds of false returns and weird anomalies. Note the second contact (by the Mossie) doesn't mention speed.

a+  
Steve

-----Original Message-----

From: David Clarke [mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk]  
Sent: 11 November 2002 20:19Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Best and Worst of UFOlogy

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Did the Soviets have aircraft with this level of performance (altitude, speed, range, manoeuvrability, etc) as early as Jan 1947, and furthermore would a Russians have run such a risk? This was not a 'recce', as the 'unidentified aircraft' crossed the coast and penetrated deep within UK territory. What's more, this was repeated again the following night, triggering a second air defence alert.

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Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Best and Worst of UFOlogy

Regarding:

>From: "Jim Speiser" <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>  
>Date: Sun, 10 Nov 2002 11:15:50 -0700  
>Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Best and Worst of UFOlogy

Jim wrote:

>Thank you. Now I see the similarity. It raises several  
>questions, however, most obviously, how did a photo of a  
>disco light get into the hands of Phil Imbrogno with a  
>backstory of being shot by a policeman in Waterbury, CT  
>in front of eyewitnesses.

Jim,

I wondered if the 'Nashville' photographs were perhaps of a concert light show, taken from within the audience.

However, a notable point is their high-quality and relative lack of hand-held camera-shake; wouldn't a tripod have been necessary for the 'bright lights against a dark background', lengthy exposure?

That's not likely in either a concert or disco, suggesting the photographs may have been stage-managed and taken to demonstrate the lighting-rig's capabilities.

They might also have been separately stage-managed with the realisation it would make a convincing UFO hoax. Yet, if so, why didn't those photographs first appear until the mid-1990s [if anyone knows differently, please say so].

There's also a possibility that even if the Waterbury photograph is one of the same rig, the other photographs could have been taken, perhaps by someone else, years later.

>Perhaps I should attempt to contact Imbrogno.

It would be interesting to know exactly when he was first given that photograph.

In an article [date unknown] entitled, 'Close Encounter



on Interstate 84', which has been transcribed and is online - see:

<http://ebe.allwebco.com/Sections/UFOs/Archive/interstate84.shtml>

...Imbrogno writes:

"This UFO that has been seen recently in Connecticut is without a doubt the Hudson valley UFO which is described in my book NIGHT SIEGE THE HUDSON VALLEY UFO SIGHTINGS (Ballantine Books 1987).

[...]

#### \_Photographic Proof\_

This UFO was so bright and large that it was only a matter of time before someone would come forward with a photograph. To our surprise we were contacted by a person of high standing in the Southbury area who took a picture of the object as it moved very slowly over I-84 at about 9:30 PM. The photographer wishes to remain anonymous since his position is very sensitive. He is a very highly trained college educated man who fears that the publicity surrounding the photograph could hurt his career. He gave us full rights to the photograph and his sighting account providing we do not use his real name. We will refer to him as David.

David was on I-84 on Official business when he saw the lights. The lights were in the northwest and heading east. As he watched, the object tilted and all the lights got much brighter. He was pulled off the road at the time and had his camera ready. The UFO was about 45 degrees above the horizon. Due to traffic he had time to take only one picture. His camera was a 35mm with a 50mm lens at 1.8, the film type was Kodacolor asa 400 and the exposure was 1/60th of a second, or 1/125. He was not sure of the setting, but feels it was 1/60th of a second".

[END OF EXTRACT]

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This, however, needs to be verified and I'm attempting to do so.

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Date: Tue, 12 Nov 2002 11:16:19 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Best and Worst of UFOlogy

I know I-84 very well. It's a busy, multilane highway. When you stop for any reason, and park "off the road," you pull over onto a narrow shoulder, with traffic -- including huge trucks -- roaring right by you, only a few feet away. Some people get badly spooked by this. My wife, for instance -- she absolutely won't stop on highways like this. I can well imagine the discomfort "Dave" might have felt.

We should also appreciate that some people are also spooked when they see what they think are UFOs. Add this to the trucks roaring by, and I can well imagine Dave wanting to get away as soon as possible. As for the camera, he might have been carrying it with him for all sorts of reasons, loaded with low-light film. For instance, I've driven often enough with musical equipment, including microphones and a portable DAT recorder, not to mention a laptop computer. Not because I expect to use all this en route, but because I'm taking it, let's say, from my New York apartment to my country house. Doesn't strike me as at all suspicious that Dave would have had this camera with him.

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@ Sent: Monday, November 11, 2002 2:19 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

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@ To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>

@ Sent: Sunday, November 10, 2002 8:07 PM

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Best and Worst of UFOlogy

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@ > Clear skies,

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There was sort of "double trouble" here - two different questions being answered by each aircraft mission - from 1943 to around 1958. They were still learning about anomalous propagation then. They did not yet know what caused false echoes on a RADAR screen, or how to tell the false echoes from the real ones. They called them "weather", "angels", and "UCTs" (Uncorrelated targets). A UCT is simply any target on RADAR which the operator cannot match with a known flight.

Every time they got a UCT, they sent up a plane. In addition to reporting real objects (such as aircraft), they also collected data on what they DID find at the site if no aircraft was present. Eventually, they learned a lot about RADAR propagation, and how the following effects caused sightings. The result is that most aircraft are required to have active transponders now. The following causes of RADAR anomalies were discovered over this period:

1. Multiple Reflections - The RADAR beam bounces off of more than one object before returning to the RADAR set. The false target is displayed in the direction of the first of the objects the beam strikes, and at a distance corresponding to the total path length the reflected beam took. Often, the second reflector is an efficient reflector, such as a flat plane (e.g. a surface on a building) or a corner reflector (e.g. the inside of a dump truck or an open-top rail car).

Multiple-reflection targets can be identified because they almost always exhibit at least one of the following behaviors:

- a. Always keep the same compass bearing from the RADAR set, approaching directly toward the set and receding directly away from the set.
- b. Always have the same compass bearing from the set as a known plane, and always are farther from the set than the plane.

c. Appear only on the far side of a highway or railroad near the set.

d. Give the same transponder information as a known plane on the display.

In this case, the closest duplicate code is with the real plane.

2. Anomalous Propagation - Atmospheric conditions, mostly temperature and

humidity gradients, bend the RADAR beam so it strikes the ground, or targets

(buildings and vehicles) on the ground, and then returns to the set by the

same path. RADAR sets with height finders report these targets to be much

higher than they really are. As atmospheric conditions change, or as vehicles

move, the targets appear to move.

Anomalous propagation can usually be identified by the appearance of one or

more of these behaviors:

a. A LOT of UCTs appear at one time.

b. No transponder signal accompanies the UCT.

c. Erratic flight paths, hovering, impossible maneuvering, or extremely high speeds.

d. Stationary blips appear on RADAR using MTI (Moving Target Indicator), which is supposed to eliminate stationary blips.

3. Second-trip Echo - This happens when an object beyond the normal range of

the RADAR set returns an echo. The travel time is so long that the RADAR set

has already sent out the next set of pulses pulse before the echo returns. So

the RADAR set displays the target much closer than it really is. It should

really be called a "second pulse return". The usual causes of this are anomalous propagation, which bends the beam gradually (so it can strike objects

beyond the horizon), and astronomical objects. I know of several cases where

the moon was the offending object.

Second-trip echoes can be identified by one or more of the following behaviors:

- a. Flight paths that curve first toward, then away from, the RADAR set.
- b. Flying in a curved path toward the RADAR set, then staying for a long period in the dead zone directly over the set, then leaving in a curved path to join its original trajectory before it turned toward the set.
- c. Lower speeds when closer to the RADAR set.
- d. Some of them may hover for very long periods. These are reflections from fixed objects or the moon.
- e. The ones caused by ionized meteor trails have very high speeds.
- f. The transponder codes are either absent, or are garbled (The echo comes back with the answer to the wrong question - the question sent out in the previous set of pulses).

4. Internal electronic problems within the RADAR set - This happens when some part of the RADAR set fails, interacts with other items in the environment of the equipment (such as a vacuum cleaner vibrating the floor), or is adjusted improperly by the operator. The following is a list of this kind of failure:

- Noisy electronics
- Improperly adjusted gate (sets the threshold of strength of the weakest blip allowed to appear on the screen).
- Mechanical vibrations disturbing the mercury delay line.
- Secondary reflections within the delay line.
- Missing tube or circuit board shields.
- Damaged cables.

5. It is also possible for someone to build a device that fools RADAR sets

into displaying false targets.

@ >

@ > 3. 21 October 1952. Gloucestershire, UK. Three 'flying saucers'

@ > sighted visually at 30,000 feet by the pilot and navigator

@ of an RAF

@ > Meteor jet. Visual contact and radar confirmation by GCI and

@ > Air Traffic Control. QRA squadron scrambled but failed to

@ > make contact. See 'Out of the Shadows', pg 98-100.

@

@ Russian or US (Bell X experimental a/c) were top of the list of

@ possibilities when the Air Ministry looked at this one, but were

@ apparently ruled out quickly. This was a two-witness visual, with

@ two correlated ground radar tracks. The three 'saucers' were

@ in echelon formation, one canted slightly, and disappeared in

@ the blink of an eye. The only possibility considered were some

@ kind of meteorological phenomena, lenticular clouds etc (time was

@ daylight, midday)...but how likely is this at 30,000 feet? And how

@ does this explain the radar tie-in?

Several thoughts:

- Conditions that cause anomalous propagation also cause visual mirages.

- It could have been an exercise in interception, with the pilots not being told it was a drill.

- It may be that the visual targets and the RADAR targets were not the same things.

- There is always the possibility that the limitations of the human visual system, and relative motions due to the jet's own actions, combined to produce an optical illusion.

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Sent: Monday, November 11, 2002 11:37 PM  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Best and Worst of UFOlogy

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@From: James Easton [mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk]  
@Sent: Monday, November 11, 2002 9:20 PM  
@To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com  
@Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Best and Worst of UFOlogy

@>Perhaps I should attempt to contact Imbrogno.

@It would be interesting to know exactly when he was first  
@given that photograph.

@[[JJS]] I'll try to find out.

@ "This UFO that has been seen recently in Connecticut is  
@without a doubt the Hudson valley UFO which is described  
@in my book NIGHT SIEGE THE HUDSON VALLEY UFO SIGHTINGS  
@(Ballantine Books 1987).

@[[JJS]] I personally don't see a resemblance...this object looks  
circular, not  
@boomerang-shaped.

@If Dave had already pulled off the road and had his  
@camera ready, why only take one photograph, given this  
@unique and exceptional opportunity?

All the other shots were attempted after the last frame on the roll???

Or he wouldn't waste more film on a fake???

@He's allegedly using quality equipment and presumably  
@experienced [did he always, conveniently, have ASA 400  
@low-light, 'night-time photography' print film loaded?].

@So why only take one shot, knowing that even with 'fast  
@film', hand-held attempts at night photography are  
@characteristically blurred - several 'once in a lifetime'  
@shots, in the hope of at least one worthwhile photograph,  
@would only have taken a few seconds.

@Surely, any practised photographer would have focused,  
@literally, on obtaining this and it would have been  
@instinctive.

@What was the issue with 'traffic', if he was parked off-  
@road?

"Off-road" may mean half off the road.

[[JJS]] All good questions.

@>As to the "ultralights" explanation, I recall that many  
@>eyewitnesses testified to having seen BOTH the object  
@>and the ultralights, and were not fooled by the latter.  
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@>This claim is bolstered by the tape shot by the  
@>Pozzuolis, of both the claimed object and the pilots, in  
@>which the differences are pretty dramatic. While the  
@>lights in the object tape appear to be fixed relative to  
@>one another, the lights in the ultralights tape move  
@>slightly, and are accompanied by engine noise. The tape  
@>was examined by Al Hibbs, an astronomer and fellow of  
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@>tape were attached to a solid object.

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Of course, you have to understand the nature of the Visual Flight Rules here in the US at that time. You didn't have to give your name, flight plan, or anything else. All they needed to know was that you were going to be at that airport (and some airports didn't even need to know that - there was no operating staff, just a radio-controlled beacon). You came and went as you pleased.

Also, ultralights don't even need an airport. Right now, a migratory flock of whooping cranes is being guided through the state of Indiana by 4 ultralights (just like in the movie "Fly Away Home"). They are landing where the birds need to be, not at airports. I have been following their progress through the state as the papers report them. Authorities are keeping track of their progress, so other planes don't interfere.

Larry

@I showed the Pozzuoli tape to a friend of mine, ex-military pilot, UFO skeptic,  
@and night-formation-flyer. He was adamant that the object could not have  
@been ultralights in formation. Since he would not for a second countenance  
@the possibility of an exotic craft of some kind, he insisted it was a blimp.

@==JJS==

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Date: Tue, 12 Nov 2002 23:32:04 +0100  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Best and Worst of UFOlogy

Excellent information, Larry. Just want to pick up one small point, which is relevant because it can play a role in today's radar 'sightings'.

It's incorrect to say most aircraft are required to carry active transponders, though the authorities are certainly trying to move that way.

Transponders are required to enter certain types of airspace -- Class A and B in Europe and I think it's the same in the US. Also, if you want to transition military, restricted or other special-use type airspace you will also need a transponder. In most cases, you will need a Mode C transponder, which returns the aircraft's height as well as 2D location to the radar.

However, outside those kinds of airspace, a transponder is optional. And this includes a lot more airspace and airports than you might think. Pilots flying VFR can opt to squawk a VFR conspicuity code (7000 in most places - it was 1200 in the US, don't know if that's changed in line with the rest of the world). However, radar operators have the option to filter out VFR squawks -- and frequently do -- because they clutter the radar screen so much.

Transponders work with secondary surveillance radar, not primary returns, so often the only way a small plane shows up on radar is if it chooses to squawk. Turn off the transponder (or switch to VFR) and you can disappear off radar. Now, if I was a private pilot who'd blundered into the prohibited zone over Camp David (the Secret Service is trying to increase this to a 30 mile radius, by the way) I'd be awfully tempted to turn off my transponder!

a+  
Steve

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
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Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Best and Worst of UFOlogy

Regarding:

>From: "Jim Speiser" <jimspeiser@yahoo.com>  
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or...

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Date: Sat, 16 Nov 2002 02:00:14 -0000  
Subject: [UFORL] 'One giant hoax for mankind'

The mainstream perspective...

James.  
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\_One giant hoax for mankind\_

Nasa has missed a good opportunity in cancelling the book planned to give a rebuttal of the Moon hoaxers, argues BBC News Online David Whitehouse.

[...]

What always puzzles me about conspiracy advocates is their lack of critical thinking and how they parade their deficiencies as virtues.

It is as if the question is all important and the answer irrelevant; as if the need to believe the conspiracy overwhelms the evidence.

As for the evidence that the Moon landings were a hoax - there is none. Or at least, none that stands up to anything more than trivial investigation.

The fact is every single shred of so-called evidence put forward by the Moon hoax theorists is either obviously stupid - a result of their own ignorance of basic science - or has a straightforward explanation.

[...]

\_They are not alone\_

The Moon hoaxers are not the only ones. There are also the UFO conspiracies, the flat-Earth conspiracies and those who actually believe that crop circles are made by some non-human force/alien/entity.

So are they all true? Are there alien bodies held in a deep freeze in Area 51 in the US? Does the US Government really have a crashed UFO it picked up at Roswell in



1947? Are crop circles made by aliens who, given their diverse descriptions, appear to be having a convention on our small planet?

[...]

Perhaps those who believe these crazy ideas think that the world would be a more interesting place if the X-Files were true? Perhaps they fervently believe they are on a righteous crusade to uncover the "truth".

[...]

For the full article, see:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/em/fr/-/1/hi/sci/tech/2441469.stm>

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Subject: [UFORL] Gulf Breeze Debunkers

Does anyone have a copy of the full article noted at:

[http://members.aol.com/garypos2/Gulf\\_Breeze\\_model.gif](http://members.aol.com/garypos2/Gulf_Breeze_model.gif)

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Date: Sun, 17 Nov 2002 17:24:43 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] RE: UFO skeptics debunked

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> have been  
> > notably debunked. Why on earth, then, should anyone be required to  
> > take them seriously?  
> >  
> > Greg Sandow  
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>  
> Could you provide some more details on this? Who, where and how?  
>  
> Anthony

Very reasonable question. I wish there were a detailed study of the leading published UFO skeptics, comparable (on the believing side) to Philip Klass's two books on UFOs, or Terry Matheson's "Alien Abductions: Creating A Modern Phenomenon," a skeptical close reading of the abduction literature.

Of course, there are detailed debunkings of particular skeptical analyzes -- see, for instance, Jennie Zeidman's study of the Ohio helicopter incident, which debunks Klass's alleged solution, or Brad Sparks's study of the RB-47 case, which likewise debunks Klass. And also Sparks's comments on IFO cases, and why they don't have the significance skeptics think they do. (This was posted to UFO UpDates not long ago, and ought to be in their archives, though maybe it's hard to find, because Sparks himself didn't post it.)

The best source for critiques of the skeptics would be many entries in Jerry Clark's UFO Encyclopedia, in which Jerry comments on some of the skeptics' work. Probably you can find these by looking up the skeptics' names in the index, especially Klass and Menzel. The stuff on Menzel is especially telling -- how even skeptics in the Air Force thought he was a pest, because his solutions of many cases were so unreasonable. And how he distorted details of a sighting he himself had, to make it easier to solve.

Beyond all this would be something I'd dearly love to see -- a study, not of individual skeptics' analysis, but of skepticism as an intellectual movement. Marcello Truzzi has written some brief comments on this; I don't know where they were published, but I might be able to find them if anyone's curious to read them. Marcello is a sociologist at the University of Michigan, who was one of the founders of CSICOP but then broke with them in part because he thought they were too rigid. I have some fairly simple thoughts in an unpublished essay of my own called "Who's Afraid of UFOs?" It's on my UFO website,

[www.gregsandow.com/ufo](http://www.gregsandow.com/ufo). (My professional site, for my work in music, is [www.gregsandow.com](http://www.gregsandow.com), if anyone's interested.)

I have some general comments to make, but first a disclaimer: I'm not saying that skeptics have no value (on the contrary, they're crucially important for the study of UFOs). And I'm not saying they haven't solved some UFO cases (though they, as a group, are pretty stingy about giving ufologists credit for cases they've solved). Nor am I saying that ufologists don't also have faults, or that some skeptics don't do thorough, responsible work. But organized skepticism does, I think, have some notable problems, which I'll outline by looking at the four leading published UFO skeptics of the past generation, Menzel, Klass, Oberg, and Sheaffer.

Oberg is the easiest to deal with, because (at least as far as I know) he hasn't written much about ufos, though he's made many statements in the media and online. His book on the subject is "UFOs and Outer Space Mysteries," and it's a pretty lightweight read. Mostly it debunks things that are easily demolished -- the claim, for instance, of a man named George Leonard that analysis of NASA photos reveals alien artifacts on the moon. After many pages of such things, serious ufology is dispensed with in one final, very perfunctory chapter. The narrative strategy here -- if I may borrow a term from literary studies, and especially from Matheson's abduction book -- is first to make the whole subject seem like nonsense by studying things that really are nonsensical. Then the impression that it's all nonsense substitutes, in the final chapter, for any real analysis. Not exactly a responsible way to proceed, but that's what he does.

And I must say that the one time I talked to Oberg, he did something similar. I was interviewing him for a magazine article (which never was published, as things turned out). He didn't know me at all. But when I mentioned some evidence suggesting that the Roswell crash might have been alien, he changed the subject quickly. The evidence -- which I'm not claiming proves anything definitively -- was the tape of a phone interview Kevin Randle did, with one of the alleged witnesses, the commander of the military police on the Roswell air force base. This man's reaction to Kevin's questions certainly suggested that something truly extraordinary went on. When I told Oberg about this, he shifted direction angrily, and started denouncing Kevin for allegedly taping the interview illegally. He never commented, not one word, on what the MP commander actually said. (And he was wrong about the illegal taping. In the US, the legality of taping phone conversations is complex, depending on laws which vary from state to state. You can't make any judgment about the legality of any call unless you know the law in the states both parties were in when they talked.)

Klass and Menzel, it seems to me, simply make things up. The classic Menzel example is his solution of the Father Gill case. This, for those who might not know it, involved an Anglican missionary in New Guinea,



who said he saw a UFO (a fairly classic flying disc) hovering for some 20 minutes at very low altitude. He said that beings on the craft waved at him. A group of New Guineans signed statements saying they'd seen all this, too. Menzel decided that Gill must have been astigmatic, and that he wasn't wearing his glasses. This, Menzel said, made the stars appear oval-shaped to him. As for the waving aliens, these, Menzel said, were just Gill's eyelashes, moving in front of his eyes when he blinked! The New Guineans, for their part, were simply in awe of the "Great White Father," and would sign anything he asked them to.

Now, the trouble with all this is, first, that Father Gill wasn't astigmatic, and didn't wear glasses. Secondly, the New Guineans weren't at all in awe of any white man. In fact, their feelings went the other way; they generally resented the presence of Gill and other missionaries. So Menzel is completely wrong, but what's really notable is that he didn't bother to investigate. He simply published his theory, without making any move to check the facts. His little essay on this, in fact, is utterly loony, so much so that it's worth tracking down and reading, in "UFOS: A Scientific Debate," a collection of papers edited by Carl Sagan and Thornton Page.

The really delicious part is when Menzel goes on and on about how he tried out many lenses to approximate the effect of astigmatism in his own eyes, to see if the stars really would look like ovals. Lots of time for that, none at all to check the most basic facts of the case. His final sentence is notable, too. It's something to the effect of, "This theory may seem unlikely, but it's more likely than the presence of an actual alien spaceship over New Guinea." In other words, "There can't be any UFOs, so just about any theory I make up will serve to explain any sighting."

Klass made up his solution to the Socorro case. He decided it was a hoax, ultimately done by the mayor of Socorro, who wanted to bring tourists to his town -- and profit from it personally, since (if I remember this correctly) he himself owned the land where the UFO allegedly landed. There was no evidence at all for this. And since the mayor never made any effort to hype the event to attract tourists, there's at least circumstantial evidence that Klass's theory isn't true.

Klass also made up part of his explanation of the Travis Walton abduction. Walton was part of a crew working on a forestry project for the federal government. Klass decided they were going to be late in finishing this work, feared penalties for their lateness, and made up the UFO event as an excuse for not getting the job done. Again, there was no evidence at all for this, and Walton, understandably exasperated, has circulated a letter from the official he was doing the job for, stating that there hadn't been any problems. I'm not aware that Klass has ever retracted his claim, though. He certainly didn't make any inquiries before publishing his theory. (I'm not saying he didn't

investigate the case. He did a lot of work on it. He just didn't inquire about this particular point -- a curious omission, given how much work he did in other areas.)

I interviewed Klass for several hours (for the same article for which I talked to Oberg), and learned a lot about how he thinks. Or, at times, doesn't think. He's often said that abductees are little nobodies, or words to that effect, who tell their stories in order to get on TV. I told him that this wasn't true of most of the abductees I've met; more than anything else, they wanted privacy, as far as I could judge. So I asked Klass if he knew any abductees. "Only the ones I've appeared with on TV," he said, showing with one stroke that his theory was based on a highly selective sample, to say the least. Most remarkably, he seemed not to know what he'd just revealed. I could add that his book on abductions is based on practically no research -- he didn't talk to abductees or abduction researchers.

At another point, we discussed a famous 1948 sighting by two commercial airline pilots, who saw what they thought was a huge craft with windows pass by their plane. Klass believes this was a meteor, which is a reasonable explanation. In his book "UFOs Explained," however, he doesn't just say the pilots could have seen a meteor, or that he thinks they saw one. He says they "incontrovertibly" (or some word like that) saw a meteor. I asked him why he was so certain, given that no large meteor was known to have passed through the atmosphere at that time. His answer was difficult to get; he kept changing the subject. But when the answer came, it was remarkable: "Since there are no unknown structured craft in our atmosphere, a meteor was what the pilots saw." (Or words to that effect.) In other words, since he knows there aren't any UFOs, this couldn't have been one. But of course this is one of the cases Klass uses in his book to show that there aren't any UFOs, so he's engaging in circular reasoning.

Intellectually, Klass is really a weird duck. We got in a long argument when I wrote about our conversation in an article about UFOs for *The Village Voice*, a leading weekly in New York. First he denied we'd ever met. I convinced him that we had (by showing him a page he'd signed, and conveniently dated, in one of his books, and by describing his study, his wife, and his dog). Then, in a remarkably addled fashion, he complimented me on my powers of observation, and then said that my recollections of facts aren't reliable! He didn't seem aware that he'd contradicted himself.

His reason for this judgment, he said, was that I'm a music critic, and that music critics only write their opinions. This, of course, isn't even close to true, since I do other kinds of journalism, and in any case there are lots of facts a critic has to get straight in a music review. To demonstrate this (and also because the whole exchange was so weird that I wanted to see where it would go), I sent him copies of some of my writing. He replied by taking issue with some of my musical

judgments! I'd said, in one review, that the first violins of the New York Philharmonic weren't very strong (something, I might add, that was known to everybody in the music business). Klass, suddenly a music expert, told me this couldn't possibly be true, because if it was, the music director would have fired them. The words "contract" and "musicians' union" apparently aren't in his vocabulary. The spectacle of a man persevering in a pointless attack, even when he's far out of his depth, was absolutely breathtaking. Unfortunately, he's sometimes conducted his UFO theorizing in much the same way.

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But this now enters the larger area of skeptics' intellectual culture. This would be a fascinating study. Skeptics, for instance, tend to assume that alien visits are impossible, because interstellar distances are so vast. Klass says this in so many words. (As do many SETI scientists.) I even once saw someone -- Martin Gardner? -- estimate the probability of alien visits, in an issue of *The Skeptical Inquirer*. It was something like .000000001.

How do they know this? Paul Davies -- a very serious Australian physicist, and hardly a UFO believer -- notes in his book *Are We Alone?* that if you believe faster-than-light travel is impossible, you're making an assumption that's usually never mentioned. That assumption is that we've already advanced far enough in science to know beyond doubt some basic laws of the universe. Now, Davies is willing to make that assumption, but I believe (to judge from an e-mail exchange I had with him) that he understands the assumption is somewhat arbitrary. We really can't know, at this stage, what science will show us in the future.

And in fact I've seen two notable scientists lose their intellectual footing when they try to show that interstellar travel won't work. One of those is Frank Drake, the noted SETI pioneer (and inventor of the Drake Equation, which purports to show at least a ballpark estimate of how many civilizations there are in our galaxy). He argues, in his book *"Is Anyone Out There?"* that interstellar travel, even slower than light, would take too much power to be practical. He then considers an

objection from a colleague, who says that the abilities of a civilization to generate power increase exponentially over time. Drake's answer is that even if there were enough energy to fly to other stars, cosmic rays would burn the travelers up! Just like UFO skeptics, he's making this up. There's no evidence at all for his view, or at least not for his certainly. He's just emotionally committed to the idea that interstellar travel is impossible, and will argue for it, no matter how unreasonable he's got to be.

Sagan gets into similar trouble in his book "The Cosmic Connection," when he makes a curious argument against any idea that UFOs could be alien. He makes complex calculations, based on the number of civilizations in the galaxy, the amount of time it would take them to travel to us, and the ways they might decide what planets to visit. He then concludes that, if even one percent of UFO sightings represent genuine alien craft, the number of visitors is too large to be possible. In order to send out enough probes to reach us that many times, alien civilizations would have to use more metal than exists in the entire galaxy! Very ingenious, but it rests on a silly assumption -- that every sighting is of a separate spaceship, individually arrived at the end of a long voyage. Why can't people be seeing the same craft over and over? Or why can't there be one large "mothership" sending out smaller scout craft? These objections are so elementary that I have to assume Sagan's emotions overwhelmed his thinking. He, too, I'd guess, so badly wants to prove UFOs aren't real that he'll resort to anything to make his point.

The ufologist (and science historian) Michael Swords makes a nice point. He notes that SETI astronomers believe that there are many civilizations in the universe, and that interstellar travel is impossible. A smaller group of astronomers who support the idea of colonizing space make opposite assumptions -- that interstellar travel is indeed possible, and that there isn't any intelligent life anywhere else. If these positions are scientifically respectable, Swords asks, why aren't there scientists who believe that there's abundant life elsewhere \_and\_ that interstellar travel is possible? The answer ought to be obvious: If you believed that, you'd have to believe we might be visited.

This is one take on skeptics' intellectual culture. I might also ask why these leading published skeptics don't criticize each other -- don't, in print, say that some published explanation of a case is inadequate. (I'm not saying that no skeptics do this. We can see on this list that some do. I'm asking why the most famous ones haven't done it.)

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But this e-mail is far too long, and I'll stop here. Comments welcome.  
I'll try to find time to address them.

Greg Sadow

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Date: Sun, 17 Nov 2002 21:51:22 EST  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] RE: UFO skeptics debunked

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Mon, 18 Nov 2002 00:07:37 EST  
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Subject: RE: [UFORL] RE: UFO skeptics debunked

About how many books poor Phil has written -- sorry. I had a brain glitch, of the kind that once made me misstate the name of one of the senators from Ohio in an article, even after I'd interviewed him. It happens.

What's really silly is that I've read four of Phil's books, even the first one, in which he put forth the theory that UFOs are plasmas. When I said two books, I was thinking of UFO's Explained and UFOs: The Public Deceived, which I think of as Phil's two serious volumes, the ones we really have to pay attention to. The others -- apart from the Roswell book, which I haven't read -- are flawed even by skeptics' standards. The abduction book is a real disaster -- as I said, no real research went into it. The first book, UFOs Identified (which I was lucky enough to find a few years ago in a used bookstore) is his most open-minded writing, but unfortunately the ideas in it have been pretty thoroughly discredited.

As for Robert Sheaffer's view of the Hill case, I've done more than read his book. I've been with Robert when he made a detailed presentation of his views, seen them debated, and heard him agree, explicitly, to exactly what I said in my post. Unfortunately I'm not free at this moment say when and how that happened, since it's all part of a book project that hasn't yet been made public. But I guarantee you it happened.

Robert gave a paper on the Hill case. In the course of it, he showed his sketch of what he thinks Betty Hill saw. Another ufologist, a name I'm sure most of us know, pointed out that Betty's drawing of what she saw differed from Robert's version. We all compared the two sketches, which were projected on a screen -- Betty's sketch of what she said she saw, and Robert's sketch of what he thinks she really did see. They were notably different. Robert then said (and these are his exact words):: "If Betty's statements are taken as literal truth, then my hypothesis cannot be correct." He added that he doesn't think Betty's statements are correct, because of her later record of reporting constant UFO sightings, which seem hard to believe. My point stands, though. As part of his debunking of the Hill case, Robert chooses to believe that Betty Hill did not in fact see three objects in the sky where she said she saw them.

I like Robert, by the way. We bonded about opera -- he's a very fine amateur tenor, who's sung roles in many opera productions.

Oh, and Bob -- if you think my view of skeptics is "half-baked," why don't you go into the oven, turn up the heat, and tell us what's wrong with it?

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> -----Original Message-----

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From: Anthony Craig <feenix43@yahoo.com.au>  
Date: Tue, 19 Nov 2002 08:20:18 +1100 (EST)  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] RE: UFO skeptics debunked

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A whole host of alt.skeptic links here, along with a few articles by Truzzi.

<http://www.zeteticism.org/>

I also have a small article at <http://thegoldenmean.homestead.com/Skeptic.html>

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> I have some general comments to make, but first a disclaimer: I'm not  
> saying that skeptics have no value (on the contrary, they're crucially  
> important for the study of UFOs). And I'm not saying they haven't solved  
> some UFO cases (though they, as a group, are pretty stingy about giving  
> ufologists credit for cases they've solved). Nor am I saying that  
> ufologists don't also have faults, or that some skeptics don't do  
> thorough, responsible work. But organized skepticism does, I think, have  
> some notable problems, which I'll outline by looking at the four leading  
> published UFO skeptics of the past generation, Menzel, Klass, Oberg, and  
> Sheaffer.  
>

It seems to me that the hard-core skeptics try to shoehorn the facts into natural explanations at all costs. They don't leave any room for possible new forms of UAPs.

Anthony

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Mon, 18 Nov 2002 17:30:18 EST  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] RE: UFO skeptics debunked

In a message dated 11/18/2002 4:46:40 PM Eastern Standard Time, greg@gregsandow.com writes:

<< As for Robert Sheaffer's view of the Hill case, I've done more than read his book. I've been with Robert when he made a detailed presentation of his views, seen them debated, and heard him agree, explicitly, to exactly what I said in my post. Unfortunately I'm not free at this moment say when and how that happened, since it's all part of a book project that hasn't yet been made public. But I guarantee you it happened. >

I don't think that your statement, "All this suggests, to me, a fairly simple agenda -- a determination to solve UFO cases, which exists before these skeptics actually study any of the evidence," is fair, since he obviously used evidence, including the actual words of the witness and data from astronomical tables, to reach his conclusion, published back in 1981 in his first book.

Even if you disagree with his analysis, you certainly have no justification for saying that he never studied "any" (your word) evidence before reaching his conclusion, nor are you justified in using this mischaracterization in reference to other "skeptics", without identifying who else, exactly, you are referring to.

< My point stands, though. As part of his debunking of the Hill case, Robert chooses to believe that Betty Hill did not in fact see three objects in the sky where she said she saw them.>

Are you sure about this, or that his use of the word, "three" wasn't just a slip of the tongue, because his explanation, as published in his 1981 book in fact required her to have seen three objects, the Moon and two planets?

< Oh, and Bob -- if you think my view of skeptics is "half-baked," why don't you go into the oven, turn up the heat, and tell us what's wrong with it?>

Please see the above.

Clear skies  
Bob Young

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From: "DukeMendoza@onetel.net.uk" <Horseman@onetel.net.uk>  
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Subject: Re: [UFORL] RE: UFO skeptics debunked

Duke of Mendoza's compliments to all:

>Subject: Re: [UFORL] RE: UFO skeptics debunked  
>Sent: 18/11/20 23:25  
>Received: 18/11/02 13:37  
>From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
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>In a message dated 11/17/2002 5:41:22 PM Eastern Standard Time,  
>greg@gregsandow.com writes:

<snip>

>No wonder your attempted debunking of the skeptics is half-baked.

Indeed. "Skeptics make things up," we are told by Prof Sandblow. If I had a shilling for every fiction skeptics had created and a shilling for every fiction credulous ufologists had invented, swallowed, promoted, and failed properly to investigate, I think the soi-disant "UFO research community" would provide the better return. Even if you took a proportional view of this, I think you would still end up richer -- that is, pro rata, there is, I wager, more bullshit, bad logic and misinformation lying around in the average credulous publication than you will find in the average skeptical one. Of course skeptics can be sloppy and biased. Yes, Menzel was grossly out of order over Father Gill: but then Klass and Kottmeyer have publicly disagreed over what actually happened (another little myth disposed of) and each has paid close attention to the "facts" (the anecdote) as recorded.

I find it interesting that Menzel, who has been dead for rather a long time, still causes seismic quaverings in the souls of people such as the Cardinal of Canby and Prof Sandpit, who are presumably alive within certain definitions of the term.

Another piece of half bakery: the laws of science may not be laws one day! Bollocks, actually. Newtonian physics and quantum mechanics do *\*not\** contradict each other, despite popular perceptions to the contrary. They complement one another. Thus there is no reason to suppose that FTL travel of large masses will ever be possible. There are dozens of reasons to conclude that intelligent life is extremely rare. Thus to say

>In other words, since ... there aren't any UFOs, this  
>couldn't have been one.

is not unreasonable \*provided that\* you translate "UFO" as "ET craft". (Of course there are UFOs -- the only real question, as Allen Hynek so pithily put it, is "Unknown to whom?")

>But of course this is one of  
>the cases Klass uses in his book to show that there  
>aren't any UFOs, so he's engaging in circular reasoning.

Er, no. He is saying: there is no good reason (you may argue, of course, as to the basis of his reasoning) to suppose there are any ET craft in our skies, and this is an example of a meteor that was (for various reasons) taken to be one, but wasn't. I defy anyone to find words to the effect of "ergo there are no ET craft" in Klass's analysis. Ergo there is no circular reasoning. Klass's position, not unlike my own, is if it isn't an ET craft (an option so remote as to be negligible in interpreting the data), then what was it? This doesn't mean his solution to any given case is correct. It may be a stab in the dark (Menzel did a lot of stabbing in the dark, and Bruce Maccabee complains that skeptics deploy what all scientists do, alternative hypotheses within the limits of current knowledge... and this is wicked?)

Finally, Prof Groggow complains that psychosocialist ufologists seem not to know about sociological research protocols. Mmm. I can't speak for anyone else, but a long time ago I became familiar with academic sociological research techniques when I was trying to get a handle on the appeal of popular music (sociologists will stop at nothing in their quest for wisdom) and then, a few years later, became involved in real market research. Let it be known that anyone seriously interested in improving the sales of Persil would regard most academic sociological research as useless. You would be as well off flying by the seat of your pants, if you are lucky enough to have either one. It has to be said (and said, and said) that there isn't actually a "psychosocial school" of ufologists, but there is a bunch of people with not much credulity left about anything, who like to say to one another: "Well, how does this sound? Any mileage in that?", and who mostly get the answer, "Mmm. Interesting. Yeah. Could be. Why not... Well come to think of it, I'll tell you why not, when I get around to it."

Quite the weirdest thing about Grunge Sindoom's analysis of "skepticism" is that it takes four Americans as paradigmatic of the species. Perhaps this is that paradox, American parochialism, busy at work. De troot am, man, that ufological skepticism has many more faces than those plastered across the fronts of a few CSICOP heads, and

most (that I am aware of) would agree that there are UFOs out there. What they reasonably doubt is that they are ET.

best wishes

Pissinginthewind D. Micturator

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of stupid people in large groups."  
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Date: Tue, 19 Nov 02 00:18:45 +0100  
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Ducal compliments as ever but while I'm about it---

>Subject: RE: [UFORL] RE: UFO skeptics debunked  
>Sent: 18/11/20 20:33  
>Received: 18/11/02 23:42  
>From: Greg Sandow, greg@gregsandow.com

>The abduction book is a real disaster -- as I said, no real research  
>went into it.

Actually, rather a lot of research went into it, particularly into the limitations of hypnosis as a research "tool". Klass's argument would not have been forwarded, nor would it have been retarded, by talking to abductees or abductologists. That wasn't the drift of the book, but that in itself doesn't lessen what value it has. I have to say I cannot imagine how any discussion of "abductions" with victims or investigators would, by itself, contribute to any assessment of the veridicality of the reported experiences. You need to look a long way out from and around abduction and UFO culture to reach even tentative conclusions about that.

>The first book, UFOs Identified (which I was lucky enough  
>to find a few years ago in a used bookstore) is his most open-minded  
>writing, but unfortunately the ideas in it have been pretty thoroughly  
>discredited.

Here Klass suffers from Steuart Campbell Syndrome. Campbell wrote an interesting book, which may be true in parts, about 10 years ago, that purported to explain every classic UFO sighting as one kind of mirage or another. The error is not in the particulars: it is in assuming that one explanation dissolves all UFOs into IFOs according to a particular king's writ. Klass made the same mistake in characterizing abductees as "little nobodies who want to be on TV". That may, or may not, have been true of those "abductees" he met in TV studios, but it doesn't justify the generalization. That does not mean that absolutely no one fits the generalization. One of my best abductee friends is permanently dying to be on TV, actually, and an astringent view of him might well conclude that he is an economic failure and general little nobody. Be that as it may, Klass's greatest errors are to assume that (a) abductees have only one stimulus [desire for fame] (b) that they are in control of their own interests. If you wonder what I mean by the latter, think of Linda Napolitano. This brings us back to the question of whether credulous ufologists or skeptics are, by and large, the more

honest (intellectually or otherwise) parties when it comes to assessing the truth or significance of any particular UFO-related experience. John Harney's review of Hopkins's "Witnessed" refers.

best wishes  
Palomino D. Martingale  
Strictly Horse's Mouth

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Tue, 19 Nov 2002 01:27:28 EST  
Subject: [UFORL] Re: UFO Skeptics Debunked

Robert Sheaffer has sent me the following post regarding the Betty Hill sighting. Thought everyone would be interested.

Bob Young

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Bob,

Fundamentally, Greg Sandow is arguing that no witness of any event, UFO or otherwise, ever makes the slightest error or misperception in later recounting it. Therefore, if there is even a minor discrepancy between what was \*reported\*, and the proposed prosaic explanation, then the prosaic explanation is excluded. It follows from Greg's line of argument that eyewitness accounts, such as Mrs. Hill's, are not merely reliable, but little short of \*infallible\*. (This, of course, flies in the face of everything that is known about the inaccuracy and malleability of human perception and memory.)

Similarly, people are arguing that since Jimmy Carter said that his UFO was 30 degrees up, and Venus was only 25 degrees up, Carter's UFO couldn't possibly have been Venus. Same argument, same fallacy.

In both cases, the UFOlogists are ignoring an important skeptical argument: If Betty Hill was seeing a real UFO, then there would have been \*3\* starlike objects near the moon: Jupiter, Saturn, and the UFO. But she reported seeing only two. Similarly, Carter did not say that he saw two bright objects towards the west - Venus and his UFO - he saw only one.

best,

Robert Sheaffer - robert@debunker.com - Skeptical to the Max!

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@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: Greg Sandow [mailto:[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)]

@ Sent: Monday, November 18, 2002 11:12 AM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: RE: [UFORL] RE: UFO skeptics debunked

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@ When I said two books, I was thinking of UFO's Explained and UFOs:

@ The Public

@ Deceived, which I think of as Phil's two serious volumes, the ones we

@ really have to pay attention to. The others -- apart from the Roswell

@ book, which I haven't read -- are flawed even by skeptics' standards.

@ The abduction book is a real disaster -- as I said, no real research

@ went into it. The first book, UFOs Identified (which I was

@ lucky enough

@ to find a few years ago in a used bookstore) is his most open-minded

@ writing, but unfortunately the ideas in it have been pretty thoroughly

@ discredited.

Most works by people who come up with a single theory that explains all UFO cases are "discredited". In fact, it is the heterogeneity of the UFO problem that makes it harder to solve. There can't be a single theory that explains all UFO sightings, because they have such a variety of causes.

I have identified several causes which lend the strangeness to cases which are misidentifications of conventional objects:

1. The number one cause of misidentification is trying to use human vision beyond its capabilities. When an object is seen against the sky, the observer has NO WAY to find out its distance, size, speed, or altitude, unless special circumstances reveal one of the values (which then makes the other three easy to find). Those circumstances are:

- a. The observer recognizes the object, and thus knows its true size.



This is how pilots can find the distance, speed, and altitude of other airplanes.

NOTE: If the observer makes an initial wrong guess of the object's identity, it will lock him in on WRONG values for the 4 variables.

- b. The object is within 30 feet of a witness with two good eyes.
- c. The object passes directly in front of AND behind objects at known distances.
- d. The object lands at a known location. But if the object appeared to touch down, but did not, the note above applies.
- e. The object casts a shadow in a known location from a known light source.
- f. The object is a light source, which illuminates other objects and casts shadows.
- g. The object is within 250 feet, and is close enough to another object at a known distance to be in the same primary visual field of an observer with two good eyes. Then visual parallax can give a rough indication of relative distance compared to the known object.

NOTE: The sky can NEVER be used for visual parallax. Attempting to use it for visual parallax causes the "moon illusion", where the moon seems to change size depending on where it is in the sky.

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Actually, from the descriptions given in "UFOs Identified" and the dates and locations of many of the sightings quoted, I think most of his "plasma balls" were fire balloons. There was a big upsurge in fire balloon cases in 1965 and 1966, mostly due to an article on how to make them that was published in one of those "science project" tabloids. I read the article myself in early 1965, but as a teenager, I didn't have enough money at the time to buy the magazine.

My case files contain over 100 known fire balloon cases (where the pranksters admitted their pranks) in those two years. A large number of releases were concentrated in three areas where pranksters admitted sending up many fire balloons over spans of weeks. The areas were:

1. Within a 50 mile radius of Manchester New Hampshire (including Exeter).
2. The Los Angeles California area.
3. The Seattle-Tacoma (Puget Sound) Washington area.

@ Robert gave a paper on the Hill case. In the course of it, he  
@ showed his  
@ sketch of what he thinks Betty Hill saw. Another ufologist, a name I'm  
@ sure most of us know, pointed out that Betty's drawing of what she saw  
@ differed from Robert's version. We all compared the two  
@ sketches, which  
@ were projected on a screen -- Betty's sketch of what she said she saw,  
@ and Robert's sketch of what he thinks she really did see. They were  
@ notably different. Robert then said (and these are his exact words)::  
@ "If Betty's statements are taken as literal truth, then my hypothesis  
@ cannot be correct." He added that he doesn't think Betty's statements  
@ are correct, because of her later record of reporting constant UFO  
@ sightings, which seem hard to believe. My point stands,  
@ though. As part  
@ of his debunking of the Hill case, Robert chooses to believe  
@ that Betty  
@ Hill did not in fact see three objects in the sky where she  
@ said she saw  
@ them.

The thing that bugs me about that case is that the sketch of the Hill UFO looks just like many of the sketches made by UFO witnesses who saw nighttime ad-planes (See Hendry's "UFO Investigator's Handbook" for sketches).

John Fuller "investigated" the possibility of an ad-plane, by calling the one company he knew about that had such a plane. But he never checked to see how many other ad companies in the area also had such planes, or whether an out-of-state company could have been using one.

I still remember the first ad-plane I saw - in the same year - October 12, 1961. At first, I thought it was a space ship too (at age 10). So did commentator and UFO book author Frank Edwards. In 1996, I found out that he had been looking at the very same object I was looking at. The difference was that the ad plane flew directly over the drive-in theater I was at, so I could read the sign when it got closer (the intended purpose of the flight). But the plane didn't fly over the downtown area of Indianapolis (where Edwards was), so he saw it only in an edge-on aspect. So we went to "Autorama" at the Fairgrounds to see the "personal car of the future" (as advertized on the plane), while Edwards started researching his UFO book "Flying Saucers - Serious Business".

You can see the "personal car of the future" I saw in 1961 on a Newsboys CD album cover at:

<http://php.indiana.edu/~lrobins/newsboys.jpg>

Seeing that car was almost a UFO experience. It was a hovercraft.

One of Hendry's ad-plane witness quotes is particularly apt:

"It seemed like it was trying to tell me something."

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From: "Greg Sandow" <greg@gregsandow.com>  
Date: Tue, 19 Nov 2002 11:32:53 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] RE: UFO skeptics debunked

- > Actually, rather a lot of research went into it, particularly
- > into the limitations of hypnosis as a research "tool". Klass's
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- > contribute to any assessment of the veridicality of the reported
- > experiences. You need to look a long way out from and around
- > abduction and UFO culture to reach even tentative conclusions
- > about that.

That last sentence is certainly true. And of course Klass had a lot to say about hypnosis in his book. When I covered the same ground in my private research, though, I found that he'd done a remarkably superficial job in looking at the subject. Though to be fair, I'd have to check some dates -- the date his book was published, and the date of some of the papers I looked at. Maybe his book came out before some of the interesting stuff I found out about. Anyhow, the debate about hypnosis, and its power (or lack of same) to uncover memory is more complex than Klass makes it out to be. Most astonishingly, by the way, he wildly misconstrues the paper on hypnosis he's most anxious for everyone to read. This is by Martin Orne, a well-known forensic psychologist. Klass writes as if Orne says hypnosis is of no use at all in police investigations, but in fact Orne says no such thing. This amazed me, I have to say. I looked up Orne's paper precisely because Phil said it was important. I didn't have any idea of checking up on Phil. I wanted to read the most powerful evidence for his point of view. So imagine my surprise when I found Orne saying that police departments should, in fact, use hypnosis in their investigations. Orne did say (and this was the part of the paper Phil seemed to respond to) that police should be careful to corroborate any information they got from hypnosis, and that testimony solely derived from hypnosis should never be admissible in court. But he doesn't at all say that police should never use hypnosis as one of many investigative tools.

As for this:

- >I have to say I cannot imagine how any discussion of
- > "abductions" with victims or investigators would, by itself,
- > contribute to any assessment of the veridicality of the reported
- > experiences.

Peter, that's just silly. First you have to know what the reported experiences are. And, also, how the abductees and investigators claim to know about these experiences. These things you find out to some extent

in the abduction literature, but -- at least in my experience -- you learn a lot more if you actually talk to the people involved.

That's especially true if you're going to criticize the use of hypnosis in abduction research, as many skeptics have. In fact, many skeptics -- Klass, for instance, and also, in a paper published in a psychology journal, a team of psychologists headed by the late Nicolas Spanos (I'm spelling his first name from memory; hope I have it right) -- talk as if all abduction stories come out only through hypnosis. But this is precisely what you learn is not true, if you take the trouble to actually learn about the subject before you write your critiques of it. Abductees come to abduction researchers with memories of something. That's why they think they're abductees. Well, that used to be true. Now the subject is so well known that some people assume they're abductees on the basis of nothing but feelings. But when I spent a while talking to many of the abductees who work with Budd Hopkins, and also -- most crucially -- reading the letters they sent him before they'd met with him -- it became very clear to me that these people had all kinds of memories before they were ever hypnotized. And this, as has been often enough remarked, is one fact about the abduction phenomenon that skeptics routinely ignore.

This doesn't mean that abductions have to be real, by the way. Only that you need to know what the starting point is before you can judge the effect of hypnosis.

>Be that as it may,  
> Klass's greatest errors are to assume that (a) abductees have only  
> one stimulus [desire for fame] (b) that they are in control of their  
> own interests. If you wonder what I mean by the latter, think of  
> Linda Napolitano.

How well do you know Linda? Her involvement with Budd, his book, and the public discussion of her case had all kinds of consequences she didn't expect. But to anyone who knows her as well as I do, the idea that anyone (like Budd) manipulated her is pretty laughable.

Most abductees I've known have very powerfully controlled their own interests. That's one reason you don't know them, or even know about them. One of their greatest interests is privacy, and that they've thoroughly maintained.

To be fair, Peter, you did a certain amount of investigation for your own abduction book. But not enough.

Greg Sadow

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From: "Greg Sadow" <greg@gregsadow.com>  
Date: Tue, 19 Nov 2002 14:09:08 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] RE: UFO skeptics debunked

And as a footnote....

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> actually, and an astringent view of him might well conclude that he  
> is an economic failure and general little nobody.

Missing here is something rather crucial -- any reference to the proportion of abductees who are willing to go on TV, or in fact to speak publically in any way about their abductions. It's vanishingly small.

I think I know Peter's "best abductee friend" (out of how many, I'd be curious to know). I wonder whether Peter has kept up the friendship. If this is really the gentleman I'm thinking of, Peter might want to refresh his acquaintance, and revisit that "permanently dying to be on TV."

With Peter's "astringent view" of the person in question I won't quarrel. But it does bring up something worth noting. Since this person is (or at least was) "an economic failure," he had relatively little to lose in going public with his abductions, and in fact becoming a well-known abduction spokesman. Most -- the vast majority -- of abductees are much more vulnerable, and never speak out at all.

Greg Sadow

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: YoungBob2@aol.com [mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com]  
> Sent: Monday, November 18, 2002 5:30 PM  
> To: UFORL@yahogroups.com  
> Subject: Re: [UFORL] RE: UFO skeptics debunked  
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Reading is a fascinating activity. We all do it -- but sometimes we don't actually note the meaning of what we read. I include myself in that. It's easy, especially when we feel passionately, to imagine people say what we'd like them to say, or what we fear they'll say.

So....

> > I don't think that your statement, "All this suggests, to me,  
> a fairly simple agenda -- a determination to solve UFO cases,  
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> Even if you disagree with his analysis, you certainly have no  
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> word) evidence before reaching his conclusion, nor are you  
> justified in using this mischaracterization in reference to  
> other "skeptics", without identifying who else, exactly, you  
> are referring to.

I didn't say -- or hope I didn't say -- that skeptics don't look at evidence, or that Robert didn't in this case. Obviously he did. I said they give the impression (at least to me) of forming their conclusions in advance. That doesn't preclude long and avid work with the evidence, the better to prove their point. They might use that evidence selectively, though. As, again, a lot of us have, at one point or another.

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> wasn't just a slip of the tongue, because his explanation, as  
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> three objects, the Moon and two planets?



I wish I had Betty's sketch of what she says she saw, and Robert's sketch of what he thinks she saw. I could (the list permitting) attach them to this e-mail, and then everyone could see what I saw. Betty and Robert agree on the number of bright objects in the sky at that moment. Betty thinks they were Jupiter, the moon, and the supposed UFO. Robert thinks they were Jupiter, the moon, and Saturn. Or at least this is what he said, with no ambiguity, in the discussion I talked about. But as it happens, Saturn couldn't have been any of the three objects Betty drew, if her sketch was accurate. That's because it was in another location in the New Hampshire sky that night. (Robert did careful research about this.) Robert therefore, to make his theory work, assumes that Betty's sketch is wrong. Rather notably wrong, I might add.

There's another issue in all this, by the way. Betty says these three objects stood out in the sky because they were all very bright. Robert says that Saturn, too, is bright, and that Betty would necessarily have included it in her sketch. That's another reason why he believes she drew the moon, Jupiter, and Saturn. But this leads to arguments about exactly how bright Saturn is. At the discussion I mentioned, this certainly came up, and another participant took strong issue with Robert's opinion. It's not easy to resolve a subjective impression of brightness, but here we might use one of the social science protocols I've mentioned. That is, instead of letting discussion fall into a volley of "It is!" "It isn't!" one puts together a panel of neutral judges, to go out on an appropriate night and make their own independent ratings of how comparatively bright Jupiter and Saturn are.

Greg Sandow

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From: TPrinty@aol.com  
Date: Tue, 19 Nov 2002 17:33:07 EST  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] RE: UFO skeptics debunked

Greg wrote:

>But as it happens, Saturn couldn't have been any of the three objects Betty drew,  
>if her sketch was accurate. That's because it was in another location in  
>the New Hampshire sky that night. (Robert did careful research about  
>this.) Robert therefore, to make his theory work, assumes that Betty's  
>sketch is wrong. Rather notably wrong, I might add.

Hmmm....Distant suns and Sky and Telescope on-line place Saturn and Jupiter near the moon on the night of Sept 19-20, 1961. If you are going to accuse Robert of not doing any careful research, I would hope you would have checked it out for yourself to make sure. All I can figure is that you must have read/heard somebody state that Saturn was in another part of the sky that night and then attempted to pass it off as some sort of fact. Considering that you can't change the astronomical events that night your statement is "rather notably wrong". So, exactly what kind of "careful research" are we talking about here?

Tim Printy

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From: "NeilSThompson" <neilsthompson@yahoo.co.uk>  
X-Originating-IP: 194.201.223.253  
Date: Wed, 20 Nov 2002 09:28:30 -0000  
Subject: [UFORL] Stealth Lies and Videotape

I attended a lecture some years back in England by Tim Matthews entitled 'Stealth Lies and Videotape' - detailing the research taking place by the like of Lockheed Martin. The history of the Skunk works was very interesting.

It was an excellent lecture and I know Tim mentioned he was working on a book of the same name.

anyone know if this book exists, and, if Mr Matthews is still researching this subject.

Neil T

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Wed, 20 Nov 2002 13:51:57 EST  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] RE: UFO skeptics debunked

In a message dated 11/19/2002 5:03:52 PM Eastern Standard Time, greg@gregsandow.com writes:

<< There's another issue in all this, by the way. Betty says these three objects stood out in the sky because they were all very bright. Robert says that Saturn, too, is bright, and that Betty would necessarily have included it in her sketch. That's another reason why he believes she drew the moon, Jupiter, and Saturn. But this leads to arguments about exactly how bright Saturn is. At the discussion I mentioned, this certainly came up, and another participant took strong issue with Robert's opinion. It's not easy to resolve a subjective impression of brightness, but here we might use one of the social science protocols I've mentioned. That is, instead of letting discussion fall into a volley of "It is!" It isn't!" one puts together a panel of neutral judges, to go out on an appropriate night and make their own independent ratings of how comparatively bright Jupiter and Saturn are. >>

Greg, List:

If you want to try, tonight at 11:50 local time, Jupiter will be located in the East (azimuth 80deg) at an elevation of 14 deg at a magnitude of -2.2. Saturn will be in the same general direction (azimuth of 108 deg), much higher up (57 deg) but below the Moon, at a visual magintude of .6.

The problem is that Jupiter is now about 4 1/2 times as bright as Saturn, but was only 2 1/2 times as bright during the Hills incident. So tonight we will only get a general impression, but perhaps useful.

The problem is what the Hills saw, and how they interpreted it. She described the two objects other than the Moon as stars, although she thought that one was a UFO.

Clear skies,  
Bob Young

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From: "DukeMendoza@onetel.net.uk" <Horseman@onetel.net.uk>  
Date: Fri, 22 Nov 02 19:37:39 +0100  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] RE: UFO skeptics debunked

Duke's compliments.

If you want as good an example as any of how ufologists who are sympathetic to the otherworldly interpretation of UFO data take their loaves out of the oven well before time, this, and its follow-ups, will probably suffice.

>Subject: RE: [UFORL] RE: UFO skeptics debunked  
>Sent: 20/11/20 16:33  
>Received: 19/11/02 21:06  
>From: Greg Sandow, greg@gregsandow.com  
>>To: UFORL, UFORL@yahoogroups.com  
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>Peter's shaking with anger,

O, yeah. Do you know, if you hadn't pointed this out, I'd never have known?

-- And incidentally, and contrary to popular misconception, it's a little-known fact that Adolf Hitler spent most of World War II playing second zither in an all-girl Tyrolean salsa band. This popular German politician, famed for his wavy, waist-length blonde hair, first caught the imagination of the Teuton electorate by wearing chintz frocks and a distinctive purple cloche hat at Party rallies. His influence on fashion in the 1930s has never been properly recognized, being largely overshadowed by his achievements in traffic management and civic reconstruction (e.g. Coventry, Stalingrad, Guernica, etc).

>>Of course skeptics can be sloppy and biased.  
>Thanks for that. Now clean your own house.

What!?! What was that (snipped) about playgrounds?

My point, made perhaps not as articulate or unmistakable as it should have been, was that:

- (a) Skeptics have made some errors and omissions of fact in their time, and errors of judgement. This probably qualifies them for membership of the human race, incidentally, although there seem to be a lot of True Believers who would like to deny that possibility.
- (b) The proportions of errors & omissions in skeptical literature is, I would wager (a gentleman not betting on a certainty) rather smaller than the proportions of same in the ufological literature, which a respected conservative observer has estimated at between 90 and 97 per cent by volume. Ed Stewart has pointed out (to universal ufological derision -- which is what you usually get for

stating the obvious to ufologists) the fundamental failure of ufology to advance science by as much as .00001 mm in fifty years of heroic toil. This tells you quite a lot about True Belief.

(c) Thus he who would put himself at one and the same time in the position, however vaporously, of supporting the notion that there is "something to" ufology, and who says he takes the work of intransigently bigoted fantasists like Hopkins and Jacobs "very seriously indeed", and yet wants to make an issue of errors in the skeptical literature (it is emphatically *\*not\** a "culture") is not in much of a position to criticize. He needs to be very certain about which corners of his house are clean and which are not, in the first place, before lecturing on housework to others.

>I certainly never said skeptics always ignore facts.

And I didn't suggest you did.

>And one public disagreement doesn't make my contention

> -- that skeptics generally don't criticize each other

> -- a myth. More data, please.

It is a cardinal myth, oft repeated without back-up and likely without thought, of the Church in Canby that "skeptics" a.k.a. "debunkers" (neither word being used correctly, hence the quotes) "never, ever" disagree with one another. You appeared to be endorsing that fatuity. One example, duly provided, suffices to show the falsity of the generalization. If you want to keep a clean house, then you want also to substantiate the claim you make that there is no real disagreement among "skeptics". The assertion being yours, will you please supply some data that sheds some light on it? Perhaps you'd care to explain too why this seemingly crucial factoid really is so important. Perhaps they don't disagree because they agree. Perhaps they can't be bothered. Perhaps the issue is more political than scientific.

>I might say, in fact, that Peter's response rather supports

>my point. Instead of launching his own consideration of how

>skeptics generally think, he howls with rage.

Greg, are you sure you didn't get Jerry Clark to ghost this post for you? If you didn't, you're doing a brilliant pastiche. We have the same slithers past the point, the same putting of words into the mouth that weren't there, and the same presumptuous mind-reading act, and, O my sides! a Jawy Cluck Bingo Ten-Pointer if ever I saw one ("You make my case for me"). There are even flashes of Clarkian po-faced pomposity, which really takes some doing, and I must say it is a sad thing to see in a cultured man.

>The question isn't whether [scientific] laws will always be laws, but  
>whether we know what the laws are. It's a remarkably metaphysical  
>contention, to say no scientific discoveries in the future will ever  
>contradict anything we think we know now.

Which, of course, I did not say.

From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>  
Date: Fri, 22 Nov 2002 19:54:10 +0100 (CET)  
Subject: [UFORL] Project FOTOCAT News/November 2002

This is a brief report on recent FOTOCAT news.

FOTOCAT is a project of the Spanish Anomaly Foundation <[www.anomalia.org](http://www.anomalia.org)> to build a worldwide catalog of UFO photographic cases with 2,700 entries, to be posted on the internet at a later stage. By its own nature, international cooperation is basic. These are some of the latest major examples of such assistance we have received.

\* Mr Anders Liljegren, from the Swedish organization Archives for UFO Research, has supplied us with a catalog of 200 cases from Sweden where photo, film or video has been obtained.

\* Photographic results from the EMBLA 2002 expedition to Hessdalen (Norway) have been graciously contributed thanks to Dr Massimo Teodorani, Italy.

\* Veteran Polish ufologist Mr Bronislaw Rzepecki has provided a specially-prepared catalog of 65 UFO cases with pictures or videos having been reported in Poland, from 1957 to 2001.

\* The well-known US researcher Mr Richard Heiden is helping FOTOCAT in a very sensibly way: Rich has agreed to review the complete collections of both "The APRO Bulletin" and "The UFO Investigator", from defunct organizations APRO and NICAP, to submit in xeroxcopy form every information related to a photographic UFO/IFO event. It will certainly add many cases and actual documentation to the present photo archives.

\* A "Catalogue of Australian Photographic UFO Reports" with 118 incidents from 1935 to 2002 has been prepared by the stupendous researcher from down under, Mr Keith Basterfield. Its contents add significantly to the known records from Australia and Tasmania.

\* CEFAA, the official Civil Aviation organization from Chile charged by the Government with the responsibility to study the UFO phenomenon is helping FOTOCAT as well. Mr Gustavo Rodríguez, CEFAA's executive secretary, is providing us with photographic and video records. With a prior cooperation of Diego Zúniga, editor of "La Nave de los Locos" journal, the picture FOTOCAT has of the UFO phenomenon in Chile is now outstanding.

FOTOCAT is requesting to investigators and organizations alike to submit us lists of local photographic cases, with the following information (just one line per case, any other information -case abstract or images are optional): Date. Format (still, film or video). Photographer's name. Location. Explanation (if there is one)



Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

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From: "Chris Gibson" <cgibson@skomer.u-net.com>  
Date: Sat, 23 Nov 2002 09:04:49 -0000  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Stealth Lies and Videotape

Tim Matthews produced two books:

The first "Stealth, Lies and Videotape" was a summary of postulated UK stealth development, particularly at BAe Warton.

The second was "UFO Revelation" that was published in 1999(I think)and covered black aircraft and the hovering triangles. It should be available.

Tim was last heard of editing a magazine covering Scotland's favourite participation sport, Line Dancing. Seems to have gone quiet on the UFO front. I do miss his input to UFORL.

Chris (the secretive and unco-operative one)

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@jeaston.com>  
Date: Mon, 25 Nov 2002 04:23:34 -0000  
Subject: [UFORL] Hynek, 'Hudson Valley UFOs' and the Holocaust

As reported at:

<http://www.rense.com/ufo5/hudsonv.htm>

\_J. Allen Hynek's Final Essay On The Hudson Valley  
Sightings Discovered\_

\_Note - Our special thanks to Jim Hickman for permission  
to post Dr. Hynek's wonderful, final article.\_

\_J. Allen Hynek's Last Word on The Roots of Complacency\_

[Extract]

Thus when mankind is presented with a totally bizarre, shocking, traumatic event (the Boomerang?), a mental circuit cuts out. Instead of a challenge for action, there is a dead battery. This is, of course, well known in individual cases of amnesia in, for example, "shell shock":

could it be that a collective amnesia or apathy can come into play? If so, might it be possible that collectively people can react traumatically, as to the Westchester Boomerang, to a collective amnesia, whether they are policemen, media people, the FAA etc.?

Whatever be the case, the effect is real. Many instances in history.... and the Boomerang is its most recent and spectacular example... when the breaking point of the collective mind occurs, it must openly disregard patent evidence of the senses: it can no longer encompass them within their normal borders.

The Holocaust perpetrated by Hitler in WW II is another sample: people simply refused to accept, and were indifferent to the evidence, because their minds couldn't bring themselves to accept that such a Holocaust could possibly be, despite ample evidence. It was also a "mental circuit breaker", a general apathy and a will to indifference.

The Boomerang and the Holocaust are but striking samples of what happens when the collective mind wilfully disregards evidence, when "it can't take it".

The entire modern UFO syndrome is another: here we have utterly ample evidence of the global nature of the UFO phenomenon. [In] thousands of instances and over many countries, the evidence for the UFO phenomenon is clear, but those in position of policy and authority (FAA, educators, scientists etc) are deaf or purposely obtuse.

[...]

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Is this factual; did Hynek [surely not...] really compare a non-belief in 'the [Hudson Valley 'UFO'] Boomerang' to an analogous dismissal of the Holocaust?

James.

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Date: Mon, 25 Nov 2002 22:49:02 +0000  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Hynek, 'Hudson Valley UFOs' and the Holocaust

In message <013701c2943a\$8c419f00\$9865fea9@network01>, James Easton  
<voyager@jeaston.com> writes

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>E-mail: voyager@jeaston.com

I don't know about that, but in the introduction to "Intruders" Bud  
Hopkins compares an unwillingness to accept the literal truth of  
abduction reports to Holocaust denial.

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John Rimmer  
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From: Anthony Craig <feenix43@yahoo.com.au>

Date: Tue, 26 Nov 2002 16:03:27 +1100 (EST)

Subject: [UFORL] Abduction eyewitnesses

I have been using Google to try and find exactly how many cases of actual eyewitnesses to alien abductions there are purported to be with little success. I am familiar with the Linda Ortile (sp?) case, but are there any others?

Anthony

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Subject: [UFORL] Re: Rendlesham file released under FOIA

The Times (London)  
Friday, 20 November 2002

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## HOW UFO FEVER TAXED MEN FROM THE MINISTRY

A report of alien sightings prompted floods of letters to the MoD, reports Alan Hamilton. New laws have made these public, explains Frances Gibb.

While British and American defence chiefs were supposed to be keeping a watchful eye on the Soviet threat in Europe during the 1980s, they were spending an undue amount of energy dealing with little green men.

The so-called Rendlesham File, now available for public inspection, is a fat catalogue of increasingly despairing correspondence between the Ministry of Defence and members of the public after the sighting of unexplained lights in Rendlesham Forest, near the RAF base at Woodbridge, Suffolk, in December 1980.

The story was given wing by its detailed disclosure in the News of the World in 1983.

Soon after the alleged incident, reported by the USAF deputy base commander at nearby Bentwaters, the MoD drew up an internal memo: "No evidence was found of any threat to the defence of the United Kingdom, and no further investigations were carried out.

"No further information has come to light which alters our view that the sightings of these lights was of no defence significance."

Nothing was picked up on radar that night, officials added, and they concluded that the airmen had confused the lights with the beam of Orford Ness lighthouse, distorted by trees, or a natural fireball.

But the Ministry and the RAF were bombarded with inquiries from the public. Officials suggested that besieged officers at Bentwaters should take the line that "there was no question of any contact with alien beings."

They should also dismiss rumours that the UFO story was a cover-up for the crash of an aircraft carrying nuclear material.



Still the letters poured in. Two years later an increasingly short-tempered MoD was writing to one correspondent demanding a full investigation: "There is no organisation in MoD appointed solely for the purpose of studying reports of such objects, and no staff are employed on the subject full-time."

It added: "We have to recognise that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, but we believe there are adequate explanations for them."

Things got worse as forged letters purporting to come from MoD officials began to circulate. One, apparently on Ministry notepaper, claimed that a craft of unknown origin and "crewed by several entities" had landed near Bentwaters.

The entities, it went on, were about one and a half metres tall and wore nylon-coated pressure suits but no helmets. They had claw-like hands with three digits and an opposable thumb. One self-styled researcher into "cosmic conspiracy", having seen the letter, wrote to the MoD requesting further information on the craft which had landed for several hours to carry out repairs, during which time the USAF base commander had conversed with its crew.

An MoD official replied tersely: "I am afraid that it is a forgery... I have no idea where it came from or why it was written and can only conclude that it was intended by someone as a joke."

MPs forwarded letters from worried constituents convinced of a cover-up. One passed on by David Alton, MP, said in part: "There is clear evidence that British airspace and territory were intruded upon by an unidentified vehicle on two occasions in late December 1980, and that no authority was able to prevent this."

Some correspondents continued to harry MoD until officials were driven to reply: "I suggest that there is little point in continuing this correspondence."

The final letter in the file is dated July 1992, in which an MoD official writes to the RAF liaison officer at Bentwaters asking if the original USAF report of the sightings was genuine, "as a number of hoaxes have been circulating for years."

Squadron Leader P. Rooney at Bentwaters had the last word: "I have no records on this subject and the file to which you refer has long been destroyed."

WHAT AIRMEN FOUND IN THE WOODS

A GRAPHIC description of the "unusual lights" that were suspected of being a UFO is described in the Rendlesham file.

The lights were spotted by two USAF security police patrolmen, according to a report dated January 1981 headed "unexplained lights," written by Lieutenant Colonel Charles Halt, deputy base commander at RAF Bentwaters in Suffolk.

He states: "Thinking an aircraft might have crashed or been forced down, they called for permission to go outside the gates and investigate.

"The individuals reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest. The object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three metres across the base and approximately two metres high. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light.

"The object itself had a pulsing red light on top and a bank of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering or on legs. The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached the object, it manoeuvred through the trees and disappeared. At this time, the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy. The object was briefly sighted approximately an hour later near the back gate."

The report goes on to describe the depressions found in the ground and in a tree the next day. "Later in the night, a red sun-light light was seen through the trees. It moved about and pulsed. At one point it appeared to throw off glowing particles and then broke into five separate white objects and then disappeared.

"Immediately thereafter, three star-like objects were noticed in the sky, two objects to the north and one to the south, all of which were about ten degrees off the horizon."

The MoD made further inquiries. No unidentified flying object had been seen on radar at the times in question nor was there any evidence of anything having intruded into British airspace.

One theory, it concluded, was that what was seen was the beam of Orford Ness lighthouse, with distortions caused by its being seen through trees. But "in the absence of any hard evidence" the MoD remains open-minded about these sightings.

## PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW EXTENDED

DETAILS about UFO sightings, clinical trials, accident investigations and Whitehall meetings will be released to the public under plans to open up government.

Public access to information from government bodies is to be extended by the scrapping and amending of up to 100 pieces of legislation, the Lord Chancellor's Department announced yesterday.

The changes are being made under the Freedom of Information Act which is being phased in over the next three years.

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(sp?)<BR>case, but are there any others?<BR><BR>Anthony<BR><BR>=====<BR><A

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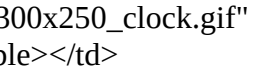
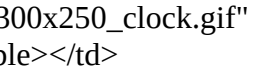
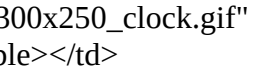
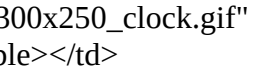
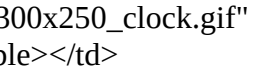
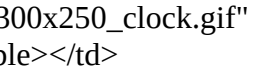
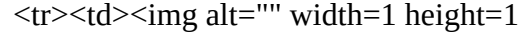
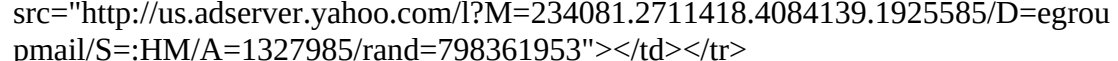
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Last Word on The Roots of  
Complacency\_<BR><BR><BR>[Extract]<BR><BR>Thus when  
mankind is presented with a totally bizarre, <BR>shocking, traumatic event  
(the Boomerang?), a mental <BR>circuit cuts out. Instead of a challenge for  
action, <BR>there is a dead battery. This is, of course, well known <BR>in  
individual cases of amnesia in, for example, "shell <BR>shock":<BR><BR>could

it be that a collective amnesia or apathy can come into play? If so, might it be possible that collectively people can react traumatically, as to the Westchester Boomerang, to a collective amnesia, whether they are policemen, media people, the FAA etc.? Whatever be the case, the effect is real. Many instances in history.... and the Boomerang is its most recent and spectacular example... when the breaking point of the collective mind occurs, it must openly disregard patent evidence of the senses: it can no longer encompass them within their normal borders. The Holocaust perpetrated by Hitler in WW II is another sample: people simply refused to accept, and were indifferent to the evidence, because their minds couldn't bring themselves to accept that such a Holocaust could possibly be, despite ample evidence. It was also a "mental circuit breaker", a general apathy and a will to indifference. The Boomerang and the Holocaust are but striking samples of what happens when the collective mind wilfully disregards evidence, when "it can't take it". The entire modern UFO syndrome is another: here we have utterly ample evidence of the global nature of the UFO phenomenon. [In] thousands of instances and over many countries, the evidence for the UFO phenomenon is clear, but those in position of policy and authority (FAA, educators, scientists etc) are deaf or purposely obtuse. [...]

EXTRACT] Is this factual; did Hynek [surely not...] really compare a non-belief in 'the [Hudson Valley 'UFO'] Boomerang' to an analogous dismissal of the Holocaust? James. E-mail: voyager@jeaston.com

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Kinesiology Dept         <http://php.indiana.edu/~lrobin>  
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@1) The Travis Walton case, in which 6 men witnessed Travis get zapped  
@by a beam from a "UFO", and he later disappeared, and reappeared 5  
@days later, claiming to have been abducted;

There are several possibilities to this case, including:

- An "excuse" for being behind in a contract termination date.
- An attempt to win the National Enquirer prize.
- A prank played on the other workers, that got out of hand when the press and the government became involved (revealing the prank might mean serving time in jail).

Note that the description of the UFO and the beam could easily be satisfied by a fire balloon, an adjustable focus flashlight, and some dust or fog.

@2) A case in Maine, I think, where several men camping out were  
@abducted simultaneously (Allagash River?)

I have an account of this case. It is one of the typical cases where nobody thought there was an abduction, until hypnosis was used to "recover missing time". It then became a case of whether or not the hypnotist accidentally edited the memories of the witnesses.

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@of two researchers; at least she "experienced" an abduction, but  
@they saw nothing.

This is sort of a "negative evidence" case, since the others did not witness the abduction. But there are still three possibilities, however remote:

- Post-hypnotic suggestion from an earlier (possibly party) hypnosis.
- Mental illness.
- Aliens who can manipulate either time or thoughts (can't conclusively rule it out).

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Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 17:14:36 -0500  
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That doesn't mean there aren't other troubles with the case, or that I'm claiming that it's real. But this explanation should be retired right away.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@jeaston.com>  
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Regarding:

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Dave asked:

>how and where can i read..the O F F I C A L  
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Dave,

A recommended starting point is:

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

Although the Ministry of Defence's [MoD's] file clarifies crucial issues about their perception and investigation of Halt's memo, one conspicuous puzzle seemingly remains.

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In an addendum within 'Skycrash', Jenny highlights that during June 1984, after an extensive search, she found the original notes recorded from her first telephone conversation with David Potts [not Paul Begg] in February, 1981, which confirmed [the book's italics underlined]:

"Potts definitely gave the date as 27 December, but added

that the radar tapes of this night, \_and several others\_, were removed. He further claimed that RAF Bentwaters had called Watton and \_asked\_ for radar information of a visual sighting on that night \_as it was happening\_.

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The claim that, "RAF Bentwaters had called Watton and asked for radar information of a visual sighting on that night as it was happening", would equate with subsequent documentation from Watton of Lt. Col. Halt's enquiry during the early hours of 28 December.

At that time, Halt and team he had assembled to investigate a report the 'UFO was back', were observing what seemed to be unusual, star-like, lights in the sky.

According to the MoD's record's, after Halt's memo - dated 13 January, 1981 - was received, they did ask if Watton could shed any light on proclaimed events.

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From: "David Clarke" <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>

Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 09:23:27 -0000

Subject: [UFORL] Re: MOD blocked release of Rendlesham file - Ombudsman

BBC News Online, 3 December 2002

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## UFO CASE 'BLOCKED' BY MOD

Details of one of Britain's most famous UFO scares was among information repeatedly suppressed by government defence chiefs, according to a Westminster watchdog. Parliamentary Ombudsman Ann Abraham said the Ministry of Defence (MoD) broke open government rules three times in recent months over cases including the Rendlesham Forest UFO scare.

Complaints about the MoD's refusal to list countries prioritised for arms sales or reveal details of an armed services survey were also up-held.

Former defence minister Peter Kilfoyle said the examples outlined in the report on the Ombudsman's work between May and October were symptomatic of a "culture of secrecy" in the MoD.

"It is one of those departments that have always opposed freedom of information and are not very attuned to what is required in a modern, open and accountable government," he said.

"Other departments and Whitehall as a whole have a problem with openness but the MoD is one of the more incorrigible cases of government by secrecy," he said.

Details of the alleged sighting at a Norfolk RAF base more than 20 years ago were released last week after the Ombudsman ruled the MoD were wrongly suppressing them.

The "Rendlesham File" concerns a sighting of a "glowing" triangular object by US Air Force police in Rendlesham Forest, near RAF Woodbridge in Suffolk.

The documents have only previously been made available to around 20 people who used the American Freedom of Information Act to gain access to them.

In the early hours of 27 December, 1980, a number of



US Air Force men witnessed the object hover in the darkness, transmitting blue pulsating lights and sending nearby farm animals into a "frenzy".

While the actual documents had not been released, the details were widely known, the Ombudsman said in her report.

"Given their age and the fact that these documents contained no information not already in the public domain, the Ombudsman saw no reason why they could not be disclosed," the report said.

The Ombudsman also partially upheld complaints against the Cabinet Office, DVLA, Driving Standards Agency and the Department for Work and Pensions, the report revealed.

Restrictions on the MoD's "Rendlesham File" were dropped as part of an opening-up of the inner workings of Whitehall.

Ministers are attempting to lift the official veil of secrecy by repealing or amending a raft of legislation banning access to information.

Government departments will now be required to release information on the internal workings of Whitehall, including minutes of meetings of top civil servants.

Ministers say they will repeal or amend up to 100 items of legislation which are currently prohibited from disclosure.

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For the full text of the Ombudsman's judgement go to:

[www.ombudsman.org.uk/pca/](http://www.ombudsman.org.uk/pca/)

click 'What's New' and then 'Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration - Access to Official Information - Investigations Completed May-October 2002.

Ministry of Defence - Case A29/02 - Refusal to release information relating to the Rendlesham Forest UFO incident can be found on pgs 9-11 of the file in pdf format.

"Mr E" who made the complaint is of course Eric Morris of the British UFO Studies Centre.

Best,

Dave Clarke

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From: "Luis R. Gonzalez" <lrgm@arrakis.es>  
Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 13:32:47 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] Roswell

You may be interested to know that in the last issue of the British "The Skeptic" (Vol. 15 nº 3), David Hambling proposes an intriguing answer to the Roswell's alien corpses.

He mentions Nick Cook's book "Zero Point" where he presented a secret 1947 memorandum by Lt General Twining, listing six traits for the flying discs sighted in UFO encounters:

1. metallic or light reflecting
2. no trail
3. circular or elliptical
4. formation flying
5. no associated sound
6. level speed above 300 knots

Twining states that "it is within the present US knowledge... to construct a piloted aircraft which has the general description of the object above which would be capable of an approximate range of 7.000 miles at subsonic speeds".

David Humbling writes:

"The (reconnaissance) balloons (sent over Russia) match the description in the 1947 memo very closely. They were circular, appeared metallic, flew silently leaving no trail and flew in formation. Their level speed was not quite 300 knots, though in the jetstream they could shift a respectable 250 mph.

However, the biggest clue is the fact that the man in charge of the balloon spying program was one general Nathan Twining -the same Twining who wrote the original memo.

(...) One notably discrepancy is that the memorandum talks about "manned craft", whereas the balloon programmes we know about were unmanned (...) If a manned balloon lost pressure at high altitude, the unfortunate crew would rapidly die from the lack of oxygen. Their bodies would be freeze-dried by the effects of extreme cold and very low pressure. How these shrunken, frozen mummies would appear is anyone's guess (...) Any fatalities would probably have led to the termination of a secret manned balloon program...

Fascinating. Not for a moment do I believe this is the explanation for the alleged Roswell aliens (I am satisfied those are only rumours and hoaxes) but the possibility of a high altitude manned balloon project should be considered.

Luis R. González Manso

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Hi,

This is indeed a point I have pondered since the MoD report on Rendlesham was first obtained by Andy and Dave last year.

As I have mentioned before there were too many consistencies between the story as related to Paul Begg and myself by Potts during late Jan/early Feb 1981 for it not to be based on Potts actual attendance at the visit by the

intelligence staff as he claimed. For, recall, he was not claiming to have witnessed the UFO tracking but 'was' saying that he was there when the radar tapes were taken for study. So his account in that regard is first hand.

The party aspect was one area of clear overlap - ie the relating of an feature of the case unknown through any other source that early. So was the tape recording. This was the earliest reference to its existence by anyone. But there were other features, too, including the nature of the alleged EM effects.

Indeed - if you subtract the wild story about aliens and the base commander chatting to them - the version as relayed by Potts is remarkably close to the version on record today from witnesses. More consistent with the facts as we eventually came to understand them many years later than virtually any of the stories fed to us at that time by sources who were actually on Bentwaters. Presumably because the rumours about what happened grew and grew with each retelling and so wannabe airmen fed UFOlogists various distorted tales.

Incidentally, Potts was absolutely adamant (as I have always reported) that USAF intelligence personnel were in the party that was involved with taking the radar evidence for study. It was this fact that caused him to be the most intrigued because Watton was a joint civil/military base (Potts himself was not RAF) and had no US association in the way that Bentwaters did. Consequently approaches to them were made via the British government and it was not usual practice to be handing over MoD property to Americans, which is the impression Potts says he was given about what was going on that day.

This is not entirely in line with what Andy and Dave have discovered from the then base commander at Watton about what happened . There does not seem to be any official indication of USAF intelligence involvement. So why was Potts so adamant about this allegation?

Were USAF intelligence staff from Bentwaters unofficially present on the day? Was it merely a courtesy to let them tag along? Or was there some kind of interaction between the MoD defence intelligence staff and USAF intelligence from that early date - which does not seem to be recorded in the Rendlesham file?

This is one of several reasons why the file seems incomplete - in the sense that there are some good circumstantial indications of activity by somebody from the UK and US government prior to the lowkey investigations that we are told were commenced after the receipt of the Halt memo.

Halt himself told me he regarded this memo almost as a sop to be sent to the MoD air staff for their files. That is one reason it underplays the case (something that bothered me enough to ask him about).

Think about it. If you are wanting to inform Whitehall for the very first time of a UFO encounter that you (as a man hoping to rise up the ranks ) are

directly endorsing to those who have a say in your future - do you withhold the fact that you have:

- 1) Tape recorded the events as they happened
- 2) Collected soil samples and plaster casts of the indentations (some of which Halt still has)
- 3) Had a base photographer there to document everything.

In other words, do you file with the people you are seeking to impress merely an anecdotal account essentially asking them to trust to your word - when instead you had what amounts to analysable physical evidence that potentially turns this case into a lot more than a LITS story.

To me all this just doesn't hold together. Halt implied to me that he would have made this data available to the MoD if they had come back expressing interest. It was a sort of test after the attitude of the British police that had not sat with the USAF. But the MoD clearly knew of some (or all?) of it anyway because the file reveals their very early awareness of the Halt tape which is not mentioned by his memo. So they found this out by some other route, we must assume that means Moreland.

So, we need to ascertain what else they learned about the hard evidence that is not in the file. Not to mention why they didn't pursue it. There does not seem any indication in the file that they even asked Moreland to pop along to Halt's office, get a copy of the tape, send them a report on it, or whatever. Surely (unless you have already decided that the case is a colossal waste of time - which the file covering the period Jan - April 1981 does not suggest) then it seems bizarre that such vital evidence is known to be sitting on a British base but it creates not a flicker of interest in Whitehall.

I would have thought that any alert investigator is not going to form an opinion on what may or may not have occurred minus any analysis of such critical things like a live tape record, samples, plaster casts and site photographs.

So why this discrepancy? Is it because they 'had' heard the tape, or at least had a report on it to suggest the associated evidence was not worth much in terms of evaluation? If so, where is that report to convey the reasoning and when was it filed? And why is it not with the records if these are comprehensive accounts of the MoD study of the case?

Similarly, if you are the MoD following up this case, as they did to the extent of making enquiries regarding radar and radiation levels, would you not at least ask the USAF what the status was of the physical evidence that had been secured. Because, even though this other evidence is not mentioned in the Halt memo its existence is obvious from first hearing of the Halt tape which clearly describes it being collected. And the MoD clearly were



aware of the Halt tape, as the file reveals. So one assumes they knew of the other evidence too, at least in that indirect manner.

There is an inconsistency here that puzzles me.

Especially as there are those reports, which I heard first hand from forestry workers, villagers and farmers circa 1983, that around New Years Day 1981 (two weeks before the Halt memo was at Whitehall) some people with British accents and smart suits were wandering around the forest and asking questions of locals seemingly about the matter.

Its been absurdly suggested that these relate to simply Brenda Butler and Dot Street asking questions. But that is rubbish. They were there weeks before Brenda and Dot went out there. And they were told similar things by witnesses on their first visit as I was two years later.

I asked questions of locals both in the presence of B & D and on my own and nobody ever suggested that the visitors were UFOlogists or these two women. The visitors were widely assumed to be from some scientific body or government agency. Possibly even from Bawdsey. But there was no question that someone British knew about the case in sufficient detail to be digging around the forest days after the events and long before the MoD file suggests that should be possible.

So I am not yet satisfied we fully understand the genesis of government interest in this case, regardless of the file.

I dont think these people were reporters, BTW, since the way in which the case reached the media is well established and offers absolutely no hint of prior knowledge by either local or national sources. Besides which it seems hard to believe that any media source that knew of the case and went to such trouble to ask questions so early would never have revealed that aspect after the case became so celebrated. Its an angle you would expect them to play up. So it seems unlikely these New Year visitors were reporters. Therefore, who were they?

To me there remains a disquieting sense that there are as yet unrevealed aspects to the MoD investigation of this case (possibly at a level other than the air staff) that would make sense of what we know supposedly occurred post the events in comparison with what the file tells us.

None of which is to say anything specific about an explanation. I am less interested these days in what caused the RF case (as I suspect this will be debated until Doomsday) than I am in how the MoD reacted to it, as an illustration of how they would react to any real UFO incident if one were ever hypothetically to occur. For me the MoD response as publicly reported is sadly lacking and I live in hope that it merely looks so inept because we are missing half the pieces of the jigsaw.

But knowing the British government hope and expectation have a habit of

being confounded!

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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3. Assuming that Rogers did want out of his Turkey Springs contract, via termination for default, is it true that Rogers could have easily accomplished this at any time by simply walking off the job and not coming back?

Answer: YES

4. Was it your normal course of action, after a contract had been defaulted, that the Forest Service would readvertise that contract for new bids and that the original contractor would only receive his 10 percent retention money if the new low bid was equal to or lower than the original bid price, and only then would the original contractor receive that money after the entire process was complete (a process not uncommon to last four months or more) and only then after the additional time needed for the check to be processed and sent?

Answer: YES



5. Would you consider it to be "dishonest" or "deception" if a contractor of yours had other working contracts, other than the one held with you, even if you were not personally aware of those other jobs?

Answer: NO

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Answer: YES

7. Is it your honest appraisal of the real situation on the Turkey Springs contract that Rogers had nothing to gain by a UFO story as far as his contract was concerned?

Answer: YES

signed Maurice Marchbanks, February 6, 1993

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From: "Greg Sadow" <greg@gregsadow.com>

Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 13:58:47 -0500

Subject: RE: [UFORL] Abduction eyewitnesses

> Do we have the exact wording of this document anywhere that I  
> could read it?

The first place to look would be Travis Walton's book.

Greg Sadow

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From: "Greg Sadow" <greg@gregsadow.com>  
Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 14:07:49 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Abduction eyewitnesses

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> could read it?

I should have said that I don't have a copy of Walton's book. Otherwise I'd find the document, and type it out for everyone. As I remember, the letter from Walton's employer was specifically a response to Klass's theory. Walton asked for it, to disprove Klass's idea.

Greg Sadow

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From: "David Clarke" <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>  
Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 19:43:09 -0000  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Rendlesham file

----- Original Message -----

From: James Easton <voyager@jeaston.com> Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2002 7:29 AM  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Rendlesham file

Hi James -- I may be able to sort out this puzzle for you..

- > How then, was Jenny able to be made aware during
- > February, 1981, that Watton had been contacted by
- > MoD/USAF personnel and they:
- >
- > "...recounted how the Intelligence Officers had informed
- > that the Base Commander and several officers had been
- > called out into the forest from a party on base which
- > they were attending".
- >

The sequence of events is this: Halt gives his report to Don Moreland, the RAF Liaison officer at Bentwaters, after the Christmas break. Moreland sends this off to DS8 at Whitehall, expecting MoD to follow it up [ie visit to interview Halt].

Instead, as we know from the MoD file, they do nothing except circulate Halt's memo (with the wrong dates) around various defence intelligence branches and radar stations.

The two main radar stations - Eastern Radar (Watton) and SOC Neatishead, say they did not detect anything on the (wrong) nights in question or their films were faulty. But evidently, some verbal (or telecon) report had been made by RAF Watton. Halt had, if you recall, called them directly in the early hours of 28 December whilst in Rendlesham forest and asked them to check if anything was visible on radar.

The CO at Watton was Squadron Leader Derek Coumbe. I interviewed him last summer, and he confirmed he recalled the call from the USAF security police at Bentwaters as the event was taking place. He asked his duty controller to scan the radars but said \*nothing\* was visible (this is confirmed in his memo to DS8, which forms part of the file).

Furthermore Coumbe admitted that as a result of the interest shown in the incident, \*he personally\* ordered all radar

tapes, both from 28 December and surrounding days, to be impounded. He said that shortly afterwards (ie end of January 1981), a joint USAF/RAF team from MATO (Military Air Traffic Organisation - based at Uxbridge, Middlesex) arrived at Watton and removed the radar tapes for examination. At least one of them (possibly that of 29 December) was faulty.

This visit *\*must\** in context be the source of the rumour heard by David Potts in Feb 1981 and later passed onto Paul Begg and Jenny Randles. It suggests to me that the subject could not have been treated as "above top secret" if the USAF/RAF team were prepared to discuss the event so openly with a civilian ATC operator. The story about the base commander communicating with aliens may well have been a joke, taken seriously by Potts and later by UFOlogists, with the results we have seen.

We don't of course know the results of the examination of the radar tapes. But the Rendlesham file contains memos dated 1983 by Sqn Ldr Jack Badcock of RAF (Ops) GE2, who was the senior officer charged with the investigation of all unidentified flying objects tracked by radar.

His conclusion, dated 21 March 1983 to MoD reads:  
"Neatishead...had nothing unusual to report, and nothing more substantive has come to light. I have received no evidence that any radar [ie Watton] reported unusual tracks."

That seems to be the top and bottom of it. The radar tapes for Watton and Neatishead were impounded and examined, as a result of Halt's memo. It seems they were examined for the whole of the period concerned, and nothing unusual was seen.

As a result, the MoD decided there was no point in taking Halt's report further - ie by interviewing him and the other witnesses, because there was no radar corroboration of his story. i.e. "no defence significance."

It might seem odd to us, but that is the MoD attitude. They see it thus - all they get by interviews is 'witness testimony' that is ambiguous without hard evidence (ie radar tracking) to back it up.

Therefore:

> Evidently, either :

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> - MoD officials visited Watton in response to Halt's memo

- > and although the MoD had not been in contact with base
- > personnel, they somehow knew, "that the Base Commander
- > and several officers had been called out into the forest
- > from a party on base which they were attending... They
- > took with them a battery-operated portable tape recorder
- > and made a transcript of ensuing events as they
- > unfolded"...
- >
- > That's not tenable - the MoD must have had further,
- > undocumented, contact to be aware Halt aborted
- > 'attendance' at his Christmas party, gathered a team,
- > made the recording, et al...
- >
- > or...
- >
- > It was USAF personnel who 'accompanied' the MoD's
- > enquiries and presumably mentioned, perhaps by that time
- > on-base rumours, of a 'Base Commander'/interrupted
- > Christmas party/tape recording, etc...
- >

It seems that a combination of both of the above options is what actually happened. All we have are the memos, but evidently there was much telephone communication ongoing between Bentwaters, DS8, the radar stations and MATO, which would explain the 'missing links.'

I hope this is clear!

Best,

Dave Clarke

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 18:41:28 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Abduction eyewitnesses

The terms given were for terminating the contract, not extending the time allowed to complete it. Do you think the contractor is stupid? The contractor would want an EXTENSION of time to complete the contract, not to default on it and lose the money.

The answers given, rather than refuting such a motive, SUPPORT finding an excuse to be allowed extend the time to complete the work beyond the deadline. The contractor would be in default (and not want to be) as soon as he missed the completion date, according to those answers. Thus, the document does NOT disprove the motive I indicated at all.

This document was created after the fact. I wanted to know what the actual contract said, not what was said in an interview after the event.

The question about Klass indicates a bias on the part of the interviewer.

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@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: Jim Speiser [mailto:jimspeiser@yahoo.com]

@ Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2002 1:44 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: RE: [UFORL] Abduction eyewitnesses

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@ From: Robinson, Larry [mailto:lrobins@indiana.edu]

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From: "DukeMendoza@onetel.net.uk" <Horseman@onetel.net.uk>  
Date: Wed, 4 Dec 02 01:23:32 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Abduction eyewitnesses

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Consider:

Two men play poker. At the showdown, one has aces backed with eights. The other has a straight flush. The player with the dead man's hand refuses to accept he has lost because among the remaining un-dealt cards in the pack, he says, is a royal flush that would have come his way if the game had but gone on long enough.

Consider:

A scientist publishes a paper in which he claims to have invented an anti-gravity drive. No other scientist can replicate his results; several criticize the design of the equipment, and many others comprehensively trounce his theory. His response: "O, but we solved all these problems years ago and have a working anti-gravity drive. We just didn't publish the results this time. And if you don't believe what we're saying, you won't be allowed to look at the raw data either."

If information isn't in the public domain it's effectively worthless. So a critic of abduction claims who bases his criticisms on the public face of the alleged phenomenon is doing no more than a fair and reasonable job -- dealing with checkable stuff. If in the process he severely misrepresents

that, then of course he must expect criticism in return. But he can't reasonably be castigated for not dealing with information which is by definition esoteric and may well be denied him.

Not long ago a citizen of Minnesota entertained the masses on UFO UpDates by maintaining there were many documented witnesses to the Trindade Island sighting of c.1958. He managed to name a few, but couldn't justify the claim that either 48 or 100+ persons had witnessed the UFO (in fact he avoided addressing that issue, despite many, many reminders); and in any case statements are actually available from only one or two people, one of whom took the famous photographs. In effect the other witnesses are non-existent, since we have nothing with which to judge the quality or nature of their witnessing(s). Claims of "witnessed" abductions have exactly the same non-status as the Trindade case. Nonetheless those who guard the canons of ufological wisdom insist that the Trindade case "stands". Look ma, no feet.

In the wondrous Linda Napolitano case, we also \*actually\* have but one witness. No one has produced the "agents" Richard and Dan, and the "Third Man" has denied any involvement. Cf Trindade.

You don't win a game of Mornington Crescent by changing trains at places like Oxford Circus or King's Cross, and you don't justify ufological wisdom by following the usual rules of evidence, logic, or proof. You just toss out a few things and run with what the faithful pick up. Nothing spectacular has happened in the last decade in the field, and even among its early promoters Roswell is beginning to creak. So to keep the peasants in their pews and the tithes coming into the temple, we are about due another biggie of the order of Gulf Breeze. I wonder what it will be.

best wishes  
Pimms D. Martini  
Parsons Green

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"Never underestimate the power  
of stupid people in large groups."  
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From: Anthony Craig <feenix43@yahoo.com.au>  
Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2002 11:35:44 +1100 (EST)  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Abduction eyewitnesses

--- Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com> wrote: > It's Cortile. And no, I don't think there are any others that fit that > strict definition. There are, however, > > 1) The Travis Walton case, in which 6 men witnessed Travis get zapped by a > beam from a "UFO", and he later disappeared, and reappeared 5 days later, > claiming to have been abducted; > > 2) A case in Maine, I think, where several men camping out were abducted > simultaneously (Allagash River?) > > 3) The Maureen Puddy case, in which a woman was "abducted" in front of two > researchers; at least she "experienced" an abduction, but they saw nothing. > > If there are others, I have not heard of them, which is why I think they > make such a big deal out of the Linda Cortile case and these others. > > ==JJS== >

For those with an interest in the subject you might find this USENET post from Alvin Lawson of some use.

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Corridor/8148/lawson3.html>

I am putting together a web-page on the abduction phenomenon and this seems to be the only treatment of the subject of eye-witnesses that I could find.

The page will also include a critique of Mack's work, since he seems to be the top of the abductee-facilitator pyramid. Any comments on his work would be welcome.

Anthony

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobbins@indiana.edu>  
Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 20:45:37 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Abduction eyewitnesses

Comments inserted.

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From: Jim Speiser [mailto:jimspeiser@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2002 1:41 PM  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Abduction eyewitnesses

@Larry:

@See responses in context below.

@==JJS==

@1) The Travis Walton case, in which 6 men witnessed Travis get zapped  
@by a beam from a "UFO", and he later disappeared, and reappeared 5  
@days later, claiming to have been abducted;

@There are several possibilities to this case, including:

@- An "excuse" for being behind in a contract termination date.  
@[JJS] As Greg has already mentioned, this is a non-starter.  
@It has been all but eliminated as a motive.

Not so. The document eliminates trying to get out of the contract, not trying to extend the termination date (which would make more sense as a motive). You've got it all backwards. As you said below, why would Rogers want to give up a lucrative contract? He would want an excuse to delay the termination date (which a missing worker would provide), not to default on the contract (which was going to happen anyway, because they were behind).

@- An attempt to win the National Enquirer prize.  
@[JJS] I believe I addressed this previously on this list, Larry. The  
@money gained from the National Enquirer amounted to \$5000. Walton  
@received half, and the other six men split the other half, resulting  
@in about \$400 and change. For this amount, Mike Rogers gave up a  
@lucrative logging contract, lost a wife, and was hounded by Phil Klass

@for two decades.

Of course, they got just a small royalty, not the grand prize.

@I have spoken at length with four of the seven men. Whatever happened  
@in Turkey Springs, all seven men were not in on any hoax.

Only one or two would have to be in on it, if effects were staged  
for the others to see.

@Note that the description of the UFO and the beam could easily be  
@satisfied by a fire balloon, an adjustable focus flashlight, and some  
@dust or fog.

@[[JJS]] Larry: I've had a feeling for some time that you resort to the  
@fire-balloon thesis just a bit too ubiquitously...this proves it. I  
@don't know what descriptions you've read of the Turkey Springs UFO, but  
@whatever it was, it cannot have been a fire balloon,

The descriptions by the men who saw the UFO and the "beam" are very  
close  
to the description of a fire balloon.

@an adjustable focus flashlight would be sorely inadequate for the  
@"zapping" effect described,

REALITY CHECK, PLEASE!

OK, what IS adequate? I can't think of anything except Hollywood special  
effects, or fireworks, that could produce such an effect. All real  
energy  
weapons are INVISIBLE between the "gun" and the target, unless there is  
dust, fog, or smoke present. Something has to scatter parts of the beam  
away from their intended path, or the beam COULD NOT BE SEEN by any  
observers who are off-axis. Energy does not just change course for no  
reason. The only thing I can think of which produces such an effect  
without  
a scattering medium is fireworks.

@and I don't know WHERE you got the "dust or fog" since none was  
reported.

See above. Beams are not visible unless such materials are present - or  
unless the beams are added by production crews as SPECIAL EFFECTS. And  
those appear only on film or video, not on the set.

Often, powerful searchlights on rotating platforms are used to advertise  
special events here. But if there are no clouds, and if the air is quite  
clean, the searchlight beam is not visible at all. Other times, it  
appears as a traveling spot on clouds, with no beam seen coming up from

the ground. But usually there is enough moisture, smoke, or dust in the air to render the beam visible as a shaft coming up from the ground.

Look at the Bush's Beans ad, where the man turns on a security system, rather than trusting the dog. In reality, those LASER beams could not be seen, unless smoke, fog, or dust scattered part of the beam into the eyes of the observer. They were added as special effects after the footage was shot.

I can't see the beam of my LASER pointer except where it strikes something - unless smoke, fog, or dust is present in the air. All I see is a little dot on the blackboard, not a line stretching from the LASER to the blackboard.

When you see sunbeams, you are seeing light scattered from droplets of water in the air. Without them, the sunbeams vanish.

We have to think in terms of real physics, not what we see on TV. A Star Trek phaser (assuming we could make one) could not be visible either, without something to scatter some energy aside, or something becoming incandescent due to an incredible amount of energy.

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@Alas, in your future postings, I shall be forced to regard you as "The @Boy Who Cried Fire-Balloon."

I don't just label things as fire balloons without many indication that one might be present. I look for the characteristics of fire balloons (and equally, all other prosaic possibilities) when I look at any description of a reported UFO. In order for me to suggest a fire balloon, there must be a preponderance of fire balloon characteristics, with NO characteristics present that refute a fire balloon.

The descriptions by the men in the truck meet that criterion.

Of course, I have to reject ALL distances, sizes, speeds, or altitudes reported by eyewitnesses, unless something other than typical human visual estimates of these values provides the values. The human eye does not have the capability to provide these values for any unknown object which is seen against the sky and is farther away than 30 feet.



Characteristics of fire balloons:

- One light, or a cluster of lights, seen against the night sky
- Usually looks a lot bigger than it is
- Usually orange\* or white, but can be any color (colored wax, straws, bag)
- Can change color (advertising printed on bag)
- Sometimes appears as a lighted horizontal disk\* (suit bag not visible)
- Framework can appear around the lights
- Can hover\*
- Can do steady or wobbly\* motion (depends on construction and wind motion)
- Can do the classic "swinging pendulum" or "falling leaf" effect\*
- Can do an oscillating coin effect\*
- Can "turn on a dime"\*
- Can appear to travel at fantastic speeds (distance grossly overestimated)
- Can take a straight, or erratic\* flight path (depends on wind motion)
- Can fire "missiles" at the ground (candle falls)
- Can emit sparks or shoot projectiles (fireworks attached)
- Can land, and then take off
- Can set fires (which is why fire balloons are illegal in most places)
- Can suddenly disappear\*
- Some can disappear and reappear (relighting trick candles)
- Can suddenly appear to rush directly away from the witness\*
- Can explode (firecracker attached)

In fact, the effects marked by an asterisk are the classic effects that are reported again and again as the strange effects of UFOs, and that make many people believe that UFOs are intelligently controlled.

I also have too many friends who have confessed to me that they launched some when they were kids.

Now, were there any effects reported by the witnesses in that truck that are NOT on the above list?

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In 1993, policemen in a helicopter near Louisville KY reported that a fire balloon was "larger than their helicopter" and that it made "ramming attacks at them". The whole effect was caused by the human visual system's total inability to find out the size, distance, altitude, or speed of an unknown object in the air if it is farther away than 30 feet.

They overestimated the size, thinking of an airplane. This then threw

off  
their distance, speed and altitude estimates, because pilots normally  
use  
the KNOWN size of a given type of airplane to estimate the other values  
from the angular size and velocity they witness. The ramming attacks  
were  
caused by the overestimated size, combined with the helicopter's own  
motion. The fire balloon was nearly stationary during the entire  
incident,  
as testified to by the witnesses on the ground.

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Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 20:57:36 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Abduction eyewitnesses

It's my turn. I will play this:

"I once invented a device that can find anything that has been lost.  
Unfortunately, I seem to have lost the device."

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Feh. Peter, you -- an experienced journalist -- should know better than this.

Some subjects are well documented in published writing. Others aren't. If you were writing about contemporary classical music, and wanted to say something about the early days of the European avant-garde -- Boulez, Stockhausen, and their colleagues -- you could read the published literature. It's perfectly adequate.

But if you wanted to say anything substantial about the early days of the American minimalist composers -- Steve Reich and Philip Glass -- .you'd have to talk to them and to people who worked with them. The published literature isn't good enough, even though these composers are now very famous.

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(Dont forget - as it may be important - that neither person initially told this story was a UFOlogist - Paul Begg was unfamiliar with UFOs, which is why he came to me - his forte was mysterious vanishings and the like - and Brenda was not a UFOlogist either but a local ghost hunter and folk tale enthusiast - the reason she took it to Dot Street, a BUFORA member...So, if

this was a tactic to feed out a yarn it may have been deliberate that it went to two people unaware of how credible/incredible this story was in UFO terms)

Note also that both these men (Roberts and Potts) went to great lengths to avoid any kind of public personal outing. I had to promise Potts strenuously not to identify him. Roberts would never even talk to me when I was working on Sky Crash (let alone go public or talk to others) and I have no independent evidence that he even exists - but for the fact that his story to Brenda kick started the whole thing from their point of view.

There is something not quite right with this picture isn't there? And the connection here is an utterly absurd story (that no other witness bar Larry Warren) has ever remotely suggested to be true. In fact the likes of Halt and Burroughs have laughed it out of court as much as they do the lighthouse theory and do so by using cogent arguments. Burroughs told me that if Gordon Williams had been out there then it would have changed everything. They are adamant this story is total rubbish.

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You characterise this as a joke that UFOlogists fell for and, whilst it is possible it was a joke, I deny that UFOlogists fell for it - since I never did and was one of the only ones to see both these versions come together that Jan/Feb. Brenda too had at least some suspicions borne out of Roberts' rather less than straight behaviour.

Recall also that Roberts further implies (to my thinking at least) that he was an intelligence officer by his securing of the NASA/USAF memo we report in Sky Crash. The one that at the time was unreleased even by FOI in America. The one that was low key but a darned good way to try to put UFOlogists on his side and create the impression he was bona fide and therefore should be believed even if he is alleging total drivel about aliens, base commanders and sign language.

The release by him of that memo is an unforgotten (but IMO) vital clue in this case.

To me (and to Halt BTW) this was further evidence that Roberts was playing a game and was acting in an intelligence role.

I think it is at least a credible argument that there is a reason beyond a simple joke in all of this - that maybe these intelligence sources seem to have wanted the crazy version of this case (the totally discredited 'aliens chat to base commander' line) to be fed out alongside the less dramatic truth and spread from the start of this case so as to make it impossible to



tell sufficiently early what was truth and what was not truth.

It does not matter now. If this was an intelligence tactic it was directed at the needs of the cold war nuclear missile toting era of the early 1980s. So it only had to work short term.

If it was not a tactic to try to discredit the case by allowing UFOlogists to over egg the pudding then why did it happen twice? If it was not to try to deflect attention onto aliens and away from any genuine probe into a more terrestrial incident (as I have long suspected) then what was it?

After all this tactic matches rather well the long term policy used by intelligence services regarding MIB. I know Dave and I probably strongly disagree over this but I genuinely think (see my Men in Black book) that at some points during the history of UFOlogy witnesses have been visited by intelligence agents who have quite deliberately acted up to the fantasy model of a man in black in order to allow the witness to discredit themselves - and thereby their case - in the eyes of sober members of the public.

All these poor witnesses have to do is tell the truth about what happened to them and because that truth is an absurd nonsense tacked onto the reality of their initial sighting then their whole case is destroyed in the eyes of many people.

After all, if you claim that something is on your roof then most people will probably go take a look. If you claim that this something it is a pink elephant dancing ballet in a tutu, most people will think you are nuts and simply walk away. I suspect that similar thinking has been applied by intelligence agencies at times should there be a danger of a story getting out that they would rather not too many people dig into at the time.

After all, at the very least, we know that there was huge fuss over the placing of US nuclear missiles at UK bases in the early 80s and that it seems that Bentwaters (covertly) had such weapons. Something obviously occurred in Dec 1980 and regardless of what it was there was possibly real risk of hard digging into the nature of these events uncovering the nuclear weapons angle. If so then many a question might be asked at a very awkward time about whether it was right to ship in more missiles to any places where things like this were going on.

Possibly somebody calculated that some version of this story would inevitably emerge as so many people were involved in it that silence simply could not be secured. But the best way to prevent any sober investigation into its true nature was to feed it out yourself in a sufficiently ludicrous way that only UFOlogists would be interested.

I had an argument with Ralph Noyes over this and he said you would never draw attention to an event by bringing up newsworthy UFOs. That seems credible on the face of it. But the point is that here all those involved

perceived this event in UFO terms already so if it came out it would be in the form of a UFO story. You could not alter that.

Regardless of whether you believed this was a bunch of trained airmen going loopy over a lighthouse (ergo - can they be trusted to look after nuclear missiles?) - or it was a genuine UFO (ergo - are our weapons safe from UFOs at such a place?) - or the sightings were caused by something terrestrial and nefarious (ergo - we would much rather folk think it was a UFO than a secret test we don't want them to know about) - the course seems self defined. But it makes sense to create a UFO story with built in absurdity to ensure that not too many people took this case seriously.

And they didn't. Not even in UFOlogy. Dave, despite what you say about UFOlogists falling for this story, in reality UFOlogy took a heck of a lot of convincing that there was even a case. If you actually look at the UFO records between 1981 and 1983 (pre NOTW splash) you will see that this was a story regarded as so cracked that not even most UFOlogists bought it before the Halt memo was revealed to them at the BUFORA conference in August 1983.

That's another important element to this case. As is the aside in the Moreland/MoD memo in the Rendlesham file where it is quite rightly argued that UFOlogists will not be sufficiently interested in my nuclear mishap theory to pursue the case. They would only pursue it if they thought it was an alien UFO.

Regardless of what lies behind this case ponder what that tells you about government thinking on UFOs. That in order to get UFOlogists to take on this case (which may be the point of the info leaks to Brenda and to Potts) it had to be alien UFO orientated to get anyone to sit up. Now, whilst the actual witnesses were telling a UFO story it's an interestingly low key one. A sort of UAP with electrical effects but not really anything that stands out as being alien or a spaceship.

It seems improbable that in the early days the witnesses as we now know them can be thought responsible for a story getting out anything like the version of 'aliens chat to base commander hovering under a domed disk spaceship'. It's nothing like the truth and these witnesses are flat out opposed to it.

Yet it originated somewhere and, by accident or design, offers the absurdity level and ETH features that the real story lacked but the powers that be probably thought UFOlogy would need in order to turn this case into something wild and unbelievable. They might have feared that a true version would be low key enough to get people asking questions because it might have something at its heart...but, I mean, aliens chatting to a base commander (whom simple checks can prove was not there) whilst repairing a stricken Roswell like spaceship - only bozos are going to do more than smile and move on.

This is a tactic intelligence agencies have used outside of UFOlogy and it's a brilliant one if a witness chances to see something sensitive and the

powers that be cannot realistically shut them up. So they encourage them to talk but give them a little something extra unbelievable to talk about in addition to the reality of what they saw - something that in effect destroys their case.

I see pretty good signs here that something like that went on in the early days of the Bentwaters case. Since it is pretty obvious that there was no alien contact at all (and certainly none like that fed out to Brenda via Steve Roberts or at Watton) the question is why did this sort of muddying activity occur?

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Especially given the apparent origin of this 'joke' which seems to point to USAF intelligence.

Like I said something is not right here and it is probably hoped that we all just conclude it was likely a joke and move on after 21 years.

But just because a story is absurd and untrue (as this one pretty obviously is) does not necessarily mean that it was merely told for amusement.

Best wishes,

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Remember that a film capsule must re-enter the atmosphere, and thus, it looked like a small Apollo capsule.

That triangular shape would fit this.

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@ simply walk away. I suspect that similar thinking has been applied by  
@ intelligence agencies at times should there be a danger of a

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@ out that they would rather not too many people dig into at the time.  
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@ After all, at the very least, we know that there was huge  
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@ and that it  
@ seems that Bentwaters (covertly) had such weapons. Something obviously  
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@ weapons angle. If so then many a question might be asked at a  
@ very awkward  
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@ things like this were going on.  
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@ could not be secured. But the best way to prevent any sober  
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@ into its true nature was to feed it out yourself in a  
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@ way that only UFOlogists would be interested.  
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@ would never  
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@ those involved  
@ perceived this event in UFO terms already so if it came out  
@ it would be in  
@ the form of a UFO story. You could not alter that.  
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@ Regardless of whether you believed this was a bunch of  
@ trained airmen going  
@ loopy over a lighthouse (ergo - can they be trusted to look  
@ after nuclear  
@ missiles?) - or it was a genuine UFO (ergo - are our weapons  
@ safe from UFOs  
@ at such a place?) - or the sightings were caused by something  
@ terrestrial  
@ and nefarious (ergo - we would much rather folk think it was  
@ a UFO than a  
@ secret test we dont want them to know about) - the course seems self  
@ defined. But it makes sense to create a UFO story with built  
@ in absurdity to  
@ ensure that not too many people took this case seriously.



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@ And they didnt. Not even in UFOlogy. Dave, despite what you say about  
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@ heck of a lot  
@ of convincing that there was even a case. If you actually  
@ look at the UFO  
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@ story regarded as so cracked that not even most UFOlogists  
@ bought it before  
@ the Halt memo was revealed to them at the BUFORA conference  
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@ Thats another important element to this case. As is the aside in the  
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@ nuclear mishap  
@ theory to pursue the case. They would only pursue it if they  
@ thought it was  
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@ Regardless of what lies behind this case ponder what that  
@ tells you about  
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@ to take on this  
@ case (which may be the point of the info leaks to Brenda and  
@ to Potts) it  
@ had to be alien UFO orientated to get anyone to sit up. Now,  
@ whilst the  
@ actual witnesses were telling a UFO story its an  
@ interestingly low key one.  
@ A sort of UAP with electrical effects but not really anything  
@ that stands  
@ out as being alien or a spaceship.

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@ It seems improbable that in the early days the witnesses as  
@ we now know them  
@ can be thought responsible for a story getting out anything  
@ like the version  
@ of 'aliens chat to base commander hovering under a domed disk  
@ spaceship'.  
@ Its nothing like the truth and these witnesses are flat out  
@ opposed to it.

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@ Yet it originated somewhere and, by accident or design,  
@ offers the absurdity  
@ level and ETH features that the real story lacked but the  
@ powers that be  
@ probably thought UFOlogy would need in order to turn this case into

@ something wild and unbelievable. They might have feared that  
@ a true version  
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@ because it might have  
@ something at its heart...but, I mean, aliens chatting to a  
@ base commander  
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@ a stricken  
@ Roswell like spaceship - only bozos are going to do more than  
@ smile and move  
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@ otherwise is basically  
@ true (merely open to debate as to what caused the events that  
@ took place)  
@ ought to give anyone cause to wonder if it was not more than  
@ a simple jest.  
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@ USAF intelligence.  
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@ Like I said something is not right here and it is probably

@ hoped that we all  
@ just conclude it was likely a joke and move on after 21 years.  
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@ Best wishes,  
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Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Rendlesham file

We need to remember that Reagan had just been elected President of the US, and Iran was close to releasing the hostages. So there was plenty going on in the intelligence world around then.

I don't know where (other than it was a website) I read this, but someone postulated a spy-satellite film drop occurred in Rendlesham Forest due to a malfunction in the recovery device of the film capsule.

Remember that a film capsule must re-enter the atmosphere, and thus, it looked like a small Apollo capsule.

That triangular shape would fit this.

The UFO story would then be a cover for collecting the capsule.

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@ probably go take a look. If you claim that this something it is a pink  
@ elephant dancing ballet in a tutu, most people will think you  
@ are nuts and  
@ simply walk away. I suspect that similar thinking has been applied by  
@ intelligence agencies at times should there be a danger of a

@ story getting  
@ out that they would rather not too many people dig into at the time.  
@  
@ After all, at the very least, we know that there was huge  
@ fuss over the  
@ placing of US nuclear missiles at UK bases in the early 80s  
@ and that it  
@ seems that Bentwaters (covertly) had such weapons. Something obviously  
@ occurred in Dec 1980 and regardless of what it was there was  
@ possibly real  
@ risk of hard digging into the nature of these events  
@ uncovering the nuclear  
@ weapons angle. If so then many a question might be asked at a  
@ very awkward  
@ time about whether it was right to ship in more missiles to  
@ any places where  
@ things like this were going on.  
@  
@ Possibly somebody calculated that some version of this story would  
@ inevitably emerge as so many people were involved in it that  
@ silence simply  
@ could not be secured. But the best way to prevent any sober  
@ investigation  
@ into its true nature was to feed it out yourself in a  
@ sufficiently ludicrous  
@ way that only UFOlogists would be interested.  
@  
@ I had an argument with Ralph Noyes over this and he said you  
@ would never  
@ draw attention to an event by bringing up newsworthy UFOs. That seems  
@ credible on the face of it. But the point is that here all  
@ those involved  
@ perceived this event in UFO terms already so if it came out  
@ it would be in  
@ the form of a UFO story. You could not alter that.  
@  
@ Regardless of whether you believed this was a bunch of  
@ trained airmen going  
@ loopy over a lighthouse (ergo - can they be trusted to look  
@ after nuclear  
@ missiles?) - or it was a genuine UFO (ergo - are our weapons  
@ safe from UFOs  
@ at such a place?) - or the sightings were caused by something  
@ terrestrial  
@ and nefarious (ergo - we would much rather folk think it was  
@ a UFO than a  
@ secret test we dont want them to know about) - the course seems self  
@ defined. But it makes sense to create a UFO story with built  
@ in absurdity to  
@ ensure that not too many people took this case seriously.

@

@ And they didnt. Not even in UFOlogy. Dave, despite what you say about  
@ UFOlogists falling for this story, in reality UFOlogy took a  
@ heck of a lot  
@ of convincing that there was even a case. If you actually  
@ look at the UFO  
@ records between 1981 and 1983 (pre NOTW splash) you will see  
@ that this was a  
@ story regarded as so cracked that not even most UFOlogists  
@ bought it before  
@ the Halt memo was revealed to them at the BUFORA conference  
@ in August 1983.

@

@ Thats another important element to this case. As is the aside in the  
@ Moreland/MoD memo in the Rendlesham file where it is quite  
@ rightly argued  
@ that UFOlogists will not be sufficiently interested in my  
@ nuclear mishap  
@ theory to pursue the case. They would only pursue it if they  
@ thought it was  
@ an alien UFO.

@

@ Regardless of what lies behind this case ponder what that  
@ tells you about  
@ government thinking on UFOs. That in order to get UFOlogists  
@ to take on this  
@ case (which may be the point of the info leaks to Brenda and  
@ to Potts) it  
@ had to be alien UFO orientated to get anyone to sit up. Now,  
@ whilst the  
@ actual witnesses were telling a UFO story its an  
@ interestingly low key one.  
@ A sort of UAP with electrical effects but not really anything  
@ that stands  
@ out as being alien or a spaceship.

@

@ It seems improbable that in the early days the witnesses as  
@ we now know them  
@ can be thought responsible for a story getting out anything  
@ like the version  
@ of 'aliens chat to base commander hovering under a domed disk  
@ spaceship'.  
@ Its nothing like the truth and these witnesses are flat out  
@ opposed to it.

@

@ Yet it originated somewhere and, by accident or design,  
@ offers the absurdity  
@ level and ETH features that the real story lacked but the  
@ powers that be  
@ probably thought UFOlogy would need in order to turn this case into

@ something wild and unbelievable. They might have feared that  
@ a true version  
@ would be low key enough to get people asking questions  
@ because it might have  
@ something at its heart...but, I mean, aliens chatting to a  
@ base commander  
@ (whom simple checks can prove was not there) whilst repairing  
@ a stricken  
@ Roswell like spaceship - only bozos are going to do more than  
@ smile and move  
@ on.  
@  
@ This is a tactic intelligence agencies have used outside of  
@ UFOlogy and its  
@ a brilliant one if a witness chances to see something  
@ sensitive and the  
@ powers that be cannot realistically shut them up. So they  
@ encourage them to  
@ talk but give them a little something extra unbelievable to  
@ talk about in  
@ addition to the reality of what they saw - something that in  
@ effect destroys  
@ their case.  
@  
@ I see pretty good signs here that something like that went on  
@ in the early  
@ days of the Bentwaters case. Since it is pretty obvious that  
@ there was no  
@ alien contact at all (and certainly none like that fed out to  
@ Brenda via  
@ Steve Roberts or at Watton) the question is why did this sort  
@ of muddying  
@ activity occur?  
@  
@ So, yes, this could all be the 'joke that got out of hand'  
@ syndrome, since I  
@ know it happens sometimes with witnesses. But the fact that  
@ the same joke  
@ was fed out twice in addition to telling a story that  
@ otherwise is basically  
@ true (merely open to debate as to what caused the events that  
@ took place)  
@ ought to give anyone cause to wonder if it was not more than  
@ a simple jest.  
@  
@ Especially given the apparent origin of this 'joke' which  
@ seems to point to  
@ USAF intelligence.  
@  
@ Like I said something is not right here and it is probably

@ hoped that we all  
@ just conclude it was likely a joke and move on after 21 years.  
@  
@ But just because a story is absurd and untrue (as this one  
@ pretty obviously  
@ is) does not necessarily mean that it was merely told for amusement.  
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@ Best wishes,  
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in context below.<BR><BR>@==JJS==<BR><BR>@1) The Travis Walton case, in which

6 men witnessed Travis get zapped<BR>@by a beam from a "UFO", and he later disappeared, and reappeared 5<BR>@days later, claiming to have been abducted;<BR><BR>@There are several possibilities to this case, including:<BR><BR>@- An "excuse" for being behind in a contract termination date.<BR>@[[JJS]] As Greg has already mentioned, this is a non-starter.<BR>@It has been all but eliminated as a motive.&nbsp; <BR><BR>Not so. The document eliminates trying to get out of the contract, not<BR>trying to extend the termination date (which would make more sense as<BR>a motive). You've got it all backwards. As you said below, why would<BR>Rogers want to give up a lucrative contract? He would want an excuse to<BR>delay the termination date (which a missing worker would provide), not<BR>to default on the contract (which was going to happen anyway, because<BR>they were

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the National Enquirer prize.<BR>@[[JJS]] I believe I addressed this previously on this list, Larry. The<BR>@money gained from the National Enquirer amounted to \$5000. Walton<BR>@received half, and the other six men split the other half, resulting<BR>@in about \$400 and change. For this amount, Mike Rogers gave up a<BR>@lucrative logging contract, lost a wife, and was hounded by Phil Klass<BR>@for two decades.&nbsp; <BR><BR>Of course, they got just a small royalty, not the grand prize.<BR><SPAN class=090210300-05122002><FONT face=Arial color=#0000ff size=2></FONT></SPAN></TT></DIV>

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size=2>[[JJS]]&nbsp;&nbsp;So they were trying for the \$50K prize for PROOF of ET visitation?&nbsp; How do you propose they were going to do that?&nbsp; To paraphrase Stan Friedman, Absence of Travis is Not Evidence of ET.&nbsp; And when they only got the \$5000 consolation prize, don't you think it likely that at least one of the men would later crack and "tell all," if only for mercenary reasons? In other words, if the motive is financial. why after all this time have all seven men maintained the story, despite financial (AND OTHER) motives to the contrary? </FONT></SPAN><BR><BR>@I have spoken

at length

with four of the seven men.&nbsp; Whatever happened<BR>@in Turkey Springs, all

seven men were not in on any hoax.<BR><BR>Only one or two would have to be in on it, if effects were staged<BR>for the others to see.<BR><SPAN

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Fire-Balloon." <BR><BR>I don't just label things as fire balloons without many indication that<BR>one might be present. I look for the characteristics of fire balloons<BR>(and equally, all other prosaic possibilities) when I look at any<BR>description of a reported UFO. In order for me to suggest a fire<BR>balloon,<BR>there must be a preponderance of fire balloon characteristics, with NO<BR>characteristics present that refute a fire balloon.<BR><SPAN class=090210300-05122002><FONT face=Arial color=#0000ff size=2>[[JJS]]&nbsp;It seems from your list below that&nbsp;there's not much a fire balloon CAN'T do, thereby&nbsp;narrowing your solution set a might too conveniently for my tastes...&nbsp;</FONT></SPAN><BR><BR>The descriptions by the men in the truck meet that criterion.<BR><BR>Of course, I have to reject ALL distances, sizes, speeds, or altitudes<BR>reported by eyewitnesses, unless something other than typical human<BR>visual<BR>estimates of these values provides the values. The human eye does not<BR>have<BR>the capability to provide these values for any unknown object which is<BR>seen<BR>against the sky and is farther away than 30 feet.<BR><BR><SPAN class=090210300-05122002><FONT face=Arial color=#0000ff size=2>[[JJS]]&nbsp;This was not against the sky.&nbsp;The object was in front of&nbsp;trees.&nbsp;The distance&nbsp;was recently measured at 85 feet.&nbsp;</FONT></SPAN></TT></DIV><DIV><TT><SPAN class=090210300-05122002>&nbsp;</SPAN><BR>Characteristics of fire balloons:<BR><BR>- One light, or a cluster of lights, seen against the night sky<BR><SPAN class=090210300-05122002><FONT face=Arial color=#0000ff size=2>[[JJS]]&nbsp;Again, this was seen against a backdrop of trees.&nbsp;</FONT></SPAN><BR>- Usually looks a lot bigger than it is<BR><SPAN class=090210300-05122002><FONT face=Arial color=#0000ff size=2>[[JJS]]&nbsp;By all accounts, the object was about 20' - 25' in diameter.&nbsp;</FONT></SPAN><BR>- Usually orange\* or white, but can be any color (colored wax, straws,<BR>bag)<BR><SPAN class=090210300-05122002><FONT face=Arial color=#0000ff size=2>[[JJS]]&nbsp;How 'bout&nbsp;shiny metallic, with translucent off-white panels? </FONT></SPAN><BR>- Can change color (advertising printed on bag)<BR><SPAN class=090210300-05122002><FONT face=Arial color=#0000ff size=2>[[JJS]]&nbsp;Did not change color.&nbsp;</FONT></SPAN><BR>- Sometimes appears as a lighted horizontal disk\* (suit bag not visible)<BR><SPAN class=090210300-05122002><FONT face=Arial color=#0000ff size=2>[[JJS]]&nbsp;20 feet wide?&nbsp;</FONT></SPAN><BR>- Framework can appear around the lights<BR><SPAN class=090210300-05122002><FONT face=Arial color=#0000ff size=2>[[JJS]]&nbsp;OK.&nbsp;</FONT></SPAN><BR>- Can hover\*<BR><SPAN class=090210300-05122002><FONT face=Arial color=#0000ff size=2>[[JJS]]&nbsp;OK.&nbsp;</FONT></SPAN><BR>- Can do steady or wobbly\* motion (depends on construction and wind<BR>motion)<BR><SPAN

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at length

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----- Original Message -----

From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com> Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2002 2:15 PM  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Rendlesham file

Jenny writes, re the Potts radar story:

>  
> Incidentally, Potts was absolutely adamant (as I have always reported)  
that  
> USAF intelligence personnel were in the party that was involved with  
taking  
> the radar evidence for study.  
[snip]  
>  
> This is not entirely in line with what Andy and Dave have discovered from  
> the then base commander at Watton about what happened . There does not  
> seem  
> to be any official indication of USAF intelligence involvement.

Jenny, this is just plain wrong and indicates that you have not carefully read what I reported Sqn Ldr Coumbe saying both in 'Shadows' and in my reply to James on this list a couple of days ago.

Coumbe said \*the team which visited Watton to pick up the radar tapes was a JOINT RAF/USAF TEAM from MATO, Uxbridge.

So it is \*not\* true to claim "this is not entirely in line with what [we] discovered". Coumbe told us the USAF members of the MATO team were liaison officers, NOT intelligence. Just because Potts thought they were intelligence, does not make that a fact. He was a civilian, as you admit, so would probably have been impressed by the presence of a team of what looked like top brass from Uxbridge at a small air base.

It just goes to show how easy it is to speculate endlessly without checking facts!

> Were USAF intelligence staff from Bentwaters unofficially present on the  
> day? Was it merely a courtesy to let them tag along? Or was there some  
kind  
> of interaction between the MoD defence intelligence staff and USAF  
> intelligence from that early date - which does not seem to be recorded in  
> the Rendlesham file?

See above. We've made all this clear, but as usual it gets ignored when the wheel is re-invented.

- >
- > This is one of several reasons why the file seems incomplete - in the sense
- > that there are some good circumstantial indications of activity by somebody
- > from the UK and US government prior to the lowkey investigations that we are
- > told were commenced after the receipt of the Halt memo.

There was clearly telephone and signal traffic between Whitehall, Mildenhall and Bentwaters, but this by definition would not appear in the DS8 file released by the MoD.

There is nothing inherently sinister about that. But it will be seized upon 'evidence' that something is missing from the file!

I said that when the entire file was released, there would be claims that additional documents were being with-held, and have been proved correct.

- > Halt implied to me that he would
- > have made this data available to the MoD if they had come back expressing
- > interest. It was a sort of test after the attitude of the British police
- > that had not sat with the USAF. But the MoD clearly knew of some (or all?)
- > of it anyway because the file reveals their very early awareness of the Halt
- > tape which is not mentioned by his memo. So they found this out by some
- > other route, we must assume that means Moreland.
- >
- > So, we need to ascertain what else they learned about the hard evidence that
- > is not in the file. Not to mention why they didnt pursue it. There does not
- > seem any indication in the file that they even asked Moreland to pop along
- > to Halts office, get a copy of the tape, send them a report on it, or
- > whatever. Surely (unless you have already decided that the case is a
- > colossal waste of time - which the file covering the period Jan - April 1981
- > does not suggest) then it seems bizarre that such vital evidence is known to
- > be sitting on a British base but it creates not a flicker of interest in
- > Whitehall.
- >
- > I would have thought that any alert investigator is not going to form an
- > opinion on what may or may not have occurred minus any analysis of such
- > critical things like a live tape record, samples, plaster casts and site
- > photographs.
- >

Jenny, you are looking at this through the mindset of a UFOlogist, rather than the mindset of a Whitehall civil servant.

Until you try the latter, you will never make sense of what the file says!

With regard to the MoD attitude to Halt's tape recording, you have neglected to mention the memo in the file from Sqn Ldr Badcock of RAF (Ops) GE2, dated 21 March 1983. This reads:

"...it was considered that the tapes would reveal no better report than that already received and no further request was made [to the USAF]."

What more is there to say?

MOD attitude to reports of UFOs: check radar data for corroboration. If no radar corroboration - end of story: "no defence significance."

That is MOD policy, can be checked in practice and is exactly what the evidence in the file suggests happened in this case.

Why do you find it so difficult to accept that?

- >
- > Especially as there are those reports, which I heard first hand from
- > forestry workers, villagers and farmers circa 1983, that around New Years
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Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Rendlesham file

----- Original Message -----

From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com> Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2002 2:15 PM  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Rendlesham file

Jenny writes, re the Potts radar story:

>  
> Incidentally, Potts was absolutely adamant (as I have always reported)  
that  
> USAF intelligence personnel were in the party that was involved with  
taking  
> the radar evidence for study.  
[snip]  
>  
> This is not entirely in line with what Andy and Dave have discovered from  
> the then base commander at Watton about what happened . There does not  
> seem  
> to be any official indication of USAF intelligence involvement.

Jenny, this is just plain wrong and indicates that you have not carefully read what I reported Sqn Ldr Coumbe saying both in 'Shadows' and in my reply to James on this list a couple of days ago.

Coumbe said \*the team which visited Watton to pick up the radar tapes was a JOINT RAF/USAF TEAM from MATO, Uxbridge.

So it is \*not\* true to claim "this is not entirely in line with what [we] discovered". Coumbe told us the USAF members of the MATO team were liaison officers, NOT intelligence. Just because Potts thought they were intelligence, does not make that a fact. He was a civilian, as you admit, so would probably have been impressed by the presence of a team of what looked like top brass from Uxbridge at a small air base.

It just goes to show how easy it is to speculate endlessly without checking facts!

> Were USAF intelligence staff from Bentwaters unofficially present on the  
> day? Was it merely a courtesy to let them tag along? Or was there some  
kind  
> of interaction between the MoD defence intelligence staff and USAF  
> intelligence from that early date - which does not seem to be recorded in  
> the Rendlesham file?

See above. We've made all this clear, but as usual it gets ignored when the wheel is re-invented.

- >
- > This is one of several reasons why the file seems incomplete - in the sense
- > that there are some good circumstantial indications of activity by somebody
- > from the UK and US government prior to the lowkey investigations that we are
- > told were commenced after the receipt of the Halt memo.

There was clearly telephone and signal traffic between Whitehall, Mildenhall and Bentwaters, but this by definition would not appear in the DS8 file released by the MoD.

There is nothing inherently sinister about that. But it will be seized upon 'evidence' that something is missing from the file!

I said that when the entire file was released, there would be claims that additional documents were being with-held, and have been proved correct.

- > Halt implied to me that he would
- > have made this data available to the MoD if they had come back expressing
- > interest. It was a sort of test after the attitude of the British police
- > that had not sat with the USAF. But the MoD clearly knew of some (or all?)
- > of it anyway because the file reveals their very early awareness of the Halt
- > tape which is not mentioned by his memo. So they found this out by some
- > other route, we must assume that means Moreland.
- >
- > So, we need to ascertain what else they learned about the hard evidence that
- > is not in the file. Not to mention why they didnt pursue it. There does not
- > seem any indication in the file that they even asked Moreland to pop along
- > to Halts office, get a copy of the tape, send them a report on it, or
- > whatever. Surely (unless you have already decided that the case is a
- > colossal waste of time - which the file covering the period Jan - April 1981
- > does not suggest) then it seems bizarre that such vital evidence is known to
- > be sitting on a British base but it creates not a flicker of interest in
- > Whitehall.
- >
- > I would have thought that any alert investigator is not going to form an
- > opinion on what may or may not have occurred minus any analysis of such
- > critical things like a live tape record, samples, plaster casts and site
- > photographs.
- >

Jenny, you are looking at this through the mindset of a UFOlogist, rather than the mindset of a Whitehall civil servant.

Until you try the latter, you will never make sense of what the file says!

With regard to the MoD attitude to Halt's tape recording, you have neglected to mention the memo in the file from Sqn Ldr Badcock of RAF (Ops) GE2, dated 21 March 1983. This reads:

"...it was considered that the tapes would reveal no better report than that already received and no further request was made [to the USAF]."

What more is there to say?

MOD attitude to reports of UFOs: check radar data for corroboration. If no radar corroboration - end of story: "no defence significance."

That is MOD policy, can be checked in practice and is exactly what the evidence in the file suggests happened in this case.

Why do you find it so difficult to accept that?

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capsules dropped from the satellite. Here I am putting these two facts  
together.<br><br>  
The Theory<br><br>  
While the mother satellite carries on in its orbit the capsule begins re-entry<br>  
over the North Sea, heading SSW. Some Lockheed HC-130 Hercules aircraft and a<br>  
group of HH-53C helicopters of the 67th ARRS are on station over the Dogger<br>  
Bank, waiting to retrieve the falling capsule, either from mid-air (by<br>  
Hercules) or from the sea (by helicopter). But the parachutes on the capsule<br>  
fail to open. Whereas the parachutes would have slowed down the satellite<br>  
substantially, changing its trajectory, the capsule still continues along its<br>  
original descent path, flying fast and high above the waiting (and now<br>  
redundant) aircraft.<br><br>  
The possibility of a parachute failure had already been explored by Big Bird's<br>  
controllers, and re-entry for film capsules had been calculated in such a way<br>  
that if everything went wrong, and the capsule did become a free-falling rock,<br>  
it would still land at a site where the recovery team can collect it. In this<br>  
case the back-up recovery site is RAF Woodbridge itself. Only a few minutes<br>  
after the 67th learn of the parachute failure, the capsule, recovery lights<br>  
blazing, flies over Lowestoft (getting noticed on radar in the process) and<br>  
crashes into Rendlesham Forest at the end of the airfield's runway. The<br>  
emergency base crew start rushing about in the forest to find the thing, and a<br>  
cover story is put into immediate effect.<br><br>  
Neither the USAF nor the MOD want people to know that they've been aiming<br>  
satellites into Suffolk, yet many civilians (and military personnel at the base<br>  
not privy to the secret Big Bird recoveries, too) are bound to have seen<br>  
something come crashing in, and have noticed the base burst into a flurry of<br>  
activity. The cover story spreads deliberate misinformation about the incident,<br>

claiming that a 'UFO' has landed. Any other story (eg. a meteor or a plane<br>crash) would need some sort of hard evidence the 67th would later have to show<br>investigators, but a 'UFO' story is implausible enough to discredit witnesses.<br>The bare bones of the story are: saucer with lights, jeep engines failing, cows<br>going crazy in the fields etc. Deliberate confusion is spread about the date<br>and the specific location of the incident. Depressions are dug in the ground,<br>and shown later to the police. The radar tape is taken. Engineers come in to<br>repair the damage done to the runway lights by the capsule's crash. Base<br>personnel not in on the truth hear the rumours and organise their own<br>'sky-watching' parties in the next few nights. Senior base personnel similarly<br>unaware of the 67th's activities insist that Colonel Halt sends a memo to the<br>MOD, which he does. The MOD refer researchers to UFO stories, both now and in<br>1983 when the incident blows up in public again. Halt is later promoted. Over<br>time the whole thing becomes a mass of claim and counter-claim.<br><br>Discussion of the theory looks critically at the basis of the theory, and the<br>Appendices (The 67th ARRS, Big Bird, Satellite Recoveries, RAF Woodbridge and<br>Bentwaters, A Soviet Satellite crash?) contain supporting information.<br><br>I would like to thank Richard Kidd and Michael Akeroyd for comments and<br>suggestions.<br><br>Alan Akeroyd<br><br>August 1996<br>

the unit<br>  
trying to recover a satellite. The 67th was a specialist space capsule  
and<br>  
aircrew retrieval unit, it was one of the very few in the whole of  
Europe<br>  
specialised for such a purpose, and it was so important that it did not  
even<br>  
report to the USAFE like the vast majority of American squadrons here,  
but<br>  
reported directly to the DoD in Washington (see The 67th ARRS). And  
the<br>  
Rendlesham Forest event involves something 'crashing out of the sky'  
right at<br>  
the end of the 67th's runway. Out of all the places where this object  
could<br>  
have landed, it did so on the very runway of a satellite retrieval  
squadron.<br><br>  
Some UFO commentators have noticed this, but the reasoning used to  
account for<br>  
this appears less plausible. Jenny Randles suggests that the Americans  
could<br>  
have successfully stolen a Soviet satellite from orbit and somehow guided  
it<br>  
down into the forest, but this is unlikely for several reasons (see  
Soviet<br>  
satellite crash). More outlandish theories are that visiting aliens  
crashed<br>  
there because they found a satellite retrieval base intrinsically  
interesting<br>  
to visit; or that RAF Woodbridge was sufficiently secure to arrange a  
meeting<br>  
between earth representatives and space alien envoys.<br><br>  
But these all seem to get way from the point a bit.... The 67th was in  
Suffolk<br>  
to recover American satellites. That was its job. At the very least we  
should<br>  
consider the possibility that the 67th was trying to do just that in  
December<br>  
1980.<br><br>  
Did it go up, or down?<br><br>  
The witnesses into two groups: civilian and military. Overall there were  
at<br>  
least fifty witnesses in some form or another, which is why Rendlesham  
Forest<br>  
has become the most famous and best-attested 'UFO' case in Britain. But  
they do<br>  
not all come out with the same story.<br><br>  
The military witnesses reported saucers, aliens, strange lights, jeep  
engines<br>  
failing, cows going berserk, radioactive marks on the ground and on tree

trunks<br>  
etc. They saw an alien spacecraft carefully and quietly ease itself  
through the<br>  
forest before finding an open field, and soaring back up into the sky  
again.<br><br>  
The civilian witnesses restrict their account to seeing something come  
down - a<br>  
light crashing in from over Lowestoft, falling into the forest. And then  
they<br>  
saw the airbase burst into frantic activity. But no one seems to have  
seen the<br>  
object go back up. For this, all we have to go on is the word of people  
who<br>  
would have an interest in keeping the real reason secret.<br><br>  
Would the Americans really have done this?<br><br>  
A great deal rests on whether the US military could have been capable of  
staging<br>  
such an operation, and on how accurate is the science of pin-pointing  
satellite<br>  
re-entry. Could anyone predict so precisely where a satellite would fall?  
The<br>  
answer in this case is probably yes. The Americans knew exactly the orbit  
the<br>  
craft was in, because they had put it there. They knew exactly when to  
fire the<br>  
de-orbit engine on the film capsule, and exactly how fast it was going.  
They<br>  
had gained much experience in plotting both manned and unmanned  
spacecraft<br>  
re-entry trajectories. If anything, the back-up recovery site would be  
more<br>  
precisely known than the primary mid-air one, as for the back-up there  
would be<br>  
no chance of the parachute-borne capsule being blown by high winds. The  
film<br>  
capsule wasn't coming in from far, either - only 170-ish kilometres. And  
they<br>  
had given themselves plenty of room for error at Rendlesham, as they  
could be<br>  
out by a good few miles and still crash the thing into uninhabited forest  
or<br>  
farmland.<br><br>  
But would they have done so? The Americans could organise a film capsule  
drop<br>  
into the North Sea, granted; that does not really affect anyone. But what  
this<br>  
theory demands is that they chose as their back-up recovery site an area  
in<br>  
civilian Suffolk.<br><br>  
Clearly this was an dangerous and stupid thing to do, and it could well

have<br>  
been fatal if it had gone wrong. If they did do this then it is no  
surprise<br>  
that they tried to cover the whole thing up. Dropping a large, heavy lump  
of<br>  
metal at 27,000 km/h into a suburb of Ipswich would be an scandal, if  
true. Why<br>  
would the Americans think that the recovery of a film capsule was worth  
the<br>  
risk?<br><br>  
Perhaps they never really believed that the parachutes would fail. They  
never<br>  
failed on any of the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo missions, after all.  
These were<br>  
good, strong, US-built parachutes; so the question of placing the  
back-up<br>  
recovery site never seriously arose. They believed, firstly, that they  
could<br>  
indeed target a satellite so accurately that it would land on the very  
runway<br>  
of the airfield itself; and secondly, that this belief would never be put  
to<br>  
the test. But on 27/28 December the parachutes did fail. Fortunately  
for<br>  
everyone, the first belief was true, and the capsule stayed on course.  
But<br>  
perhaps it scared them, and they never planned a recovery this way  
again.<br><br>  
More research<br><br>  
It should be easy to prove this theory wrong. The most important aspect  
to<br>  
research is to discover precisely when Big Bird 16 dropped its film  
capsules. I<br>  
have yet not been able to find this out, but of course that's not to say  
the<br>  
information is not around somewhere. If Big Bird did not do a drop on or  
around<br>  
the 27/28 December 1980 then there is no way a film capsule can account  
for the<br>  
event. (If BB 16 did drop one, however, then the theory becomes a great  
deal<br>  
stronger.)<br><br>

#### Appendix 1: The 67th ARRS<br>

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#### Night Owls<br><br>

The 67th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron arrived at RAF Woodbridge  
in<br>

December 1969, having transferred from Moron AFB in Spain. The 67th was  
not<br>

strictly part of the United States Air Force in Europe (USAFE), but

was  
directly answerable to the Department of Defense in Washington. The  
67th  
specialised in rescue and night-time operations, including the delivery  
and  
retrieval of Special Forces personnel in foreign territory in  
clandestine  
operations, and was one of the few units to be equipped with  
spacecraft-recovery Hercules HC-130 aircraft.  
The Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service merged with Special Operations  
Forces  
in 1983; the rescue service split off again in 1990, but the 67th (now  
renamed  
the 67th Special Operations Squadron) formed part of the new AFSOC group.  
Air  
Force Special Operations Command's brief includes 'unconventional  
warfare,  
special reconnaissance, psychological operations, personnel  
recovery,  
county-terrorism, counter-narcotics' (Chinnery 1994).  
Today the 67th SOS is part of the 352nd Special Operations Group based at  
RAF  
Mildenhall, and flies HC-130 N/Ps. The squadron took part in the Gulf  
War,  
operating out of Incirlik Air Base in Turkey. It's nickname is  
'Night Owls'.  
Aircraft  
In mid-1979, just before the Rendlesham Forest UFO incident, the 67th  
operated  
the following aircraft:  
one x Lockheed Hercules HC-130 H  
four x Lockheed Hercules HC-130 N  
one x Lockheed Hercules HC-130 P  
nine x Sikorsky HH-53 C 'Super Jolly Green Giant'  
The HC-130 H is an extended-range version of the basic Hercules, having a  
range  
of 3602 km (2238 miles), used for recovering personnel, equipment etc.  
Since  
1964, 43 HC-130 Hs were built, most going to the US Coastguard; but eight  
were  
delivered to the USAF, of which at least four were adapted specifically  
for  
mid-air recovery of space capsules.  
The HC-130 N 'Combat Shadow' is a USAF search and rescue  
version of the HC-130  
H, used explicitly for aircrew or space capsule recovery, and having  
advanced  
direction finding equipment and helicopter refuelling capabilities.  
Combat  
Shadows were used during the Gulf War for refuelling. Chinnery sums up



the  
HC-130 P/N variants as "initially modified to conduct search and rescue  
missions, provide a command and control platform, air-refuel helicopters  
and  
carry supplemental fuel for extending range or for air refuelling... the  
HC-130  
flies clandestine single- or multi-ship missions, usually in low  
visibility or  
darkness, intruding into politically sensitive or hostile territory to  
provide  
air refuelling for special operations helicopters"  
(p.270).  
The HC-130 P is another Hercules variant, again designed for  
refuelling  
helicopters in mid-air, and for recovering parachute-borne payloads.  
Twenty  
were built for the USAF. modified from HC-130 Hs by including refuelling  
drogue  
pods. According to the 1979-80 edition of Jane's (p.376), a typical  
helicopter-refuelling mission would involve the HC-130 P taking off with  
33,385  
kg (73,600 lb) of fuel on board, meeting up with the helicopters at a  
range of  
about 925 km (575 miles), transferring 22,000 kg (48,500 lb) of fuel, and  
then  
returning home.  
The HH-53 C is a night operation rescue and retrieval helicopter,  
developed  
purely for the ARRS, with forward-looking IR radar, refuelling boom  
and  
on-board IBM computer.  
So the picture we build up of the 67th in 1980 is one of an  
specialised  
night-operations squadron, based in Suffolk, flying mid-air space  
capsule  
retrieval missions. The HH-53 C helicopters would fly out to the Dogger  
Bank  
area, to pick up the capsule floating in the North Sea should the  
circling  
Hercules aircraft miss it on its way down. Most of the helicopters' fuel  
is  
used up flying north, but the HC-130s double up as refuelling bases for  
the  
copters, so that's not a worry. (A Hercules itself can quite easily  
stay  
airborne for eight hours, running off two engines.)  
Appendix 2: Big Bird

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The Satellite

Big Bird was a 'low altitude surveillance platform' (LASP), the main US spysat<br>during the 1970s. The core of the Lockheed-built satellite was a large<br>Cassegrain telescope with a 2.4 m (8 ft) focal length. Behind the telescope<br>itself were two cameras: a KH7 Eastman Kodak one for photographing large areas,<br>and a Perkin-Elmer high resolution camera for detail (0.3 m resolution from 160<br>miles up, allegedly). Big Bird was basically a cylinder about 15.2 m long and<br>3.05 m in diameter, and weighed about 8,165 kg. Power came from two large solar<br>arrays, and a fat battery for darkside work; a 6 m extendable antenna allowed<br>it to communicate with its controllers. Big Bird was manoeuvrable too: it<br>carried a restartable liquid propellant engine, which was periodically refired<br>to keep the thing in orbit.<br><br>Big Bird could also carry another satellite as piggy-back, usually an ELINT<br>electronic warfare one which would be sent into a higher orbit of its own.<br>Carrying another satellite would bump Big Bird's weight up to at least 11,000<br>kg or so.<br><br>The first Big Bird was launched on 15 June 1971 from Point Arguello at<br>Vandenberg AFB. The last one was launched in 1984.<br><br>Big Bird 16<br><br>This one was launched from Vandenberg AFB on top of a Titan 3D rocket at 10.48<br>am local time (18.48 GMT) on Wednesday 18 June 1980. The satellite went into a<br>96.46% orbit (as determined by the Royal Aeronautical Establishment the day<br>after its launch), which is a polar one typical of spy satellites; the<br>satellite orbits the poles while the Earth slowly revolves beneath it, allowing<br>the satellite coverage over the whole of the Earth's surface. The orbit was<br>also extremely low - only 265 km up at its highest altitude - again typical of<br>spysats, as the lower the camera the better the pictures. Such a low orbit<br>necessitated a fast orbit speed (Big Bird 16 circled the Earth every 88.87<br>

minutes), and had the effect of substantially limiting the satellite's life, as  
at that altitude it was only a matter of time before the drag of the atmosphere  
sucked it back towards Earth. Even with a booster engine on board Big Birds  
could only stay up for about six months or so.  
Like all satellites, Big Bird 16's orbit was elliptical, although only slightly  
so in Big Bird's case, its orbital eccentricity being 0.007, essentially  
circular. However, Big Bird 16 definitely did have a lowest point of approach  
to Earth (169 km at its lowest, rather than 265 km at its highest) and it would  
make sense to collect a dropped film capsule on its low pass rather than a  
higher one. This lowest point is known as the 'argument of perigee'; for Big Bird 16 it was 145°, which translates as a latitude of 35° north, with the  
satellite on its southward pass.  
Big Bird 16 was 'de-orbited' on 6 March 1981 after 261 days in orbit. Instead  
of allowing it to re-enter the atmosphere, with the possibility that  
bring of bits of Big Bird falling to the ground anywhere the Soviets might pick  
them up, the USAF controllers detonated an on-board explosive.  
Note on designation  
The launch on 18 June 1980 is generally recognised to be that of the sixteenth  
Big Bird. Jane's however designates it as Big Bird 15, not recognising a  
launch as being a Big Bird one.  
The international designation for Big Bird 16's launch is 1980-52 A, which is  
how it is identified in the Royal Aeronautical Establishment's satellite orbit  
tables.  
The film capsules  
Big Bird 16 carried six recoverable film capsules, each with its own  
engine. Over the course of its six month life, BB 16 dropped all of these, and  
the core of this theory is that such a film capsule was dropped on the night of  
27/28 December 1980. The precise structure of a film pod is still classified,  
as far as I am aware, but it is still possible to reason out what it



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The vast majority of satellites which re-enter the earth's atmosphere  
burn up,<br>  
of course. However, ground controllers occasionally want to recover them  
for<br>  
reasons of cost, military security, or for the simple fact that humans  
are on<br>  
board; and for these reasons satellite recovery has become an important  
part of<br>  
space technology.<br><br>  
Discoverer<br><br>  
Discoverer 2 (1959) was the first recoverable space capsule launched,  
but<br>  
errors caused by ground control meant that it crashed into ice near<br>  
Spitzbergen. This was only the first of many such failures. Discoverer  
13<br>  
almost made it: circling U2 spyplanes and radar aircraft tracked it on  
its way<br>  
down through the atmosphere, but the mid-air retrieval failed, and it  
landed in<br>  
the sea. On 18 August 1960 Discoverer 14 was launched, and was  
later<br>  
successfully snatched in mid-air by a C-119 skimming across the top of  
its<br>  
parachute and catching the capsule by a line stretched from the cargo  
door.<br>  
(The pilot was awarded the DFC for this, and the capsule was put on  
display in<br>  
a museum.)<br><br>  
The USAF was eager to perfect this technique at night, and over the  
course of<br>  
time the Americans put brilliant strobe-lights and telemetry packages  
on<br>  
Discoverers.<br><br>  
However the overall success rate was not improving, and the adverse  
comment<br>  
attracted by continuing failures led the military to classify all its  
satellite<br>  
launches from 1961 onwards.<br><br>  
Originally the capsules were collected by ship if the mid-air pick-ups  
failed.<br>  
The last three ships were retired in 1974, and helicopters have been used  
since<br>  
then.<br><br>  
Space shuttle rocket boosters<br><br>  
Few civilian space objects are designed to be retrieved, but one example  
is the<br>  
pair of rocket boosters which help the shuttle for the first few seconds  
of its<br>  
launch. (It was an O-ring failure on one of these boosters which caused

the<br>  
Challenger explosion in 1986). Once ejected from the ascending shuttle,  
the<br>  
boosters reach 4650 km/h before being slowed by atmospheric drag. A  
barometric<br>  
switch deploys the pilot parachute at an altitude of 4,694 m, and then  
the<br>  
drogue follows; the main parachutes come on at 2,012 m, slowing the  
booster's<br>  
fall to about 376 km/h (about 233 mph). They only fully inflate at 670 m  
and<br>  
the vehicle decelerates to 111 km/h (69 mph) before hitting the water.  
On<br>  
splashdown an impact switch separates the parachutes so that the booster  
is not<br>  
dragged underwater. The space shuttle boosters are of course far too  
large for<br>  
a mid-air recovery to be contemplated.<br><br>  
Soviet recoveries<br><br>  
Russian Cosmos satellites of the early 1980s were often low altitude  
spysats<br>  
like Big Bird, although of a much simpler design (see Soviet satellites),  
and<br>  
they too were expected to re-enter and be recovered. The Soviets,  
however,<br>  
relied on land recovery. C1227, for instance, re-entered at the same time  
as<br>  
the Rendlesham Forest incident, landing by parachute in Kazakhstan on  
28<br>  
December 1980, and emitting a "two-tone" recovery beacon so  
that the Russian<br>  
military could find it (ie. alternately transmitting a brief signal on  
two<br>  
separate frequencies). More advanced satellites sent telemetry. Most  
Russian<br>  
military satellites, however, were detonated at the end of their missions  
so<br>  
none of it could be recovered by the West.<br><br>  
In October 1976 a Soyuz manned capsule accidentally landed in Lake  
Tengiz. "The<br>  
main parachute dragged the capsule over the water for some time.  
Some<br>  
electrical connectors corroded in the salty water of Lake Tengiz and  
the<br>  
reserve parachute was deployed due to an electrical short. This  
reserve<br>  
parachute became filled with water and sunk to the bottom of the lake.  
Had the<br>  
lake not been shallow the reserve parachute may have pulled the capsule  
below<br>

the water...&quot; (Haeseler 1995). The two cosmonauts were eventually rescued after<br>

11 hours in the airtight capsule.<br><br>

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Appendix 4:&nbsp;RAF Woodbridge and Bentwaters<br>

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Woodbridge<br><br>

RAF Woodbridge opened in 1943, as one of three airfields set up to accept<br>

damaged or fuel-short bombers returning from raids over Germany, and were<br>

therefore fitted with long, heavy-duty runways. Woodbridge was chosen as the<br>

site for one of these as it was &quot;nearly fog free and had no obstructions for<br>

miles&quot; (Bowyer 1979), although more than a million trees had to be cleared from<br>

Rendlesham Forest to take the new base.<br><br>

After the end of the War it was used for experimental work: Lancasters based<br>

there dropped 'Grand Slam' bombs on Orford Ness, and the Blind Landing<br>

Experiment Unit was located there. The RAF abandoned Woodbridge in March 1948.<br><br>

On 5 June 1952 the USAF took it over for the home of the 79th Fighter-Bomber<br>

Squadron, flying first F-84s, then F-100s. In 1958 the 81st Tactical Fighter<br>

Wing moved in and upgraded the runway to take F-101 Voodoos, Phantoms (from<br>

1966) and F-4Ds (from 1969). At the end of 1969 the 79th Tactical Fighter<br>

Squadron (as the 79th was now known) moved to Upper Heyford, and the 67th ARRS<br>

flew in from Moron AFB in Spain.<br><br>

Bentwaters<br><br>

RAF Bentwaters, only a few miles from Woodbridge and essentially part of the<br>

same complex, opened in 1944 and was transferred to the USAF in July 1950,<br>

becoming the first base in Europe to receive F-86 Sabres. Phantoms turned up in<br>

1965 and F-4Ds by 1973; by the autumn of 1978 it was the main European base for<br>

A-10s. Bentwaters at the time of the Rendlesham Forest incident was occupied by<br>

the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing's 91st and 92nd Squadrons.<br><br>

Appendix 5: A Soviet Satellite Crash?<br>

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The possibility of the Americans stealing a Russian satellite has already

been<br>  
suggested as an explanation for Rendlesham Forest. Jenny Randles  
speculates<br>  
that the USAF could have 'guided down' a Soviet satellite from its  
orbit,<br>  
perhaps one with a 'nuclear engine', which would be enough of a secret  
for the<br>  
Americans to concoct a UFO cover story. The fact that a Russian satellite  
did<br>  
re-enter on the night of 27/28 December 1980 seems to support this.  
However, I<br>  
think enough is known about the Russian satellites at the time to rule  
this<br>  
out.<br><br>  
There were only two Russian satellites in orbit at the time which could  
be<br>  
serious contenders, C1227 and C749.<br><br>  
Cosmos 1227<br><br>  
C1227 was a third generation photo reconnaissance spysat, designed to  
take high<br>  
resolution photographs of a single area, and was essentially a<br>  
spherical-cylindrical shape, weighing about 5,900 kg or so. It was  
launched<br>  
from Plesetsk in NE USSR on an A-2 launcher on Tuesday 16 December 1980,  
at<br>  
3.15 pm local time (12.15 GMT), and was put into a standard low-level  
polar<br>  
spysat orbit, like Big Bird.<br><br>  
C1227 had a much shorter life span, however. Like all third generation  
Russian<br>  
spysats, it was designed to stay up for only 13-14 days or so. (For this  
reason<br>  
the USSR needed to launch dozens of satellites to offer permanent  
coverage - 34<br>  
were launched in 1980 alone.) Once in a 350 x 420 km orbit it only  
needed<br>  
eleven days in which to cover the whole of the earth's surface in 2%  
wide<br>  
strips. C1227 lasted 11.8 days, in fact; it re-entered at 7.00 GMT on  
Sunday 28<br>  
December, and landed in Kazakhstan.<br><br>  
Are the Americans likely to have tried to capture it?<br><br>  
No. A cheap expendable capsule like C1227 would not have been worth the  
bother.<br>  
It certainly would not have had a 'nuclear engine', as the Russians would  
not<br>  
have needed to go to the trouble of putting one on board if they knew it  
would<br>  
be coming back down in eleven days or so. Third generation spysats did  
not even<br>



have solar arrays, as they could happily run off a battery for the short time<br>they were in orbit. Nuclear fuels are used only rarely in satellites, and<br>certainly not for anything which even has a slim chance of coming back into the<br>earth's atmosphere.<br><br>Moreover, if we are to believe that the US did successfully capture a satellite<br>from its orbit, then we would expect the Soviets to freeze their launch<br>programme until they figured out a way of combating this threat. But the Cosmos<br>launches carry on as normal after C1227, implying that nothing odd had happened<br>at all. And, despite all the revelations of the USSR's space launches which<br>have emerged since 1989, nothing has appeared about a 'stolen' satellite.<br><br>Finally, a 7.00 GMT re-entry time is a bit late for an event supposed to have<br>occurred around midnight.<br><br>Cosmos 749 C-1 upper stage<br><br>C749, on the other hand, was a much better piece of kit. This was a small ELINT<br>(electronic intelligence) satellite, only weighing 2,200 kg or so, and had been<br>launched on top of a C-1 booster from Plesetsk years previously, on 4 July<br>1975. C749's orbit was higher and lasted longer: 1,911 days, according to the<br>RAE satellite tables. On the other hand, C749 was not heat-shielded, and would<br>have burnt up in the upper atmosphere had it not already been detonated by its<br>ground controllers on 26 September 1980.<br><br>The important thing about C749, from the Rendlesham Forest point of view, was<br>its upper stage booster, the part of the C-1 rocket which had put it into its<br>final orbit. Instead of falling back into the atmosphere as intended, the upper<br>stage went into orbit on its own, even being given an international satellite<br>designation number (1975-62 B). The lifetime of the upper stage lasted 2,001.84<br>days, only decaying on 25 December 1980.<br><br>It is this decay which has caused much speculation. The RAE tables comment that<br>it was 'observed over Sussex, England', and Jenny Randles in

Sky Crash states<br>  
that its break-up was seen over the Thames estuary. Randles wonders  
whether US<br>  
helicopters picked it up from the sea, then accidentally dropped it over  
the<br>  
forest, causing all the panic.<br><br>  
But it must be stressed that the 25th December re-entry was not of a  
satellite,<br>  
only a charred piece of upper stage rocket, barely a cylinder of metal,  
surely<br>  
not worth the effort. And there is no suggestion of the 67th guiding the  
thing<br>  
back; the upper stage was free-falling.<br><br>  
Could anyone steal a satellite from its orbit, anyway?<br><br>  
How likely is it that the Americans had the technology in 1980 to 'steal'  
a<br>  
foreign, orbiting satellite, and to guide it back to earth? Admittedly  
they<br>  
knew precisely what was up there, and what orbits satellites were in, as  
in<br>  
1980 the 'Spacetrack' system at NORAD headquarters in the Cheyenne  
Mountains<br>  
was working well, making thousands of satellite observations a day,  
logging<br>  
decay and predicting re-entry. And both sides collected each other's  
space<br>  
debris whenever possible - hence the necessity of blowing up redundant  
military<br>  
satellites while still in orbit.<br><br>  
But nothing has turned up to suggest that either side could bring a force  
to<br>  
bear on a satellite in its orbit (or a re-entering capsule) to actively  
force<br>  
it down. The efforts made by the US to develop Star Wars technology as a  
way of<br>  
destroying satellites while still in orbit suggests that no such  
system<br>  
existed. And even if the US military did have such a system, would they  
have<br>  
aimed the incoming satellite at Suffolk? (Of course, they could have  
aimed it<br>  
at the North Sea, and it hit Rendlesham Forest as its back-up, but then  
we are<br>  
back to the Big Bird theory anyway.)<br><br>  
There remains the possibility that a Russian satellite crashed onto the  
end of<br>  
the runway at RAF Woodbridge by accident, but this coincidence - that  
a<br>  
satellite should by chance fall into the hands of the only satellite  
retrieval<br>

unit for thousands of miles - just beggars belief.<br><br>  
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capsules dropped from the satellite. Here I am putting these two facts  
together.<br><br>  
The Theory<br><br>  
While the mother satellite carries on in its orbit the capsule begins re-entry<br>  
over the North Sea, heading SSW. Some Lockheed HC-130 Hercules aircraft and a<br>  
group of HH-53C helicopters of the 67th ARRS are on station over the Dogger<br>  
Bank, waiting to retrieve the falling capsule, either from mid-air (by<br>  
Hercules) or from the sea (by helicopter). But the parachutes on the capsule<br>  
fail to open. Whereas the parachutes would have slowed down the satellite<br>  
substantially, changing its trajectory, the capsule still continues along its<br>  
original descent path, flying fast and high above the waiting (and now<br>  
redundant) aircraft.<br><br>  
The possibility of a parachute failure had already been explored by Big Bird's<br>  
controllers, and re-entry for film capsules had been calculated in such a way<br>  
that if everything went wrong, and the capsule did become a free-falling rock,<br>  
it would still land at a site where the recovery team can collect it. In this<br>  
case the back-up recovery site is RAF Woodbridge itself. Only a few minutes<br>  
after the 67th learn of the parachute failure, the capsule, recovery lights<br>  
blazing, flies over Lowestoft (getting noticed on radar in the process) and<br>  
crashes into Rendlesham Forest at the end of the airfield's runway. The<br>  
emergency base crew start rushing about in the forest to find the thing, and a<br>  
cover story is put into immediate effect.<br><br>  
Neither the USAF nor the MOD want people to know that they've been aiming<br>  
satellites into Suffolk, yet many civilians (and military personnel at the base<br>  
not privy to the secret Big Bird recoveries, too) are bound to have seen<br>  
something come crashing in, and have noticed the base burst into a flurry of<br>  
activity. The cover story spreads deliberate misinformation about the incident,<br>



the unit<br>  
trying to recover a satellite. The 67th was a specialist space capsule  
and<br>  
aircrew retrieval unit, it was one of the very few in the whole of  
Europe<br>  
specialised for such a purpose, and it was so important that it did not  
even<br>  
report to the USAFE like the vast majority of American squadrons here,  
but<br>  
reported directly to the DoD in Washington (see The 67th ARRS). And  
the<br>  
Rendlesham Forest event involves something 'crashing out of the sky'  
right at<br>  
the end of the 67th's runway. Out of all the places where this object  
could<br>  
have landed, it did so on the very runway of a satellite retrieval  
squadron.<br><br>  
Some UFO commentators have noticed this, but the reasoning used to  
account for<br>  
this appears less plausible. Jenny Randles suggests that the Americans  
could<br>  
have successfully stolen a Soviet satellite from orbit and somehow guided  
it<br>  
down into the forest, but this is unlikely for several reasons (see  
Soviet<br>  
satellite crash). More outlandish theories are that visiting aliens  
crashed<br>  
there because they found a satellite retrieval base intrinsically  
interesting<br>  
to visit; or that RAF Woodbridge was sufficiently secure to arrange a  
meeting<br>  
between earth representatives and space alien envoys.<br><br>  
But these all seem to get way from the point a bit.... The 67th was in  
Suffolk<br>  
to recover American satellites. That was its job. At the very least we  
should<br>  
consider the possibility that the 67th was trying to do just that in  
December<br>  
1980.<br><br>  
Did it go up, or down?<br><br>  
The witnesses into two groups: civilian and military. Overall there were  
at<br>  
least fifty witnesses in some form or another, which is why Rendlesham  
Forest<br>  
has become the most famous and best-attested 'UFO' case in Britain. But  
they do<br>  
not all come out with the same story.<br><br>  
The military witnesses reported saucers, aliens, strange lights, jeep  
engines<br>  
failing, cows going berserk, radioactive marks on the ground and on tree

trunks<br>  
etc. They saw an alien spacecraft carefully and quietly ease itself  
through the<br>  
forest before finding an open field, and soaring back up into the sky  
again.<br><br>  
The civilian witnesses restrict their account to seeing something come  
down - a<br>  
light crashing in from over Lowestoft, falling into the forest. And then  
they<br>  
saw the airbase burst into frantic activity. But no one seems to have  
seen the<br>  
object go back up. For this, all we have to go on is the word of people  
who<br>  
would have an interest in keeping the real reason secret.<br><br>  
Would the Americans really have done this?<br><br>  
A great deal rests on whether the US military could have been capable of  
staging<br>  
such an operation, and on how accurate is the science of pin-pointing  
satellite<br>  
re-entry. Could anyone predict so precisely where a satellite would fall?  
The<br>  
answer in this case is probably yes. The Americans knew exactly the orbit  
the<br>  
craft was in, because they had put it there. They knew exactly when to  
fire the<br>  
de-orbit engine on the film capsule, and exactly how fast it was going.  
They<br>  
had gained much experience in plotting both manned and unmanned  
spacecraft<br>  
re-entry trajectories. If anything, the back-up recovery site would be  
more<br>  
precisely known than the primary mid-air one, as for the back-up there  
would be<br>  
no chance of the parachute-borne capsule being blown by high winds. The  
film<br>  
capsule wasn't coming in from far, either - only 170-ish kilometres. And  
they<br>  
had given themselves plenty of room for error at Rendlesham, as they  
could be<br>  
out by a good few miles and still crash the thing into uninhabited forest  
or<br>  
farmland.<br><br>  
But would they have done so? The Americans could organise a film capsule  
drop<br>  
into the North Sea, granted; that does not really affect anyone. But what  
this<br>  
theory demands is that they chose as their back-up recovery site an area  
in<br>  
civilian Suffolk.<br><br>  
Clearly this was an dangerous and stupid thing to do, and it could well



have<br>  
been fatal if it had gone wrong. If they did do this then it is no  
surprise<br>  
that they tried to cover the whole thing up. Dropping a large, heavy lump  
of<br>  
metal at 27,000 km/h into a suburb of Ipswich would be an scandal, if  
true. Why<br>  
would the Americans think that the recovery of a film capsule was worth  
the<br>  
risk?<br><br>  
Perhaps they never really believed that the parachutes would fail. They  
never<br>  
failed on any of the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo missions, after all.  
These were<br>  
good, strong, US-built parachutes; so the question of placing the  
back-up<br>  
recovery site never seriously arose. They believed, firstly, that they  
could<br>  
indeed target a satellite so accurately that it would land on the very  
runway<br>  
of the airfield itself; and secondly, that this belief would never be put  
to<br>  
the test. But on 27/28 December the parachutes did fail. Fortunately  
for<br>  
everyone, the first belief was true, and the capsule stayed on course.  
But<br>  
perhaps it scared them, and they never planned a recovery this way  
again.<br><br>  
More research<br><br>  
It should be easy to prove this theory wrong. The most important aspect  
to<br>  
research is to discover precisely when Big Bird 16 dropped its film  
capsules. I<br>  
have yet not been able to find this out, but of course that's not to say  
the<br>  
information is not around somewhere. If Big Bird did not do a drop on or  
around<br>  
the 27/28 December 1980 then there is no way a film capsule can account  
for the<br>  
event. (If BB 16 did drop one, however, then the theory becomes a great  
deal<br>  
stronger.)<br><br>

#### Appendix 1: The 67th ARRS<br>

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#### Night Owls<br><br>

The 67th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron arrived at RAF Woodbridge  
in<br>

December 1969, having transferred from Moron AFB in Spain. The 67th was  
not<br>

strictly part of the United States Air Force in Europe (USAFE), but

was  
directly answerable to the Department of Defense in Washington. The  
67th  
specialised in rescue and night-time operations, including the delivery  
and  
retrieval of Special Forces personnel in foreign territory in  
clandestine  
operations, and was one of the few units to be equipped with  
spacecraft-recovery Hercules HC-130 aircraft.  
The Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service merged with Special Operations  
Forces  
in 1983; the rescue service split off again in 1990, but the 67th (now  
renamed  
the 67th Special Operations Squadron) formed part of the new AFSOC group.  
Air  
Force Special Operations Command's brief includes 'unconventional  
warfare,  
special reconnaissance, psychological operations, personnel  
recovery,  
county-terrorism, counter-narcotics' (Chinnery 1994).  
Today the 67th SOS is part of the 352nd Special Operations Group based at  
RAF  
Mildenhall, and flies HC-130 N/Ps. The squadron took part in the Gulf  
War,  
operating out of Incirlik Air Base in Turkey. It's nickname is  
'Night Owls';  
Aircraft  
In mid-1979, just before the Rendlesham Forest UFO incident, the 67th  
operated  
the following aircraft:  
one x Lockheed Hercules HC-130 H  
four x Lockheed Hercules HC-130 N  
one x Lockheed Hercules HC-130 P  
nine x Sikorsky HH-53 C 'Super Jolly Green Giant'  
The HC-130 H is an extended-range version of the basic Hercules, having a  
range  
of 3602 km (2238 miles), used for recovering personnel, equipment etc.  
Since  
1964, 43 HC-130 Hs were built, most going to the US Coastguard; but eight  
were  
delivered to the USAF, of which at least four were adapted specifically  
for  
mid-air recovery of space capsules.  
The HC-130 N 'Combat Shadow' is a USAF search and rescue  
version of the HC-130  
H, used explicitly for aircrew or space capsule recovery, and having  
advanced  
direction finding equipment and helicopter refuelling capabilities.  
Combat  
Shadows were used during the Gulf War for refuelling. Chinnery sums up

the  
HC-130 P/N variants as "initially modified to conduct search and rescue  
missions, provide a command and control platform, air-refuel helicopters  
and  
carry supplemental fuel for extending range or for air refuelling... the  
HC-130  
flies clandestine single- or multi-ship missions, usually in low  
visibility or  
darkness, intruding into politically sensitive or hostile territory to  
provide  
air refuelling for special operations helicopters"  
(p.270).  
The HC-130 P is another Hercules variant, again designed for  
refuelling  
helicopters in mid-air, and for recovering parachute-borne payloads.  
Twenty  
were built for the USAF. modified from HC-130 Hs by including refuelling  
drogue  
pods. According to the 1979-80 edition of Jane's (p.376), a typical  
helicopter-refuelling mission would involve the HC-130 P taking off with  
33,385  
kg (73,600 lb) of fuel on board, meeting up with the helicopters at a  
range of  
about 925 km (575 miles), transferring 22,000 kg (48,500 lb) of fuel, and  
then  
returning home.  
The HH-53 C is a night operation rescue and retrieval helicopter,  
developed  
purely for the ARRS, with forward-looking IR radar, refuelling boom  
and  
on-board IBM computer.  
So the picture we build up of the 67th in 1980 is one of an  
specialised  
night-operations squadron, based in Suffolk, flying mid-air space  
capsule  
retrieval missions. The HH-53 C helicopters would fly out to the Dogger  
Bank  
area, to pick up the capsule floating in the North Sea should the  
circling  
Hercules aircraft miss it on its way down. Most of the helicopters' fuel  
is  
used up flying north, but the HC-130s double up as refuelling bases for  
the  
copters, so that's not a worry. (A Hercules itself can quite easily  
stay  
airborne for eight hours, running off two engines.)  
Appendix 2: Big Bird

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The Satellite

Big Bird was a 'low altitude surveillance platform' (LASP), the main US spysat<br>during the 1970s. The core of the Lockheed-built satellite was a large<br>Cassegrain telescope with a 2.4 m (8 ft) focal length. Behind the telescope<br>itself were two cameras: a KH7 Eastman Kodak one for photographing large areas,<br>and a Perkin-Elmer high resolution camera for detail (0.3 m resolution from 160<br>miles up, allegedly). Big Bird was basically a cylinder about 15.2 m long and<br>3.05 m in diameter, and weighed about 8,165 kg. Power came from two large solar<br>arrays, and a fat battery for darkside work; a 6 m extendable antenna allowed<br>it to communicate with its controllers. Big Bird was manoeuvrable too: it<br>carried a restartable liquid propellant engine, which was periodically refired<br>to keep the thing in orbit.<br><br>Big Bird could also carry another satellite as piggy-back, usually an ELINT<br>electronic warfare one which would be sent into a higher orbit of its own.<br>Carrying another satellite would bump Big Bird's weight up to at least 11,000<br>kg or so.<br><br>The first Big Bird was launched on 15 June 1971 from Point Arguello at<br>Vandenberg AFB. The last one was launched in 1984.<br><br>Big Bird 16<br><br>This one was launched from Vandenberg AFB on top of a Titan 3D rocket at 10.48<br>am local time (18.48 GMT) on Wednesday 18 June 1980. The satellite went into a<br>96.46% orbit (as determined by the Royal Aeronautical Establishment the day<br>after its launch), which is a polar one typical of spy satellites; the<br>satellite orbits the poles while the Earth slowly revolves beneath it, allowing<br>the satellite coverage over the whole of the Earth's surface. The orbit was<br>also extremely low - only 265 km up at its highest altitude - again typical of<br>spysats, as the lower the camera the better the pictures. Such a low orbit<br>necessitated a fast orbit speed (Big Bird 16 circled the Earth every 88.87<br>

minutes), and had the effect of substantially limiting the satellite's life, as  
at that altitude it was only a matter of time before the drag of the atmosphere  
sucked it back towards Earth. Even with a booster engine on board Big Birds  
could only stay up for about six months or so.  
Like all satellites, Big Bird 16's orbit was elliptical, although only slightly  
so in Big Bird's case, its orbital eccentricity being 0.007, essentially  
circular. However, Big Bird 16 definitely did have a lowest point of approach  
to Earth (169 km at its lowest, rather than 265 km at its highest) and it would  
make sense to collect a dropped film capsule on its low pass rather than a  
higher one. This lowest point is known as the 'argument of perigee'; for Big Bird 16 it was 145°, which translates as a latitude of 35° north, with the  
satellite on its southward pass.  
Big Bird 16 was 'de-orbited' on 6 March 1981 after 261 days in orbit. Instead  
of allowing it to re-enter the atmosphere, with the possibility that  
bits of Big Bird falling to the ground anywhere the Soviets might pick  
them up, the USAF controllers detonated an on-board explosive.  
Note on designation  
The launch on 18 June 1980 is generally recognised to be that of the sixteenth  
Big Bird. Jane's however designates it as Big Bird 15, not recognising a  
launch as being a Big Bird one.  
The international designation for Big Bird 16's launch is 1980-52 A, which is  
how it is identified in the Royal Aeronautical Establishment's satellite orbit  
tables.  
The film capsules  
Big Bird 16 carried six recoverable film capsules, each with its own  
engine. Over the course of its six month life, BB 16 dropped all of these,  
the core of this theory is that such a film capsule was dropped on the night of  
27/28 December 1980. The precise structure of a film pod is still classified,  
as far as I am aware, but it is still possible to reason out what it



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The vast majority of satellites which re-enter the earth's atmosphere  
burn up,<br>  
of course. However, ground controllers occasionally want to recover them  
for<br>  
reasons of cost, military security, or for the simple fact that humans  
are on<br>  
board; and for these reasons satellite recovery has become an important  
part of<br>  
space technology.<br><br>  
Discoverer<br><br>  
Discoverer 2 (1959) was the first recoverable space capsule launched,  
but<br>  
errors caused by ground control meant that it crashed into ice near<br>  
Spitzbergen. This was only the first of many such failures. Discoverer  
13<br>  
almost made it: circling U2 spyplanes and radar aircraft tracked it on  
its way<br>  
down through the atmosphere, but the mid-air retrieval failed, and it  
landed in<br>  
the sea. On 18 August 1960 Discoverer 14 was launched, and was  
later<br>  
successfully snatched in mid-air by a C-119 skimming across the top of  
its<br>  
parachute and catching the capsule by a line stretched from the cargo  
door.<br>  
(The pilot was awarded the DFC for this, and the capsule was put on  
display in<br>  
a museum.)<br><br>  
The USAF was eager to perfect this technique at night, and over the  
course of<br>  
time the Americans put brilliant strobe-lights and telemetry packages  
on<br>  
Discoverers.<br><br>  
However the overall success rate was not improving, and the adverse  
comment<br>  
attracted by continuing failures led the military to classify all its  
satellite<br>  
launches from 1961 onwards.<br><br>  
Originally the capsules were collected by ship if the mid-air pick-ups  
failed.<br>  
The last three ships were retired in 1974, and helicopters have been used  
since<br>  
then.<br><br>  
Space shuttle rocket boosters<br><br>  
Few civilian space objects are designed to be retrieved, but one example  
is the<br>  
pair of rocket boosters which help the shuttle for the first few seconds  
of its<br>  
launch. (It was an O-ring failure on one of these boosters which caused

the<br>  
Challenger explosion in 1986). Once ejected from the ascending shuttle,  
the<br>  
boosters reach 4650 km/h before being slowed by atmospheric drag. A  
barometric<br>  
switch deploys the pilot parachute at an altitude of 4,694 m, and then  
the<br>  
drogue follows; the main parachutes come on at 2,012 m, slowing the  
booster's<br>  
fall to about 376 km/h (about 233 mph). They only fully inflate at 670 m  
and<br>  
the vehicle decelerates to 111 km/h (69 mph) before hitting the water.  
On<br>  
splashdown an impact switch separates the parachutes so that the booster  
is not<br>  
dragged underwater. The space shuttle boosters are of course far too  
large for<br>  
a mid-air recovery to be contemplated.<br><br>  
Soviet recoveries<br><br>  
Russian Cosmos satellites of the early 1980s were often low altitude  
spysats<br>  
like Big Bird, although of a much simpler design (see Soviet satellites),  
and<br>  
they too were expected to re-enter and be recovered. The Soviets,  
however,<br>  
relied on land recovery. C1227, for instance, re-entered at the same time  
as<br>  
the Rendlesham Forest incident, landing by parachute in Kazakhstan on  
28<br>  
December 1980, and emitting a "two-tone" recovery beacon so  
that the Russian<br>  
military could find it (ie. alternately transmitting a brief signal on  
two<br>  
separate frequencies). More advanced satellites sent telemetry. Most  
Russian<br>  
military satellites, however, were detonated at the end of their missions  
so<br>  
none of it could be recovered by the West.<br><br>  
In October 1976 a Soyuz manned capsule accidentally landed in Lake  
Tengiz. "The<br>  
main parachute dragged the capsule over the water for some time.  
Some<br>  
electrical connectors corroded in the salty water of Lake Tengiz and  
the<br>  
reserve parachute was deployed due to an electrical short. This  
reserve<br>  
parachute became filled with water and sunk to the bottom of the lake.  
Had the<br>  
lake not been shallow the reserve parachute may have pulled the capsule  
below<br>



the water...&quot; (Haeseler 1995). The two cosmonauts were eventually rescued after<br>

11 hours in the airtight capsule.<br><br>

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Appendix 4:&nbsp;RAF Woodbridge and Bentwaters<br>

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Woodbridge<br><br>

RAF Woodbridge opened in 1943, as one of three airfields set up to accept<br>

damaged or fuel-short bombers returning from raids over Germany, and were<br>

therefore fitted with long, heavy-duty runways. Woodbridge was chosen as the<br>

site for one of these as it was &quot;nearly fog free and had no obstructions for<br>

miles&quot; (Bowyer 1979), although more than a million trees had to be cleared from<br>

Rendlesham Forest to take the new base.<br><br>

After the end of the War it was used for experimental work: Lancasters based<br>

there dropped 'Grand Slam' bombs on Orford Ness, and the Blind Landing<br>

Experiment Unit was located there. The RAF abandoned Woodbridge in March 1948.<br><br>

On 5 June 1952 the USAF took it over for the home of the 79th Fighter-Bomber<br>

Squadron, flying first F-84s, then F-100s. In 1958 the 81st Tactical Fighter<br>

Wing moved in and upgraded the runway to take F-101 Voodoos, Phantoms (from<br>

1966) and F-4Ds (from 1969). At the end of 1969 the 79th Tactical Fighter<br>

Squadron (as the 79th was now known) moved to Upper Heyford, and the 67th ARRS<br>

flew in from Moron AFB in Spain.<br><br>

Bentwaters<br><br>

RAF Bentwaters, only a few miles from Woodbridge and essentially part of the<br>

same complex, opened in 1944 and was transferred to the USAF in July 1950,<br>

becoming the first base in Europe to receive F-86 Sabres. Phantoms turned up in<br>

1965 and F-4Ds by 1973; by the autumn of 1978 it was the main European base for<br>

A-10s. Bentwaters at the time of the Rendlesham Forest incident was occupied by<br>

the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing's 91st and 92nd Squadrons.<br><br>

Appendix 5: A Soviet Satellite Crash?<br>

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The possibility of the Americans stealing a Russian satellite has already

been<br>  
suggested as an explanation for Rendlesham Forest. Jenny Randles  
speculates<br>  
that the USAF could have 'guided down' a Soviet satellite from its  
orbit,<br>  
perhaps one with a 'nuclear engine', which would be enough of a secret  
for the<br>  
Americans to concoct a UFO cover story. The fact that a Russian satellite  
did<br>  
re-enter on the night of 27/28 December 1980 seems to support this.  
However, I<br>  
think enough is known about the Russian satellites at the time to rule  
this<br>  
out.<br><br>  
There were only two Russian satellites in orbit at the time which could  
be<br>  
serious contenders, C1227 and C749.<br><br>  
Cosmos 1227<br><br>  
C1227 was a third generation photo reconnaissance spysat, designed to  
take high<br>  
resolution photographs of a single area, and was essentially a<br>  
spherical-cylindrical shape, weighing about 5,900 kg or so. It was  
launched<br>  
from Plesetsk in NE USSR on an A-2 launcher on Tuesday 16 December 1980,  
at<br>  
3.15 pm local time (12.15 GMT), and was put into a standard low-level  
polar<br>  
spysat orbit, like Big Bird.<br><br>  
C1227 had a much shorter life span, however. Like all third generation  
Russian<br>  
spysats, it was designed to stay up for only 13-14 days or so. (For this  
reason<br>  
the USSR needed to launch dozens of satellites to offer permanent  
coverage - 34<br>  
were launched in 1980 alone.) Once in a 350 x 420 km orbit it only  
needed<br>  
eleven days in which to cover the whole of the earth's surface in 2%  
wide<br>  
strips. C1227 lasted 11.8 days, in fact; it re-entered at 7.00 GMT on  
Sunday 28<br>  
December, and landed in Kazakhstan.<br><br>  
Are the Americans likely to have tried to capture it?<br><br>  
No. A cheap expendable capsule like C1227 would not have been worth the  
bother.<br>  
It certainly would not have had a 'nuclear engine', as the Russians would  
not<br>  
have needed to go to the trouble of putting one on board if they knew it  
would<br>  
be coming back down in eleven days or so. Third generation spysats did  
not even<br>

have solar arrays, as they could happily run off a battery for the short time<br>they were in orbit. Nuclear fuels are used only rarely in satellites, and<br>certainly not for anything which even has a slim chance of coming back into the<br>earth's atmosphere.<br><br>Moreover, if we are to believe that the US did successfully capture a satellite<br>from its orbit, then we would expect the Soviets to freeze their launch<br>programme until they figured out a way of combating this threat. But the Cosmos<br>launches carry on as normal after C1227, implying that nothing odd had happened<br>at all. And, despite all the revelations of the USSR's space launches which<br>have emerged since 1989, nothing has appeared about a 'stolen' satellite.<br><br>Finally, a 7.00 GMT re-entry time is a bit late for an event supposed to have<br>occurred around midnight.<br><br>Cosmos 749 C-1 upper stage<br><br>C749, on the other hand, was a much better piece of kit. This was a small ELINT<br>(electronic intelligence) satellite, only weighing 2,200 kg or so, and had been<br>launched on top of a C-1 booster from Plesetsk years previously, on 4 July<br>1975. C749's orbit was higher and lasted longer: 1,911 days, according to the<br>RAE satellite tables. On the other hand, C749 was not heat-shielded, and would<br>have burnt up in the upper atmosphere had it not already been detonated by its<br>ground controllers on 26 September 1980.<br><br>The important thing about C749, from the Rendlesham Forest point of view, was<br>its upper stage booster, the part of the C-1 rocket which had put it into its<br>final orbit. Instead of falling back into the atmosphere as intended, the upper<br>stage went into orbit on its own, even being given an international satellite<br>designation number (1975-62 B). The lifetime of the upper stage lasted 2,001.84<br>days, only decaying on 25 December 1980.<br><br>It is this decay which has caused much speculation. The RAE tables comment that<br>it was 'observed over Sussex, England', and Jenny Randles in

Sky Crash states<br>  
that its break-up was seen over the Thames estuary. Randles wonders  
whether US<br>  
helicopters picked it up from the sea, then accidentally dropped it over  
the<br>  
forest, causing all the panic.<br><br>  
But it must be stressed that the 25th December re-entry was not of a  
satellite,<br>  
only a charred piece of upper stage rocket, barely a cylinder of metal,  
surely<br>  
not worth the effort. And there is no suggestion of the 67th guiding the  
thing<br>  
back; the upper stage was free-falling.<br><br>  
Could anyone steal a satellite from its orbit, anyway?<br><br>  
How likely is it that the Americans had the technology in 1980 to 'steal'  
a<br>  
foreign, orbiting satellite, and to guide it back to earth? Admittedly  
they<br>  
knew precisely what was up there, and what orbits satellites were in, as  
in<br>  
1980 the 'Spacetrack' system at NORAD headquarters in the Cheyenne  
Mountains<br>  
was working well, making thousands of satellite observations a day,  
logging<br>  
decay and predicting re-entry. And both sides collected each other's  
space<br>  
debris whenever possible - hence the necessity of blowing up redundant  
military<br>  
satellites while still in orbit.<br><br>  
But nothing has turned up to suggest that either side could bring a force  
to<br>  
bear on a satellite in its orbit (or a re-entering capsule) to actively  
force<br>  
it down. The efforts made by the US to develop Star Wars technology as a  
way of<br>  
destroying satellites while still in orbit suggests that no such  
system<br>  
existed. And even if the US military did have such a system, would they  
have<br>  
aimed the incoming satellite at Suffolk? (Of course, they could have  
aimed it<br>  
at the North Sea, and it hit Rendlesham Forest as its back-up, but then  
we are<br>  
back to the Big Bird theory anyway.)<br><br>  
There remains the possibility that a Russian satellite crashed onto the  
end of<br>  
the runway at RAF Woodbridge by accident, but this coincidence - that  
a<br>  
satellite should by chance fall into the hands of the only satellite  
retrieval<br>

unit for thousands of miles - just beggars belief.<br><br>  
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jimspeiser@yahoo.com writes:

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[[JJS]] He did not NEED an excuse to delay the termination date. He had already been granted one extension, and a second extension was not out of the question. To engineer such a huge gonsehh megilleh, have one of his men "disappear" for five days (putting him even further behind), all to gain a contract extension (which he then never requested) is absolute rubbish. >>

Jim, Larry:

According to Phil Klass, who cites Forest Service contracting policy on page 192 of UFOs - the public deceived, they would be penalized \$1 an acre for another extension. They had already been penalized, \$353 for the first extension.

Clear skies,  
Bob Young

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>>To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com  
>Subject: [UFORL] Bentwaters: old article about satellite drop theory  
>Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2002 16:23:52 -0300  
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>I remember the same thing.  
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>I enclose an article about this wich I had find among the files of my old  
>BBS. I'm attaching to this mail an image too.  
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>Sorry guys, but I don't have the source.  
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>Speaking of US investigations into the incident, in YCTTP a USOSI agent  
>Steve Smith reportedly admitted to Wayne Persinger he had investigated the  
>case, has anything come of his involvement?

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<< It is important to note that the contractor who did finish the contract did so within the allotted time, for a dollar less per acre, with one less crewman. So Rogers didn't really need an extension. He had been behind, due to other contracts he was working, but having completed those, he was catching up steadily. >>

Jim:

Then why didn't he finish it and get his last 10% right away? This would have been held up, according to the rules cited by Phil Klass, until the new contractor finished the job, and could have been applied to the new contract if it had been needed to complete the job. He was taking a risk that he would lose even more money.

The fact is that he allowed the contract to lapse instead of finishing it. One cannot say that he didn't have a problem, otherwise why would he have done this?

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@energy weapons are INVISIBLE between the "gun" and the target, unless

there is  
@dust, fog, or smoke present.

@[[JJS]] You being familiar, of course, with all energy weapons in the Universe.

No, the laws of physics. Energy does not just change course for no reason.

@[[JJS]] So we have five people (two did not see the actual beam) describing  
@something that you say cannot have been there according to our present  
@knowledge. Actually a pretty powerful endorsement of the  
other-worldliness of  
@the case.

Or the influence of "Star Trek" on a hoax.

@Unless you think they're all lying...and somehow received training in passing  
@polygraph tests...

Of course, the polygraph is NOT allowed on courts as evidence, because of its unreliability.

@[[JJS]] It seems from your list below that there's not much a fire balloon  
@CAN'T do, thereby narrowing your solution set a might too conveniently for  
@my tastes...

What do your "tastes" have to do with it? These are reported characteristics of cases known to have been fire balloons.

@[[JJS]] This was not against the sky. The object was in front of trees.

Uniformly black?

@The distance was recently measured at 85 feet.

It had an angular size of 16 degrees????

@Characteristics of fire balloons:

@- One light, or a cluster of lights, seen against the night sky  
@[[JJS]] Again, this was seen against a backdrop of trees.



Doesn't matter.

@- Usually looks a lot bigger than it is

@[[JJS]] By all accounts, the object was about 20' - 25' in diameter.

Measured how? Was it within 30 feet of the witnesses (other than Travis)?

@- Usually orange\* or white, but can be any color (colored wax, straws, @bag)

@[[JJS]] How 'bout shiny metallic, with translucent off-white panels?

There WAS a hot air balloon with a similar description sold by Edmund Scientific in the '70s. Add some foil for the shiny framework, and put the fire balloon candle inside it.

For that matter, do we even know the thing was really flying? I have seen an art-deco ceiling lamp similar to the object in the painting.

@- Sometimes appears as a lighted horizontal disk\* (suit bag not visible)

@[[JJS]] 20 feet wide?

Remember, the eye cannot measure actual size. And if the painting is accurate the UFO was not wider than 3 or 4 feet, compared to the size of Travis' body. The Edmund product was 6 feet wide.

@- Can do steady or wobbly\* motion (depends on construction and wind motion)

@[[JJS]] No wind that night.

Or imperceptible wind at ground level (they were in a forest).

@- Can do an oscillating coin effect\*

@[[JJS]] This is what was described by all four men I've spoken to - @independently, I might add.

Nothing but a balloon and a hanging lamp are known to be able to do that.

@- Can fire "missiles" at the ground (candle falls)

@[[JJS]] No missiles, just a very quick "zapping" beam.

Sometimes it appears as a beam to some witnesses. But it goes straight down.

@- Can emit sparks or shoot projectiles (fireworks attached)

@[[JJS]] Did none of these.

Could the "beam" have been a bottle rocket?

@- Can set fires (which is why fire balloons are illegal in most places)

@[[JJS]] A very strong argument against this being a fire balloon.

These

@were foresters, and at least in the case of Mike Rogers, highly responsible

@ones who would be very wary of fire danger. The object was sighted in an

@area that was right in the path of the crew's contract area. Why would

@Rogers risk a fire in an area that represented cash to him? He would NOT

@have been paid for any areas rendered unclearable due to fire. And of course

@there is the risk to life and limb....No, I just spent the summer a few

@houses down from Mike Rogers, and anything risky like that is well outside

@his personality inventory. Sorry.

Assuming he was in on it.

@Now, were there any effects reported by the witnesses in that truck that

@are NOT on the above list?

@[[JJS]] Yup. Aside from the aforementioned beam, which you contend was a

"flashlight through non-existent dust", and the overall appearance of the

craft, which was smooth, shiny, and structured like a classic "flying saucer,"

there is the sound. There was a very powerful rumbling sound accompanying the

object, which two witnesses independently told me literally "rattled" the

truck. "You almost felt it more than heard it," said John Goulette, indicating it was a very low frequency, as from a sub-woofer. Have any of

your friends confessed to attaching powerful speakers to fire balloons?

If they did, it would not lift off. But how do you know the sound came from the UFO?

Now I am beginning to suspect that a crane could have held up the object.

@As I say, I am not 100% convinced that this was not some sort of rigged

@contraption or light show, but it was not a simple garment bag with a  
@candle inside. (I'm almost afraid to forward this correspondence to  
Mike  
@or Travis, for fear of them splitting a gut.) It was well beyond that  
@level of hoaxery.

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@dust, fog, or smoke present.

@[[JJS]] You being familiar, of course, with all energy weapons in the Universe.

No, the laws of physics. Energy does not just change course for no reason.

@[[JJS]] So we have five people (two did not see the actual beam) describing  
@something that you say cannot have been there according to our present  
@knowledge. Actually a pretty powerful endorsement of the  
other-worldliness of  
@the case.

Or the influence of "Star Trek" on a hoax.

@Unless you think they're all lying...and somehow received training in passing  
@polygraph tests...

Of course, the polygraph is NOT allowed on courts as evidence, because of its unreliability.

@[[JJS]] It seems from your list below that there's not much a fire balloon  
@CAN'T do, thereby narrowing your solution set a might too conveniently for  
@my tastes...

What do your "tastes" have to do with it? These are reported characteristics of cases known to have been fire balloons.

@[[JJS]] This was not against the sky. The object was in front of trees.

Uniformly black?

@The distance was recently measured at 85 feet.

It had an angular size of 16 degrees????

@Characteristics of fire balloons:

@- One light, or a cluster of lights, seen against the night sky  
@[[JJS]] Again, this was seen against a backdrop of trees.

Doesn't matter.

@- Usually looks a lot bigger than it is

@[[JJS]] By all accounts, the object was about 20' - 25' in diameter.

Measured how? Was it within 30 feet of the witnesses (other than Travis)?

@- Usually orange\* or white, but can be any color (colored wax, straws, @bag)

@[[JJS]] How 'bout shiny metallic, with translucent off-white panels?

There WAS a hot air balloon with a similar description sold by Edmund Scientific in the '70s. Add some foil for the shiny framework, and put the fire balloon candle inside it.

For that matter, do we even know the thing was really flying? I have seen an art-deco ceiling lamp similar to the object in the painting.

@- Sometimes appears as a lighted horizontal disk\* (suit bag not visible)

@[[JJS]] 20 feet wide?

Remember, the eye cannot measure actual size. And if the painting is accurate the UFO was not wider than 3 or 4 feet, compared to the size of Travis' body. The Edmund product was 6 feet wide.

@- Can do steady or wobbly\* motion (depends on construction and wind motion)

@[[JJS]] No wind that night.

Or imperceptible wind at ground level (they were in a forest).

@- Can do an oscillating coin effect\*

@[[JJS]] This is what was described by all four men I've spoken to - @independently, I might add.

Nothing but a balloon and a hanging lamp are known to be able to do that.

@- Can fire "missiles" at the ground (candle falls)

@[[JJS]] No missiles, just a very quick "zapping" beam.

Sometimes it appears as a beam to some witnesses. But it goes straight down.

@- Can emit sparks or shoot projectiles (fireworks attached)

@[[JJS]] Did none of these.

Could the "beam" have been a bottle rocket?

@- Can set fires (which is why fire balloons are illegal in most places)

@[[JJS]] A very strong argument against this being a fire balloon.

These

@were foresters, and at least in the case of Mike Rogers, highly responsible

@ones who would be very wary of fire danger. The object was sighted in an

@area that was right in the path of the crew's contract area. Why would

@Rogers risk a fire in an area that represented cash to him? He would NOT

@have been paid for any areas rendered unclearable due to fire. And of course

@there is the risk to life and limb....No, I just spent the summer a few

@houses down from Mike Rogers, and anything risky like that is well outside

@his personality inventory. Sorry.

Assuming he was in on it.

@Now, were there any effects reported by the witnesses in that truck that

@are NOT on the above list?

@[[JJS]] Yup. Aside from the aforementioned beam, which you contend was a

"flashlight through non-existent dust", and the overall appearance of the

craft, which was smooth, shiny, and structured like a classic "flying saucer,"

there is the sound. There was a very powerful rumbling sound accompanying the

object, which two witnesses independently told me literally "rattled" the

truck. "You almost felt it more than heard it," said John Goulette, indicating it was a very low frequency, as from a sub-woofer. Have any of

your friends confessed to attaching powerful speakers to fire balloons?

If they did, it would not lift off. But how do you know the sound came from the UFO?

Now I am beginning to suspect that a crane could have held up the object.

@As I say, I am not 100% convinced that this was not some sort of rigged

@contraption or light show, but it was not a simple garment bag with a  
@candle inside. (I'm almost afraid to forward this correspondence to  
Mike  
@or Travis, for fear of them splitting a gut.) It was well beyond that  
@level of hoaxery.

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This is the article I read.

Remember that Iran had the hostages then, and we needed all the intelligence we could get on the goings-on in Tehran.

We DID have an antisatellite program in the '60s, called SAINT (Satellite Interceptor). It was simply a satellite with a restartable engine, guidance, and a magnet to grab onto another satellite. I don't know if it ever flew.

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I remember the same thing.

I enclose an article about this which I had found among the files of my old BBS. I'm attaching to this mail an image too.

Sorry guys, but I don't have the source.

Greetings from the south.

Luis E. Pacheco  
Buenos Aires - Argentine Republic

Rendlesham Forest: December 1980

Did the Americans drop a satellite on Suffolk?

Rendlesham Forest, 27/28 December 1980

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## Introduction

The Rendlesham Forest event, on or around the night of Saturday to Sunday, 27/28 December 1980, is one of the most famous 'UFO' incidents in Britain. More than fifty witnesses, both military and civilian, have come forward to give their impressions of what happened, and the case prompted the disclosure of one of the few official defence documents relating to a UFO sighting. Explanations of the event range from crashing alien spaceships to wild drug parties, and from distant lighthouses to bizarre secret military experiments.

Put simply, the theory I am presenting here suggests that the men of the 67th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery squadron, based in Rendlesham Forest, were just doing their job. It is known that a spy satellite was orbiting at that date, and it is known that the 67th was one of the units assigned to collect the film capsules dropped from the satellite. Here I am putting these two facts together.

## The Theory

While the mother satellite carries on in its orbit the capsule begins re-entry over the North Sea, heading SSW. Some Lockheed HC-130 Hercules aircraft and a group of HH-53C helicopters of the 67th ARRS are on station over the Dogger Bank, waiting to retrieve the falling capsule, either from mid-air (by Hercules) or from the sea (by helicopter). But the parachutes on the capsule fail to open. Whereas the parachutes would have slowed down the satellite substantially, changing its trajectory, the capsule still continues along its original descent path, flying fast and high above the waiting (and now redundant) aircraft.

The possibility of a parachute failure had already been explored by Big Bird's controllers, and re-entry for film capsules had been calculated in such

a way  
that if everything went wrong, and the capsule did become a free-falling  
rock,  
it would still land at a site where the recovery team can collect it. In  
this  
case the back-up recovery site is RAF Woodbridge itself. Only a few  
minutes  
after the 67th learn of the parachute failure, the capsule, recovery  
lights  
blazing, flies over Lowestoft (getting noticed on radar in the process)  
and  
crashes into Rendlesham Forest at the end of the airfield's runway. The  
emergency base crew start rushing about in the forest to find the thing,  
and a  
cover story is put into immediate effect.

Neither the USAF nor the MOD want people to know that they've been  
aiming  
satellites into Suffolk, yet many civilians (and military personnel at  
the base  
not privy to the secret Big Bird recoveries, too) are bound to have seen  
something come crashing in, and have noticed the base burst into a  
flurry of  
activity. The cover story spreads deliberate misinformation about the  
incident,  
claiming that a 'UFO' has landed. Any other story (eg. a meteor or a  
plane  
crash) would need some sort of hard evidence the 67th would later have  
to show  
investigators, but a 'UFO' story is implausible enough to discredit  
witnesses.  
The bare bones of the story are: saucer with lights, jeep engines  
failing, cows  
going crazy in the fields etc. Deliberate confusion is spread about the  
date  
and the specific location of the incident. Depressions are dug in the  
ground,  
and shown later to the police. The radar tape is taken. Engineers come  
in to  
repair the damage done to the runway lights by the capsule's crash. Base  
personnel not in on the truth hear the rumours and organise their own  
'sky-watching' parties in the next few nights. Senior base personnel  
similarly  
unaware of the 67th's activities insist that Colonel Halt sends a memo  
to the  
MOD, which he does. The MOD refer researchers to UFO stories, both now  
and in  
1983 when the incident blows up in public again. Halt is later promoted.  
Over  
time the whole thing becomes a mass of claim and counter-claim.

Discussion of the theory looks critically at the basis of the theory,  
and the  
Appendices (The 67th ARRS, Big Bird, Satellite Recoveries, RAF  
Woodbridge and  
Bentwaters, A Soviet Satellite crash?) contain supporting information.

I would like to thank Richard Kidd and Michael Akeroyd for comments and  
suggestions.

Alan Akeroyd

August 1996

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#### Discussion

Discussion of the theory

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So, is the theory likely?

Although the 67th ARRS is recognised as a satellite capsule recovery  
squadron,  
few people seem to have considered that the incident might be based on  
the unit  
trying to recover a satellite. The 67th was a specialist space capsule  
and  
aircrew retrieval unit, it was one of the very few in the whole of  
Europe  
specialised for such a purpose, and it was so important that it did not  
even  
report to the USAFE like the vast majority of American squadrons here,  
but  
reported directly to the DoD in Washington (see The 67th ARRS). And the  
Rendlesham Forest event involves something 'crashing out of the sky'  
right at  
the end of the 67th's runway. Out of all the places where this object  
could  
have landed, it did so on the very runway of a satellite retrieval  
squadron.

Some UFO commentators have noticed this, but the reasoning used to  
account for  
this appears less plausible. Jenny Randles suggests that the Americans  
could  
have successfully stolen a Soviet satellite from orbit and somehow  
guided it  
down into the forest, but this is unlikely for several reasons (see

Soviet  
satellite crash). More outlandish theories are that visiting aliens  
crashed  
there because they found a satellite retrieval base intrinsically  
interesting  
to visit; or that RAF Woodbridge was sufficiently secure to arrange a  
meeting  
between earth representatives and space alien envoys.

But these all seem to get way from the point a bit.... The 67th was in  
Suffolk  
to recover American satellites. That was its job. At the very least we  
should  
consider the possibility that the 67th was trying to do just that in  
December  
1980.

Did it go up, or down?

The witnesses into two groups: civilian and military. Overall there were  
at  
least fifty witnesses in some form or another, which is why Rendlesham  
Forest  
has become the most famous and best-attested 'UFO' case in Britain. But  
they do  
not all come out with the same story.

The military witnesses reported saucers, aliens, strange lights, jeep  
engines  
failing, cows going berserk, radioactive marks on the ground and on tree  
trunks  
etc. They saw an alien spacecraft carefully and quietly ease itself  
through the  
forest before finding an open field, and soaring back up into the sky  
again.

The civilian witnesses restrict their account to seeing something come  
down - a  
light crashing in from over Lowestoft, falling into the forest. And then  
they  
saw the airbase burst into frantic activity. But no one seems to have  
seen the  
object go back up. For this, all we have to go on is the word of people  
who  
would have an interest in keeping the real reason secret.

Would the Americans really have done this?

A great deal rests on whether the US military could have been capable of  
staging

such an operation, and on how accurate is the science of pin-pointing satellite re-entry. Could anyone predict so precisely where a satellite would fall? The answer in this case is probably yes. The Americans knew exactly the orbit the craft was in, because they had put it there. They knew exactly when to fire the de-orbit engine on the film capsule, and exactly how fast it was going. They had gained much experience in plotting both manned and unmanned spacecraft re-entry trajectories. If anything, the back-up recovery site would be more precisely known than the primary mid-air one, as for the back-up there would be no chance of the parachute-borne capsule being blown by high winds. The film capsule wasn't coming in from far, either - only 170-ish kilometres. And they had given themselves plenty of room for error at Rendlesham, as they could be out by a good few miles and still crash the thing into uninhabited forest or farmland.

But would they have done so? The Americans could organise a film capsule drop into the North Sea, granted; that does not really affect anyone. But what this theory demands is that they chose as their back-up recovery site an area in civilian Suffolk.

Clearly this was an dangerous and stupid thing to do, and it could well have been fatal if it had gone wrong. If they did do this then it is no surprise that they tried to cover the whole thing up. Dropping a large, heavy lump of metal at 27,000 km/h into a suburb of Ipswich would be an scandal, if true. Why would the Americans think that the recovery of a film capsule was worth the risk?

Perhaps they never really believed that the parachutes would fail. They never failed on any of the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo missions, after all. These were

good, strong, US-built parachutes; so the question of placing the back-up recovery site never seriously arose. They believed, firstly, that they could indeed target a satellite so accurately that it would land on the very runway of the airfield itself; and secondly, that this belief would never be put to the test. But on 27/28 December the parachutes did fail. Fortunately for everyone, the first belief was true, and the capsule stayed on course. But perhaps it scared them, and they never planned a recovery this way again.

More research

It should be easy to prove this theory wrong. The most important aspect to research is to discover precisely when Big Bird 16 dropped its film capsules. I have yet not been able to find this out, but of course that's not to say the information is not around somewhere. If Big Bird did not do a drop on or around the 27/28 December 1980 then there is no way a film capsule can account for the event. (If BB 16 did drop one, however, then the theory becomes a great deal stronger.)

#### Appendix 1: The 67th ARRS

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#### Night Owls

The 67th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron arrived at RAF Woodbridge in December 1969, having transferred from Moron AFB in Spain. The 67th was not strictly part of the United States Air Force in Europe (USAFE), but was directly answerable to the Department of Defense in Washington. The 67th specialised in rescue and night-time operations, including the delivery and retrieval of Special Forces personnel in foreign territory in clandestine operations, and was one of the few units to be equipped with spacecraft-recovery Hercules HC-130 aircraft.

The Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service merged with Special Operations

Forces

in 1983; the rescue service split off again in 1990, but the 67th (now renamed the 67th Special Operations Squadron) formed part of the new AFSOC group. Air Force Special Operations Command's brief includes "unconventional warfare, special reconnaissance, psychological operations, personnel recovery, county-terrorism, counter-narcotics" (Chinnery 1994).

Today the 67th SOS is part of the 352nd Special Operations Group based at RAF Mildenhall, and flies HC-130 N/Ps. The squadron took part in the Gulf War, operating out of Incirlik Air Base in Turkey. It's nickname is "Night Owls".

Aircraft

In mid-1979, just before the Rendlesham Forest UFO incident, the 67th operated the following aircraft:

one x Lockheed Hercules HC-130 H

four x Lockheed Hercules HC-130 N

one x Lockheed Hercules HC-130 P

nine x Sikorsky HH-53 C "Super Jolly Green Giant"

The HC-130 H is an extended-range version of the basic Hercules, having a range of 3602 km (2238 miles), used for recovering personnel, equipment etc. Since 1964, 43 HC-130 Hs were built, most going to the US Coastguard; but eight were delivered to the USAF, of which at least four were adapted specifically for mid-air recovery of space capsules.

The HC-130 N "Combat Shadow" is a USAF search and rescue version of the HC-130 H, used explicitly for aircrew or space capsule recovery, and having advanced direction finding equipment and helicopter refuelling capabilities. Combat Shadows were used during the Gulf War for refuelling. Chinnery sums up the HC-130 P/N variants as "initially modified to conduct search and rescue



missions, provide a command and control platform, air-refuel helicopters and carry supplemental fuel for extending range or for air refuelling... the HC-130 flies clandestine single- or multi-ship missions, usually in low visibility or darkness, intruding into politically sensitive or hostile territory to provide air refuelling for special operations helicopters" (p.270).

The HC-130 P is another Hercules variant, again designed for refuelling helicopters in mid-air, and for recovering parachute-borne payloads. Twenty were built for the USAF. modified from HC-130 Hs by including refuelling drogue pods. According to the 1979-80 edition of Jane's (p.376), a typical helicopter-refuelling mission would involve the HC-130 P taking off with 33,385 kg (73,600 lb) of fuel on board, meeting up with the helicopters at a range of about 925 km (575 miles), transferring 22,000 kg (48,500 lb) of fuel, and then returning home.

The HH-53 C is a night operation rescue and retrieval helicopter, developed purely for the ARRS, with forward-looking IR radar, refuelling boom and on-board IBM computer.

So the picture we build up of the 67th in 1980 is one of an specialised night-operations squadron, based in Suffolk, flying mid-air space capsule retrieval missions. The HH-53 C helicopters would fly out to the Dogger Bank area, to pick up the capsule floating in the North Sea should the circling Hercules aircraft miss it on its way down. Most of the helicopters' fuel is used up flying north, but the HC-130s double up as refuelling bases for the copters, so that's not a worry. (A Hercules itself can quite easily stay airborne for eight hours, running off two engines.)

## Appendix 2: Big Bird

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### The Satellite

Big Bird was a 'low altitude surveillance platform' (LASP), the main US

spysat  
during the 1970s. The core of the Lockheed-built satellite was a large Cassegrain telescope with a 2.4 m (8 ft) focal length. Behind the telescope itself were two cameras: a KH7 Eastman Kodak one for photographing large areas, and a Perkin-Elmer high resolution camera for detail (0.3 m resolution from 160 miles up, allegedly). Big Bird was basically a cylinder about 15.2 m long and 3.05 m in diameter, and weighed about 8,165 kg. Power came from two large solar arrays, and a fat battery for darkside work; a 6 m extendable antenna allowed it to communicate with its controllers. Big Bird was manoeuvrable too: it carried a restartable liquid propellant engine, which was periodically refired to keep the thing in orbit.

Big Bird could also carry another satellite as piggy-back, usually an ELINT electronic warfare one which would be sent into a higher orbit of its own. Carrying another satellite would bump Big Bird's weight up to at least 11,000 kg or so.

The first Big Bird was launched on 15 June 1971 from Point Arguello at Vandenberg AFB. The last one was launched in 1984.

### Big Bird 16

This one was launched from Vandenberg AFB on top of a Titan 3D rocket at 10.48 am local time (18.48 GMT) on Wednesday 18 June 1980. The satellite went into a 96.46% orbit (as determined by the Royal Aeronautical Establishment the day after its launch), which is a polar one typical of spy satellites; the satellite orbits the poles while the Earth slowly revolves beneath it, allowing the satellite coverage over the whole of the Earth's surface. The orbit was also extremely low - only 265 km up at its highest altitude - again typical of spysats, as the lower the camera the better the pictures. Such a low orbit necessitated a fast orbit speed (Big Bird 16 circled the Earth every 88.87

minutes), and had the effect of substantially limiting the satellite's life, as at that altitude it was only a matter of time before the drag of the atmosphere sucked it back towards Earth. Even with a booster engine on board Big Birds could only stay up for about six months or so.

Like all satellites, Big Bird 16's orbit was elliptical, although only slightly so in Big Bird's case, its orbital eccentricity being 0.007, essentially circular. However, Big Bird 16 definitely did have a lowest point of approach to Earth (169 km at its lowest, rather than 265 km at its highest) and it would make sense to collect a dropped film capsule on its low pass rather than a higher one. This lowest point is known as the 'argument of perigee'; for Big Bird 16 it was 145°, which translates as a latitude of 35° north, with the satellite on its southward pass.

Big Bird 16 was "de-orbited" on 6 March 1981 after 261 days in orbit. Instead of allowing it to re-enter the atmosphere, with the possibility that would bring bits of Big Bird falling to the ground anywhere the Soviets might pick them up, the USAF controllers detonated an on-board explosive.

Note on designation

The launch on 18 June 1980 is generally recognised to be that of the sixteenth Big Bird. Jane's however designates it as Big Bird 15, not recognising a 1977 launch as being a Big Bird one.

The international designation for Big Bird 16's launch is 1980-52 A, which is how it is identified in the Royal Aeronautical Establishment's satellite orbit tables.

The film capsules

Big Bird 16 carried six recoverable film capsules, each with its own de-orbit engine. Over the course of its six month life, BB 16 dropped all of

these, and  
the core of this theory is that such a film capsule was dropped on the  
night of  
27/28 December 1980. The precise structure of a film pod is still  
classified,  
as far as I am aware, but it is still possible to reason out what it  
would have  
been like. A film capsule would have contained:

1 a solid fuel de-orbit engine. Solid fuel allows a design with as few  
moving  
parts as possible. The engine ejected before the capsule re-entered the  
Earth's  
atmosphere.

2 drogue and main parachutes and cords, which would have taken up most  
of the  
bulk of the capsule. When (if) the capsule lands in the sea, explosive  
bolts  
would fire to eject the parachutes and so prevent the capsule from being  
dragged underwater by current.

3 a barometric pressure gauge, to begin parachute deployment at the  
right  
altitude, and to eject the parachute again if necessary before hitting  
the  
water.

4 a telemetry beacon, keeping in radio contact with the ground crew.

5 possibly a more basic radio beacon too, sending out simple pulses, so  
the  
capsule can be located if the telemetry link is broken, and to guide the  
aircraft in to its general position at night.

6 a massively powerful light, so that the aircrew can home in on the  
capsule  
during a night pick-up, and for the helicopters to locate it in the sea  
if the  
Hercules fail.

7 a battery to run all of this equipment.

8 a solidly-built heat shield, which would also eject should the capsule  
hit  
water.

9 possibly some sort of self-righting equipment (balloons or floats) if  
it hits  
water.

10 and, of course, the exposed film itself.

All of this is based on what is known about other American capsule recoveries, such as Discovery, the space shuttle solid fuel rocket boosters or the Apollo missions (see Satellite Recoveries). It's clear that the term 'film capsule' applies to a fairly large and expensive piece of kit.

(See BIG\_BIRD.GIF for a Map of the situation)

### Appendix 3: Satellite Recoveries

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The vast majority of satellites which re-enter the earth's atmosphere burn up, of course. However, ground controllers occasionally want to recover them for reasons of cost, military security, or for the simple fact that humans are on board; and for these reasons satellite recovery has become an important part of space technology.

#### Discoverer

Discoverer 2 (1959) was the first recoverable space capsule launched, but errors caused by ground control meant that it crashed into ice near Spitzbergen. This was only the first of many such failures. Discoverer 13 almost made it: circling U2 spyplanes and radar aircraft tracked it on its way down through the atmosphere, but the mid-air retrieval failed, and it landed in the sea. On 18 August 1960 Discoverer 14 was launched, and was later successfully snatched in mid-air by a C-119 skimming across the top of its parachute and catching the capsule by a line stretched from the cargo door. (The pilot was awarded the DFC for this, and the capsule was put on display in a museum.)

The USAF was eager to perfect this technique at night, and over the course of time the Americans put brilliant strobe-lights and telemetry packages on

Discoverers.

However the overall success rate was not improving, and the adverse comment attracted by continuing failures led the military to classify all its satellite launches from 1961 onwards.

Originally the capsules were collected by ship if the mid-air pick-ups failed. The last three ships were retired in 1974, and helicopters have been used since then.

Space shuttle rocket boosters

Few civilian space objects are designed to be retrieved, but one example is the pair of rocket boosters which help the shuttle for the first few seconds of its launch. (It was an O-ring failure on one of these boosters which caused the Challenger explosion in 1986). Once ejected from the ascending shuttle, the boosters reach 4650 km/h before being slowed by atmospheric drag. A barometric switch deploys the pilot parachute at an altitude of 4,694 m, and then the drogue follows; the main parachutes come on at 2,012 m, slowing the booster's fall to about 376 km/h (about 233 mph). They only fully inflate at 670 m and the vehicle decelerates to 111 km/h (69 mph) before hitting the water. On splashdown an impact switch separates the parachutes so that the booster is not dragged underwater. The space shuttle boosters are of course far too large for a mid-air recovery to be contemplated.

Soviet recoveries

Russian Cosmos satellites of the early 1980s were often low altitude spysats like Big Bird, although of a much simpler design (see Soviet satellites), and they too were expected to re-enter and be recovered. The Soviets, however, relied on land recovery. C1227, for instance, re-entered at the same time as

the Rendlesham Forest incident, landing by parachute in Kazakhstan on 28 December 1980, and emitting a "two-tone" recovery beacon so that the Russian military could find it (ie. alternately transmitting a brief signal on two separate frequencies). More advanced satellites sent telemetry. Most Russian military satellites, however, were detonated at the end of their missions so none of it could be recovered by the West.

In October 1976 a Soyuz manned capsule accidentally landed in Lake Tengiz. "The main parachute dragged the capsule over the water for some time. Some electrical connectors corroded in the salty water of Lake Tengiz and the reserve parachute was deployed due to an electrical short. This reserve parachute became filled with water and sunk to the bottom of the lake. Had the lake not been shallow the reserve parachute may have pulled the capsule below the water..." (Haeseler 1995). The two cosmonauts were eventually rescued after 11 hours in the airtight capsule.

#### Appendix 4: RAF Woodbridge and Bentwaters

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##### 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.

Appendix 5: A Soviet Satellite Crash?

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The possibility of the Americans stealing a Russian satellite has already been

suggested as an explanation for Rendlesham Forest. Jenny Randles speculates

that the USAF could have 'guided down' a Soviet satellite from its orbit,

perhaps one with a 'nuclear engine', which would be enough of a secret for the

Americans to concoct a UFO cover story. The fact that a Russian satellite did

re-enter on the night of 27/28 December 1980 seems to support this.

However, I

think enough is known about the Russian satellites at the time to rule this

out.

There were only two Russian satellites in orbit at the time which could be

serious contenders, C1227 and C749.

Cosmos 1227



C1227 was a third generation photo reconnaissance spysat, designed to take high resolution photographs of a single area, and was essentially a spherical-cylindrical shape, weighing about 5,900 kg or so. It was launched from Plesetsk in NE USSR on an A-2 launcher on Tuesday 16 December 1980, at 3.15 pm local time (12.15 GMT), and was put into a standard low-level polar spysat orbit, like Big Bird.

C1227 had a much shorter life span, however. Like all third generation Russian spysats, it was designed to stay up for only 13-14 days or so. (For this reason the USSR needed to launch dozens of satellites to offer permanent coverage - 34 were launched in 1980 alone.) Once in a 350 x 420 km orbit it only needed eleven days in which to cover the whole of the earth's surface in 2% wide strips. C1227 lasted 11.8 days, in fact; it re-entered at 7.00 GMT on Sunday 28 December, and landed in Kazakhstan.

Are the Americans likely to have tried to capture it?

No. A cheap expendable capsule like C1227 would not have been worth the bother. It certainly would not have had a 'nuclear engine', as the Russians would not have needed to go to the trouble of putting one on board if they knew it would be coming back down in eleven days or so. Third generation spysats did not even have solar arrays, as they could happily run off a battery for the short time they were in orbit. Nuclear fuels are used only rarely in satellites, and certainly not for anything which even has a slim chance of coming back into the earth's atmosphere.

Moreover, if we are to believe that the US did successfully capture a satellite from its orbit, then we would expect the Soviets to freeze their launch programme until they figured out a way of combating this threat. But the Cosmos launches carry on as normal after C1227, implying that nothing odd had

happened  
at all. And, despite all the revelations of the USSR's space launches  
which  
have emerged since 1989, nothing has appeared about a 'stolen'  
satellite.

Finally, a 7.00 GMT re-entry time is a bit late for an event supposed to  
have  
occurred around midnight.

Cosmos 749 C-1 upper stage

C749, on the other hand, was a much better piece of kit. This was a  
small ELINT  
(electronic intelligence) satellite, only weighing 2,200 kg or so, and  
had been  
launched on top of a C-1 booster from Plesetsk years previously, on 4  
July  
1975. C749's orbit was higher and lasted longer: 1,911 days, according  
to the  
RAE satellite tables. On the other hand, C749 was not heat-shielded, and  
would  
have burnt up in the upper atmosphere had it not already been detonated  
by its  
ground controllers on 26 September 1980.

The important thing about C749, from the Rendlesham Forest point of  
view, was  
its upper stage booster, the part of the C-1 rocket which had put it  
into its  
final orbit. Instead of falling back into the atmosphere as intended,  
the upper  
stage went into orbit on its own, even being given an international  
satellite  
designation number (1975-62 B). The lifetime of the upper stage lasted  
2,001.84  
days, only decaying on 25 December 1980.

It is this decay which has caused much speculation. The RAE tables  
comment that  
it was "observed over Sussex, England", and Jenny Randles in Sky Crash  
states  
that its break-up was seen over the Thames estuary. Randles wonders  
whether US  
helicopters picked it up from the sea, then accidentally dropped it over  
the  
forest, causing all the panic.

But it must be stressed that the 25th December re-entry was not of a  
satellite,

only a charred piece of upper stage rocket, barely a cylinder of metal,  
surely  
not worth the effort. And there is no suggestion of the 67th guiding the  
thing  
back; the upper stage was free-falling.

Could anyone steal a satellite from its orbit, anyway?

How likely is it that the Americans had the technology in 1980 to  
'steal' a  
foreign, orbiting satellite, and to guide it back to earth? Admittedly  
they  
knew precisely what was up there, and what orbits satellites were in, as  
in  
1980 the 'Spacetrack' system at NORAD headquarters in the Cheyenne  
Mountains  
was working well, making thousands of satellite observations a day,  
logging  
decay and predicting re-entry. And both sides collected each other's  
space  
debris whenever possible - hence the necessity of blowing up redundant  
military  
satellites while still in orbit.

But nothing has turned up to suggest that either side could bring a  
force to  
bear on a satellite in its orbit (or a re-entering capsule) to actively  
force  
it down. The efforts made by the US to develop Star Wars technology as a  
way of  
destroying satellites while still in orbit suggests that no such system  
existed. And even if the US military did have such a system, would they  
have  
aimed the incoming satellite at Suffolk? (Of course, they could have  
aimed it  
at the North Sea, and it hit Rendlesham Forest as its back-up, but then  
we are  
back to the Big Bird theory anyway.)

There remains the possibility that a Russian satellite crashed onto the  
end of  
the runway at RAF Woodbridge by accident, but this coincidence - that a  
satellite should by chance fall into the hands of the only satellite  
retrieval  
unit for thousands of miles - just beggars belief.

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This is the article I read.

Remember that Iran had the hostages then, and we needed all the intelligence we could get on the goings-on in Tehran.

We DID have an antisatellite program in the '60s, called SAINT (Satellite Interceptor). It was simply a satellite with a restartable engine, guidance, and a magnet to grab onto another satellite. I don't know if it ever flew.

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I remember the same thing.

I enclose an article about this which I had found among the files of my old BBS. I'm attaching to this mail an image too.

Sorry guys, but I don't have the source.

Greetings from the south.

Luis E. Pacheco  
Buenos Aires - Argentine Republic

Rendlesham Forest: December 1980

Did the Americans drop a satellite on Suffolk?

Rendlesham Forest, 27/28 December 1980

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## Introduction

The Rendlesham Forest event, on or around the night of Saturday to Sunday, 27/28 December 1980, is one of the most famous 'UFO' incidents in Britain. More than fifty witnesses, both military and civilian, have come forward to give their impressions of what happened, and the case prompted the disclosure of one of the few official defence documents relating to a UFO sighting. Explanations of the event range from crashing alien spaceships to wild drug parties, and from distant lighthouses to bizarre secret military experiments.

Put simply, the theory I am presenting here suggests that the men of the 67th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery squadron, based in Rendlesham Forest, were just doing their job. It is known that a spy satellite was orbiting at that date, and it is known that the 67th was one of the units assigned to collect the film capsules dropped from the satellite. Here I am putting these two facts together.

## The Theory

While the mother satellite carries on in its orbit the capsule begins re-entry over the North Sea, heading SSW. Some Lockheed HC-130 Hercules aircraft and a group of HH-53C helicopters of the 67th ARRS are on station over the Dogger Bank, waiting to retrieve the falling capsule, either from mid-air (by Hercules) or from the sea (by helicopter). But the parachutes on the capsule fail to open. Whereas the parachutes would have slowed down the satellite substantially, changing its trajectory, the capsule still continues along its original descent path, flying fast and high above the waiting (and now redundant) aircraft.

The possibility of a parachute failure had already been explored by Big Bird's controllers, and re-entry for film capsules had been calculated in such

a way  
that if everything went wrong, and the capsule did become a free-falling  
rock,  
it would still land at a site where the recovery team can collect it. In  
this  
case the back-up recovery site is RAF Woodbridge itself. Only a few  
minutes  
after the 67th learn of the parachute failure, the capsule, recovery  
lights  
blazing, flies over Lowestoft (getting noticed on radar in the process)  
and  
crashes into Rendlesham Forest at the end of the airfield's runway. The  
emergency base crew start rushing about in the forest to find the thing,  
and a  
cover story is put into immediate effect.

Neither the USAF nor the MOD want people to know that they've been  
aiming  
satellites into Suffolk, yet many civilians (and military personnel at  
the base  
not privy to the secret Big Bird recoveries, too) are bound to have seen  
something come crashing in, and have noticed the base burst into a  
flurry of  
activity. The cover story spreads deliberate misinformation about the  
incident,  
claiming that a 'UFO' has landed. Any other story (eg. a meteor or a  
plane  
crash) would need some sort of hard evidence the 67th would later have  
to show  
investigators, but a 'UFO' story is implausible enough to discredit  
witnesses.  
The bare bones of the story are: saucer with lights, jeep engines  
failing, cows  
going crazy in the fields etc. Deliberate confusion is spread about the  
date  
and the specific location of the incident. Depressions are dug in the  
ground,  
and shown later to the police. The radar tape is taken. Engineers come  
in to  
repair the damage done to the runway lights by the capsule's crash. Base  
personnel not in on the truth hear the rumours and organise their own  
'sky-watching' parties in the next few nights. Senior base personnel  
similarly  
unaware of the 67th's activities insist that Colonel Halt sends a memo  
to the  
MOD, which he does. The MOD refer researchers to UFO stories, both now  
and in  
1983 when the incident blows up in public again. Halt is later promoted.  
Over  
time the whole thing becomes a mass of claim and counter-claim.

Discussion of the theory looks critically at the basis of the theory,  
and the  
Appendices (The 67th ARRS, Big Bird, Satellite Recoveries, RAF  
Woodbridge and  
Bentwaters, A Soviet Satellite crash?) contain supporting information.

I would like to thank Richard Kidd and Michael Akeroyd for comments and  
suggestions.

Alan Akeroyd

August 1996

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#### Discussion

Discussion of the theory

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So, is the theory likely?

Although the 67th ARRS is recognised as a satellite capsule recovery  
squadron,  
few people seem to have considered that the incident might be based on  
the unit  
trying to recover a satellite. The 67th was a specialist space capsule  
and  
aircrew retrieval unit, it was one of the very few in the whole of  
Europe  
specialised for such a purpose, and it was so important that it did not  
even  
report to the USAFE like the vast majority of American squadrons here,  
but  
reported directly to the DoD in Washington (see The 67th ARRS). And the  
Rendlesham Forest event involves something 'crashing out of the sky'  
right at  
the end of the 67th's runway. Out of all the places where this object  
could  
have landed, it did so on the very runway of a satellite retrieval  
squadron.

Some UFO commentators have noticed this, but the reasoning used to  
account for  
this appears less plausible. Jenny Randles suggests that the Americans  
could  
have successfully stolen a Soviet satellite from orbit and somehow  
guided it  
down into the forest, but this is unlikely for several reasons (see



Soviet  
satellite crash). More outlandish theories are that visiting aliens  
crashed  
there because they found a satellite retrieval base intrinsically  
interesting  
to visit; or that RAF Woodbridge was sufficiently secure to arrange a  
meeting  
between earth representatives and space alien envoys.

But these all seem to get way from the point a bit.... The 67th was in  
Suffolk  
to recover American satellites. That was its job. At the very least we  
should  
consider the possibility that the 67th was trying to do just that in  
December  
1980.

Did it go up, or down?

The witnesses into two groups: civilian and military. Overall there were  
at  
least fifty witnesses in some form or another, which is why Rendlesham  
Forest  
has become the most famous and best-attested 'UFO' case in Britain. But  
they do  
not all come out with the same story.

The military witnesses reported saucers, aliens, strange lights, jeep  
engines  
failing, cows going berserk, radioactive marks on the ground and on tree  
trunks  
etc. They saw an alien spacecraft carefully and quietly ease itself  
through the  
forest before finding an open field, and soaring back up into the sky  
again.

The civilian witnesses restrict their account to seeing something come  
down - a  
light crashing in from over Lowestoft, falling into the forest. And then  
they  
saw the airbase burst into frantic activity. But no one seems to have  
seen the  
object go back up. For this, all we have to go on is the word of people  
who  
would have an interest in keeping the real reason secret.

Would the Americans really have done this?

A great deal rests on whether the US military could have been capable of  
staging

such an operation, and on how accurate is the science of pin-pointing satellite re-entry. Could anyone predict so precisely where a satellite would fall? The answer in this case is probably yes. The Americans knew exactly the orbit the craft was in, because they had put it there. They knew exactly when to fire the de-orbit engine on the film capsule, and exactly how fast it was going. They had gained much experience in plotting both manned and unmanned spacecraft re-entry trajectories. If anything, the back-up recovery site would be more precisely known than the primary mid-air one, as for the back-up there would be no chance of the parachute-borne capsule being blown by high winds. The film capsule wasn't coming in from far, either - only 170-ish kilometres. And they had given themselves plenty of room for error at Rendlesham, as they could be out by a good few miles and still crash the thing into uninhabited forest or farmland.

But would they have done so? The Americans could organise a film capsule drop into the North Sea, granted; that does not really affect anyone. But what this theory demands is that they chose as their back-up recovery site an area in civilian Suffolk.

Clearly this was an dangerous and stupid thing to do, and it could well have been fatal if it had gone wrong. If they did do this then it is no surprise that they tried to cover the whole thing up. Dropping a large, heavy lump of metal at 27,000 km/h into a suburb of Ipswich would be an scandal, if true. Why would the Americans think that the recovery of a film capsule was worth the risk?

Perhaps they never really believed that the parachutes would fail. They never failed on any of the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo missions, after all. These were

good, strong, US-built parachutes; so the question of placing the back-up recovery site never seriously arose. They believed, firstly, that they could indeed target a satellite so accurately that it would land on the very runway of the airfield itself; and secondly, that this belief would never be put to the test. But on 27/28 December the parachutes did fail. Fortunately for everyone, the first belief was true, and the capsule stayed on course. But perhaps it scared them, and they never planned a recovery this way again.

More research

It should be easy to prove this theory wrong. The most important aspect to research is to discover precisely when Big Bird 16 dropped its film capsules. I have yet not been able to find this out, but of course that's not to say the information is not around somewhere. If Big Bird did not do a drop on or around the 27/28 December 1980 then there is no way a film capsule can account for the event. (If BB 16 did drop one, however, then the theory becomes a great deal stronger.)

#### Appendix 1: The 67th ARRS

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#### Night Owls

The 67th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron arrived at RAF Woodbridge in December 1969, having transferred from Moron AFB in Spain. The 67th was not strictly part of the United States Air Force in Europe (USAFE), but was directly answerable to the Department of Defense in Washington. The 67th specialised in rescue and night-time operations, including the delivery and retrieval of Special Forces personnel in foreign territory in clandestine operations, and was one of the few units to be equipped with spacecraft-recovery Hercules HC-130 aircraft.

The Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service merged with Special Operations

Forces

in 1983; the rescue service split off again in 1990, but the 67th (now renamed the 67th Special Operations Squadron) formed part of the new AFSOC group. Air Force Special Operations Command's brief includes "unconventional warfare, special reconnaissance, psychological operations, personnel recovery, county-terrorism, counter-narcotics" (Chinnery 1994).

Today the 67th SOS is part of the 352nd Special Operations Group based at RAF Mildenhall, and flies HC-130 N/Ps. The squadron took part in the Gulf War, operating out of Incirlik Air Base in Turkey. It's nickname is "Night Owls".

Aircraft

In mid-1979, just before the Rendlesham Forest UFO incident, the 67th operated the following aircraft:

one x Lockheed Hercules HC-130 H

four x Lockheed Hercules HC-130 N

one x Lockheed Hercules HC-130 P

nine x Sikorsky HH-53 C "Super Jolly Green Giant"

The HC-130 H is an extended-range version of the basic Hercules, having a range of 3602 km (2238 miles), used for recovering personnel, equipment etc. Since 1964, 43 HC-130 Hs were built, most going to the US Coastguard; but eight were delivered to the USAF, of which at least four were adapted specifically for mid-air recovery of space capsules.

The HC-130 N "Combat Shadow" is a USAF search and rescue version of the HC-130

H, used explicitly for aircrew or space capsule recovery, and having advanced

direction finding equipment and helicopter refuelling capabilities.

Combat

Shadows were used during the Gulf War for refuelling. Chinnery sums up the

HC-130 P/N variants as "initially modified to conduct search and rescue

missions, provide a command and control platform, air-refuel helicopters and carry supplemental fuel for extending range or for air refuelling... the HC-130 flies clandestine single- or multi-ship missions, usually in low visibility or darkness, intruding into politically sensitive or hostile territory to provide air refuelling for special operations helicopters" (p.270).

The HC-130 P is another Hercules variant, again designed for refuelling helicopters in mid-air, and for recovering parachute-borne payloads. Twenty were built for the USAF. modified from HC-130 Hs by including refuelling drogue pods. According to the 1979-80 edition of Jane's (p.376), a typical helicopter-refuelling mission would involve the HC-130 P taking off with 33,385 kg (73,600 lb) of fuel on board, meeting up with the helicopters at a range of about 925 km (575 miles), transferring 22,000 kg (48,500 lb) of fuel, and then returning home.

The HH-53 C is a night operation rescue and retrieval helicopter, developed purely for the ARRS, with forward-looking IR radar, refuelling boom and on-board IBM computer.

So the picture we build up of the 67th in 1980 is one of an specialised night-operations squadron, based in Suffolk, flying mid-air space capsule retrieval missions. The HH-53 C helicopters would fly out to the Dogger Bank area, to pick up the capsule floating in the North Sea should the circling Hercules aircraft miss it on its way down. Most of the helicopters' fuel is used up flying north, but the HC-130s double up as refuelling bases for the copters, so that's not a worry. (A Hercules itself can quite easily stay airborne for eight hours, running off two engines.)

## Appendix 2: Big Bird

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### The Satellite

Big Bird was a 'low altitude surveillance platform' (LASP), the main US

spysat during the 1970s. The core of the Lockheed-built satellite was a large Cassegrain telescope with a 2.4 m (8 ft) focal length. Behind the telescope itself were two cameras: a KH7 Eastman Kodak one for photographing large areas, and a Perkin-Elmer high resolution camera for detail (0.3 m resolution from 160 miles up, allegedly). Big Bird was basically a cylinder about 15.2 m long and 3.05 m in diameter, and weighed about 8,165 kg. Power came from two large solar arrays, and a fat battery for darkside work; a 6 m extendable antenna allowed it to communicate with its controllers. Big Bird was manoeuvrable too: it carried a restartable liquid propellant engine, which was periodically refired to keep the thing in orbit.

Big Bird could also carry another satellite as piggy-back, usually an ELINT electronic warfare one which would be sent into a higher orbit of its own. Carrying another satellite would bump Big Bird's weight up to at least 11,000 kg or so.

The first Big Bird was launched on 15 June 1971 from Point Arguello at Vandenberg AFB. The last one was launched in 1984.

### Big Bird 16

This one was launched from Vandenberg AFB on top of a Titan 3D rocket at 10.48 am local time (18.48 GMT) on Wednesday 18 June 1980. The satellite went into a 96.46% orbit (as determined by the Royal Aeronautical Establishment the day after its launch), which is a polar one typical of spy satellites; the satellite orbits the poles while the Earth slowly revolves beneath it, allowing the satellite coverage over the whole of the Earth's surface. The orbit was also extremely low - only 265 km up at its highest altitude - again typical of spysats, as the lower the camera the better the pictures. Such a low orbit necessitated a fast orbit speed (Big Bird 16 circled the Earth every 88.87

minutes), and had the effect of substantially limiting the satellite's life, as at that altitude it was only a matter of time before the drag of the atmosphere sucked it back towards Earth. Even with a booster engine on board Big Birds could only stay up for about six months or so.

Like all satellites, Big Bird 16's orbit was elliptical, although only slightly so in Big Bird's case, its orbital eccentricity being 0.007, essentially circular. However, Big Bird 16 definitely did have a lowest point of approach to Earth (169 km at its lowest, rather than 265 km at its highest) and it would make sense to collect a dropped film capsule on its low pass rather than a higher one. This lowest point is known as the 'argument of perigee'; for Big Bird 16 it was 145°, which translates as a latitude of 35° north, with the satellite on its southward pass.

Big Bird 16 was "de-orbited" on 6 March 1981 after 261 days in orbit. Instead of allowing it to re-enter the atmosphere, with the possibility that would bring bits of Big Bird falling to the ground anywhere the Soviets might pick them up, the USAF controllers detonated an on-board explosive.

Note on designation

The launch on 18 June 1980 is generally recognised to be that of the sixteenth Big Bird. Jane's however designates it as Big Bird 15, not recognising a 1977 launch as being a Big Bird one.

The international designation for Big Bird 16's launch is 1980-52 A, which is how it is identified in the Royal Aeronautical Establishment's satellite orbit tables.

The film capsules

Big Bird 16 carried six recoverable film capsules, each with its own de-orbit engine. Over the course of its six month life, BB 16 dropped all of

these, and  
the core of this theory is that such a film capsule was dropped on the  
night of  
27/28 December 1980. The precise structure of a film pod is still  
classified,  
as far as I am aware, but it is still possible to reason out what it  
would have  
been like. A film capsule would have contained:

1 a solid fuel de-orbit engine. Solid fuel allows a design with as few  
moving  
parts as possible. The engine ejected before the capsule re-entered the  
Earth's  
atmosphere.

2 drogue and main parachutes and cords, which would have taken up most  
of the  
bulk of the capsule. When (if) the capsule lands in the sea, explosive  
bolts  
would fire to eject the parachutes and so prevent the capsule from being  
dragged underwater by current.

3 a barometric pressure gauge, to begin parachute deployment at the  
right  
altitude, and to eject the parachute again if necessary before hitting  
the  
water.

4 a telemetry beacon, keeping in radio contact with the ground crew.

5 possibly a more basic radio beacon too, sending out simple pulses, so  
the  
capsule can be located if the telemetry link is broken, and to guide the  
aircraft in to its general position at night.

6 a massively powerful light, so that the aircrew can home in on the  
capsule  
during a night pick-up, and for the helicopters to locate it in the sea  
if the  
Hercules fail.

7 a battery to run all of this equipment.

8 a solidly-built heat shield, which would also eject should the capsule  
hit  
water.

9 possibly some sort of self-righting equipment (balloons or floats) if  
it hits  
water.



10 and, of course, the exposed film itself.

All of this is based on what is known about other American capsule recoveries, such as Discovery, the space shuttle solid fuel rocket boosters or the Apollo missions (see Satellite Recoveries). It's clear that the term 'film capsule' applies to a fairly large and expensive piece of kit.

(See BIG\_BIRD.GIF for a Map of the situation)

### Appendix 3: Satellite Recoveries

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The vast majority of satellites which re-enter the earth's atmosphere burn up, of course. However, ground controllers occasionally want to recover them for reasons of cost, military security, or for the simple fact that humans are on board; and for these reasons satellite recovery has become an important part of space technology.

#### Discoverer

Discoverer 2 (1959) was the first recoverable space capsule launched, but errors caused by ground control meant that it crashed into ice near Spitzbergen. This was only the first of many such failures. Discoverer 13 almost made it: circling U2 spyplanes and radar aircraft tracked it on its way down through the atmosphere, but the mid-air retrieval failed, and it landed in the sea. On 18 August 1960 Discoverer 14 was launched, and was later successfully snatched in mid-air by a C-119 skimming across the top of its parachute and catching the capsule by a line stretched from the cargo door. (The pilot was awarded the DFC for this, and the capsule was put on display in a museum.)

The USAF was eager to perfect this technique at night, and over the course of time the Americans put brilliant strobe-lights and telemetry packages on

Discoverers.

However the overall success rate was not improving, and the adverse comment attracted by continuing failures led the military to classify all its satellite launches from 1961 onwards.

Originally the capsules were collected by ship if the mid-air pick-ups failed. The last three ships were retired in 1974, and helicopters have been used since then.

Space shuttle rocket boosters

Few civilian space objects are designed to be retrieved, but one example is the pair of rocket boosters which help the shuttle for the first few seconds of its launch. (It was an O-ring failure on one of these boosters which caused the Challenger explosion in 1986). Once ejected from the ascending shuttle, the boosters reach 4650 km/h before being slowed by atmospheric drag. A barometric switch deploys the pilot parachute at an altitude of 4,694 m, and then the drogue follows; the main parachutes come on at 2,012 m, slowing the booster's fall to about 376 km/h (about 233 mph). They only fully inflate at 670 m and the vehicle decelerates to 111 km/h (69 mph) before hitting the water. On splashdown an impact switch separates the parachutes so that the booster is not dragged underwater. The space shuttle boosters are of course far too large for a mid-air recovery to be contemplated.

Soviet recoveries

Russian Cosmos satellites of the early 1980s were often low altitude spysats like Big Bird, although of a much simpler design (see Soviet satellites), and they too were expected to re-enter and be recovered. The Soviets, however, relied on land recovery. C1227, for instance, re-entered at the same time as

the Rendlesham Forest incident, landing by parachute in Kazakhstan on 28 December 1980, and emitting a "two-tone" recovery beacon so that the Russian military could find it (ie. alternately transmitting a brief signal on two separate frequencies). More advanced satellites sent telemetry. Most Russian military satellites, however, were detonated at the end of their missions so none of it could be recovered by the West.

In October 1976 a Soyuz manned capsule accidentally landed in Lake Tengiz. "The main parachute dragged the capsule over the water for some time. Some electrical connectors corroded in the salty water of Lake Tengiz and the reserve parachute was deployed due to an electrical short. This reserve parachute became filled with water and sunk to the bottom of the lake. Had the lake not been shallow the reserve parachute may have pulled the capsule below the water..." (Haeseler 1995). The two cosmonauts were eventually rescued after 11 hours in the airtight capsule.

#### Appendix 4: RAF Woodbridge and Bentwaters

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##### 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.

Appendix 5: A Soviet Satellite Crash?

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The possibility of the Americans stealing a Russian satellite has already been

suggested as an explanation for Rendlesham Forest. Jenny Randles speculates

that the USAF could have 'guided down' a Soviet satellite from its orbit,

perhaps one with a 'nuclear engine', which would be enough of a secret for the

Americans to concoct a UFO cover story. The fact that a Russian satellite did

re-enter on the night of 27/28 December 1980 seems to support this.

However, I

think enough is known about the Russian satellites at the time to rule this

out.

There were only two Russian satellites in orbit at the time which could be

serious contenders, C1227 and C749.

Cosmos 1227

C1227 was a third generation photo reconnaissance spysat, designed to take high resolution photographs of a single area, and was essentially a spherical-cylindrical shape, weighing about 5,900 kg or so. It was launched from Plesetsk in NE USSR on an A-2 launcher on Tuesday 16 December 1980, at 3.15 pm local time (12.15 GMT), and was put into a standard low-level polar spysat orbit, like Big Bird.

C1227 had a much shorter life span, however. Like all third generation Russian spysats, it was designed to stay up for only 13-14 days or so. (For this reason the USSR needed to launch dozens of satellites to offer permanent coverage - 34 were launched in 1980 alone.) Once in a 350 x 420 km orbit it only needed eleven days in which to cover the whole of the earth's surface in 2% wide strips. C1227 lasted 11.8 days, in fact; it re-entered at 7.00 GMT on Sunday 28 December, and landed in Kazakhstan.

Are the Americans likely to have tried to capture it?

No. A cheap expendable capsule like C1227 would not have been worth the bother. It certainly would not have had a 'nuclear engine', as the Russians would not have needed to go to the trouble of putting one on board if they knew it would be coming back down in eleven days or so. Third generation spysats did not even have solar arrays, as they could happily run off a battery for the short time they were in orbit. Nuclear fuels are used only rarely in satellites, and certainly not for anything which even has a slim chance of coming back into the earth's atmosphere.

Moreover, if we are to believe that the US did successfully capture a satellite from its orbit, then we would expect the Soviets to freeze their launch programme until they figured out a way of combating this threat. But the Cosmos launches carry on as normal after C1227, implying that nothing odd had

happened  
at all. And, despite all the revelations of the USSR's space launches  
which  
have emerged since 1989, nothing has appeared about a 'stolen'  
satellite.

Finally, a 7.00 GMT re-entry time is a bit late for an event supposed to  
have  
occurred around midnight.

Cosmos 749 C-1 upper stage

C749, on the other hand, was a much better piece of kit. This was a  
small ELINT  
(electronic intelligence) satellite, only weighing 2,200 kg or so, and  
had been  
launched on top of a C-1 booster from Plesetsk years previously, on 4  
July  
1975. C749's orbit was higher and lasted longer: 1,911 days, according  
to the  
RAE satellite tables. On the other hand, C749 was not heat-shielded, and  
would  
have burnt up in the upper atmosphere had it not already been detonated  
by its  
ground controllers on 26 September 1980.

The important thing about C749, from the Rendlesham Forest point of  
view, was  
its upper stage booster, the part of the C-1 rocket which had put it  
into its  
final orbit. Instead of falling back into the atmosphere as intended,  
the upper  
stage went into orbit on its own, even being given an international  
satellite  
designation number (1975-62 B). The lifetime of the upper stage lasted  
2,001.84  
days, only decaying on 25 December 1980.

It is this decay which has caused much speculation. The RAE tables  
comment that  
it was "observed over Sussex, England", and Jenny Randles in Sky Crash  
states  
that its break-up was seen over the Thames estuary. Randles wonders  
whether US  
helicopters picked it up from the sea, then accidentally dropped it over  
the  
forest, causing all the panic.

But it must be stressed that the 25th December re-entry was not of a  
satellite,

only a charred piece of upper stage rocket, barely a cylinder of metal,  
surely  
not worth the effort. And there is no suggestion of the 67th guiding the  
thing  
back; the upper stage was free-falling.

Could anyone steal a satellite from its orbit, anyway?

How likely is it that the Americans had the technology in 1980 to  
'steal' a  
foreign, orbiting satellite, and to guide it back to earth? Admittedly  
they  
knew precisely what was up there, and what orbits satellites were in, as  
in  
1980 the 'Spacetrack' system at NORAD headquarters in the Cheyenne  
Mountains  
was working well, making thousands of satellite observations a day,  
logging  
decay and predicting re-entry. And both sides collected each other's  
space  
debris whenever possible - hence the necessity of blowing up redundant  
military  
satellites while still in orbit.

But nothing has turned up to suggest that either side could bring a  
force to  
bear on a satellite in its orbit (or a re-entering capsule) to actively  
force  
it down. The efforts made by the US to develop Star Wars technology as a  
way of  
destroying satellites while still in orbit suggests that no such system  
existed. And even if the US military did have such a system, would they  
have  
aimed the incoming satellite at Suffolk? (Of course, they could have  
aimed it  
at the North Sea, and it hit Rendlesham Forest as its back-up, but then  
we are  
back to the Big Bird theory anyway.)

There remains the possibility that a Russian satellite crashed onto the  
end of  
the runway at RAF Woodbridge by accident, but this coincidence - that a  
satellite should by chance fall into the hands of the only satellite  
retrieval  
unit for thousands of miles - just beggars belief.

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But it all makes sense if the "UFO sighting" was intended to be a cover story to cover up another operation. Then the order of events does not matter, and Halt's second foray into the woods was done to lend more credence to the cover story - and provide some "witnesses".

It also explains the presence of the tape recorder and Geiger counter.

Shades of Roswell.

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@ Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2002 9:16 AM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

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@ Date: 03 December 2002 07:33

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Rendlesham file

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@ >Regarding:

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@ >>From: "Dave" <dave4us@yahoo.com>

@ >>Date: Sat, 30 Nov 2002 07:26:18 -0000

@ >>Subject: [UFORL] The Rendlesham file

@ >

@

@ >In 'Skycrash', Jenny Randles [Brenda Butler and Dot

@ >Street] published an assertion how Jenny, via author Paul

@ >Begg, had been advised that an acquaintance of Paul's -

@ >given the pseudonym of David Potts - was a radar operator

@ >at RAF Watton. Although Potts wasn't directly involved, a

@ >colleague told Potts that on 27 December, 1980 an  
@ >'uncorrelated target'[UCT] had been briefly tracked on  
@ >radar, heading inland from the coast and was lost in the  
@ >vicinity of Rendlesham forest.  
@ >  
@ >A 'couple of days later', some 'intelligence officers'  
@ >from the USAF had asked to look at radar tapes of the  
@ >incident and told an astonishing story that the UCT might  
@ >have been a UFO which had crash-landed in Rendlesham  
@ >forest [and more].  
@ >.....  
@ >  
@ >  
@ >What the MoD did not, apparently, pursue, was  
@ >interviewing Halt, or anyone stationed at the twin RAF  
@ >Bentwaters/RAF Woodbridge complex.  
@ >  
@ >  
@ >How then, was Jenny able to be made aware during  
@ >February, 1981, that Watton had been contacted by  
@ >MoD/USAF personnel and they:  
@ >  
@ >"...recounted how the Intelligence Officers had informed  
@ >that the Base Commander and several officers had been  
@ >called out into the forest from a party on base which  
@ >they were attending".  
@ >  
@ >[...]  
@ >  
@ >"They took with them a battery-operated portable tape  
@ >recorder and made a transcript of ensuing events as they  
@ >unfolded".  
@ >  
@ >Both aspects are confirmed factual and central to events  
@ >on said night. Halt, a (one of several) Deputy Base  
@ >Commander - not the Base Commander - had duly been called  
@ >away from an officer's belated Christmas party, did  
@ >assemble a select group of officers to accompany him and  
@ >recorded on a microcassette what he deemed were key  
@ >incidents during his 'real time' investigation.  
@ >  
@ >Evidently, either :  
@ >  
@ >- MoD officials visited Watton in response to Halt's memo  
@ >and although the MoD had not been in contact with base  
@ >personnel, they somehow knew, "that the Base Commander  
@ >and several officers had been called out into the forest  
@ >from a party on base which they were attending... They  
@ >took with them a battery-operated portable tape recorder  
@ >and made a transcript of ensuing events as they

@ >unfolded"...

@ >

@ >That's not tenable - the MoD must have had further,

@ >undocumented, contact to be aware Halt aborted

@ >'attendance' at his Christmas party, gathered a team,

@ >made the recording, et al...

@ >

@ >or...

@ >

@ >It was USAF personnel who 'accompanied' the MoD's

@ >enquiries and presumably mentioned, perhaps by that time

@ >on-base rumours, of a 'Base Commander'/interrupted

@ >Christmas party/tape recording, etc...

@ >

@ >...?

@ >

@ >

@ >James

@

@

@ Hi,

@

@ This is indeed a point I have pondered since the MoD report

@ on Rendlesham

@ was first obtained by Andy and Dave last year.

@

@ As I have mentioned before there were too many consistencies

@ between the

@ story as related to Paul Begg and myself by Potts during late

@ Jan/early Feb

@ 1981 for it not to be based on Potts actual attendance at the

@ visit by the

@ intelligence staff as he claimed. For, recall, he was not

@ claiming to have

@ witnessed the UFO tracking but 'was' saying that he was there

@ when the radar

@ tapes were taken for study. So his account in that regard is

@ first hand.

@

@ The party aspect was one area of clear overlap - ie the relating of an

@ feature of the case unknown through any other source that

@ early. So was the

@ tape recording. This was the earliest reference to its

@ existence by anyone.

@ But there were other features, too, including the nature of

@ the alleged EM

@ effects.

@

@ Indeed - if you subtract the wild story about aliens and the

@ base commander

@ chatting to them - the version as relayed by Potts is  
@ remarkably close to  
@ the version on record today from witnesses. More consistent  
@ with the facts  
@ as we eventually came to understand them many years later  
@ than virtually any  
@ of the stories fed to us at that time by sources who were actually on  
@ Bentwaters. Presumably because the rumours about what  
@ happened grew and grew  
@ with each retelling and so wannabe airmen fed UFOlogists  
@ various distorted  
@ tales.  
@  
@ Incidentally, Potts was absolutely adamant (as I have always  
@ reported) that  
@ USAF intelligence personnel were in the party that was  
@ involved with taking  
@ the radar evidence for study. It was this fact that caused  
@ him to be the  
@ most intrigued because Watton was a joint civil/military base  
@ (Potts himself  
@ was not RAF) and had no US association in the way that Bentwaters did.  
@ Consequently approaches to them were made via the British  
@ government and it  
@ was not usual practice to be handing over MoD property to  
@ Americans, which  
@ is the impression Potts says he was given about what was  
@ going on that day.  
@  
@ This is not entirely in line with what Andy and Dave have  
@ discovered from  
@ the then base commander at Watton about what happened . There  
@ does not seem  
@ to be any official indication of USAF intelligence  
@ involvement. So why was  
@ Potts so adamant about this allegation?  
@  
@ Were USAF intelligence staff from Bentwaters unofficially  
@ present on the  
@ day? Was it merely a courtesy to let them tag along? Or was  
@ there some kind  
@ of interaction between the MoD defence intelligence staff and USAF  
@ intelligence from that early date - which does not seem to be  
@ recorded in  
@ the Rendlesham file?  
@  
@ This is one of several reasons why the file seems incomplete  
@ - in the sense  
@ that there are some good circumstantial indications of  
@ activity by somebody

@ from the UK and US government prior to the lowkey  
@ investigations that we are  
@ told were commenced after the receipt of the Halt memo.  
@  
@ Halt himself told me he regarded this memo almost as a sop to  
@ be sent to the  
@ MoD air staff for their files. That is one reason it  
@ underplays the case  
@ (something that bothered me enough to ask him about).  
@  
@ Think about it. If you are wanting to inform Whitehall for  
@ the very first  
@ time of a UFO encounter that you (as a man hoping to rise up  
@ the ranks ) are  
@ directly endorsing to those who have a say in your future -  
@ do you withhold  
@ the fact that you have:  
@  
@ 1) Tape recorded the events as they happened  
@  
@ 2) Collected soil samples and plaster casts of the  
@ indentations (some of  
@ which Halt still has)  
@  
@ 3) Had a base photographer there to document everything.  
@  
@ In other words, do you file with the people you are seeking to impress  
@ merely an anecdotal account essentially asking them to trust  
@ to your word -  
@ when instead you had what amounts to analysable physical evidence that  
@ potentially turns this case into a lot more than a LITS story.  
@  
@ To me all this just doesnt hold together. Halt implied to me  
@ that he would  
@ have made this data available to the MoD if they had come  
@ back expresssing  
@ interest. It was a sort of test after the attitude of the  
@ British police  
@ that had not sat with the USAF. But the MoD clearly knew of  
@ some (or all?)  
@ of it anyway because the file reveals their very early  
@ awareness of the Halt  
@ tape which is not mentioned by his memo. So they found this  
@ out by some  
@ other route, we must assume that means Moreland.  
@  
@ So, we need to ascertain what else they learned about the  
@ hard evidence that  
@ is not in the file. Not to mention why they didnt pursue it.  
@ There does not

@ seem any indication in the file that they even asked Moreland  
@ to pop along  
@ to Halts office, get a copy of the tape, send them a report on it, or  
@ whatever. Surely (unless you have already decided that the case is a  
@ colossal waste of time - which the file covering the period  
@ Jan - April 1981  
@ does not suggest) then it seems bizarre that such vital  
@ evidence is known to  
@ be sitting on a British base but it creates not a flicker of  
@ interest in  
@ Whitehall.  
@  
@ I would have thought that any alert investigator is not going  
@ to form an  
@ opinion on what may or may not have occurred minus any  
@ analysis of such  
@ critical things like a live tape record, samples, plaster  
@ casts and site  
@ photographs.  
@  
@ So why this discrepancy? Is it because they 'had' heard the  
@ tape, or at  
@ least had a report on it to suggest the associated evidence  
@ was not worth  
@ much in terms of evaluation? If so, where is that report to convey the  
@ reasoning and when was it filed? And why is it not with the  
@ records if these  
@ are comprehensive accounts of the MoD study of the case?  
@  
@ Similarly, if you are the MoD following up this case, as they  
@ did to the  
@ extent of making enquiries regarding radar and radiation  
@ levels, would you  
@ not at least ask the USAF what the status was of the physical  
@ evidence that  
@ had been secured. Because, even though this other evidence is  
@ not mentioned  
@ in the Halt memo its existence is obvious from first hearing  
@ of the Halt  
@ tape which clearly describes it being collected. And the MoD  
@ clearly were  
@ aware of the Halt tape, as the file reveals. So one assumes  
@ they knew of the  
@ other evidence too, at least in that indirect manner.  
@  
@ There is an inconsistency here that puzzles me.  
@  
@ Especially as there are those reports, which I heard first hand from  
@ forestry workers, villagers and farmers circa 1983, that  
@ around New Years

@ Day 1981 (two weeks before the Halt memo was at Whitehall)  
@ some people with  
@ British accents and smart suits were wandering around the  
@ forest and asking  
@ questions of locals seemingly about the matter.  
@  
@ Its been absurdly suggested that these relate to simply  
@ Brenda Butler and  
@ Dot Street asking questions. But that is rubbish. They were  
@ there weeks  
@ before Brenda and Dot went out there. And they were told  
@ similar things by  
@ witnesses on their first visit as I was two years later.  
@  
@ I asked questions of locals both in the presence of B & D  
@ and on my own and  
@ nobody ever suggested that the visitors were UFOlogists or  
@ these two women.  
@ The visitors were widely assumed to be from some scientific body or  
@ government agency. Possibly even from Bawdsey. But there was  
@ no question  
@ that someone British knew about the case in sufficient detail  
@ to be digging  
@ around the forest days after the events and long before the MoD file  
@ suggests that should be possible.  
@  
@ So I am not yet satisfied we fully understand the genesis of  
@ government  
@ interest in this case, regardless of the file.  
@  
@ I dont think these people were reporters, BTW, since the way  
@ in which the  
@ case reached the media is well established and offers  
@ absolutely no hint of  
@ prior knowledge by either local or national sources. Besides  
@ which it seems  
@ hard to believe that any media source that knew of the case  
@ and went to such  
@ trouble to ask questions so early would never have revealed  
@ that aspect  
@ after the case became so celebrated. Its an angle you would  
@ expect them to  
@ play up. So it seems unlikely these New Year visitors were reporters.  
@ Therefore, who were they?  
@  
@ To me there remains a disquieting sense that there are as yet  
@ unrevealed  
@ aspects to the MoD investigation of this case (possibly at a  
@ level other  
@ than the air staff) that would make sense of what we know supposedly

@ occurred post the events in comparison with what the file tells us.  
@  
@ None of which is to say anything specific about an  
@ explanation. I am less  
@ interested these days in what caused the RF case (as I  
@ suspect this will be  
@ debated until Doomsday) than I am in how the MoD reacted to it, as an  
@ illustration of how they would react to any real UFO incident  
@ if one were  
@ ever hypothetically to occur. For me the MoD response as  
@ publicly reported  
@ is sadly lacking and I live in hope that it merely looks so  
@ inept because we  
@ are missing half the pieces of the jigsaw.  
@  
@ But knowing the British government hope and expectation have  
@ a habit of  
@ being confounded!  
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@ Best wishes,  
@  
@ Jenny Randles  
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I'm something of an 'armchair sceptic' (I developed this interest as a friend is a die-hard ETHer, and I enjoyed refuting his arguments down the pub - the above case is one of his favourites so I'm attempting to disprove it) and wondered what people's opinions were on this McDonald-investigated 'classic'. In case anyone's forgotten, the case is this one:-

<http://www.nicap.dabsol.co.uk/kirtland57dir.htm>

The key point here seems to be that the Blue Book explanation (a light aircraft with a disoriented pilot) was seriously undermined by Kaser and Brink's later recollections to McDonald.

My own wild theory about his one is as follows:-

\*The 'egg shape with light at base' seems to suggest some kind of lighted weather/research balloon.

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Any further ideas or information on this one?

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From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>  
Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2002 14:29:07 +0100 (CET)  
Subject: [UFORL] European UFO Journal-pricing and press release

Please find herewith a letter from the editor-in-chief of the European Journal of UFO and Abduction Studies (EJUFOAS), soliciting papers, informing the new, reduced pricing structure, and more. EJUFOAS is published from the Psychology Department, Totton College, United Kingdom and it has an European-wide range of editors, included Dr David Clarke, Dr Massimo Teodorani, Edoardo Russo, etc.

Best regards,  
Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos  
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From: "DukeMendoza@onetel.net.uk" <Horseman@onetel.net.uk>  
Date: Mon, 9 Dec 02 23:43:52 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Abduction eyewitnesses

Mendozal compliments:

>Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Abduction eyewitnesses  
>Sent: 27/11/20 16:53  
>Received: 04/12/02 23:51  
>From: Greg Sadow, greg@gregsadow.com  
>>To: UFORL, UFORL@yahoogroups.com  
>

>> Some of you will have seen on another list my  
>> comparison of ufological discourse with the game  
>> "Mornington Crescent", which has both no rules  
>> and many rules, and all the rules that may or may  
>> not exist are capable of being made up on the  
>> spur of the moment. The analogy may (or may not  
>> -- I am thinking of hiring Colin Bennett as a  
>> consultant ambiguiist on this one) be valid, but I  
>> do detect the flavour of Mornington Crescent in  
>> the notion that one can't judge the abduction  
>> phenomenon (witnessed or otherwise) entirely from  
>> the published literature. Rather, one has to talk  
>> to abductees to discover the true picture...

>Feh. Peter, you -- an experienced journalist -- should  
>know better than this.

>Some subjects are well documented in published writing.  
>Others aren't.

<snip>

>Abductions fall somewhere in the middle

Let's take this back a bit to where we started.  
Greg maintains Klass's book on abductions is a  
disaster, in part at least because Klass didn't  
step outside his N Street apartment and talk to  
alleged abductees. I maintain Klass did a good  
job on abductions simply by addressing the then  
available literature (a rather smaller body of  
work than it is now).

If, as an experienced journalist, I am confronted  
by a collection of preposterous claims published  
in (let's say) half a dozen or so texts, I have a  
choice: either (a) to entertain my readers with the

loopiness I find in those pages, or (b) to ask myself why all this is going on and go out and do some field work. Klass chose the former course; within certain admitted limits (time, money) I took the second route in my own book on abductions. Klass was not obliged to go any further than he did. That I did was more the product of an incurably nosey temperament than any sense of obligation (and I am comparing my book with his here only because neither Klass nor I has the faintest impression that there is any material reality to abduction claims, whatever else they might illuminate).

Given their differing approaches I don't think my book is automatically superior to Klass's (is Tuesday afternoon better than a pice of cheese? -- Prof. Sandblow would seem to imply something of the sort). Klass took the internal contradictions of abduction lore and hung them out to dry. Some of those contradictions were perhaps news to the abductologists he lampooned -- all the problems with hypnosis, for example. The problems remain in the texts he discussed, and no concessions have been made by abductologists, over the issues Klass raised, in their later productions. Another way of putting this would be to say: Well, gosh, yes, we could all be being molested nightly by aliens, but these clowns don't know how to make their own case. Klass exposed the disastrousness of the abductologists' own approach. His objections, and the respectability of his "journalistic" approach, stand regardless of any purported reality to the abduction phenomenon (zero as it may be).

A propos:

>a much-repeated claim that 25% of abductees remember their  
>abductions without hypnosis. But what does this actually mean? Does it  
>mean that 25% of abductees remember everything consciously, and never  
>have any memories amplified by hypnosis, or that 25% simply remember  
>\_something\_? I've never seen this written about in any detail.

Take another look at Kevin Randle's book. That's pretty detailed, on this claim, though I will concede that I'd like to see a whole lot more work done on it. And yes, you would have to interview a lot of abductees. However, the claim wasn't abroad when Klass wrote his book and, I have to say again, he was under no particular obligation to explore it \*even had it been\*. Maybe

Unca Phil's book is the way it is because, like the rest of us who write books, he did actually want to finish it one day and see it in print. As an experienced journalist, Prof Bandboy ought to know the significance of a deadline.

best wishes  
Parvo D. Mulligatawny  
Aromatic Infusion

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of stupid people in large groups."  
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From: "James Easton" <voyager@jeaston.com>  
Date: Tue, 10 Dec 2002 04:07:08 -0000  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Rendlesham file

Regarding:

>From: "Jenny Randles" <nufon@currantbun.com>  
>Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 14:15:31 -0000  
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Rendlesham file

Jenny wrote:

>As I have mentioned before there were too many  
>consistencies between the story as related to Paul Begg  
>and myself by Potts during late Jan/early Feb 1981 for  
>it not to be based on Potts actual attendance at the  
>visit by the intelligence staff as he claimed. For,  
>recall, he was not claiming to have witnessed the UFO  
>tracking but 'was' saying that he was there when the  
>radar tapes were taken for study. So his account in that  
>regard is first hand.  
>  
>The party aspect was one area of clear overlap - ie the  
>relating of an feature of the case unknown through any  
>other source that early. So was the tape recording. This  
>was the earliest reference to its existence by anyone.  
>But there were other features, too, including the nature  
>of the alleged EM effects.

Jenny,

That's correct; right at the outset was Potts' claim of being told how, as a jeep approached the landed object, the jeep's engine and lights had failed. I wonder if this story of a vehicle's lights failing is a mix-up in the re-telling and should actually relate to those [fuel-powered] light-alls, carried out to the site by jeep. As we know, some of the light-alls reportedly wouldn't function.

All of your other comments are insightful and appreciated - as time permits I would highlight:

>Indeed - if you subtract the wild story about aliens and  
>the base commander chatting to them - the version as  
>related by Potts is remarkably close to the version on  
>record today from witnesses.

Curiously so - see my later remarks.

>...Halt implied to me that he would have made this data  
>available to the MoD if they had come back expressing  
>interest. It was a sort of test after the attitude of  
>the British police that had not sat with the USAF. But  
>the MoD clearly knew of some (or all?) of it anyway  
>because the file reveals their very early awareness of  
>the Halt tape which is not mentioned by his memo. So  
>they found this out by some other route, we must assume  
>that means Moreland.

The existence of Halt's recording had been known about almost immediately, as [to recap] he explained in an interview with Salley Rayl:

HALT: The Wing Commander at that time [Gordon Williams - James] was not present. He was at another social event. He and I discussed this incident the day after, which was a day or two after which was a Saturday morning. I remember running into him in the hallway of the building we shared a common office building and I told him about it. He knew a little bit, but I told him some details and told him I made the tape and he was very interested and asked to hear the tape. I gave him the tape and played it for him and he said, "May I take this to the Third Air Force, to the staff meeting next Tuesday or Wednesday?" I said, "Certainly." Well, I couldn't tell him, no. And he took it down and played it to the staff and the General looked at the staff and said, "First, the Wing Commander said, 'Is he a credible witness?' and the answer was, 'Yes.' So he turned to the staff and said, "What do we do now?" And nobody knew what to do. So there was some chuckling in the room and I understand the comment was, "Well, it's a British affair. Let's give it to them."

RAYL: And that's what you did?

HALT: And that's what everybody did. And I was told when he came back, he gave me the tape back and thanked me and said, "Get with Don Moreland. Let the British handle this."

[END OF EXTRACT]

As Halt notes, Gordon Williams was the Wing Commander. The Base Commander was Col. Ted Conrad, who asked Halt to investigate reports the 'UFO was back' whilst Conrad stayed behind at the Combat Support Group's belated Christmas party

Squadron Leader Donald Moreland was the RAF Liaison



Officer, also called by Halt, "the RAF Base Commander".

Halt further explained:

RAYL: Okay. Now, two weeks later on January 13, 1981 you issued a memorandum to the British Ministry of Defense.

HALT: That's correct.

RAYL: And why did you do that?

HALT: At the request of the R.A.F. Liaison Officer or the R.A.F. Base Commander, as we called him, Don Moreland.

RAYL: Okay.

HALT: I went and approached him, and I said, "You know, this happened off base." Well, I did discuss this through our channels and the real answer from our channels was, "Hey, we don't want to touch this with a pole. This was a British incident. It happened off the installation. Let them handle it." So, I contacted him. In fact, I contacted him earlier and the only reason the memo was dated that late was that he was on vacation and I wasn't able to find out what he wanted and how much detail he wanted and what he wanted to do with the information. When I finally caught up with him on the, about the 10th or the 12th, he said, "Well, write a brief memo. Kind of sanitize it and we'll send it to London. We'll see what happens." So, that's what I did.

RAYL: ...When you were writing that, did you get that sense at all, that what you're writing here may be not taken entirely seriously?

HALT: Well, there was no intent for that to be released publicly. That was, you know, not a classified document, as some people have alluded to. It was given to Don Moreland to forward through his channels which was that Liaison Officer, Third Air Force, Air Force Headquarters in England, to the M.O.D. and see what their interest was. I really expected somebody to pop up in a day or two and want more details. To this day, it hasn't happened.  
[END OF EXTRACT]

Also:

>From: "David Clarke" <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>

>Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 19:43:09 -0000

>Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Rendlesham file

Dave wrote:

>The sequence of events is this: Halt gives his report to  
>Don Moreland, the RAF Liaison officer at Bentwaters,  
>after the Christmas break. Moreland sends this off to  
>DS8 at Whitehall, expecting MoD to follow it up [ie  
>visit to interview Halt].  
>  
>Instead, as we know from the MoD file, they do nothing  
>except circulate Halt's memo (with the wrong dates)  
>around various defence intelligence branches and radar  
>stations.  
>  
>[...]  
>  
>The CO at Watton was Squadron Leader Derek Coumbe. I  
>interviewed him last summer... Furthermore Coumbe  
>admitted that as a result of the interest shown in the  
>incident, \*he personally\* ordered all radar tapes, both  
>from 28 December and surrounding days, to be impounded.  
>He said that shortly afterwards (ie end of January  
>1981), a joint USAF/RAF team from MATO (Military Air  
>Traffic Organisation - based at Uxbridge, Middlesex)  
>arrived at Watton and removed the radar tapes for  
>examination. At least one of them (possibly that of 29  
>December) was faulty.  
>  
>This visit \*must\* in context be the source of the rumour  
>heard by David Potts in Feb 1981 and later passed onto  
>Paul Begg and Jenny Randles. It suggests to me that the  
>subject could not have been treated as "above top  
>secret" if the USAF/RAF team were prepared to discuss  
>the event so openly with a civilian ATC operator. The  
>story about the base commander communicating with aliens  
>may well have been a joke, taken seriously by Potts and  
>later by UFOlogists, with the results we have seen.

Dave,

Thank you for setting this in context. Although I'm aware of the overall background as published in 'Out of the Shadows', it's most helpful that you've transcribed key points therein.

>All we have are the memos, but evidently there was much  
>telephone communication ongoing between Bentwaters, DS8,  
>the radar stations and MATO, which would explain the  
>'missing links.'

There has to be some means by which the MATO team - or at least one member - reportedly knew about the 'Base Commander' [evidently Lt. Col. Halt, the Deputy Base Commander] being called away from the Christmas party and that he documented events on his 'portable tape recorder'.

As you say, there are various possibilities why those details, not described in Halt's memo, soon became known. The tape recording, especially, wasn't a big secret.

However, that 'communication with aliens' story doesn't seem to have been an invention of any MATO personnel. As Jenny verifies, it predates MATO's involvement.

Where then did this tale originate and how had someone at MATO heard of it?

If, as seems unlikely, it was via those same official, undocumented, telephone conversations, then did they have another source?

Consider these quite specific points which Potts claims he was told by 'Intelligence Officers':

- the UFO had supposedly crash-landed in a forest
- when personnel from a nearby base went to investigate, their jeep's engine failed and they had to then proceed on foot
- the object was there for several hours as it required repairs to be carried out
- the Base Commander had communicated with its occupants.

The perspective of our 'second night' has primarily been one where Halt, with an 'assembled team of specialists', documented his endeavours to explain a report that the UFO had returned.

However, there were many more personnel in the forest area that night than Halt and Co.:

RAYL: Okay. Now, you arrived at the woods, at the edge of the woods, anyway. What was the first indication that something strange was going on?

HALT: Well, they were having problems with the light-alls, the light-alls for the motor generators. Small, fluorescent-type lights with the small four-cycle engine.

They wouldn't work properly and the radios were acting up and people were scurrying about trying to get them working and having great difficulty.

RAYL: And what was the general situation out there?

HALT: There were probably 25 to 30 security policemen there. They were kind of stirring about trying to get the light-alls going and all excited and pointing into the forest and the lieutenant that had taken us or picked me up at the Officers' Mess handed me a Starlight scope and said, "Look into the forest," and pointed to an area and [I] looked in and saw a glowing area. Nothing one could discern exactly, but just a glowing area...

RAYL: Had you ever seen anything like that before?

HALT: No. I'd used the Starlight scope quite a few times, and it was obviously some kind of energy or some type of light. I don't really know what it was to this day.

RAYL: What did you decide to do then?

HALT: Well, we decided to go into the forest and investigate and they pointed out to me that they'd been into the supposed landing site where something had landed or had been stationed on the ground two nights before and we went into the forest and the approximate area where we'd seen the glow, they found and pointed out to me three indentations in the floor of the forest.

RAYL: And you did what next?

HALT: Well, I had an individual from Disaster Preparedness with me with what you would call a Geiger counter and he started taking readings and we were looking at indentations. I'd taken along a small pocket micro-cassette recorder because it was kind of a cold winter night and I thought I might need to take some notes. Because the intent was really to put this whole thing to bed.

[...]

[END OF EXTRACT]

In summary; Halt arrives and then embarks on a separate investigation, leaving those other "25 to 30 security policemen" back at the 'perimeter' [in an earlier

interview with Rayl he states, "about a dozen of our men were already there"].

Did any of them ever report seeing 'unusual aerial activity'.

According to Halt:

RAYL: Okay. So this object moves directly toward you. It shoots down this pencil-like beam toward your feet. What happens then? What happens to the beam, and what happens...

HALT: Well, we stood there in awe and watched and suddenly it was like it was switched off. It just clicked. It was gone. The object was still in the sky. We also noticed it receded. It moved about. It sent down beams other places, included some various places on the base. And we could hear chatter on the radios. We were on three different radio nets two security police nets and the command net and we could hear chatter. Other people on the base were seeing these things, especially security police.

I had called the Command Post when we first saw the objects in the sky and asked them to call Eastern Radar Eastern Radar had, that was their air defense sector and gave them directions and locations and asked them to try and see what they could come up with. And I didn't get any good feedback although I heard later from second-hand sources that they did see some objects on the radar. But, of course...

[END OF EXTRACT]

It's this separate area of activity, those other "25 to 30 security policemen" where we apparently did have personnel arriving by jeep and then leaving their vehicles to proceed on foot - which was necessary because of the dense forest trees.

Although there might not have been any 'landed object', it does seem we had perceptions of 'something' within a low-lying fog [Ian Ridpath has a copy of the base weather logs, which record 'ground fog' on the night of 27 December].

That could perhaps explain later stories of a 'UFO' which was on the ground for 'hours'.

An explanation for anecdotes about it requiring repairs and that the Base Commander directly spoke with the crew, seem to be merely unfounded hearsay as our story grew in the telling.

It's all of course the essence of Larry Warren's popularised claims.

One member of the 81st Security Police Squadron [SPS] who did recall 'strange lights in the fog' that night was Airman Greg Battram.

To recap, from a previous commentary I had written:

Battram publicly come forward as a witness for the February, 1985 CNN special feature, presented by Chuck DeCaro. I have acquired a transcript and Battram, at that time given anonymity as 'Airman Greg', testified:

DeCaro: Airman Greg is a former Air Force security policeman who says he was a witness to the second of the two UFO landings within days of each other outside the USAF air base in Woodbridge, England -- events documented in this official USAF report released under The Freedom of Information Act. According to the report, in the first encounter, before daybreak, three security policemen saw a luminous metallic object and followed it through the forest as it manoeuvred through the trees and then disappeared... The following night, a four-man perimeter patrol near the back gate of Woodbridge saw the UFO again. Airman Greg was a member of the patrol.

Airman Greg: We were about halfway into the shift, I guess, when we noticed some lights in the sky that, uh, didn't seem to follow any pattern of aircraft we'd seen. And, uh, we, uh, watched them for a while and they disappeared. And the next thing we saw was, uh, the lights in the forest...in a clearing off the end of the runway. And, uh, we called Central Security Control to tell them we'd like to investigate it, and they gave us permission to go on out. As we got in there, you could see into the clearing and see a series of lights in there surrounded by a ground fog. And when we got closer, you began to feel the hair on your arms, and back of your head, under your hat even, stand on end. Like there was a real big static charge in the air.

DeCaro: Were you carrying a weapon?

Airman Greg: Yes, an M-16.

DeCaro: Loaded?

Airman Greg: Yes, we didn't know what we were dealing with. And about that time, we decided that we'd better get the heck out of there 'cause we were getting a little scared to stand around...

DeCaro: Bentwaters-Woodbridge air base complex in east England, Christmas Week, 1980. Three U.S. airmen claim an encounter with a UFO at close range. About a day later, this man, who asked not to be identified, was on perimeter patrol at Woodbridge airbase.

Airman Greg: The four of us saw...the object. We didn't know what it was...we got panicky. When we got close enough to feel our hair stand on end...ran back for our vehicle...  
{END}

Battram retold a similar account which was published in 'Left at East Gate', co-authored by Larry Warren and Peter Robbins, published in 1997. The interview with Battram was actually undertaken on 7 February 1984 by 'UFO' researcher and author Larry Fawcett and describing the 'strange lights', Battram recalled they seemed to be "alternating, mostly between oranges, red, blues and whites".

His story is almost a replay of events from that first night and the scenario being posed is how 'something' returned to the same clearing. It's extremely unlikely and infinitely more probable 'something' was simply still visible.

[...]

Battram states his patrol then met up with Lt. Bruce Englund and told him about the forest apparition.

Presumably, this was the report which led Englund to inform Halt that the 'UFO' had returned.  
[END OF EXTRACT]

To clarify, for those not familiar with the overall sequence of events, that 'first' incident occurred in the early hours of 26 December, when three members of the 81st SPS - Burroughs, Cabansag and Penniston [BC&P] - had

noticed unfamiliar lights, seemingly within Rendlesham forest. In pursuit of an explanation, they eventually travelled some two miles before realising they were ultimately chasing a coastal lighthouse.

This, however, was reportedly not the same lights as they had first observed and subsequently a triangle of ground indentations were discovered in a forest clearing, where they initially thought the original light source had been located - although it always remained elusive.

It's that same 'landing site', which Halt and five other officers then proceeded to effectively investigate, taking meaningless Geiger counter readings, etc. It was during this episode that one of the accompanying officers informed Halt there was an unusual flashing light in the distance.

As I elucidated in 'Resolving Rendlesham':

Halt was asked about the assertion he had been deceived by the Orford Ness lighthouse and replied:

"First, the lighthouse was visible the whole time. It was readily apparent, and it was 30 to 40 degrees off to our right. If you were standing in the forest where we stood, at the supposed landing site or whatever you want to call it, you could see the farmer's house directly in front of us. The lighthouse was 30 to 35 degrees off to the right, and the object was close to the farmer's house and moving from there to the left, through the trees".

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Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:45:38 -0500  
Subject: [UFORL] Rendlesham

I hate to drop another Fizzy into the Rendlesham mess, but I have some new (to me) information on possible solutions to the case. The info came from a TLC program on UFOs. Here are the possibilities:

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4. It was the story released to cover up some other kind of secret activity at the base which was accidentally witnessed by civilians.
5. Something having to do with the hostages in Iran was going on.
6. The spy satellite film drop mentioned earlier on this board - this was not on the TV show.

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is not applied with any sort of consistency. I read, repeatedly, that Budd <BR>  
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rarely mentioned is that the tests were made of nine people selected by <BR>  
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by so many, is flawed... <BR>  
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Anomalist No. 9, &nbsp; Winter 2000/01, the information you seek. It was not <BR>  
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Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 22:02:48 -0000  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Rendlesham file

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@jeaston.com> Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2002 4:07 AM  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Rendlesham file

James wrote

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- > absolutely yet to be proven - it would of interest as
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James,

Is there any evidence or testimony that Capt Mike Verano was with Halt's party? There certainly was another officer - quite a few passages on the Halt Tape attributed by others to Halt are actually this other officer - he has a northern accent as opposed to Halt's almost southern accent. I wonder if it was another Colonel, because he doesn't call Halt "Sir" and seems to talk with Halt as an equal or even a superior.

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Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 23:03:30 -0000  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Bentwaters: old article about satellite drop theory

Larry and Luis

This is Alan Akeroyd's theory. His website is still there.

See <http://www.kca07.dial.pipex.com/refint.htm>

It's an interesting theory but I have always thought it to be improbable, and I am not aware of any evidence to support it. It seems to require that the capsule was retrieved before - or even just as -Burroughs, Penniston and Cabansag reached the landing site, and how likely is this if it accidentally ended up re-entering over Suffolk. A deliberate re-entry over mainland UK is ridiculous - what if it landed on someone's house - or head!

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> Remember that Iran had the hostages then, and we needed all the  
> intelligence we could get on the goings-on in Tehran.  
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> (Satellite Interceptor). It was simply a satellite with a restartable  
> engine, guidance, and a magnet to grab onto another satellite. I don't  
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It is possible that the line of trees adjacent the road no longer extended very deep. I have worked out that the old East Gate shack was within a narrow strip (roughly 60 m wide in the north-south direction) from which a direct view of the lighthouse would be had if there were a direct line of sight to the eastern edge of the forest (ie about 1 km east). This can be shown by plotting elevations vs distance on graph paper. This is quite a coincidence, when you consider how big the forest and the Woodbridge base are. They just happened to see a flashing light through those trees near ground level while standing within this narrow strip where the lighthouse could have been directly visible. When Burroughs says in his statement "We went down east gate road and took a right at the stop sign and drove down about 10 to 20 yards to where there is a road that goes into the forest. At the road I could see a white light shining onto the trees" the road he refers to was just a narrow track (they dumped stumps along this track after logging - still there today) not to be confused with Road 12, and directly in the middle of the narrow band in which there could have been a line of sight to the lighthouse.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@jeaston.com>  
Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 01:59:22 -0000  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Rendlesham

Regarding:

>From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
>Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 12:45:38 -0500  
>Subject: [UFORL] Rendlesham

Larry wrote:

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>but I have some new (to me) information on possible  
>solutions to the case. The info came from a TLC program  
>on UFOs. Here are the possibilities:

Larry,

>1. The whole thing was a staged test of security at the  
>base, to see how the men behaved under such conditions.

The relevant incidents occurred off-base, the premise  
doesn't equate with how events unfolded and we know that  
many inherent 'UFO' perceptions can be explained simply  
by localised light sources.

>2. It was a leak test. If the story got out, then  
>security at the base was lax.

Again, it doesn't equate and would surely never have  
resulted in the MoD being informed about 'UFO' sightings,  
radar tapes being examined, etc.

>3. It was an attempt to disinform the Soviet Union, to  
>make them think we had technology taken from ET  
>spaceships (their idea - not mine - but it could apply  
>to the Lazar case too).

>4. It was the story released to cover up some other kind  
>of secret activity at the base which was accidentally  
>witnessed by civilians.

There was never really any widespread story to misinform  
anyone, primarily a solitary tale told to Brenda Butler.

>5. Something having to do with the hostages in Iran was

>going on.

There's no known evidence of this, or reason that any similar premise is necessary to explain 'unfamiliar lights in the forest'.

>6. The spy satellite film drop mentioned earlier on this board - this was not on the TV show.

As I previously explained on UFO UpDates:

>From: Joe McGonagle <joem\_cgonagle@yahoo.com>  
>Date: Sat, 20 Oct 2001 00:13:49 +0100  
>Fwd Date: Sat, 20 Oct 2001 03:45:13 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Rendlesham Radiation - McGonagle

>One excellent hypothesis is that it was a re-entry of a  
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Joe,

The KH-9 [KH7?] theory is an interesting possibility and for those not familiar with this background, see:

<http://dialspace.dial.pipex.com/town/close/kca07/refint.htm>

However, I've discussed the scenario with a number of contemporary, December 1980 base personnel who were involved with the 67th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron [ARRS] and they have refuted any connection. There were statedly no helicopters from the 67th ARRS in operation during our late December 1980 'UFO' incidents.

Indeed, Halt commented on this during one of those pivotal 1997 'on-line' interviews with Salley Rayl:

RAYL: ...What type of aircraft were at the base at that time and were there any in the air at that time?

[...]

HALT: There were approximately 120 to 125 A-10s. There were I'm trying to think, about 12, 14 C-130s, several H-3s it was in a rescue squadron, plus the A-10 squadrons. The A-10 squadrons were done for the holidays. Not flying, doing any night flying. The rescue squadron was done. In fact, the rescue commander at that time, a good personal friend of mine, really chastised me for not

calling him immediately, cause he said I could have gotten a chopper in the air within an hour or two. I kind of don't believe that because, you know, you'd have trouble finding a crew and get one free-flighted, but there was no aircraft activity. In fact, the tower at Woodbridge was down.

RAYL: Well, it was Christmas time, too.

HALT: Yeah. It was Christmas time. In fact, the tower at Bentwaters was manned only for an emergency. In other words, there was a standby crew up there, but it was not active.

RAYL: So, there were no jets, helicopters or any other aircraft, American aircraft, that were scrambled at that time.

HALT: There were none that were scrambled from Bentwaters, and I knew of nothing in the air at that time.

[END]

It was pointed out to myself by Chuck Dalldorf:

I was an aircraft maintenance technician with the 81st TFW working on A-10A and prior to that F-4D's during my tour which lasted from December 1977 through July 1981. I had also been assigned several times to the 67th ARRS on temporary duty to work on both the HC-130N/P's and the HH-53's as well.

[...]

There were no alerts anytime during the week between Christmas, 1980 and New Years Day 1981 at RAF Bentwaters or RAF Woodbridge. No alerts for the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing (A-10A) or for the 67th ARRS (HC-130 and HH-53).

As a matter of fact, traditionally we had always been able to get a few extra, non-leave days off over the holiday week, at least in aircraft maintenance. We would split the time off between the married people who generally wanted the period including Christmas off to be with family, and then the single GI's who generally wanted the period including New Years off. I don't have a 1980 calendar available, however, depending on when Christmas Day and New Years Day fell, it would have been

something like this:

Let's say Christmas Day and New Years Day fell on a Saturday. People who wanted to be off for Christmas would start their unofficial vacation on Friday morning and be off with no obligation through to the following Wednesday morning (coming back to work that day). People opting for New Years would then take Wednesday through to the following Monday off (coming back to work that Monday morning). While you were off, you were not on call and had no obligations. Unless the base was called on alert, then all deals were off and everyone reports.

There was a trip that I helped run with my landlord, Joe Haninia of Woodbridge Town who ran a travel service for the base called Big Ben Travel. The trip went from RAF Bentwaters to Edinburgh to celebrate Hogmanay in Scotland. We left the base and were not recalled. There were 28 people on the trip from both the 81st TFW and the 67th ARRS.

The week I worked I was at the RAF Woodbridge shop and it was a very quiet week. Some delayed maintenance (there were few if any flying hours going on). It was a good time to take care of paperwork, make sure there was training going on, etc. I was an E-5, Staff Sgt. at the time.

[END]

Aside from anything else, a recovered film capsule hypothesis doesn't equate with what was the essence of those 'UFO' perceptions.

Comparative 'sightings' occurred over three nights/early mornings and in the same vicinity - which might just be a clue to their origins.

[END OF EXTRACT]

The problem with any scenario which suggests that amidst misidentifications of local lights there was a covert military operation - whatever the reason - is why the base command hierarchy didn't stop Halt's report going further.

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Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Rendlesham file

Regarding:

>From: "Robert McLean" <robert.mclean2@virgin.net>  
>Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 22:02:48 -0000  
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Rendlesham file

Robert asked:

>James wrote  
>  
>>If Veranno did make the CNN 'UFO film' testimony -  
>>absolutely yet to be proven - it would of interest as  
>>Veranno was apparently one of those five personnel who  
>>accompanied Halt that night.

>Is there any evidence or testimony that Capt Mike Verano  
>was with Halt's party?

Robert,

As you know, there was one person in Halt's team of five who hadn't been identified.

In 'Left at East Gate' [LaEG], there's a transcript of Larry Warren and Peter Robbins' reportedly taped discussions with Halt [page 365] and from this, evidently Verano was one of the officers who accompanied Halt.

Therein, Halt allegedly stated:

"My recollections fit very closely with all of the people, the four or five people that were with me that night, and I've had an opportunity through the years to talk with them. In fact, Bobby Ball, you remember him?

...I talked with him when we did the NBC thing, I talked with Verrano [spelling?] at great length, and everything all fits together. There were no discrepancies other than somebody remembers this detail a little better or that detail a little better".

However... in LaEG, it's also noted [page 217] that in a little-known 1987 commentary, Halt reportedly claimed:

"Captain Mike Verrano was involved in the first incident

during the day, he went to the landing site and made some observations, pictures on the ground, he was a player early on".

Although this confirms Verano, as we know, was "a player early on", there's no indication of his later involvement.

>There certainly was another officer - quite a few  
>passages on the Halt Tape attributed by others to Halt  
>are actually this other officer - he has a northern  
>accent as opposed to Halt's almost southern accent. I  
>wonder if it was another Colonel, because he doesn't  
>call Halt "Sir" and seems to talk with Halt as an equal  
>or even a superior.

Aside from Verano, I'm not aware of anyone ever being mentioned who would conceivably fit that criteria.

I can only note that if Halt did say, in relation to, "the four or five people that were with me that night, and I've had an opportunity through the years to talk with them", and that consequently, "I talked with Verrano at great length, and everything all fits together", then Verano is duly identified.

It's not definitively persuasive as Verano was apparently on 'day shift' and that's why he took an interest in the inaugural 'landing site'...

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Subject: Re: [UFORL] Rendlesham

Hi Guys

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I did hear that one possibility was that a F-111E had a tactical nuke come adrift and as the US was trying to get cruise missiles in to the UK at about the same time a cover up was ordered so that public opinion would not turn against US bases in the UK.

Probably a load of BS but worth a mention.

Cheers

John

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Subject: Re: [UFORL] Rendlesham

----- Original Message -----

From: James Easton <voyager@jeaston.com> Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2002 1:59 AM  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Rendlesham

Hi James,

Thanks for a refreshing, non-conspiratorial post on the Rendlesham incident. You have dealt with each 'theory' and explained quite cogently why none stand up to critical scrutiny.

It seems to me that people are desperate to salvage something from the story, almost as a reaction to the amount of effort and verbiage that has been invested in it over the years. It's a reaction well known in the sociology of cult belief -- that disconfirmation of a strongly held belief can actually lead to it being strengthened. It's a similar reaction to the Government denying a rumour -- all it does is strengthen the conviction of the conspiratorial-minded that the story is true.

What Rendlesham amounts to is a group of US airmen seeing strange lights in the forest. Actually, people have been reporting strange lights in the Suffolk countryside for centuries (check out local folklore). This one got lots of attention because these were 'military types' therefore there must be some form of conspiracy behind it (crashed saucer, nefarious experiments, recovery of satellites, blah di blah).

I think this says more about UFOlogy and conspiracy theory than it says about what actually happened -- which seems to be what many of the 'witnesses' are saying, if you read behind the lines.

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> misidentifications of local lights there was a covert  
> military operation - whatever the reason - is why the  
> base command hierarchy didn't stop Halt's report going  
> further.  
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Precisely! But of course this is too straight-forward and simple to be accepted as the plain truth.

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> circumstances, either the Wing Commander, Gordon  
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True, but even when the MoD became involved it was no big deal as they weren't interested anyway.

Reading between the lines, it seems the civil servant at DS8 thought "well, it happened two weeks ago, so if it was the Russians we would have known about it by now"...back to shuffling more papers.

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Why indeed? But as I explained in my reply to Jenny, aren't these stories much more exciting than plain old simple "strange lights in the forest that could not be explained" ?

I wait with trepidation for the revelations about 'Rendlesham Mark 2' to be unveiled by Eric Morris and BUFOSC in the New Year.

To quote UFO Updates:

- >>If you believe Ufology is dead, wait until 2003 when the \_real\_
- >>evidence, involving disinformation,espionage, black budgets and
- >>hardware, infiltration plus witness testimony will be revealed.

Here we go again.....

Best,

Dave Clarke

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Subject: Re: [UFORL] Bentwaters: old article about satellite drop theory

Is that the same site as i postred on DEC 5th?

>From: "bortaf ----" <fatrob83@h...> Date: Thu Dec 5, 2002 9:34 pm  
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] Bentwaters: old article about satellite drop >theory

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So a light would be seen thought the relatively sparse lower regions for a greater distance than normal vision would allow, even during the day. (if that makes any sence?)

On my next trip i will send someone into the forrest with a large spotlight at night to see how the lines of trunks affect it.

rob.....

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Subject: RE: [UFORL] Bentwaters: old article about satellite drop theory

The shape described is perfect for the capsule. It would be shaped like a miniature Apollo capsule. Remember, a heat shield is needed.

According to the theory, the drogue chute failed to deploy. If it had, the capsule would have come down in the North Sea.

And if they were in a hurry to get info on Iran, they would not wait several orbits until it was over the Atlantic.

Nobody who has published anything on the subject seems to have noticed that the American hostages in Iran were about to be released at that time.

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@ Sent: Monday, December 16, 2002 6:04 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] Bentwaters: old article about satellite  
@ drop theory

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@ Larry and Luis

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@ This is Alan Akeroyd's theory. His website is still there.

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@ It's an interesting theory but I have always thought it to be

@ improbable,

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@ require that

@ the capsule was retrieved before - or even just as

@ -Burroughs, Penniston and

@ Cabansag reached the landing site, and how likely is this if

@ it accidentally

@ ended up re-entering over Suffolk. A deliberate re-entry over

@ mainland UK is

@ ridiculous - what if it landed on someone's house - or head!

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@ Best regards

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@ Robert McLean

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Had it deployed, the capsule would have come down over the

North Sea, where it was supposed to (and where the

helicopters would have been waiting for it).

In other words, Murphy's Law prevailed.

You have to realize that the witnesses might be bound by law

to tell the alternate "UFO" story, at least until something is

declassified. That would explain why the stories don't agree:

Because the UFO story is not the truth, individuals have to

invent details to answer questions.

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Subject: Re: [UFORL] Rendlesham

Rob

The lighthouse is very bright on a dark night when you have a direct view of it.

The trees at the eastern edge of the forest were planted in straight rows running east-west. PC Dave King described to me the view he had of the lighthouse through the trees, due east of East Gate. He remembers seeing the lighthouse flash while looking down long rows of the trees. However, it seems he was taken to a portion of the forest different from that where Burroughs, Penniston and Cabansag had their experience, and this could explain why he never met up with anyone else after having been taken out there by the airmen.

Col Halt says on the Halt Tape that the branches that seemed to have been broken were small branches about an inch or less in diameter, about "15 to 20 feet up".

The Corsican Pines at the supposed location, due east of East Gate near the eastern edge of the forest, were 60 years old. Such trees are about 70 feet tall, and when growing closely in the forest plantation do not have any branches other than the odd broken, rotten stub at such a low height. Live branches are more like 40 to 60 feet up. The stand of trees Halt was in was therefore much younger.

If you have a good look at Gulyas's photos of the landing site in You Can't Tell the people, you'll see:

- that the trees are not planted in rows
- that the trees appear to be a lot shorter than 60 year old Corsican Pines
- that some trees are quite close together - not thinned out and managed

I believe the location Halt investigated was about 500 m south east of the generally accepted location. This is small privately owned patch of pine trees, which has never been well managed. There is no direct view of the lighthouse there (which is why it took so long for Halt's party to spot the flashing light), but it is close (within 100 m) to the paved road that runs through Capel Green. BCP were probably startled by vehicle lights coming through the trees, when they didn't know there was a nearby road.

If I am right, then Col Halt's party initially spotted the faint flashing glow in the sky from the Shipwash lightship, and followed this into the field south of Oak Wood. The field initially slopes uphill, and as they got to the crest, the flashing would have got brighter, until they got a direct view of the lightship. At that point they were surprised by the light from Orfordness coming through the south east corner of Oak Wood. This is

supported by the Halt Tape, because there comes a point when they spot a second light "at 11 o'clock" (actually 15 degrees apart). The "throwing off sparks" arises because the lighthouse and lightship appear to be somewhat synchronised:

Shipwash cycle was: flash/ 2.5 s interval/ flash/ 2.5 s interval/ flash/ 15 s gap [repeat]

Orfordness is: flash/ 5 s interval/ flash

So flashes of one would have appeared to have been correlated with flashes of the other - no wonder they were confused!

The relevant extract of the Halt Tape is:

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HALT: It's coming this way. It is definitely coming this way.

<BREAK>

VOICE: Pieces are shooting . . .

HALT: Pieces of it are shooting off.

ENGLUND: At 11 o'clock.

HALT: There is no doubt about it. This is weird!

<BREAK>

BALL: Look to the left.

VOICE: Yeah, definitely...

BALL: Look to the left.

BALL: Two. Two lights.

HALT: (Whispering) Go ahead.

BALL: One light to the right . . .

HALT: (Whispering) Hey.

BALL: . . .and one light to the left.

HALT: (Whispering) Keep the flashlights off.

HALT: There's something very, very strange.

<BREAK>

HALT: Check the headset out, and see if it gets any stronger. OK, give us, give us your...

VOICE 2: Make a notation that this is on a beta reading too.

HALT: It's on a beta reading?

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After losing sight of Orfordness lighthouse and Shipwash lightship, Halt spotted Shipwash again in the "second farmer's field" at 115 degrees magnetic:

HALT: At two forty-four [2:44 am], we're at the far side of the farmer's . . . the second farmer's field and made sighting again about 110 degrees. This looks like it's clear off to the coast. It's right on the horizon. Moves about a bit and flashes from time to time. Still steady or red in color.

By this point, he must have realised it was manmade light.

So Halt is truthful in saying that he saw the "lighthouse" to the right of the UFO (ie Orfordness), and that the "lighthouse" was visible "the whole time".

Best regards

Robert McLean

----- Original Message -----

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Subject: [UFORL] German UFO service

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From: "Jenny Randles" <nufon@currantbun.com>

Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 14:54:59 -0000

Subject: Re: [UFORL] Rendlesham

Hi,

It seems a little patronising to read suggestions that because of the sociology of conspiracy theory, or whatever, it is evident that some of us (presumably myself included) are desperate to want to believe that something strange occurred in Rendlesham Forest. IOW that we do so for reasons unconnected with the evidence itself and because we have a need to perpetuate mystery.

Humans certainly do prefer mystery to explanations but my view of most serious UFOlogists is that they are driven by the evidence and would not deny that just to cling on to some myth. I agree that many people peripherally interested in UFOlogy might not really look for solutions to spoil the fun because it is the thrill of the unknown that creates their interest.

But serious UFOlogists are characterised by a quest for answers and usually go where the evidence trail leads - at least they do in my experience.

The truth is that I don't know what happened in Rendlesham Forest and don't have a motivation for it to be either strange or ultimately simple. It has certainly unravelled towards being more mundane than profound and continues to unwind as each new fact emerges. But the truth remains contradictory and uncertain with some areas of legitimate doubt over interpretation.

I will accept whatever the collective facts ultimately decree - if indeed they ever allow for more than reasoned guesswork - which is often how UFO cases end up. But doing that, I feel, is an objective approach and I find it a little odd that if you are unwilling to say now that this case is a dead duck that this somehow implies that you are under the influence of nefarious sociological forces. Rather - I would suggest - you are just being cautious about the nature of a confusing case where nobody has anything other than a personal take on what might have happened.

Of course, it is evident that there are elements of misperception and human psychology involved in this case as there are with every sighting. This has helped it to become clarified by the passage of time. But such personal elements apply equally well from a skeptical perspective, I suspect.

However, my remaining concerns over the evidence here and my reasons for not simply yet accepting that it was all a collection of well resolved and in of themselves non strange elements have nothing to do with my being involved in this case since 1981 or needing to preserve it in amber in some way. If I was logically satisfied that it was totally resolved then I would be

delighted to say so.

That's true, for example, with the Peter Day movie film case (see 'The UFOs that Never Were') - which I spent many years investigating, gradually piecing together the evidence and being led inexorably toward the conclusion that

this case is solved. And that is despite the fact that I came to like the primary witness, that he profoundly disagrees (as do some of the others) and that to accept this case as closed has put me in conflict with these people. Peter Day in particular seemed to think that I had betrayed him by accepting a prosaic explanation. But it is how the facts panned out and I could not simply hold onto any stranger opinion (eg that the UFO was some kind of UAP - possibly ball lightning - as I once had thought possible) because the evidence did not honestly allow for that IMO.

And, indeed, the word opinion is the key. We all make honest value judgements of the evidence and ought to respect the thinking of others when they do the same - even if in doing so they oppose our own assessment.

I have had more than a little flak from UFOlogists and witnesses over my persuasion that the Jan 1995 British Airways sighting over Derbyshire is not a major case but (like the Chiles-Whitted case which it so closely resembles) a misperception of a bolide. I reach that conclusion because it is where the weight of evidence seems to take you. But it is just in my opinion once again. I well know that others disagree and that's fair enough. They may be right. I may be wrong. I just do not happen to think that they are. But I certainly doubt that they evaluate the case differently from me out of some sort of sociological motive that thereby devalues their opinion. They simply read the evidence in a different manner, because UFO evidence is wont to be open to various possible interpretations.

If I was sure that Rendlesham was now completely resolved I would have no hesitation in saying so. However, the evidence points towards parts of it being clearly resolved and other parts having at present what we might term a possible resolution. There remain issues that leave me feeling the need to keep an open mind - for instance, the reports of the apparent electrostatic field seemingly described by Burroughs and Pennistone. These seem difficult to ascribe merely to stress - especially given their comparison with other close encounter cases - although, I agree, it is not impossible to do so.

But in the least that is one legitimate reason to hesitate before saying this case is done and dusted. Although it certainly 'has' had a coat of Pledge applied!

It may be that the evidence will, as with these other cases, ultimately lead one to accept that Rendlesham is fully resolved - in the same way as I think Roswell probably will prove to have been. And I certainly very much doubt that Rendlesham involves anything particularly bizarre come what may and certainly not alien in origin. But right now there are sufficient reasons to at least suspect that there could be more to the evidence than we know. And that hesitation is because of the facts of the case not some inner need to retain mystery.

Debate, such as on this list, is healthy and proper. But why can we not accept that until a case is resolved to the satisfaction of any sane and objective UFOlogist that there will necessarily be a range of opinions - all potentially valid - as to what might have happened? Is it really necessary to infer that if someone disagrees with our own conclusion that they have psychological or sociological motives ? Can they not simply have interpreted the facts in a different way?

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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From: "David Clarke" <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>  
Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 17:47:57 -0000  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Rendlesham

Jenny writes that:

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- > sociology of conspiracy theory, or whatever, it is evident that some of us
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- > strange occurred in Rendlesham Forest. IOW that we do so for reasons
- > unconnected with the evidence itself and because we have a need to
- > perpetuate mystery.
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But then in the next paragraph goes on to say:

- > Humans certainly do prefer mystery to explanations...[and] I agree that many people
- > peripherally interested in UFOlogy might not really look for solutions
- > to spoil the fun because it is the thrill of the unknown that creates their
- > interest.

So it's OK to say exactly what I had said as long as:

- a) we don't use social science terminology (sociology, rumour, etc) and
- b) we don't apply this rule to "serious UFOlogists" who are elevated above those lesser mortals who are only "peripherally interested in UFOlogy".

Why is it "patronising" to suggest that it is only human nature to want to believe something strange happened in Rendlesham forest?

And equally that 'UFOlogists' however detached they claim to be can and do perpetuate ambiguity and mystery, often without realising they are doing so.

This is hardly 'sociology of conspiracy theory', but common sense and has been remarked upon many times by commentators who are outside of the UFOlogical goldfish bowl and hence more likely to be objective.

I must confess I had to stifle a laugh when I read Jenny's claim that "serious UFOlogists are characterised by a quest for answers and usually go where the evidence trail leads."

Has Jenny read Jim Moseley's 'Confessions of a Grave-Robbing UFOlogist' and taken note of his definition of 'serious UFOlogists' ?

Anyhow, I digress.

My post corrected inaccurate statements (for example the claimed lack of USAF officers in the MATO team which 'confiscated' the radar tapes) based upon a mis-reading of material that has been published. It is from mis-readings and misinterpretations such as this that 'serious UFOlogists' construct mountains out of molehills.

Jenny makes much of the 'mysterious visitors to Rendlesham forest' in late December 1980 who are inferred to be British MoD people, but cannot provide us with anything more solid than anecdotal evidence from "farmers, foresters etc."

That is what I meant by perpetuating mystery, and I have yet to see anything more definite from Jenny to make me change my mind.

However our opinions may differ on the nature of what happened, I agree that something 'strange' certainly did happen in Rendlesham forest, December 1980!

But human nature - and the will to believe - is often the \*strangest\* phenomenon of all.

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Based upon what criteria?

After all there are still "serious UFOlogists" (I take it we are using Jim Moseley's definition) who believe that Thomas Mantell died at the hands of an 'alien' UFO.

As for opinions, of course everyone has the right to hold and express opinions -- but it is simply nonsense to claim, as Jenny does, that \*all\* opinions are "potentially valid", especially where these are based upon defective and anecdotal information from second, third and fourth hand sources.

To the contrary, I would point to that old journalistic maxim, which has served me well:

"Opinions are free, but facts are sacred."

With best wishes,

Dave Clarke

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Interesting points that are raised here. I do believe there was a somewhat negative  
(and perhaps - omigoodness - "skeptical")&nbsp; response about David and Andy's  
work (Correct me if I am wrong but I think Jenny is also involved) concerning the  
1956 radar visual case at Lakenheath by several prominent UFOlogists.&nbsp; I think  
there is a tie-in on how hard it is to convince "UFOlogists" that a case is solved to  
their satisfaction to the level of notoriety this case has received over the years.&nbsp;  
The 1956 radar case was a favorite of McDonald's so it can not be discredited can  
it?&nbsp; Isn't this one case where the Condon report suggested a "True UFO"  
existed?&nbsp; Therefore, it should not be solvable, right?<BR>

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Based on this type of response to this case, the Mantell case, and many others, I don't  
think it matters who solves this type of "classic" case (skeptic, debunker,  
UFOlogist).&nbsp; There will always be those that state, "but this does not explain  
the statements made by this witness".&nbsp; Perhaps I can sum this up in one simple  
statement that I think applies to most (if not all) UFO cases:<BR>

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"The longer a case becomes a "classic" or the greater the amount of publicity it  
receives, the less likely it will be accepted by UFOlogists as solved no matter what  
evidence is presented."<BR>

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@jeaston.com>  
Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 03:07:37 -0000  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Rendlesham

Regarding:

>From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 09:00:20 +0000  
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] Rendlesham

John wrote:

>>Why actually invite the MoD to investigate USAF  
>>manoeuvres, especially if there had been a SNAFU with  
>>recovery of spy satellite images, operations concerning  
>>Iran or Poland, unexploded ordnance off-base, etc. -  
>>anything which might even potentially be an  
>>embarrassment to the USAF in Britain?

>I did hear that one possibility was that a F-111E had a  
>tactical nuke come adrift and as the US was trying to  
>get cruise missiles in to the UK at about the same time  
>a cover up was ordered so that public opinion would not  
>turn against US bases in the UK.

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>Probably a load of BS but worth a mention.

John,

The possibility of unexploded ordnance being involved is interesting conjecture.

That was, allegedly, what the public were being told during our second night's events.

According to Larry Warren, after being picked up at his RAF Bentwaters security post and on route to the forest activity outside RAF Woodbridge's east gate road, they passed a makeshift roadblock. A law enforcement car was half blocking the road and he overheard passengers in a Ford Cortina being told, 'there might be some unexploded ordnance in the area'.

Halt acknowledges that, "His [Warren's] recollection of what happened on the pickup truck fits in well with what I know having taken place up to this point... I am sure there was a roadblock, although I don't recall seeing any".

If there had been a roadblock between Bentwaters and

Woodbridge [Warren also claims that flares were being placed on the road], Halt possibly wouldn't have passed it on his route.

Halt makes no comment about stories of 'unexploded ordnance' and certainly seemed oblivious that there was any lying around when his team wandered through the forest in search of a UFO.

This is obviously one reason the scenario makes little sense. Aside from which, the Base Commander, Ted Conrad, had stayed behind at the belated officer's Christmas party, the Wing Commander, Gordon Williams, was at another function and the RAF Liaison Officer, Don Moreland, had not been recalled from his Christmas holiday leave.

It doesn't exactly look like the base command was on any alert status!

That accepted, one aspect which remains unresolved are reports of activity in the same forest location during succeeding days.

Both Halt and Penniston are on record as reporting a high level of 'official' interest in the 'landing site area' - from Penniston's interviews with Salley Rayl:

PENNISTON: During the first week in January, about a week or so later, we had a pass-on that was given at guard mount to brief our people to ignore any type of activity that was going to be happening on the perimeter of Woodbridge. Apparently, or at least as we were told, there was a special team that was going to be out there doing some electronics work. They weren't wearing uniforms but civilian clothes. Now it was perfectly normal to receive pass-ons, but this situation was different because these guys weren't wearing military uniforms.

[...]

...probably within 10 to 15 days there was unusual air movement of transports coming in... there were six of 'em that came in and we were told, briefed, at our guard mounts, that there were going to be civilians operating over at Woodbridge Base, over by the east gate and we were supposed to give them a clear berth while, while they were over there.

RAYL: Where were they exactly? And what were they doing?

[...]

PENNISTON: They were at the east gate area and the actual landing site adjacent to that.

RAYL: So, they were in the area of the landing site?

PENNISTON: Absolutely.  
[END OF EXTRACT]

Penniston's above claims are uncorroborated and even if accurate [his recollections of the first night's incident are hugely problematic] it may be unrelated to preceding 'UFO' events.

Coincidentally, I've recently been informed, by a significant source, how there was much earlier interest in that forest area. This reportedly occurred directly after the 'second' night and involved both helicopters and ground based personnel, apparently engaged on what appeared to be a continuous search - both day and night.

It's not known by said source - who was allegedly posted on guard duty at east gate during this time - where the helicopters operated from.

Yet, again, how could this have taken place without coming to light before now?

Another claim I'm aware of is that directly following the 'UFO incident', a nearby village [I won't name it for a reason] was cordoned off for a short time by armed, US military personnel.

There is apparently a situation where that would be permissible, as I was advised:

"There are provisions in place for the United States military to establish 'National Defense Areas' (NDAs) off military property. The NDAs are temporary high security areas established for the protection of high priority resources during emergency situations.

Example, a vehicle transporting a high priority item,

such as a nuclear resource off base breaks down, then a NDA would be established until the vehicle were operational and the convoy could continue on its route. Military personnel are used to guard the perimeter of the NDA. Use of deadly force is authorized to protect the 'resource' and no one, including civilian authorities, would be allowed to enter the NDA.

The provisions for NDAs would have been in effect by the U.S. Air Force during the UFO time era. Someone would have to check the 'Status of Forces Agreement' between the U.K. and U.S. to see if there were provisions for the U.S. military to establish NDAs off base on U.K. soil. The only Air Force personnel that would have utilized weapons as described would have been SPs. There is a possibility of U.S. Army personnel, but I really, really doubt that. I heard there were a few army personnel in the U.K., but from what I understand these people were basically liaisons to air force units.

The bottom line as far as I see it is that if the recollections are true, then the forces were securing a high priority resource. This would also account for personnel being in the area for a short time as the objective would be to secure the resource and get it back to the base immediately".  
[END]

Although this local anecdote also originates from what should be a reliable source, once more it doesn't really equate with those 'UFO' perceptions back at base.

Great story though!

>Probably a load of BS but worth a mention.

That seems a sensibly cautious appraisal of all these tales, unless [some still being investigated] seriously evidenced otherwise.

James.  
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Subject: [UFORL] Blatently Bogus 'Earthfiles' Document  
CC: 'The UFO Research List' [UFORL@yahoogroups.com]

Dear Linda,

Regarding the purported Ministry of Defence [MoD]  
document publicised at:

<http://www.earthfiles.com>

under the heading...

"December 9, 2002 - Update on British Rendlesham UFO  
Incident from a U.S. Air Force Eyewitness. Click report  
here".

This document was known to be a hoax over 15 years ago  
and is highlighted in 'Skycrash', by Jenny Randles,  
Brenda Butler and Dot Street.

Therein, Jenny wrote:

"This anonymous memo was sent, as a photocopy to the  
research team in early 1994, obviously as an indented  
'real' leaked document [if it was a genuine 'leak', then  
hardly likely to masquerade as something released under  
the US FOIA with blanked-out segments - James].

We have investigated it... and our conclusion is that it  
is a deliberate fake by certain parties, whose identities  
are strongly suspected by us.

There are a number of valid reasons for believing that  
this is a hoax.

For one thing, the MoD letter-head is of a style not used  
on public letters until late 1983.

[...]

On 19 June, 1984, after several attempts, Andrew  
Mathewson, new head of DS8 at the MoD, wrote to Harry  
Harris, calling the memo 'very interesting' but adding 'I  
have to say it is a forgery and probably intended as a  
joke'.

This hoax has clearly been planned to test us, or more

likely, to impugn our credibility should we fall for the trick. We call their bluff".  
[END OF EXTRACT]

It's a pity that so many years afterwards, someone has still fallen for it.

At the time this bogus photocopy was sent to Jenny and Co., there was still considerable confusion about the dating of any 'UFO' incidents and no surprise that we now understand said memo ridiculously dates an 'acknowledged alien spaceship landing' as occurring two nights later than factual misconstrued events it professes were 'covered-up'.

Your web site claims:

"Not long after midnight on December 26, Sgt. Penniston was asked to investigate odd lights seen moving in the Rendlesham forest between Bentwaters and Woodbridge. Joining him was USAF Airman First Class John Burroughs and several other security and military personnel".

As Penniston should confirm, aside from Burroughs, the only other person directly involved was Airman Ed Cabansag - not 'several others'.

It was John Burroughs who alerted myself to the 'earthfiles' allegations.

Penniston reportedly claims:

"The patrolman who was with me was John Burroughs. He has worked the law enforcement side. In fact, he had worked directly for Bud Stefans, but he was one of the guys who went out there with me.

Q: SO, IS HE THE ONLY ONE WITH YOU?

Well, immediately next to me at 10 feet, yes. We, of course, we had another one back about 100 meters and there were others back at a logging road. Of course, there were several people at the East Gate. And all of this was observed from Bentwaters, too".

[END]

It's long been established that SSgt Bud Steffans [sic] - who was on patrol with Burroughs remained back at 'east gate'. There were never 'several people'.

How could there be?

It was Burroughs and Steffan's patrol - checking out an isolated post - which first reported 'unfamiliar lights', seemingly within Rendlesham forest.

Penniston and Cabansag responded to the report and consequently Burroughs, Cabansag and Penniston [BC&P] received permission to investigate further, leaving Steffans back at east agate.

There were never 'others' back at the logging road which BC&P followed into the forest - it was only MSgt Chandler, who subsequently arrived after hearing the radio communications.

For verification, see Penniston's previous - quite different - claims and further, factual, background, at:

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

The huge discrepancies with Penniston's seemingly ever elaborate story are evidenced therein.

Meanwhile, Burroughs still maintains, as he always has, that they never encountered anything more enigmatic than 'unusual lights'.

He also acknowledges that the three man patrol ultimately travelled for some two miles before realising one source of lights they had pursued was a coastal lighthouse.

As for Penniston's infinitely more convoluted tale, Burroughs concludes that 'Jim' has been "heavily influenced" by subsequent 'hypnotic regression'.

As I'm not championing a classic 'ET landing and nefarious secret government cover up' assertion, I have no dilemma concerning such widely divergent witness testimony.

However, I certainly wouldn't promote such claims until I



had resolved the manifest contradictions.

The inherent explanation will perhaps be self-evident to many, especially those who ask why elementary, requisite, research failed to spot such a blatantly ludicrous document forgery and instead promoted it as genuine, 'best evidence'.

Best wishes,

James.

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Not at the time no, but time and more information can surely overwrite it's  
old classification.

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>others, I don't think it matters who solves this type of "classic" case  
>(skeptic, debunker, UFOlogist).

I take it you believe only a believer can be a ufologist then? as you seem to indicate that a sceptic is different to a ufologist?

>There will always be those that state, "but  
>this does not explain the statements made by this witness".

As any policeman will tell you the "truth" rarely does.

"A whitiness does not the truth make" a favourite saying of an old police friend of mine.

When relying on whitiness statements to prove/disprove a case surely we should check with groups who regularly deal with whitiness statements as part of their job and ask just how good is a whitiness in discovering the truth?

According to me old mate 1 (whitiness) is good 2 is better 3 starts to get confusing and more than 3 you can expect to get nowhere fast.

An unofficial view, but one arrived at after 15 years in the force.(CID)

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On the other hand the longer a case runs the quicker the Debunker/skeptic wants to lay it to rest?

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From: "David Clarke" <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>  
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Subject: Re: [UFORL] Rendlesham

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>UFOlogists.

Yes, the 'serious UFOlogists' who populate UFO Updates were most concerned  
that someone was looking hard and deep at one of the 'holy cows', as  
Lakenheath-  
Bentwaters had become.

Since the testimony of the key USAF ATC witness, Forrest Perkins, came to  
light  
in 1968 via the Condon report, very little follow-up investigation had been  
done  
on this 'classic' case. The exception was Jenny's seminal work in tracing  
the  
key RAF radar controller, Freddie Wimbledon, and two of the Venom  
night-fighter  
crews, who were involved in the 'interception' part. Over the past two  
years,  
with a lot of luck and help from many different sources, we have been able  
to  
piece together what really happened - a story which is radically different  
to what  
has become part of the UFOlogical legend.

I've spent the best part of two years working almost exclusively on the  
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Witness the reaction of the true believers when it became known that new evidence

had been uncovered during the re-investigation. The assumption made by Jerry Clark and others that we had decided beforehand that the case would be debunked

whatever the cost. In actual fact, if you read our (now very out of date) summary

in 'Out of the Shadows' we did actually end up suspecting something unusual did in fact happen, but that lack of data meant the case is never likely to be resolved.

>Isn't this one case where the Condon report suggested a "True UFO" existed?

That was Gordon Thayer's conclusion in 1968 in his report to the Condon study.

It was good enough for McDonald, and that was good enough for Clark, and so it goes on.

But the facts are that the case was passed to the Condon team in Feb 1968, just months before the team were due to report, so they were unable to fully investigate at the time. All they had were the 12-year-old memories of the USAF ATC man at Lakenheath, plus the highly confusing teletypes from sent by the people Lakenheath to BlueBook in 1956.

These two sources were \*all\* Thayer had to make his 'true UFO' conclusion: he never made inquiries with the RAF or British MOD, who played a major role in the incident. If he had done this in 1968 we might know a whole lot more

about the case.

As it is, all we have to go on is a mishmash of contradictory accounts, hazy memories and missing evidence. Rather like a huge jigsaw puzzle with all the key pieces of the jigsaw absent.

This is the sort of palimpsest out of which 'classic UFO cases' are born.

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>statements made by this witness".

I agree -- and the Lakenheath-Bentwaters case is a classic example. We know that spurious responses on radar can appear as a result of a) atmospheric phenomena and b) man-made spoofing. The UFOlogists will argue, as they

have done with the Washington DC wave, that radar operators could not possibly have been deceived because of their 'familiarity' with these phenomena.

Therefore estimates of speed, manoeuvrability, etc are accepted as facts because they are made by people who we rely upon to guide our aircraft safely around the skies. This is a familiar argument, but does not stand up to scrutiny.

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>it receives, the less likely it will be accepted by UFOlogists as solved no matter

>what evidence is presented."

Which is precisely my point: 'UFOlogists', even serious ones, are just as likely

to be influenced by the will to believe as anyone else. It's human nature.

Best,

Dave Clarke

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From: "Erick Maillot" <erick.maillot@wanadoo.fr>  
Date: Sun, 22 Dec 2002 20:20:17 +0100  
Subject: [UFORL] Many question on Socorro

Hello,

With my friend David Rossoni, we recently discuss on the different hypothesis for the Socorro case. He said to me to subscribe at this list to have more informations and have answers at my numerous questions. As you can see, my english is not very academic and it's difficult for me to explain exactly my mind. If i'm not clear, please say it to me immediatly.

Many explanations are proposed for Socorro and many problems seems to be not solved with it, for me. To begin, I propose to examine only the most actually consistant : the "balloon". This explanation is still very vague/generalist for me ; many details arn't diffused or specify in french litterature and I'm not specialist/amateur in hot-air balloon.

a/ When L.Zamora is in the south of the town, on the N.85, he said saw the object at \_S.E\_ (at left of the road 85), and describe a flame. L.Z see the flame at the moment (in town ?) he \*stopped to chase\* a car at high speed (strange attitude for a police officer). Is the object masked, totally or partially, by hills at this moment ?

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e/ If the basket was lied down, to make burning some bush, how would you explain the relative central position of the burned trace\* with the four imprints (=) ?

At Socorro we find :        =                        =  
                                             \*burn  
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The logic (basket lied) seems to be :



=        =  
             \*burn (outside, a few meters of imprints)  
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The flame can't be "in" the basket imprints but only outside in the direction of the fall/movement. If the basket only touch and go (always in vertical position), any burnd trace is coherent.

f/ Others witness are referenced in this story (tourist of Colorado, man in a fuel station, ...). Have you thoses complete reports ?

I hope you can light my point of view on those questions with your large knowledge on this case.

Cordially, have a nice Christmas and an happy new year !

Eric Maillot

PS 1: If you have some photos (or URL) of the balloon which explain this case, please send me it. Idem for photo of the site or trace.

PS 2 : In the future, I will developp and submit to your critic spirit an idea based on the Chocktaw H34. But many details/information still missing.

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it?&nbsp; It only proves that the information is not enough to determine the  
cause.&nbsp; It could be something extraordinary or it could be that the witness  
reports are not accurate enough to determine the source. The usual response by  
UFOlogists to any possible explanation is the witness could never be wrong. The  
reason (at least in my humble opinion) UFOlogists often poo-poo explanations is  
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makes one wonder about the other cases.&nbsp; <BR>  
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From: "James Easton" <voyager@jeaston.com>  
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 05:32:30 -0000  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Many question on Socorro

Regarding:

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Erick,

A warm welcome to the list and thank you for highlighting  
some central questions.

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>high speed (strange attitude for a police officer). Is  
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>this moment ?

To recap: in his official report, Zamora explained:

"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... Could not see bottom of flame because it was  
behind the hill".

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The low sun was reportedly a factor and Zamora also  
noted, "Was still driving car and could not pay too much  
attention to the flame".

It seems that Zamora suddenly became aware of the descending flame and because he had to concentrate on driving, "could not pay too much attention" to whatever the source object was.

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>whiteclothes entities?

If it was a hot-air balloon, those 'legs' would be the struts supporting a platform/basket.

Strictly, Zamora did not claim to have seen "two legs", only "what appeared to be two legs of some type from the object to the ground".

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>logic if the wind and the balloon go to S.W ?

There wasn't necessarily a basket, possibly only a basic platform. For example, see the contemporary, early, 1963 platform on display at the 'Musee des Balloons', Chateau de Balleroy:

[http://www.balloonlife.com/publications/balloon\\_life/9512/history.htm](http://www.balloonlife.com/publications/balloon_life/9512/history.htm)

Zamora also confirmed that when he first viewed the landed object from distance, it was only for a couple of seconds and again, he didn't, "pay much attention":

"Had stopped about only a couple seconds".

"The only time I saw these two persons was when I had stopped, for possibly two seconds or so, to glance at the object".

"When I first saw the object (when I thought it might be a car) I saw what appeared to be two legs of some type from the object to the ground. At the time, I didn't pay much attention to what it was--I thought it was an accident--I saw the two persons. I didn't pay any attention to the two "legs?" The two "legs" were at the bottom of the object, slanted outwards to the ground. The

object might have been about three and a half feet from the ground at that time. I just glanced at it".

In the book 'Socorro Saucer', author Ray Stanford, who interviewed Zamora in the days directly afterwards, notes that even when Zamora was later at his closest to the object, he couldn't see all of it as the bottom was obscured by a tall greasewood bush.

Stanford is offering an explanation why Zamora briefly observed, "what appeared to be two legs of some type", yet those believed 'landing marks' required four legs to be consistent.

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>into ground ?

As I previously revealed - see:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/v18.txt>

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If it was a hot air balloon, then any landing would not have been a 'touchdown' and the balloon's platform is likely to have dragged along the ground, even for a short distance.

At this time, it seems that an extremely basic, rectangular wooden or metal platform with 'railings' was gradually being superseded by the more familiar wicker basket.

The 'official' case investigator was Dr J. Allen Hynek, former Chairman of the Astronomy Department at Northwestern University and who became a consultant for the US Air Force's 'Project Blue Book'.

In a private memo dated 20 May, 1964, Hynek wrote that, contrary to the landing marks being 'impressions', they were in fact, "4 rectangular scrapings as if a rectangular object had scraped along digging into the ground" and that "the gouging was done away from the center in every case".

There is a photograph, published in several books, which shows one of the 'imprints' and the rocks which had been placed around to protect this presumed 'trace evidence'. As one of Richard Hall's colleagues further commented:

"It 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".

Once again, the facts are somewhat different from those published in UFO lore.  
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>rectangles (how many ?) on his floor exist in 1964 and  
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As we see, the 'imprints' and indeed that entire 'trace evidence' are open to different interpretations. All of those assumed imprints might in fact have nothing to do with the landed object.

>f/ Others witness are referenced in this story (tourist  
>of Colorado, man in a fuel station, ...). Have you  
>thoses complete reports ?

Although published in 'Socorro Saucer', unfortunately they add nothing of importance to the evidence.

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I'm not so sure about the 'large knowledge'!

In many 'UFO' cases, the more we know, the more we realise we don't know.

However, perhaps before too long, maybe I have reason to

expect an explanation for 'Socorro' will emphasise that entire context.

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Erick, no way was that 'UFO' a helicopter.

See, for example:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL/message/926>

>Cordially, have a nice Christmas and an happy new year!

Bon accord!

Best wishes,

James.

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Hi All,

Dave in his Lakenheath post wrote:

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There could also be a blend of c) and d) in the form of still as yet unknown natural phenomena causing problems in the context of evolving radar technology...

Best  
Gary Anthony

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usually gave some deflection on many sources such as rocks. Also, the number of  
"clicks" reported by the operator don't seem to agree with his readings.&nbsp; If I  
recall correctly it was a few hundreds clicks per minute that signified 0.1 mrem (this  
value may be off by this is what I remember from my navy days).&nbsp; The 0.07  
value should have been a lot more than a few clicks described on the tape.&nbsp;  
Also, the meter movement can be affected by the operator.&nbsp; The bearings on the  
meter needle were very good and just waiving the meter around would cause  
deflections.&nbsp; The unit came equipped with a strap to minimize this effect.  
Considering the values described (only 7 minor units on the lowest scale which is  
about a 7/50th of full scale), it is not impossible that the individuals were causing  
some of the deflection while they were using it.&nbsp;

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Thanks for that Tim If i ever get round to picking one up, you'll be hearing from me(probably lots :-) ).  
P.S sorry if we've been over this before but i lost all my data in a move recently.  
rob....

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From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>  
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Subject: [UFORL] FOTOCAT News December 2002

## PROJECT FOTOCAT NEWS, December 2002

FOTOCAT is a catalog of UFO photo events which presently contains 2800 records. Managed by Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and owned by Fundación Anomalía, a bilingual News report appears in <[www.anomalia.org/fotocat1.htm](http://www.anomalia.org/fotocat1.htm)>, and a preliminary content report (in Spanish) can be found in <[www.anomalia.org/infotocat.pdf](http://www.anomalia.org/infotocat.pdf)>.

We continue receiving various forms of cooperation from specialists located in many parts of the world. For example:

- \* Mexico is a country which has produced lots of UFO imagery. The critical researcher Luis Ruiz Noguez, much experienced in processing photographic cases, is assisting us by reviewing the Mexican section of FOTOCAT and sending new cases. This help is proving to be invaluable.
- \* Famous US writer Ronald Story has been kind enough to donate a copy of the CD Rom version of his huge UFO Encyclopedia, which includes a vast number of images of unidentified flying objects.
- \* Thanks to Patrick Ferryn, from the serious Belgian UFO association SOBEPS, we have received 10 years of old issues of its excellent journal Inforespace, to complete our collection.
- \* Ole Henningsen, an ufologist from the Danish group SUFOI, has helped by reviewing cases reported in Denmark.

### FOTOCAT in the media

A Letter to the Editor describing the project has been published in the Winter 2002 issue of the CUFOS International UFO Reporter as well as in the January 2003 issue of Fortean Times (Great Britain).

Also, an interview by C. Rizzo to this compiler has been released (in Spanish) in the Terra portal:

<[http://www.terra.cl/ovnis/index.cfm?id\\_reg=215500&pagina=entrevistas&categoria=entrevistas](http://www.terra.cl/ovnis/index.cfm?id_reg=215500&pagina=entrevistas&categoria=entrevistas)>

### Cases Per Country

FOTOCAT has been tallied by country, and we present the distribution of cases for those countries contributing over 1 % of the total (28):

|            |                                                            |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| USA:       | 795 cases (almost 30% of the grand total are US cases!)    |
| Spain:     | 376 cases (it represents the higher sample ever collected) |
| Australia: | 142 cases                                                  |
| Argentina: | 123 cases                                                  |
| Italy:     | 119 cases                                                  |

France: 119 cases  
Great Britain: 119 cases  
Japan: 113 cases  
Mexico: 112 cases  
Chile: 95 cases  
Poland: 67 cases  
Sweden: 66 cases  
Space: 55 cases (astronaut cases or footage from spacecraft)  
Canada: 52 cases  
Brazil: 47 cases  
Switzerland: 34 cases (the effect of Billy Meier)  
Germany: 32 cases  
Russia: 28 cases

There are regions of the globe with a good coverage, while there are others still poorly documented in this catalog. The process of extracting cases from mainstream UFO journals like MUFON UFO Journal, Flying Saucer Review, Lumières Dans La Nuit and many others will balance the equation. We also expect that the contributions from colleagues will generate a representative census of cases worldwide, larger than any other produced before. When it is posted in the internet for free access, we hope it will be a useful piece of information for students of this elusive phenomena.

#### Help Needed

Readers and investigators are requested to contribute lists of local cases to FOTOCAT by writing to <fotocat@anomalialia.org>. Other ways to participate in this program are by reviewing the case lists we will produce for specific countries on demand, with the purpose to correct dates or location names, add the names of photographers, informing about potential explanations, and sending information on cases unknown to us.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@jeaston.com>  
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Regarding:

>From: "David Clarke" <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>  
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>Subject: Re: [UFORL] Rendlesham

Dave wrote:

>Thanks for a refreshing, non-conspiratorial post on the  
>Rendlesham incident. You have dealt with each 'theory'  
>and explained quite cogently why none stand up to  
>critical scrutiny.

Dave,

There's one further aspect we can highlight which evidently proves that not only did Halt, afterwards, still perceive those events involved 'UFOs' [from outer space], even Wing Commander Gordon Williams gave it credence...

In 'Left at East Gate', within the transcript of Halt's taped discussions with Larry Warren and Peter Robbins, Halt explains that Williams asked to be notified if there were any more 'sightings' as he would very much like to see a 'UFO' himself.

Halt then describes a subsequent, reported sighting from Senior Airman Palmer, stationed at 'east gate' and how, alas, by the time both Halt and Williams arrived, there was no 'UFO', per se...

Warren mentions to Halt that this was an incident involving his colleague and friend, Steve La Plume.

Steve has been a welcome contributor to previous list discussions and in an update, new to the list, recalls:

I know that there has been much broo ha ha over the Christmas incident of 1980 but little has been said about the sighting that Senior Airmen Palmer and myself had a few weeks later.

A few things to point out is that when we saw this thing it was like a plane or a satellite in the sky. Very far

off and basically just moving up and down kind of zig zagging in the southern sky. It head out toward the North Sea and we lost it behind the forest.

The thing I remember most was that once Palmer confirmed with the tower that the only thing up were a few choppers and a C-130, we decided to call it in because we had been instructed to report anything like that.

Well man the shit hit the fan for Palmer and me. As soon as he called it in the phone rang in the shack at the East gate. Lt. Englund was there and told me to report - which I did. He then told me to stay put and keep an eye out. I relayed this to Palmer.

Col. Halt, the Bentwaters Deputy Base Commander showed up - also present was a high ranking officer whom I thought may have been his equivalent on Woodbridge with his wife and son. No lie! I remember the Nikon camera around the kid's neck. But mostly I remember his wife being all excited and saying "Oh boy, maybe we get to see one" or something very close to that.

Lt. Englund finally showed up and told me not to be nervous but that Col. [sic - James] Williams would be here in a minute and would ask me to report and I was to say all safe and secure. He also informed me that the Col was just voted a General by Congress a few days earlier. I had just turned eighteen. (no pressure Steve just stay calm).

After reporting they all jumped in an official Air Force Blue with yellow lettered station wagon and headed out toward the forest. I was baffled as to why since the thing was miles in the sky and just went over in that general direction. I did not protest I just let them go and screwed around with the starlight scope we were given to "keep an eye on things".

About an hour later they came back and went their separate ways. Of course they posted me on the gate for the rest of the night instead of riding around with Palmer (who was LE [Law Enforcement - James] not Security). My security clearance had not come in yet and I was usually stuck giving latrine or lunch breaks to the Lee's. Otherwise, I was at the Bentwaters or Woodbridge front gate or stuck out at East Gate looking for East End Charlie - the WWII German pilot ghost.

[END]

Clearly, neither Halt or Williams comprehended an explanation for preceding 'UFOs', basically 'not a clue'... or... they were in the front line of any nefarious [ludicrous] 'global cover-up that aliens landed, etc.'.

Alternatively, could Halt, and even Williams, have been so far 'out of the loop' that they had no idea of the true reality?

Halt, statedly believes he was...

This originates from an online copy of a documentary which I had never previously seen.

Entitled, 'Incident at RAF Bentwaters, 1980' it can be downloaded from:

<http://www.angelfire.com/wizard/wizardfl/MainVideoPage.html>

and [UK]

<http://www.ufos-aliens.co.uk/cosmicvideos.html>

It must be realised that Halt reiterates those 'true facts' do not encompass Larry Warren's story and Halt confirms there was absolutely no interaction with 'aliens'.

Indeed, he acknowledges never having observed anything 'alien' at all...

It's also notable why therein, Brenda Butler concludes there was no 'alien spaceship landing'.

Definitely worth seeing.

In the documentary, Kevin Randles defends that Orfordness lighthouse could never have been a factor:

"Clearly something extremely unusual happened. The skeptical explanation that it was the lighthouse light reflecting strangely through the woods doesn't make any sense... because why haven't they had that... encountered that problem before or since?

If it was the lighthouse, the atmospheric conditions would have been such that at some other point it would have happened, but it never did.

So, you have something going on there that is inexplicable in the mundane.

You've got very credible people who are charged with guarding a facility who can not explain it and if these people are incompetent, then we'd better get them out of there".

Perhaps Kevin can helpfully identify the source of this documentary.

It presumably dates from before Kevin was aware why any "skeptical explanation" can readily cite those original witness statements and how Orfordness lighthouse was documented therein... so demonstrably, "encountered that problem before"... as being mistaken for a 'UFO'...

James.

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I thought this might be of interest - I noticed it on a web site for former base Security Police personnel:

[BEGIN]

As I write this, I am looking at two 3X5 inch index cards.. part of a larger group of index cards which comprised my diary while at RAFs Woodbridge & Bentwaters. Now read verbatim what I wrote back in June 1980 onto these two 3X5 cards.. clearly, a half a year before the now famous December 1980 incidents:

"15 June 80 - Interesting nite - it's our 2nd mid and Wagner & Campbell have A-2. They sighted a UFO at five different occasions that nite. Described as a red globe 20ft. in diameter. It hovered at times over aircraft pads/structures. Labrucherie also sighted the UFO; he had A-1. At one time they said the UFO glided over the trees to a meadow where it suddenly disappeared into a white flash (poof!) and then nothing; except two deer which they say were not there previously. I believe this story to be authentic."

A-2 was the area security patrol & A-1 was the entry control post to the Alpha aircraft parking area at RAF Bentwaters. The word "mid" references our midnight shift.

Ken Kern.  
[END]

Extraordinary; multiple observations [although a second-hand account] of one or more, suspicious, unidentified aerial lights in a what should be a secure area and they're reconciled as 'UFOs'.

If "our 2nd mid", sounds like they might have been young, inexperienced Airmen, only recently arrived on base.

Can we perhaps presume these incidents [especially the materialising deer] were not reported!

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