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Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2004 14:27:31 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Looking for local group

Hello

I have been interested for some years in UFO's and am looking to find a local group in my area - Buckingham in Buckinghamshire UK

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com
Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 15:36:32 EST
Subject: [UFORL] UFO Updates: Update On The Kecksburg UFO Paper Chase

Ladies & Gents:

In a message dated 1/10/2004 11:07:13 AM Eastern Standard Time, ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net writes:

> From: Larry W. Bryant <overtci@cavtel.net>
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
> Date: Fri, 9 Jan 2004 20:12:42 -0500
> Subject: Update On The Kecksburg UFO Paper Chase

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> "Determining the exact shape of the object was difficult, but
> there is absolutely no doubt that the same [Army] truck went up
> the [Kecksburg, Pa.] hill empty and came back down carrying a
> covered object." -- Former Kecksburgian Michael D. Slater (in
> his sworn statement of July 18, 2003)
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One newsman has described something the size of two suitcases under a tarp (another tarp? A generator for lights?). In 1965 the State Police said it was equipment used in the search. Others have described a covered truck, but that it was not possible to tell if anything was inside. This hardly matches the claims of two or three to see a 10 X 12 foot acorn shaped object, and supports the official version of events.

> The FOIA case in question began with my request of Dec. 14,
> 2003, addressed to the HQDA FOIA office - by which I'd sought a
> copy of the entire HQDA case file compiled to date on the Army's
> response to journalist Leslie Kean's FOIA request of Jan. 16,
> 2003. Her request had sought all Army documentation about the
> Army's role in the UFO-crash/retrieval operation in Kecksburg on
> Dec. 9, 1965.

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> Leuyer's [Government] transmitted package of 75 pages
> includes the following key items of interest:
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> The letter's 23 documentary attachments include
> declarations from several eye witnesses to the Army's role in
> the retrieval operation. Attachment No. 22 consists of a 21-
> page transcript of a post-event radio broadcast by the late
> WHJB reporter John Murphy.

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> "Yesterday afternoon a woman from the Kecksburg area came to
> Greensburg and spent more than one hour in our recording studio
> at WHJB radio sitting behind a WHJB microphone with the tape
> recorders running and recorded for us what she saw, what she
> reported and what the State Police and military officers told
> her the object was. She described for us, on tape, what and how
> it looked. Late this afternoon she notified this radio station
> that she did not want anything she said, in her own voice, used
> on the radio. She said she was afraid of getting into trouble
> and she did not want her description of the object used on the
> air."

This witness was interviewed the night of the incident by a reporter for the local newspaper (Gatty, Bob, 1965, "Unidentified Flying Object Report Touches Off Probe Near Kecksburg, The Greensburg (Pa.) Tribune-Review, (late) City Edition, December 10, p. 1. She has since repeated her story, including an interview for the 1990 "Unsolved Mysteries" show.

What did she claim? In the interview the night of the event she was quoted, "'Nevin [her eight year old son] saw it first... He said it looked like a flaming star. It left a trail of flames behind it and fell in the woods," she added, pointing to the spot where her son said the UFO had fallen. "Then I came out to look and I saw some smoke. Then it turned sort of cloudy, and went away almost like it buried itself in the ground.' ... After she saw the smoke, about 4:45 P.M., she heard a radio report that said an airplane had possibly crashed into the woods. So, Mrs. Kalp explained, she phoned the radio station."

Her phone call was about an hour and 45 minutes after the fireball, which suggests that she wasn't very excited about it at the time she saw the cloud in the sky. What may have really prompted her was a popular phone call-in show on nearby KDKA-radio, Pittsburgh, with Frank Edwards, who was promoting one of his popular flying saucer lectures in Pittsburgh the next day.

On "Unsolved Mysteries", in 1990, Mrs. Kalp had this to say, "The radio said something had been sighted and they were calling all around to find out if anyone had an airplane or something missing. So, I called in and told them it was no airplane, it was just a small piece that had fallen off an airplane, because smoke had come up from the area where it landed and I said it burned up."

"In a matter of two or three minutes I got a call from a man from the U.S. Navy [The USAF 662nd Radar SQUADRON?]. And, uh, he told me that I was to watch the area, should anything

strange develops, to call this number. I said Should I call the fire company? He said, 'No, you call us; we'll call them'. So I hung up from talking to him and went to call a girlfriend of mine and I got about two sentences out to her when an operator got on and cleared the line, with an emergency call. That turned out to be the State Police."

I have plotted the location of her home and the direction that she pointed out and the spot where the State Police search occurred. It is directly in a line with the Ontario meteor train in the Western sky. See:
http://adsbit.harvard.edu/cgi-bin/nph-iarticle_query?bibcode=1967JRASC..61..184D

So, her known interviews, both before the radio interview, and afterward, support the official version of events.

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- > In the Court of Public Opinion, the plaintiff (Kean et al.)
- > already has won her case - simply by having planted seeds of
- > doubt as to the veracity of official pronouncements (and
- > responsiveness) on the Kecksburg case.

Bryant breathtakingly reveals his strategy for publicity mongering.

- > The resultant seedlings
- > can provide the basis for convening a grand jury probe into what
- > officially happened (and why) during and after the Kecksburg
- > Incident. Using its investigatory-and-reporting function, the
- > grand jury can receive (and evaluate) both direct and indirect
- > evidence (as well as entertain hearsay evidence), wrapping up
- > its work by issuing a written, public report of its
- > findings/conclusions/recommendations. Ideally, since some
- > Kecksburg residents reportedly incurred various abuse of
- > authority at the hands of certain government officials, a STATE,
- > rather than a federal, grand jury should be pursued for their
- > relief. At this point, Ms. Helfrich, should I send a copy of the
- > HQDA FOIA case file to the district attorney of Westmoreland
- > County, Pa., with the request that he institute proceedings for
- > impaneling a special grand jury there?

He now wants one or several Grand Juries to help publicize the TV shows!

The most comical part of this is their Attachment No. 22, the transcript of a radio broadcast a week later by the late WHJB-radio Greensburg reporter John Murphy. Bryant withholds from his readers the following information that newsman John Murphy reported on the program, in his lifetime:

While Murphy said, "It...(was this past?) Thursday when an object fell in the woods near Kecksburg", he never actually reported seeing anything, himself.

"I questioned him [State Police Captain Dussia] about the Army and he said that he understood that members of the 662nd Radar Squadron would be there."

[The Army didn't have radar squadrons, but three men came from the USAF 662nd Radar Squadron, whose radar site was located on the Oakdale Army Engineers Facility adjacent to old Pittsburgh Airport. This is the origin of the confusion about the presence of the U.S. Army.

I predict that Bryant and his friends at the SCI-FI Channel will never be able to obtain any documents from the Department of the Army - because the Army wasn't there - which will allow them to continue to milk this refusal to divulge the nonexistent "truth" for all its worth]

Murphy continued, "He [Dussia] said most likely they would be here at the barracks by the time you get in." [Notice that they had not yet arrived].

Murphy reported that, at the site of the search, "The military walked up in front of my car. At that time Carl [a State Police Fire Marshal] motioned towards the woods and said, 'That's a good idea, for you to bring a generator truck up here and flood the whole side of the mountain with light.'"

[Wonder what a generator truck looked like? 1965 Kecksburg Fire Chief Edward L. Myers has told me the company had one to provide lights for the search?]

Now, Murphy, again, "They went back towards the unmarked [Fire Marshal's] car. The military got in the car, too, behind the driver...Now this was the last time I saw the military." [Here's a pop quiz: How many heavily armed, combat equipped soldiers can be jammed into the back seat of a police car? Answer: Three air force men from Pittsburgh could sit side-by-side.]

Last but not least in the unrevealed truth about the 1965 radio broadcast is this statement: "This station has not been contacted by any official agency of the State, Federal or local Governments in connection with this program. We have received very good cooperation with the State Police and with the military and we were able to receive all the information that we wanted this past week. We have not had any political or otherwise influence put on us concerning this program, whatsoever."

Here's where we get to the "heroics", no less,

- > As we await further FOIA developments from the heroic work of
- > Kean, Helfrich, and Stan Gordon, I have a suggestion for their
- > facilitator, the SciFI Channel: establish a Kecksburg UFO-
- > coverup whistleblower reward fund in the amount of, say, \$1
- > million. What a "reality show" that initiative could engender
- > when the reward's claimant shows up with one or more
- > (verifiable) smoking guns!

Another pop quiz: Which witness producing scheme do you think is the most likely to occur, a three Grand Juries or a \$million PR stunt by the SCI-FI Channel?

Let the farce begin.

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Neil

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@fortean.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2004 00:10:21 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] A few more questions...

Regarding:

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Neil,

Although I taped the program - which I presume is Sci-Fi
Channel's recent production - I haven't had time to watch
it yet.

That noted...

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>and Mr Condes police car, then why does Jim Penniston
>insist that he walked around a structured craft that was
>sat in the forest, making notes as he went? Was he
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This wasn't Penniston's primary account.

In his written statement of early January 1981, at Halt's
request, Penniston confirmed he had never been closer
than (at least) 50 metres to the source of some enigmatic
lights:

"When we got within a 50 meter distance. The object was
producing red and blue light".

"This is the closest point that I was near the object at
any point".

Since then, as John Burroughs has considerably helped to
explain, Penniston's recollections are affected by having
being 'hypnotised' and we can furthermore easily evidence
how his tale has grown somewhat in the retelling.

Of greater consequence are sketches Penniston claims to have made during the incident. To my knowledge, these were first revealed when he was interviewed by Salley Rayl for the 1997 Microsoft Network 'project: watchfire' online 'UFO' feature - see:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/jpdraw1.jpg>

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/jpdraw2.jpg>

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/jpdraw3.jpg>

Copies were published in a related article I resultantly wrote for 'UFO Magazine' (UK).

The point then emphasised still applies; either the sketches - claimed to be originals from his notebook - are 'on-site' evidence, or actually date from later, possibly years afterwards.

How he was able to make such detailed illustrations, in the midst of a pitch black forest, is a critical question.

In his latter sketch, we can only note those precise straight lines and circles when documenting 'strange markings' on the 'craft'.

As for our triangular-shaped UFO, it evidently bears little resemblance to the object Penniston did portray in the diagram which accompanied his official affidavit, see:

http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/penn_4b.jpg

Why would Penniston not alert the USAF that he held meticulous drawings of an unidentified, triangular-shaped, aerial vehicle which credibly posed a threat to base security and instead report an object which was indistinctly box-shaped?

It's a question we might ask - not that the Sci-Fi Channel were perhaps ever likely to.

On closer inspection, consider:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/jpdraw2.jpg>

We can see that Penniston initially outlines the 'UFO'.

However, his next illustration is seemingly those subsequently perceived triangulation of 'landing marks', which were not discerned in a forest clearing [at Capel Green] until daylight.

As we know, local forester, Vince Thurkettle, had visited the site and declared those ground markings to be old 'scrapings', made by rabbits. If I recall, one further clue was that the indentations contained accumulated pine needles, signifying they had some age.

Although we will doubtless never resolve this aspect, it's perhaps worth keeping in mind that the forest clearings at Capel Green were used by HH-53 'Jolly Green Giant' helicopters from the 67th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, based at RAF Bentwaters.

These helicopters participated in war games with the local Territorial Army [TA] and dropped off TA personnel, who tested defences within the Weapons Storage Area [WSA] at RAF Woodbridge ['hot' weapons were stored up the road, in the WSA at RAF Bentwaters].

There was one such major exercise during April 1980 and seemingly another on a smaller scale during November, 1980. As can be seen from the following April 1980 photograph, published in the base's 'Phantom Forum' magazine, the HH-53s had a triangular undercarriage:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/ftp/wargame9.jpg>

That aside, it's unfortunately difficult to decipher all of Penniston's notes on this drawing. At the bottom left-hand corner, it looks like he writes, "LIGHT HOUSE VISIBLE", although not clear what this is intended to clarify.

It could be that this is, overall, an early drawing by Penniston, perhaps within days of events.

The quality is nowhere so detailed as his three-view sketch, which I note seems to be dated '27 Dec 80'. That was the date reported in Halt's memo, however, Penniston's involvement was in fact in the early hours of 26 December.

Can anyone decipher Penniston's notes underneath the date?

If he was never closer than, at best, some 50 meters to the source puzzling lights, then clearly impossible to have documented any markings.

Perhaps his comprehensive illustration of those 'strange symbols' is another product of being hypnotised.

A striking omission from the program is of course John Burroughs. Was that because it's known John has been forthright in acknowledging that despite being with Penniston, John never observed a structured object at all, simply those lights which implied one was there.

Was it additionally due to the fact John also confirms that Orford Ness lighthouse, although not the origin of those lights, did then come into play and was not identified until they had all travelled a further two miles.

The irony is that John Burroughs' story offers some of the more intriguing evidence and has yet to be fully told.

Presumably no-one at all was invited by the Sci-Fi Channel to present a critical and informed view of the case.

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When Vince Thurkettle was interviewed for the program, he discussed the filming with myself and others. Earlier in 2003, Vince, Halt and Penniston had all given interviews in the forest for another documentary.

Vince noted that Penniston had now completely altered the 'landing site' location and it was just becoming farcical.

We know the lighthouse could be seen from the correct 'landing site' as even Halt confirms it was always in view. Alas, we also know from his thorough description of where the lighthouse and separately the 'strange flashing

light' were visible in relation to the cottage at Capel Green, that Halt places the lighthouse where Shipwash lightship stood and the 'UFO' precisely where Orford Ness lighthouse remains until this day.

There is photographic proof of this which is yet to be published.

Let there be no misunderstanding about Vince's conclusions, which he expressed to myself and others during the recent filming:

"Rendlesham now just seems a very tired story which deserves nothing more than archiving along with Loch Ness and Conan Doyle's fairy photos".

I don't agree; there is still much to be learned from 'Britain's Roswell' and maybe one or two surprises along the way.

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Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 14:57:14 -0000

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Ok, so can someone (James maybe?) explain why Pennistons claims and testimony are considered to be false - there must be good reason, other than it doesnt fit into the "it was all a hoax / mistaken identity" scenario.

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I can think of several possible reasons for the discrepancies:

1. Penniston is somehow making money from the case - money that would dry up if the case is solved.

2. The original UFO was a spy satellite film drop (with the hostage crisis in Iran, and a possible Balkan invasion, there might have been a need for photos from space quickly). Any object that re-enters the atmosphere unpiloted necessarily looks like an Apollo capsule (due to the need of a heat shield), though the size would vary with the payload.

2A. If this is true, then the "spaceship" nature of the case may be there to cover the film drop (we don't want them to know that we know that...). The military's purpose here would be to confound, not clarify.

2B. Penniston wouldn't shut up about the case, so the officers steered him in the direction of space aliens to make him look wacko.

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Is that "sites" or "sightings" (you might have misunderstood)?

There was the initial sighting of the "landed" object on 12/27/1980, and another sighting of aerial objects on 12/29. But there were also several different locations the sightings were made from:

1. Civilians reported lights coming down into the area of Rendlesham Forest on the 26th/27th. This was also seen from RAF Woodbridge.
2. Lights were seen in the forest from the east gate of RAF Woodbridge. A team of men was assembled to investigate.
3. The team that went into the forest saw lights, and chased after them.
4. Lights were seen over the forest on the 29th. Halt leads another team of men into the forest to investigate.

Now, for one question that has always bothered ME. WHY did they take a GEIGER COUNTER into the forest??? It seems like a strange thing to take on an investigation of a strange light, unless one of the following is true:

1. They had seen too many science fiction movies where UFOs left radioactivity behind (I don't know of any real cases where radiation was found at the site that make any sense).
2. They had heard of the gamma ray bursts detected by the "mineral club" in Ruppelt's book, not knowing that the UFO correlation was essentially random. Gamma bursts are now known to come from supernova explosions of stars in space.
3. They were expecting to find something that had re-entered the atmosphere from space (and would be radioactive).

4. Halt knew it was a spy film drop, and that the capsule had already been recovered. The expedition on the 29th might have been a cover for Halt looking for small pieces of the ceramic heat shield that broke off when the capsule landed (to collect and hide evidence that a spy capsule was there).

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@fortean.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2004 02:13:48 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Socorro

Regarding:

>From: Ktperehwon@aol.com
>Date: Tue, 23 Dec 2003 20:17:11 EST
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] Socorro

Karl wrote:

>>However, let's all see how the CIA respond to ongoing
>>FOIA dialogue; ultimately, that will be paramount, if
>>not defining.

>Good luck. My old colleagues--or, rather, our successors--
>-can be a slippery lot!

Karl,

We still await the outcome of my appeal.

If it's a negative response, I will simply insist they
address my statedly unconnected and more recent FOIA
request, i.e.:

"I look forward to hearing from you in due course [re the
appeal - James] and in the meantime enclose an entirely
separate and new FOIA request, which has no implied
association with any classified CIA projects".

That read:

"On 24 April, 1964, local Socorro, New Mexico, police
officer Lonnie Zamora encountered a puzzling white, oval-
shaped, aerial vehicle.

The source of this enigmatic craft remained unsolved and
the incident became a celebrated 'UFO' case.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. subsection
552, I am requesting any information or records
pertaining to those events".

As highlighted, their reply was:

"This acknowledges receipt of your 28 October 2003 letter

requesting records under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Specifically, your request is for information or records pertaining to 'those events' which you describe in the first and second paragraphs of your letter. You write about Lonnie Zamora, a police officer in Socorro, New Mexico, who on 24 April 1964 allegedly 'encountered a puzzling white, oval-shaped, aerial vehicle'.

We note that on 10 September 2003 you appealed the response to your 29 April 2003 FOIA request, reference number [deleted]. Please be advised that the subject of your appeal encompasses the subject of this 28 October 2003 request; therefore, we are cancelling this request".

The subject of my appeal was entirely independent, as I explained to them:

"The appeal is with regard only to my letter of 28 July, in which my FOIA request was revised:

'I would like to modify my request to something which may be more amenable. On 29 April, I wrote:

'I am particularly interested in a project which took place during 1963 and 1964, known as 'The Albuquerque Flights'. These involved some of the earliest hot-air balloon flights made and the balloons were launched north of Albuquerque, close to the Rio Grande.

Ed Yost, still alive and in his eighties, has confirmed he participated in this project'.

I now request information or records pertaining to this project".

As an aside, the following was reported in 'Saucer Smear', Volume 50, No. 6, July 5th, 2003:

"Amazingly, we also have an update of sorts on the classic April 24th, 1964 incident in Socorro, New Mexico, in which a police officer named Lonnie Zamora interacted with a very loud flying saucer that landed briefly near the town. Researcher Miller Johnson of Albuquerque has sent us copies of three contemporary newspaper clippings, in which other similar sightings are described in Socorro and relatively nearby towns. In other words, it appears that over a period of about three days, there was a mini-

flap in that part of the state, with named witnesses".

Do you possibly have access to a copy of these newspaper accounts?

They would naturally be of interest and potentially insightful.

James.

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobins@indiana.edu>
Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2004 11:27:39 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] A few more questions...

Aha! A hypnotist who either does not know what he is doing or who wants to prove a particular scenario can accidentally edit the subject's memory by asking leading questions.

Great care must be exercised any time hypnosis is used to recover "lost time" or "lost memory". If there is NO lost memory or time, the session can very easily create an account of something that never happened. This is because:

- If the subject is asked a question about something he doesn't know, his subconscious will often answer from some other portion of memory (which can include works of fiction read by the subject) instead of indicating that the subject does not know. The question on whether the subject knows the answer should be asked first.
- If the hypnotist asks leading questions, the subject can be made to believe that the event the hypnotist is asking about really happened.
- The phrase "I can't be hypnotized" is usually an indication that the person is under a post-hypnotic suggestion to forget about a hypnotic session.
- Often the hypnotist uses a trigger word to cause the subject to enter a hypnotic state again on subsequent sessions. If he is not careful to do this just right, it can cause a LOT of trouble.

I experienced this firsthand with a friend. Apparently, when the hypnotist/psychiatrist set up a trigger word, he did not think to instruct her to respond to it only when he said it directly to her, but said "whenever you hear the word ----." His word happened to be a word I use a lot in my work, and my friend went into a trance every time I said it. Once it happened while she was driving. Of course, I didn't realize that saying the word was causing the problem.

It also didn't help that the hypnotist/psychiatrist told her to forget about the hypnotic session until the next appointment. So she was not aware consciously of the fact that she had been hypnotized. I had no idea what was happening, and thought she was having epileptic seizures. So she went to another doctor for that (and lost her drivers license for a while as a result). Worse, while I was trying to ask her what was wrong, I think I may have edited her memory, because she gave very strange answers at times (which I later found out were from science fiction books she had). It took several YEARS to find out what really had happened.

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

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

@ Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2004 7:10 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] A few more questions...

(snippage)

@ Since then, as John Burroughs has considerably helped to
@ explain, Penniston's recollections are affected by having
@ being 'hypnotised' and we can furthermore easily evidence
@ how his tale has grown somewhat in the retelling.

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From: "Robert Mclean" <robert.mclean2@virgin.net>
Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 00:18:24 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] A few more questions...

Regarding the location of the landing site:

Brenda Butler showed me the map, mentioned in "Sky Crash", on which Col Halt placed an "X" marking the landing site. The "X" was within the narrow band in the forest (about 65 m wide) within which a direct view can be had of the Orfordness lighthouse. The lighthouse is very bright, and if you were standing there, you'd see it quite quickly, as it flashes every 5 seconds. Now, there were at least 5 individuals with Col Halt on his expedition. From the Halt tape, and Halt's public statements, it is clear that initially they had trouble locating the alleged landing site, and then once they had located it, they spent a good deal of time taking radiation readings of the ground and trees, and then looking at the trees and ground through the two starlight scopes they had. No-one noticed the lighthouse for perhaps 30 to 60 minutes while this was all going on.

Furthermore, from the location Halt indicated, it was possible to see 5 red lights on the top of 5 equally spaced radio masts at Orfordness. Ian Ridpath took a photo in 1983, which showed both the lighthouse and some of these red lights, from a location near Col Halt's "X". Unfortunately, the links on his website <http://users.macunlimited.net/ianrid/index.html/> are not working right now, but I still have the downloaded a copy of this photo.

A point made in "Sky Crash" was if you had a bunch of people of UFO's on their minds, why did none of them notice when at the landing site this string of 5, equally spaced red lights? These lights were not just visible in the 65 m wide strip within which the lighthouse can be seen, but would have been visible over a much wider area. Yet they are not mentioned.

From: "James Easton" <voyager@fortean.co.uk> Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2004 12:10 AM
Subject: Re: [UFORL] A few more questions...

> Regarding:

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> >From: "NeilSThompson" <neilsthompson@yahoo.co.uk>

> >Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 21:48:30 -0000

> >Subject: [UFORL] A few more questions...

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> Neil wrote:

>

> >you'll have to excuse my lack of detailed knowledge of
> >the Rendlesham case, but after watching the recent
> >Rendlesham documentary broadcast on Sky One (last week I
> >believe - I had it Tivo'd so not sure on date of tx), a
> >couple of questions raised themselves...

>

> Neil,

>

> Although I taped the program - which I presume is Sci-Fi
> Channel's recent production - I haven't had time to watch
> it yet.

>

> That noted...

>

> >1) if the case was caused by the Orford Ness lighthouse
> >and Mr Condes police car, then why does Jim Penniston
> >insist that he walked around a structured craft that was
> >sat in the forest, making notes as he went? Was he
> >mistaken or is there another reason for this?

>

> This wasn't Penniston's primary account.

>

> In his written statement of early January 1981, at Halt's
> request, Penniston confirmed he had never been closer
> than (at least) 50 metres to the source of some enigmatic
> lights:

>

> "When we got within a 50 meter distance. The object was
> producing red and blue light".

>

> "This is the closest point that I was near the object at
> any point".

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>

> Since then, as John Burroughs has considerably helped to
> explain, Penniston's recollections are affected by having
> being 'hypnotised' and we can furthermore easily evidence

> how his tale has grown somewhat in the retelling.
>
> Of greater consequence are sketches Penniston claims to
> have made during the incident. To my knowledge, these
> were first revealed when he was interviewed by Salley
> Rayl for the 1997 Microsoft Network 'project: watchfire'
> online 'UFO' feature - see:
>
> <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/jpdraw1.jpg>
> <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/jpdraw2.jpg>
> <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/jpdraw3.jpg>
>
> Copies were published in a related article I resultantly
> wrote for 'UFO Magazine' (UK).
>
> The point then emphasised still applies; either the
> sketches - claimed to be originals from his notebook -
> are 'on-site' evidence, or actually date from later,
> possibly years afterwards.
>
> How he was able to make such detailed illustrations, in
> the midst of a pitch black forest, is a critical
> question.
>
> In his latter sketch, we can only note those precise
> straight lines and circles when documenting 'strange
> markings' on the 'craft'.
>
> As for our triangular-shaped UFO, it evidently bears
> little resemblance to the object Penniston did portray in
> the diagram which accompanied his official affidavit,
> see:
>
> http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/penn_4b.jpg
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>
> Why would Penniston not alert the USAF that he held
> meticulous drawings of an unidentified, triangular-
> shaped, aerial vehicle which credibly posed a threat to
> base security and instead report an object which was
> indistinctly box-shaped?
>
> It's a question we might ask - not that the Sci-Fi
> Channel were perhaps ever likely to.
>
>
> On closer inspection, consider:
>
> <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/jpdraw2.jpg>
>

- > We can see that Penniston initially outlines the 'UFO'.
- > However, his next illustration is seemingly those
- > subsequently perceived triangulation of 'landing marks',
- > which were not discerned in a forest clearing [at Capel
- > Green] until daylight.
- >
- > As we know, local forester, Vince Thurkettle, had visited
- > the site and declared those ground markings to be old
- > 'scrapings', made by rabbits. If I recall, one further
- > clue was that the indentations contained accumulated pine
- > needles, signifying they had some age.
- >
- > Although we will doubtless never resolve this aspect,
- > it's perhaps worth keeping in mind that the forest
- > clearings at Capel Green were used by HH-53 'Jolly Green
- > Giant' helicopters from the 67th Aerospace Rescue and
- > Recovery Squadron, based at RAF Bentwaters.
- >
- > These helicopters participated in war games with the
- > local Territorial Army [TA] and dropped off TA personnel,
- > who tested defences within the Weapons Storage Area [WSA]
- > at RAF Woodbridge ['hot' weapons were stored up the road,
- > in the WSA at RAF Bentwaters].
- >
- > There was one such major exercise during April 1980 and
- > seemingly another on a smaller scale during November,
- > 1980. As can be seen from the following April 1980
- > photograph, published in the base's 'Phantom Forum'
- > magazine, the HH-53s had a triangular undercarriage:
- >
- > <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/ftp/wargame9.jpg>
- >
- >
- > That aside, it's unfortunately difficult to decipher all
- > of Penniston's notes on this drawing. At the bottom left-
- > hand corner, it looks like he writes, "LIGHT HOUSE
- > VISIBLE", although not clear what this is intended to
- > clarify.
- >
- > It could be that this is, overall, an early drawing by
- > Penniston, perhaps within days of events.
- >
- > The quality is nowhere so detailed as his three-view
- > sketch, which I note seems to be dated '27 Dec 80'. That
- > was the date reported in Halt's memo, however,
- > Penniston's involvement was in fact in the early hours of
- > 26 December.
- >
- > Can anyone decipher Penniston's notes underneath the
- > date?

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>
> If he was never closer than, at best, some 50 meters to
> the source puzzling lights, then clearly impossible to
> have documented any markings.
>
> Perhaps his comprehensive illustration of those 'strange
> symbols' is another product of being hypnotised.
>
>
> A striking omission from the program is of course John
> Burroughs. Was that because it's known John has been
> forthright in acknowledging that despite being with
> Penniston, John never observed a structured object at
> all, simply those lights which implied one was there.
>
> Was it additionally due to the fact John also confirms
> that Orford Ness lighthouse, although not the origin of
> those lights, did then come into play and was not
> identified until they had all travelled a further two
> miles.
>
> The irony is that John Burroughs' story offers some of
> the more intriguing evidence and has yet to be fully
> told.
>
> Presumably no-one at all was invited by the Sci-Fi
> Channel to present a critical and informed view of the
> case.
>
>
> >2) The documentary suggested that there were two 'sites'
> >(although it didnt define what it meant by 'sites'. At
> >the second of the 'sites' the Orford Ness lighthouse was
> >not visible (even on a clear night) and neither was the
> >local farmhouse, therefore ruling out these two as
> >possible culprits?
>
> When Vince Thurkettle was interviewed for the program, he
> discussed the filming with myself and others. Earlier in
> 2003, Vince, Halt and Penniston had all given interviews
> in the forest for another documentary.
>
> Vince noted that Penniston had now completely altered the
> 'landing site' location and it was just becoming
> farcical.
>
> We know the lighthouse could be seen from the correct
> 'landing site' as even Halt confirms it was always in
> view. Alas, we also know from his thorough description of

> where the lighthouse and separately the 'strange flashing
> light' were visible in relation to the cottage at Capel
> Green, that Halt places the lighthouse where Shipwash
> lightship stood and the 'UFO' precisely where Orford Ness
> lighthouse remains until this day.
>
> There is photographic proof of this which is yet to be
> published.
>
>
> Let there be no misunderstanding about Vince's
> conclusions, which he expressed to myself and others
> during the recent filming:
>
> "Rendlesham now just seems a very tired story which
> deserves nothing more than archiving along with Loch Ness
> and Conan Doyle's fairy photos".
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>
> I don't agree; there is still much to be learned from
> 'Britain's Roswell' and maybe one or two surprises along
> the way.
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>
> >If anyone can clear these points up, I'd appreciate it.
>
> >BTW - if you missed the Sky One doc, you didnt miss
> >much, just the usual middle of the road, poorly
> >researched info, just presented in a slightly different
> >running order.
>
> Once I have seen the documentary, I will comment further
> if it might be helpful.
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>
> James.
> E-mail: voyager@fortean.co.uk
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From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>
Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 18:36:43 +0100 (CET)
Subject: [UFORL] email address of Timothy Good

Hello, list members: I will appreciate being privately informed of the present email address of author Timothy Good, if he has one.
Thanks and best regards,
V-J

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From: "dave clarke" <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 18:33:44 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Rendlesham Radar interview

Greetings list,

Pasted below is the transcript of an interview by BBC Radio 4 with
squadron leader Derek Coumbe, who was the senior RAF officer at
RAF Watton during the period of the Rendlesham incident.

This was recorded during the production off the BBC Radio 4
programme 'The New X-Files' last November but was not used
in full. I retained the original recordings and have transcribed what
Coumbe says about the night that Col Halt led his men into the
forest. He was on duty that evening [27/28 December 1980]
supervising the ATC staff. His comments suggest Halt or who
ever was patching the calls through (Bentwaters tower) had
already decided the 'UFO' was an object from outer space at
the time of the report.

We know from Halt's testimony that during his expedition into
the forest he used his hand-held radio to contact the tower
at Bentwaters with a request to Eastern Radar to check for
targets in proximity of the base.

Coumbe's involvement emerged when the MoD released their
file on the incident to me in May 2001. It included correspondence

between MoD and the two air defence radar units in East Anglia that covered Bentwaters-Woodbridge area, RAF Watton (Eastern Radar) and RAF Neatishead. Neither recorded any unusual tracks for the period 26-30 December 1980.

Interview dated: October 2003

DC: Derek Coumbe; GN: Gerry Northam [BBC Radio 4]

GN: Please say who you are.

DC: My name is Derek James Coumbe. I was a squadron leader based at RAF Watton as the senior operations officer in 1980.

GN: What do you remember of the events in that last week in 1980?

DC: I was on duty on the night when this incident was alleged to have happened

[27/28 December 1980] and I remember phone calls coming through to Eastern

Radar and RAF Watton from the Bentwaters radar facility asking us to scrutinise

our radars asking us to scrutinise our returns to see if we had anything unusual in

the Bentwaters or Woodbridge area.

GN: Did they tell you why they wanted this done?

DC: Ah, initially nothing was said as to what was happening, but there was

several

calls later which gave some description that there was an unexplained object that

they believed had landed in Rendlesham Forest which they were investigating and

they thought that this might have come from space and they therefore wished to

verify if there were any radar returns in the area.

GN: And were there?

DC: Nothing. Absolutely nothing at all in the area at all at that time.

GN: If it had been an object from outer space would you have seen it?

DC: Any return of an object moving in space in that area would certainly have shown

up on this radar. The radar had extremely good coverage for the Bentwaters and

Woodbridge area. Aircraft taking off from either of those bases would show up

within half a mile of the end of the runway.

GN: Was Watton an important radar centre?

DC: Watton was extremely important from the United States Air Force point of

view in that it controlled nearly every airfield run by the USAF in East Anglia including

half a dozen RAF airfields as well. 90 percent of all the traffic on the military base at

Watton was USAF military aircraft.

GN: What was the smallest object that you would be able to paint?

DC: Well usually it was so sensitive that it could pick up large flocks of birds for

example, and even small weather balloons showed up quite frequently.

GN: So something coming from outer space could not have been missed?

DC: I can't see how it could have been missed at all. It would have certainly

shown up.

GN: What was said on base at the time in response to these calls that you were

getting?

DC: I never really felt it was discussed after that. It was just considered to be

another incident which we hadn't really any major involvement with. We hadn't

seen anything and therefore we hadn't any involvement. It wasn't discussed at all.

GN: What did you do afterwards with regards to the records that were kept those night?

DC: As usual, with any incident of any kind, any aircraft incident, any reports

coming through, the automatic procedure was for the voice tapes initially to be

impounded and also the radar film because the radar was on a permanent camera,

to be impounded as well, and they would then be scrutinised later as and when

required.

GN: Did you impound them?

DC: I did.

GN: What then happened to those records?

DC: Well those records would have been kept on base. They would have been scrutinised and investigated for anything unusual in the event that anybody asked

for any evidence required at any subsequent inquiry.

GN: The story is that American intelligence came to investigate this evidence and

took it away afterwards. Is that right?

DC: It would well be that the USAF or their investigators could have come to the

base. But this was a normal occurrence after any type of incident with American

aircraft. They would come to the base in conjunction with the American liaison

officer who was permanently based at RAF Watton to scrutinise tapes or even view the films from the radar.

GN: So if they did that was nothing unusual?

DC: It was nothing unusual at all.

GN: So the idea that the spooks were coming to seize evidence that was so dramatic that it couldn't be made public, what do you make of that claim?

DC: Absolute nonsense. Nothing was ever taken away, nothing was ever forwarded to anybody in any shape or form. If they came to investigate they came purely to view what we had as our own holdings and they would have taken down any evidence which they wished to see, but they certainly wouldn't have taken anything away with them.

GN: This is regarded by UFOlogists by Britain's biggest and most well documented visitation from outer space, and they think that the evidence has been suppressed by the Government, that it's too frightening to make public. In which case you would be in the front line of the conspiracy. Has anyone ever told you that you must not talk about this?

DC: Never. I have never heard the question even mentioned even, about the incident until it was raised recently under an inquiry on files that had been released by MoD to an investigator called David Clarke.

GN: So what do you make of the claim that this was a major incident in the history of Britain?

DC: Well it certainly wasn't an incident which we would have discussed further after the night in question. from the RAF point of view on the base, so I can't imagine that there was anything in it at all.

GN: What was the tone of the phone calls that came through [from Bentwaters]?

DC: They were very jumpy and quite panicky. In fact the first call I remember

initially was just to scrutinise the radar and was there any unusual return in the

area. However subsequently it went on a bit and they went on to be a bit panicky

as if to imply that there should be something, that we should be seeing something,

and really not wanting to take no for an answer. But in the end it sort of calmed

down, but there was a bit of jumpiness about the whole situation on the telephone.

GN: When you had the suggestion that you should have a radar trace of

something

from outer space what went through your mind?

DC: Well nothing really. I couldn't imagine that if there had been anything we

wouldn't have seen it and certainly we scrutinised the radar time and time again

completely, and kept a watch on it through the whole period when these phone calls were going on and nothing was seen. Nothing at all.

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David Clarke

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think of is perhaps the pilot got on a civilian freq by mistake. Military
craft don't have to clear with the FAA, even to go supersonic. And one of
the radar types here can tell us if inland civilian Regional Control Centers
scan above FL 600 (I assume he meant 600, there is no 60), but I don't think so.
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Sent: Friday, January 16, 2004 4:46
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To: UFO Research List
Subject: [UFORL] 'UFO
Secrets'

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interest:

[EXTRACT]
Steve Douglass, a "military radio" hobbyist
in

Amarillo,
Texas, monitored a curious exchange on the morning of
Jan.
7. An unidentified aircraft calling itself "Lockheed
Test 2334" told FAA
controllers in Albuquerque, N.M.,
that it was "going supersonic somewhere
above Flight
Level 60 [60,000 feet]"

According to Douglass, the
FAA controllers questioned the
aircraft. "Say what aircraft type,"
requested the
controller.

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Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 23:45:32 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] 'UFO Secrets'

This might be of interest:

[EXTRACT]

Steve Douglass, a "military radio" hobbyist in Amarillo, Texas, monitored a curious exchange on the morning of Jan. 7. An unidentified aircraft calling itself "Lockheed Test 2334" told FAA controllers in Albuquerque, N.M., that it was "going supersonic somewhere above Flight Level 60 [60,000 feet]"

According to Douglass, the FAA controllers questioned the aircraft. "Say what aircraft type," requested the controller.

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[END]

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The 'Father Gill' case is a curious affair and there are several online summaries, perhaps particularly insightful at:

<http://qtm.net/%7Egeibdan/newse/oz.html>

Can anyone offer a suggested explanation or some further insight, maybe Bill Chalker personally?

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@fortean.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 02:12:16 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] A few more questions...

Regarding:

>From: "Robert Mclean" <robert.mclean2@virgin.net>
>Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 00:18:24 -0000
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] A few more questions...

Robert wrote:

>The road which passes the caravan site (Logging road No
>13) leads to a clearing and the correct landing site. (A
>different road, Road No 12, leads to Col Halt's "X") The
>correct location is about 100 m from the paved public
>road which leads to Capel Green. I believe that the
>lights which so scared Burroughs Penniston and Cabansag
>were the headlights from a passing car. The paved road
>has a couple of bends which cause headlights to be
>directed into the forest at this point.

Robert,

How might that equate with their initial observation of unfamiliar lights from back at east gate [bearing in mind, one central factor is how dense the intervening forest was]?

To help understand this new location better, could you possibly please mark it on a scanned map and upload to the UFORL library?

When we were both on-site with the BBC last year, we came out from a forest logging track [heading east] onto a road which continued over a steep hill - there was a large ploughed field to the left.

This road continued on the field's right-hand-side [at top of the hill we stopped and took some photographs].

When Burroughs, Cabansag and Penniston were heading due east along their logging track, would they have been approaching this same hill/ploughed field?

Is it the field referred to in John's written statement, i.e.:

"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".

Either way, can you perhaps also please identify this 'open field' on the same map?

Separately, I have asked John if he can assist further.

James.

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Robert wrote:

>Does this recent documentary show the location of the
>two landing sites?

Robert,

I'll attempt to clarify this shortly and ask Vince if he
can help resolve some related questions.

Meantime, thanks for such a detailed and helpful summary.

As an aside, I watched the 1985 British film 'Defence of
the Realm', which was showing on Sky this weekend.

Terrific story with a stellar cast (including a young
Robbie Coltrane), it concerns the cover-up of an F-111,
carrying nuclear weapons, which crash-lands on it's
runway approach to a USAF base in the east of England.

This is indeed surely the source of a report I mentioned
last year:

On Joe Baugher's web site, at:

<http://home.att.net/~jbaugher/1967.html>

...it's noted re F-111A serial numbers:

"0069 may be the plane that crashed on approach to RAF
Woodbridge, Suffolk, UK Dec 26/27, 1980. However, also
reported as being at the Southern Museum of Flight,
Birmingham, AL. Noted in July 2002 in a fenced compound
at Birmingham Apt, AL".

I've advised Joe that 0069 is indeed at the Southern
Museum of Flight, Birmingham - see:

<http://f-111.net/museums/>
[END]

Looks like our 'UFO' incident mistakenly became
interwoven within the fictional cover-up!

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From: Phil Rotsky <rotsky@wanadoo.fr>
Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 10:40:05 +0100
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'UFO Secrets'

On Saturday 17 January 2004 04:35, Jim Speiser wrote:
| Something about that doesn't sound right. The only thing I can think of is
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| have to clear with the FAA, even to go supersonic. And one of the radar
| types here can tell us if inland civilian Regional Control Centers scan
| above FL 600 (I assume he meant 600, there is no 60), but I don't think so.

Actually, there *is* a flight level 60 (6,000ft), but you're right - 60,000ft would be FL 600. [Technical note: flight levels occur above the 'transition altitude' - typically, 3,500ft agl, though it varies. Below the transition alt, altimeters are set to the local barometric pressure; above this level, altimeters are set to ISO standard of 1013 mb. Flight levels are measured in hundreds of feet].

I was dubious about this story, too. Aircraft flying such secret missions usually have very carefully regimented flight plans and are pre-cleared. This sounds like a reworking of the old SR-71 tale, itself later reworked for Aurora, in which the pilot, using the callsign 'hubris' (which was used by Blackbird drivers) contacts a civilian ATC for a flight level change.

Blackbird: XXXX centre, hubris one, request altitude change to flight level 850.

ATC: (guffaws of disbelief heard in background) Hubris one, XXXX centre, you are cleared to flight level 850 if you really want it.

Blackbird: Roger XXXX centre, hubris one **descending** to flight level 850.

This story is, of course, apocryphal. As, I suspect, is this new one. I seem to recall, though I can't be sure, that above a certain altitude, and especially if within an MOA (Military Operations Area), military aircraft don't need to request altitudes and, in any case, are unlikely to be in contact with civilian ATC.

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Steve

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Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 22:33:25 -0000

Subject: [UFORL] sky writing???

Hello,

I have a question and would like an answer if possible. Last year I went on a charity walk from Louisiana to Los Angeles to help raise money for C.O.P.S. an organization that helps families of police officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty. Any way about a week after I began my walk I saw something strange in the sky. It was still pretty hot over here in Louisiana so I did a lot of my walking in the evening to avoid the heat. While I was walking one night close to a town in Tyler, TX. I looked up. It was a cloudy night, but there was enough ambient light to see what was above me. I saw 4 characters in the sky. They were very clear. As if someone had written a word on a piece of paper. The writing was better than my own penmanship. I tried taking a picture with a digital camera but the picture didn't come out. So I wrote it down, and carved it into my walking stick the best I could. I didn't tell anybody about it until after the trek. And the people I did tell think it was just a cloud formation. Now when I was young I used to look at the clouds and make out animals, and faces and such for fun, and if there had only been one of these characters in the sky I would have blown it off. But there where four, I don't know how to stress the fact that they were very clear and distinct shapes. Not only that but two of the characters where repeated which made me think it was a word or phrase. I've researched it a little and the symbols or characters resemble Hebrew but they don't match exactly. Have you ever heard of such things and if so please point me in the right direction. For some reason the images are haunting me. I don't

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Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 11:29:09 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] sky writing???

Well, there is the art of skywriting, but you don't see it much anymore. Skywriting requires a lot of flying skill, a very maneuverable airplane, and a lot of airspace. It's a dying art, because they now make huge banners that planes can tow, and electric signs that hang under the wings. Both require much less skill from the pilot. For obvious reasons, skywriting also can't be done anywhere near FAA airways.

Skywriting is just that. An airplane releases writing smoke at certain times as it makes maneuvers to create the lettering or picture. It has to draw one line or curve of the letter or figure at a time, then circle back to make the next one. After 20 minutes to half an hour, the sign is complete. I used to see a lot of skywriting when I was a kid. Most of it was advertizing. I remember skywritten ads for air shows, Colgate toothpaste with Gardol (they didn't have fluoride back then), movies, and the local Ford dealer (the "Ford" was in cursive, like on the logo). Sometimes they used colored smoke.

There are also now fireworks that can rise into the sky and spell something without using framework. Maybe someone came up with a smoke version of that.

I did see a huge number 4 in the sky about 5 weeks ago, but it was made up of segments of contrails from jet airliners in two airways that cross over Bloomington IN. The temperature conditions were just right that those parts of the contrails stayed, while the other segments evaporated.

What next? Lunar advertizing?

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@ Sent: Monday, January 19, 2004 5:33 PM

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Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Father Gill 'Flying Saucer' Sightings

One of my pet theories was that they saw a superior upright mirage of a distant fishing boat - and possibly by similar light propagation in the opposite direction, the fishermen were also seeing a similar mirage of the village. But since a "flying village" is more likely to be a mirage than a UFO, no report would have come from the boat.

Another likely possibility is that the observers were inflating minute details from the scintillation of planets and stars, in a similar manner to the events in the 1966-67 case at Coarse Gold CA (Condon case 28).

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@ Sent: Saturday, January 17, 2004 1:34 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] Rendlesham Radar interview

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@ Greetings list,

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@ Pasted below is the transcript of an interview by BBC Radio 4 with

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@ squadron leader Derek Coumbe, who was the senior RAF officer at

@

@ RAF Watton during the period of the Rendlesham incident.

(snippage)

@ GN: Did they tell you why they wanted this done?

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@ DC: Ah, initially nothing was said as to what was happening,

@ but there was

@ several

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@ calls later which gave some description that there was an

@ unexplained object

@ that

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@ they believed had landed in Rendlesham Forest which they were

@ investigating

@ and

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@ they thought that this might have come from space and they

@ therefore wished

@ to

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@ verify if there were any radar returns in the area.

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@ GN: And were there?

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@ DC: Nothing. Absolutely nothing at all in the area at all

@ at that time.

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@ GN: If it had been an object from outer space would you have seen it?

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@ DC: Any return of an object moving in space in that area

@ would certainly have shown

@ up on this radar. The radar had extremely good coverage for

@ the Bentwaters

@ and Woodbridge area. Aircraft taking off from either of those

@ bases would show

@ up within half a mile of the end of the runway.

Note that an object falling at a steep angle might have come down between sweeps, or it might have been observed for only one or two sweeps. RADAR operators tend to ignore objects that appear for only one or two sweeps as anomalous propagation.

@ Has anyone ever told you that you must not talk about this?

@

@ DC: Never. I have never heard the question even mentioned even, about

@ the incident until it was raised recently under an inquiry on

@ files that had

@ been released by MoD to an investigator called David Clarke.

Of course, if he HAD been instructed to not talk about this, this is the kind of answer he would have given.

@ DC: They were very jumpy and quite panicky. In fact the first call I

@ remember initially was just to scrutinise the radar and was there any

@ unusual return in the

@ area. However subsequently it went on a bit and they went on

@ to be a bit panicky

@ as if to imply that there should be something, that we should

@ be seeing something,

@ and really not wanting to take no for an answer. But in the

@ end it sort of calmed

@ down, but there was a bit of jumpiness about the whole

@ situation on the telephone.

Of course, something might have been there that would not show up on RADAR, including:

- A police car with flashlights
- A lighthouse
- A lightship
- A farmhouse with windows

- Fire balloons
- Christmas lights
- Distant traffic
- Anything else really close to the ground

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[mailto:ken_smith007@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, January 19, 2004
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PM
To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com
Subject:
[UFORL] sky
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</DIV><TT>Hello,
I have a question and
would like

an answer if possible. Last year I went on a charity walk from Louisiana to Los Angeles to help raise money for C.O.P.S. an organization that helps families of police officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty. Any way about a week after I began my walk I saw something strange in the sky. It was still pretty hot over here in Louisiana so I did a lot of my walking in the evening to avoid the heat. While I was walking one night close to a town in Tyler, TX. I looked up. It was a cloudy night, but there was enough ambient light to see what was above me. I saw 4 characters in the sky. They were very clear. As if someone had written a word on a piece of paper. The writing was better than my own penmanship. I tried taking a picture with a digital camera but the picture didn't come out. So I wrote it down, and carved it into my walking stick the best I could. I didn't tell anybody about it until after the trek. And the people I did tell think it was just a cloud formation. Now when I was young I used to look at the clouds and make out animals, and faces and such for fun, and if there had only been one of these characters in the sky i would have blown it off. But there where four, I don't know how to stress the fact that they were very clear and distinct shapes. Not only that but two of the characters where repeated which made me think it was a word or phrase. I've researched it a little and the symbols or characters resemble Hebrew but they don't match exactly. Have you ever heard of such things and if so please point me in the right direction. For some reason the images are haunting me. I don't know why but I'm thinking of that night and the letters more and more. Any help or suggestions as to how to figure this puzzle out would be very appreciated. I'm going to end now, thanks for your

time,

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Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 19:08:22 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] sky writing???

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@ From: Brett Holman [mailto:b.holman@physics.unimelb.edu.au]

@ Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2004 5:29 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

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From: Brett Holman <b.holman@physics.unimelb.edu.au>
Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 09:29:20 +1100
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From: clas.svahn@dn.se

Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 23:26:50 +0100

Subject: Ang: [UFORL] For european List-members only: Fireball in Europe around 6.30

CET?

Werner and list,

At 22.37 Swedish time (GMT +1) today (21/1) we had a small fireball report from central Sweden. On 17/1 we had a huge fireball over Northern Sweden at 15.00 Swedish time.

Clas Svahn

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From: Werner Walter <CENAP@addcom.de>
Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 22:26:45 +0100
Subject: [UFORL] For european List-members only: Fireball in Europe around 6.30 CET?

Hello european List-members,

has anyone informations about a fireball-UFO-incident around 6:30 h CET on the Wednesday-morning?

Greetings,

WW

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CENAP-Kern-URL: <http://www.cenap.alein.de>
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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 14:36:53 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Sky writing

I've seen it many times - and the planes that did it.

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@ Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2004 1:02 PM

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Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 14:35:14 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Father Gill 'Flying Saucer' Sightings

I always thought from Barney Hill's drawing of the UFO that he had seen a night advertizing plane (with an electric sign hung between the wings) edge-on. His drawing looks just like many of the drawings made by known witnesses of ad-planes.

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

@ Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2004 12:06 AM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Father Gill 'Flying Saucer' Sightings

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From: Phil Rotsky <rotsky@wanadoo.fr>
Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 10:16:51 +0100
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'UFO Secrets'

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Yeah, most of these stories got their first airing in AvLeak - though, of course, not all of them are true :-). Inevitably, they morphed, like all urban legends, as they did the rounds. The other one I liked happened during testing of the B-2, when the pilot was obliged to contact a civilian ATC. It went something like this (from memory, thus paraphrased):

B2: XXXX centre, spirit one with you at [location].
ATC: Roger spirit one, radar contact.

The ATC's reply is standard procedure for letting the aircraft know it's been identified on radar. The ATC, of course, was making it up as a joke, but it apparently made a few hearts skip a beat among the B-2 team.

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From: "Chris Gibson" <cgibson@skomer.u-net.com>
Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 12:29:35 -0000
Subject: RE: [UFORL] 'UFO Secrets'

List,

Perhaps before dismissing this report, its provenance should be considered.

Isn't Steve Douglass a recognised authority on military aviation comms interception?

Why would he regurgitate a decade old report? Wouldn't do his credibility any good and I suspect the subscribers to his forum would give him a hard time if he pulled such a stunt.

Chris

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From: Ken Smith <ken_smith007@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 21:59:07 -0800 (PST)
Subject: RE: [UFORL] sky writing???

I will do that. I am thinking about contacting a hypnotherapist so that I can draw the characters straight from my memory.

--- Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com> wrote:

> I gotta say...that's a first for me...and I used to
> read Frank Edwards, Ivan
> Sanderson, and Charles Bertlitz.

>
> Perhaps an ad for Hebrew National Kosher Dogs?

>
> Of course, nothing you describe places it out of the
> realm of coincidence,
> EXCEPT the part about two of the characters
> repeating. Darn strange.

>
> Is there any way you can reproduce the characters in
> a graphics file and
> upload it?

>
> ==JJS==

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: ken_smith007 [mailto:ken_smith007@yahoo.com]
> Sent: Monday, January 19, 2004 3:33 PM
> To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: [UFORL] sky writing???

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>
> Hello,
> I have a question and would like an answer if
> possible. Last year I
> went
> on a charity walk from Louisiana to Los Angeles
> to help raise money
> for
> C.O.P.S. an organization that helps families of
> police officers who
> have
> been killed or disabled in the line of duty. Any
> way about a week
> after I
> began my walk I saw something strange in the sky.
> It was still
> pretty hot
> over here in Louisiana so I did a lot of my
> walking in the evening

> to
> avoid the heat. While I was walking one night
> close to a town in
> Tyler,
> TX. I looked up. It was a cloudy night, but there
> was enough ambient
> light
> to see what was above me. I saw 4 characters in
> the sky. They were
> very
> clear. As if someone had written a word on a piece
> of paper. The
> writing
> was better than my own penmanship. I tried taking
> a picture with a
> digital
> camera but the picture didn't come out. So I wrote
> it down, and
> carved it
> into my walking stick the best I could. I didn't
> tell anybody about
> it
> until after the trek. And the people I did tell
> think it was just a
> cloud
> formation. Now when I was young I used to look at
> the clouds and
> make out
> animals, and faces and such for fun, and if there
> had only been one
> of
> these characters in the sky i would have blown it
> off. But there
> where
> four, I don't know how to stress the fact that
> they were very clear
> and
> distinct shapes. Not only that but two of the
> characters where
> repeated
> which made me think it was a word or phrase. I've
> researched it a
> little
> and the symbols or characters resemble Hebrew but
> they don't match
> exactly. Have you ever heard of such things and if
> so please point
> me in
> the right direction. For some reason the images
> are haunting me. I

> don't
> know why but I'm thinking of that night and the
> letters more and
> more. Any
> help or suggestions as to how to figure this
> puzzle out would be very
> appreciated. I'm going to end now, thanks for your
> time,

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com
Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 22:08:24 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Father Gill 'Flying Saucer' Sightings

In a message dated 1/24/2004 9:22:31 PM Eastern Standard Time, voyager@fortean.co.uk writes:

> Can it be substantiated that a 'two-way', reciprocal,
> mirage is possible?
>

James:

Can you be more specific about what this means?

Clear skies,
Bob Young

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com
Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 22:05:06 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] More UFO Sightings Reported

In a message dated 1/24/2004 6:06:14 PM Eastern Standard Time, SHnSASSY1@aol.com writes:

>Not only did she get a first-hand look at the
>unidentified flying object for approximately 45
>minutes,

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>were leaving Shediac about 11:30 p.m. on a clear
>summer night last year to drive back to Moncton.
>She said they were on the ramp heading onto the
>four-lane highway when she glanced out the window
>and noticed a "brilliant star" which she thought
>was the North Star.
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>the North Star was now hovering just above the tree
>line, characterized by three lights arranged in a
>triangle, with one on the top and two on the base,
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>Cormier said the craft was making occasional
>moves up and down or to one side or the other.
>He said it made a "humming sound" when it moved,
>"not the kind of noise you would hear coming
>from an airplane."

The fact that specific dates and directions
are not mentioned doesn't help. Otherwise,
these long observations are classic reports of
astronomical objects made "wierd" by autokinetic
motion of the eye muscles, and disappearances at
the horizon.

Ho, hum.

Bob Young

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@fortean.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 02:21:41 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Father Gill 'Flying Saucer' Sightings

Regarding:

>From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
>Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 11:05:51 -0500
>Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Father Gill 'Flying Saucer'...

Larry wrote:

>>Can anyone offer a suggested explanation or some
>>further insight, maybe Bill Chalker personally?

>One of my pet theories was that they saw a superior
>upright mirage of a distant fishing boat - and possibly
>by similar light propagation in the opposite direction,
>the fishermen were also seeing a similar mirage of the
>village.

Larry,

That's an acutely interesting idea.

There is some comparable evidence, Gill reportedly
writing:

"On the large one two of the figures seemed to be doing
something near the centre of the deck--were occasionally
bending over and raising their arms as though adjusting
or 'setting up' something (not visible)".

"After a further two or three minutes the figures
apparently lost interest in us for they disappeared
'below' deck".

Further attributed to Gill:

Two of the figures seemed to be doing something,
occasionally bending over and raising their arm as if
"adjusting or setting up something [not visible]. One
figure seemed to be standing, looking down on us (a group
of about a dozen)." This figure, he explained later, was
standing with his hands on the "rail" looking over, "just
as one will look over the rails of a ship."
[END]

See:

<http://www.nicap.dabsol.co.uk/gill.htm>

>But since a "flying village" is more likely to be a
>mirage than a UFO, no report would have come from the
>boat.

For sure, if an interrelated mirage, the explanation
would be apparent from their divergent viewpoint.

I note:

"With this sort of optical trickery it's not surprising
that mirages can explain quite a few UFO sightings. Long
before flying saucers were ever heard of, sailors
reported seeing ships sailing in the sky" - see:

<http://www.firstscience.com/site/articles/simons.asp>

Also:

"Superior mirages are mirages that form above the
horizon. This occurs when there is a cooler level of air
lower than a warmer level of air, typically over icy
landscapes or very cold water. This mirage causes you to
see a scene much higher than it should be. For example,
you might see a mass of land or a boat floating in
midair. This situation might also distort images, making
a boat seem much taller than it actually is" - see:

<http://science.howstuffworks.com/mirage2.htm>

Can it be substantiated that a 'two-way', reciprocal,
mirage is possible?

James.

E-mail: voyager@fortean.co.uk

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More UFO sightings reported

Witnesses terrified, transfixed by an object hovering in sky

January 24, 2004

CHARLES PERRY

Times & Transcript Staff

When Danielle Cormier of Moncton read about a UFO sighting by a

couple in northern Kent County in yesterday's Times & Transcript, she had no problem relating to the story.

Not only did she get a first-hand look at the unidentified

flying object for approximately 45 minutes, but she had three

friends with her to witness the experience.

Danielle, 21, said she and her boyfriend Terry Steeves, along
with her best friend Peggy and the latter's then-boyfriend Ed,
were leaving Shediac about 11:30 p.m. on a clear summer night
last year to drive back to Moncton. She said they were on the
ramp heading onto the four-lane highway when she glanced out the
window and noticed a "brilliant star" which she thought was the
North Star.

Then, suddenly, Ed brought the pick-up truck to a halt and she
noticed that her three companions were staring out the window,
"looking absolutely stunned, their faces white as though they
had just seen a ghost," she said yesterday in an interview.

What she had perceived a few seconds earlier as the North Star
was now hovering just above the tree line, characterized by
three lights arranged in a triangle, with one on the top and two
on the base, said Danielle. Apart from making slight movements
up or down or to one side or the other, she said it remained
there, "as though it was observing us," for the next 45 minutes.

"We had pulled the truck over to the side of the road, but we
were too scared to get out of it," she said. Terry told her that
there was no way it was a helicopter or any kind of aircraft he
had ever seen before, she added.

The four of them, although "we were terrified," stayed there
transfixed on the unidentified object hovering over them above
the trees.

"We were scared, intrigued and mesmerized all at the same time,"
said Danielle. The fact it stayed aloft in basically the same
spot was unnerving, she said.

After about 40 to 45 minutes, she said its lights started
flashing and it began to move in a "freakish way" and then,
gradually descended. Since there were clearings among the trees,
she was hoping they might get a good look at it when it landed.

But before it reached the ground, its lights suddenly went out
and it disappeared.

Danielle said they checked afterwards at both the Moncton
 airport and with the Air Traffic Control Centre in Riverview and
 described what they had seen. They were told that the only
 aircraft in the Moncton area at that time would have been Fedex
 and other cargo planes, which did not remotely mirror what they
 had seen.

Like the married couple reported a UFO sighting last Saturday
 night near St-Louis-de-Kent and the Caraquet man who witnessed a
 similar sight the same night, none of the four Moncton witnesses
 could detect the shape of the aircraft.

And Danielle is not the only family member to witness such an
 incident.

Her father Yvon Cormier, a baker for the Sobeyâ€™s at Champlain
 Place in Dieppe, said about a month and a half ago, he was going
 in to work about 5:30 a.m. He was arriving when he saw, hovering
 in the sky above the store, the same three lights, arranged in a
 triangle, described by his daughter.

Cormier said the craft was making occasional moves up and down
 or to one side or the other. He said it made a "humming sound"
 when it moved, "not the kind of noise you would hear coming from
 an airplane."

"I mentioned it to someone when I went inside, but they just
 laughed," he said. "So, I just went about my work and made no
 further mention of it. I did take a look outside about 10
 minutes later, but it was gone."

Marge Cormier noted that not long after Danielleâ€™s experience in
 Shediac, she was en route to Memramcook, when she saw the same
 three lights hovering in the air near the airport. "It was there
 for about 10 minutes and I was shaking. Then, later Yvon sees
 it. It is weird that all three of us got to see a UFO in a short
 period of time."

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Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 11:47:31 -0500 (EST)
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Whittlesea UFO photograph.

On Sat, 24 Jan 2004, Diane Harrison wrote:

> What is the full URL address please to the
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Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 15:14:25 -0600
Subject: [UFORL] UFO picture a saucer wonder

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 Kate Uebergang
 urban affairs reporter
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 WHILE man is making his mark on Mars, some humans are wondering if aliens have zoomed into Melbourne.

 A mysterious photograph has sparked a UFO frenzy in the city's north. <p>Both believers and sceptics are scratching their heads over this picture, snapped in Beveridge by a council officer last week. </p> <p>Whittlesea Council is considering informing NASA and has already sent the image to Australian authorities. </p> <p>The photographer, Whittlesea Council traffic engineer, Roland Rozario said he could not explain the digital photo, which shows a small round object zooming through the top right side of the frame. </p> <p>Mr Rozario said he and a colleague were doing a routine audit of a railway level crossing about 2pm on Thursday, January 15. </p> <p>"We didn't see or hear anything when we were there," he said. "I took about 10 or 12 photos, facing east and west. </p> <p>"Then I came back to the office, downloaded the images and noticed an object in one photo. </p> <p>"I still don't know what it is. I passed it around the office and people didn't know what it was. A few said it didn't look like a bird, an aircraft or even a bug in front of the camera." </p> <p>Mr Rozario said a train passed through the crossing just seconds after the photograph was taken and believes a passenger may have spotted something in the sky. </p> <p>Whittlesea Council's communications officer, Jim Linton, said the image to the Chief Defence Scientist, Defence Science and Technology Organisation and the Civil Aviation Authority. </p> <p>He said the council was considering referring it to NASA and other authorities. </p> <p>"As a municipal council we have this image and we believe it is responsible to pass it on to the Government authorities who have the expertise and let them work it out," he said. </p> <p>Mr Linton said staff assured the council the photograph was not altered or tampered with. </p> <p>"We're not making any claim on it. We're looking for some expert who can look at it and tell us. Maybe there will never be an answer." </p> <p>Weather bureau senior forecaster Peter Blake said the photograph did </pre>

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Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 15:14:33 -0500 (EST)
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Whittlesea UFO photograph.

I downloaded the larger image from the municipal web site and spent a bit of time looking at it in MS photo-ed at various magnifications.

The assumed object appears to exhibit specular reflection. From the highlight of this apparent reflection, it appears that the sun is behind the photographer, about 45 degrees to his right. Examining other objects reveals an apparent anomaly. The "RAILWAY" sign, for instance, is in shadow, indicating that the sun is behind the sign and in front of the photographer. This is the same kind of anomaly that indicated that the "Barra de Tijuca" image from 1952 was a fabrication. See the Condon report (ncas.sawco.com/condon/text/case48.htm) for that image and its analysis.

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We have had a couple of this kind of ufo pictures here in Finland too and I believe the object in this Australian photograph might be a bird; the object is oval-shaped, bird-coloured, lighter above than below and it might be bird-sized. Also the photographer did not see anything unusual while taking the picture, he would not call attention to a plain bird as he might have done if he would have seen something unusual. Only my humble opinion...

A couple of Finnish "ufobirds"

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http://www.pp.htv.fi/mrepo/_arkisto/ufobirds

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FINLAND

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> Greetings,
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WW
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Whittlesea Leader, a local newspaper who will be running the
story.</blockquote>
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Hi Ron</div>
<div>
</div>
<div>There are! number of explanations as to what the object</div>
<div>could be. A plane or a bird stooping, dust or dirt on the
lens</div>
<div>of the camera, a bug captured close up while flying by?</div>
<div>
</div>
<div>Ron we can not discount some of the obvious explanations</div>
<div>as you know. However in saying this, it is going to be very</div>
<div>difficult to positively identify this object as the picture
is all</div>
<div>there is.</div>
<div>
</div>
<div>Please take a look at this image on the AUFORN webpage</div>
<div>as a slight comparison to the Whittlesea image.</div>
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</div>
<div>Same conditions NO one saw the object it just appeared</div>

<div>after the photo was taken.</div>
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<div>My reply to Peter with a few more additional explanations</div>
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<div>Whittlesea UFO?

January 15th 2004

Reply to the reporter:

The object appears to be solid with some kind of contrail -</div>
<div>feathering?</div>
<div>
</div>
<div>Additional explanation (Feathering
- meaning Feathers of a
bird?)</div>
<div>

which is noticeable at the top center of the object</div>
<div>somewhat like a vapor trail or fuzzing.

</div>
<div>Additional explanation (Fuzzing
- close to the camera?<font
color="#0000FF">)</div>
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The impression of the objects trajectory appears to be</div>
<div>traveling towards the camera.</div>
<div>
</div>
<div>Additional explanation (traveling towards
the camera - solid object?<font
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Its Shape appears half moon and the object appears to be flying</div>
<div>upside down.?</div>
<div>
</div>
<div>Additional explanation (Its Shape appears
half moon - only half a
circle?)

The time of day which the object was photographed from my
observation</div>
<div>of shadows on the ground located under the railway signs would
be</div>
<div>between 12.00hrs to 14.00hr approximately?</div>

<div>

Peter the object is interesting and well worth another look
however</div>
<div>we would need a copy of the photo at an higher resolution 300 or
600 dpi.</div>
<div>
</div>
<div>What is it,? it is an Unidentified Flying Object a UFO<font
color="#FF0000"> until it is identified.

If possible we would like to talk to Mr Roland re the photo. as we
need</div>
<div>more details re the camera - time of day - location.

Just for your records it is very hard to totally rule out a
terrestrial object</div>
<div>such as a bird. Digital camera's are great for making something
look</div>
<div>other than what it is due to pixel manipulation when capturing
the image</div>
<div>especially if the object is moving.</div>
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I hope we can help.</div>
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UPDATE:

Image At:
<http://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/content/content.asp?cnid=1545>

(Download the full image the link is on the right hand side of the above page)

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 16:59:40 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] 'Mysterious Object Caught On Video'

Object? The video was so bad, I couldn't even find it.

It looked like a plume of steam freezing from the smokestack.

I saw a sundog last week in the morning. Maybe they had one there too.

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

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

@ Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2004 2:55 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: [UFORL] 'Mysterious Object Caught On Video'

@

@

@ "A security camera from a downtown energy corporation

@ captured a bizarre sight in the eastern sky over Kansas

@ City last week".

@

@ For full story and to see the video:

@

<http://www.wftv.com/news/2780356/detail.html>

James.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@fortean.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 19:55:02 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] 'Mysterious Object Caught On Video'

"A security camera from a downtown energy corporation captured a bizarre sight in the eastern sky over Kansas City last week".

For full story and to see the video:

<http://www.wftv.com/news/2780356/detail.html>

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 11:08:36 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Sky writing

Skywriting started shortly after World War I, when pilots returning from the war needed to find productive jobs to use their talents for. There were not yet any airlines, so most of these pilots went into either crop dusting or "barnstorming." Barnstormers owned their own planes, and used them to make money by selling rides, doing odd jobs in the air for hire, and performing at air shows.

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

@ From: chris aubeck [mailto:caubeck@yahoo.com]

@ Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2004 6:37 AM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Sky writing

@

@

@

@ So have I, but Victorian planes didn't get high enough

@ to create letters in the sky...

@

@ I have no beliefs or opinions, it's just a catalogue,

@ but it would be interesting to add some data about

@ modern sightings, whatever the origin.

@

@ Chris

@

@

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

@ I've seen it many times - and the planes that did

@ > it.

@ >

@ > ---- -X =@ o_ = X<= <o> o-< <-I-= ->

@ > <O-O-O< <-88 ----

@ > Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS lrobin@indiana.edu

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@ > @ -----Original Message-----
@ > @ From: chris aubeck [mailto:caubeck@yahoo.com]
@ > @ Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2004 1:02 PM
@ > @ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com
@ > @ Subject: [UFORL] Re: Sky writing
@ > @
@ > @
@ > @ Hi list,
@ > @
@ > @ I am afraid I have lost the messages in question
@ > but I
@ > @ happened to glimpse something about "writing in
@ > the
@ > @ sky." As I am compiling a small catalogue of
@ > @ pre-Arnold sightings of this kind I would like to
@ > @ correspond with whomever had the experience, if
@ > @ possible off list as I don't imagine this is a
@ > very
@ > @ popular area of discussion.
@ > @
@ > @ Thanks,
@ > @
@ > @ Chris
@ > @
@ > @ =====
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Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 11:02:07 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] sky writing???

This is NOT a good idea. Hypnosis does not just examine your memory. It can edit it.

On the original sighting:

- What was the angular size of each character? Most aerobatic skywriting has characters smaller than 5 degrees as seen from the ground (unless it is directly overhead). Dot matrix skywriting is usually smaller.
- Aerobatic skywriting is usually written on a flat plane parallel to the ground. The aerobatics needed for vertical skywriting are rather violent. Dot matrix skywriting can be made at any angle, as long as the subsequent characters in the text are placed next to each other horizontally (otherwise the planes would be diving or climbing steeply).
- If this was at night, it probably was not smoke writing, unless a way to illuminate it was present (or had been present earlier when it was written). But it might have been an equipment test, using patterns to check the smoke generators and control equipment.
- If your camera is analog, try a different photo processing place that doesn't use a digital scanner to make prints from your negative. I also thought my lunar eclipse photos didn't turn out. But the real problem was that the digital scanner on the printing machine at my normal photo processor couldn't read the negatives. I now have beautiful prints of the eclipse.
- If the camera is digital, it probably didn't have enough light to record an image.
- One other possibility is some sort of weather control experiment where tiny "nuclei" are dropped from a plane for clouds to form on.

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

@ From: Ken Smith [mailto:ken_smith007@yahoo.com]
@ Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2004 12:59 AM
@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com
@ Subject: RE: [UFORL] sky writing???

@

@ I will do that. I am thinking about contacting a
@ hypnotherapist so that I can draw the characters
@ straight from my memory.

@ --- Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@yahoo.com> wrote:
@ > I gotta say...that's a first for me...and I used to
@ > read Frank Edwards, Ivan
@ > Sanderson, and Charles Berlitz.
@ >
@ > Perhaps an ad for Hebrew National Kosher Dogs?
@ >
@ > Of course, nothing you describe places it out of the
@ > realm of coincidence,
@ > EXCEPT the part about two of the characters
@ > repeating. Darn strange.
@ >
@ > Is there any way you can reproduce the characters in
@ > a graphics file and
@ > upload it?
@ >
@ > ==JJS==
@ >

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@fortean.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 00:58:27 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Whittlesea UFO photograph

From: Barry Williams
Subject: Re: Hunt for UFO clues

We now have several other pictures taken from a TV broadcast about the sighting and it seems likely the "UFOs" are flying beetles which are very common around Melbourne at the moment.

You can see these pics at
http://www.users.on.net/skeptic/skeptic/UFO_01.jpg
http://www.users.on.net/skeptic/skeptic/UFO_02.jpg

See the ACA report (windows media video)
<http://www.users.on.net/skeptic/skeptic/>
look for: Australian_UFO (about 6mb)
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From: YoungBob2@aol.com
Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 21:40:51 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Father Gill 'Flying Saucer' Sightings

In a message dated 1/25/2004 7:10:18 PM Eastern Standard Time, voyager@fortean.co.uk writes:

>
> If a superior mirage and boat were involved, then the
> boat crew were also able to see Father Gill et al.
>
> Would that be the norm, i.e., both locations experiencing
> the superior mirage, or require a special set of
> circumstances?

>
James:

OK, got it. The ship's working crew would have to notice the mirage of the coastline which included the UFO witnesses. In one case the image would be against the sky and in the other case the image might be confused with the background.

I wonder what the elevation was of the UFO. A couple degrees would be the most for a mirage, I think.

Bob

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@fortean.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 00:10:50 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Father Gill 'Flying Saucer' Sightings

Regarding:

>From: YoungBob2@aol.com
>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 22:08:24 EST
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Father Gill 'Flying Saucer'...

Bob wrote,

>Can you be more specific about what this means?

Bob,

If a superior mirage and boat were involved, then the boat crew were also able to see Father Gill et al.

Would that be the norm, i.e., both locations experiencing the superior mirage, or require a special set of circumstances?

James.
E-mail: voyager@fortean.co.uk

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From: "dj237" <dennis.king@thklaw.co.nz>
Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 03:33:12 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Re: The Father Gill 'Flying Saucer' Sightings

--- In UFORL@yahoogroups.com, YoungBob2@a... wrote:
> In a message dated 1/25/2004 7:10:18 PM Eastern Standard Time,
> voyager@f... writes:
>
>
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> other case the image might be confused with the background.
>
> I wonder what the elevation was of the UFO. A couple degrees
> would be the most for a mirage, I think.
>
> Bob

Bob,

It would appear the elevation of the Gill UFO was about 30
degrees; see this link:

<http://qtm.net/%7Egeibdan/newse/oz.html>

-where the following statement appears:

"Most recently there was an attempt at explaining the whole affair
away by suggesting that Gill and the other witnesses were confused by
a false horizon, and that all they had been watching was a brightly
lit squid-boat and crew too busy to do more than just wave at the
people on shore. This idea is not tenable when one realises that Gill
was certain that the object he saw was at a 30 degree elevation in
the sky. A more radical attempt to dispose of the Gill case came from
UFO sceptic Daniel Cohen in his book Myths of the Space Age. "

Regards,
Dennis King.

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com
Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 21:42:56 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: The Father Gill 'Flying Saucer' Sightings

In a message dated 1/25/2004 7:57:54 PM Eastern Standard Time,
dennis.king@thklaw.co.nz writes:

>
> "Hence, one degree of arc must represent about the maximum angular
> distance that can be expected between the true position of the light
> source and its refracted image"

>
Dennis:

This can be two degrees or so under unusual conditions, but
essentially this does provide a limit for the mirage explanation.

Bob

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From: "djk237" <dennis.king@thklaw.co.nz>
Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 00:42:56 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Re: The Father Gill 'Flying Saucer' Sightings

--- In UFORL@yahoogroups.com, "James Easton" <voyager@f...> wrote:

> Regarding:
>
> >From: YoungBob2@a...
> >Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 22:08:24 EST
> >Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Father Gill 'Flying Saucer'...
>
> Bob wrote,
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> Would that be the norm, i.e., both locations experiencing
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> circumstances?
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>
> James.
> E-mail: voyager@f...

Posters,

Is not the answer to the mirage hypothesis for the Gill sighting given by noting that a mirage is never displaced from the true source by any more than 1 degree in terms of angular displacement? See for example the following from Chapter 4, Condon report, by W Viezee, page 1018 (chapter title "Optical Mirage"):

"Hence, one degree of arc must represent about the maximum angular distance that can be expected between the true position of the light source and its refracted image"

As the Gill sighting involved much more than 1 degree of angular displacement from the horizon, surely the hypothesis of a mirage of a boat floating on water is untenable?

Regards,
Dennis King.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@fortean.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 23:57:27 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'UFO Secrets'

Regarding:

>From: "Chris Gibson" <cgibson@skomer.u-net.com>
>Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 12:29:35 -0000
>Subject: RE: [UFORL] 'UFO Secrets'

Chris wrote:

>Perhaps before dismissing this report, its provenance
>should be considered.
>
>Isn't Steve Douglass a recognised authority on military
>aviation comms interception?

Chris,

He sure is and as I was responsible for highlighting the story, I asked Steve if he could offer some clarification for posting here.

Steve has more than obliged:

Although there are major flaws in the story , basically that is what Aviation Week reported. What they did not report is that the radio transmission itself is suspect due to certain anomalies and may be in itself dis-information. The full text of the Aviation Week piece is reprinted below.

First of all I have never (in my 20 plus years of radio monitoring) heard a call sign consisting of a manufacturer's name plus a four number designation. Most military call signs consist of a generic code word plus two numbers , such as SPIRIT 20 (B-2 call sign).

Classified aircraft usually adopt the call sign of a recognizable non-classified type such as was the case during the flight testing of the F-117.

On test flights F-117s identified themselves as being A-7 corsairs using the call sign Bandit+## or Goatsucker +##.

The pilot also reported his altitude in error. He told the air traffic controller he was at FL60 (flight level

six-zero) which is 6,000 feet not 60,000. However since aircraft are not required to give their altitude unless above 18,000 feet , I believe the air traffic controller at Albuquerque Center working the flight either already knew the aircraft's true altitude or understood the pilot meant 60,000 feet and didn't call him on the mistake.

Bill Scott, the editor at Aviation Week who wrote the piece thinks maybe the pilot wasn't flying on the "classified aircraft" and may have been piloting it remotely from another aircraft. In other words it may have been an unmanned drone or UAV and this might explain why he made an error in reporting his altitude since he may not have been a true military pilot familiar with real-world reporting procedures and may have been a technician flying the aircraft from a computer console.

Now, the most interesting part of the intercept is the aircraft identifying himself as being a classified type. Why do this? Why announce to the world you are flying something unusual?

I can think of several reasons. Reason #1. We were supposed to hear this transmission. It wouldn't be the first the airwaves have been used to spoof an enemy into thinking the U.S. was working on a new silver-bullet weapon system that may or may not exist. The Russians were fooled into spending billions of dollars trying to counter the supersonic XB-70 Valkerie bomber which although proved to be a non-starter but did serve the purpose of panicking Soviet military hardware designers.

#2. Maybe there are certain new FAA reporting procedures pertaining to black aircraft test flights through civil airspace that we (being non-cleared civilians) aren't aware of. Maybe because of flight safety black aircraft pilots have to report they are a classified type so air traffic controllers who might see something on their radar screens flying at higher altitudes and speeds beyond what they are used to seeing don't panic thinking they are seeing UFOs or incoming ballistic missiles and sounding an alarm.

Therefore it is my opinion that the intercepted transmission should not be taken as proof there is some new secret manned aircraft flying through our skies. It is a piece of the puzzle but a dubious one at best.

That's my two cents.

As for the glaring flaws in the article .. Oxcart was the secret program to build the A-12 which evolved into Senior Crown (the SR-71 program. The WWII program experimented with anti-submarine aircraft making them less-visible by hanging bright lights on the wings was called "Yahudi" not Yahootie.

The aircraft that set off the earthquake sensors in California has never been identified but the transmissions of another classified type that was heard flying into Edwards AFB used the call sign "GasPipe" not "Stove Pipe".

As stated in the article, "During the early 1960s the CIA launched a secret project called "Ox Cart," not to hide alien life forms but to hide a multimillion-dollar spy plane. ..

OX CART was the program to build the A-12 , not hide a secret spyplane.

Also, "The CIA sought a replacement for the U-2 after the Soviet Union shot down Francis Gary Powers over its territory."

This is not true. The A-12 program was started almost a year before Powers was shot down. Even while still building the U-2 Skunk Works saw that Russian missile technology was developing at such a pace that it would be only a matter of years until U-2s were vulnerable. The only recourse was build something that flew faster and higher, the A-12.

"As part of Ox Cart, the CIA also launched an effort to cover up the testing of its new high-flying reconnaissance plane. That effort included circulating stories of space aliens and flying saucers flying over the Western skies."

No this was not part of OXCART but a different CIA program altogether.

-Steve Douglass

Original Aviation Week article:

SECRET Streaker?

On the morning of Jan. 7, an aircraft using call sign "Lockheed Test 2334" told the FAA's Albuquerque Center it would be "going supersonic somewhere above Flight Level 60 [60,000 ft.]" for about 10 sec. It was flying over the Pecos Military Operating Area in eastern New Mexico at the time, transmitting on 350.350 MHz. When a center controller queried, "Say aircraft type," the unidentified vehicle's pilot responded: "We are a classified type and can't reveal our true altitude." About 15 min. later, the same pilot--on a different frequency (351.700 MHz.)--requested permission for a descent to 30,000 ft. and flight-following to "Las Vegas with final destination somewhere in the Nellis Range" complex. The U.S. Air Force's super-secret Groom Lake test facility is located in the northwest portion of the Nellis AFB, Nev., ranges. The Albuquerque Center controller quipped, "Trip home a bit slower, eh?" There was no response from the classified aircraft. The radio interchanges were recorded by Steve Douglass, a "military radio monitor" hobbyist in Amarillo, Tex.
[END]

James.

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Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 15:41:11 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] More UFO Sightings Reported

In a message dated 1/26/2004 3:17:33 PM Eastern Standard Time,
lrobins@indiana.edu writes:

Larry:

All good points.

> planes flying under visual flight rules.

I understand that if a flight lands at the same airport from which
its flight originates a flight plan needn't be filed. This is a cute
little way that groups of ultralights bent on UFO hoaxing get
by unnoticed.

Bob Young

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 11:06:44 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: The Father Gill 'Flying Saucer' Sightings

First of all, that "1 degree" limitation is based on a certain type of mirage, not all mirages. It is the amount by which the normal atmosphere can bend starlight, making the stars seem a bit higher than they are, and making them appear to rise earlier and set later than calculations show them doing.

But if the atmosphere is not normal, due to temperature variations, the bending can be a lot more, especially if the line of sight follows the temperature gradient itself, or passes through it several times. Also, there are mirages where reflection, rather than refraction, occurs.

Second, most witnesses tend to overestimate the angle of elevation above the horizon, especially if the sky is involved. Often a person asked to point to an angle 45 degrees up will point to an angle 30 degrees up or less.

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

@ From: djk237 [mailto:dennis.king@thklaw.co.nz]

@ Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2004 7:43 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: [UFORL] Re: The Father Gill 'Flying Saucer' Sightings

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@ --- In UFORL@yahoogroups.com, "James Easton" <voyager@f...> wrote:

@ > Regarding:

@ >

@ > >From: YoungBob2@a...

@ > >Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 22:08:24 EST

@ > >Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Father Gill 'Flying Saucer'...

@ >

@ > Bob wrote,

@ >

@ > >Can you be more specific about what this means?

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@ >

@ > Bob,

@ >
@ > If a superior mirage and boat were involved, then the
@ > boat crew were also able to see Father Gill et al.
@ >
@ > Would that be the norm, i.e., both locations experiencing
@ > the superior mirage, or require a special set of
@ > circumstances?
@ >
@ >
@ > James.
@ > E-mail: voyager@f...
@
@ *****
@
@ Posters,
@ Is not the answer to the mirage hypothesis for the Gill sighting
@ given by noting that a mirage is never displaced from the true source
@ by any more than 1 degree in terms of angular displacement?
@ See for example the following from Chapter 4, Condon report, by W
@ Viezee, page 1018 (chapter title "Optical Mirage"):
@
@ "Hence, one degree of arc must represent about the maximum angular
@ distance that can be expected between the true position of the light
@ source and its refracted image"
@
@
@ As the Gill sighting involved much more than 1 degree of angular
@ displacement from the horizon, surely the hypothesis of a mirage of a
@ boat floating on water is untenable?
@ Regards,
@ Dennis King.
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Subject: RE: [UFORL] The Father Gill 'Flying Saucer' Sightings

It's where each person sees the other in a mirage.

It certainly works on mirages caused by pavement heat. My brother and I once stood at opposite ends of a parking lot. Each of us saw the other reflected in the mirage "water" on the surface of the pavement, at the same time. Also, cars headlights reflect in pavement mirages in both directions on the same highway. That is evident because not only the cars in front of me, but the cars I see in my mirror, show the same effect for miles.

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@ Sent: Saturday, January 24, 2004 10:08 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Father Gill 'Flying Saucer' Sightings

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@ In a message dated 1/24/2004 9:22:31 PM Eastern Standard Time,

@ voyager@fortean.co.uk writes:

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@ > Can it be substantiated that a 'two-way', reciprocal,

@ > mirage is possible?

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@ James:

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@ Bob Young

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@ Sent: Saturday, January 24, 2004 10:05 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] More UFO Sightings Reported

@ >Danielle said they checked afterwards at both

@ >the Moncton airport and with the Air Traffic

@ >Control Centre in Riverview and described what

@ >they had seen. They were told that the only

@ >aircraft in the Moncton area at that time would

@ >have been Fedex and other cargo planes, which

@ >did not remotely mirror what they had seen.

This is a common fallacy: "Call the airport, and find out what is up there."

The problem is that any one airport is NOT going to know about everything that is flying over a particular area. I have done this kind of inquiry for years, and have found out that generally the people at any one airport just don't have the information about flights not destined for or originating at that airport:

- Commercial airports have information on passenger airliners and cargo flights, but very little info on other flights in the area.

- Military bases have information on military flights, but not on commercial or private flights.

- Private (general aviation) airports don't have information on commercial or military flights. But this is usually the place to find out about sky advertising.

- None of the airports have any information on police operations,

news gathering helicopters, balloons (other than those launched at that airport), flights passing through the area without landing, flights using fields for airstrips, crop dusting farmers, and planes flying under visual flight rules.

@ >He said it made a "humming sound" when it moved,
@ >"not the kind of noise you would hear coming
@ >from an airplane."

That is EXACTLY the sound that comes from an advertising plane moving at low speed.

Also, it is VERY hard to tell if a sound comes from the UFO or from some mundane source in the general direction of the UFO. A couple of decades ago, a friend saw a "jet powered bird" chasing a car. I was at the site discussing it with her, when we heard a roar. It happened again. A white bird, apparently larger than the car, appeared to be chasing it down a nearby road. But when the bird landed, both of us could tell how badly we had been misled. It was a seagull, and was a lot closer to us than the car was. But in the air, all distance information is lost unless you know the true size of the object. So the eye automatically used the distance info of the nearest object - the car. The roar? There was a power crane behind a hill digging a foundation.

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Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 10:16:26 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] PRA - Whittlesea UFO photograph - Image Page.

Dumb question: Why is the driver on the wrong side of the road?

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@ Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2004 11:02 PM

@ To: uforq@yahoogroups.com

@ Cc: AUFORN@yahoogroups.com; Skyopen@yahoogroups.com;

@ ufonet@yahoogroups.com; UFORL@yahoogroups.com

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Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 10:08:57 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Whittlesea UFO photograph.

The facts cited below tend to point to a rock ding in the windshield.
That could be checked quite easily by examining the truck.

The Barra de Tijuca photo has been shown to be a montage. Everyone looks at photo 4 and says the sun is "on the wrong side." But photo 5 is a dead giveaway, because the sun would have to be BELOW the object - a physical impossibility because the earth would be in the way.

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@ Sent: Friday, January 23, 2004 3:15 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: [UFORL] Re: Whittlesea UFO photograph.

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@ I downloaded the larger image from the municipal web site and

@ spent a bit of time looking at it in MS photo-ed at various

@ magnifications.

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@ The assumed object appears to exhibit specular reflection. From

@ the highlight of this apparent reflection, it appears that the

@ sun is behind the photographer, about 45 degrees to his right.

@ Examining other objects reveals an apparent anomaly. The

@ "RAILWAY" sign, for instance, is in shadow, indicating that the

@ sun is behind the sign and in front of the photographer. This is

@ the same kind of anomaly that indicated that the "Barra de

@ Tijuca" image from 1952 was a fabrication. See the Condon report

@ (ncas.sawco.com/condon/text/case48.htm) for that image and its

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Whatever it is, it is a lot closer to the camera than the railway crossing signals. It is much more out of focus. Possible causes:

1. A rock ding in the windshield of the truck.
2. Something (such as mud, or the remains of a bug) stuck on the windshield.
3. A bug in flight near the windshield.
4. A bird frozen in flight by the camera.

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Date: Wed, 28 Jan 2004 00:46:31 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Re: 'UFO Secrets'

--- In UFORL@yahoogroups.com, "Chris Gibson" <cgibson@s...> wrote:

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and the
> only information on 351.700 I can find is 351.7000 Mount Dora Low
> Discrete. This would appear to be a low altitude frequency.
>
Hi Chris,

Maybe the following is useful:-

Hill Top/Twelve Mile MOA (Chicago ARTCC)
350.350 12 Mile/Hill Top MOA OPS UHF primary
350.350 CHICAGO ROSSVILL DISC HI-ALT

Best Regards
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Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 22:43:04 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Re: sky writing???

Hi Ken, Jim,

Actually Ken there are one or two examples of this - one from the UK which goes back to the 70's. If you can recall the figures/characters naturally, I agree with Jim it would be a good idea to sketch and scan them into the files area -- involving hypnosis may only have a negative effect rather than a positive one. (I can check whether the characters resemble any linguistic scripts or other diverse symbols -- had plenty of practise at this and some great resources for just such a task).

Best Regards
Gary Anthony

--- In UFORL@yahoogroups.com, Ken Smith <ken_smith007@y...> wrote:
> I will do that. I am thinking about contacting a
> hypnotherapist so that I can draw the characters
> straight from my memory.
> --- Jim Speiser <jimspeiser@y...> wrote:
> > I gotta say...that's a first for me...and I used to
> > read Frank Edwards, Ivan
> > Sanderson, and Charles Bertlitz.
> >
> > Perhaps an ad for Hebrew National Kosher Dogs?
> >
> > Of course, nothing you describe places it out of the
> > realm of coincidence,
> > EXCEPT the part about two of the characters
> > repeating. Darn strange.
> >
> > Is there any way you can reproduce the characters in
> > a graphics file and
> > upload it?
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> > ==JJS==

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In the second extract the pilot gives his squawk! In the UK the squawk code is allocated by ATC and the only time the pilot would give his squawk is when acknowledging ATC instructions. Are procedures different in the US?

Yours bemused

Chris

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From: Phil Rotsky <rotsky@wanadoo.fr>
Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 11:18:12 +0100
Subject: Re: [UFORL] More UFO Sightings Reported

On Monday 26 January 2004 21:41, YoungBob2@aol.com wrote:
| In a message dated 1/26/2004 3:17:33 PM Eastern Standard Time,
| lrobins@indiana.edu writes:
|
| Larry:
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| All good points.
|
| > planes flying under visual flight rules.
|
| I understand that if a flight lands at the same airport from which
| its flight originates a flight plan needn't be filed. This is a cute
| little way that groups of ultralights bent on UFO hoaxing get
| by unnoticed.

Well, it certainly used to be the case (and still is in Europe) that flight plans are not required for any flight operating under Visual Flight Rules (VFR) unless:

- * They cross an international boundary (which into the US ADIZ from, eg, the Bahamas or Mexico or Canada or when entering one of the new ADIZ zones set up after 9/11 - eg, around Washington).
- * They enter certain types of controlled airspace (in Europe, this means class D and above, and I think US airspace classifications are now very similar - however, you can file an abbreviated flight plan verbally, by radio, for this purpose, before entering the airspace).

You may need a flight plan for night VFR in the US. Night VFR isn't permitted in most of Europe.

Flight plans are highly recommended for cross-country flights, and especially any flights crossing desert or mountainous areas or large bodies of water - but they are not compulsory.

The upshot of all this is, a very high percentage of all VFR flights (which is a very large number of flights every day) have not filed a flight plan.

This may have changed to some extent as a result of the harsher regime imposed after 9/11, though I can't see why they'd impose new flight plan rules because they wouldn't help with monitoring or controlling aircraft in flight.

People get confused about flight plans, thinking that they are a way for ATC to control flights. They are not. Flight plans are designed for safety purposes - a way of alerting search and rescue services if a flight goes

missing. The way it works is this: you fill out a form and fax it or phone the details to a flight service station. Once in the air, you radio the appropriate station (this can be the tower of the departure airfield in many cases) to 'open' or 'activate' the flight plan. The details of the plan are then transmitted for you to the destination and alternate fields.

On the form, you will have estimated your flight time.

From: Brett Holman <b.holman@physics.unimelb.edu.au>
Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 15:10:40 +1100
Subject: Re: [UFORL] sky writing???

Hi Larry,

Thanks for these. Having said that I've never seen one of these used here in Australia, I saw my first one yesterday! A helicopter carrying a very big flag-shaped sign (though I couldn't see what it was advertising), for the Australian Open presumably. So we are not so far behind the times I guess ...

Brett

On Wed, Jan 21, 2004 at 07:08:22PM -0500, Robinson, Larry wrote:

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> http://www.embimage.com/Aerial_Advertising
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> <http://skywriting.org/index.html>
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> <http://www.adsthatfly.com/> shows a plane towing the banner
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> <http://skysignwest.com/> a night sign on a helicopter
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> <http://www.skytypers.com/>
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From: Brett Holman <b.holman@physics.unimelb.edu.au>
Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 15:08:08 +1100
Subject: Re: [UFORL] PRA - Whittlesea UFO photograph - Image Page.

On Mon, Jan 26, 2004 at 10:16:26AM -0500, Robinson, Larry wrote:
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From: "Luis R. Gonzalez" <lrgm@arrakis.es>
Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 15:09:08 +0100
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Father Gill 'Flying Saucer' Sightings

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LuisR

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Wed, 28 Jan 2004 09:56:53 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] PRA - Whittlesea UFO photograph - Image Page.

Somehow from one of the textfiles, I had gathered that the photographer was driving a truck. Maybe it's from the way we do intersection inventories here - through photography from a highway department vehicle (there isn't enough time or money here for the employee to get out to take each photo, with all of the intersections we have here).

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@ Sent: Monday, January 26, 2004 11:08 PM
@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com
@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] PRA - Whittlesea UFO photograph - Image Page.

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From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>
Date: Thu, 29 Jan 2004 20:10:03 +0100 (CET)
Subject: [UFORL] Lionel Beer

Hello, List members: I need to communicate with long-time British researcher Lionel Beer: I will appreciate if someone can let me know in private his e-mail address.
Thanks and best regards,
V-J

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@fortean.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 02:10:31 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] The Father Gill 'Flying Saucer' Sightings

Regarding:

>From: "Luis R. Gonzalez" <lrgm@arrakis.es>
>Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 15:09:08 +0100
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>idea in MAGONIA #54 (November 1995) and #57 (September
>1996).
>
>It is worth re-read it again.

Luis,

Thanks for the references and to others who responded
with some helpful insight.

An interesting case; unless evidenced otherwise, a
superior mirage assuredly seems more likely than aliens
waving back from the outside deck of a 'flying saucer'!

It would be an extraordinary solution and we can only
wish to have experienced the phenomenon personally.

I have a copy of Bill's book and as time permits, will
ask Martin directly about his MAGONIA articles.

James.
E-mail: voyager@fortean.co.uk

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com
Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 17:16:46 EST
Subject: [UFORL] New European UFO Survey

Friends:

According to Gildas Bourdais, the site,

<http://www.europeanufosurvey.com/>

is only "under construction" at this time. Its announcement was premature.

Clear skies,
Bob Young

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@fortean.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 23:09:57 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] A New European UFO group?

Regarding:

>From: YoungBob2@aol.com
>Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 10:14:45 EST
>Subject: [UFORL] A New European UFO group?

Bob wrote:

>My first thought is that no "scientists" would say they
>have "about 28" members.

Bob,

More so, the membership statedly incorporates "free Ufo researchers", who seem to be distinguished separately from intrinsic "scientists" amongst said 28.

Ergo, how many actual "scientists"?

>Second, the one into "free energy research" sounds like
>a Greer-clone.

Noted; the domains 'europeanufosurvey.com', plus equivalent .net and .org, are registered to:

Gregory PILLET
4 cour du liegat
paris, 75013

No trace on the Almighty Google for Pillet or even 'europeanufosurvey'.

How then, did you become aware of the site?

>Thirdly, if they have all been secretly doing UFO
>research for decades without notice, who do they talk
>to, themselves?

Therein, it's stated: "As many of us are in university careers, or the like"...

A basic tenet for insinuating any Academic group credibility would be how many work within Universities

[and in which capacity], as opposed to "the like" [?] and what proportion are in neither.

Also:

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Bob adds:

>According to Gildas Bourdais...

That background would fit, see:

<http://www.chez.com/lesovnis/htm/bourdais01.htm>

Also:

>From: TPrinty@aol.com
>Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 17:01:50 EST
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] A New European UFO group?

Tim wrote:

>This statement seems highly unscientific:
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>"...especially those ones who evidently had proved
>courage and intellectual [sic] honesty and bravery
>despite the ignorance, the skeptics and "other ones".
>
>True scientists would embrace skepticism (even the
>"debunker" kind) and would not stoop to this kind of
>nonsense.

Tim,

It's maybe not the most judicious and engaging public relations pronouncement!

Again, for an explanation, see the abstract of Gildas' lecture at the above URL.

"...courage and intellectual [sic] honesty and bravery

despite the ignorance, the skeptics and "other ones"...

Who, alarmingly, are the "other ones"...

Apparently, as seen from that realm of honest and brave convictions, there's even worse than being ignorant, cautious and not simply accepting extraordinary claims!

James.

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From: "csabadin" <sabinsky2@interfree.it>
Date: Fri, 06 Feb 2004 22:12:53 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] HESSDALEN.....the last paper of Massimo Teodorani

.....is now published here:

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(clic on: Note Finali sul "fenomeno rebuttal" - Dr. Massimo Teodorani)

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Some final notes on the "rebuttal phenomenon"
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ABSTRACT. This paper, concerning historic, scientific, moral and philosophic issues, is an "ufological" paper written by a non-ufologist. All the reasons of an alleged "rebuttal" towards my research on the Hessdalen anomalous light phenomena are described and discussed in detail and in a detached way, by showing the chronological evolution of some events happened to me since two and a half years due to some allegedly "skeptical" ufologists who were gravitating around the Hessdalen research with the main purpose of taking the full command of the situation. Later I discuss the reasons why such a gratuitous refutation of my work is wrong, artifacted and scientifically inconsistent, by demonstrating that, in spite of being motivated by a

urgency of discrediting me, it is based only on filtered informations, serious data omissions, badly posed problems, poor scientific methodology and lack of a scientific strategy. After dialectically and technically rejecting the results of such a "rebuttal", in particular the fideist presumption to "demonstrate" that some Hessdalen phenomena are due to car headlights, I draw the reader's attention to objectivity by showing that even if the most part of phenomenon's observational evidences can be explained as a natural phenomenon of ball lightning kind, some unexplained residual remains. Finally I discuss other aspects of my past research which triggered the birth of a so called "rebuttal phenomenon" as we know it at the present days, and discuss some future perspectives of research which, in spite of needing a rigorous and accurate scientific approach, might request from us a drastic paradigm shift too in subsequent phases.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@fortean.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 12 Feb 2004 01:14:46 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

The following article might be of interest:

Stupidity in the new age of anti-science
GILLIAN BOWDITCH

SOME 3.7 million people claim to have been abducted by aliens. Only 11 per cent of Americans believe in evolution. Type "Flat Earth Society" into the Google search engine on the internet and you will have a choice of 466,000 sites. How did we get this stupid?

One explanation is that the aliens doing all that abducting have been removing people's brains. Perhaps there is a UFO pathology laboratory hovering somewhere over Bonnybridge with the sum of our collective senses pickled in jars.

[...]

[END]

The full 'Scotsman' newspaper article is online, at:

<http://news.scotsman.com/opinion.cfm?id=160812004>

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From: Brett Holman <b.holman@physics.unimelb.edu.au>
Date: Fri, 13 Feb 2004 12:39:23 +1100
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

On Thu, Feb 12, 2004 at 01:09:35PM -0500, Robinson, Larry wrote:

- > @ Only 11 per cent of Americans believe in
- > @ evolution.
- >
- > Because it is still an unproven theory. Natural selection
- > has been pretty well proven, but evolution as the origin
- > of species has not. Because it is effectively the null
- > hypothesis against any other theory (being a form of
- > random chance), it would be just as hard to prove evolution
- > as it is to prove that no space aliens have ever landed
- > on the earth.

This is exactly backwards. Evolution is the observed fact - we have the fossils to show that it occurs, that species change over time. Natural selection is a theory devised to explain that fact - not the only one, but by far the one that explains the evidence the best. Epistemologically speaking, how can natural selection be considered proven if the thing it is supposed to explain is not??

I think you are a little confused - you say evolution is a "form of random chance" but this fits natural selection better. (Not that this makes it a null hypothesis either - because it's not merely random mutations, it's a SELECTION of them, that's the point and the power of it.)

Oh, and finally, I somehow doubt that 89 per cent of Americans refuse to believe in evolution because they've acquainted themselves with the evidence and decided that it wasn't up to scratch, scientifically speaking. I submit that the answer lies in religion and/or ignorance (and I'm not equating the two).

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- >
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- > a Flat Earth Society page? How many of those point to it
- > as a humorous site?
- >
- > 2. How many of those sites are there to refute the Flat
- > Earth Society?
- >
- > 3. How many of those sites have the words disconnected?
- > An example would be: "You pay a FLAT fee to join the

> SOCIETY for a Clean EARTH." Google finds those too, and
> places them last.

These are all good points. I'm getting a bit sick of this "type
blah blah into Google and you get x thousand hits" - it's lazy
journalism. For the last point, if you use quotes around the search
terms - ie, search for the exact phrase "flat earth society" - then
it comes up with only 13,100 results, not 466,000.

As has often been pointed out, the Flat Earth Society web page
at www.flat-earth.org is not at all serious. But there is (or
was) a real Flat Earth Society; see

<http://www.talkorigins.org/faqs/flaearth.html>

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You know, petrol (gas for you Yanks) is a real safety hazard too -
but it seems to me that good engineering has made the risk of
using it pretty small. Hydrogen is trickier, no doubt, but that's no
reason not to try.

But actually, as an airship historian of sorts (though mostly
of the phantom variety!) I really wanted to respond to your slur
on the Hindenburg. A theory has emerged over the last few years
that the hydrogen had nothing to do with the disaster; it was the
aluminium-based paint on the outer skin panels which ignited due
to static electricity. This is based on study of the film of
the accident and eyewitness testimony, knowledge of the properties
of hydrogen and the aluminium powder (similar to the fuel used
in the shuttle's solid rocket boosters; one of the authors of
the theory is a former NASA engineer who was responsible for
hydrogen equipment and safety issues), research in the Zeppelin
archives, and - most impressively - experiments on remaining
fragments of the Hindenburg's skin (a bit of static electricity
and they go up in flames). See:

<<http://www.dwv-info.de/pm/hindbg/hbe.htm>>

A simplified presentation of the theory is at:

<<http://www.owl.net.rice.edu/~anguyen/univ/references.html>>

I think the evidence for this is very good; there's even good evidence that the Zeppelin company was aware of that this was the cause but covered it up - easier to blame the Americans for not letting Nazi Germany have the helium it needed.

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Date: Thu, 12 Feb 04 23:41:24 +0000
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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Thu, 12 Feb 2004 13:09:35 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

See below.

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

@ From: James Easton [mailto:voyager@fortean.co.uk]
@ Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2004 8:15 PM
@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com
@ Subject: [UFORL] Stupidity in the new age of anti-science
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This is sort of like when I used to flatten my empty tin cans on an anvil and put them in the postpaid "Business Reply Mail" envelopes from junk mailers. Then those companies had to pay extra postage for the weight.

4. Whether or not there are real alien abductions (there is always the possibility).

@ Only 11 per cent of Americans believe in
@ evolution.

Because it is still an unproven theory. Natural selection has been pretty well proven, but evolution as the origin of species has not. Because it is effectively the null hypothesis against any other theory (being a form of random chance), it would be just as hard to prove evolution as it is to prove that no space aliens have ever landed on the earth.

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Questions:

1. How many of those sites have nothing but a link to a Flat Earth Society page? How many of those point to it as a humorous site?
2. How many of those sites are there to refute the Flat Earth Society?
3. How many of those sites have the words disconnected? An example would be: "You pay a FLAT fee to join the SOCIETY for a Clean EARTH." Google finds those too, and places them last.

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I have a lot more trouble with the bad science that is proffered by Environmentalists and others with special causes, especially when it is passed into law by laymen legislators. Examples:

- One of the "proofs" of global warming uses the ratios of composition of air found trapped in ice pockets. But the study ignores processes by which the surrounding ice

removes carbon dioxide from the trapped air and transfers it to either rock or to the ocean. Yet governments are already passing legislation to combat global warming.

- Another "global warming study" of average temperatures over the past three centuries ignores the fact that the equipment in use at the beginning of the period had a bigger inaccuracy than the change in averages they found, the fact that the degree Fahrenheit was redefined in the early 1900s to be an exact conversion to and from the degree Celsius, and the fact that most temperature readings are taken at airports, which are increasingly being paved.

- Three different studies looking for a genetic cause for homosexuality all used the wrong population - studying only homosexuals, rather than a random sample of the population. They also used the norms of political science, not the norms of genetics (which are very different), to define their null hypotheses. So they all made wrong conclusions. Two of them couldn't even do their arithmetic right, yet governments embraced the results.

- Government banned the artificial sweetener Cyclamate after a graduate student faked the results to get his degree on time. Exterminators had sprayed a poison in the labs to kill roaches. The poison killed most of the lab rats. Rather than start over, the grad student faked the results, saying that part of the experimental group died. He brought in new rats to fill out the control group.

It is amazing that government acted without independent confirmation. It was even more amazing that no attempt at confirmation was made until more than ten years later. It was then that the cheating came to light.

- Most of the studies that say that mass transit can alleviate traffic congestion fail to take into account that different people need to make widely different trips. They concentrate solely on moving large numbers of people, without considering that those people have different places to come from and go to.

- Remember Cold Fusion? I knew about the chemical reaction Pons and Fleischman actually observed two years before the event. It's in the material safety sheets on Palladium, and I was working in a chemistry lab at the time. In fact, it was documented in a 1938 chemistry book I have, as a hazard to avoid.

- They wrongly used the formula $POWER = FORCE * VELOCITY$ to

decide that the national speed limit should be reduced in 1973. The real formula is $\text{POWER} = \text{FORCE} * \text{CHANGE IN VELOCITY}$, and gives a zero value when a car is moving at a constant velocity.

- The federal government asked the cartoonist Max Fleischer to have Popeye eat spinach to get strong, because a misplaced decimal point made a scientist think that spinach had ten times the amount of iron in it that other vegetables contain.

- The claim that hydrogen from the ocean is a viable source of energy is false on three counts:

1. The hydrogen is combined with oxygen in the water - in other words, it is already burned. It would take MORE energy to separate the hydrogen from the oxygen than would be recovered later by burning the hydrogen. Thus, it is not a source of energy at all, but only an energy transport medium like electricity.

2. Electrolysis of sea water produces hydrogen, soda ash, and CHLORINE gas, not the hydrogen and oxygen gases the proponents claim. The question of what to do with the vast quantities of chlorine and soda ash produced is unanswered (both are deadly poisons). And desalinization of sea water before electrolysis would require even more energy, bringing the total to over twice the energy recovered by burning the hydrogen.

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From: "Louise A. Lowry" <SHnSASSY1@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 12 Feb 2004 04:33:34 -0600
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

I must agree that we have gotten stupid, look at everything at our hands, we no longer use our brain anymore, we have calculators and computers for this now..we have all gotten fat and lazy with the progression of our development..but to say we got stupid cause people put in and believe in "Flat Earth Society" is just wrong, have you ever even look to see what this Society is: Here is just a brief:

The Flat Earth Society is a nonpartisan, non-profit and nondenominational membership organisation dedicated to improving the understanding of the nature of reality through pataphysical inquiry, empirical investigation and the exchange of ideas.

Sure sounds like my cup of tea! <g>

Blessings
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- > The full 'Scotsman' newspaper article is online, at:
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From: "nigelwright1234" <nigelwright1234@yahoo.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 13 Feb 2004 17:13:55 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] rise in UFO sightings in UK?

Hi All!,

Just a quick message to introduce myself, I am a full-time researcher/writer on UFO's, I have been into them for around 35 years now.

i was wondering if anyone else has noticed that there seems to be a increase in sightings over the last few weeks, or is it my imagination?

cheers all!

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Date: Fri, 13 Feb 2004 09:37:27 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] RE: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

Now that IS STUPID!!!!

Sounds like the same tactics the opponents to the Interstate 69 extension are using to try to stop the project. They inflated their numbers in the survey by filling out multiple ballots, cited time savings per trip, rather than annual fuel savings, and used sneaky tactics (such as taped applause and foot stomping) to win applause meter audience polls at public hearings.

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@ Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2004 6:41 PM

@ To: UFORL

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I enclose the references of an article I wrote about the subject

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From: Luis Eduardo Pacheco <lep@econosur.com>

Date: Thu, 12 Feb 2004 17:49:49 -0300

Subject: [UFORL] Fugos: a new novel

Just published and interesting enough to the list.

More info in the author's website <http://www.liamcallanan.com/> or in the book's website at <http://www.cloudatlas.com/>

Set in past and present Alaska, The Cloud Atlas is narrated by a missionary who spent World War II chasing down one of Japan's strangest weapons – firebombs that silently crossed the Pacific, tethered to balloons. But it's the people he found who haunt him longer: a Yup'ik Eskimo woman, a shaman, a boy.

In 1944-45, Louis Belk was a soldier, not a missionary, dispatched to find and dispose of these improbable weapons – Fu-Go weapons, or Japanese balloon bombs – and then keep them secret from an already anxious public.

But the mysteries confronting Louis only increase when he meets his superior officer – a brutal veteran OSS spy hunter who knows all too well what the balloons can do – and a Yup'ik Eskimo woman who claims she can see the future. Chasing after the ghostly, floating weapons, Louis embarks upon an adventure that will lead him into the vast tundra, to a discovery and a choice that will change the course of his life.

Greetings from this teapot called Buenos Aires !

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From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>
Date: Wed, 18 Feb 2004 23:27:28 +0100 (CET)
Subject: [UFORL] Link to FOTOCAT News February 2004

FOTOCAT News, February 2004

A new briefing report of the progress of FOTOCAT can be read in the following link to the Spain's Anomaly Foundation web site:
<<http://www.anomalia.org/fotocat1.htm>>

The catalog presently stores the nice figure of 4,444 photographic, worldwide events.

A description of catalog structure is provided, as well as a statistical graph of cases recorded 1946-2004, where wave and low periods are visible.

A table of cases per country, for countries contributing over 1% of total (44 reports or more) is also offered as additional information.

How can you assist in the development of this-to-be-public tool? Please access to <<http://www.anomalia.org/fotocat1.htm>> for details.

Report is both in English and Spanish.

Best wishes,
V-J

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From: Ktperehwon@aol.com
Date: Wed, 18 Feb 2004 16:36:34 EST
Subject: [UFORL] Tell Jim Moseley what you think of him!
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First, shhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh! Not a word to Internet-phobic

Jim Moseley about this--yet. Now then,...

The months November 2003 through July 2004 ring in "Saucer

Smear" editor-publisher James W. Moseley's 50th year of saucering,

of telling it shockingly close to how it is in the wonderfully weird world

of ufology--50 madcap years as Serious Ufologist (his Adamski

expose, publishing "Saucer News"), UFOhoxer (the Straith letter),

Semi-Serious Ufologist (his 4-D Theory, "Saucer Smear"), and

Reigning Court Jester of The Field. This makes Jim one of if not

the longest surviving continuously active "saucerer" on (this) planet!

Love him or hate him, there's no denying Jim Moseley, for better

or worse, has been and remains a Presence in ufology.

To mark this shockingly close to momentous occasion, "Smear"-site
<www.martiansgohome.com/smeare> webmaster Steve Mansee,

UFOtoonist Matt Graeber, and and I have created the

OFFICIAL JAMES W. MOSELEY 50TH ANNIVERSARY ROAST PAGE
<www.martiansgohome.com/moseley_roast>.

We know that many of you have Moseley tales to tell, yarns

certain to recall glorious and inglorious past Moseleyean

ufological happenings and adventures to the minds of others, to be

shared, too. Now's the time and the Official Roast Page is the place

to tell it like it is or was. Post your thoughts, memories, good wishes,

photos, whatever there--now, tomorrow, and the next day. Sometime

post-July, at a time and place yet to be determined, all will be presented

to Jim. We'll keep everyone posted on the page as plans develop.

Please pass the word to all and sundry--except our "victim," of course.

Oh, yeah, and when you go to the roast page, you'll find out why the

exact beginning of Jim Moseley's 50 years of saucering is somewhat

and appropriately ambiguous.

Cheers, KARL PFLOCK<FONT COLOR="#000000" FACE="Geneva"
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Date: Thu, 19 Feb 2004 14:31:04 -0000

Subject: [UFORL] UFO photographed over Plymouth

Greetings list,

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From: James C Giglio <jgiglio2@polaris.umuc.edu>
Date: Thu, 19 Feb 2004 10:28:45 -0500 (EST)
Subject: Re: [UFORL] UFO photographed over Plymouth

On Thu, 19 Feb 2004, dave clarke wrote:

> Any ideas?

As shown on the newspaper web page, the image conveys essentially no information. For example, the article states that the "object" was hovering over "St Budeaux," but the published image shows no background detail whatever that might indicate the geographic location of either the photographer or the "object."

The story indicates that some analysis has been done, and that more may be underway. This is all a waste of time; it's an electronic image, easily created and/or manipulated by computer, so there's just no way to eliminate the possibility of fabrication.

Images like this also need to be considered in light of the sorry history of photographic UFO fraud; it's been going on for a long time and the fakes are uncountably numerous. Images of this nature, standing alone and unaccompanied by any evidence other than statements by the photographer and/or friends and family, should be dismissed out of hand. Unfortunately they won't be; a fake UFO pic is a handy-dandy way to get your 15 minutes of fame.

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Thu, 19 Feb 2004 10:24:34 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] UFO photographed over Plymouth

Looks like an underexposed shot of a car taken from a high vantage point. Maybe a streetlight is reflecting off the top.

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Date: Fri, 20 Feb 2004 16:27:05 +0100 (CET)
Subject: Re: [UFORL] UFO photographed over Plymouth

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Date: Fri, 20 Feb 2004 13:57:53 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] UFO photographed over Plymouth
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Greetings James, list -

Here's the latest, from the Plymouth Herald tonight (20 February).
Just goes to show how a 'spurious' image on a photo can spark off
an imaginary UFO wave.
The photo is also published in the London Daily Mirror today. This
one is sure to run and run.

READERS WATCHING THE SKIES

12:00 - 20 February 2004

The Herald has been inundated with calls from Plymothians claiming to
have spotted UFOs after seeing yesterday's stunning pictures of a strange
phenomenon in the sky above St Budeaux.

People rang to report their close encounters with unexplained lights
and flying objects; some from up to 20 years ago - others spotted just this
week.

Student Paul Burt, from Lower Compton, was astonished yesterday when
an early morning call of nature turned into a close encounter of the first
kind.

"It was about 5.30am and I was on my way to the toilet," said Paul.

"Out of the stairway window I saw this weird light up in the sky,
which stopped me dead in my tracks. As I watched, it suddenly changed colour
and shot upwards. Then it kind of erupted and sprayed out all different
colours.

"I don't know what I saw, but aeroplanes and helicopters just don't do
that."

And postman Robert Buckham, from Laira, reported seeing a bright white
light making its way across the sky above Plymouth Sound during his round on
Tuesday morning.

"It was about 3.50am," he said. "It seemed to have a tail, and it was
travelling really fast."

The amazing images which have captured the public imagination were

captured accidentally by amateur photographer John Nicholls when he was trying out his new digital camera. He took the pictures from an upstairs window of his home in St Budeaux.

Yesterday Mr Nicholls, 52, told the Herald: "I always thought people who saw UFOs were a bit loopy. I see things differently now and I keep finding myself looking up at the sky.

"At first I was a bit nervous about people thinking I was strange. But I can't help what appeared in the picture."

Bob Boyd, chairman of the Plymouth UFO Research Group, described Mr Nicholls's photograph as 'one of the five best I've seen in 25 years'. Yesterday he told the Herald: "This is going to be a famous image!"

But UFO expert Dr David Clarke, who writes a UFO column for the Fortean Times magazine, said: "People have an image of UFOs in their heads from TV and films, so when they see anything odd on film they jump to conclusions. Digital cameras are known for conjuring up strange images. That, combined with the fact this man didn't see anything at the time, makes me a little suspicious."

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@fortean.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 19 Feb 2004 22:58:42 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] UFO photographed over Plymouth

I have copies of both uncropped photographs, however, as they might have a commercial value I can't upload them.

Any photographs taken by a digital camera and which originate from an anonymous source, are obviously suspect from the outset.

When seen against the background of an urban scene at night, the 'UFO' looks to be enormous!

Amazing that no-one else evidently observed it.

More so, how could the photographer not, "realise what he had snapped until he got home and inspected his pictures"?

Seems to be abject nonsense.

A unanimous opinion from myself and others who have seen the full-size photographs, is that the 'UFO' is a later computer-generated edition. It's not particularly competent either [the backdrop has significant blurring from camera-shake, the 'UFO' doesn't].

James.
E-mail: voyager@fortean.co.uk

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explanation if enough information is given (i.e. direction, time, angle of elevation in
the sky, etc). Unfortunately, I doubt such information will ever be available
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From: Phil Rotsky <rotsky@wanadoo.fr>
Date: Fri, 20 Feb 2004 10:21:10 +0100
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

Robinson, Larry wrote:

- > I have a lot more trouble with the bad science that is
- > proffered by Environmentalists and others with special
- > causes, especially when it is passed into law by laymen
- > legislators.

[snip]

- > It is amazing that government acted without independent
- > confirmation. It was even more amazing that no attempt at
- > confirmation was made until more than ten years later. It
- > was then that the cheating came to light.

[snip]

I've stopped being amazed by anything that governments do, but I thought this was interesting:

Bush 'bending science to his political needs'

Scientists accuse US of manipulating research

Alok Jha, science correspondent
Thursday February 19, 2004
The Guardian

The Bush administration is guilty of misrepresenting scientific knowledge and misleading the public, a group of America's most senior scientists claimed yesterday.

They said the government had manipulated information to fit its policies on everything from climate change to whether Iraq had been trying to make nuclear weapons.

The open letter from the independent Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) said: "When scientific knowledge has been found to be in conflict with its political goals, the administration has often manipulated the process through which science enters into its decisions.

"This has been done by placing people who are professionally unqualified or who have clear conflicts of interest in official posts and on scientific advisory committees; by disbanding existing advisory committees; by censoring and suppressing reports by the government's own scientists; and by simply not seeking independent scientific advice."

The letter was signed by 60 senior US scientists, including 20 Nobel

prize winners, such as the physicists Steven Weinberg and James Cronin and the biologists Eric Kandel and Harold Varmus.

"We are not ... taking issue with the administration's policies. We are taking issue with the administration's distortion of the process with which science enters into its decisions," Kurt Gottfried, a professor of physics at Cornell University and chairman of the UCS, told reporters.

Russell Train, head of the Environmental Protection Agency under the former Republican presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford, said that during his tenure: "I do not recall ever receiving a suggestion, let alone an order, from the White House as to how I should make a regulatory decision. How times have changed."

Neal Lane of Rice University in Houston and a former science adviser to ex-president Bill Clinton, said scientific findings were being kept from decision-makers.

"I am afraid that our leading policymakers simply don't know what they don't know, given the manipulation of the science advice process," he said.

Last night, the White House denied the accusations. "I can assure you that this is an administration that makes decisions based on the best available science," said a White House spokesman, Scott McClellan.

The UCS letter was published on the same day as a new report from the National Academies of Science, which expressed serious concern that the US government's plans to deal with climate change could be scuppered by a lack of funds.

The US equivalent of Britain's Royal Society, the NAS focused on the Bush administration's latest plans for the environment, coordinated by the US climate change science programme (CCSP).

The NAS conceded that the new research plans were a significant improvement on the CCSP's original strategy, which was the focus of much international criticism when it was published in November 2002.

At the time, scientists around the world said that the draft strategy flew in the face of international climate change research. It ignored existing science and a great deal of its planned research would merely repeat work that had been done already.

The strategy had followed the US withdrawal from the Kyoto protocol, which commits countries to reducing emissions of greenhouse gases.

It also raised fears among environmentalists that the US would refuse to play its part in addressing the problems associated with climate change.

The NAS reviewed the draft strategy and gave the CCSP a chance to

improve its plans. Yesterday's report is an evaluation of these revisions.

"The plans are quite good now actually, it has been quite responsive to the scientific community," said Diana Liverman, director of the Environmental Change Institute at Oxford University and a co-author of the NAS report. "But the academy's concerns are mostly about whether the resources will actually be there to implement it. And if the resources aren't there, which bits of it are going to be implemented?"

Linda Mearns of the national Centre for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado, agreed: "I think it does indicate that they have been certainly pressured by the criticism by the scientific community."

Writing in today's Guardian Life section, Prof Liverman said scientists in the US were increasingly complaining of political interference with their work. She outlines the increasing suppression of research that goes against government policy on global warming. "To be a scientist working on climate change in the US is to be frustrated by the backlash against environmental science, research budget cuts and by the American media's general lack of interest in environmental issues," she writes.

One group of scientists had federal lawsuits filed against them by lobby groups for producing reports on the effects of climate change across the US.

The UCS has long been critical of the Bush administrations attitude to climate change. "The distortion of scientific knowledge for partisan political ends must cease if the public is to be properly informed about issues central to its well being," its letter said.

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I looked at the two JPEG's you sent. Where's the UFO? Both pictures were dominated by city lights. One showed camera movement. The one that didn't show movement had an undefined speck of light visible above the apparent horizon, but the other didn't. Neither image showed anything that looked even remotely similar to the object displayed on the newspaper's web site.

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Date: Sat, 21 Feb 2004 00:34:08 +0100
Subject: Re: [UFORL] UFO photographed over Plymouth

Hello Vincente !

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Probably the good explanation. But the image in this case is eventually not complete.

A great blur (move) on this print of the city lights.
Bad photographer ! ;-)

Best regards,

Eric

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From: "Geoff Richardson" <geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 29 Feb 2004 15:16:58 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Updates/Additions to The WHY? Files Network - The Phoenix Lights

The Phoenix Lights:

On 13th March 1997, an event took place in the skies over Arizona. At approximately 7-50p.m. a "V-shaped" formation of bright blue/yellow-white orbs were observed leaving the Las Vegas area (Nevada) and flying at speed over the border into Arizona. The object was observed to travel over the Phoenix area and then on to Tucson - via a 300 mile corridor. The "V-shaped" formation was observed by thousands of people - from lorry drivers to physicians and children to lawyers, including air traffic controllers at Phoenix commercial airport. This series of incidents became known as "The Phoenix Lights".

However, "unknown" objects had been observed in the Arizona skies for over two years and during this time photographic and video evidence was captured by a local physician - Dr. Lynne Kitei. Dr. Lynne has finally authored a remarkable book which has recently been published.

Dr. Lynne's book provides a detailed account of a momentous incident which will not only be of inestimable value to Ufologists but also provide comfort to those who have had a convincing UFO sighting themselves and have questions they need to answer.

This is not just a book for "UFO buffs" though, being authored with such clarity of thought and expression, it is a book that should be a fascinating read for everyone".

A review of Dr. Lynne's book,
"The Phoenix Lights -
a Skeptic's Discovery That We Are Not Alone"
is available at the WHY? Files - see "The Phoenix Lights ".
<http://www.thewhyfiles.co.uk>

PLUS:

There have been numerous updates/additions to "The WHY? Files",
see: Black Triangles,

V-Shaped UFOs,
Kecksburg, etc.

And a new topic - "Alien Contact"

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Date: Wed, 03 Mar 2004 19:52:21 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

There is a lot of bad science going around these days.

I am sick of "scientists" blaming environment changes on pollution. Almost every report that comes out about ozone holes, atmosphere height, water levels, ice sheets, etc is usually followed by the line "and scientists believe it to be caused by global warming caused by pollution."

We know so little about the atmospheric history of our planet that such "conclusions" just really bug me. A lot.

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Alien Expert Illuminates Audience on Extraterrestrial

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Leif Griffin, 03/01/04

MADISON - Some of extraterrestrial expert Frank Drake's beliefs

may leave people wondering whether or not he has asteroids for

brains. Speaking to an audience of 300 at the University of

Wisconsin-Madison Feb. 19, Drake, director of the Search for

Extraterrestrial Intelligence Institute in Mountain View,

Calif., explained the reasons why he believes intelligent life

exists in the universe and highlighted potential methods of

communicating with far-off civilizations.

"I think all of us who are well-read at all, or know anything

about the universe, have at some time realized that it could

well be that there are other intelligent beings in space," Drake

said. "Many of them could be more advanced, more sophisticated

and with more of a history. It would be fascinating just to find

out what they are like."

He emphasized the importance of persistence and repetition in

the search for extraterrestrial life.

"Detecting alien life is like winning the lottery, and to win

any lottery we have to make many, many bets," Drake said.

Luckily, Drake asserted, there are also many, many solar systems
 that are that are capable of incubating civilizations. Of the
 estimated 400 billion stars in the Milky Way, 10 percent are
 similar to our solar system and are able to support life, Drake
 said. Furthermore, it is only certain that 40 billion stars are
 unable to support life due to their relatively brief existence
 and rapid resource exhaustion. According to Drake, the remaining
 80 percent of stars in the Milky Way are smaller than our sun
 but may prove just as useful in the quest for life.

"For a while scientists thought [the less massive stars] were
 not suitable for life, but now it appears they too could be
 abodes for life, and even perhaps better ones than the stars
 that are like the sun," he said.

The potential provided by myriad life-supporting stars bodes
 well for the discovery of intelligent life and Drake discussed
 methods of communication required to detect extraterrestrial
 activity.

"We have the means, if we work very hard, to detect intelligent
 life, and get access to all of the wondrous things they can
 provide us with," Drake said.

Utilizing rockets to make contact with extraterrestrial life
 would be costly and a doomed venture because of the distance,
 Drake said, so the best method of detecting alien civilizations
 is through electromagnetic messaging. According to Drake, it is
 possible to send a 60-second telegram at the speed of light to
 the far side of the galaxy for only a dollarâ€™s worth of energy.
 The conventional method of powering a space shuttle to complete
 the same task would take around 500,000 yearâ€™s worth of energy.

Drake also briefly discussed his famous equation, Drakeâ€™s
 Equation, and its implications. Drake created the seven-factor
 equation in 1951 to estimate the number of alien civilizations
 in the Milky Way. Using those factors, which account for the
 rate of star formation and civilization life span, Drake
 estimated there are at least 10,000 such civilizations in the
 Milky Way.

Phillip Morrison, emeritus professor at the Massachusetts
 Institute of Technology, wrote of Drakeâ€™s Equation: "Next to

Einstein's equation, it is the most recognized equation in science."

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Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

I agree!

I have seen some of the stupidest claims:

A. Cold Fusion: This chemical reaction between water and impurities commonly found in palladium was documented in a textbook I have from the 1930s. It is also in a lab safety manual I had at the time of the "discovery."

B. Homosexuality is hereditary: EVERY ONE of the studies made the same two mistakes:

- 1. They sampled the wrong population, studying ONLY homosexuals. They thus had no control group to compare them to.
- 2. They used the norms for social sciences, NOT the norms for genetics, when formulating their null hypothesis. When the norms for genetics are properly substituted, their results are shown to be entirely within the bounds of sampling and observational error.

C. Global Warming: The so-called "scientists" have discounted all other explanations for the effects they have observed:

- 1. The air found trapped in arctic ice for centuries has a much smaller concentration of carbon dioxide than the concentrations observed today. But they forget that carbon dioxide REACTS with water to form carbonic acid, which can then migrate its way through the ice to react with minerals or reach the ocean.
- 2. The study of observed temperatures over the last 3 centuries shows a rise in temperature smaller than the observational error that existed at the beginning of the period.
- 3. The fact that most weather data are collected either at airports or in cities means that local rises due to increasingly paved surfaces show a rise in temperature that the rest of the world does not experience.
- 4. They ignore the fact that the degree Fahrenheit was redefined in 1901 to be an exact conversion to and from the metric degree Celsius. This makes all readings taken before 1901 to seem to be a fraction of a degree colder than they really were.

D. We drove at 55 mi/hr for years because of the misuse of a formula. Environmentalist "scientists" said that the formula

Power = Force X Velocity

Meant that more power was expended during the entire time the vehicle traveled at that velocity. But the correct formula is

Power = Force X Change in Velocity

And the power value goes to zero as soon as the vehicle reaches its cruising speed. Then the engine has to do nothing but overcome friction to keep the vehicle moving at a uniform speed.

E. The biggest fallacy of all - UFOs: They say that if they prove that the sighting was not of a bird, plane, balloon, or other common object in the sky, that the UFO must be a space ship. They forget about all of the uncommon but earthly objects that might have been in the air at the time.

And often their proofs are wrong:

- 1. One tactic is to call the airport and ask what flights were in the air. But no one airport is going to know about every aircraft in the air. Military airports know squat about non-military flights. Commercial airports know very little about military and general aviation flights. Private airports have no data about military and airline flights. And nobody knows about visual-flight-rules (VFR) trips.

- 2. Often they get the wind direction backwards, because they do not know that weather information is officially recorded as the direction the wind blows FROM.

The real problem is that fools in government believe the nonsense these "scientists" are feeding them, and pass laws to counter the "threats."

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@ Sent: Wednesday, March 03, 2004 2:52 PM

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Subject: [UFORL] Re: Alien Expert Illuminates Audience on Extraterrestrial Possibilities

While not cost prohibitive, how useful would it be to communicate to another planet that couldn't respond to us in our own lifetime?

The first transmission powerful enough to leave Earth was in the, what, the 1930's? 1940's? We have only communicated with planets and stars, then, within 60-some light years of us. Taking that long to respond to us, none of us will be around to hear the response.

It is a neat idea, but how useful would such disparate communications be?

If some scientists estimates are correct, there are thousands of other worlds out there like us. If our worlds are evenly distributed throughout the galaxy and we all began to transmit at the same time, that could be a thousand years before we receive a signal.

Maybe I'm just be non-adventurous, but I would rather focus on our own solar system and figuring out what those weird lights in the sky are.

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Date: Thu, 4 Mar 2004 10:22:12 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Updates/Additions to The WHY? Files Network - The Phoenix Lights

The Phoenix Lights case was solved later in 1997. I worked on the case.

The videos were examined, and because they were all taken at the same time, they were triangulated. The triangulations conclusively showed that the UFO was not over the city of Phoenix, but over the Luke AFB Test Range, near Gila Bend AZ.

The Maryland National Guard had been conducting parachute flare dropping exercises for training in rescue missions. They admitted that they dropped what was the main Phoenix UFO. But their involvement was not known for two months simply because they had returned to Maryland before the news broke. They reported their involvement as soon as they heard about the case and were able to connect it to their activities.

There were secondary UFO sightings which were not correlated in time or direction with the flare drops. I showed that, by the objects' own characteristics, they were fire balloons launched by local pranksters in the various cities who heard about the initial Ahwatukee sightings.

Again, three ubiquitous effects entered into a UFO case:

1. The inability of the human eye to tell the distance of any unknown object in the sky which is farther away than 30 feet.
2. The pranksters who show up with their fire balloons any time a UFO sighting is reported.
3. The refusal of the pro-ET crowd to accept the true explanation for a sighting when it is found.

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@ From: Geoff Richardson [mailto:geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk]

@ Sent: Sunday, February 29, 2004 10:17 AM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com
@ Subject: [UFORL] Updates/Additions to The WHY? Files Network
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@ The Phoenix Lights:
@ On 13th March 1997, an event took place in
@ the skies over Arizona. At approximately 7-50p.m.
@ a "V-shaped" formation of bright blue/yellow-white
@ orbs were observed leaving the Las Vegas area (Nevada)
@ and flying at speed over the border into Arizona.
@ The object was observed to travel over the Phoenix area
@ and then on to Tucson - via a 300 mile corridor.
@ The "V-shaped" formation was observed by thousands
@ of people - from lorry drivers to physicians and children
@ to lawyers, including air traffic controllers at Phoenix
@ commercial airport. This series of incidents became known
@ as "The Phoenix Lights".
@ However, "unknown" objects had been observed in the
@ Arizona skies for over two years and during this time
@ photographic and video evidence was captured by a
@ local physician - Dr. Lynne Kitei. Dr. Lynne has finally
@ authored a remarkable book which has recently been
@ published.
@ Dr. Lynne's book provides a detailed account of a momentous
@ incident which will not only be of inestimable value to Ufologists
@ but also provide comfort to those who have had a convincing
@ UFO sighting themselves and have questions they need
@ to answer.
@ This is not just a book for "UFO buffs" though, being
@ authored
@ with such clarity of thought and expression, it is a book that
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Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

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In a message dated 3/4/2004 12:18:32 PM Eastern Standard Time, caeman@yahoo.com writes:

- > While not cost prohibitive, how useful would it be to communicate to
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Actually, the power goes way down once you reach cruising speed, because inertia is now aiding, not opposing, the engine. Friction has a relatively minor role in power consumption, as opposed to applying power against inertia.

Try it in a car with a tachometer, and you will see the engine speed drop, for two reasons:

1. The car has shifted into the highest gear, and the torque converter is now in its direct mode, not multiplying mode (assuming an automatic transmission - the drop occurs with the last shift with a manual).
2. There is much less demand on power to keep the car at speed (only air and dynamic friction need to be overcome), as opposed to overcoming static friction, inertia, and air resistance during the acceleration phase.

Also note that you have to let up on the gas pedal to keep the car from exceeding the speed limit.

This is with the driver using fuel conservation techniques - not a zero-to-fifty-five-in-ten-seconds kind of takeoff.

I see you also recognize the "design speed of the road" and its influence on driver behavior. Our state has a law that says that the 85th percentile speed (the speed below which 85 percent of the drivers on the road actually travel at) must not be an illegal speed. Too bad that law does not pertain to the state maximum limit, which the Democrats in the statehouse won't allow to be raised above 55 except on interstates.

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Larry, if you going to keep posting this list every month or two, could you at least include a bit more evidence than just bland assertion. You know ... evidence???

Your prior record on science does not make me likely to take your word for it ...

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From: "dave clarke" <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>

Date: Sat, 6 Mar 2004 19:00:03 -0000

Subject: Re: [UFORL] UFO magazine to close

Dear colleagues,

I am sad to announce the closure of the UK based publication UFO MAGAZINE owned by Quest Publications International Ltd. The closure of the magazine has been the sole decision of the company owner Mrs Christine Birdsall and the March 2004 issue is the last magazine to be published.

Since the sudden death of the magazine's founding editor Graham Birdsall in September 2003 I have been assisting UFO MAGAZINE'S editor Russel Callaghan on a voluntary basis. Russel and the rest of the staff at UFO MAGAZINE have worked extremely hard to keep the magazine afloat and all are extremely surprised and upset by the recent decisions made concerning the publication of the magazine by Christine Birdsall.

Many of you have helped with articles and news items and simply moral support since Graham's death and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kind assistance.

Any enquiries concerning any aspect of UFO MAGAZINE should be put to Christine Birdsall and not myself or the staff of UFO MAGAZINE.

It's a sad day today and I'm only sorry for Graham Birdsall that this has happened.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Mantle.

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From: John Lundberg <john@circlemakers.org>
Date: Sat, 6 Mar 2004 14:18:48 +0000
Subject: [UFORL] Colin Andrews financial woes...

The Future of Circles Phenomenon Research in serious doubt
Urgent Appeal Office closing

"...unless funds are secured within the next four weeks, the complete operation will close, along with the C.P.R.I. offices in Andover, England and Branford, Connecticut, USA."

http://www.memorologyllc.com/CropCircleInfo/2004-0227-URGENT_NOTICE.htm

Later,
John

--
circlemakers.org - england's crop circle makers

there is no art without risk / jean cocteau

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From: "Chad Wilson" <caeman@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, 08 Mar 2004 13:30:40 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

There is something I have always been curious about. I have watched a lot of shows over the years about UFOs and other strange things and I've noticed something in common amongst many of the pieces of "evidence": Poor Video Quality.

From: Mendoza <Horseman@onetel.net.uk>
Date: Mon, 8 Mar 04 23:42:40 +0000
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

Compliments of the Drake of Mandrake:

Since we are getting into global warming -- well, why not, UpDates had a whole thread going on postmodernism a while back -- let me add my two penn'orth as a former writer & editor for Greenpeace.

Larry R. is correct to point to the Fahrenheit/Celsius conversion problem. However No 1: the general rise in global temperatures since the industrial revolution is greater than this would explain. However No 2: what we have are data on weather far older (longer?) than that, and what this shows is that the Earth has warmed and cooled quite dramatically without human intervention over many thousands of years. There is a correlation between global warming and the consumption of fossil fuels since the 17th century on, but the notion that the one has caused the other is only an inference. No one is suggesting that the Ice Age, or even the Mini Ice Age of the c.17C was caused by *lack* of industrialization, so why invert the logic?

Having said that, here comes However No 3. If there is, for reasons beyond our control or ken, a general rise in global temperatures, it is perhaps not wise to add to the inevitable meteorological confusion by persisting in expanding various kinds of energy production and consumption. However No 4 might run: the human contribution to this natural cyclical process is really negligible -- lett that Roller rock with a clear conscience.

What we are *not* given by politicians and their lobbyists is the reasonable argument (However No 3), to which anyone might nod assent -- y'don't pour petrol on the burning haystack, unless you want the fire brigade to earn overtime. Nor are we given any data on the possibility of However No 4. Were it available, and maybe it is, or maybe the right questions haven't been asked. If they have, they don't get publicity.

You can work out for yourself what this tells you about how much those who form opinion trust the intelligence of the people at large. The people at large can only come to judgements -- sound ones, generally, if my

experience as a juror is any guide -- when in possession of all the facts. Those we don't get.

The "problem" is not so much bad science, as bad interpretation of available data, by people who either don't know what questions to ask or don't want to ask them.

best wishes
Peter B

There is precious little in civilization to appeal to a yeti.
--Sir Edmund Hillary

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Mon, 8 Mar 2004 12:30:51 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

Some of them have to be jerky to be UFOs.

I watched a video of a white light jerking around in the frame. Then I adjusted the black level of my monitor and watched it again. This time I saw not only the white light, but also the post holding it up, and the landscape behind it, all jerking around together in the frame.

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

@ From: Chad Wilson [mailto:caeman@yahoo.com]

@ Sent: Monday, March 08, 2004 8:31 AM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Mon, 8 Mar 2004 12:25:53 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

I did post the evidence at one time, several years ago.

And I also thought you could work them out for yourselves.

Here are some references:

A. Cold Fusion:

My original source was either the Allied Chemical catalogue or the Fisher Handbook. One of these two books had safety sections on each product they sold, and went into great detail on a then unexplained reaction. Because I don't work in that chemistry lab anymore, I don't now have those books. But the reaction is now explained, with palladium reacting with either ozone or hydrogen, produced by the electrolysis. Read this material safety data sheet:

<http://www.espi-metals.com/msds/s/palladium.pdf>

B. Homosexuality is not hereditary:

Look at the following page.

<http://mypage.iu.edu/~lrobin/nohered.htm>

Unfortunately, this page is not as strong as it was, because the websites containing the studies (and to which the page was at one time linked) have been shut down or moved, and I can't find them again.

C1. Look in any chemistry or geology book for the reaction:

$\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \leftrightarrow \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$ (Carbonic acid). This is the stuff that makes soda pop fizz and taste acidic. It is also the stuff that carves caves out of limestone. And it can just as easily get CO_2 out of a cavity in ice.

C2. Most thermometers had an accuracy limitation of 1 to 2 degrees Fahrenheit until the middle 18th century, when scientists started to understand what they were measuring and created the science of thermodynamics. Yet, the differences reported in the study of temperatures over the times temperatures were recorded showed only half a degree of warming of the average temperature over that period.

C3. This one should be obvious. During the period since World War II, most airports went from being grass strips to being paved runways, in order to handle inexperienced pilots, commercial traffic, and jets.

Just as it does inside a city, the sun shining on the paving raises the local temperature in the immediate vicinity of the airport a degree or two. Since most weather data are gathered either inside a city or at an airport, the temperatures so gathered are artificially high, compared to ambient temperatures away from airports and cities.

C4. In 1959, Congress redefined the traditional units of measure, including the Fahrenheit scale, as exact conversion factors from metric units. It was at this time that the foot became exactly .3048 meters, and degrees Fahrenheit became exactly $9/5 + 32$ degrees Celsius ("Celsius" replaced centigrade in 1948). This change made the degree Fahrenheit slightly higher, so the temperature reading was raised slightly in number by the change in the standard. Here are pages showing the timing of the history of metric in the US:

<http://www.ukmetrication.com/ustimeline.htm>

<http://www.unc.edu/~rowlett/units/usmetric.html>

D. Consult a physics book for the explanation of the power equation.

E. This is from years of actual experience.

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

@ From: Brett Holman [mailto:b.holman@physics.unimelb.edu.au]

@ Sent: Thursday, March 04, 2004 10:20 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

@

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@ On Thu, Mar 04, 2004 at 10:54:21AM -0500, Robinson, Larry wrote:

@ > I agree!

@ >

@ > I have seen some of the stupidest claims:

@

@ <snip>

@

@ Larry, if you going to keep posting this list every month or

@ two, could you at least include a bit more evidence than just bland

@ assertion. You know ... evidence???

@

@ Your prior record on science does not make me likely to take your

@ word for it ...

@ --

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From: "Joe McGonagle" <joe.mcgonagle@ntlworld.com>
Date: Mon, 08 Mar 2004 20:01:04 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Alien Expert Illuminates Audience on Extraterrestrial Possibi...

Hello peeps,

--- In UFORL@yahoogroups.com, YoungBob2@a... wrote:
> In a message dated 3/4/2004 12:18:32 PM Eastern Standard Time,
> caeman@y... writes:
>
> > While not cost prohibitive, how useful would it be to communicate
to
> > another planet that couldn't respond to us in our own lifetime?
>
> Do you have life insurance? A will? Kids or grandkids? It would
> sure be usefull to anybody who got an answer.
>
> Clear skies,
> Bob Young

I don't chip in on the list very often, but this thread demonstrates what I see as "the problem" with ufology.

Personally, I actively support the efforts of SETI though I don't rate their chances of success as being very high. If successful, the potential rewards for our progeny are potentially very high - but:

-what if the first alien race to receive our signals are in some way "allergic" to radio signals? (Perhaps it disrupts their telepathic communication channels). They could view our transmissions as an act of war, and respond accordingly.

-what if our signal reaches a planet populated by 20 giga-zillion Jehova's witnesses? They could all decide to come and bang on our doors continuously, and the human race could be wiped out by sleep-deprivation.

-what if our signals are received by an ultra-aggressive alien race with a taste for human flesh?

These are just a few negative scenarios, each of which would create problems not for us today, but for our descendants.

The connection to "the problem" with ufology which I perceive is that the thread demonstrates the polarisation of opinions, expressed without much evidence of consideration of the counter-opinions. This is at the root of division within the "UFO community" (which some would claim does not exist anyway).

As I said earlier, I actively (through seti@home) support SETI in

spite of having considered the negative points listed above. My rationale for this is that I consider the chances of success of the project as small; the chances of an hostile reaction to any success as small; the inevitability that we will encounter all sorts of races at some point in the distant future and have to learn how to deal with them whether or not they are hostile (or just downright antisocial like the evangelical cults!); finally, it doesn't cost me anything!

Cheers, Joe

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From: James C Giglio <jgiglio2@polaris.umuc.edu>
Date: Tue, 9 Mar 2004 10:47:09 -0500 (EST)
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Alien Expert Illuminates Audience

On Mon, 8 Mar 2004, Joe McGonagle wrote:

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Their hypothetical desire to convert us, either theologically or metabolically, is highly unlikely to be fulfilled. Either type of conversion, to be carried out in a reasonable amount of time, would require faster-than-light propulsion. Unfortunately, the Einstein speed limit has been a fixture of physics for a long time, supported by a growing mountain of evidence. The probability of its being broken or bypassed gets smaller with time, asymptotically approaching zero.

So consider a hostile species that conducts interstellar warfare within the limits imposed by Dr. Einstein. Joe Haldeman, in his "Forever War" stories of some years ago, set up one plausible scenario. The Earth military expedition is heading out to the alien homeworld 100 light-years away at very close to lightspeed (assuming some kind of propulsion system that can achieve this speed economically). Thanks to time dilation, they anticipate making the trip in three or four years. Well past the halfway point of the trip, the ship is attacked by an extremely advanced weapon launched from the alien homeworld. Partially disabled, the ship limps homeward. It never occurred to anybody on Earth that while the ship will take a few years to get to its destination, the aliens will have had most of a century to develop the technology required for defense, which will far outclass the technology available to the attackers.

Another problem with this almost-lightspeed scenario (apart from the gigantic energy cost) is the problem of interstellar debris. Just for fun I once calculated what a near-lightspeed billiard ball (plastic) would do if it struck the Earth in the middle of an ocean; it would vaporize a cubic mile of water. That's a lot of energy. Even if our ship buries itself in a convenient asteroid for shielding against this kind of mishap (drastically raising the energy cost), that shielding is going to take a beating. And even if we can imagine some kind of magical force field that can deflect space debris, there's still the problem of momentum change. Deflecting even a marble-sized chunk will strongly affect the ship's velocity vector. It's going to be a bumpy ride.

What about going more slowly, say 1/10 of lightspeed? The problem there is that unless the aliens are right in our galactic backyard (only a few light-years), the trip will take so long that there's no guarantee that our alien missionaries/chefs will find anybody home when they arrive. Or if they do, they'll find us wielding technology a lot more advanced than what we had when we first sent out our signals (the "Forever War" problem). A 10 light-year trip will be 100 years, but it's pretty certain by now that there's nobody that close. 100 light-years takes a thousand years and a 1000 light-year trip (just 1% of the diameter of the galaxy) takes 10,000 years. That's a lot of wear-and-tear on the life support machinery.

I grew up on science fiction that assumed interstellar travel and up-close alien contact as standard plot devices. Alas, it just ain't gonna happen.

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From: "erslik" <hh010b5373@blueyonder.co.uk>

Date: Tue, 09 Mar 2004 03:09:58 -0000

Subject: [UFORL] Re: UFU Mag (UK) closure

I cannot say I am surprised that Quest Publications are shutting up shop with the closure of UFO mag. After the untimely passing of Graham the magazine has, in my opinion, lacked the style he undoubtedly injected into the publication. I, for one, will still miss the monthly read. I don't know their reasons for closure but I would like to thank them for all the hard work and effort they injected into this subject. Lets hope its not too long before someone else takes up the torch and provides us with the quality, many have enjoyed over the past few years, of a great mainstream publication on our subject. The last published magazine is March issue 2004. God Bless you Graham. Thanks, Hugh.

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com
Date: Mon, 8 Mar 2004 22:10:31 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

Larry:

How would a local increase in temperatures around airports
cause an apparent global melting of glaciers?

Clear skies,
Bob Young

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From: "Chad Wilson" <caeman@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, 10 Mar 2004 02:57:09 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

--- In UFORL@yahoogroups.com, "Robert Mclean" <robert.mclean2@v...>
wrote:

[...]

> After all, how else would it be possible to span light years of
space

> between stars? If this is possible, then our civilization may be
able to

> progress far beyond its present level.

[...]

If alien UFOs could be definitively true, then their flight
technology could benefit us greatly. Imagine how much safer our
space travel would become with antigrav devices. Instead of 8
million pounds of fuel to lift the shuttle, a much smaller and
simpler rocket would be all that is needed, if even that.

Commercial flight would be forever changed, too.

And the power source would change even third world countries. If
they use antimatter reactors, and they are the 1000x greater power
than nuclear fission that I've read, then we would could produce
enough electricity for 10 earths for nearly free.

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oh the possibilities if aliens did visit us

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From: "Robert Mclean" <robert.mclean2@virgin.net>
Date: Tue, 9 Mar 2004 23:25:40 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

Global Warming is a bit off topic for UFORL, but the subject of Energy Resources is topical to both UFOs and scientific stupidity.

Belief in UFOs has paralleled the development of industrial society. I know others have explored this concept in depth, but it seems to me a major motivation in belief in the ET hypothesis is that if true, then it is evidence that the sky is still the limit for industrial civilization and for scientific and technical progress. It would be evidence that there must be some wonderful new technology waiting to be discovered, analogous to the discovery and development of electricity, nuclear power, and the vast fossil fuel reserves that power our civilization.

After all, how else would it be possible to span light years of space between stars? If this is possible, then our civilization may be able to progress far beyond its present level.

Unfortunately, it is far more likely that we are at or near the peak in our civilization, and that before this century is out, our civilization will unravel, and world population will decline through war, starvation and disease from the present 6 billion to a more sustainable level of 1 billion. This is because energy resources are inherently limited. Worldwide oil production is likely to peak sometime between now and 2010 at about 85 million barrels per day. Worldwide natural gas production will peak later, probably around 2030. By 2015 world oil production will be declining at about 3% per year, year after year - forever. We're heading into this with oil demand rising at over 3 % per year, thanks mainly to China's growth. This demand growth is already running into supply constraints. OPEC is pumping about all it can. The oil price is gradually ratcheting upwards.

All life and all activity depends on getting and using energy. As energy resources decline, so will all human activity. It's easy to see what the effect will be on transportation and manufacturing. What is less well known is the dependence of food production on energy inputs. Fertiliser is made from natural gas. Tractors run on liquid fuels (and not hydrogen fuel cells either - the hydrogen economy is a myth - it will never happen). That's why in the UK only 4% of the people work on the land, and why the world can, just about, feed 6 billion people. Try running industrialised agriculture on the electrical output of wind farms, and see how far you get.

The only UK politician who is clued up enough and brave enough to mention the energy crisis we're heading into is Michael Meecher. Everyone else seems to have been hypnotised by economists who think that if you invest enough money, the energy resources will be there. Economists aren't that great when it comes to predicting what will happen when the plug is pulled on civilization. Therefore, people are fretting about global warming. Well, there probably is not enough oil in the world to do the damage that has been

predicted. Coal will become more expensive and difficult to extract as time goes on too. It is farcical that the Kyoto Protocol is taken seriously. Geology is shortly going to be limiting worldwide oil consumption. There is no need for governments to be doing it for us. I could not credit Economics as being a science, but it's all the most outrageous scientific stupidity.

Our civilization is totally unsustainable. We'll probably never even see people on Mars. Once the abundant energy resources have been exhausted, and the world's metals mined and scattered over the surface, it will be impossible for an industrial civilization ever to rise again. If this is humankind's fate, why should anyone believe it is possible to travel to the stars?

Note that the BBC is showing tomorrow evening at 9:00 p.m. a drama/documentary set in 2010 when the national grid fails - based on the premise that the UK's natural gas supplies have been disrupted. The electrical grids are fragile, and need to be fully energised to work. Regular failures of the grids in industrialised countries will be the first major consequences of declining energy availability after oil and gas production peaks and declines.

If you want to know more, do a Google Search for "peak oil".

Also, have a look at the following URLs:

<http://rclsgi.eng.ohio-state.edu/~korpela/oil.html>

<http://www.oilcrash.com>

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<http://www.peakoil.net/>

<http://solutions.synearth.net/2003/05/29>

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<http://www.hubbertpeak.com/laherrere/zurich.pdf>

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

Best wishes!

Robert McLean

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Date: Tue, 9 Mar 2004 17:22:05 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

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From: "Chad Wilson" <caeman@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, 09 Mar 2004 18:27:06 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

--- In UFORL@yahoogroups.com, YoungBob2@a... wrote:

> Larry:

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> How would a local increase in temperatures around airports
> cause an apparent global melting of glaciers?

I'm not Larry, but...

It seems to me that this is two different issues.

One, you have global temperatures for weather forecasters being primarily taken at airports. If you only average data from these hotter-than-average sources, you get a hotter average.

Two, ice caps are melting due to warmer temps. But this pattern has occurred for millenia on Earth. There have been several ice ages and warm ages. Ice comes, ice goes. I still think it is selfish vanity to blame industrialism and pollution for this. I can agree that it may be helping along at a faster rate, but the ice sheets have been melting since the last mini ice age stopped.

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Tue, 9 Mar 2004 14:12:14 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

It wouldn't, unless an airport is next to a glacier.

But how can the half degree that group supposedly measured as the rise in average temperature over the past 300 years be causing increased melting in just the past few years?

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

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

@ Sent: Monday, March 08, 2004 10:11 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Wed, 10 Mar 2004 11:05:36 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

Oh really?

How do you get around the fact that the energy required for this "antigrav" device will exceed the energy required to lift a rocket into space? You don't get power for nothing. The dream of antigravity is similar to the dream of a perpetual motion machine.

Actually, we DO have an antigravity device. It's a helium balloon.

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

@ From: Chad Wilson [mailto:caeman@yahoo.com]

@ Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2004 9:57 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

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@ --- In UFORL@yahoogroups.com, "Robert Mclean" <robert.mclean2@v...>

@ wrote:

@ [...]

@ > After all, how else would it be possible to span light years of

@ space

@ > between stars? If this is possible, then our civilization may be

@ able to

@ > progress far beyond its present level.

@ [...]

@

@ If alien UFOs could be definitively true, then their flight

@ technology could benefit us greatly. Imagine how much safer our

@ space travel would become with antigrav devices. Instead of 8

@ million pounds of fuel to lift the shuttle, a much smaller and

@ simpler rocket would be all that is needed, if even that.

@

@ Commercial flight would be forever changed, too.

@

@ And the power source would change even third world countries. If

@ they use antimatter reactors, and they are the 1000x greater power

@ than nuclear fission that I've read, then we would could produce

@ enough electricity for 10 earths for nearly free.

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobbins@indiana.edu>
Date: Wed, 10 Mar 2004 11:01:46 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

(see interspersed comments)

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

@ From: Robert Mclean [mailto:robert.mclean2@virgin.net]

@ Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2004 6:26 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

(snippage)

@ It would be evidence that

@ there must be

@ some wonderful new technology waiting to be discovered,

@ analogous to the

@ discovery and development of electricity, nuclear power, and

@ the vast fossil

@ fuel reserves that power our civilization.

@

@ After all, how else would it be possible to span light years of space

@ between stars? If this is possible, then our civilization may

@ be able to

@ progress far beyond its present level.

I am unconvinced that interstellar travel is indeed possible, given
the universal speed limit (the speed of light).

@ Unfortunately, it is far more likely that we are at or near

@ the peak in our

@ civilization, and that before this century is out, our

@ civilization will

@ unravel, and world population will decline through war, starvation and

@ disease from the present 6 billion to a more sustainable

@ level of 1 billion.

@ This is because energy resources are inherently limited. Worldwide oil

@ production is likely to peak sometime between now and 2010 at about 85

@ million barrels per day. Worldwide natural gas production

@ will peak later,

@ probably around 2030. By 2015 world oil production will be

@ declining at
@ about 3% per year, year after year - forever. We're heading
@ into this with
@ oil demand rising at over 3 % per year, thanks mainly to
@ China's growth.
@
@ This demand growth is already running into supply constraints. OPEC is
@ pumping about all it can. The oil price is gradually
@ ratcheting upwards.

As the supply of oil declines, the price should go up. But OPEC is NOT pumping all it can. In fact, it is curtailing production to keep the price high. This is the reason why NO monopoly should ever be allowed to exist.

@ All life and all activity depends on getting and using
@ energy.

But most of the energy that actual life depends on is SOLAR energy, stored in green plants as carbohydrates. That source is NOT declining.

In fact, ALL of our energy sources have their origins in stars.

@ As energy
@ resources decline, so will all human activity.

Not necessarily. Technologies which are not viable today because of the current high prices will become available tomorrow. Among them:

- Production of light at a fraction of the power needed today, through semiconductor technology. Solar yard lights are a start. And my city now has solar powered advanced warning beacons for traffic.

- We have just scratched the surface on solar power, because most methods use only a tiny portion of the energy spectrum from the sun. For instance, silicon solar cells use mainly blue and ultraviolet light to convert solar energy to power, while greenhouse-type solar collectors work mainly on infrared energy.

- Fertilizer and power production from sewage. The smell produced is the main reason this source has not been used.

- We have already successfully operated a solar-powered ion-drive spacecraft.

- Reduction in the power needed to operate equipment. Look at how much

power was needed to operate the first television sets and computers, compared to today.

- Solar power which does NOT strike the earth could be harnessed.
- All of the Indy Racing League cars already run on alcohol, not gasoline. There is no gasoline in Gasoline Alley.
- Coal reserves are vast, compared to oil. The only reason we don't use coal as much is that environmental cases are afraid of the tiny amounts of mercury found in coal.
- Nuclear power would be viable if reactors were designed to not produce so many wastes, and so a runaway reaction is impossible. Most nuclear waste is NOT from the products of fission, but from the contamination caused by leaks, spills, and materials which wear out and must be replaced.

@ It's easy to see what the effect will be on transportation and
@ manufacturing. What is less well known
@ is the dependence of food production on energy inputs.
@ Fertilizer is made
@ from natural gas. Tractors run on liquid fuels (and not
@ hydrogen fuel cells
@ either - the hydrogen economy is a myth - it will never
@ happen).

I agree that hydrogen is a mythical source of power. The hydrogen in the oceans is ALREADY BURNED. And hydrogen is unwieldy as an energy transport system.

@ That's why in the UK only 4% of the people work on the land, and why
@ the world can, just about, feed 6 billion people. Try running
@ industrialized agriculture on the electrical output of wind farms,
@ and see how far you get.

You'd get a lot farther on alcohol made from some of the crops.

In the late 1800s, they were worried how the world would feed 1 billion people (US numbering, equaling 1 gigaperson, or 1 milliard people in the world numbering system).

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Date: Wed, 10 Mar 2004 10:15:10 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

What about the increased seismic activity? That could be fracturing the ice.

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From: "Joe McGonagle" <joe.mcgonagle@ntlworld.com>
Date: Wed, 10 Mar 2004 14:57:02 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Alien Expert Illuminates Audience

Hello James/list,

--- In UFORL@yahoogroups.com, James C Giglio <jgiglio2@p...> wrote:

> On Mon, 8 Mar 2004, Joe McGonagle wrote:

>

> > -what if our signal reaches a planet populated by 20

> > giga-zillion Jehova's witnesses? ...

>

> > -what if our signals are received by an ultra-aggressive alien

> > race with a taste for human flesh?

>

> Their hypothetical desire to convert us, either theologically or

> metabolically, is highly unlikely to be fulfilled. Either type of

> conversion, to be carried out in a reasonable amount of time,

> would require faster-than-light propulsion. Unfortunately, the

> Einstein speed limit has been a fixture of physics for a long

> time, supported by a growing mountain of evidence. The

> probability of its being broken or bypassed gets smaller with

> time, asymptotically approaching zero.

<snip>

Well, you are probably aware that light has been slowed down to only 38 mph (approx. 64 kmh), so I can achieve faster-than-light travel in my Robin Reliant:

<http://www.news.harvard.edu/gazette/1999/02.18/light.html>

I am no theoretical scientist, but I can see that this is a very significant development.

Although the article referred to above states that only an upper limit to the speed of light was defined, it probably didn't occur to scientists to attempt to define a lower limit - if they had, they could very well have been mistaken. (I wonder if light can be made to go backwards?).

I once read a brilliant article (unfortunately, I have no idea where) which explained the operation of a light-bulb as "sucking the darkness out of a room" in fairly technical and plausible terms!

There are other theories which could effectively develop into methods of crossing vast expanses without the need to exceed any "real" light barrier, eg the "superstring" theory (the very expression puts me off reading up on it, I have to confess).

I am sure that we still have a great deal to learn about the physical nature of our environment, who knows what is around the corner? Perhaps even heavier-than-air flying machines, or talking across great distances through the ether, or moving images! (Only very recently discovered in terms of the history of mankind) ;-)

Cheers, Joe

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Date: Thu, 11 Mar 2004 23:43:30 +1100
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

On Mon, Mar 08, 2004 at 12:25:53PM -0500, Robinson, Larry wrote:

- > I did post the evidence at one time, several years ago.
- >
- > And I also thought you could work them out for yourselves.

In general, you still haven't proven that these little factoids you have dug up actually demonstrate bad science on the part of the scientists involved - ie even given the truth of your data, you haven't shown that these were disregarded as possible factors. Yes, scientists make mistakes. But so can you, and without proof to show otherwise I'll tend to give them the benefit of the doubt.

- > Here are some references:
- >
- > A. Cold Fusion:
- >
- > My original source was either the Allied Chemical catalogue or the
- > Fisher Handbook. One of these two books had safety sections on each
- > product they sold, and went into great detail on a then unexplained
- > reaction. Because I don't work in that chemistry lab anymore, I
- > don't now have those books. But the reaction is now explained, with
- > palladium reacting with either ozone or hydrogen, produced by the
- > electrolysis.

But in your original post you said the reaction was "between water and impurities commonly found in palladium" - is the palladium involved or not?

- > Read this material safety data sheet:
- >
- > <http://www.espi-metals.com/msds/s/palladium.pdf>

Well, I'm not going to defend cold fusion research. But you haven't shown that this particular electrolytic reaction explains the observed heat yields. Nor have you shown that two (formerly, anyway) highly regarded *electrochemists* (Pons and Fleischmann) performing an *electrolysis* experiment were unaware of or disregarded possible electrolytic reactions involving the electrode in their experiment (the palladium). This sounds unlikely ...

- > B. Homosexuality is not hereditary:
- >
- > Look at the following page.
- >
- > <http://mypage.iu.edu/~lrobin/nohered.htm>
- >

- > Unfortunately, this page is not as strong as it was, because the
- > websites containing the studies (and to which the page was at one
- > time linked) have been shut down or moved, and I can't find them
- > again.

Actually, your critique looks quite thorough, though as you say the URLs to the original studies are dead. If you still have them, might I suggest popping them into the Wayback Machine and seeing if they are archived there?

<<http://web.archive.org/collections/web.html>>

There's also listing of offline studies here:

<<http://members.aol.com/gaygene/pages/biblio.htm>>

Anyway even demolishing these two studies doesn't disprove the link, unless these are the only two studies or you can show systematic errors which are common to all such studies. Your original post said "EVERY ONE of the studies made the same two mistakes"; I don't see that you have shown this.

Finally, I find it amusing that in some of your other pages you (rightly) warn against taking claims at face value, because people often have axes to grind. In the page you list above you say that studies demonstrating the hereditary nature of homosexuality are "touted as a reason homosexuality should be a protected civil right." But I guess **you** have no biases here, oh no.

- > C1. Look in any chemistry or geology book for the reaction:
- >
- > $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \leftrightarrow \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$ (Carbonic acid). This is the stuff that makes soda
- > pop fizz and taste acidic. It is also the stuff that carves caves out
- > of limestone. And it can just as easily get CO_2 out of a cavity in
- > ice.

Fine. But chemical reactions occur at different rates, or not at all, or backwards depending on concentrations, temperature, pressure, and so forth; the equilibrium point also depends on these factors (and so therefore does the proportion of CO_2 which is actually converted). I'm not a chemist but as it happens I work in an earth sciences department and my office is two doors down from the library, and so I checked out a few of the geology textbooks. All of them talk about this reaction taking place when CO_2 is dissolved in water, ie **liquid** H_2O . (Eg Press and Siever, "Earth" (Freeman, 1986), pp. 105-7; see also

<<http://www.geo.cornell.edu/geology/classes/Chapters/Chapter06.pdf>> pp. 213-4 - warning though, it's a 10 Mb file). Obviously ice is not liquid water - also naturally it's much colder and the reaction is going to be taking place under pressure. With the information you've

given I'm not convinced that this reaction would take place in ice. (By the description of the reaction at the molecular level given at <http://antoine.frostburg.edu/chem/senese/101/inorganic/faq/h2co3-formation.shtml>), its sounds unlikely that it would.) And I doubt the H₂CO₃ would go anywhere anyway - what's its freezing point? It would likely be frozen and hence detectable in the ice.

And even if you are right about this reaction taking place ... and the H₂CO₃ disappearing ... you haven't shown that scientists are actually neglecting to account for this effect! Again, you've come across a reaction in a book and for some reason think you know better than the scientists who specialise in these things.

- > C2. Most thermometers had an accuracy limitation of 1 to 2 degrees
- > Fahrenheit until the middle 18th century, when scientists started to
- > understand what they were measuring and created the science of
- > thermodynamics. Yet, the differences reported in the study of
- > temperatures over the times temperatures were recorded showed only
- > half a degree of warming of the average temperature over that period.

The Duke has addressed this quite well ... but I'll add that those climatologists who study these historical records use them very carefully. Of course they are aware of the inaccuracies of old instruments! But in combining independent series of measurements (ie different thermometers or observers) the total errors are *not* going to be as great as the errors of the individual instruments. According to Burroughs, "Climate Change" (Cambridge UP, 2001), p. 143, the overall error is +/- 0.15 degrees C. Also, there are parallel and independent types of measurements (eg ocean temperature measurements, historical records such as harvest dates, proxy measurements from ice cores or tree rings) which overall give similar warming curves.

Again, you think you know better than the specialists; in this case I know they have considered the effect you claim and attempted to account for it, so you have to show that they have done so incorrectly.

- > C3. This one should be obvious. During the period since World War II,
- > most airports went from being grass strips to being paved runways, in
- > order to handle inexperienced pilots, commercial traffic, and jets.
- > Just as it does inside a city, the sun shining on the paving raises
- > the local temperature in the immediate vicinity of the airport a
- > degree or two. Since most weather data are gathered either inside a
- > city or at an airport, the temperatures so gathered are artificially
- > high, compared to ambient temperatures away from airports and cities.

Yes, it *is* obvious, and it's obvious to meteorologists too - they've been debating this "heat island" effect for decades. Clearly it is an important factor. But just *how* important is still being debated; do you know something the specialists don't?

- > C4. In 1959, Congress redefined the traditional units of measure,
- > including the Fahrenheit scale, as exact conversion factors from metric
- > units. It was at this time that the foot became exactly .3048 meters,
- > and degrees Fahrenheit became exactly $\frac{9}{5} + 32$ degrees Celsius
- > ("Celsius" replaced centigrade in 1948). This change made the degree
- > Fahrenheit slightly higher, so the temperature reading was raised
- > slightly in number by the change in the standard. Here are pages
- > showing the timing of the history of metric in the US:
- >
- > <http://www.ukmetrication.com/ustimeline.htm>
- >
- > <http://www.unc.edu/~rowlett/units/usmetric.html>

Well, you said 1901 in your original post. But whatever. With regard to Congress, you may be interested to know they have no power to make laws for the rest of the world. The rest of the world uses Celsius, so this conversion problem could only affect the temperature measurements for less than 2% of the Earth's surface. (And I wouldn't be surprised if American meteorologists make their measurements in Celsius anyway, for conformity with the rest of the scientific community, and convert it to Fahrenheit for public consumption.) This hardly disproves global temperature rises! But more importantly ... again, you claim that climatologists ignore this effect. Please provide evidence for this. I'd be surprised, given that they are very aware of other anomalies in their data, eg a jump of 0.5 degrees C in sea temperature measurements between 1940 and 1941 which turned out to be due to a change in the way the measurements were taken. (Burroughs, p. 142.)

Again, you know best.

- > D. Consult a physics book for the explanation of the power equation.

Thanks, but since I have a masters degree in physics that won't be necessary. Your definition of the power equation is confused at best. The one you ascribe to the environmental scientists *is* correct (as you would know if you had bothered to look at a "physics book" yourself). But you (or they) can't just blindly plug a few numbers into an equation and crank the handle, and get out a meaningful answer - you need to consider how the equation needs to be applied first, what it *means*. In particular, you need to decompose the forces acting on the car = the net force is zero, yes, but that doesn't mean no forces are acting on it.

Of course a car at a constant velocity is still using power (which is the rate of doing work, ie energy expenditure); try turning the engine off while you are driving and see what happens. (In fact, when you turn the engine on but before the car moves, you are still using power - the engine still has to pump those cylinders.) You were right however to say that "the engine has to do nothing but

overcome friction to keep the vehicle moving at a uniform speed" - except that you imply that this is negligible, when it's not. (See <<http://auto.howstuffworks.com/question477.htm>> and also <<http://www.nmt.edu/~weinkauf/es111/ES%20111%20car%20drag%20problem.htm>>)

The power the engine has to generate to keep the car moving at a constant speed is $F \cdot v$, but what is F ? It must be equal to the frictional forces which would otherwise slow the car down. The most important term at higher speeds is drag (ie air resistance) which varies with v^2 , which means the power varies with v^3 (it also varies with v^2 and v , representing road frictional and internal frictional losses). So the faster your car goes the more power it will need to generate to maintain that speed.

Now, that doesn't mean that the legislators were *necessarily* right to say that a lower speed limit meant lower fuel consumption (if they did indeed argue as you say), because engines will have different efficiencies at different power outputs and gears ... there will be a sweet spot (different for each car) but this is an engineering problem, not a simple physics one. Now ... again ... do you have any evidence for your claim that the legislators based their conclusions on the equation you claim?

> E. This is from years of actual experience.

This I have no problem with ... except it's not so much bad science as pseudoscience, ie it's generally not scientists coming to dodgy conclusions.

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com
Date: Thu, 11 Mar 2004 22:21:12 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Father Gill'

In a message dated 3/11/2004 3:15:33 PM Eastern Standard Time,
voyager@fortean.co.uk writes:

- > <http://members.tripod.com/~ufoisrael/hatzor.html>
- >
- > As I note the local area has some industrial complexes,
- > could this be a superior mirage?

James,

One possible key thing is that there seems to be an even number of images, two flattened ones below, the "best image", and then one flattened one above. Mirages have even numbers of images.

- > A key factor is that the image reportedly appeared on
- > three separate nights, in the same location - hence
- > someone had a camcorder ready.
- >
- > Can a superior mirage behave like this?
- >

It can if the meteorological conditions are the same - cooler air over a hot surface?

Clear skies,
Bob Young

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From: "Chad Wilson" <caeman@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, 10 Mar 2004 20:27:43 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

--- In UFORL@yahoogroups.com, "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@i...> wrote:

> Oh really?

>

> How do you get around the fact that the energy required for this

> "antigrav" device will exceed the energy required to lift a rocket

> into space? You don't get power for nothing. The dream of
antigravity

> is similar to the dream of a perpetual motion machine.

>

> Actually, we DO have an antigravity device. It's a helium balloon.

If we can accept that Aliens exist, and they are flying their craft
in our atmosphere as per many of the claims being made, how are they
staying aloft, and so silently?

[Note: I am not claiming they do exist, but follow the logic]

Ignoring where the aliens came from, their ships appear to dart about
in the sky, leaving no contrails or making noises. This would
indicate to me a new power source. Maybe Fusion or Antimatter
Reactors of a small size.

These aliens might also have access to knowledge about the universe
and the laws of physics we have yet to discover. 100 years ago,
people thought that if a plane flew faster than the speed of sound,
it would burst into a ball of flames. Yet, we have a craft that can
fly 5 times that a 100,000 feet for hours on end now.

WE are still learning much about the basic laws that govern spacetime
and particle interaction. It is possible that AntiGrav is as easy as
using 3 D-cell batteries, but we just don't know what particles to be
manipulating.

Scientists are now fairly certain that Dark Energy is a fact of life
and explains the Cosmological Constant (aka Einstein's Mistake).

If an alien culture was advanced enough to reach us (or maybe they
are from Earth), then just maybe, they know some new laws we don't.

-w

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@fortean.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 11 Mar 2004 20:09:29 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Father Gill'

I have received some related correspondence from Marin Kottmeyer.

Martin asked if I would care to post his comments on the list and a copy letter has duly been uploaded to the UFORL Library, see:

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

I will upload his additional data shortly.

Meantime, I have recently come across what may be an analogous case - the Kibbutz Hatzor footage.

I have seen a copy of the film and it depicts a large, stationary object, which resembles platforms and pipes, see:

<http://members.tripod.com/~ufoisrael/hatzor.html>

As I note the local area has some industrial complexes, could this be a superior mirage?

A key factor is that the image reportedly appeared on three separate nights, in the same location - hence someone had a camcorder ready.

Can a superior mirage behave like this?

Amazingly, or perhaps not, a cult industry has grown up around this incident:

"Eight years ago, a UFO had arrived to Kibbutz Hatzor. It was photographed by the Kibbutz members. It was a clear sight, while the UFO stayed around for three, four nights, and then left.

What we didn't know then, and we do know today, is that the Entities stayed here, building themselves their own Infra structure.

Three years ago, me and my husband, opened our clinic at Kibbutz Hatzor, for guided imagery and N.L.P methods, combining energetic treatments, like healing and reiki. A

large crew of ET doctors accompanied us; they built a huge hospital on top of our clinic, in a different dimension of course".

But of course...

From:

http://etmedical.com/or_hesed_story.htm

James.

E-mail: voyager@fortean.co.uk

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobins@indiana.edu>
Date: Wed, 10 Mar 2004 11:35:33 -0500
Subject: [UFORL] Rods

About ten years ago, people were reporting making video recordings of "rods." Rods are just aliased insects.

When information comes into a sequential sampling system at a higher speed than the Nyquist frequency of half the sampling rate, the information is "aliased" into beat frequencies below the sampling rate. One common result of aliasing is the distortion of digital audio when the sample rate is too low and the filtering is inadequate. It has a sound quality similar to fingernails on a blackboard.

Similarly, video shows distortions when motion presented to the camera exceeds the ability of the scan rate used to display it. Artifacts of aliasing in video and photography include:

- The photo finish that isn't - a focal plane shutter camera is used to take a photo finish of a horse race or a track meet. Unfortunately, the shutter sweeps from the top of the image to the bottom in some cameras, distorting the shapes of the runners, and rarely, indicating that the wrong runner or horse crossed the finish line first, because that contender had the body part first crossing the finish line lower than the other contender. The lower body part was recorded on the film later than the higher part, and thus when the contenders had moved farther across the line.
- "Point Blimfark", that condition when the wheels of stagecoaches and automobiles appear to turn backwards when the vehicle is moving forward. I see this all too often in automobile ads, now that almost all autos have spoked wheels to cool the disk brakes.
- The motion of alternating dark and light bars on any computer screen shown on TV or in a movie (unless special equipment is used to prevent this effect).
- The apparently very slow rotation of some electric fans shown on TV.

Similarly, aliasing causes a little bug flying in front of the video camera lens to spread out into a large object, as the bug flies faster than the camera sweep can scan the image.

The camera sweeps rapidly from left to right, and at a slower pace from top to bottom, from the orientation of the person viewing the image.

Imagine a bug in a certain position when the camera sweep first crosses its location. The camera records a line with some part of the bug.

Meanwhile, the bug is flapping its wings and also flying through space.

So the bug is in a different position when the camera sweeps out the next line of the image 1/15750 of a second later.

The bug has moved again by the time the sweep gets back to it on the third line, and again for the fourth, and succeeding lines. The result is that the little bug is distended by aliasing into a long object.

If, in a video camera, an automobile can achieve point blimfark at ordinary speeds on the road, then a bug can easily produce a rod on the same camera.

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobins@indiana.edu>
Date: Fri, 12 Mar 2004 13:38:03 -0500
Subject: [UFORL] Spring break shutdown

I will have no email or Internet access during the planned spring break shutdown. Service will resume Monday March 22.

Email that arrives will be collected and held for me, unless my disk quota is exceeded.

My website should still function, as it is the local network, not the connections of the hosts to the Internet, that will be shut down.

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Observing the sky with the green filter of it panoramic
camera, the Mars
Exploration Rover Spirit came across a surprise: a streak
across the sky.
The streak, seen in the middle of this mosaic of images taken
by the
navigation and panoramic cameras, was probably the brightest object in
the
sky at the time. Scientists theorize that the mystery line could be
either a
meteorite or one of seven out-of-commission spacecraft still
orbiting Mars.
Because the object appeared to move 4 degrees of an arc in 15
seconds it is
probably not the Russian probes Mars 2, Mars 3, Mars 5, or
Phobos 2; or the
American probes Mariner 9 or Viking 1. That leaves Viking 2,
which has a
polar orbit that would fit with the north-south orientation of
the streak.
In addition, only Viking 1 and 2 were left in orbits that could
produce
motion as fast as that seen by Spirit. Said Mark Lemmon, a rover team
member
from Texas A&M University, Texas, "Is this the first image of a
meteor on
Mars, or an image of a spacecraft sent from another world during
the dawn of
our robotic space exploration program? We may never know, but
we
are still
looking for clues."

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From: "Robert Mclean" <robert.mclean2@virgin.net>
Date: Sat, 13 Mar 2004 02:20:43 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

Larry

I agree with you that the simplest explanation for UFOs is often visual misperceptions and that interstellar travel appears to be impossible. But you're wrong on several counts regarding energy resources. See interspersed comments.

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

From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu> Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2004 4:01 PM
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

> (see interspersed comments)

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

> @ From: Robert Mclean [mailto:robert.mclean2@virgin.net]

> @ Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2004 6:26 PM

> @ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

> @ Subject: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

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> (snippage)

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> @ Unfortunately, it is far more likely that we are at or near

> @ the peak in our

> @ civilization, and that before this century is out, our

> @ civilization will

> @ unravel, and world population will decline through war, starvation and

> @ disease from the present 6 billion to a more sustainable

> @ level of 1 billion.

> @ This is because energy resources are inherently limited. Worldwide oil

> @ production is likely to peak sometime between now and 2010 at about 85

> @ million barrels per day. Worldwide natural gas production

> @ will peak later,

> @ probably around 2030. By 2015 world oil production will be

> @ declining at

> @ about 3% per year, year after year - forever. We're heading

> @ into this with

- > @ oil demand rising at over 3 % per year, thanks mainly to
- > @ China's growth.
- > @
- > @ This demand growth is already running into supply constraints. OPEC is
- > @ pumping about all it can. The oil price is gradually
- > @ ratcheting upwards.
- >
- > As the supply of oil declines, the price should go up. But OPEC is NOT
- > pumping all it can. In fact, it is curtailing production to keep the
- > price
- > high. This is the reason why NO monopoly should ever be allowed to
- > exist.

Actually, OPEC so far this year is pumping above its quota, and yet oil price is rateching upwards to \$37/barrel.

See <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/4446819/>

At the same time, world oil production is setting new all time highs at over 80 million barrels per day. See <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/4513529/>

That's 1 billion barrels every 12.5 days. To put this in perspective, the entire endowment of the Alaska North Slope (for which production peaked about 1989) was about 17.5 billion barrels, which would keep the world supplied for about 218 days. The entire North Sea (for which production peaked in 1999/2000) was about 63 bilion barrels, which would keep the word supplied for just over 2 years. The North Sea is now declining at 7% per year. This high depletion rate is thanks to the advanced technology applied in getting the oil out over the past 20 years.

Do a search on Google for "peak oil" in quotations. You'll get 17,400 hits. And they all essentially relate to the imminent peak in worldwide oil production.

Generally, people believe what they want to believe, and blaming OPEC for monopolistic behaviour, or oil companies for excess profits is easier than acknowledging that resources, and hence the prosects for civilisation, are limited. The world has burned through almost half of its 2 trillion barrels of recoverable oil, and the innevitable decline is almost upon us.

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- > @ All life and all activity depends on getting and using
- > @ energy.
- >
- > But most of the energy that actual life depends on is SOLAR energy,
- > stored in green plants as carbohydrates. That source is NOT declining.
- >
- > In fact, ALL of our energy sources have their origins in stars.
- >

Yes, most of the life on earth has depended on solar energy, but human life has had a huge subsidy from fossil fuels for about the last 100-200 years.

For example, did you know that for every 10 Calories (or Joules) of food energy on your plate, 9 Calories (or Joules) of fossil fuels has been consumed to put it there? This is why human population has bloomed from a (just about) sustainable 1 billion in 1800 to the currently totally unsustainable 6 billion in 2000. Even the USA would have difficulty supporting its present population of 300 million if all the fossil fuel props were knocked out. Consider the situation with no pumps to pump water from deep wells; no artificial fertilisers; the effect of having to keep fields fallow every third or fourth year; the consequences of having to devote one quarter of all productive land just to grow the food to feed horses and other draught animals (this is what the US did in 1900); and no affordable mechanised powered farm machinery. Plus coping with the consequences of degradation of the topsoil over the past 200 years.

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- > @ As energy
- > @ resources decline, so will all human activity.
- >
- > Not necessarily. Technologies which are not viable today because of the
- > current high prices will become available tomorrow. Among them:
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- > - Production of light at a fraction of the power needed today, through
- > semiconductor technology. Solar yard lights are a start. And my city now
- > has solar powered advanced warning beacons for traffic.
- >
- > - We have just scratched the surface on solar power, because most
- > methods
- > use only a tiny portion of the energy spectrum from the sun. For
- > instance,
- > silicon solar cells use mainly blue and ultraviolet light to convert
- > solar
- > energy to power, while greenhouse-type solar collectors work mainly on
- > infrared energy.

The reason we have just scratched the surface on solar power is that current technology is uneconomic except where it is difficult to deliver more conventional power. More fundamentally, the Energy Return On Energy Invested (EROEI) is currently less than 1:1. In other words, if you tried to run a civilisation entirely on solar generated electricity, you couldn't even power the infrastructure needed to manufacture replacement solar cells over the operating lifetime of such devices. EROEI is a key concept in understanding the limits to energy resources. For example, a point comes with any oil well where you have to spend more fuel pumping a barrel out of the ground than you can recover from that barrel, and at that point, the well is shut down, and will stay shut down even if the price of oil is \$1000/barrel.

Therefore, the only reason solar power exists at all is that it is effectively subsidised by cheaper forms of power which have a positive EROI.

The only renewable resources which currently have a high ERORI are hydro power and wind turbines. But industrial civilisation requires more than electricity. Electricity is no substitute for fuel which can be stored and consumed on the road and in the field. Perhaps a post-industrial society will still have an electric grid, but I can't imagine what it would be like.

- > - Fertilizer and power production from sewage. The smell produced is the
- > main reason this source has not been used.

Producing power from sewage being the waste product of food the energy content of which was originally 90% derived from fossil fuels sounds a bit like perpetual motion to me. Look to the past, because that ultimately is where civilisation is headed. In the past, people recycled such waste on the farm land. A main reason for this is the scarcity of phosphates in the soil. Like nitrogen, phosphates are scarce in the soil.

- > - We have already successfully operated a solar-powered ion-drive
- > spacecraft.

Yes, but see how far that gets you when you have to plough a hundred acres.

- > - Reduction in the power needed to operate equipment. Look at how much
- > power was needed to operate the first television sets and computers,
- > compared to today.

Sure, but image a situation in which the world has to get by on 3% *less* energy from oil than it had the year before, year on year, for ever. It makes no difference how energy efficient electronic devices become. No significant improvements are possible with mechanical devices - like ploughs. Even the energy optimists do not predict a peak in world oil production beyond 2025.

- > - Solar power which does NOT strike the earth could be harnessed.

How? I understand that if there were an asteroid in low earth orbit made of solid gold, it would be uneconomic to send any rocket up to there to bring any part of it down to earth. Getting anything into space is very expensive. The EROEI for any space-based solar collector must be close to zero.

- > - All of the Indy Racing League cars already run on alcohol, not
- > gasoline. There is no gasoline in Gasoline Alley.
- >
- > - Coal reserves are vast, compared to oil. The only reason we don't
- > use coal as much is that environ-mental-cases are afraid of the tiny
- > amounts of mercury found in coal.

This is simply not true. Coal is a poor substitute for oil or natural gas. Coal has to be dug out of the ground, which is inherently more difficult than sinking a well. Coal is harder to transport and load than a liquid

fuel. Coal also has a far lower energy density or content than oil, and is best suited to burning in large boilers, eg power stations. Coal was eclipsed by oil a long time ago for many good reasons having nothing to do with environmentalism.

It is true coal reserves are vast. There is even a huge amount of coal left underground in Wales, although every coal mine there has now shut down. I've been down one of those mines, run as a museum run by redundant coal miners. See <http://www.nmgw.ac.uk/bigpit/> I was amazed and shocked. You have no idea what it was like to be one of those coal miners until you've been down one of those mines. The seams were about 5 feet thick, and nowhere could I even stand up straight. Miles of dark narrow tunnels. They relied on ponies up to the 1960's to pull coal wagons.

These mines were made uneconomic by coal strip mines in the USA and Australia. But it still takes a lot of energy to strip off the overburden, and a point is reached where the EROEI for strip mining declines to that for deep coal mines. People of course mine the easiest resources first, and as a result the EROEI for coal production has declined over time. In time, those coal mines in Wales (and England) will become economic again, and then millions of workers can again slave away digging the black stuff out of the ground. Such is the wonder of the invisible hand of supply and demand. Worldwide coal production might not peak until the 22nd century, and this is the real threat for global warming, not oil and gas.

- > - Nuclear power would be viable if reactors were designed to not
- > produce so many wastes, and so a runaway reaction is impossible.
- > Most nuclear waste is NOT from the products of fission, but from the
- > contamination caused by leaks, spills, and materials which wear out
- > and must be replaced.

Wishful thinking. In the war they said "Careless talk costs lives". There's a lot of careless "science" around energy resources, and it's going to cost billions of lives. Uranium is not an abundant element. The US only has enough uranium resources to power the existing reactors (12% of electricity generation capacity) for 40 years. Only fast breeder reactors could make a difference, but they are dangerous and produce a lot of plutonium.

- > @ It's easy to see what the effect will be on transportation and
- > @ manufacturing. What is less well known
- > @ is the dependence of food production on energy inputs.
- > @ Fertilizer is made
- > @ from natural gas. Tractors run on liquid fuels (and not
- > @ hydrogen fuel cells
- > @ either - the hydrogen economy is a myth - it will never
- > @ happen).
- >
- > I agree that hydrogen is a mythical source of power. The hydrogen in
- > the oceans is ALREADY BURNED. And hydrogen is unwieldy as an energy
- > transport system.

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- > @ That's why in the UK only 4% of the people work on the land, and why
- > @ the world can, just about, feed 6 billion people. Try running
- > @ industrialized agriculture on the electrical output of wind farms,
- > @ and see how far you get.
- >
- > You'd get a lot farther on alcohol made from some of the crops.

In your dreams. Cornell University professor David Pimentel, who performed a thorough net-energy analysis of ethanol, found that an acre of corn ultimately yields, on average, 328 gallons of ethanol. It takes 1000 gallons of fossil fuels to plant, grow, and harvest this quantity of corn. Additional energy is lost in distillation. See <http://unisci.com/stories/20013/0813012.htm>

- > In the late 1800s, they were worried how the world would feed 1
- > billion people (US numbering, equaling 1 gigaperson, or 1 milliard
- > people in the world numbering system).
- >

Lots of people have predicted collapse before. This doesn't mean that this time predictions are wrong. Fundamental limits to growth owing to the energy resources available to mankind are in sight.

I urge you to look into it. You could start with "The Party's Over - Oil, War and the Fate of Industrial Societies" by Richard Heinberg.

And at least look into joining
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/energyresources/>
 and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RunningOnEmpty2/>
 and join the debate there if you think there is a way out of the cul de sac that civilisation appears to be heading into.

Best regards

Robert McLean

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From: "Robert Mclean" <robert.mclean2@virgin.net>
Date: Fri, 12 Mar 2004 23:35:01 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

Chad

Yes, *if* you accept that lights people see darting around at night are physical and non-manmade, and that they are of intelligent alien origin, then this implies there is a lot of useful science and technology left for us to discover. There is no good explanation for dark matter and dark energy, and no-one has a convincing theory of quantum gravity, etc. Perhaps there is some seemingly miraculous technology out there waiting to be discovered.

When Captain Cook and other early explorers sailed into Nootka Sound on Vancouver Island, the native peoples thought that the strange people had arrived on floating or moving islands, so unable were they to comprehend the technology behind the European sailing ships. Perhaps modern people similarly misunderstand UFOs?

The crucial difference here is that those native peoples were able to trade relatively useless otter skins for incredibly useful iron cooking pots and axes (at least until they were wiped out by smallpox).

It would be nice to point to anything as concrete as an iron pot as far as UFOs go, but from my experience in the Rendlesham UFO story, the deeper you investigate the more ephemeral it becomes.

I'd like to believe that there is a new miraculous technology out there which will be discovered, and which will save industrial civilisation, but I don't.

Best regards

Robert McLean

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Subject: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

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> > Actually, we DO have an antigravity device. It's a helium balloon.
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@ -----Original Message-----

@ From: Brett Holman [mailto:b.holman@physics.unimelb.edu.au]

@ Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2004 7:44 AM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

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@ On Mon, Mar 08, 2004 at 12:25:53PM -0500, Robinson, Larry wrote:

@ > I did post the evidence at one time, several years ago.

@ >

@ > And I also thought you could work them out for yourselves.

@

@ In general, you still haven't proven that these little factoids you

@ have dug up actually demonstrate bad science on the part of the

@ scientists involved - ie even given the truth of your data, you

@ haven't shown that these were disregarded as possible factors.

@

@ > A. Cold Fusion:

@ >

@ > My original source was either the Allied Chemical catalogue or the

@ > Fisher Handbook. One of these two books had safety sections on each

@ > product they sold, and went into great detail on a then unexplained

@ > reaction. Because I don't work in that chemistry lab anymore, I

@ > don't now have those books. But the reaction is now explained, with

@ > palladium reacting with either ozone or hydrogen, produced by the

@ > electrolysis.

@

@ But in your original post you said the reaction was "between

@ water and impurities commonly found in palladium" - is the palladium

@ involved or not?

Metallic impurities was the stated theory in 1989. Since then, they discovered that palladium reacts with both hydrogen and ozone, but ONLY when external energy is supplied. This information was new to me when I found the new material safety data sheets this week. The heat produced is a chemical reaction, possibly from both metallic impurities AND reactions with hydrogen and ozone, but definitely not the nuclear fusion originally claimed.

@ Well, I'm not going to defend cold fusion research. But you haven't
@ shown that this particular electrolytic reaction explains the
@ observed heat yields. Nor have you shown that two (formerly,
@ anyway) highly regarded *electrochemists* (Pons and Fleischmann)
@ performing an *electrolysis* experiment were unaware of or disregarded
@ possible electrolytic reactions involving the electrode in their
@ experiment (the palladium). This sounds unlikely ...

The reactions were unknown at the time. Apparently they were discovered in the attempts to duplicate the cold fusion experiment. The important fact is that nobody else was able to duplicate their results. That alone is enough to show that the claim is false. If a scientific claim is true, any lab anywhere in the world should be able to make the same thing happen when they do the same procedure.

@ > B. Homosexuality is not hereditary:
@ >
@ > Look at the following page.
@ >
@ > <http://mypage.iu.edu/~lrobbins/nohered.htm>
@ >
@ > Unfortunately, this page is not as strong as it was, because the
@ > websites containing the studies (and to which the page was at one
@ > time linked) have been shut down or moved, and I can't find them
@ > again.
@
@ Actually, your critique looks quite thorough, though as you say
@ the URLs to the original studies are dead. If you still have them,
@ might I suggest popping them into the Wayback Machine and seeing if
@ they are archived there?

Unfortunately, I don't have them. I edited them out when our web server started sending me emails complaining about broken links.

Is there some way those sites could retrieve my former unedited page?

@ Anyway even demolishing these two studies doesn't disprove the link,
@ unless these are the only two studies or you can show systematic
@ errors which are common to all such studies. Your original post
@ said "EVERY ONE of the studies made the same two mistakes"; I don't
@ see that you have shown this.

@ Fine. But chemical reactions occur at different rates, or not at all,
@ or backwards depending on concentrations, temperature, pressure, and
@ so forth; the equilibrium point also depends on these factors (and so
@ therefore does the proportion of CO₂ which is actually converted).
@ I'm not a chemist but as it happens I work in an earth sciences
@ department

Bias?

@ and my office is two doors down from the library,
@ and so I checked out a few of the geology textbooks. All of them
@ talk about this reaction taking place when CO₂ is dissolved
@ in water, ie
@ *liquid* H₂O. (Eg Press and Siever, "Earth" (Freeman, 1986),
@ pp. 105-7;
@ see also
@ <<http://www.geo.cornell.edu/geology/classes/Chapters/Chapter06.pdf>>
@ pp. 213-4 - warning though, it's a 10 Mb file). Obviously ice is
@ not liquid water - also naturally it's much colder and the
@ reaction is
@ going to be taking place under pressure. With the information you've
@ given I'm not convinced that this reaction would take place in ice.

One property of an ionic solution in water is to LOWER the freezing point.

@ And even if you are right about this reaction taking place ... and
@ the H₂CO₃ disappearing ... you haven't shown that scientists are
@ actually neglecting to account for this effect! Again, you've come
@ across a reaction in a book and for some reason think you know better
@ than the scientists who specialize in these things.

Remember that the scientists who did this experiment were trained in political science and environmental affairs, not chemistry. They implied in their article that the ice was an barrier to all changes in the air trapped inside, not a container that could react with its contents.

If the ice were in contact with materials that form insoluble carbonates when reacted with carbonic acid (such as magnesium or calcium ions in either salt water or hard water), the reaction would run to the point where the CO₂ vapor pressure in the void was low enough to prevent any more CO₂ from forming carbonic acid.

Remember that there were hundreds of years available for this to occur in, and the reaction making the carbonates is not reversible. This happens because the carbonates precipitate out of solution. Also remember that salt water naturally removes CO₂ from air, forming mineral carbonates. It is in fact the normal process of forming magnesite.

Respiration provides CO₂ that restores the CO₂ content of the air, but a bubble of air floating on the ocean under ice has no respiration occurring in it to replace the CO₂ lost to carbonate formation. If more ice then forms under the bubble, the trapped air ALREADY has a lower CO₂ concentration than normal air, BEFORE it is sealed in the

ice.

@ The Duke has addressed this quite well ... but I'll add that those
@ climatologists who study these historical records use them very
@ carefully. Of course they are aware of the inaccuracies of
@ old instruments! But in combining independent series of
@ measurements (ie different thermometers or observers) the total errors
@ are **not** going to be as great as the errors of the individual
@ instruments.

That itself is a fallacy, because it depends on the accuracy of the calibration standard used to calibrate the other instruments. It also depends on the intended precision of the instruments actually used (such as whether each thermometer was manufactured for science, or for consumer use).

It is also a fallacy that you can reduce the error percentage by increasing the number of instruments or measurements. That reduces only statistical sampling error, not observation error. The errors of the individual instruments can not be assumed to cancel each other out. On the contrary, they must be assumed to compound the error, unless it can be shown that the actual instruments do not, by testing the instruments themselves and making a calibration distribution from them. Of course, most of those instruments are not available for testing, because they no longer exist, so their calibration distribution must be assumed to be unknown. Without a known calibration distribution, all errors **MUST** be assumed to add in the same direction.

Assuming that the calibration distribution centers around the mean readings actually obtained is a case of the fallacy of begging the question, since you are using your assumed calibration standard to calibrate itself.

@ Well, you said 1901 in your original post.

I found that there was a considerable delay between passing the law and actually making the changes.

@ > D. Consult a physics book for the explanation of the power equation.
@

@ Thanks, but since I have a masters degree in physics that won't be
@ necessary. Your definition of the power equation is confused at best.
@ The one you ascribe to the environmental scientists **is** correct
@ (as you would know if you had bothered to look at a "physics book"
@ yourself). But you (or they) can't just blindly plug a few
@ numbers into
@ an equation and crank the handle, and get out a meaningful answer -
@ you need to consider how the equation needs to be applied first,
@ what it **means**. In particular, you need to decompose the forces

@ acting on the car = the net force is zero, yes, but that doesn't
@ mean no forces are acting on it.

The equation is correct. Their use of it is not.

They said this equation shows the power consumption of a car when traveling AT A CONSTANT VELOCITY. But they substituted the speedometer reading of the car into the equation, not the change in speed the equation requires (which is 0).

I know very well the forces acting on the car.

The environmentalists claimed that the equation:

Power = Force X Velocity

meant that the engine has to continuously apply force to the mass just to keep the mass itself in motion because of its weight (not to overcome friction). In other words, they effectively claimed that a body in motion will slow down by itself (not due to friction) if not supplied with a continuous force to keep it going. Thus, they reinstated the old Aristotelian impetus theory.

Indiana University had an Environmental Science class in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs with a textbook that explained vehicle fuel consumption in this manner. They then ADDED the forces to overcome friction to this basic "impetus" force. But I guess that it was OK to do it this way because the faculty council voted that it was better to save the environment.

You have to remember that these people were political scientists, not physicists. Their training is in getting people elected to office, not doing scientific studies.

@ Of course a car at a constant velocity is still using power
@ (which is the rate of doing work, ie energy expenditure); try turning
@ the engine off while you are driving and see what happens. (In fact,
@ when you turn the engine on but before the car moves, you are
@ still using power - the engine still has to pump those cylinders.)
@ You were right however to say that "the engine has to do nothing but
@ overcome friction to keep the vehicle moving at a uniform
@ speed" - except
@ that you imply that this is negligible, when it's not. (See
@ <<http://auto.howstuffworks.com/question477.htm>> and also
@ <<http://www.nmt.edu/~weinkauf/es111/ES%20111%20car%20drag%20problem.htm>
>
)

It is negligible COMPARED to the amount of power required if they had

been correct in the use of that formula, not to total energy consumption.

@ The power the engine has to generate to keep the car moving at
@ a constant speed is $F \cdot v$, but what is F ? It must be equal to the
@ frictional forces which would otherwise slow the car down. The
@ most important term at higher speeds is drag (ie air resistance)
@ which varies with v^2 , which means the power varies with v^3 (it
@ also varies with v^2 and v , representing road frictional and internal
@ frictional losses). So the faster your car goes the more power it
@ will need to generate to maintain that speed.

But you forgot that the car is making the same trip, regardless of which velocity it is going at. It STOPS at the end of the trip. People take trips to get to certain destinations, not to drive continuously.

So the ENERGY used is:

Energy = Force X Distance

The mechanical frictional force is of order v , and the air resistance is on the order v^2 , but there is no third factor of v multiplied in for energy use, just for the horsepower (or equivalent wattage) of the engine which is required to accomplish the feat.

The engine must be able to produce more power to keep the car going at that higher speed (which means that a moped can't go that fast), but it does so for a shorter time, because the trip ends sooner.

So the engine has the same amount of mechanical friction to overcome at either speed, since the doubling of the dynamic frictional force is canceled out by the halving of the time the engine is running.

Only air resistance is different at the higher speed, the amount of friction force being quadrupled at twice the speed, but the halving of the time the engine is running means that the energy used to overcome air resistance is only doubled.

Both are far smaller than the energy use claim made by these environmentalists, which said that energy use itself doubles as the speed of the car doubles. If that claim were true, the EPA highway mileage rating would be higher than the city rating.

And the amount of energy wasted by one STOP sign is much higher.

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Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

See interspersed comments.

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@ Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2004 3:28 PM

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Maybe that is evidence that they are NOT invading our airspace. It is much more likely that the UFOs are misperceptions of other objects due to misperception of the size and distance of the object.

Remember the human eye CAN NOT correctly find either the size or the distance of an object which is:

- Farther away than 30 feet,
- Seen against the sky, and
- Unidentified to the observer.

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@ in the sky, leaving no contrails or making noises. This would

@ indicate to me a new power source. Maybe Fusion or Antimatter
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Giggle!

A fire balloon powered by candles can do the same thing. The error is that the balloon is a lot closer and is traveling a lot slower than the witness estimates.

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@ manipulating.

Not quite. There is still conservation of energy. No matter what particles or methods are used, they still have to expend the same amount of energy to lift a mass the same distance that a chemical rocket expends, except that the amount of energy wasted might be different. Like I said, power can't be made out of nothing.

People who believe in "free energy" are also the same ones who believe that it is possible to create an economy in which nobody has to work. I have has some people tell me that, if all of the money were equally distributed to every person on earth, that everyone could live like a king. I worked it out, and each person would get a one-time payment of about \$1500. Not to mention that, with nobody working (living like kings, remember), there would be no food to eat and no products to buy. Exiled kings, perhaps???

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Date: Fri, 12 Mar 2004 13:33:47 -0500
Subject: [UFORL] New insight into Levelland case

I just found a new insight into the case in Levelland TX of 11/1-2/1957.

I found it in the May 1938 issue of Popular Science, describing an event that occurred several years before.

A motorist was traveling in eastern Colorado in a strong northeast wind that was blowing a lot of dust around. He noticed that two cars were stopped in a cut ahead of him. When he got to the cut, his engine stopped too. This happened to every car that entered the cut - except Model T Fords, which drove right on through.

23 cars were all stalled in the same place, while 6 Model T cars passed without trouble.

A driver in a Model T took one of the men to a phone. He called a wrecker. When the wrecker, a Chevy, appeared, IT stalled too. When the mechanic started to work on his truck, he knocked a length of chain out of the tailgate of the truck, so it hung down to the ground. His engine started. He packed up the tools, and was about to aid the other drivers. When he lifted the chain from the ground, the engine stopped again. That was the clue.

All of the drivers got started again by fastening tire chains or pieces of wire to their cars, to drag on the ground.

The explanation given at the time was that the static electricity somehow shorted out the batteries of the cars with Kettering points and coil ignition, while the Model T has a magneto instead of a spark coil. I have a different theory, because the starters still cranked the engines of the cars with Kettering ignitions.

The static electricity caused the plugs to fire continuously, causing the engine to waste the fuel charge on the intake stroke. When the distributor rotor was not at its terminal, the plug lead was not connected to anything at that end, making a dandy antenna to collect charge, with the only path for the charge to discharge being through the spark plug. The dust blew through the radiator grille, or under the car and up into the engine compartment.

Why didn't the magneto car fail? The Model T had one magneto for each spark plug, instead of a distributor. So each plug wire had a discharge path through the coil to ground when the magnet wasn't firing the plug. So the plugs fired at the correct times, not at other times, and the fuel charges were not wasted. Yes, the magneto has points, but they open only at the time to fire that plug. So the static would have an

effect only just after the plug fired, which does not effect the engine.

All of the cars in the 1957 Levelland case had Kettering ignitions, because neither transistor ignition nor computerized cars had been invented yet, and the magneto had fallen into disuse except in power lawn mowers, outboard motors, and chainsaws.

The static would probably have destroyed a transistor ignition, stopping a car more permanently. Modern ignitions have snubbing diodes and resistance paths to keep discharges from destroying semiconductors, and multiple coils instead of distributors, so such an event cannot happen on today's cars, although it can still stop an old car.

The UFOs could be St. Elmo's fire from power poles, phone lines, and other objects in the air. There was a report of high dust content in the air that night.

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@ Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2004 3:09 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Father Gill'

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@ Meantime, I have recently come across what may be an
@ analogous case - the Kibbutz Hatzor footage.

@

@ I have seen a copy of the film and it depicts a large,
@ stationary object, which resembles platforms and pipes,
@ see:

@

@ <http://members.tripod.com/~ufoisrael/hatzor.html>

It looks more like a lighted advertising sign, with a Hebrew letter
as the logo.

This is like the arches forming a big M on a McDonalds restaurant,
the W on a Westinghouse light bulb, or the funny H on the front of
a Honda).

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> science magazines (which report bad science as much as real science)
> say dark energy is known to be a reality.

OK, I have to bite. Is there some reason why (presumably) conservative science magazines are ignoring the conclusive WMAP/SDSS data? Please point me to such a site ... perhaps they can clue me in on such items of "good science" like radioactive half-lives being determined from isotopic ratios, instead of in the lab. Or air bubbles in ice cores being formed from air trapped between the sea and the ice ... or evolution being unproven - but natural selection is true ...

Sorry, but the evidence for dark energy is very close to definitive, if it's not already. Maybe I'm biased though - my master's degree was in astrophysics, after all!

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From: Brett Holman <b.holman@physics.unimelb.edu.au>
Date: Tue, 16 Mar 2004 02:00:07 +1100
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

On Fri, Mar 12, 2004 at 12:36:47PM -0500, Robinson, Larry wrote:

> Metallic impurities was the stated theory in 1989. Since then, they
> discovered that palladium reacts with both hydrogen and ozone, but ONLY
> when external energy is supplied. This information was new to me when I
> found the new material safety data sheets this week. The heat produced
> is a chemical reaction, possibly from both metallic impurities AND
> reactions with hydrogen and ozone, but definitely not the nuclear
> fusion originally claimed.

No, it's definitely not fusion, but it doesn't but seem to be
electrolysis either. I can't see anyone who says it is, anyway.
In fact, no-one seems to know what was actually responsible.

> The reactions were unknown at the time. Apparently they were discovered
> in the attempts to duplicate the cold fusion experiment. The important
> fact is that nobody else was able to duplicate their results. That
> alone is enough to show that the claim is false. If a scientific claim
> is true, any lab anywhere in the world should be able to make the same
> thing happen when they do the same procedure.

Those statements are contradictory - there was a real, unknown reaction that
was discovered to be the cause of the original effect, but it was also
bad science because no-one else was able to duplicate it? Either there
was an unknown effect or there was not ...

Anyway, your original claim was that this was a known effect in 1989 -
you said it was

documented in a textbook I have from the 1930s. It is also
in a lab safety manual I had at the time of the "discovery."

ie, implying that Pons and Fleischmann were incompetent because they
were not aware of reactions that were already well-known. Since you
are now saying there was a previously unknown effect involved,
perhaps you will concede that the science was not as stupid as you
originally claimed.

> Unfortunately, I don't have them. I edited them out when our web server
> started sending me emails complaining about broken links.
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> Is there some way those sites could retrieve my former unedited page?

I tried to find old versions of your web page at archive.org, but
unfortunately your server blocks archiving. But I see now they
have a beta version of a text search of their archive - so if you
can recall some relevant keywords, you might be able to find

the studies in there.

<<http://www.archive.org/web/web.php>>

- > @ Fine. But chemical reactions occur at different rates, or not at all,
- > @ or backwards depending on concentrations, temperature, pressure, and
- > @ so forth; the equilibrium point also depends on these factors (and so
- > @ therefore does the proportion of CO₂ which is actually converted).
- > @ I'm not a chemist but as it happens I work in an earth sciences
- > @ department
- >
- > Bias?

I'm happy to discuss potential bias. Yes, the department pays my salary, but they never asked for my views on global warming or any other scientific matter when they hired me, nor have they done so since. It's irrelevant since all I'm paid to do is look after their computers and their network. Personally I admit I like and respect scientists, partly due to my own scientific training but also because I recognise the unique power of the scientific method. In the end, bias in science serves no one.

But I notice you ignored my suggestion of bias on your part ...

<snip>

- > @ And even if you are right about this reaction taking place ... and
- > @ the H₂CO₃ disappearing ... you haven't shown that scientists are
- > @ actually neglecting to account for this effect! Again, you've come
- > @ across a reaction in a book and for some reason think you know better
- > @ than the scientists who specialize in these things.
- >
- > Remember that the scientists who did this experiment were trained in
- > political science and environmental affairs, not chemistry. They
- > implied in their article that the ice was an barrier to all changes
- > in the air trapped inside, not a container that could react with its
- > contents.

What are you talking about? I "remember" no such thing. I did go and look for "this experiment" in the IPCC's "Climate Change 2001: The Scientific Basis" and found at least 6 different studies, rather than the one you seem to imply (and I'm sure there are many more than 6 - these were just the best/most recent studies available in 2001) and judging from their institutional affiliations the authors seem to be trained in things like glaciology, oceanography or physics, as you might expect - not "political science and environmental affairs". Please give a reference for this experiment which you are basing all your accusations upon.

<http://www.grida.no/climate/ipcc_tar/wg1/107.htm>

<http://www.grida.no/climate/ipcc_tar/wg1/108.htm>

<http://www.grida.no/climate/ipcc_tar/wg1/126.htm>

<snip>

- > Respiration provides CO₂ that restores the CO₂ content of the air, but
- > a bubble of air floating on the ocean under ice has no respiration
- > occurring in it to replace the CO₂ lost to carbonate formation. If
- > more ice then forms under the bubble, the trapped air ALREADY has a
- > lower CO₂ concentration than normal air, BEFORE it is sealed in the
- > ice.

I don't think you understand what these bubbles are or how they form. They do NOT come from bubbles of air trapped under the ice; they are formed in the ice as snow - which is very porous - becomes firn (a new word to me - it's snow that is more than a year old) and then ice. So the air in the bubbles comes from on top of the ice - directly from the atmosphere. As a new layer of snow gets added every year, the layers give us a series of annual records. Bubbles between the sea and the ice couldn't do this. So all your speculation about reactions with liquid water or precipitates are moot, because there's no liquid water involved.

I looked up one of the papers in the IPCC report referred to above:

J. Tschumi & B. Stauffer, "Reconstructing past atmospheric CO₂ concentration based on ice-core analyses: open questions due to in situ production of CO₂ in the ice", Journal of Glaciology 46 (2000), 45-53.

They explicitly tested for "the production of air components by chemical reactions in the ice", most importantly CO₂. They found that in fact CO₂ *enhancement* is much more common than *depletion* - this would lead to an understatement of the rise in CO₂ based on ice cores! The CO₂ depleting reactions they mention are $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{CO}_3^{2-} \rightarrow 2\text{HCO}_3^-$ which they say is possible in principle in alkaline ice, and a fractionation process of CO₂ between bubbles and clathrates (p. 51). They conclude that "depletion of CO₂ by a chemical reaction is possible in principle, but we have not yet found any clear evidence for such depletion in our measurements in ice in which air is enclosed in bubbles" (p. 52).

So, actually the possibility of reaction of with the ice *has* been examined. Unfortunately, the conclusions do not agree with yours.

<snip>

- > It is also a fallacy that you can reduce the error percentage by
- > increasing the number of instruments or measurements. That reduces only
- > statistical sampling error, not observation error. The errors of the
- > individual instruments can not be assumed to cancel each other out. On
- > the contrary, they must be assumed to compound the error, unless it can

- > be shown that the actual instruments do not, by testing the instruments
- > themselves and making a calibration distribution from them. Of course,
- > most of those instruments are not available for testing, because they
- > no longer exist, so their calibration distribution must be assumed to be
- > unknown. Without a known calibration distribution, all errors MUST be
- > assumed to add in the same direction.

Actually, I'll concede this point - I was wrong to suggest that the observational errors can cancel each other out. But on closer reading I note you are talking about instruments made before the mid-18th century - since the onset of the current warming period started after this (ie roughly from the late 19th century), again your objections are moot.

<snip>

- > The equation is correct. Their use of it is not.

So when you said

Environmentalists "scientists" said that the formula

$\text{Power} = \text{Force} \times \text{Velocity}$

Meant that more power was expended during the entire time the vehicle traveled at that velocity. But the correct formula is

$\text{Power} = \text{Force} \times \text{Change in Velocity}$

was it your use of the English language that was incorrect?

- > They said this equation shows the power consumption of a car when
- > traveling AT A CONSTANT VELOCITY. But they substituted the speedometer
- > reading of the car into the equation, not the change in speed the
- > equation requires (which is 0).

No, it's velocity, not change in velocity. Nowhere have I seen that formulation, and it doesn't make sense. The "power dropping to zero" thing comes from substituting $F=ma$ into $P=Fv$, and since $a=0$ at constant velocity then trivially $P=0$, and forgetting this would be the mistake in simply claiming that higher v implies higher P . As we both agree, this neglects other real world factors, but on a frictionless plane in a vacuum, yes, it would require no power at all to keep the car moving at constant speed ... I don't think the US highway system meets this requirement!

<snip>

- > The engine must be able to produce more power to keep the car going at
- > that higher speed (which means that a moped can't go that fast), but

> it does so for a shorter time, because the trip ends sooner.

That's perfectly true and as I said I'm not saying that the analysis you ascribe to the "environmental scientists" is correct; there are lots of other factors to be considered, including as you say, stop signs.

<snip>

> Both are far smaller than the energy use claim made by these
> environmentalists, which said that energy use itself doubles as the
> speed of the car doubles.

Fine - but you still have not shown that this is the claim that was actually made back then by these unidentified "environmental scientists". I have only your word for it. If you are going to bash scientists for their shoddy research then you should at least cite that shoddy research. Since even by your description of what they claimed they used the correct equation, and since it **does** take more power to travel at a higher speed, I think it's possible you are overstating the case in calling this another example of "stupid" science. The devil lies in the details, which I haven't as yet seen.

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From: "Chad Wilson" <caeman@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, 15 Mar 2004 13:15:33 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Alien Science

--- In UFORL@yahoogroups.com, "Robert Mclean" <robert.mclean2@v...>
wrote:

> Chad
>

> Yes, *if* you accept that lights people see darting around at night
are
> physical and non-manmade, and that they are of intelligent alien
origin, [...]

And that is where any argument or discussion about alien tech falls
apart, of course. According to what I've been reading on this list,
99% of all "evidence" brought forth has been explainable, leaving
only a very tiny amount of unexplained. And still even then, there
has been no direct and real evidence.

I can only wonder what the public thought when they saw electric
light bulbs for the first time, or see an airplane fly overhead.

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From: John Lundberg <john@circlemakers.org>
Date: Wed, 17 Mar 2004 19:16:02 +0000
Subject: [UFORL] Azadehdel documentary on BBC...

Hi All,

My documentary "The Mythologist" about Henry Azadehdel aka Armen
Victorian will be broadcast on BBC4 at 10:40pm next Thursday 25th
March.

More info at: <http://www.mythologist.co.uk>

Later,
John

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From: Shonsa <mshonsa@bellsouth.net>
Date: Sun, 21 Mar 2004 09:59:03 -0500
Subject: [UFORL] Roswell Special on History Channel

Watching the Roswell program reminded me that I have some questions about the Freedom of Information website. Anyone familiar with the UFO files posted there?

<http://foia.fbi.gov/ufo.htm>

The claim is that there are 1600 pages in the 11 pdf files you can download. I have downloaded and browsed them all. And the page total from the pdf files = 939 pages. Does anyone understand why there is a difference?

These 11 pdf Freedom of Info UFO files, are they Project Blue Book? Has Project Blue Book been published in a book? I have looked about and found things about Project Blue Book but not a book of the documents.

I expected lots of Roswell information in these files - I'd also heard that Betty and Barney Hill were documented in Project Blue Book. But maybe these pdf files are not Blue Book???

Could somebody set me straight on Project Blue Book? Head me in the right direction, please.

Thank you.
Shonsa

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From: "Chad Wilson" <caeman@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, 20 Mar 2004 15:06:51 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Roswell Special on History Channel

(resending, my web browser crashed and not sure it was sent)

Last night (being Friday Night at midnight) on History Channel, they did a show on the recently released data by the government about Roswell and all of the top secret projects that were going on.

Interesting show. It certainly seemed to answer a lot of questions.

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Mon, 22 Mar 2004 10:39:49 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

See interspersed comments.

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

@ From: Robert Mclean [mailto:robert.mclean2@virgin.net]

@ Sent: Friday, March 12, 2004 9:21 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

@

@

@ Larry

@

@ I agree with you that the simplest explanation for UFOs is

@ often visual

@ misperceptions and that interstellar travel appears to be

@ impossible. But

@ you're wrong on several counts regarding energy resources. See

@ interspersed

@ comments.

@

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

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

@ To: <UFORL@yahoogroups.com>

@ Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2004 4:01 PM

@ Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

@

@

@ > As the supply of oil declines, the price should go up. But

@ OPEC is NOT

@ > pumping all it can. In fact, it is curtailing production to keep the

@ > price

@ > high. This is the reason why NO monopoly should ever be allowed to

@ > exist.

@

@ Actually, OPEC so far this year is pumping above its quota,

@ and yet oil

@ price is rateching upwards to \$37/barrel.

@

@ See <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/4446819/>

The page is broken. It has text on top of text, and I can't read it.

But the very fact that they have the power to SET a quota is wrong.

(snippage)

@ > @ All life and all activity depends on getting and using

@ > @ energy.

@ >

@ > But most of the energy that actual life depends on is SOLAR energy,

@ > stored in green plants as carbohydrates. That source is NOT

@ declining.

@ >

@ > In fact, ALL of our energy sources have their origins in stars.

@ >

@ Yes, most of the life on earth has depended on solar energy,

@ but human life

@ has had a huge subsidy from fossil fuels for about the last

@ 100-200 years.

That IS stored solar energy.

@ For example, did you know that for every 10 Calories (or

@ Joules) of food

@ energy on your plate, 9 Calories (or Joules) of fossil fuels has been

@ consumed to put it there? This why human population has

@ bloomed from a (just

@ about) sustainable 1 billion in 1800 to the currently totally

@ unsustainable

@ 6 billion in 2000. Even the USA would have difficulty

@ supporting its present

@ population of 300 million if all the fossil fuel props were

@ knocked out.

But they won't disappear overnight. Fossil fuels are being used right now because they cost less than other sources of energy. As oil becomes scarcer, then the price goes up, and other fuels can compete with it. The free market will provide the solution AS THE NEED ARISES - not before.

This change will occur gradually enough that the economy and the population will be able to adjust.

@ Consider the situation with no pumps to pump water from deep wells; no

@ artificial fertilisers; the effect of having to keep fields

@ fallow every third or fourth year;

Part of our farm problem right now is overproduction. If the crops are

rotated, the fields need to lie fallow only once every seven years, and if each farmer divides his land into seven portions, he can have one field in each phase of the seven year cycle.

@ the consequences of having to devote one quarter of all productive
@ land just to grow the food to feed horses and other draught animals
@ (this is what the US did in 1900); and no affordable mechanised
@ powered farm machinery.

What about alcohol derived from grain? It's not as dense as gasoline, but it burns cleaner. The only reason we don't use it now is that our current engine designs don't run well on it. But a redesigned engine will run fine on alcohol.

@ Plus coping with the consequences of degradation of the topsoil over
@ the past 200 years.

@ The reason we have just scratched the surface on solar power
@ is that current
@ technology is uneconomic except where it is difficult to deliver more
@ conventional power. More fundamentally, the Energy Return On
@ Energy Invested
@ (EROEI) is currently less than 1:1. In other words, if you
@ tried to run a
@ civilisation entirely on solar generated electricity, you
@ couldn't even
@ power the infrastructure needed to manufacture replacement
@ solar cells over
@ the operating lifetime of such devices. EROEI is a key concept in
@ understanding the limits to energy resources. For example, a
@ point comes
@ with any oil well where you have to spend more fuel pumping a
@ barrel out of
@ the ground than you can recover from that barrel, and at that
@ point, the
@ well is shut down, and will stay shut down even if the price of oil is
@ \$1000/barrel.
@ Therefore, the only reason solar power exists at all is that it is
@ effectively subsidised by cheaper forms of power which have a positive
@ EROI.

But that would not be the case if oil prices rise significantly. We haven't been TRYING very hard with solar, because the cost is currently too high. And like I said, our lighting costs are about to go down because semiconductor lamps use a lot less power than incandescents or fluorescents. Those are now being readied for production.

@ The only renewable resources which currently have a high
@ EROI are hydro
@ power and wind turbines. But industrial civilisation requires

@ more than electricity. Electricity is no substitute for fuel which
@ can be stored and consumed on the road and in the field. Perhaps a
@ post-industrial society will still have an electric grid, but I can't
@ imagine what it would be like.
@
@ > - Fertilizer and power production from sewage. The smell
@ produced is the
@ > main reason this source has not been used.
@
@ Producing power from sewage being the waste product of food the energy
@ content of which was originally 90% derived from fossil fuels
@ sounds a bit like perpetual motion to me.

I can't believe that fossil fuels are IN the food. The food was grown.
The only fossil fuel energy used was in cultivation and cooking.

@ Look to the past, because that ultimately is
@ where civilisation is headed. In the past, people recycled
@ such waste on the
@ farm land. A main reason for this is the scarcity of
@ phosphates in the soil.

Maybe the EPA has something to do with that. Their water quality
standards for streams prohibit using animal wastes for fertilizer in
many locations, and those wastes supply the missing phosphates.

@ > - We have already successfully operated a solar-powered ion-drive
@ > spacecraft.
@
@ Yes, but see how far that gets you when you have to plough a
@ hundred acres.
@
@ > - Reduction in the power needed to operate equipment. Look
@ at how much
@ > power was needed to operate the first television sets and computers,
@ > compared to today.
@
@ Sure, but image a situation in which the world has to get by
@ on 3% *less*
@ energy from oil than it had the year before, year on year,
@ for ever. It
@ makes no difference how energy efficient electronic devices become. No
@ significant improvements are possible with mechanical devices - like
@ ploughs. Even the energy optimistis do not predict a peak in world oil
@ production beyond 2025.

We are using no-till farming here in Indiana right now. Planting and
harvest are the only times a tractor invades the fields.

@ > - Solar power which does NOT strike the earth could be harnessed.

@

@ How? I understand that if there were an asteroid in low earth orbit made of

@ solid gold, it would be uneconomic to send any rocket up to there to bring

@ any part of it down to earth. Getting anything into space is very expensive.

@ The EROEI for any space-based solar collector must be close to zero.

@ > - All of the Indy Racing League cars already run on alcohol, not

@ > gasoline. There is no gasoline in Gasoline Alley.

@ >

@ > - Coal reserves are vast, compared to oil. The only reason we don't

@ > use coal as much is that environmental-cases are afraid of the tiny

@ > amounts of mercury found in coal.

@

@ This is simply not true. Coal is a poor substitute for oil or

@ natural gas.

@ Coal has to be dug out of the ground, which is inherently

@ more difficult

@ than sinking a well. Coal is harder to transport and load

@ than a liquid

@ fuel. Coal also has a far lower energy density or content

@ than oil, and is

@ best suited to burning in large boilers, eg power stations. Coal was

@ eclipsed by oil a long time ago for many good reasons having

@ nothing to do

@ with environmentalism.

Wrong. Coal used to BE the source for the local gasworks in most cities, until it became cheaper to pipe natural gas from wells instead of making gas from coal. Coal is roasted in retorts, producing coal gas, which is mostly methane and other light alkanes. The coke also produced from this process is then burned with a water spray, producing the heat for the roasters, and also producing water gas, rich in hydrogen and carbon monoxide. The two gases are mixed to provide a gas suitable for distribution. Steam produced by the heat from the processes is used to pump the gas and operate the machinery.

The only reason this process stopped was that it cost more to run than getting natural gas out of the ground and piping it straight to consumers with no factory full of unionized workers to pay.

The real reason oil has eclipsed other sources of energy is that comparatively very few unionized workers are needed to supply it.

@ > - Nuclear power would be viable if reactors were designed to not

@ > produce so many wastes, and so a runaway reaction is impossible.

@ > Most nuclear waste is NOT from the products of fission, but from the

@ > contamination caused by leaks, spills, and materials which wear out
@ > and must be replaced.

@

@ Wishful thinking. In the war they said "Careless talk costs
@ lives". There's

@ a lot of careless "science" around energy resources, and it's
@ going to cost

@ billions of lives. Uranium is not an abundant element. The US
@ only has enough

@ uranium resources to power the existing reactors (12% of electricity
@ generation capacity) for 40 years. Only fast breeder reactors

@ could make a

@ difference, but they are dangerous and produce a lot of plutonium.

They are "dangerous" only because the plutonium could be used to make bombs, and because costs were cut in designing the reactor. Any system can be made safe, as long as we don't have regulators in a perpetual panic state presiding over the operation. I have seen fail-safe designs, but they were never allowed to be tried because politicians running like scared rabbits stopped them after the three-mile island event.

If the plutonium is used as fuel, it is used up in the reactor.

@ Lots of people have predicted collapse before. This doesn't
@ mean that this

@ time predictions are wrong. Fundamental limits to growth
@ owing to the energy

@ resources available to mankind are in sight.

It doesn't mean they are right either.

@ I urge you to look into it. You could start with "The

@ Party's Over - Oil,

@ War and the Fate of Industrial Societies" by Richard Heinberg.

The very title suggests that it was written by a biased person who believes in such a collapse. If it were an unbiased report, it would not have a politically charged title, but would be more like "The sustainability of industry in a declining supply of fossil fuels."

If you want to be taken seriously, at least use a spelling checker.

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From: chris aubeck <caubeck@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, 22 Mar 2004 11:49:44 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: [UFORL] information sought

Dear list,

A friend and author here in Spain has asked me whether I can provide him with the following article, which he needs quite urgently.

Article: Title unknown, discusses the work of scientist William Coblentz.

Publication: Science & Invention, edited by Hugo Gernsback, July 1920.

If anyone can help, please contact him directly:

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Thank you,

Chris

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> @ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com
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I'm certainly not a specialist on Blue Book but for what it's worth ...

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No, I don't think these have anything to do with Blue Book, as they are (presumably) from the FBI and Blue Book was run by the Air Force ... if you click on the "Unusual Phenomena" link down the bottom of the page you can find some Blue Book related files but not much (in fact, except for 1 or 2 files they mostly seem to relate to a private research effort which called itself "The New Project Blue Book").

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> that Betty and Barney Hill were documented in Project Blue Book. But
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I wouldn't expect much about Roswell in Blue Book as nobody cared much about it until the late 1970s, after Blue Book closed.

> Could somebody set me straight on Project Blue Book? Head me in the
> right direction, please.

According to <<http://www.airforcehistory.hq.af.mil/faq/UFOs.htm>> you can order microfilm of the Blue Book records from the NARA.

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1. The conversion from actual paper to .pdf text may have resulted in the saving of pages, as the text fit better in computer format than a typist using a typewriter and paper could accomplish (I used to have a typewriter that had to leave the bottom 2 inches of each sheet blank). This would not apply if the actual pages were photographed, but then the .pdf pages could not be searched.
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- > @ was an unknown effect or there was not ...
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- > I said AT THE TIME the reactions were unknown.

Yes, and so Pons and Fleischmann produced the first evidence for it. Kudos to them on that point, even if they completely muffed the analysis. Sometimes science is two steps forward and one step back (or in this case, one step forward and two steps back).

<snip>

- > @ I looked up one of the papers in the IPCC report referred to above:
- > @
- > @ J. Tschumi & B. Stauffer, "Reconstructing past atmospheric
- > @ CO2 concentration
- > @ based on ice-core analyses: open questions due to in situ production
- > @ of CO2 in the ice", Journal of Glaciology 46 (2000), 45-53.
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- > @ chemical reactions in the ice", most importantly CO2. They found
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- > @ a chemical reaction is possible in principle, but we have not yet
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- > @ So, actually the possibility of reaction of with the ice *has* been
- > @ examined. Unfortunately, the conclusions do not agree with yours.
- >
- > For political reasons?

Um, no, because of the experimental results that I had just finished

summarising ... you did read that part, didn't you?

Larry, if you suspect "political reasons" then provide evidence for them (and for the record, a list of a dozen possible motivations is **not** evidence). Insinuation is not good enough. Especially since you refuse to discuss your own biases ...

> Power = Force X Change in Velocity

>

> @ No, it's velocity, not change in velocity.

>

> Now I KNOW you are wrong. Otherwise, we are discarding Newtonian physics

> and returning to the physics of Aristotle. Inertia keeps the car moving

> once it gets up to speed, consuming NO energy and requiring NO power.

> NO power is needed other than to overcome friction and changes in

> direction, once the car is up to speed.

Please read what I wrote. Force is a variable in $P=F*v$.

When you substitute $F=m*a$ into this you get $P=m*a*v$. The more you accelerate, the more power you require. When you stop accelerating, $a=0$ and you require no power. What is Aristotelian about this?

First you say $P=F*v$ is wrong, it's $P=F*(\Delta v)$. I said, no it's

$P=F*v$. Then you say yes, $P=F*v$ is right but the "scientists"

used it incorrectly, then you immediately revert to $P=F*(\Delta v)$.

As I said, I've never seen this formulation; and since you said

I could look in any physics book for an explanation of the power

equation, I'm sure you could give me a reference for one that

does put it in this way. But as far as I can figure, it wouldn't

make sense. Power is an instantaneous property, as are force,

velocity, energy, etc. How could the car "remember" what velocity

it had at $t=0$? Now, $(\Delta P)=F*(\Delta v)$ makes sense - the change

in power output from one velocity to another for a given force.

> But this equation does NOT

> include friction.

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> @ velocity then trivially $P=0$, and forgetting this would be the mistake

> @ in simply claiming that higher v implies higher P . As we both agree,

> @ this neglects other real world factors, but on a frictionless plane

> @ in a vacuum, yes, it would require no power at all to keep the car

> @ moving at constant speed ... I don't think the US highway

> @ system meets

> @ this requirement!

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> account, but only the amount of power needed to cause the change in

> velocity. A DIFFERENT equation is used to find the energy used to

> overcome friction.

I was making a joke. Sorry.

<snip>

- > @ Fine - but you still have not shown that this is the claim that was
- > @ actually made back then by these unidentified "environmental
- > @ scientists". I have only your word for it. If you are going to
- > @ bash scientists for their shoddy research then you should at
- > @ least cite that shoddy research. Since even by your description of
- > @ what they claimed they used the correct equation, and since
- > @ it *does* take more power to travel at a higher speed, I think
- > @ it's possible you are overstating the case in calling this
- > @ another example of "stupid" science. The devil lies in the details,
- > @ which I haven't as yet seen.
- >
- > OK, find me a time machine, so I can go back in time and buy the
- > looseleaf textbook I encountered when I was tutoring physics in the
- > early 1980s. It is no longer available, and because of its form, most
- > students would have discarded it after taking the class, because
- > the bookstore would not buy it back.

So your evidence for the basis of legislation in the early 1970s being shoddy work by "environmental scientists" who were actually trained in political science is your recollection of a physics textbook from a decade later? Surely you can forgive my scepticism, particularly when you are prone to making similar claims, eg about ice core studies being carried out by political scientists, which apparently are erroneous.

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Maybe it hasn't gotten to the sources I rely on yet (writing articles and publication schedules do indeed take some time) - or maybe they are waiting for it to be independently verified, as any good journal intended for general release is supposed to do.

Being conclusive is not enough. It also has to be independently verified, and that takes time too.

There seem to be several different levels of publications:

- Those which go off half cocked, reporting every whiff of science they get their hands on, without waiting for independent verification, or even conclusive results. These also include lots of speculation on experiments which are yet to be performed. Often they get their stories from scientists who are still trying to raise the money to do the science. Many of these sources also go into the paranormal.
- Those with a political bias (most are liberal). They have an axe to grind, and report all results that support their cause. But they ignore as "propaganda" any results which refute their political position.
- Those that wait for independent verification before publishing. They are very hard to find.

Most "bad" science results from ignoring at least one of the 5 fundamental requirements of science:

1. Accuracy - Collection of the best possible data, but without overstating or overestimating the precision.
2. Thoroughness - Testing for all other causes of the observed results before making a conclusion. This includes the use of controlled experiments, where the effect should NOT be obtained when any inducing agent is omitted.
3. Independence - The scientist has no bias, and has no financial or political stake in the results.
4. Openness - No secrets are kept about the experiment. All materials, procedures, and conditions are reported.
5. Verification - The experimental results are independently obtained by all who try the experiment. The scientific process is NOT complete without this step.

The Cold Fusion experiment seems to have violated all 5. When they discovered the electrolytic cell was boiling, they measured its temperature as an afterthought. They made no attempt to produce a controlled experiment. Financial gain was their motive once the effect was discovered, so they kept part of the procedure a secret. And the results could not be reproduced elsewhere.

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@ On Fri, Mar 12, 2004 at 09:59:30AM -0500, Robinson, Larry wrote:

@ > @ Scientists are now fairly certain that Dark Energy is a

@ fact of life

@ > @ and explains the Cosmological Constant (aka Einstein's Mistake).

@ >

@ > No, they aren't. The battle about that still wages on. Only

@ the liberal

@ > science magazines (which report bad science as much as real science)

@ > say dark energy is known to be a reality.

@

@ OK, I have to bite. Is there some reason why (presumably) conservative

@ science magazines are ignoring the conclusive WMAP/SDSS data? Please

@ point me to such a site ... perhaps they can clue me in on such

@ items of "good science" like radioactive half-lives being determined

@ from isotopic ratios, instead of in the lab. Or air bubbles in ice

@ cores being formed from air trapped between the sea and the ice ...

@ or evolution being unproven - but natural selection is true ...

@

@ Sorry, but the evidence for dark energy is very close to definitive,

@ if it's not already. Maybe I'm biased though - my master's degree

@ was in astrophysics, after all!

@ --

@

@ _____

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@ > Metallic impurities was the stated theory in 1989. Since then, they

@ > discovered that palladium reacts with both hydrogen and

@ ozone, but ONLY

@ > when external energy is supplied. This information was new

@ to me when I

@ > found the new material safety data sheets this week. The

@ heat produced

@ > is a chemical reaction, possibly from both metallic impurities AND

@ > reactions with hydrogen and ozone, but definitely not the nuclear

@ > fusion originally claimed.

@

@ No, it's definitely not fusion, but it doesn't but seem to be

@ electrolysis either. I can't see anyone who says it is, anyway.

@ In fact, no-one seems to know what was actually responsible.

Electrolytic action can start an exothermic reaction producing a
metallic

hydride and a metallic oxide. This HAS been reproduced.

@ > The reactions were unknown at the time. Apparently they

@ were discovered

@ > in the attempts to duplicate the cold fusion experiment.

@ The important

@ > fact is that nobody else was able to duplicate their results. That

@ > alone is enough to show that the claim is false. If a

@ scientific claim

@ > is true, any lab anywhere in the world should be able to

@ make the same

@ > thing happen when they do the same procedure.

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They are able to create a reaction that produced energy, but not quite the amount of energy reported. What is unknown is whether the extra heat reported was due to an impurity in the sample of palladium, or due to sloppy data collection. The palladium was used up, and is no longer available for analysis - cesium, an alkali metal, was a common impurity in cheaper grades of palladium. And Fleischmann and Pons weren't expecting an increase in temperature, and so did not initially instrument for it - they may have guessed at the total heat released because of the time before the heat was discovered.

@ > Remember that the scientists who did this experiment were trained in
@ > political science and environmental affairs, not chemistry. They
@ > implied in their article that the ice was an barrier to all changes
@ > in the air trapped inside, not a container that could react with its
@ > contents.

@

@ What are you talking about? I "remember" no such thing. I did go
@ and look for "this experiment" in the IPCC's "Climate Change 2001:
@ The Scientific Basis" and found at least 6 different studies, rather
@ than the one you seem to imply (and I'm sure there are many more than
@ 6 - these were just the best/most recent studies available in 2001)
@ and judging from their institutional affiliations the authors seem to
@ be trained in things like glaciology, oceanography or physics, as you
@ might expect - not "political science and environmental
@ affairs". Please
@ give a reference for this experiment which you are basing all your
@ accusations upon.

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@ <http://www.grida.no/climate/ipcc_tar/wg1/107.htm>

@ <http://www.grida.no/climate/ipcc_tar/wg1/108.htm>

@ <http://www.grida.no/climate/ipcc_tar/wg1/126.htm>

@

@ <snip>

@

@ > Respiration provides CO₂ that restores the CO₂ content of
@ the air, but

@ > a bubble of air floating on the ocean under ice has no respiration

@ > occurring in it to replace the CO₂ lost to carbonate formation. If

@ > more ice then forms under the bubble, the trapped air ALREADY has a

@ > lower CO₂ concentration than normal air, BEFORE it is sealed in the

@ > ice.
 @
 @ I don't think you understand what these bubbles are or how they form.
 @ They do NOT come from bubbles of air trapped under the ice;
 @ they are formed
 @ in the ice as snow - which is very porous - becomes firn (a
 @ new word to
 @ me - it's snow that is more than a year old) and then ice. So the air
 @ in the bubbles comes from on top of the ice - directly from
 @ the atmosphere.
 @ As a new layer of snow gets added every year, the layers give us a
 @ series of annual records. Bubbles between the sea and the ice
 @ couldn't
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$\text{Energy} = \text{Coefficient\_of\_dynamic\_friction} \times \text{Weight} \times \text{Distance\_travelled}$

But these "scientists" who wrote the textbook used the above power equation IN ADDITION to both friction equations, and added the three amounts of energy together.

$\text{Time} = \text{Duration of the trip}$

$\text{Velocity} = \text{Velocity used during the entire trip (assumed to be constant)}$

$\text{Power} = \text{Force} \times \text{Velocity}$

$\text{Energy\_1} = \text{Power} \times \text{Time}$

$\text{Energy\_2} = \text{Coefficient\_of\_dynamic\_friction} \times \text{Weight} \times \text{Distance\_travelled}$

$\text{Energy\_3} = \text{Coefficient\_of\_air\_friction} \times \text{Velocity}^2 \times$

Distance_traveled

$\text{Energy} = \text{Energy\_1} + \text{Energy\_2} + \text{Energy\_3}$

Of course the error is that Time is the duration of the acceleration up to speed, not the duration of the entire trip.

If they had used the following, they would have had it right:

$\text{Accel\_time} = \text{Time needed to accelerate the car up to speed}$

$\text{Velocity} = \text{Velocity used during the entire trip (assumed to be constant)}$

$\text{Acceleration} = \text{Velocity} / \text{Accel\_time}$

$\text{Accel\_distance} = \text{Acceleration} \times \text{Velocity} / 2$

$\text{Accel\_force} = \text{Mass} \times \text{Acceleration}$

$\text{Energy\_1} = \text{Accel\_force} \times \text{Accel\_distance}$

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Distance_traveled

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@ Fine - but you still have not shown that this is the claim that was
@ actually made back then by these unidentified "environmental
@ scientists". I have only your word for it. If you are going to
@ bash scientists for their shoddy research then you should at

@ least cite that shoddy research. Since even by your description of
@ what they claimed they used the correct equation, and since
@ it *does* take more power to travel at a higher speed, I think
@ it's possible you are overstating the case in calling this
@ another example of "stupid" science. The devil lies in the details,
@ which I haven't as yet seen.

OK, find me a time machine, so I can go back in time and buy the
looseleaf textbook I encountered when I was tutoring physics in the
early 1980s. It is no longer available, and because of its form, most
students would have discarded it after taking the class, because
the bookstore would not buy it back.

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Subject: [UFORL] "Rocket test apparition": UFO filmed in UK
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

On Flying Saucer Review, Volume 3, Number 1, January-February 1957, page 19, a note entitled "Rocket Test Apparition" reads in its first paragraph: "A very strange phenomenon -described by the Press as looking like a plucked ostrich neck- appeared recently on a reel of film taken from an automatic camera at a rocket motor testing station in Britain".

I am interested to know, from some reader of this List, the place and date of the incident, whether there was found any explanation, as well as any additional information or references where I can collect further documentation on this curious event.

Thanks and best regards,
V-J

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context. There is no proof that there was an "arranged" result. People chose to
pick and choose what Condon said (out of context) in order to present this
approach. It sells books and makes the case to destroy whatever was in the
Condon report. I think Roy Craig's book probably is the best one to read
concerning the Condon report. He pretty much tells it the way it was. I think this
statement best defines why the Condon report gets a bad rap from
UFOlogists:
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<DIV>"Believers in extraterrestrial visitation wanted the Condon Report at least to
leave the question open, to consider some sightings unexplainable as ordinary
phenomena, and the mystery to remain alive and helathy. To the extent that the
Condon Report did not do this, and therefore destroyed illusion, the public got more
than it wanted. For human beings do not want to give up their illusions. Many, of
course, will not do so, and will rationalize their illusions, and simply reject non-
conforming evidence." (Roy Craig UFOs: an insider's view of the official
quest for evidence p.240)</DIV>
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<DIV>It is interesting to note that when the Sturrock panel met a few years back they
essentially arrived at the same conclusions as Condon. They only stated
Condon was wrong that he believed nothing could be learned from the study of
UFOs. However, they agreed with his conclusion that the evidence presented
does not indicate any ET visitation. Additionally, they agreed with his
conclusion that nothing had been learned from the study of UFOs to the
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Clear skies,
Bob Young

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> @ Newtonian physics
> @ > and returning to the physics of Aristotle. Inertia keeps
> @ the car moving
> @ > once it gets up to speed, consuming NO energy and requiring
> @ NO power.
> @ > NO power is needed other than to overcome friction and changes in
> @ > direction, once the car is up to speed.
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> @ *Please* read what I wrote. Force is a variable in $P=F*v$.
> @ When you substitute $F=m*a$ into this you get $P=m*a*v$. The more you
> @ accelerate, the more power you require. When you stop accelerating,
> @ $a=0$ and you require no power. What is Aristotelian about this?
>
> Nothing. It's the interpretation of v in the original $P=F*v$ as being
> a constant velocity that is in error.

1. Make your mind up.

1a. If you do change your mind, it's polite to say so, rather than pretend you were right all along.

2. Assertion - no matter how emphatic - is not evidence.

- > @ First you say $P=F*v$ is wrong, it's $P=F*(\Delta v)$. I said, no it's
- > @ $P=F*v$. Then you say yes, $P=F*v$ is right but the "scientists"
- > @ used it incorrectly, then you immediately revert to $P=F*(\Delta v)$.
- > @ As I said, I've never seen this formulation; and since you said
- > @ I could look in any physics book for an explanation of the power
- > @ equation, I'm sure you could give me a reference for one that
- > @ does put it in this way. But as far as I can figure, it wouldn't
- > @ make sense. Power is an instantaneous property, as are force,
- > @ velocity, energy, etc. How could the car "remember" what velocity
- > @ it had at $t=0$? Now, $(\Delta P)=F*(\Delta v)$ makes sense - the change
- > @ in power output from one velocity to another for a given force.
- >
- > Not $(\Delta P) = F*(\Delta v)$
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- > It HAS to be $P = F*(\Delta v)$

It doesn't *have* to be. OK, so (Δv) is the change between the velocity at which two times? If the initial time is when the car is at rest then (Δv) IS just v . If it is some other arbitrary time then why choose that time, and what does P mean? Say a car is smoothly accelerating 10 m/s at $t=0$ to 20 m/s at $t=1$ s to 30 m/s at $t=2$ s. So my interpretation of what you are saying is that the power needed to get from 10 m/s to 30 m/s (call it P_2) is twice that needed to get from 20 m/s to 30 m/s (call it P_1). But power is an instantaneous property. It's the rate of energy usage at a particular point in time. So what is the actual power usage at $t=2$??? It has to be a single number. It can't be *both* P_1 and P_2 . That's why you putting (Δv) in there makes no sense.

And you still haven't come up with a reference. Why didn't any the physics textbooks I've ever read say (Δv) if they meant (Δv) and not v ? They have no qualms about using (Δv) when discussing rocket propulsion.

- > The power is applied to CHANGE the velocity, not to maintain it.

I'll say it again! With exclamation points so maybe you will read it! When the velocity is constant, the acceleration is zero! Therefore the power $P=m*a*v$ is zero! It doesn't matter what the velocity is! This is the expected result for constant velocity!

- > Again, friction is NOT part of this equation.

I'm not talking about friction anymore. Why are you? We've resolved that.

- > @ > OK, find me a time machine, so I can go back in time and buy the
- > @ > looseleaf textbook I encountered when I was tutoring physics in the
- > @ > early 1980s. It is no longer available, and because of its

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- > original science used to get the 55 mph limit passed into law. And
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OK, fair enough, but even if you had it, it is still not evidence for the science behind the 1973 legislation in and of itself, although it might provide some useful references.

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- > that time (around 1982), I was assigned to the students in this class
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- > 1950s of the symbols I found on a roll of decorative tape I had.
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That would be interesting to see. I suppose you are aware of the oddly marked tape used on the Project Mogul radar targets? Could be the same stuff.

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- > core study and the thermometer study I referred to. I know I have them
- > in print, but finding them in my collection is another thing. Until
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- > cartons in my attic (from the same move). I found them during spring
- > cleaning last week, and now have them on shelves in my library. But
- > there are hundreds of articles to be searched.

Well, until you find them this is my last post in this thread ...

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

@ From: Brett Holman [mailto:b.holman@physics.unimelb.edu.au]

@ Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2004 10:10 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science

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@ On Mon, Mar 22, 2004 at 11:42:34AM -0500, Robinson, Larry wrote:

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@ <snip>

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@ >

@ > Now I KNOW you are wrong. Otherwise, we are discarding

@ Newtonian physics

@ > and returning to the physics of Aristotle. Inertia keeps

@ the car moving

@ > once it gets up to speed, consuming NO energy and requiring

@ NO power.

@ > NO power is needed other than to overcome friction and changes in

@ > direction, once the car is up to speed.

@

@ *Please* read what I wrote. Force is a variable in $P=F*v$.

@ When you substitute $F=m*a$ into this you get $P=m*a*v$. The more you

@ accelerate, the more power you require. When you stop accelerating,

@ $a=0$ and you require no power. What is Aristotelian about this?

Nothing. It's the interpretation of v in the original $P=F*v$ as being
a constant velocity that is in error.

@ First you say $P=F*v$ is wrong, it's $P=F*(\Delta v)$. I said, no it's

@ $P=F*v$. Then you say yes, $P=F*v$ is right but the "scientists"

@ used it incorrectly, then you immediately revert to $P=F*(\Delta v)$.

@ As I said, I've never seen this formulation; and since you said

@ I could look in any physics book for an explanation of the power
@ equation, I'm sure you could give me a reference for one that
@ does put it in this way. But as far as I can figure, it wouldn't
@ make sense. Power is an instantaneous property, as are force,
@ velocity, energy, etc. How could the car "remember" what velocity
@ it had at $t=0$? Now, $(\Delta P)=F*(\Delta v)$ makes sense - the change
@ in power output from one velocity to another for a given force.

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Nice pictures of the Vought-Chance V-173.

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@ Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2004 9:28 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: [UFORL] Historical Article

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@ Does anyone have a copy of the following article?:

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@ "Facts and Fiction About The Flying Saucers - AS REPORTED

@ BY THE MEN WHO SAW THEM!", from 'FLYING' magazine.

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@ A coy of the cover is attached.

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@ James.

@ E-mail: voyager@fortean.co.uk

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Compliments of the Schlock of Menswear:

Bob Young wrote:

>The Low memo can also be read in another light: That it was
>from one University official to another about how to avoid a
>public relations problem with the academic community by
>being involved with UFOs. Low had been educated in Britain
>and, as one commentator has noted, used certain affectations
>of the "mother-tongue". The use of "trick" as something less
>than a bamboozler could have been one of them.

I didn't know Low had a British education -- part blessing,
part curse but, if expensive, one can bend oneself to almost
anything afterward. But that may well account for Low's use
of the word "trick" which, transatlantic cousins may not know,
in British English can mean something like "knack" or "technique"
as well as "prank" or "con". As in: "The trick in good
pistolcraft is to focus on the foresight, not the target."

I lay claim to having been the first to point this out, in the
third chapter of "UFO: The Government Files". I have a mild
aversion to people who quote their own work as if it had been
cast in bronze, but this question is worth the risk of the
standard accusations. So here goes:

The Air Force did not find it easy to persuade an academic
institution to take on such a study, which was now limited
to one establishment. Those approached during the summer of
1966 were leery of the subject, feeling their scientific
reputations could suffer simply by being associated with it.
Eventually, the University of Colorado at Boulder agreed to
take the work. The contract both protected and demanded the
university's scientific integrity:

"The work will be conducted under conditions of strictest
objectivity by investigators who, as carefully as can be
determined, have no predilections or preconceived positions
on the UFO question. This is essential if the public, the
Congress, the Executive and the scientific community are to
have confidence in the study."

The Air Force announced the agreement on 7 October 1966. The project director -- whose reluctance too had to be overcome -- was to be Dr Edward U. Condon. The project would be coordinated by Assistant Dean Robert Low.

In many ways Professor Condon was an ideal choice. His scientific credentials were beyond reproach: he had contributed to the development of radar and the atomic bomb, and had written the standard textbook on atomic spectra. In the early 1950s his recommendation that the Atomic Energy Commission be put under civilian control was accepted. For this, he apparently inspired the enmity of Richard M. Nixon, was attacked by the House Un-American Activities Committee, and had his security clearances revoked. Surviving this onslaught, in 1958 he accused the US government of misrepresenting the effects of nuclear fallout. Condon was no yes-man, and had no need to prove his integrity.

He also had a well-developed sense of the ridiculous. As the project evolved, he was particularly entertained by stories of contactees such as George Adamski and his imitators. Then as now, jests about any aspect of their weighty subject rarely amused the UFO fraternity. Among believers, Condon's reputation for objectivity rapidly evaporated as word spread of his irreverence -- which extended to practical jokes. One prank led to a reception committee representing the governor of Utah, complete with brass band, waiting several hours at the Bonneville Salt Flats racetrack for a telepathically-predicted UFO landing.[€]

THE LOW MEMORANDUM

Contrary to the agreement with the Air Force, several members of Condon's team were already predisposed to accept the ETH. Chief among them were psychologist Dr David Saunders, who also believed implicitly in Keyhoe's cover-up theory (he thought it more plausible than the ETH), electrical engineer Dr Norman E. Levine, and Mary Lou Armstrong, the project's administrative secretary. They were also close to Donald Keyhoe, who broadly supported the study and provided it with case material from NICAP regional investigators. Within a year the believers were openly at loggerheads with Condon, who had aggravated them with various public revelations of his growing skepticism. When on 27 September 1967 the Rocky Mountain News reported that he was 'disenchanted' with UFOs and was unimpressed by NICAP's contributions to the study, Keyhoe withdrew NICAP's support.

At this point atmospheric physicist Dr James McDonald, another disciple of Keyhoe, became central to the way the Condon investigation would be perceived in the future. McDonald had hoped to join the project but was not invited to do so. To compensate, and some would say to meddle, he had maintained excellent contacts with the ETHers on its staff. As a result, he had been made privy to an internal memo, written in August 1966 by Robert Low, and discovered by accident in his files in July 1967. In McDonald's and Saunders' eyes, it appeared to compromise the integrity of the whole enterprise. McDonald has been characterized as 'an angry, aggressive, driven, manipulative and ambitious individual'.[€] This view is not often echoed in the ufological literature, but one can see how such a picture could be drawn from his subsequent behavior toward Condon, imperfect as he too may have been.

McDonald learned of the crisis between Condon and his staff from Saunders, and on 31 January 1968 wrote a seven-page letter to Low, complaining about all aspects of the project. In the course of his harangue, he quoted Low's memo back to him. This document merits some consideration.[€](2)

In August 1966, musing on whether the University of Colorado would be well-advised to take on the UFO study, Low had first outlined the opinion of those academics and administrators who were against doing so:

"In order to undertake such a project one has to approach it objectively. That is, one has to admit the possibility that such things as UFOs exist. It is not respectable to give serious consideration to such a possibility. Believers, in other words, remain outcasts. ...The simple act of admitting these possibilities just as possibilities puts us beyond the pale, and we would lose more in prestige in the scientific community than we could possibly gain.... [One colleague] compares the situation to [psychologist Dr J.B.] Rhine and the ESP study at Duke [University, N. Carolina]."

Low then presented the opinions of colleagues who were in favor of taking on the project, and finally gave his own view -- in a passage that has become legendary in UFO circles:

"The analogy with ESP, Rhine and Duke is only partially valid. The Duke study was done by believers who, after they had finished, convinced almost no one. Our study would be conducted almost exclusively by nonbelievers who, although they couldn't possibly prove a negative result, could and probably would add an impressive body of evidence that there

is no reality to the observations. The trick would be, I think, to describe the project so that, to the public, it would appear a totally objective study but, to the scientific community, would present the image of a group of nonbelievers trying their best to be objective but having an almost zero expectation of finding a saucer."

Low suggested the study should emphasize psychological aspects of UFO reports, not 'the old question of the physical reality of the saucers'; that approach might at least produce some worthwhile scholarly papers. 'It is premature to have much of an opinion,' he admitted. But the university could 'carry the job off to [its] benefit' if it got 'the proper people involved' and successfully projected 'the image we want to present to the scientific community'.

It is worth saying that Low's memo was concerned solely with the light in which scientists and academics would view the university if it accepted the Air Force contract. Over and over he uses terms like 'image' and 'present'. It was not about the way the project would actually be run. The word 'trick', in the context, is clearly used in the sense of technique, manner or mode (of presentation) -- in other words, to mean 'the way round the "image" problem'. It was not used to imply deception, sham, deceit, shenanigan or fraud. But that was the sense inferred by Saunders and his cronies on the project, and by McDonald, and by generations of wiseacre ufologists ever since.

[Bracketed bullets in the above, which is direct from my TS, signify points for inserting references. Text may differ slightly from the published work, q.v. for said references]

While on the subject of Condon, it's worth pointing out that the report should be read as a whole, not simply as a collection of UFO cases. And there is a great rub. The commentary by various extra-mural hands as well as by Condon himself on general issues is mostly fascinating and extremely well-written. The case studies themselves often leave much to be desired, either for the criteria by which they were included (some were so vague as to be impossible to pursue) or the curate's-eggish way they were investigated. The 1956 Bentwaters/Lakenheath example comes to mind. So Condon represents [generally] good principles yo[l]ked to patchy practice. It was the latter that the wiseacres leapt upon then, and have ever since, throwing their usual tendentious assumptions into the mix as they go along. They were particularly adept at ignoring

Condon's own conclusion: that if scientists thought the report's findings were wrong, and had ideas for more accurate studies, 'such ideas should be supported.... each individual case ought to be carefully considered on its own merits.'

The aftermath of publication is also interesting. Once Blue Book was closed down, the usual suspects seemed to be relieved: was this because a major skeptical boulder (ho ho) had been removed from the great stream of true belief? At any rate the 1970s saw a vast flourishing of doo-lally ideas about UFOs, in which the ETH was scarcely considered. People even took Jacques Vallee seriously -- those, that is, who were confident enough to think they could understand his devious Gallic prose. Condon was a landmark in all kinds of ways, most of them of the sort that "most people" (if that means what I think it does) wouldn't think to look for, having already decided what's round the next corner.

best sushi -- ha, well, why not -- and wishes too
Peter B

"And f--- you, Brookesmith."
-- an unwitting birthday wish
from Jerome Clark, 16 March 2004

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Subject: RE: [UFORL] Roswell Special on History Channel

@ Larry

@

@ While I am aware that there was some good work done in the Condon
@ report, for most people it is a vastly discredited effort which
@ deserves nothing but condemnation.

There is nothing in the report itself that should be discredited,
except maybe the fact that some of the investigators didn't think of
the actual solutions of some cases, and that some project members
had already made up their minds (in both directions).

The "discrediting" was done by the sour-grapes attitude of the
believers and the way the press sided with them (probably with
pecuniary motives, because unsolved mysteries sell papers).

@ Whatever good work was done was undermined by Condon's
@ pre-determined attitude and his lazy lack of interest.

You've been reading Saunders' book.

There is a disease among most college professors. Each one thinks
that the student has nothing else to do except study for his class.

In a similar way, Saunders seems to forget that Dr. Condon had all
of his regular duties IN ADDITION to working on the project.

@ There is even some implication that the result was "arranged"
@ with the Air Force beforehand.

That is pure hogwash from the ET crowd.

@ And then of course there's the memo.

@

@ Stuart Miller

Oh, yes, the "trick" memo. I'm glad they DID study the psychology (and physiology) behind UFO sightings. This study gave rise to many of the techniques I use to root out the real cause of a sighting. Some of those techniques include:

- Ignoring any "estimate" of the object's size, distance, altitude, or speed made by a witness, unless the object came within 30 feet, or other valid evidence of distance is available. It is impossible for the witness to know these values without special circumstances.
- Likewise, unless the witness actually did the experiment at the time, an estimate of angular size given as an object held at arm's length is likely to be grossly overestimated, especially if the person is indoors at the time he tries to make the estimate.
- The human eye does not measure angles accurately. It instead attempts to use measures similar to percent grade, and is fooled easily. Most people, when asked to point to a location they think is 45 degrees elevation, instead point about 30 degrees elevation.
- One fact that immediately became obvious from the Condon report is that UFO witnesses invariably think of a vehicle. Because they do not have the true size, they subconsciously estimate the size of the UFO to be that of a vehicle, usually large enough to carry men. This then throws off any distance and speed observations, causing a lot of UFO sightings to not be correctly identified. Cases 18 and 45 clearly illustrate this, when 1 X 4 foot fire balloons were estimated to be 75 to 100 feet in length.
- Trained individuals, who are otherwise competent observers and are often called upon to be expert witnesses, will still chase astronomical objects across the countryside or through the skies.
- Many people go into "UFO mode" once they hear that a UFO is in the area. This causes otherwise ordinary objects and lights seen in the sky to be seen as UFOs by these people.
- Many objects I had never heard about before reading the Condon Report were added to the possibilities I need to consider.
- Some people, once they think the UFO is a piloted vehicle, then imagine that the vehicle is reacting to their presence or actions. Cases 14, 28, 29, 37, 38, and 43 bear this out.

- It's easier to fake a UFO photo or misinterpret a conventional object in a photo if black and white film is used.

- The report provided general techniques of analyzing the photo for consistency in focus, lighting, and framing, which the ET crown often ignores. Photometry is used on the difficult cases.

BTW, in the McMinnville OR case (46), it would be interesting to repeat the photometry for the case of a specular lower surface (such as that of a side-view mirror).

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<DIV>Peter, Tim, and Bob,</DIV>

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<DIV>Thank you gentlemen for your considered responses.</DIV>

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<DIV>It does seem like we're on the opposite side of the fence here. I am uncomfortable with the fact that one has to genuflect and swerve a bit to place an "alternative" interpretation on the memo.</DIV>

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<DIV>But there is one key point that tends to suggest that those obsessed and irritating ufologists may have got it right; Condon's reaction to the publicising of the memo.</DIV>

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<DIV>I am sure gentlemen that <nbsp;</DIV>I do not need to educate you in the whys and wherefores of human responses to guilt. For Condon, it would appear, the main issue was the fact that this memo had been "stolen" from a private file, and he was incensed. This was the issue he focused on and in so doing, made a pathetic attempt to deflect attention away from the memo itself. One has seen this type of behaviour before.</DIV>

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<DIV>Condon's conclusions were too convenient for everybody. The Air Force were desperate to be rid of the issue and Condon delivered. And while we're on the subject, Blue Book isn't exactly a paragon of perfection either - see Druffel/McDonald.</DIV>

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<DIV>And Peter, while you choose to display Condon as slightly eccentric, what impression do you think it would have made on the team members to see their boss take an interest in cases and individuals that even the ETH proponents would have shunned?</DIV>

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From: "Vencislav" <vencib@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, 25 Mar 2004 08:08:32 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Rendelsham application?
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cis.u.org

Hello!

Two years ago, I downloaded application from one of the web sites that deals with Rendelsham case, and installed it on computer.

I'm looking for that application on line, can't find it, if somebody knows where it is, or link, please let me know, thank you in advance!

Description:

When you start application, small window pops up, first sounds are from tape recorded at Rendelsham forest, then shortly after, the music is like sort of "new age", "cosmic"...

On that pop up window the image of flying saucer is shown, from Rendelsham, red lights on bottom, blue on the top.

Pop up window has link capabilities, you can click on small button on it, and it will open real web browser.

Vencislav

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Thu, 25 Mar 2004 11:53:21 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: Stupidity in the new age of anti-science
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

See below.

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@

@ 1. Make your mind up.

@ 1a. If you do change your mind, it's polite to say so, rather than

@ pretend you were right all along.

@ 2. Assertion - no matter how emphatic - is not evidence.

I didn't change my mind. You are misreading what I said.

@ And you still haven't come up with a reference. Why didn't any the

@ physics textbooks I've ever read say (delta v) if they meant

@ (delta v) and not v? They have no qualms about using (delta v)

@ when discussing rocket propulsion.

Actually, College Physics (Sears, Zemansky, & Young; Addison-Wesley Publishing Co) says that $P=F*v$ can be used ONLY for instantaneous values. For longer periods, the equation should be:

Average_power = Work / Time

or

Average_power = Force * Distance / Time

or

Average_power = Force * Average_velocity

The last two may be used only as long as the force is constant.

Of course, the force applied in this case either changes the velocity, or overcomes friction, or both. It is not an extra force to be ADDED to the acceleration and friction forces. The textbook apparently was quoting someone who did not understand inertia.

Basically, what they did was calculate the force needed to

accelerate the car to v , substituted that into $P=F*v$ using the final velocity, and then multiplied by the time of the entire trip to get the total energy used. THEN they added in the energy used to overcome friction. That, of course, is wrong.

@ That would be interesting to see. I suppose you are aware of the @ oddly marked tape used on the Project Mogul radar targets? Could @ be the same stuff.

Yes. And I think I had a roll of that tape, obtained from a craft store. It was cloth-paper tape, like that found in first aid kits. The tape was dyed magenta, and had purple symbols printed on it. Some of the symbols were supposed to be flowers.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@fortean.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 26 Mar 2004 00:12:59 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Historical Article
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cis.u.org

Regarding:

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>Date: Thu, 25 Mar 2004 16:26:35 EST
>Subject: Re: [UFORL] Historical Article

Karl wrote:

>>Does anyone have a copy of the following article?

>I do.

Karl,

Thanks for the reply.

As it happens, I've just heard from Rod Brock [my appreciation to Chris Aubeck for passing on the query] that there's a transcript available online, at:

<http://www.project1947.com/fig/1950a.htm#flying>

Presumably this didn't show up on a search as it doesn't contain the magazine's published headline.

James.
E-mail: voyager@fortean.co.uk

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com
Date: Wed, 24 Mar 2004 21:28:26 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Condon & Low [was: Roswell Special]
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

In a message dated 3/24/2004 8:56:25 PM Eastern Standard Time,
Horseman@onetel.net.uk writes:

>

> Bob Young wrote:

<snip>

> Low had been educated in Britain

> >and, as one commentator has noted, used certain affectations

> >of the "mother-tongue". The use of "trick" as something less

> >than a bamboozler could have been one of them.

>

> I didn't know Low had a British education -- part blessing,

> part curse but, if expensive, one can bend oneself to almost

> anything afterward. But that may well account for Low's use

> of the word "trick" which, transatlantic cousins may not know,

> in British English can mean something like "knack" or "technique"

> as well as "prank" or "con". As in: "The trick in good

> pistolcraft is to focus on the foresight, not the target."

>

> I lay claim to having been the first to point this out, in the

> third chapter of "UFO: The Government Files". I have a mild

> aversion to people who quote their own work as if it had been

> cast in bronze, but this question is worth the risk of the

> standard accusations.

Your Grace:

Thanks for the citation. I apologize for not remembering where
I had first seen this.

Clear skies,
Bob Young

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Date: Thu, 25 Mar 2004 16:46:40 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Condon & Low
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cis.u.org

In a message dated 3/25/2004 2:18:16 PM Eastern Standard Time, jgiglio2@polaris.umuc.edu writes:

- > What's wrong with the
- > findings in Case 27, in which a determined effort was made to
- > obtain instrument data during a UFO flap?

Jim, et. al.:

This was the little-known 1967 UFO flap at Harrisburg, Pa. Members of our local astronomical society participated in manning observing stations while an all-sky camera took thousands of pictures, and reports were submitted to a phone line at Olmstead Air Force Base. A team of Condon scientists were present to respond to sightings.

100 sightings reported _during_ camera operation were cited in the Condon report.

A couple pictures were judged to be puzzles. Another was judged a meteor and another an airplane. A hoax fire balloon was caught on another picture and recovered. Few UFOs were reported on cloudy nights. Most were judged to have been astronomical objects.

What did the experienced observers in our astronomy club see? Not much of anything.

Years later I spoke to a man who, as a teenager, had helped his brother and friends fake a landing with lights near "UFO Hill", a local high spot which sometimes drew hundreds of people looking for saucers. The cops caught these kids, but since no laws had been broken, let them go.

I determined that many other sightings from UFO Hill were in the direction of the landing pattern of the air base, where Chinook helicopters, many damaged in Vietnam, were lifted with heavy lift copters across the river day and night.

Another group of energetic kids with a car followed one UFO and found it was a fire-balloon. Police north of town said that it probably explained the nightly sightings there, which were multiplied by local small plane pilots who launched "UFO patrols", causing even more sightings.

There was a very active local NICAP chapter and a reporter for one of the daily papers who submitted an exciting saucer piece nearly every day. In addition there were more than a thousand local radio news broadcasts keeping the excitement level high.

One of the "landings" even made it into Ted Phillips Physical Trace catalogue. When observers thought a UFO had landed in the woods local NICAP investigators conducted a search for hours in the woods by flashlight. The next day - surprise - a "saucer nest" area of swirled grass was found! Then a "high" radiation reading was claimed, taken with a survey meter, with no confirmation, instrument readings or background samples were taken.

It was wild here, that summer. The effort by the Condon group to participate in one of these "flaps" was commendable.

(Incidentally, this brings the total number of "sightings" covered in the Condon Study to about 175, not 75 as often cited by believers. And the puzzles to about 17%, not 30% as often cited.)

To this day there is not one single one of the hundreds of reports from that flap, including the 100 listed in Condon, which provide evidence for anything at all, except a couple little night lights, which could have been anything.

Clear skies,
Bob Young

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com
Date: Thu, 25 Mar 2004 16:06:08 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Condon & Low
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cis.u.org

In a message dated 3/25/2004 11:58:55 AM Eastern Standard Time,
Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com writes:

> a criminal misuse of public funds

Please cite what you believe are the appropriate sections
of the U.S. Criminal Code for this conclusion.

Clear skies,
Bob Young

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pathetic attempt to deflect attention away from the memo itself. One has seen this
type of behaviour before.</DIV></BLOCKQUOTE>
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<DIV>It is interesting that you understand Condon's anger but you do not understand
the source of the anger. It had nothing to do with what was in the memo but that the
memo had been given out and used to undermine the project because certain members
disagreed with him. If you were the head of a project and people in your team
had released information that was used to paint a certain picture (note it was Low's
memo that was written and it was not Condon's word) about your efforts, right or
wrong, you would be "ticked off" as well. </DIV></DIV>
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<DIV>Condon's conclusions were too convenient for everybody.
The Air Force were desperate to be rid of the issue and Condon delivered. And while
we're on the subject, Blue Book isn't exactly a paragon of perfection either - see
Druffel/McDonald.</DIV></BLOCKQUOTE>
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<DIV>Hmmm...Craig writes that there was an internal war that went on inside the
project and it was McDonald and Hynek who seemed most interested in trying to
make sure the project would guarantee future funding for the study of UFOs.
Apparently, both envisioned themselves as the head of such a government
agency.</DIV>
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and a tragic waste of an opportunity. </DIV></BLOCKQUOTE>

<DIV>Interestingly, Condon felt the same way but for different reasons. He thought it was a waste of money to study UFOs. </DIV>
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<DIV>The "giggle" factor or calling the scientific community a bunch of "idots" is just an excuse for UFOlogy's lack of progress in trying to make any advances. "IF" UFO reports did represent some new significant finding, why haven't the UFO groups produced anything significant after fifty years of studying the phenomena? Lack of scientific interest indicates they (the scientific community) feel the evidence is lacking (Just read the science panel's statement in the Sturrock report) and not something else.</DIV>
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<DIV>As I stated before, I think Dr. Craig's book on the matter is very informative and might give you some information from a different viewpoint rather than the usual sources. </DIV>
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<DIV>Tim Printy</DIV>

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Subject: Re: [UFORL] Condon & Low
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisus.org

Compliments of the Dark of Midnight:

Stuart Miller wrote:

>It does seem like we're on the opposite side of the fence
>here. I am uncomfortable with the fact that one has to
>genuflect and swerve a bit to place an "alternative"
>interpretation on the memo.

Hmm. Apart from enjoying a rather thin reputation for genuflection, I don't find that necessary. The Low memo was a reflection on public relations. He was, after all, a member of the Colorado U's administration. Today his thinking would be called spin. He was anticipating some misunderstanding, of the kind I get from friends who go purple in the face and ask me, "What is a person like you doing mixed up with crap like that?" when I mention some fresh ufological or fortan endeavour in my notoriously circumscribed life. The USAF had a struggle to find a university to take on their study. Low's memo is, if anything, evidence of the prejudice the USAF came up against. No one wanted to be associated with such a whacky subject. Low was (as an administrator, I repeat) interested in protecting Colorado's reputation, while doing a decent job for all concerned.

Try as I may, I can't find anything scientifically reprehensible in the words "to the public, it would appear a totally objective study but, to the scientific community, would present the image of a group of nonbelievers trying their best to be objective but having an almost zero expectation of finding a saucer." As it happened, there were a few cases that Condon & Co investigated that did seem (in the light of available evidence) to "find a saucer". But any UFO field investigator who can tell Venus from David Bowie will start with "almost zero expectation of finding a saucer". Hendry's book (e.g.) is a monument to the results of just such objectivity. If there's anything wrong with Low's language, it's that he didn't know quite what he was talking about, and made a somewhat patronizing assumption that "the public" was looking for "saucers". On the other hand, he couldn't be expected to be au fait with good UFO investigation, or saucerian politics. In that respect, people like Keyhoe were forever pissing in

the soup by claiming more than any evidence warranted.

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Condon, was who a scientist and not a pen-pusher, had not seen the memo until James McDonald quoted it back to Low, having had it from Saunders and Levine (perhaps by way of Mary Lou Armstrong, the project's administrative secretary). So how do you infer any grounds for Condon feeling guilt? None of these people should have seen the memo: someone had been poking in files they had no business rifling. This is less a matter of information than category (which only implies information), seen in the light of management philosophies of the 1960s -- which weren't that bad.

>And Peter, while you choose to display Condon as slightly
>eccentric, what impression do you think it would have made
>on the team members to see their boss take an interest in
>cases and individuals that even the ETH proponents would
>have shunned?

If they'd had any sense some might have reflected that perhaps UFOs weren't a subject worthy of a po-faced, tight-assed puritan outlook and been suitably amused. Relieved, even. That aside, the error here is to assume there is something called "serious ufology" (aka ETH?) and "joke ufology" (Adamski et al), on a line, and then somewhere off in another dimension is "skepticism". There are panjandra in the world who think that ufology will eventually be judged only by its best efforts. (They should ask how this pitiful hope has served the Christian church.) Apart from wondering what these best efforts might consist of, I think it is a delusion to see ufology (or, if you prefer, adherence to the ETH and other exotic theories) as anything but a continuum. As you may witness in the histories of abductology and crashed saucery, where what was outlandish 25 years ago has become part of the presumptive mainstream. Stick a pin in the side of most ufology and you will hear exotic theories, none more or less bereft of hard evidence, whistling out. Condon may have been undiplomatic (or just naive) in thinking he could get away with his pranks and his chuckles, but his wit in seeing that one ufological claim is as daft as another is endlessly defensible. The issue is evidence.

He must have felt extremely frustrated that some of his staff couldn't read it properly -- perhaps especially one who was a psychologist.

I don't think the report was a model of its kind, and I sympathize with Low's suggestion that it might have investigated the psychology of saucerdom more deeply. But to call it a "criminal misuse" of anything is surely not to see it in its wholeness.

best wishes
Peter B

There is precious little in civilization to appeal to a yeti.
--Sir Edmund Hillary

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Stuart,

The 'Condon report' is a notable, 1968, historical snapshot.

It was, however, assuredly no impediment to tangible evidence of extraterrestrial contact in the intervening 36 years.

Consequently, what does 'ufology', with intrinsic 'ETH proponents' presently declare as the foremost proof, since.

Evidently:

Paradigm Research Group
Media Announcement
March 22, 2004

Washington, DC - The failure to properly report and investigate extraterrestrial-related phenomena and the politics of disclosure and cover-up was the greatest failure of journalism in the 20th Century. One of the goals of the X-Conference scheduled for the weekend of April 16-18 at the Hilton Gaithersburg is to help correct that deficiency. Full information about the conference is found at:

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[...]

Leading up to the conference the following speakers are available for interviews about their presentations:

Stephen Bassett: X-Conference/Politics of Disclosure

Dr. William Birnes: Col. Philip J. Corso

Grant Cameron: U.S. Presidents and the Politics Disclosure

Philip Corso, Jr: Col. Philip J. Corso, Sr.

[...]

Richard Dolan: UFOs and the National Security State

[...]

Stanton Friedman: UFOs: Cosmic Watergate/Debunking the Debunkers

Timothy Good: Beyond Top Secret/Extraordinary Cases

Dr. Seven Greer: History of the Disclosure Project/Secrecy is Terrorism

Paola Leopizzi Harris: Col. Philip J. Corso and Monsignor Corrado Balducci

William Hamilton: Area 51/Case for Reverse Engineering

Richard C. Hoagland: Mars Exoarcheology and NASA's Dilemma

Terry Hansen: News Media Complicity in the UFO Cover-up

Linda Moulton Howe: Extraterrestrial Craft Retrievals and Evidence

[...]

Dr. Robert Wood/Ryan Wood: MJ-12 Documents/Authenticating the Documents.

[END]

Would you be comfortable that this apparent foremost, concluding [36 years later], evidence should now be presented, once more, before an "idiotic scientific

community"?

James.

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From: James C Giglio <jgiglio2@polaris.umuc.edu>
Date: Thu, 25 Mar 2004 12:27:33 -0500 (EST)
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Condon & Low
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cis.u.org

On Thu, 25 Mar 2004, [iso-8859-1] STUART MILLER wrote:

> Thank you gentlemen for your considered responses.

Huh? Where are the preceding posts in this thread?

> The report was a criminal misuse of public funds and a tragic
> waste of an opportunity. And what was even worse was, given the
> negative publicity even while the report was being written,
> that the idiotic scientific community clasped it to their
> bosoms with relish afterwards, even though it was compromised.

I've seen lots of name-calling by critics of the report, but precious little substantive criticism of the findings. The case studies are the heart and soul of the report. Can you be specific as to what's wrong with one or more of them? For instance, was the photo in Case 7 NOT a fake? Was the analysis in Case 12 (a typical "UFO stopped a car" report) wrong? What's wrong with the findings in Case 27, in which a determined effort was made to obtain instrument data during a UFO flap? etc ... etc ...

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From: chris aubeck <caubeck@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, 25 Mar 2004 12:11:58 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: [UFORL] Article from "Scientific American" sought
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cis.u.org

Dear list,

For the purposes of publishing an article in Spanish I am looking for this report. Can anyone help me? I'll send them the article in exchange, when published, if desired.

Charles Frederick Holder. "The Esperanza stone."
Scientific American, n.s., 103 (September 10, 1910):
196.

Thank you,

Chris

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Date: Fri, 26 Mar 2004 01:25:48 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] 'The Flying Saucer As I Saw It'
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X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

One of the most elusive historical publications is
Kenneth Arnold's 1950, 16-page, self-published booklet,
'The Flying Saucer As I Saw It'.

Despite requests on UFORL and elsewhere, I've never been
able to locate an available copy.

However, I eventually discovered there were two public
libraries in the U.S. [and apparently no others known]
who reportedly held this booklet.

I'm pleased to say that one of those libraries has agreed
to provide a photocopy and it's been posted by airmail.

To my surprise, the Head librarian advises:

"The pamphlet in question is a very odd size. I did
photocopy it for you on 11X17 paper--and a couple of
pages I had to give you 2 copies and you'll have to paste
together. The original is made up of photographed
newspaper clippings done in a sort of collage,
photostatic copies of letters, so you have white on black
and not too clear from the originals, and odd pits and
pieces of pictures, etc. I think you can read everything
with a magnifying glass..."

The other library is also helpfully looking into my
request. Their catalogue indicates having a booklet
actually signed by Arnold as a presentation.

If possible, I will also obtain a copy of this as it
might be of higher quality.

Is it known why, some three years afterwards, Arnold put
this 'booklet' together and how many copies were printed?

As I understand the material may contain sketches, I
wondered if it was the source of a rare drawing, almost
certainly by Arnold [being similar to others he made],
which I have previously highlighted - see attached image

[photographed from TV].

Featured on an obscure German video about 'UFOs' [with a voice-over by Arnold when this picture is shown], requests for further information have, so far, not identified the original source.

James.

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[*NOTE* 13 pages]

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Much of Martin Kottmeyer's further case material on CD
consists of personal correspondence, which I can't
readily upload due to confidentiality.

However, the above is detailed and insightful.

I also have a copy on CD of Kottmeyer's 'Gill Again'
article, published in 'Magonia' issue 54 and his later
response to critics.

I strictly need permission from Magonia before uploading
these - anyone from Magonia able to do so?.

James.

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From: "Luis R. Gonzalez" <lrgm@lrgm1.e.telefonica.net>

Date: Sat, 27 Mar 2004 14:30:29 +0100

Subject: [UFORL] Salzburg abduction 1951

X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

In reference to this curious story, first published in the Canadian Prince George Citizen de British Columbia on December 11, 1957, and worldwide known after Charles Bowen's mention in "Fantasy or truth? A new look at an old contact claim", FSR 13:4 (July-August 1967), I am looking for two earlier mentions:

+ in Ray Palmer's Flying Saucers (May 1958)

+ in W. Gordon Allen's Spacecrafts from Beyond Three Dimensions (1959), pp. 136-138.

If anybody can provide xerox or scans of those pages, I will be very much grateful

Luis R. González Manso

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Date: Fri, 26 Mar 2004 20:23:30 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Condon and Low
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<DIV>Bob Young wrote:</DIV>
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<DIV> Please cite what you believe are the
appropriate sections
of the U.S. Criminal Code for this
conclusion.

I'm not an American
Bob so
therefore I'm not conversant with the Code but I am sure that somewhere within
it there are laws about taking money under false pretences, fraudulent use of
government money and so on.</DIV>
<DIV> </DIV>
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<DIV>Larry wrote:</DIV>
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<DIV>There is nothing in the report itself that should
be discredited,
except maybe the fact that some of the investigators didn't
think of
the actual solutions of some cases, and that some project
members
had already made up their minds (in both
directions).

And as one of those
members
who had preconcieved notions was the project's leader, then it was pointless
before it even began.</DIV>
<DIV> </DIV>
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<DIV>In a similar way, Saunders seems to forget that
Dr. Condon had all
of his regular duties IN ADDITION to working on the
project.

Aw, c'mon Larry. Then he
shouldn't have accepted the assignment in the first place if he wasn't prepared
to make the time. We're talking about half a mil here which back in those days
was an astronomical amount, as it still is.</DIV>
<DIV> </DIV>
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<DIV>Peter said:</DIV>
<DIV> </DIV>
<DIV>Try as I may, I can't find anything scientifically

reprehensible in the words "to the public, it would appear
a totally objective study but, to the scientific community,
would present the image of a group of nonbelievers trying
their best to be objective but having an almost zero
expectation of finding a saucer." </DIV>
<DIV> </DIV>
<DIV>Can we stop being disengenuous here and hold our hands up. Whatever revisionist spin you care to place on that memo some 36 years later, at the time there was only one interpretation and although I stand to be corrected, I don't recall anyone back then offering the sort of spin you're putting on it now.</DIV>
<DIV> </DIV>
<DIV>and</DIV>
<DIV> </DIV>
<DIV>In that respect, people like Keyhoe were forever pissing in
the soup by claiming more than any evidence warranted.
</DIV>
<DIV>??? Are you sure? </DIV>
Keyhoe
was still one of the boys, reading from the same script as his employers. He hadn't started to "move" yet to the right side of the tracks.</DIV>
<DIV> </DIV>
<DIV>and</DIV>
<DIV>
Condon, was who
a scientist and not a pen-pusher, had not
seen the memo until James McDonald quoted it back to Low,
having had it from Saunders and Levine (perhaps by way of
Mary Lou Armstrong, the project's administrative secretary).
So how do you infer any grounds for Condon feeling guilt?
None of these people should have seen the memo: someone
had been poking in files they had no business rifling.
This is less a matter of information than category (which
only implies information), seen in the light of management
philosophies of the 1960s -- which weren't that bad.

Sorry Peter, this doesn't make sense. Just because he wasn't aware of the memo beforehand doesn't mean he can't feel guilty when it is read to him. All his subsequent actions and screaming and complaining were attempts to deflect from the real issue i.e. what was a memo like that doing in the files, private or otherwise, of what was supposed to be an objective enquiry?</DIV>
<DIV> </DIV>
<DIV>and:</DIV>
<DIV> </DIV>
<DIV>Condon may have been undiplomatic (or just naive)
in thinking he
could get away with his pranks and his chuckles, but his
wit in seeing that one ufological claim is as daft as
another is endlessly defensible. </DIV>
<DIV> </DIV>
<DIV>He wasn't amused by it -he was appalled by the very idea. He was scornful of the whole mess and public hooha. He was just about

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From: "Isaac Koi" <isaackoi2@yahoo.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 26 Mar 2004 21:14:46 -0000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Condon & Low [was: Roswell Special]
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

In a message sent March 25, 2004 2:28 AM, Bob Young wrote:

> In a message dated 3/24/2004 8:56:25 PM Eastern Standard Time,
> horseman@... writes:
> >
> > Bob Young wrote:
> >
> <snip>
> >
> > Low had been educated in Britain
> > >and, as one commentator has noted, used certain
affectations
> > >of the "mother-tongue". The use of "trick" as something
less
> > >than a bamboozler could have been one of them.
> >
> > I didn't know Low had a British education -- part blessing,
> > part curse but, if expensive, one can bend oneself to almost
> > anything afterward. But that may well account for Low's use
> > of the word "trick" which, transatlantic cousins may not
know,
> > in British English can mean something like "knack" or
"technique"
> > as well as "prank" or "con". As in: "The trick in good
> > pistolcraft is to focus on the foresight, not the target."
> >
> > I lay claim to having been the first to point this out, in
the
> > third chapter of "UFO: The Government Files". I have a mild
> > aversion to people who quote their own work as if it had
been
> > cast in bronze, but this question is worth the risk of the
> > standard accusations.
>
> Your Grace:
>
> Thanks for the citation. I apologize for not remembering where
> I had first seen this.
>
> Clear skies,
> Bob Young

Hi Bob, Peter, List

I hate to burst Peter's bubble (or perhaps on this List "balloon" would be more appropriate...), but Peter's discussion of this point of semantics in his 1996 book "UFO: The Government Files" (at pages 57-59 (in Chapter 3) of the Stena hardbook edition) was pre-dated by at least one reasonably lengthy discussion of the point. The point was discussed by Klass in "The UFO Invasion" (1997) (edited by Kendrick Frazier, Barry Karr and Joe Nickell) at pages 34-37 of the Prometheus hardback edition (part of Chapter 2 at pages 29-43, "The Condon UFO Study"). The relevant chapter is a reprint of an article in the Skeptical Inquirer 10, number 4 (Summer 1986).

Klass noted that although for most Americans, the word trick has a devious meaning, the Random House Dictionary of the English Language states that the word "trick" also means "the art or knack of doing something skillfully". He commented that this was the meaning "more often used by the British" and noted that Low had studied at Oxford University and (from his own brief meeting with Low) he had noticed that Low "had acquired some British speech affectations and word usage".

More significantly, Klass quoted remarks from someone that knew Low (Lewis M Branscomb - chairman of the University of Colorado's Joint Institute for Laboratory Astrophysics in the mid-sixties) that he knew "first hand that Bob Low did indeed use the word 'trick' in the sense you defined... Scientists, American as well as British, frequently use it to mean a clever or ingenious solution to a problem. The word 'scheme' has a similar ambiguity".

Peebles briefly covered this point (citing Klass) in his "Watch The Skies!" (1994) at page 190 (in Chapter 12, section entitled "The Condon Report and After") of the Smithsonian hardback edition, page 229 of the Berkley paperback edition (following the discussion of the "trick" memo at pages 174-176 (in Chapter 12, "The Condon Report", section entitled "A Poor Choice of Words"), 182-183 (in Chapter 12, section entitled "The 'Trick' Memo") the Smithsonian hardback edition; at pages 209-212, 219-221 of the Berkley paperback edition).

In 1995, Michael Swords presented his paper entitled "The USAF-Sponsored Colorado Project for the Scientific Study of UFOs" at the 1995 MUFON Symposium Proceedings . Towards the end of that paper, he referred to "a great semantic debate" which "has been held over the various ways the word 'trick' can be used", commenting that in this debate "everyone is correct". (Due to limited referencing, it is not clear where the "great ... debate" occurred - the above items were not cited). As you may well know, the paper by Swords is available online at:

<http://www.project1947.com/shg/articles/swordsc.html>

Long before all the above, Low himself had complained in interviews following Fuller's article in Look (John G. Fuller, "Flying Saucer Fiasco," Look, Vol. 32 (14 May 1968), 58-62 - available online on various websites, including <http://www.project1947.com/shg/articles/fiasco.html>) that the use of the word "trick" had been emphasized out of context. These complaints were referred to by Saunders and Harkins in their book "UFOs? Yes!" (1968) at pages 129-130 (in Chapter 12) of the Signet paperback edition. They agreed that "an unspecified trick can be either good or bad. It is necessary, therefore, to examine the nature of the trick that is proposed ...". They also gave the complete text of the memo (at pages 242-244 (in Appendix A)).

By the way, Roy Craig (whose book "UFOs - An Insider's View" (1995), has already been praised in this thread as a useful account of the Condon study) has recounted his own reaction upon finding the "trick" memo in the project files - see pages 194-198 (in Chapter 11) of the UNT softback edition of his book. He commented, at pages 196-197, that "When I read the Low memo to Archer and Manning, my stomach caught in my throat. It clearly implied that we were involved in a white-wash non-investigation, probably aimed at getting the Air Force off a public criticism hook. Yet that was certainly not my opinion of the project ..." and "My own stomach soon settled back in place. While the memo reflected Bob Low's attitude - and, on reflection, was consistent with his actions throughout the project - I knew that it did not represent Dr Condon's views. And, after all, it was Dr Condon's conclusions that would count, not Bob Low's".

I shall not clutter up this list with further references in relation to the "trick" memo, but the above references and quite a few more are included in a working document I have been drafting recently to act as a reference document and framework to help me organise my notes, hyperlinks and thoughts. That working document is a chronology of certain events in the history of ufology cross referenced to the most frequently cited books etc. In the hope that others will also find such a chronology useful, I should be circulating a preliminary draft on Updates shortly (as and when work permits time for making the current rough draft at least reasonably presentable). The entry for the trick memo is in the chronology at 1966.0809.

Kind Regards,

Isaac Koi

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Date: Sat, 27 Mar 2004 01:20:12 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] 'Italian conference to study Hessdalen'
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cis.u.org

"The small Italian town of Cecina is establishing ties with the Norwegian village of Hessdalen. Hessdalen is world-renowned for its inexplicable light phenomena. A flurry of sightings in the early 1980's was skeptically received, but Hessdalen is now the focus of serious researchers who are willing to risk the taint of the unknown".

Full story at:

<http://www.aftenposten.no/english/local/article.jhtml?articleID=760612>

James.
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Date: Mon, 29 Mar 2004 12:14:36 EST
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Condon and Low
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

In a message dated 3/26/2004 8:32:41 PM Eastern Standard Time,
Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com writes:

> fraudulent use of government money and so on.

You mean by the believers who pretended to be unbiased
scientists?

Bob

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From: Mendoza <Horseman@onetel.net.uk>
Date: Wed, 31 Mar 04 14:57:25 +0100
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Condon and Low
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

Compliments of the Doom of Merovingia, concerning:

>Subject: [UFORL] Condon and Low
>Received: 27-03-2004 09:02
>From: Stuart Miller, Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com

Passing over the problem of a long-dead "fraud" or two, in the shape of poor ol' Ed Condon and the committee of the US National Academy of Science(s) that OK'd his report, and the statute of limitations that no doubt applies, and if you will also bear in mind that I am writing this during a 7-day retreat from the Internet [a.k.a. not being at home] and may therefore be repeating what others already have said...

>>In that respect, people like Keyhoe were forever pissing
>>in the soup by claiming more than any evidence warranted.

>??? Are you sure? Because back then Keyhoe was still one
>of the boys, reading from the same script as his employers.
>He hadn't started to "move" yet to the right side of the
>tracks.

The only sense I can make of this is that you're confusing Keyhoe (NICAP) with Hynek (Blue Book). OK, so they have Ks at one end or the other of their names. In fact by 1969 Hynek was no longer a USAF/Blue Book consultant and was at least one foot over the line in believing there was "something to" the UFO phenomenon -- see his contribution to the AAAS Symposium on UFOs held in December 1969 (published as "UFOs: A Scientific Debate", 1972). Keyhoe had "written" a lot of very bad books, starting in 1950, promoting the ETH & cover-up/conspiracy theories, and through NICAP squeaking for congressional hearings on UFOs. He made things up ("the Silence Group" e.g.) as he went along, and made leaps of logic about UFOs that won't hold water, and generally protested too much. I consider this to be pissing in the soup. There is much that is interesting about UFOs, UFO reports, witnesses, "movements", & theories & hypotheses thereon, but none of them were likely to be addressed seriously by scientists, the military or government as a result of Keyhoe's strategy and rhetoric. The man had a tabloid mind (it would be interesting to know if he had red

hair): fortunately -- then -- there were politicians and generals did not. Keyhoe just screamed louder the more he was ignored, which made him ignored the more .

>Just because [Condon] wasn't aware of the memo beforehand
>doesn't mean he can't feel guilty when it is read to him.

No, it doesn't, but against that Condon was a logical fellow. Some of the time, so am I. Was I *logically* supposed to feel guilty when, at the age of 24, I discovered that my 16th-century ancestors had been slave traders? (They were so proud of this that they built it into the family coat of arms.) Since -- whatever else he did -- Condon didn't sing from the Low hymnsheet, since *not having had a chance to read it*, he couldn't, how can he be morally culpable? He wasn't even "following orders". Note that the memo was written in early August 1966, just prior to meeting USAF representatives to discuss the nature of the contract with Colorado U; this wasn't signed until early October '66.

>All his subsequent actions and screaming and complaining
>were attempts to deflect from the real issue i.e. what was
>a memo like that doing in the files, private or otherwise,
>of what was supposed to be an objective enquiry?

What it was doing, was considering how an objective enquiry could be *presented* ("spun") as acceptable to what Low thought was a not entirely well-informed or objective public, and also acceptable to the American academic scientific establishment, who probably knew UFOs only from the likes of Keyhoe, and did not like the claptrap they saw. See the comment by Hynek, below. If you actually read the memo (have you ever? It's printed in full in Curtis Peebles's "Watch The Skies" [pp 209-212, p/bk]), you will see Low assessing various opinions on the *idea* of the project that he'd received from sundry Colorado illuminati, and thinking out loud about what would be best for the reputation of the University. Peebles, who is about as much a True Believer in UFOs as I am, nonetheless heads his section "A Poor Choice of Words". But then Low wasn't expecting clowns to read it, or a clown to pass it around the office some 12-13 months later. He was naive not have locked his personal filing cabinet, if you like, and not to have realized that it could be misconstrued and abused by the literal-minded. But that doesn't make him a villain. Nor does it make Saunders & Co great parsers of prose.

If, even after all that, you think Condon should feel guilty and Saunders and Levine were justified in leaking the memo, then the psychopath of my acquaintance who killed a 10-year

old child, who knocked on his door when he was in a bad mood, also entertains a reasonable point of view. Sample conversation:

Shrink: Don't you feel at all guilty about killing her?

Killer: She shouldn't have knocked on the door, should she?

Shrink: But killing her?

Killer: It was her fault. She shouldn't have knocked.

And this is to leave out of account the role of James McDonald in stirring the stew that was building between believers, skeptics and the uncommitted within the Colorado project. It was the revelation that McDonald had seen the memo that enraged Low and Condon. The contents -- whose meaning no one seems to have bothered to ask Low about at the time, all having made up their minds on the issue -- were virtually irrelevant. More on this, too, below.

Stuart wagged his finger most pertinently as follows:

- >Can we stop being disengenuous here and hold our hands up.
- >Whatever revisionist spin you care to place on that memo
- >some 36 years later, at the time there was only one
- >interpretation and although I stand to be corrected, I
- >don't recall anyone back then offering the sort of spin
- >you're putting on it now.

"Disingenuous " is a copyright term and trademark of one J. Clark, Cardinal of Canby. Bingo! for 5 points, I reckon. And minus 5 off your card for using the word. I am not being disingenuous. I say what I think, which may well be daft sometimes, but it is always based on some thought of some kind, and not on some hidden devious game rule. And one of the few things I have been trained to do is to read properly.

Be that as it may, the the above quote did make me wonder precisely who, with any locus standi in the affair, had said what in the wake of the notorious Low memo. I don't recall it being mentioned in the Condon report itself, and as my copy is not where it should be on my shelves I can't check. But I did look up Peebles (1994) for the whole screed, and observed his concession to Low's ambiguous phrasing. Nearer the events, both in space and time, were Saunders himself ("UFOs? Yes!", 1968 -- published before Condon's report) and Hynek ("The UFO Experience", 1972); then there is David Jacobs's reworked Ph.D thesis, "The UFO Controversy In America", 1975). None of these can be accused of lack of sympathy for the UFO myth. Jacobs doesn't analyse the wording of the Low memo, merely reports the effect of its discovery. But -- in an interesting symmetry with skeptic

Peebles -- he does have the grace to call it "ambiguously and loosely worded" (p228), which is an implicit concession that the ETHers could have misconstrued it.

Saunders says (p195) that had he realized Condon was unaware of the memo he would have acted differently [in leaking it, with Levine, to the obsessional James McDonald, who was stalking the project]. Hardly less significant are his earlier remarks (p128f) about Low: "To present Low as a plotter or conspirator is unfair and hardly accurate," he notes. And: "...there is the temptation to view Condon and Low as one person and make each responsible for the acts of the other. Again, this approach is far too easy and would be wholly inaccurate." Can this possibly mean, I wonder, that Saunders is acknowledging that Condon was neither responsible for Low's memo [as Saunders misread it] nor guided by it? His remarks on p195 would support that view.

[BTW: Chapter 20 of Saunders's book is an amazing catalogue of self-deceptions and self-justifications on the most wonderfully pedantic grounds by self-serving people who had all managed to delude themselves they were acting for the general good. Saunders doesn't see the significance of much of this, which explains a lot. But he reports it faithfully, I believe, and Ch:20 is an illuminating portrait of the ruinous presumptions, agendas, and failures to communicate rampant among project staff. It is really not surprising there were bizarre ructions.]

Hynek, writing only a few years later, says this (p262):

"I believe Low has been unduly criticized for this memo. I can appreciate the dilemma Low faced. He wanted his university to get the contract (for whatever worldly reason) and to convince the university administration that they should take it. He was aware, as I certainly have been for years, that scientific opinion was such that even serious mention of the subject was the equivalent of [inviting] scientific tar and feathers. He wanted to invoke a cloak of respectability. But the path he chose was unfortunate."

True. [And one of the results, I suspect, was that the project never did clearly define its goals, which contributed to its misfortunate internal conflicts. Condon was *not* a good manager of people, as far as I can tell, even if he understood principles of confidentiality.] Hynek knew what he was talking about from both sides. He was a skilled academic operator, and raised large amounts of money for astronomy projects at Northwestern.

According to Phil Klass (SI Summer 1986), as cited by Peebles, Low later confirmed that he had used the word "trick" in the sense of "problem", "difficulty" or "task". I have, but don't have access to, that issue of SI, so cannot confirm the accuracy of these accounts. And of course it is important to know when Low "confirmed" this sense of his words.

Nonetheless, I think it fair to stand by my account as printed. However. One way and another, I think I was overclaiming when I said I was the first to point out the plain meaning of Low's memo. Klass and Peebles got there earlier. Even Saunders seems to have realized the memo was not what he had thought. Jacobs and Hynek acknowledge its ambiguity. (Ha, at least I was the first *for a long time* to restate the obvious.)

But I should clear up something else. Unwittingly I muddied the waters by suggesting earlier in this discussion that Low's memo had been filched from his personal files. There is also some ambiguity about why Saunders and Levine were dismissed from the project, depending on whose interpretation you read, and Condon didn't help by producing one private, one public, and one discarded set of reasons. These two matters are related.

According to Saunders (p134), the memo came to light for project members in July 1966, when Roy Craig, new to the office, wanted some information for two speaking engagements on the Colorado project. "Among other things, Low referred him to a folder in the file labeled 'AF [Air Force] Contract and Background'." Thus Craig found the "trick" memo, and took it to Levine with the comment "See if this doesn't give you a funny feeling in the stomach."

From: "James Easton" <voyager@fortean.co.uk>
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Subject: [UFORL] 'The Flying Saucer as I Saw it'
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Thanks to an exceptionally helpful U.S. library service, after much searching I now have a copy of Kenneth Arnold's rare, self-published, 1950 booklet, 'The Flying Saucer as I Saw it' [the correct punctuation].

This is a summary of inherent contents and Arnold is directly quoted wherever possible.

Unless anyone knows otherwise, it's presumed all of the booklet was written by Arnold.

My own remarks and further explanations are prefaced by 'Comment:'.

Cover: [Bottom insert] Well-known photograph of Arnold with camera looking to the sky. Main image above this is a large copy of the equally well-known artwork depicting a 'bat-shaped' object.

There are copies at:

http://www.historylink.org/_output.CFM?file_ID=2067

Page 1: "Copy of letter forwarded to Kenneth Arnold from Robert Heilman, newstaff (sic) of the Seattle Times".

"This is an excerpt of a letter received from the Secretary to the Director of Intelligence of the Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California. This should leave no doubts in the minds of the public as to who produced and released the Debunking Sidney Shalett articles in the Saturday Evening Post issues of April and May 1949".

Page 2: "Official U.S. Navy photograph NA13 No. 1047 Date 25, July 1947. This is an at the scene photograph pf the Marine Corps C-46 disaster on Tahoma glacier at the 9500 foot level on Mt, Rainier in the State of Washington".

Comment: Arnold goes on to question whether bodies were actually ever found in the wreckage.

Page 3: "VIEWING the first photograph ever taken of a flying disc in Seattle on July 5, 1947 are Captain E. J. Smith (left) United Airlines Pilot, Kenneth Arnold and United Airlines co-pilot, Ralph Stevens".

Comment: This photograph can be see at:

http://www.historylink.org/_output.CFM?file_ID=2067

The photograph they are looking at isn't reproduced by Arnold.

Page 4: Arnold's copies of the two William Rhodes photographs - they are enlargements of the object and missing background details shown in newspaper reproductions.

Comment: Arnold explains how he was invited to see the original negatives at Hamilton field and "was given the above prints as a courtesy for the assistance he had given Military Intelligence in the investigation in the Tacoma affair". Arnold occasionally writes in the 'third person'.

Pages 5: Newspaper clippings relating to Brown and Davidson's death in the B-25 crash at Kelso. For background, see:

[http://www.parascope.com/nb/cautionarytales/mauryIsland.h
tm](http://www.parascope.com/nb/cautionarytales/mauryIsland.htm)

[This URL will 'wrap around']

Comment: We now begin to appreciate that Arnold was interested in the writings of Charles Fort. Following the clippings, he quotes extracts from 'Records of Charles Fort' and states:

"I have many Records of Black rain of so-called furnace slag. Lava Rock fell from the sky. Slains, Scotland".

Quoting Fort's description of an 1894 sighting - "an object seen in the sky was like an elongated flatfish" - Arnold adds, "I have many accounts prior to 1900".

He then ends with the following:

"I think we are finished for - Charles Fort".

Page 6. A brief synopsis of the Maury Island story with the large drawing of a 'flying saucer' dropping metal fragments.

Comment: Arnold highlights a newspaper clipping which reports that a new metal, Titanium, offers widespread application if its manufacturing cost could be reduced.

Arnold also cites another source, noting how the U.S. government took great interest in Titanium after the "Tacoma affair".

Pages 7 and 8: A montage of newspaper clippings and often merely just headlines.

There's some fascinating material here, including:

_ 'Tiny 'Man' Reported in Mexico Not News to Original Flying Saucer Man' _

A report from Mexico that the body of a tiny 'man' has been found in the vicinity of a crashed 'flying saucer' is not news to Kenneth Arnold...

He has heard other stories of little 'men' in connection with inquiries he has had under way since the summer of 1947.

"Believe those stories of the little men?" mused Mr. Arnold in Missoula, Friday. "Well I didn't see the little men, yet I've heard many stories. When you hear such a story you naturally discredit it until you're shown. I've heard that in California someone has wreckage of several of these ships with the bodies inside. A rancher told me he had seen a little man on the desert: told me, 'First I thought it was a rock chuck (a small animal). Then it ran away'."

[...]

He said he was hesitant about reporting the first flying disc.

"I realise it's the 'data of the damned' to make a report on these things..."

[END OF EXTRACT]

Comment: Arnold's "data of the damned" remark is a quote from Fort's 'The Book of the Damned'. See:

<http://www.resologist.net/damn01.htm>

As for his collection of clippings, many could have come straight from 'Fortean Times' magazine:

'Einstein's New Theory Hints Spiritual Values'

'3-Tailed Twister Kills Oklahoma Man, Hurts Wife'

'NIGHT PLAYING JUKE BOX STIRS MYSTERY'

'Oregon's Sea Monster Said Giant Squid--Maybe'

'Philadelphia Sniffs and Doesn't Like it; Mystery Odor Terrible'

'DEATH RAY SLAUGHTERS 300 BIRDS OVER AIR BASE'

'Rare Tornado Rips English Valleys'

'Ticking Ears Mystify Doctors, But Sankey Enjoys Listening'

'Mystery Birdman Reported at Chehalis'
[END]

Arnold's evident Fortean predilection is a remarkable realisation, certainly for myself.

Page 9: A letter to Arnold from Brown's widow; she confesses, "I have never thought that Frank's death was an accident".

Page 10: A letter to Arnold from Lieutenant George F. Gorman, regarding the 1 October, 1948 incident when Gorman reportedly encountered a 'UFO'.

Gorman explains why he can't discuss events with Arnold, why he would be Court Martialed if he did and how both his commanding officer and himself should already have been, except that "General Edwards or some high officer" refused to comply.

Comment: Arnold is clearly an active researcher.

One online summary of the Gorman case is:

<http://ufocasebook.com/ltgorman.html>

Is Gorman confirming the object, "was about six to eight inches in diameter"?

Page 11: This will be addressed separately.

Page 12: A photograph of Arnold with John E. Ostrom, Arnold examining Ostrom's truck which had, on 30 July, 1947, reportedly been struck by "a mysterious incandescent object" near Council, Idaho, which was "of such terrific heat that it melted through the steel plate of the truck".

Comment: Arnold suggests this might be related to an incident on 24 July, 1947, when a suspension bridge over the Salmon River, Idaho, was burnt down - steel cables inclusive - in "a matter of minutes".

Pages 13 and 14: Photographs of radar screens, showing RADAR 'ANGELS', unidentified "target returns" which frequently occurred.

Page 15: Another print of the Rhodes photograph, this time with some foreground detail.

Page 11: The contents here are an astonishing and unexpected discovery.

Arnold writes:

"YOU'VE heard stories of 'Little Men' associated with FLYING SAUCERS. The many descriptions by responsible people who have seen little men describe them differently than these photographs but...

This tiny, monkey-like man once lived and breathed... and walked on the earth as one of God's creatures. Scientists and curators are unable to positively determine his origin, but have tentatively concluded that he came to

earth during the post-glacial period. It is thought the specimen might have existed previous to the little tree men, who existed about the same time as the dinosaur".

[...]

"The anthropological department of Harvard University says there is no doubt about the creature's rarity. The Curator of the Egyptian Department of the Boston Museum says the mummy has the appearance of Egyptian specimens. Dr. Henry Fairfield, noted scientist, calls the creature Hesperopithecus after a form of anthropoid, which roamed the North American continent in the middle of the Pliocene period. All of them say it is the most perfect, prehistoric mummy ever discovered.

Height in position it sits six and a half inches. Weight three quarters of one pound".

Comment: Arnold is clearly comfortable with an association between 'Little Men' - even if they're only inches tall - and flying saucers.

This would be coherent with his second 1947 sighting of enigmatic aerial objects [Arnold claimed to have had some eight separate encounters with 'UFOs' during his flying days] as he first recalled in 'FATE' magazine, Spring 1948:

"It was July 30 at dawn I took off in my own plane, intending to reach Tacoma before dark and contact Mr Dahl.

It was at 7:00 o'clock that morning I sighted a formation of small disks going south at 4,000 feet as I was letting down at La Grande, Oregon.

I attempted to turn and catch up with them, but they were out of sight before I could complete my turn".

[...]

"I would judge them about thirty inches across, very thin, and light brown in color".

Arnold expresses no reservations about how irrational this might seem.

What is the source of Arnold's "tiny, monkey-like man"...

Incredibly, it's nothing less than little Pedro.

The background story can readily be found online, for example:

<http://www.anomalies-unlimited.com/Pedro.html>

Arnold publishes three photographs; two are X-rays. In addition to the X-ray photograph at the above web site, there's a "Frontal X-Ray".

The other photograph shows a young boy holding up a ruler in front of 'Pedro', confirming the artefact's size.

Alas, poor Pedro is by this time seemingly mounted upright on a display plinth.

Perhaps a shocking end for such a curiosity, although it would make a unique conversational paperweight.

Arnold may be mistaken that "Dr. Henry Fairfield, noted scientist, calls the creature *Hesperopithecus*".

It seems this relates to another controversial artefact, 'Nebraska Man', dubbed '*Hesperopithecus haroldcookii*' by Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborn.

Arnold's booklet is a rich miscellany of snapshots from those formative 'flying saucer' years.

Despite the somewhat critical fact that Arnold's founding encounter was misreported in the media and he had never described a saucer-shaped object, that had become irrelevant. People all over were seeing them now.

As Arnold elaborates in the 'FATE' article, it was the Rhodes photographs - featuring an object at least looking something like he had witnessed - which validated his experience.

In the 'Tiny 'Man' Reported in Mexico...' article, Arnold poignantly remarks of the time:

"I realise it's the 'data of the damned' to make a report on these things... If you saw a chair suddenly rise up in the air would you tell people? Yet there are the reports.

Seeing those things made me get down and dig mentally as I never did before. Since then I've investigated every way I could, I've spent money, I've travelled and I've even sent specimens to laboratories.

Who's to determine what is and what isn't a fact?".

Unfortunately, as my copy was obtained under exceptional circumstances and more than one librarian went out of their way to help, I can't presently reveal my library source.

They couldn't possibly be so obliging for everyone and that leaves them open to complaints about preferential treatment.

My extracts are considered to come under the copyright category of 'fair use'.

However, due to copyright concerns, I can't make any images available. The booklet cautions:

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Does anyone know if surviving family members can be contacted?

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Regarding:

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Chad wrote:

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Chad,

It certainly does and even more comparable with the
Horten 'Gotha Go-229':

<http://www.geocities.com/nedu537/go229/>

See however the following extract from my 'Flight of
Fantasy' article published in 'Fortean Times':

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, allegedly, one of the 'Ho IX' airframes was transported back to the to the US. The 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]

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Thanks for the info and for being patient with my queries on the subject.

One cannot learn if they never ask the question.

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I refer to the following message:

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> movies are good. In his original sighting, a fact that he
> didn't mention was that one of the nine was slightly
> larger than the other eight.

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Can someone in this list verify that Kenneth Arnold took movies of UFOs? I will appreciate knowing dates, location and literature references where I can find additional documentation, for FOTOCAT purposes
<<http://www.anomalia.org/fotocat1.htm>>

Thanks and best wishes,
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I've come across a file which is the text of some excerpts from a letter to Isabel L. Davis from Maurene Chenowith, dated 5 August 5, 1956.

She reportedly writes:

This is my interview with Kenneth Arnold. In the first place, I am sure he has definitely soured on saucers. He still believes in them all right but personally he's through investigating. There seems to be several reasons for this, he was worn out with all the government investigators (Army, Navy, Marine Intelligence, plus the FBI and finally the Income Tax Bureau who soaked him 4,800 dollars which seemed to be the final straw) plus the fact that he had spent 12,000 dollars of his own money with no tangible result. He is not at all uptodate on the activity. Hadn't even heard of Ruppelt's book....

On his own sightings he has seen saucers five separate times and he has made _movies_ of them. One flew under him at Mt. Lassen and he got a movie of that. He says the movies are good. In his original sighting, a fact that he didn't mention was that one of the nine was slightly larger than the other eight.

About the Tacoma affair. He said there is no possibility that this could be a hoax unless someone is able to read his mind because no one knew that he was going to Tacoma.

[...]

Now for the new material he gave me after he finally loosened up. The most intriguing and the newest from my viewpoint are the little eleven-inch men. He gave me two most unusual stories.

[...]

There is a third little man story that is the most interesting of all from a straight story standpoint.

[...]

[END OF EXTRACT]

I'll leave aside details of Arnold's even further 'little men' stories for the moment.

Chenowith continues:

Now for a human type contact story. It was in 1948 [sic; March 28, 1950] and it happened to a Samuel Eaton Thompson of Centralia[,] Washington. He was a big strapping guy who had worked for the Union Pacific railroad for 22 years. He took a trip up into the mountains, the road washed out ahead of him and he had to turn to an old logging road and on this he found a landed saucer. He went in it and here is one place of my reporting falls down because I forgot to ask Arnold how he said he communicated with these people because communicate he did. The saucer was from Venus and was a ten-family ship. He said as he approached it the air was warmed and when he got inside it was warm enough so that no one wore clothes. There were men, women and children aboard the ship. There were controls opposite each other and all the people aboard knew about running it was that if they pushed one set of controls they went to Venus and if they pushed another set they went to earth. They said the ship was an inherited one. (Nice inheriting, huh?) Thompson went with them on a three-day trip and then the ship landed within two blocks of his home. The only proof of his story is that on March 29-31 of that year the people of Centralia were seeing these tremendously bright lights.... [Arnold] tried to trip the man up in every way.

The only lead he got was when he asked him how the Venusians relieved themselves. Thompson said he didn't know, that in the whole three days they didn't do anything about it. Arnold said it might have been a psychic experience but the man hardly seemed the type and Arnold went over to his house and found absolutely no science fiction material. The man was packing to leave and has since disappeared completely. One investigator told Arnold that the man was committed to an insane asylum but Arnold said the investigator was not to be depended on....

[END OF EXTRACT]

The text file has an addendum:

[Comment by Jerome Clark: Chenowith has some of the details of the Thompson contact claim wrong. For a full account, see my *The Emergence of a Phenomenon*, pp. 295-

97.]
[END]

Is the purported 1 April, 1947 account from 'Simon Estes Thompson', the same as this one, by 'Samuel Eaton Thompson' and allegedly from 28 March, 1950 [Clark's date correction?]?

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Date: Fri, 9 Apr 2004 22:22:43 +0100
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Arnold article
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

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Larry,

Do we know that for sure?

See also, 'FIRST HUMANoid CATalog (FIRSTHUMCAT)',
compiled by Luis R. González Manso (Spain):

http://www.anomalia.org/fhc_en.pdf

>But the byline on the interview was Kenneth Arnold.

As Brett has pointed out, Arnold's interview with
Thompson seems to have been later.

What was Thompson's full account?

Where is it documented that Arnold subsequently contacted
him and when did Arnold do so?

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Regarding:

>From: "Chad Wilson" <caeman@yahoo.com>
>Date: Fri, 09 Apr 2004 12:40:16 -0000
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Chad,

Initially, there's of course a problem with Arnold's calculation of objects travelling in excess of 1200 miles per hour.

However, as it can be evidenced why that is not trustworthy, then gliders et all conceivably come back into the equation.

Some relevant insight:

<http://www.nasm.si.edu/research/aero/aircraft/horten.htm>

<http://www.chez.com/lesovnis/aircraft/horten.htm>

This latter web site particularly addresses the question of whether Horton gliders could be responsible for any 'flying saucer' reports, including Arnold's.

The definitive answer seems to be, no.

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I think you are reading too much into the page you cite; it doesn't
say the byline on the original article was Kenneth Arnold. Look at

<<http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/90/revis01.html>>

which says

Perhaps the earliest alleged physical onboard adventure was
that of Simon Estes Thompson (which appeared, perhaps
significantly, in the 1 April issue of the Centralia Daily
Chronicle, though Kenneth Arnold subsequently interviewed
Thompson and felt he was sincere).

ie, Arnold interviewed the witness at some point after 1 April 1947,
and presumably, after his own sighting in June. So nothing particularly
odd here, although of course the fact that this report was published
pre-Arnold is interesting in itself.

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Date: Wed, 21 Apr 2004 19:19:18 +0200 (CEST)
Subject: [UFORL] News from FOTOCAT Project, April 2004
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Hello, list members and colleagues.

Please find below a brief news issue on the advancement of FOTOCAT Project lately and new contributors.

PROJECT FOTOCAT News, April 2004

FOTOCAT is a project from the Spanish not-for-profit Anomaly Foundation organization <<http://www.anomalia.org>>

UPDATED COUNT

FOTOCAT has reached the number of 4,600 cases on file, as of April 20, 2004...and it is growing at a fast pace.

LATEST NEW INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

One of USA ufology's heroes, Ted Phillips, is back for good. Naturally on the field he knows well, UFO-related traces. However, thanks to our old friendship, Ted has been kind enough to provide FOTOCAT Project with a number of interesting images and photographs for the record.

Long-time researcher and author Raul Berenguel from Portugal has reported about a meteo satellite photograph taken January 1975, a very curious piece that has been recovered.

Pedro León Sistach, from Barcelona (Spain), is kindly helping in the case-extracting process from UFO journals like Inforespace (Belgium).

The Italian researcher and author of several historical monographs Giuseppe Stilo has provided a catalog of photographic cases in Italy for the period 1942 to 1954, with none less than 36 events, a remarkable addition to FOTOCAT.

Researchers holding massive databanks or websites are usually target for FOTOCAT consultations and case requests. We are glad to report the regular assistance and immediate response reaction from Brian Vike (Director, HBCC UFO Research, Canada), as well as Larry Hatch and Larry Robinson from the USA. Thanks, guys!

For sending digital images of our interest Terry Groff, for making inquiries on our behalf Victor Golubic, both from the United States, and for sending photocopies of old journals Bruno Mancussi (Switzerland).

Notable UFO researcher and writer Richard Hall -of The UFO Evidence fame- has kindly provided the photographic cases collected in his new essay on the huge 1966-1967 wave.

Marti Flò, current president of CEI, the oldest UFO organization in Barcelona, Spain, is to be commended by the flow of information handed to

me.

In addition to photographic material and documentation, others provide copies of the UFO journals they publish, like Christine Zwygart, from the French group CNEGU which edits Les Mysteres de L'Est.

Let us close the present News issue recalling the UFO community that donations of materials, regional catalogs, references, newsclippings, photographic books, etc. will be most appreciated. Post items to:

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Subject: [UFORL] Sample archived material now online
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Magonia Exchange

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--- In UFORL@yahoogroups.com, "Amy Kelly" <akelly1971@h...> wrote:
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It is possible for a Universe to be finite and yet have no boundaries. To see what I mean, suppose we lived in a 2-dimensional Universe, and that 2-dimensional Universe in fact was the 2-dimensional surface of a sphere. Anybody living in such a Universe, and indeed all objects in that Universe, would be 2-dimensional shapes on the sphere. If a 2-dimensional person in that Universe was to set off in (what to them would be) a straight line (and which to us would be a great circle on the surface of the sphere), they would eventually return to their starting point, which would no doubt be mystifying to them as they would be unaware that their universe is curved in the 3rd dimension. Now note that this 2-dimensional Universe is finite and yet has no boundaries. Transposing this situation to its 3-dimensional analogue, if we imagine our 3-dimensional Universe is curved in the 4th dimension, then it is possible for our Universe to be finite and yet have no boundaries. In case you think this is far fetched, I point out that String Theory (which admittedly is highly speculative at this stage) postulates many dimensions in addition to the 3-dimensions of our space (and in addition to the time dimension of Einstein-Minkowski space-time).
Kindest regards,
Dennis King.

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We have been fooled too many times by advance "journalism" by people who don't know what they are doing. Among the promising "new discoveries" which weren't:

- Polywater
- Cold fusion*
- Laetrile*
- Vitamin C megadosing (It worked, but not the way they said)*
- Polymerized buckyballs
- Electronic stimulation repair of color blindness
- Color sensation in the fingertips
- A crashed flying disc at Roswell NM*
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- The hereditary nature of rickets
- Phlogiston
- Hollow Earth*
- Truth Serum
- Phrenology
- Radium treatment of arthritis
- Hydrogen power from the oceans*
- Perpetual motion machines
- Ion aircraft
- Flywheel powered cars
- 120 mi/hr highways
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- The Whole Language system of learning to read*
- Red, yellow, and blue being the primary colors*

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Kindest regards,
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From: "Amy Kelly" <akelly1971@hotmail.com>
Date: Sat, 24 Apr 2004 15:05:11 -0400
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: 'Big Bang glow hints at funnel-shaped Universe'
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cis.u.org

I'm aware of what you're suggesting, but if the universe turns out to be shaped like a funnel, then it's got boundaries.

>From: "djk237" <dennis.king@thklaw.co.nz>
>>To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com
>Subject: [UFORL] Re: 'Big Bang glow hints at funnel-shaped Universe'
>Date: Sat, 24 Apr 2004 00:06:50 -0000
>
>--- In UFORL@yahoogroups.com, "Amy Kelly" <akelly1971@h...> wrote:
> > Intriguing... If in fact this is a finite universe, what lies
>beyond its
> > boundaries?
>
>It is possible for a Universe to be finite and yet have no
>boundaries. To see what I mean, suppose we lived in a 2-dimensional
>Universe, and that 2-dimensional Universe in fact was the 2-
>dimensional surface of a sphere. Anybody living in such a Universe,
>and indeed all objects in that Universe, would be 2-dimensional
>shapes on the sphere. If a 2-dimensional person in that Universe was
>to set off in (what to them would be) a straight line (and which to us
>would be a great circle on the surface of the sphere), they would
>eventually return to their starting point, which would no doubt be
>mystifying to them as they would be unaware that their universe is
>curved in the 3rd dimension. Now note that this 2-dimensional
>Universe is finite and yet has no boundaries. Transposing this
>situation to its 3-dimensional analogue, if we imagine our 3-
>dimensional Universe is curved in the 4th dimension, then it is
>possible for our Universe to be finite and yet have no boundaries. In
>case you think this is far fetched, I point out that String Theory
>(which admittedly is highly speculative at this stage) postulates
>many dimensions in addition to the 3-dimensions of our space (and in
>addition to the time dimension of Einstein-Minkowski space-time).
>Kindest regards,
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Date: Sun, 25 Apr 2004 01:21:29 +0200 (CEST)
Subject: [UFORL] Balloon Event over London in 1954
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cis.u.org

According to The Times, August 7, 1954, a research balloon was sighted by multitude of people over London the day before. In fact, thousands of telephone inquiries were made.

I wonder if any UK researcher is aware whether or not any photograph was taken. In the affirmative, I just need to have any press or other reference.

Thanks beforehand and best wishes,
V-J

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From: "Jennifer Guidry" <lonelylittleme13@msn.com>
Date: Fri, 23 Apr 2004 16:03:23 -0500
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Big Bang glow hints at funnel-shaped Universe'
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org
version=2.63

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

From: "Amy Kelly" <akelly1971@hotmail.com>

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snicker Funny you should ask that. I almost got suspended from school for asking a teacher that. He got a bit pissed off that I asked something he couldn't answer with the standard high school text book. He kept insisting that the universe was expanding, but could NOT say into what or what was on the other "side" of the edge. Of course, he never WAS able to answer many of my questions. I think the last straw was when I asked him what happened when a Black Hole got full... He said they don't, I said that according to him and the stupid science book, they only sucked IN matter, did not spew out waste or let anything escape, so they HAD to reach a point of too much mass to maintain the gravitational pull, hence they got "full". Or how supposed "natural" formations of Mars looked suspiciously like "man" made ones here on Earth and why the geometry matched up with Holy Sites around the world.

Jena

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Mon, 26 Apr 2004 10:07:52 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] 'Big Bang glow hints at funnel-shaped Universe'
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

One possibility which has been presented is that once ALL of the matter is down black holes, the big bang occurs again.

See my other post on an unbounded finite universe.

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

@ From: Jennifer Guidry [mailto:lonelylittleme13@msn.com]

@ Sent: Friday, April 23, 2004 4:03 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Big Bang glow hints at funnel-shaped Universe'

@

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

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Date: Mon, 26 Apr 2004 10:05:40 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] 'Big Bang glow hints at funnel-shaped Universe'
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

A universe can be finite without boundaries.

For a two-dimensional analogy of this, consider the surface of a sphere to be an entire universe. Two-dimensional creatures in this universe can travel over the entire "Sphereland" without ever encountering a boundary of their universe. If they keep traveling in the same direction, they eventually end up back where they started. And these two-dimensional beings don't notice the curvature, because the curve is perpendicular to the space they live in.

Likewise, our three-dimensional space could be the surface of the fourth-dimensional equivalent of a sphere. We wouldn't notice the curvature either, because the space would be curved in a direction perpendicular to the space we experience. And it doesn't have to be a sphere. A 4-d equivalent of a torus, a Klein bottle (close to the shape proposed) or some other shape we cannot visualize in a 3-d world works equally well.

One theory is that this 4th dimension is time, and the oversphere expands with the passage of time, leaving the record of all previous times inside the current layer.

I suggest finding the book "Sphereland" by Dionys Burger, for more on this subject.

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

@ From: Amy Kelly [mailto:akelly1971@hotmail.com]

@ Sent: Friday, April 23, 2004 6:05 AM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: RE: [UFORL] 'Big Bang glow hints at funnel-shaped Universe'

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X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

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>dimensions, then our Universe can still be finite but unbounded while
>still being funnel-shaped.

I read the article, but don't recall any extra dimensions being mentioned.
Maybe it's a silent fourth dimension. Like a silent "e."

Amy

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From: Mendoza <Horseman@onetel.net.uk>
Date: Mon, 26 Apr 04 20:41:04 +0100
Subject: [UFORL] Re: Balloon Event over London in 1954
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

Dear VJ

>According to The Times, August 7, 1954, a
>research balloon was sighted by a
>multitude of people over London the day before.

I believe (but only from very dim memory) that
the "Daily Express" published at least one photo
of this balloon, with a suitably excitable headline.
Other than going to the British Museum newspaper
archive at Colindale, I am not sure how you could
check this, however.

best wishes
Peter B

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From: Mendoza <Horseman@onetel.net.uk>
Date: Tue, 27 Apr 04 22:41:51 +0100
Subject: [UFORL] Sightings Magazine
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

Compliments to all...

Does anyone out there have a copy or useful reference to "Sightings" magazine, Vol 2 No 3? This has an interview by Jonathan Dillon of Col Halt of Rendlesham fame

I have a copy of the article as found on the Web, but for bibliographical purposes I need to know the date that the issue was published.

Please e-mail me off-list if you can assist.

All and any help very gratefully received.

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From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>
Date: Tue, 27 Apr 2004 10:14:17 +0200 (CEST)
Subject: [UFORL] Sighting in Germany, 22 January 2004
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

This strange phenomenon was sighted and photographed over the Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany on January 22, 2004.

<<http://www.unknowncountry.com/news/?id=3740>>

I will appreciate knowing the results of any investigation being performed on the sightings or photographs by our German colleagues. Was it a form of Aurora?

Best regards,

V-J

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Date: Tue, 27 Apr 2004 14:03:05 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Re: 'Big Bang glow hints at funnel-shaped Universe'
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

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Finite or Infinite, if the big bang theory is correct, then all matter started at one point. When it went boom, the matter went out in all directions, which mean there was a leading edge to the energy and particles being released. If this theory is correct, there would be nothing beyond that leading edge. This would lead to the conclusion that there would be nothing to see, and not very useful.

If the big bang theory is not correct, or is only partially correct, then we have a chance at something far more interesting. What if there were several little bangs spread out all over this big universe?

In either case, it still an interesting question. Is our expanding universe creating space as it goes along, or is it expanding into an already existing space?

Someday, we may know.

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--- In UFORL@yahoogroups.com, "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@i...> wrote:
> Another case of preliminary announcement before the scientific work
is
> completed - a symptom of bad science.

Bleh!

Agreed.

But, it does make for a amusing reading.

-w

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I may stand to be corrected here by those more knowledgeable than myself, but my understanding of the Big Bang Theory is that space itself is expanding as a result of the Big Bang. It is not a case of matter expanding into empty space, but rather a case of empty space itself expanding (in the 4th dimension) and dragging along the matter with it. If we go back to our hypothetical 2-dimensional universe comprising the surface of a sphere, it is the sphere that expands or explodes from an initial point, so that the 2-dimensional universe (being the surface of the sphere) expands in 2 dimensions as it simultaneously expands in the 3rd dimension. Note that this 2-dimensional universe is finite but unbounded. By analogy, our 3-dimensional universe is simultaneously expanding in 3 dimensions as well as in the 4th dimension as a result of the initial explosion

from a point, and our 3-dimensional universe is analagously finite but unbounded. It is not possible to go beyond our universe into the empty space beyond for the same reason it is not possible for 2-dimensional people on the surface of the sphere to go beyond the spherical surface by travelling around the sphere.

Regards.

Dennis King.

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Date: Wed, 28 Apr 2004 14:52:29 +0200 (CEST)
Subject: [UFORL] 1954 "Project Henry" and Blue Book
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cis.u.org

Hello, I am consulting you on a topic related to a curious report submitted in 1954 to Blue Book by a J.R. Gluck (of "Project Henry"). You can find the first page of this report printed in Loren E. Gross "UFOs: A History. 1954:January-May", published 1990, page 37.

Such so-called Project Henry is unknown to me: can someone brief us about who was Mr Gluck and what was Project Henry and its relationship to Blue Book Project? I am even tempted to think it was a hoax.

Also, at the end of this page, it is mentioned that "two photos were taken with a Polaroid camera". In case it is not a hoax, because the second and following pages are not printed, I do not know if those photos represent UFOs or anything else (for instance, the field scene). If some of you have the remaining pages of this peculiar report, I will appreciate receiving a copy.

Thank you very much and best regards,
V-J

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, it was not wery big but inof big to posible in Germany in this day .

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Wed, 28 Apr 2004 10:44:45 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Sighting in Germany, 22 January 2004
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

A few thoughts:

1. All auroras aren't alike. I have seen amorphous blobs, distinct dots of light, and parallel bands of light making stripes across the entire sky.
2. If something on or inside the earth is creating a large magnetic field, the aurora will follow it, rather than let the earth turn under it.
3. Could some kind of LASER experiment have been in progress at the base?
4. Lighted tethered balloons (unlikely, unless some kind of barrage experiment).

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Bloomington IN 47405-7109

@ -----Original Message-----
@ From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos [mailto:ballesterolmos@yahoo.es]
@ Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2004 3:14 AM
@ To: euroufo@yahoogroups.com; ufotolist@yahoogroups.com;
@ uforl@yahoogroups.com
@ Subject: [UFORL] Sighting in Germany, 22 January 2004
@
@
@ This strange phenomenon was sighted and photographed over the
@ Ramstein Air
@ Force Base in Germany on January 22, 2004.
@
<<http://www.unknowncountry.com/news/?id=3740>>

I will appreciate knowing the results of any investigation being performed on the sightings or photographs by our German colleagues. Was it a form of Aurora?

Best regards,
V-J

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Wed, 28 Apr 2004 10:56:42 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] Re: 'Big Bang glow hints at funnel-shaped Universe'
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

That's one theory. Here are some more:

1. The universe itself began as a singular point, and expanded along with the energy. This fits well with the finite universe theory. It also makes it impossible to find the point of origin.
2. There was no matter at the beginning of the "big flash". Matter was created out of the energy sometime later.
3. With no matter in it yet, the universe expanded at a much faster rate than it expanded at once it contained matter.
4. The universe is actually smaller, but the light has gone around it several times, so we see the same galaxy in several places at different times.
5. Everything was arranged by God so that scientists would come to the conclusion that the universe is billions of years old (milliards, in the world numbering system) and expanding. (Don't knock it, it IS a possibility.)
6. Something else that nobody has thought of yet.

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

@ From: Chad Wilson [mailto:caeman@yahoo.com]

@ Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2004 9:03 AM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: [UFORL] Re: 'Big Bang glow hints at funnel-shaped Universe'

@

@

@ --- In UFORL@yahoogroups.com, "Amy Kelly" <akelly1971@h...> wrote:

@ > Intriguing... If in fact this is a finite universe, what lies

@ beyond its

@ > boundaries?

@

@ Finite or Infinite, if the big bang theory is correct, then all
@ matter started at one point. When it went boom, the matter went out
@ in all directions, which mean there was a leading edge to the energy
@ and particles being released. If this theory is correct, there would
@ be nothing beyond that leading edge. This would lead to the
@ conclusion that there would be nothing to see, and not very useful.

@

@ If the big bang theory is not correct, or is only partially correct,
@ then we have a chance at something far more interesting. What if
@ there were several little bangs spread out all over this big universe?

@

@ In either case, it still an interesting question. Is our expanding
@ universe creating space as it goes along, or is it expanding into an
@ already existing space?

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@ Someday, we may know.

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Date: Wed, 28 Apr 2004 12:07:37 -0500
Subject: [UFORL] Guess who showed up back in the '60s.
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

I looked through some old UFO magazines, and guess whose picture was in one of them.

Marshall Herff Applewhite.

There is an article on contactees in Real Magazine's "Flying Saucers Pictorial". One of the photos shows a "Prince Neosam" and a "Princess Negonna" who claim they are from space. If Prince Neosam isn't Applewhite, he must be his twin. Another article copied from a newspaper has the same people, but identifies the woman as "Princess Negoona". This article dates from 1962. I am not too sure, but Princess Negonna could be Bonnie Lu Trusdale Nettles, the other half of the later scams.

Applewhite was one of the "UFO TWO" who were arrested in 1974 for bad checks, and in 1975 bilked hundreds of people who were promised a trip away from earth in a UFO. Applewhite and Nettles were going by the names "Bo" and "Peep" at the time.

The mass suicide at Heavensgate was also the work of Applewhite (they committed suicide too). The pair was using the names "Do" and "Re" then. They were expecting a UFO which was said to be following the comet Hale-Bopp to pick up their souls, and they built an "earth ship" from concrete blocks and old tires.

The funny thing is, that UFO "following" comet Hale-Bopp was really a star which the astronomer's star-finding software had been inadvertently instructed to filter out of the display.

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Date: Wed, 28 Apr 2004 12:30:33 +0200
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Sighting in Germany, 22 January 2004
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similar to this was seen in Sweden in january
www.ufo.se/fakta/artiklar/himlapelare.shtml

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From: Ktperehwon@aol.com
Date: Wed, 28 Apr 2004 15:15:52 EDT
Subject: Oops! Re: [UFORL] Guess who showed up back in the '60s.
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X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

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The page refs. in SHOCKINGLY...! are 156-159. -- KTP

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From: clas.svahn@dn.se
Date: Wed, 28 Apr 2004 23:24:16 +0200
Subject: [UFORL] Sighting in Germany, 22 January 2004
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

Dear List,

Having seen hundreds of auroras (especially when I lived in Luleå just south of the Polar circle for eight years) I must say that I doubt the aurora explanation. Auroras are dynamic and not stationary like the lights on the picture (if I remember it right the lines of light were seen for several hours). Lasers from an event (i.e. restaurant, disco, circus etc) could be a possible solution.

I also doubt that the "Vertical pillars", as they are called by meteorologists in Sweden, are the solution since they are even more elusive and disappear after a couple of minutes (please see <http://www.ufo.se/fakta/artiklar/himlapelare.shtml> for a picture).

All the best
Clas Svahn
UFO-Sweden

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From: Brett Holman <b.holman@physics.unimelb.edu.au>
Date: Thu, 29 Apr 2004 11:51:03 +1000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Guess who showed up back in the '60s.
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

On Wed, Apr 28, 2004 at 03:14:45PM -0400, Ktperehwon@aol.com wrote:

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> > Negonna" who claim they are from space. If Prince Neosam isn't
> > Applewhite, he must be his twin.
> >
>
> Sorry, Larry, no cigar. These two are Lee Childers and Beth Docker. See
> pp. and the photo section of Jim Moseley's and my SHOCKINGLY CLOSE TO
THE
> TRUTH! Oh, and it's "Neosom," not "Neosam." -- Cheers, KARL

And even if it were Applewhite, it would be unlikely that the woman
was Nettles, as they apparently did not meet until 1972.

Robert W. Balch, "Waiting for the ships", in James R. Lewis, ed. _The
Gods Have Landed: New Religions from other Worlds_ (Albany: SUNY, 1995),
p. 142.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@fortean.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 29 Apr 2004 00:44:33 +0100
Subject: [UFORL] 'UFO No Longer Unidentified'
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

"UFOs aren't necessarily alien spacecraft. And some
purported UFOs aren't UFOs at all. Take the example from
Apollo 16...".

See:

http://www.nasa.gov/vision/space/travelinginspace/no_ufo.html

James.
E-mail: voyager@fortean.co.uk

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Thu, 29 Apr 2004 10:41:36 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] 1954 "Project Henry" and Blue Book
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

I never heard of this case, or that book.

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

@ From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos [mailto:ballesterolmos@yahoo.es]

@ Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2004 7:52 AM

@ To: shg@topica.com; uforl@yahoogroups.com; project1954@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: [UFORL] 1954 "Project Henry" and Blue Book

@

@

@ Hello, I am consulting you on a topic related to a curious report

@ submitted in 1954 to Blue Book by a J.R.Gluck (of "Project

@ Henry"). You

@ can find the first page of this report printed in Loren E.

@ Gross "UFOs: A

@ History. 1954:January-May", published 1990, page 37.

@

@ Such so-called Project Henry is unknown to me: can someone

@ brief us about

@ who was Mr Gluck and what was Project Henry and its

@ relationship to Blue

@ Book Project? I am even tempted to think it was a hoax.

@

@ Also, at the end of this page, it is mentioned that "two

@ photos were taken

@ with a Polaroid camera". In case it is not a hoax, because

@ the second and

@ following pages are not printed, I do not know if those

@ photos represent

@ UFOs or anything else (for instance, the field scene). If

@ some of you have

@ the remaining pages of this peculiar report, I will

@ appreciate receiving a

@ copy.

@

@ Thank you very much and best regards,

@ V-J

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@ Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

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Date: Thu, 29 Apr 2004 12:41:10 +0200
Subject: [UFORL] Current e-mail of Paul Fuller wanted
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

Hello Brit Folks!

Can anybody pass me a working e-mail address of Paul Fuller, since the old one I had (ChrisPaulFuller@aol.com) seems no longer to exist?

Thanks and best regards

Edoardo Russo
Centro Italiano Studi Ufologici
CISU, Casella postale 82, 10100 Torino
tel 011.30.78.63 - fax 011.54.50.33
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Yes, there is a monument with a classic flying saucer erected outside the town of Ängelholm in the Southwest of Sweden. It was built on behalf of Swedish contactee Gösta Carlsson (1918-2003) and is one of the cities most visited tourist attractions with guided tours in the summer. It commemorates an alleged landing in the very clearing that it is now standing. I have investigated this case and published a 320 pages book in Swedish about the case.

All the best

Clas svahn

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Except, as I showed, there's no evidence that the scientists "released" the information, nor was it premature, as they have written a paper on their work. Nor did they or the journalist claim that these results are true - they were properly qualified, more than once, as predictions based on current data which can be tested with new data which is on the way.

Oh, and you DID release your speculation to the general press - at least, as much as the cosmologists did.

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shrug

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How do you accumulate negative evidence about evolution, or stones falling from the sky?

And if someone brings in a rock, and says it fell from the sky, any scientist can say, "You expect to just pick up a rock, bring it in here, tell me it fell from the sky, and think you can fool me?"

I didn't mean it as a "conspiracy to mislead scientists." I meant that God did put things together in a way that scientists are misleading themselves over.

Note that if scientists do find evidence that proves God exists, the rules they operate under require them to ascribe it to random chance.

So they are stacking the deck too.

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Compliments of the Stalk of Mombasa:

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There is another reason why God has no place in science, and that is that He's not necessary in science. He may be necessary elsewhere in life, and He may be responsible for creating the Universe, finite or otherwise, but in science the concept of God is otiose. He becomes only an unnecessary extra hypothesis, and a useless one at that. If you say "And God created quarks", you may be speaking the truth, but that possible truth doesn't add to your knowledge of sub-atomic physics, or quarks per se, even. Such a statement may merely (to wear a phrase thin) tell your listener more about you than it does about quarks.

This line about evolution is getting old real fast. I know three things about the horse, and two of them are rather coarse. The third is that the *Equus caballus* we know today is one of four survivors (one donkey and two zebra species) of hundreds of predecessors, many of which co-existed. These died out because their environments could not support them -- and the modern horse almost went the same way for the same reason. *Hyracotherium*, the oldest known ancestor of all these creatures, did not choose to evolve into the modern horse: in another timeline, with different contingencies, there might be no horses, or very different ones from those we know. They might well not be rideable, not even by our doughty Queen.

It may be that God "arranged" our horses' evolution so that Arabian cavalry could conquer North Africa, or so that American Indians could hunt buffalo more effectively, or even to give me the pleasure of riding to hounds, but random extinctions will have done the job just as well. This is not to say that God doesn't exist (how would I know?) or that scientists "cannot" believe in God: only to insist that the concept adds nothing to our *scientific* knowledge. Besides, it may be that Einstein was wrong, and *all* God does is play dice.

Superbugs are another good instance of survivors of mass extinctions (in their case caused by antibiotics) that are better adapted to their environment than their predecessors. I know nothing about bacterial species, but superbugs are a very good instance of evolution in action. The system works, by and large, through things dying off, more or less by chance. Which is, I suspect, why people don't like it, or misunderstand it even when they accept it, and adopt this metaphor of "choice".

If Harold Bloom is correct in suggesting that all religion is in some sense a way of coming to terms with the fact of death, then there are obvious implications for people's problems with the starkness of the evolutionary process. And we live in an unusual culture, which expects God to be nice, for some reason. Where does it say He had to be that?

best wishes
Peter B

A country without an aristocratic tradition, as de
Tocquville perceived, is bound to misunderstand honour.
--Felipe Fernandez-Armesto

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I would disagree with this premise.

If one continues to collect negative results, then you need to look at your methods and your technology before concluding that something flatly doesn't exist.

In particle physics, many of the particles were predicted to exist through mathematics, not discovery. When technology caught up, the theory was proven. But it took YEARS for technology to catch up. Now, particle physicist are searching for the Graviton, Superpartners, and the Higgs Field. These things have been predicted through theories, but have not yet been proven.

To use the Yeti and Bigfoot examples, we cannot conclude that they do not exist. These creatures might very well exist, but not quite as we believe them to be. The Yeti reports might simply be errant white bears out of their range. This does not negate the Yeti reports, but simply puts a more accurate name to the phenomena.

If the scientist who theorised that our universe is bell-shaped want to make that claim, more power to them.

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I do not share her views on the cases
and she has never investigated it. But it gives you a view of some of the
things that he claims happened.

My view after eight years of research
into the case is that Gösta Carlsson manufactured most of the story from
articles and books mixed with a vivid imagination. Most of this happened
on a unconciuos level and he never tried to deceive anyone.

Clas Svahn

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I know that.

But when the scientists said they did not fall from the sky they had no way to prove what they said. This is one of the cases where the affirmative proof comes by example ("we found and verified one"), but the negative proof is impossible.

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@ Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2004 2:44 PM
@ To: UFORL
@ Subject: [UFORL] Falsifiability & God [was: Big Bang glow hints...]

The Steak of Mufasa

@ Larry Robinson wrote, and Brett Holman responded, as follows:

@

@ >> @ > 5. Everything was arranged by God so that scientists would

@ >> @ come to the

@ >> @ > conclusion that the universe is billions of years old

@ (milliards, in

@ >> @ > the world numbering system) and expanding. (Don't

@ knock it, it IS a

@ >> @ > possibility.)

@

@ >> @ Yes, it's a possibility, but a *completely*

@ unfalsifiable one which

@ >> @ therefore has no place in science.

@

@ >> It is half-testable - you can possibly prove it true, but

@ there is no

@ >> possible way to prove it false. But you can't say it "has

@ no place in

@ >> science" any more than you can say that any of these other "half

@ >> testable" hypotheses have no place in science:

@ >>

@ >> - Evolution is responsible for the origin of species.

@

@ There is another reason why God has no place in science, and that is

@ that He's not necessary in science. He may be necessary elsewhere in

@ life, and He may be responsible for creating the Universe, finite or

@ otherwise, but in science the concept of God is otiose. He becomes

@ only an unnecessary extra hypothesis, and a useless one at that.
@ If you say "And God created quarks", you may be speaking the truth,
@ but that possible truth doesn't add to your knowledge of sub-atomic
@ physics, or quarks per se, even. Such a statement may merely (to
@ wear a phrase thin) tell your listener more about you than it does
@ about quarks.

Does that mean that scientists have no place in heaven?

:)

I originally put that in there to demonstrate the religious fervor with which some "scientists" become emotional whenever something like that is suggested. Very scientific behavior!

@ This line about evolution is getting old real fast. I know three
@ things about the horse, and two of them are rather coarse. The third
@ is that the Equus caballus we know today is one of four survivors
@ (one donkey and two zebra species) of hundreds of predecessors,
@ many of which co-existed. These died out because their environments
@ could not support them -- and the modern horse almost went the same
@ way for the same reason. Hyracotherium, the oldest known ancestor
@ of all these creatures, did not choose to evolve into the modern
@ horse: in another timeline, with different contingencies, there
@ might be no horses, or very different ones from those we know.
@ They might well not be rideable, not even by our doughty Queen.

And again, natural selection is NOT at all what I was talking about. I was talking about the origin of life itself, and of the various kinds of life. The current theory of the origin of life has all the properties of putting the contents of a junkyard in a giant shaker for several billion years and expecting to eventually produce a fully fueled fleet of different types of vehicles with the engines already running.

@ It may be that God "arranged" our horses' evolution so that Arabian
@ cavalry could conquer North Africa, or so that American Indians
@ could hunt buffalo more effectively, or even to give me the pleasure
@ of riding to hounds, but random extinctions will have done the job
@ just as well. This is not to say that God doesn't exist (how would
@ I know?) or that scientists "cannot" believe in God: only to insist
@ that the concept adds nothing to our *scientific* knowledge. Besides,
@ it may be that Einstein was wrong, and *all* God does is play dice.

Actually, according to Biblical beliefs, the opposite is true: There is no such thing as random chance. Every event has a purpose, but it appears to the layman as though the events are random. If this is true, then the entire concept of a random-chance null hypothesis is faulty.

Question: Can any of you prove that random chance really exists? Or does science just postulate that it does?

We could just as easily postulate that the world runs on Murphy's Law.

@ Superbugs are another good instance of survivors of mass
@ extinctions (in their case caused by antibiotics) that are better
@ adapted to their environment than their predecessors. I know
@ nothing about bacterial species, but superbugs are a very good
@ instance of evolution in action. The system works, by and large,
@ through things dying off, more or less by chance. Which is, I
@ suspect, why people don't like it, or misunderstand it even
@ when they accept it, and adopt this metaphor of "choice".

Again, natural selection is NOT what I was talking about.

@ If Harold Bloom is correct in suggesting that all religion is
@ in some sense a way of coming to terms with the fact of death,
@ then there are obvious implications for people's problems with
@ the starkness of the evolutionary process.

If religion is correct in suggesting that all science is in some sense a way of coming to terms with Harold Bloom.... :)

Just kidding!

My problem with evolution is that, since its theory on the origin of life (not the natural selection of species) is indistinguishable from random chance, there is no null hypothesis available to test it against, since the null hypothesis is usually random chance.

@ And we live in an unusual culture, which expects God to be nice,
@ for some reason. Where does it say He had to be that?

The Bible

Just imagine what the world would be like if He were not nice. Everyone would be in a constant state of chaos, fear, and panic.

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The ground traces are seen on air survey
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be true. But I have spoken to witnesses that did see them before 1946,
i.e. before Gösta Carlssons alleged landning took place. That shows that
Gösta may have created the story from the traces (and many other things).

The staff is hard to give an exact opinion
about since no one (exept Gösta himself) has analysed it. But the letters
(looking like runes) on its surface are very crude and seems to be made
by a not to highly advanced civilisation ;-) That and the fact tha Gösta
himself was an amateur grinder of gems and stones made me a little suspicious
about him doing this himself.

It really sounds flat and non-interesting
when I write these answers but the case is very complex (at least in Betty
and Barney Hill class) and should be read in its full length. So you all
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Clas Svahn

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From: Brett Holman <b.holman@physics.unimelb.edu.au>
Date: Tue, 11 May 2004 00:33:13 +1000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 'Big Bang glow hints at funnel-shaped Universe'
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

On Tue, May 04, 2004 at 10:52:08AM -0500, Robinson, Larry wrote:

> @ From: Brett Holman [mailto:b.holman@physics.unimelb.edu.au]
> @ Sent: Monday, May 03, 2004 8:54 PM
> @ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com
> @ Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: 'Big Bang glow hints at
> @ funnel-shaped Universe'
> @ > It is half-testable - you can possibly prove it true, but
> @ there is no
> @ > possible way to prove it false. But you can't say it "has
> @ no place in
> @ > science" any more than you can say that any of these other "half
> @ > testable" hypotheses have no place in science:
> @ >
> @ > - Evolution is responsible for the origin of species.
> @ > - There are weapons of mass destruction hidden in Iraq.*
> @ > - There is life on other planets.*
> @ > - Some UFOs come from outer space.
> @ > - Extra-Sensory Perception (ESP) exists.
> @ > - Rocks can fall from the sky.
> @ > - Yeti exist.*
> @ > - Bigfoot exists (not the truck or the store).*
> @ > - Faster than light travel is possible.
> @ >
> @ > * Would require the technology to make a simultaneous exhaustive
> @ > search of the entire area involved.
> @
> @ No, they are not quite the same thing, because the things
> @ on your list are falsifiable in principle. You could in principle
> @ search every square centimeter of the Himalayas, find no Yeti, and
> @ conclude that they don't exist. You may need to observe the entire
> @ Universe until the end of time to disprove some of these things,
> @ but that wouldn't help with your suggestion. It can't be disproved
> @ even in principle.
>
> Evolution also cannot be disproved even in principle too. Ditto on
> stones falling from the sky.

Not so - see below.

> I said that the ones with a "*" were falsifiable in principle, but not
> practically.

Well, perhaps I didn't make clear what I mean by falsifiable in principle.
By that I mean that the observations needed to falsify a theory are
possible in principle - when you come down to it, they are just going

to be sophisticated versions of a person in a white lab coat observing what they see. You might need some fancy technology, and observers at every point in space to do it, but in principle there is nothing impossible about that. It doesn't matter if some of those observations needed to have been made in the past and we have missed the opportunity to make them, they were still observations that could have been made and so the theory is still falsifiable in principle.

Where your proposal that God made the Universe look like it was billions of years old, there is no such possibility. There is no possible observation that could have been made *even in principle* that could lead one to conclude that your theory was false, because every possible observation has been anticipated by God and faked in advance. So your theory is unfalsifiable in principle and therefore not in the same category as the other theories you listed. It explains everything and therefore nothing.

- > @ More to the point, you *can* accumulate negative evidence - previous
- > @ searches didn't find any, we have never found any carcasses or
- > @ bones, there's no ecological niche for such an animal, and so on.
- > @ This allows us to come to *reasonable but tentative* conclusions
- > @ that this or that is not true or not possible or does not exist.
- > @ You can't do that with the hypothesis that God made evidence up
- > @ to mislead scientists, because for *every* possible piece of
- > @ evidence against the hypothesis, you can say "Well, that doesn't
- > @ mean anything; God made it look that way." That's why it has
- > @ no place in science and those other things do - it's a conspiracy
- > @ theory.
- >
- > How do you accumulate negative evidence about evolution, or stones
- > falling from the sky?

Easy. Every theory makes predictions about the current world. Evolution predicts that fossils will show change over different strata, that you can trace the evolution of species across time using their fossils. We examine fossils and we see this is true. If it hadn't been - if we saw the same fossil forms in every stratum - then that's negative evidence for evolution. Ditto for vestigial anatomical features which have no function.

With meteorites, the theory that they come from the sky leads one to predict that we find rocks which have chemical compositions which are non-terrestrial and match those of other objects in the solar \ system. And we do. If we never found such rocks, that would be negative evidence against the theory that they came from the sky. We would also expect some rocks to fall from the sky now, and these might be seen when they fall and possibly found. And we do in fact find this to be true. If we never saw such things, that would be negative evidence against the theory.

- > And if someone brings in a rock, and says it fell from the sky, any
- > scientist can say, "You expect to just pick up a rock, bring it in
- > here, tell me it fell from the sky, and think you can fool me?"

Any scientist can say that. Any *good* scientist would examine the rock first before leaping to conclusions.

- > I didn't mean it as a "conspiracy to mislead scientists." I meant
- > that God did put things together in a way that scientists are
- > misleading themselves over.

Again, if that's what you mean, then you that's what you should have said. What you actually said was (and you see why I like to have the original sources for everything):

- > 5. Everything was arranged by God so that scientists would come to the
- > conclusion that the universe is billions of years old (milliards, in
- > the world numbering system) and expanding. (Don't knock it, it IS a
- > possibility.)

"Everything was arranged by God *so that scientists would come to the conclusion* that the universe is billions of years old ... and expanding". Sorry, I don't see how else I was supposed to read this, other than God intended to mislead scientists.

- > Note that if scientists do find evidence that proves God exists, the
- > rules they operate under require them to ascribe it to random chance.
- >
- > So they are stacking the deck too.

Science has come a long, long way by looking for non-supernatural explanations, rather than invoking God when something is not yet understood. If you want to try to undermine the power of science, then go right ahead - just please don't present yourself as the arbiter of good vs. bad science.

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Date: Tue, 11 May 2004 00:32:34 +1000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Falsifiability & God [was: Big Bang glow hints...]
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

On Wed, May 05, 2004 at 10:37:10AM -0500, Robinson, Larry wrote:

> @ This line about evolution is getting old real fast. I know three
> @ things about the horse, and two of them are rather coarse. The third
> @ is that the Equus caballus we know today is one of four survivors
> @ (one donkey and two zebra species) of hundreds of predecessors,
> @ many of which co-existed. These died out because their environments
> @ could not support them -- and the modern horse almost went the same
> @ way for the same reason. Hyracotherium, the oldest known ancestor
> @ of all these creatures, did not choose to evolve into the modern
> @ horse: in another timeline, with different contingencies, there
> @ might be no horses, or very different ones from those we know.
> @ They might well not be rideable, not even by our doughty Queen.
>
> And again, natural selection is NOT at all what I was talking about.
> I was talking about the origin of life itself, and of the various
> kinds of life.

If that's what you were talking about, then you shouldn't have used
the phrase "origin of species", because that means something
else entirely than the origin of life. You can hardly blame the Duke
for not understanding what you mean when you don't actually say what
you mean.

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From: Brett Holman <b.holman@physics.unimelb.edu.au>
Date: Tue, 11 May 2004 00:54:10 +1000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Extrapolation and False Evidence
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

On Tue, May 04, 2004 at 12:45:30PM -0000, Chad Wilson wrote:

> [...]
> > More to the point, you *can* accumulate negative evidence - previous
> > searches didn't find any, we have never found any carcasses or
> > bones, there's no ecological niche for such an animal, and so on.
> > This allows us to come to *reasonable but tentative* conclusions
> > that this or that is not true or not possible or does not exist.
> [...]
>
> I would disagree with this premise.
>
> If one continues to collect negative results, then you need to look
> at your methods and your technology before concluding that something
> flatly doesn't exist.

I would agree, but that's why I said the conclusions are tentative.
They can be overturned by later evidence.

> In particle physics, many of the particles were predicted to exist
> through mathematics, not discovery. When technology caught up, the
> theory was proven. But it took YEARS for technology to catch up.
> Now, particle physicist are searching for the Graviton,
> Superpartners, and the Higgs Field. These things have been predicted
> through theories, but have not yet been proven.

Yes - and there existance has to be taken with a grain of salt, until
they are actually found. That's only proper. But the reason why
physicists are reasonably confident that they exist at all (well,
the Higgs Boson anyway, the other particles you mention are much more
speculative) is because the theories which require them have proven
extremely successful in explaining other data. That's not the case
with Yeti and Bigfoot.

> To use the Yeti and Bigfoot examples, we cannot conclude that they do
> not exist. These creatures might very well exist, but not quite as
> we believe them to be. The Yeti reports might simply be errant white
> bears out of their range. This does not negate the Yeti reports, but
> simply puts a more accurate name to the phenomena.

Fair enough. I'm not suggesting that such data be ignored, but
rather that we need to come to conclusions sometime, even if
they later prove to be incorrect. Much as I sympathise with the
Fortean ideal of suspending belief, it's not a practical one
for practising scientists.

- > If the scientist who theorised that our universe is bell-shaped want
- > to make that claim, more power to them.

From: "James Easton" <voyager@fortean.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 11 May 2004 00:10:26 +0100
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 'Big Bang glow hints at funnel-shaped Universe'
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

If it's of interest, now available online is a recording of last week's BBC Radio 4 'Frontiers' broadcast; from the 'Radio Times' preview:

"Ever since the Big Bang theory of the beginning of the universe burst into being, it has had to be revised and updated. Peter Evans weighs up a radical new theory that suggests the Big Bang was one initiating event in an eternal cycle of bangs with no apocalyptic end of time".

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/progs/listenagain.shtml>

Click on 'Frontiers' - 'Listen'.

See also the excellent online science archive - including 'Britain's X Files', at:

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From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>
Date: Tue, 11 May 2004 21:41:12 +0200 (CEST)
Subject: [UFORL] Books I am Looking For
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cis.u.org

Hello, I am interested to purchase the following two books:

- ° Jun Ichi Takanashi, Worldwide UFO Photos, Konunsha (Tokyo), 1981.
- ° M. Machlin, UFO, Quick Fox (New York), 1981

Any assistance will be appreciated. Please write to me in private.

In general, I will appreciate reading any listing of books devoted mainly to UFO photographs.

Thank you and best wishes,
V-J

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Date: Wed, 12 May 2004 17:28:38 +0200
Subject: [UFORL] Re: [SO] Exclusive - Mexican DoD Acknowledges UFO's In Mexico
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

Re: [SO] Exclusive - Mexican DoD Acknowledges UFO's InI just downlad this film it take 2 houers to get it becouse many peole try to get this film but it is and is wonderfull shok film showing eskadra of 11 light objects

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From: "Chad Wilson" <caeman@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, 12 May 2004 12:45:09 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] Mexico Air Force releases UFO Video
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisus.org

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Sounds like an interesting case.

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Date: Wed, 12 May 2004 20:26:12 +0100
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Mexican Air Force UFOs
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cis.u.org

The following is on Press Association wire service in UK, dated 11 May:

MEXICAN AIR FORCE PILOTS FILM UFOs

Mexican Air Force pilots filmed 11 unidentified flying objects in the skies over southern

Campeche state, a Defence Department spokesman confirmed.

A videotape made widely available to the news media yesterday shows the bright objects,

some sharp points of lights and others like large headlights, moving rapidly in what

appears to be a late-evening sky.

The lights were filmed on March 5 by pilots using infrared equipment. They appeared to

be flying at an altitude of around 11,480ft and allegedly surrounded the Air Force jet

as it conducted routine anti-drug trafficking vigilance in Campeche. Only three of the

objects showed up on the plane's radar.

"Was I afraid? Yes. A little afraid because we were facing something that had never

happened before," said radar operator Lieutenant German Marin in a taped interview made

public today.

"I couldn't say what it was...but I think they're completely real," added Lt Mario Adrian

Vazquez, the infrared equipment operator. Lt Vasquez insisted that there was no way to

alter the recorded images.

The plane's captain, Major Magdaleno Castenon, said the military jets chased the lights

"and I believe they could feel we were pursuing them."

When the jets stopped following the objects, they disappeared, he said.

A Defence Department spokesman confirmed that the videotape was filmed by members

of the Mexican Air Force. The spokesman declined to comment further and spoke on

customary condition of anonymity.

The video was first aired on national television on Monday then again at a press conference

yesterday by Jaime Maussan, a Mexican investigator who has dedicated the past 10 years

to studying UFOs.

"This is historic news," Mr Maussan told reporters. "Hundreds of videos (of UFOs)

exist, but none had the backing of the armed forces of any country...The
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don't perpetuate frauds."
He said Secretary of Defence General Ricardo Vega Garcia gave him the video
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Date: Thu, 13 May 2004 18:02:20 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] UFO Video - Mexico - March 5th, 2004
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

The video footage captured by the Mexican Military is available
at "The WHY? Files" - <http://www.thewhyfiles.co.uk>
I have converted the footage to Windows Media Format for a more
speedy download (less than 1 meg.).
See "Pilots, Sightings" - page 3 - <http://www.thewhyfiles.co.uk>
Peace,
Geoff Richardson

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Date: Thu, 13 May 2004 11:16:21 -0500
Subject: RE: [UFORL] last ufo mexico video
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

After looking at the images with detail revealing software, I see what appear to be lights so halated by the recording process that no detail of the actual objects present can be detected.

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From: Brett Holman <b.holman@physics.unimelb.edu.au>
Date: Wed, 19 May 2004 12:54:16 +1000
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Re: last ufo mexico video
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

On Tue, May 18, 2004 at 05:36:08PM -0500, Robinson, Larry wrote:
> Yes.

Firstly, Smith's assertion without evidence can hardly
be considered conclusive proof.

Secondly, I doubt that Smith (the author of the article
in question) has any inside info. Larry Hatch sent him an
email asking for more details - Smith replied briefly,
recommending that he watch a decade old documentary and
referring to a WWII US Navy project named "Yahootie".
I did a bit of googling and found that the project was
actually called "Yehudi" instead. I doubt he could have read
anything about Yehudi and misspelt it that way; more
his source was that same documentary, and he misheard it.
This wouldn't bode well for his credibility!

<<http://www.globalatlantic.com/janes2.html>>

See also

<http://www.sew-lexicon.com/gloss_uz.htm#YEHUDI>

Smith again refers to "Yahootie" here:

<<http://www.newsmax.com/archives/articles/2004/1/14/222343.shtml>>

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@ From: james_easton [mailto:voyager@fortean.co.uk]

@ Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2004 5:09 PM

@ To: UFORL@yahoogroups.com

@ Subject: [UFORL] Re: last ufo mexico video

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@ Regarding:

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

@ >Date: Tue, 18 May 2004 11:25:11 -0500

@ >Subject: RE: [UFORL] last ufo mexico video

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@ Larry wrote:

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@ >They turned out to be US fighter planes with special

@ >infrared emitting panels intended for formation flying

@ >using night vision systems.

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@ Larry,

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@ Is this the source of your comments?:

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<http://www.newsmax.com/archives/articles/2004/5/13/91044.shtml>

There's an author bio at:

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never cease to amaze me. What is your source for this info? So far
I've heard weather balloons, ball lightning, and second-generation stealth
aircraft (the ones with the cameras on top and the TV monitors on the bottom so
that all you can see from the ground is the sky above the plane). Of
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show up on infrared detectors anyway?) using night vision systems (at 5:00PM
local?) to prevent midair collisions (at 5:00PM local?). And why were they
invisible to the naked eye? Oh, do you also claim that they were
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Date: Tue, 18 May 2004 22:00:10 +0100 (BST)

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<DIV>You are quite right Larry. BTW, did you also notice the small figures on the wings on these fighter planes? Each plane had a woman, scantily clad and securely tied to the wing, and they seemed to have large trays in front of them. The purpose of this wasn't obvious until these planes approached the police craft and when within shouting distance, one of the women was heard to yell to the pilots, "Choc ices anyone?" </DIV>

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<DIV>Stuart Miller</DIV>

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No. They turned out to be US fighter planes with special infrared emitting panels intended for formation flying using night vision systems. The purpose is to prevent midair collisions between the fighters. Of course, they are not used in real combat.

The Mexican aircraft was using FLIR (Forward Looking InfraRed). It is made for police use, intended for locating human suspects who are hiding from police in the dark, It is not designed for precision imaging.

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

From: Jim Speiser [mailto:jimspeiser@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 15, 2004 12:29 PM
Subject: RE: [UFORL] last ufo mexico video

Probably fire balloons, right Larry?

:~)

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

From: Robinson, Larry [mailto:lrobin@indiana.edu]
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2004 9:16 AM
Subject: RE: [UFORL] last ufo mexico video

After looking at the images with detail revealing software, I see what appear to be lights so halated by the recording process that no detail of the actual objects present can be detected.

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PS This appears to be Charles Smith's website:

<<http://www.softwar.net/>>

Down the bottom there's a link to a subscription form for the
Softwar newsletter - "EACH ISSUE INCLUDES A U.S. GOVERNMENT
DOCUMENT
FROM INSIDE HIDDEN FILES." Wow, and I thought it was cool when
my Corn Flakes box came with a plastic spaceman inside it ...
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Date: Thu, 20 May 2004 14:59:52 +0200
Subject: Re: [UFORL] last ufo mexico video
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

Hello,

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Thanks for the info.

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Subject: Re: [UFORL] last ufo mexico video
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For information - I queried Smith's article on an informed military aviation list and the following response might be of interest:

"IR formation lights are standard equipment on most US front line aircraft, and have been for some time".

IR LEDs on the left formation light of a Block 52 F-16C:

<http://www.habu2.net/aeropix/scott2003/images/s523.jpg>

IR LEDs on the trailing formation light on the same F-16C:

<http://www.habu2.net/aeropix/scott2003/images/s509.jpg>

These lights have been openly acknowledged in many public sources, the following is an excerpt from Lockheed's Code One magazine, January 1998: (article is online at:

http://www.codeonemagazine.com/archives/1998/articles/jan_98/jan2a_98.html

"Aviano F-16 pilots are equally pleased with the exterior lighting portion of the NVIS modification as well. 'The exterior lighting is spectacular,' Nichols says. 'In covert mode, the airplane is completely dark to the naked eye. And the variable covert strobe allows us to discern different airplanes by the rate at which the strobe flashes. We can look around in a four-ship and know where everybody is.'

Nichols says the variable strobe is especially helpful in the forward air controller or FAC mission. 'NVGs make it difficult to perceive range,' he explains. 'A bright object ten miles away may appear closer than a nearby dim object. Depth perception works differently at low light levels. A unique strobe rate makes it real simple to distinguish a wingman from other light sources.'

The NVG-friendly lighting also improves the air-to-air capabilities of F-16s at night. 'We can easily distinguish our aircraft from aircraft with normal

lighting,' Nichols explains. 'When we fly against an airplane without NVG-compatible lighting, we can sort other aircraft visually from a long way out, sometimes before we can sort them on the radar'."

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--- Frits Westra <fw-nx@xs4all.nl> escribió: > Hello,
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> Anyone who knows whether the Mexican airforce has released the FLIR
> recordings to other investigators besides Jaime Maussan?

Frits, the secretary of Defense just provided the video recording to a well-known propagandist (an excellent move IF the Government politicians wanted to distract the people's attention from the actual economic/social/political conditions to other, more ethereal issues). Reason why the Defense authority did not provide it to scientists? Please do not laugh in a loud voice: "becuase we do not know them, we do not know where they are" (sic)

> And has anyone seen the raw, unedited FLIR recordings released by the Mexican airforce?

Apparently (up to now) noone except the elected journalist, one he who seems to play a censor role because he has just publicized one and again selected (and the same) segments of the video (why?, does he pretend to have it commercial, similar to the alien autopsy footage?, rumor says that he has prohibited that full copies are provided to third parties, this to be verified). A full scientific study cannot be performed unless the complete, unedited video is available to researchers (not to any individually elected media, as it was the case in Mexico).

V-J

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On Friday 21 May 2004 01:44, James Easton wrote:
[useful info snipped]

I would just add that US combat aircraft have for many years - and I mean decades - carried strip lights on the nose, rear fuselage and tail for formation flying without NVG gear. These are low-intensity lights, designed to be used close-up and not very visible from afar, but if viewed with light-intensifying or IR NVG goggles would appear extremely bright. I have some pix of these on F/A-18s and AV-8Bs back in the late 80s when I shot pictures at a couple of Marine Corps bases.

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From: "James Easton" <voyager@fortean.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 22 May 2004 23:48:37 +0100
Subject: [UFORL] 'Abduct My Wallet...'.
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

'Abduct My Wallet: Confessions of a UFO Hoaxer'

By Lee Shargel
May 18, 2004

[...]

I decided that the best way to get the book published was to make the slightest inference that it just might be real. Lo and behold, the NEW AGE publishers were beating down my door. I secured a publisher and a nice (if not small) advance check. I was ready to meet the world as a fictional Top Secret NASA scientist and holder of a PhD in Egyptian Quantum Mechanics. (That degree was made up in a pinch, but it, too, worked) I got an agent and a manager who were only too eager to cash in on the UFO craze. But first it required a plan.

I was booked into a UFO convention in Philadelphia where I presented photos of the actual spaceship that had crashed in Roswell, New Mexico. I blew them away with showmanship and P.T. Barnum hucksterisms. And I'll be darned, it worked. I thought, "Hey, there's money to be mined in these Black Hills of Alien Wonder".

Note: Around this time our little blue planet had a celestial visitor named Hale-Bopp. So, thinking I should jump on the comet bandwagon, I rode the tail of this comet all the way to the bank and stopped off briefly for a two hour stint on Art Bell's Coast to Coast radio broadcast where I stated with a sci-fi preface that a "Companion" was following the comet. This created quite a stir and unbeknownst to me then, was heard by a small group of people in San Diego, who called themselves, Heaven's Gate. I was invited to be the guest speaker at the International UFO Congress's annual meeting held in Laughlin, Nevada. There I would bring the audience to tears with my tales of abductions, government conspiracies, photos of flying saucers (created in Hollywood of all places) Dolphinoïd Aliens (Yeah that was one of my best) and a little piece of alien spacecraft. I saw first hand how these Alien Carnival barkers were picking the pockets (just as I was unashamedly doing at the time) of the thousands of attendees that travelled from all over the world and beyond, (Hey, you never know)

to have their ears tickled by speculation and out right lies. As far as I was concerned, this was the height of entertainment. Everything was going fine until it was discovered that I was encroaching on the territory and the profits of this alien mafia.

I was accosted by the UFO congressional leadership, (who voted for these BOZOS anyway?) who threatened my very existence unless I was to cease and desist from this foul game I was playing. They had this turf covered and there was no room for the likes of me. Oh, unless I wanted to share the profits of my alien gotten gain. I refused and was banished to Bogeyland. (That's internet Hell in case you were wondering.)"

[...]

[END]

The full article can be read, at:

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Date: Sat, 29 May 2004 19:22:32 +0200 (CEST)
Subject: [UFORL] Jean-Michel Ligeron
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

Hello, I am looking for the e-mail address of French ufologist Jean-Michel Ligeron. Please reply privately.
In the case he has not one, does anyone knows if he is still living in 3, RUE DE GRENET, 08000 AIGLEMONT?
Your assistance will be appreciated.
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Date: Tue, 1 Jun 2004 11:28:37 -0500
Subject: [UFORL] UWO and Sanderson
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

I saw a UWO last night.

A what?

It was originally seen against the sky - an object with three brilliant red lights arranged in a crescent orientation. The time was 10:00, well after the sky turned totally dark, and the location was a city park near my house.

As I continued watching it, it descended below the horizon, and I realized that it must be very small and very close to the ground, following a walking trail in our city park. I then thought of those brilliant red lights for bicycles.

But soon I realized that it moved in an erratic fashion, and was TOO close to the ground for a bicycle.

The lights were red LED panels on a dog collar. A woman was walking her dog in the park.

An Unconventional Walking Object, it is yet another man-made device which can at times be mistaken for a UFO.

I also just acquired a copy of Ivan Sanderson's "Uninvited Visitors." As I read through the chapter "What do they do?", I realized that most of the cases he presented as "unusual behavior" are now either known fire balloon cases, or have all of the usual characteristics of fire balloons (wobbling, pendulum motion, rotation, precession, sharp turns, rushing directly away from witness, and colors of red, orange, yellow, or white).

Sanderson then says that whoever constructed these craft must be highly intelligent.

Most fire balloons back then were constructed by teenagers who read a certain science-fair project magazine. The project was tracking winds at different altitudes, and the fire balloon plans were provided for making an inexpensive tool to do it with. Some of the teenagers were doing the project. Others were trying to make UFOs.

Teenagers? Highly intelligent? Get real!!!!

If they were intelligent, they would have realized the fire hazard inherent in fire balloons. Come to think of it, the writers of the article should have thought of that too.

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Date: Thu, 3 Jun 2004 09:53:44 +0200
Subject: Re: [UFORL] UWO and Sanderson
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

On Tuesday 01 June 2004 18:28, Robinson, Larry wrote:
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| which
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Here in the Normandy countryside we often see dramatic, Spielbergian UFOs - blazing lights hovering just above the ground or moving slowly through the air. This happens at various times during the year, but there's always a spate of sightings just about maize harvest time.

Tractors, of course. The farmers will sometimes work well into the night - sometimes right through it at harvest time. This is sparsely-populated, gently rolling countryside, which is what creates the illusion. Away from the towns, there are no man-made lights to give you clues as to the lie of the land. And because one's impression of it is that it's basically flat-ish, you're not conscious of there being any higher ground around. We've seen lights that, even knowing this landscape, we've had a hard time convincing ourselves are not hovering 100ft in the air.

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From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Thu, 03 Jun 2004 02:30:01 -0400
Subject: Re: [UFORL] UWO and Sanderson
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

"Robinson, Larry" wrote:

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Hi Larry:

This Lexington, KY incident from '93 is something that I became interested in several years ago when I was trying to tune into various sighting reports near Cincinnati, OH from April of '93. I had been exploring the curious events at the Lebanon and Warren Correctional Institutes (Warren County on April 8, 1993) and although this Lexington incident is not exactly local to Cincinnati, it caught my attention from an article that I found on it which appeared on the internet. The article seemed to cover the story fairly well - without any attempt to explain the incident however - but not having anything to I.D. the source of the article, I couldn't tell if it was legit or not.

I was wondering if you had anything to indicate the 1) source of the initial report, such as a newspaper publication with date and 2) anything with a source for the explanation referenced above.

Thanks for the help on this one

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>
Date: Mon, 7 Jun 2004 14:50:59 -0500
Subject: [UFORL] My sighting
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

I sighted an unusual object in the sky on 6/5/04 at about 1730 EST here in
Bloomington IN. After a few minutes, I identified it. But I thought it
might be interesting to let you guys have a crack at it before I reveal
the identification, because it was such a weird looking object.

I was driving east on Moore's Pike when I saw the object hovering over
the
intersection of Moore's Pike and Clarizz Blvd. I was planning to turn
north onto Clarizz to go to a local grocery store and one other shop, so
I made the turn - and immediately lost sight of the object behind the
roof
of my minivan, as it was now on my right. So I turned east on Covenanter
Drive, and parked in the parking lot of the first apartment complex
there.
I got out of the car and watched the object, which was now about 60
degrees up in the eastern sky.

The object had the basic shape of an arrow as used on American freeway
traffic signs, with a triangular head, a straight shaft, and no tail.
The
head was an equilateral triangle. The shaft was about twice as long as
the
head, and half the width of the head. The sides of the shaft were two
parallel edges. The back end of the shaft had a vee indentation (like
the
nock of an archery arrow), rather than being squared off. When the arrow
was edge-on to my vision, its thickness was about 1/3 the width of the
shaft, and it tapered in a curve to a point at the ends, making it look
like a long sausage when seen edge-on. This edge-on aspect appeared
about
the same (except the perceived length) whether the arrow pointed along
my
sight, or perpendicular to it.

The head of the arrow was half red and half white, with the color
dividing
line being parallel to one edge of the point of the arrow, or about 60
degrees to the linear direction the arrow is pointing. The shaft had red
and white stripes running parallel to the direction the arrow was
pointing. There were other markings in black, but I could not make them
out.

The remarkable thing about this object was its constant motion, even
though it slowly drifted toward the north during the entire sighting. It

was constantly tumbling end over end, in such a way that the arrow pointed in every direction and also presented both its flat and edge views while doing so. It took an average of about 7 seconds to complete one tumbling rotation, but some rotations were quicker than others, and occasionally it would stop tumbling, or reverse the direction of tumble.

At times I was looking along the axis of tumble rotation, and at times that axis was perpendicular to me, but mostly it was in between. But that axis was never vertical. Also, sometimes the flat faces of the arrow were perpendicular to the axis of tumble, at other times they were parallel to it, but usually the axis and the faces were at odd angles to each other.

The object gave off no sound. It had a flat (not specular) finish to it. There was a very light south-southwest wind. The angular size was about a full moon at my closest approach.

I watched it for about 5 minutes, and then realized that the other place I wanted to go to before going to the grocery was about to close. I left the scene, and attended to both errands. When I returned home, going the other way past the location of the sighting, about 15 minutes later, the object was gone.

OK, I know what it was. Do you?

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Subject: RE: [UFORL] UWO and Sanderson
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

I have articles in the Louisville Courier-Journal for several days after the event, including one where the person who launched the fire balloon (as part of a weather experiment) explained what the object was.

Articles appeared in issues of the Courier-Journal ranging from 2/3/93 to 2/8/93. I believe the explanation is given on 2/7/93. I will have to check my files (across town from where the computer is) for the exact dates.

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@ From: Kenny Young [mailto:ufo@fuse.net]

@ Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2004 1:30 AM

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@ Subject: Re: [UFORL] UWO and Sanderson

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Subject: RE: [UFORL] UFO Review - issue 2, June 2004
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A few thoughts on a couple of articles in UFO Review:

The airplane that crashed in Alabama:

1. "I needed to deviate" may be a dying admonition to the controller for not providing enough separation between his plane and the Fed-Ex plane to avoid clear-air-turbulence.
2. The plane may have run into an ultralight. Its wreckage might be too small to show up.
3. Drug smugglers may have used a missile to shoot down what they thought was a drug enforcement plane.

The Mexican UFOs:

1. Temperature is indicated by infrared emission ONLY if the object is emitting black-body radiation. The feature is quite useful for telling a human body from a chimney or a car engine. But if the object is emitting narrow-band radiation, the temperature reading is erroneous.
2. When a strong light strikes a TV camera, the eye, or photographic film, the image grows by the process of halation, a scattering of light INSIDE the detecting medium. In the eye, the light reflects off of the rod and cone cells, striking other rod and cone cells which were not in the original path of the light. In cameras, light similarly reflects off of the silver halide crystals in films, or the semiconductor devices or photoemissive surfaces in TV cameras, producing the same effect.
3. Aren't we forgetting infrared LASER devices here? Lasers are used in many things, including aircraft ranging devices, surveyor's transits, Police LIDAR for speed enforcement, communication beams, weather instruments (as probes and as downlinks), and the list goes on. And non LASER infrared sources are used in remote controls, wireless headphones, and many other consumer devices.
4. Meteors and space junk don't stay lit up in the sky for 20 minutes.

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Date: Sat, 12 Jun 2004 23:15:00 -0000
Subject: [UFORL] IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cis.u.org

It is my unpleasant task to inform you that Stephen Peverley has ceased to be the webmaster of "The WHY? Files".
Any activity or any correspondence received from him this capacity is NOT authorised by The WHY? Files website or myself.
All I can say is that matters are very much "in hand" and no more can be said at this point in time, except that I personally have always dealt with the UFO community in an honest and honourable manner - as I have with everyone in all aspects of my life.
Further announcements will be made when necessary and applicable.
If anyone wishes to contact me, please use : geoff@thewhyfiles.net
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From: John Lundberg <john@circlemakers.org>
Date: Mon, 14 Jun 2004 15:43:20 +0100
Subject: [UFORL] A beach of a job...
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cis.u.org

Here's one we made earlier:

<http://www.chortle.co.uk/news/june04/beach.htm>

Later,
John

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From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>
Date: Fri, 2 Jul 2004 14:55:54 +0200 (CEST)
Subject: [UFORL] FOTOCAT Project News, June 2004
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cis.u.org

FOTOCAT Project News, June 2004.

This is a non-cumulative report. For previous editions of this non-regular news report on the advancement of the Anomaly Foundation's FOTOCAT Project, please see <<http://www.anomalia.org/fotocat1.htm>>

LAST TALLY

The present number of cases of FOTOCAT is 4,770. On average, 3 new cases are added every day, one current and two old.

DONATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL HELP RECEIVED

A number of researchers have provided follow-up information on some photographic cases from the remarkable wave of 1954. We thank Eric Maillot, from France, Eddie Bullard from Indiana University, USA, and author Björn Borg from Finland.

For leads and material, our gratitude also goes to Tom Tulien (United States).

Long-time ufologists are well aware of Civilian Saucer Intelligence, the old-time UFO organization based in New York under the leadership of Alex Mebane, Ted Bloecher and other pioneers. Thanks to the concourse of Richard Hall, their case cards reporting photographic events are being communicated to us via email.

Richard Heiden, the well-known Milwaukee ufologist and avid book collector specializing in Spanish and Latin America UFO literature has sent to FOTOCAT Project photocopy of all UFO photographic reports released in the The APRO Bulletin during all its publishing history. A most welcome addition.

WHERE TO SUBMIT PHOTO-DOCUMENTATION

We invite researchers to donate originals or copies of materials relative to UFO photographic cases (photo, film or video). The Anomaly Foundation will recognize in public your cooperation. Items can be posted to:

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos
Apartado de Correos 12140
46080 Valencia
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You can reach us electronic mail also in: <fotocat@anomalia.org>

21st CENTURY UFO PHOTOGRAPHY. PRELIMINARY INFORMATION
I thought some initial comments on the UFO photographic reports collected

during 2000 to 2004 could be interesting. Indeed they are, yet not by what most readers may imagine. My impression is that every day one new photo appears in some place of the world. In fact, the number of photographic cases detected by FOTOCAT follows:

Year	Number of Cases
2000	84
2001	114
2002	231
2003	180
2004	146 (to mid June)

Digital cameras and video camcorders are almost as popular as mobile phones today, many people own one and every curious sight in the sky is quickly recorded for the posterity. But especially with digital cameras, a technology alien to dilettante photographers, there is a relevant proportion of images that were not seen by the photographers at the time the picture was obtained. That “invisibility” makes me think of prosaic solutions linked to a variety of forms of lens flares or reflections, as well as bugs or birds.

The proportion of so-called UFO images not directly associated to any non-mundane observation increase year over year. Figures are so explicit. In 2002, 5% of cases were of this “unseen-by-observer” class. In 2003 the percentage was 12%. Last count for 2004 shows a rate of 27%! The amount of reporting garbage increases rapidly.

On the other hand, it has reappeared an effect that it seemed to have vanished from the UFO scene: the greatly-lucky-observer, i.e., those persons who every now and then come out of their houses, find a UFO over them and just snap a photo or film it. Those “repeaters” (as Hynek defined them, if I am not wrong) do not seem to me to be specially gifted for UFO photography, because in most cases the level of strangeness of the images they capture is nil, their cameras being focused to every kind of flying birds or insects, balloons of many types and shapes, and all sorts of moving or lighted bodies in the skies, including astronomical.

But what really worries me is the natural blind acceptance of ufologists to the apparent extreme luck of those individuals. Their photos are disseminated in web sites and in a number of internet weekly reports devoted to UFO phenomena without the slightest signal of reasonable doubt or critical reasoning! The level of credulity is rampant and this is very dangerous to the intent that the study of UFOs can be considered legitimate by the society. Those who are the source of these “reproductive” images are the freak part of ufology and the more attention they deserve, the more production is expected. In consequence, as far a UFO photography is concerned, the signal-to-noise ratio is hardly over zero.

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Date: Fri, 2 Jul 2004 13:26:32 -0500
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The object was a mylar "Uncle Sam" balloon which probably escaped from a child.

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in every direction and also presented both its flat and edge views while doing so. It took an average of about 7 seconds to complete one tumbling rotation, but some rotations were quicker than others, and occasionally it

would stop tumbling, or reverse the direction of tumble.

At times I was looking along the axis of tumble rotation, and at times that axis was perpendicular to me, but mostly it was in between. But that

axis was never vertical. Also, sometimes the flat faces of the arrow were

perpendicular to the axis of tumble, at other times they were parallel to

it, but usually the axis and the faces were at odd angles to each other.

The object gave off no sound. It had a flat (not specular) finish to it.

There was a very light south-southwest wind. The angular size was about a full moon at my closest approach.

I watched it for about 5 minutes, and then realized that the other place I wanted to go to before going to the grocery was about to close. I left the scene, and attended to both errands. When I returned home, going the other way past the location of the sighting, about 15 minutes later, the object was gone.

OK, I know what it was. Do you?

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Date: Tue, 29 Jun 2004 18:29:39 -0500
Subject: [UFORL] Ditter photos
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

I got a new source which has the UNCROPPED Ditter UFO photos (Zanesville OH 11/13/66), and I discovered a few things.

- The pictures were taken at least an hour apart. The shadows moved that much between exposures. Also, a little foreign car which was in the driveway in the first photo (where the UFO is closer, over the peak of the roof) is gone in the second photo (where the UFO is farther away and over the driveway). The VW isn't big enough to hide it.
- The photographer moved several feet between shots, for no apparent reason (other than to "move" a suspended UFO model with respect to the house).
- The object is out of focus, compared to the objects in the background. Only a small object close to the camera can account for this.
- There is some kind of dome shaped object in the side yard (to the right of the house in the photo, behind the little foreign car) which is quite interesting, to say the least. Does anyone know what it is?
- One possibility is that the UFO is one of the hubcaps from that VW in the picture.

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<DIV>Issue 3 contains interviews with Mac Tonnies about Mars, the Face, artifacts and the landers and with Wendy Connors about her website, Faded Discs, and her quest to preserve old ufological recordings and to make them available for researchers. </DIV>

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Sent:  
Thursday, June 10, 2004 10:22 PM  
To:

UFORL@yahoogroups.com  
Subject: RE:

[UFORL] My sighting  
Uhhhhhhhhh.....don't tell me....lemme  
guess....a fire balloon?  
Seriously, my first impression would be an  
escaped advertising balloon, one of those obnoxious aerostats that points  
you to an open house at a condominium development. Am I  
close?

-----Original Message-----  
From: Robinson,  
Larry

[mailto:lrobins@indiana.edu]  
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2004 12:51 PM  
To:  
UFORL@yahoogroups.com  
Subject: [UFORL] My sighting  
I  
sighted an

unusual object in the sky on 6/5/04 at about 1730 EST  
here in Bloomington IN. After a few minutes, I identified it. But I  
thought it might be interesting to let you guys have a crack at it before I  
reveal the identification, because it was such a weird looking  
object.  
I was driving east on Moore's Pike when I saw the object  
hovering over the intersection of Moore's Pike and Clarizz Blvd. I was  
planning to turn north onto Clarizz to go to a local grocery store and one  
other shop, so I made the turn - and immediately lost sight of the object  
behind the roof of my minivan, as it was now on my right. So I turned  
east on Covenanter Drive, and parked in the parking lot of the first  
apartment complex there. I got out of the car and watched the object,  
which was now about 60 degrees up in the eastern sky. The object  
had

the basic shape of an arrow as used on American freeway traffic signs, with  
a triangular head, a straight shaft, and no tail. The head was an  
equilateral triangle. The shaft was about twice as long as the head, and  
half the width of the head. The sides of the shaft were two parallel edges.  
The back end of the shaft had a vee indentation (like the nock of an  
archery arrow), rather than being squared off. When the arrow was edge-on  
to my vision, its thickness was about 1/3 the width of the shaft, and it  
tapered in a curve to a point at the ends, making it look like a long  
sausage when seen edge-on. This edge-on aspect appeared about the same  
(except the perceived length) whether the arrow pointed along my sight,  
or perpendicular to it. The head of the arrow was half red and half  
white, with the color dividing line being parallel to one edge of the







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From: "Geoff Richardson" <geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk>  
Date: Thu, 08 Jul 2004 13:13:15 -0000  
Subject: [UFORL] Creatures with no business here!  
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cis.u.org

Ed Gerhman is convinced of the authenticity of the "Alien Autopsy" film. So much so that, despite the mass of opposition to his views, he conducted a thorough investigation into the validity of the "Cameraman's statement".

Regardless of your opinions of the Santilli Alien Autopsy Film, you will find Ed Gerhman's article a fascinating account of his research and investigations into this controversial subject.

Read "Creatures With No Business Here" at:  
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Geoff Richardson  
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Date: Tue, 13 Jul 2004 01:55:09 +0100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Creatures with no business here!  
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

As many subscribers will recall, distinguished photographer, Bob Shell' was involved with the 'alien autopsy' story - Bob becoming embroiled in claims that Kodak had ever actually seen any related 16mm film samples, let alone verified its 1947 provenance.

It seems Bob has somewhat more to be concerned about these days:

'The Roanoke Times'  
Friday, June 18, 2004

[...]

RADFORD - Radford photographer Bob Shell and his defense attorney lashed out at authorities this week, asking the court to dismiss the homicide, drug and sex charges against him and to bring sanctions against the commonwealth's attorney's office.

At issue for Shell and attorney Marc Small is what they call repeated and unanswered requests for evidence that authorities must turn over to them before trial, now set for Jan. 3-10 in Radford Circuit Court. Shell, 57, is charged with felony homicide, three counts of defiling a corpse, attempted sodomy, two counts of attempted animate object penetration and three drug charges in connection with the overdose death of one of his models, 19-year-old Marion Franklin of Boone, N.C.

Franklin died June 3, 2003, in Shell's photography studio in downtown Radford from an overdose of morphine.

[...]

[END]

For related 'Updates', see:

<http://www.bobshell.com/update.html>

and...

<http://www.roanoke.com/archives/>

[search under 'bob shell'].

James.

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On Thu, 8 Jul 2004, Geoff Richardson wrote:

> Regardless of your opinions of the Santilli Alien Autopsy Film,  
> you will find Ed Gerhman's article a fascinating account of his  
> research and investigations into this controversial subject.

At the time this topic was newsworthy, I speculated on what could happen if Santilli's claims ever got taken seriously, and wrote up a post to illustrate a likely scenario. Since then, it's occurred to me that the basic idea might make a fairly funny movie. Michael Richards or Jason Alexander (Seinfeld's "Cosmo Kramer" and "George Costanza") might play Santilli pretty effectively. There may be some who haven't seen it, so here it is again:

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Statement from the bench,  
US Court of Appeals,  
United States vs Santilli

Mr. Santilli, you stand before this court today because of your own words, and the actions of others both in and out of government who took those words seriously. Before handing down final judgement, the court will briefly review the circumstances of the case at hand.

In the summer of 1995, you announced in various public forums that you had come into possession of certain motion picture film supposedly taken by a US government military photographer. You alleged that the film depicted an autopsy, conducted in 1947, on the body of an alien being recovered from the wreckage of an extraterrestrial spacecraft that supposedly crashed near Roswell, New Mexico.

You alleged that you paid the photographer a considerable sum for the film (around \$50,000). You then offered this film, or portions of it, for sale to various media outlets, and made sales to these outlets worth several million dollars.

Following the initial exhibitions of the film in several nations, a sizable public controversy arose as to its authenticity. Numerous individuals, associated with organizations dedicated to confirming the theory that our planet is currently being visited

by extraterrestrials, prevailed on both the executive and legislative branches of the US government to conduct investigations. These investigations, it was alleged, could strip away a veil of secrecy and coverup that has supposedly shrouded the Roswell events since 1947.

As a result of this public hue and cry, a special congressional investigation was authorized, funded, and organized. The cooperation of numerous executive branch agencies was solicited during the conduct of this investigation, among them the Department of Justice. A special investigative task force was organized in DOJ, and this task force began tracing the money flows involved in the transactions you claimed took place between yourself, the alleged photographer, and various media outlets.

At this point, you may have begun to realize the potential adverse consequences to yourself of the public controversy you had initiated. These consequences began to develop when one of the members of the DOJ task force suggested taking you at your word and accepting as truthful the various allegations you had made. Operating on that assumption, the task force quickly came to the following conclusions:

- 1) The photographer could be prosecuted for numerous violations of laws and regulations relating to the proper handling and disposition of highly classified information.
- 2) The photographer, in keeping copies of the film, was in possession of stolen government property; his sale of that stolen property to you was therefore illegal, and all funds realized by the photographer from this illegal transaction are subject to forfeiture to the government.
- 3) Since you, in your own words, admitted to being fully aware of how the photographer came into possession of the film, you also had to be fully aware that in offering the film for sale, you were illegally offering up stolen government property. All funds realized from these transactions are therefore subject to forfeiture to the US government.

The task force acted promptly on these conclusions, freezing your assets in the US, and obtaining the cooperation of certain foreign governments in freezing your overseas assets; these actions were followed up by seizure proceedings, in order to secure possession of the illegally obtained proceeds of your various transactions.

The task force next examined your public statements concerning the film in question, and checked out both the film and your statements for any objective evidence that your statements were

false. Finding no such evidence, the task force initiated prosecution of you on charges related to your illegal transactions. Your statements, in effect, amounted to a full and public confession of some quite serious felonies. At this point, you probably began to feel genuine apprehension, perhaps even fright, at the predicament you had gotten yourself into.

The resulting prosecution possessed two features of interest:

1) The prosecution assembled tape and film footage of your public statements on the origin of the film, together with certain written documents. The prosecution then indicated that they had no intention of attempting to discredit these statements, that your statements amounted to a full confession, that there were no issues of fact for a jury to decide, and requested a directed verdict of guilty.

2) Your defense was then faced with what amounted to a reversal of the usual situation vis-a-vis prosecution and defense. Instead of the prosecution being required to prove your guilt, you had to prove your innocence. And in order to do that, you faced the unpleasant prospect of establishing that your statements, concerning the film's content and manner of acquisition by you, were false. An interesting predicament.

You are standing here today, instead of languishing in a federal prison, because you succeeded in extricating yourself from your situation in the only way you could; you proved that the whole "alien autopsy" was an elaborate hoax. You led investigators to the studio where the hoax was filmed, showed them the props and costumes, and even presented the simulated "alien corpse" to the investigators. You also led investigators to your accomplices, who, with commendable alacrity, produced full statements describing the staging and production of the film (the phrase "fell all over themselves to rat him out" was used by one of the investigators who obtained these statements.)

You are therefore free to go, Mr Santilli. Your assets have been unfrozen and you are at liberty to resume your life and career. There is only one small catch; the investigations which were stimulated by your hoax have been quite expensive. The court is in possession of a complete accounting of all investigative costs, amounting to 3.7 million dollars. This amount will be subtracted from your assets before they are unfrozen. The court further notes that these investigative costs amount to more than the sum of your frozen assets, and that you therefore owe the US government \$517,478. The bailiffs will escort you to the office of the court's collection agent; she will assist you in arranging a schedule of payments to retire this debt.



In conclusion, and incidentally, your passport will remain in the custody of the court until your debt is retired. The court hopes you have an enjoyable stay in the United States.

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There's a drawing of the alleged crash site, showing a soldier in the foreground supposedly guarding the wreckage. Whoever did the drawing needs a course in US infantry weapons. The soldier's rifle (supposedly 1947) shows a bolt handle (like a Mauser or Springfield '03) AND the distinctive elevated front sight from the current-issue M-16. Back in 1947, the soldier would have been carrying an M-1 Garand. That weapon is semi-auto, so there's no Mauser/Springfield bolt handle, and the front sight is right down on top of the barrel.

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Date: Wed, 14 Jul 2004 04:30:19 +0100  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Where are the pelicans...  
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

Regarding:

>From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
>Date: Tue, 13 Jul 2004 00:35:31 EDT  
>Subject: [UFORL] Where are the pelicans....

Bob wrote:

"Within the last year somebody on this or another list uncovered the fact that pelicans nested in June, and therefore they may not have been seen flying in the air in 1947 near the Arnold sighting. Since they are birds, and birds fly, it wasn't clear why this would be so...".

Bob,

Someone reportedly, 'uncovered the \_fact\_ that pelicans nested in June'... apparently, any such source oblivious to the evidential context, as confirmed in my founding 'Fortean Times' article:

If Arnold did not see secret aircraft, what other terrestrial phenomenon could account for nine airborne objects in formation before we make that leap of logic to postulate craft from another world. It was UFO researcher Martin Kottmeyer who came up with a promising direction... birds. In July 1997, he advocated that a flock of swans could be sufficiently unusual to have deceived Arnold.

The clue to possibly identifying the enigmatic objects was in Arnold's description of their flight characteristics. Often, birds and aircraft have a distinctive signature - known to birdwatchers as the 'jizz' - and from this a probable identity can be determined, even if the original sighting was inconclusive.

My own inquiries began at this point as I put the matter to experienced ornithologists in America. Contacting an Internet-based discussion forum for 'Pacific North-west birders', I outlined the reason for my query. Summarising Arnold's description, I asked if there were any indigenous bird species that might be implicated.

Arnold's details were indeed recognised by the American birders and suddenly we had a prime candidate for his sighting... a formation of American White Pelicans.

Indigenous to Washington, the American White Pelican (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*) is the largest bird in North America and among the biggest in the world. It weighs up to 15kg, (33lb) and its massive wingspan can extend to three metres (10 feet) or more. Sightings in the Cascade Mountains would be rare enough for Arnold to be unfamiliar with them; nevertheless they continue to be recorded in the vicinity as high altitude migrants.

Predominately white, with black wing-tips, these birds are highly reflective, often described as "sparkling" or "flashing" in the far distance, even when effectively lost from sight. They are also 'tail-less', with a 'bat-like' profile.

Michael Price of Vancouver first offered the suggestion: "Given the location, 25 miles off Mt Rainier's glacial sides, ice would be a great substitute reflector and would easily blast enough sunlight back up onto birds' underwings to make them reflect very brightly. Just look at the excruciating whiteness of the underwings of an adult white-headed gull flying over snow on a sunny winter day."

He continued: "There's a possible candidate species in the area at that time of year, sporadically, whose color, size, flight profile and proclivity for formation flight at sometimes quite high altitude would even more produce every detail of the phenomenon which Arnold observed: a flock of non, or failed-breeder, southbound White Pelicans. They'd have been large enough to visible for a good distance, they fly in formation, and if the light were reflecting just right off a large nearby glaciated peak, their comparatively vast white underwing area would reflect a ton of light in exactly the pattern described by Arnold."

Price concluded: "I'd submit that the hypothesis of a small southbound flock of American White Pelicans observed by someone unfamiliar with underwing reflectivity would provide the same phenomena and be at least as good an alternative possibility than seeing artefacts from another planet. Darn it!"

Price's colleague, Don Baccus, agreed, recalling how deceptive the birds could appear in flight: "I couldn't think of any bird that would show such a cadence and literally twinkle white while switching from soaring to flapping".

Richard Rowlett, from Seattle, concurred: "Oh no! Another myth debunked! White Pelicans was the first thing that came to mind as I was reflecting back on an ultra-high flying southbound formation I saw a few years ago over the Barancas in western Durango, Mexico, east of Mazatlan. It was a fluke that I detected them at all by unaided eye. Even in the binoculars, I was perplexed about what they were for a while, at first not even sure they were birds."

Peter Kingsmill, Director General of The Redberry Pelican Project (Canada) Foundation, one of the Canada's foremost conservation organisations, told me: "Everything in Arnold's description [...] points to the strong possibility he saw a flock of American White Pelicans, the formation, the allusion to the tail of a Chinese kite, etc. I have also been baffled by optical illusions of distance when these birds are against a backdrop of hills."

Although awkward on the ground, with that huge wingspan, pelicans are majestic in the air and under ideal flying conditions, could show a surprising turn of speed, as Mike Havener, a glider pilot who has written of his experiences flying alongside pelicans confirmed: "The glider I was flying has a 38 mph stall speed. I was flying at 52 mph between thermals and these birds were staying with me."

[END]

These ornithological sources were vastly experienced - not idiots - and had zero inherent, 'fundamentalist beliefs'.

As was recognised and highlighted at the absolute outset... "\*\*failed-breeder\*", southbound White Pelicans"...

James.

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Friends:

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Bob Young

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Where Are the Pelicans? Scientists Don't Know  
Birds Absent

From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Wed, 14 Jul 2004 01:17:34 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] Where are the pelicans...  
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In a message dated 7/13/2004 11:33:47 PM Eastern Daylight Time,  
voyager@fortean.co.uk writes:

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Pelicans".. >>

James:

And the article which I forwarded apparently refers to  
large numbers having abandoned their nests. They had to  
go somewhere.

Bob

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List,

To be pedantic, jizz is applied to birds, but the term "sit" was applied to aircraft to describe its general look and movement. The Armstrong Whitworth Whitley is a good example of this having a nose down / tail up sit.

Hope this helps.

Chris

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Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 15:09:21 +0200 (CEST)  
Subject: [UFORL] Which photo is this? (Staffordshire, UK, pre1954)  
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cis.u.org

Hello,

On top of plate facing page 250 of the book "Flying Saucers on the Attack", by Harold T. Wilkins (Citadel Press, 1954), there is a photo with this caption:

"Object observed by two witnesses, moving over Upper Gornal, Staffs. After crossing the face of the crescent moon, it remained stationary for about ten minutes. Photo by courtesy of the Flying Saucer Club".

Can someone indicate to me the date and author of this photograph? Are more details available? Could the white dot beside the Moon be a planet or else any form of lens flare? Any assistance to place this pic into due context will be appreciated.

Best wishes,  
V-J

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<<http://www.csicop.org/si/2004-05/skyhook.html>>  
Have a nice reading,  
V-J

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From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 12:36:07 +0200 (CEST)  
Subject: [UFORL] Address of French ufologist  
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

Hello, I will appreciate being informed privately of the postal and/or  
e-mail address of the French UFO researcher M. Philippe Le Barillier.  
Thanks and regards,  
V-J

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 10:25:09 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] On the Skyhook Balloon Program and UFOs  
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

WOW! That will clear up a lot of cases.

I find only one thing that needs clarification otherwise. Most cattle mutilations were being done by a satanic cult with a helicopter. Arrests were made in 1986. But other cases where the satanists were not active exist, and were written off as attempts at insurance fraud at the time (Apparently, insurance companies would pay off for alien mutilations, but not natural deaths). But the farmer may have seen the payload recoveries, and the payloads may have in fact harmed cattle.

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

@ From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos [mailto:ballesterolmos@yahoo.es]

@ Sent: Friday, July 30, 2004 6:04 AM

@ To: uforl@yahooogroups.com

@ Subject: [UFORL] On the Skyhook Balloon Program and UFOs

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From: Brett Holman <b.holman@physics.unimelb.edu.au>  
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 12:29:01 +1000  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] On the Skyhook Balloon Program and UFOs  
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

On Mon, Aug 02, 2004 at 10:25:09AM -0500, Robinson, Larry wrote:

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References?

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- > the time (Apparently, insurance companies would pay off for alien
- > mutilations, but not natural deaths). But the farmer may have seen the
- > payload recoveries, and the payloads may have in fact harmed cattle.

I'm not sure what you are asking here? The article does claim that the Skyhook project was involved in at least one outbreak of cattle mutilations.

But an article like this proves very little - it's pretty thin on specific times, dates and places of the Skyhook flights and the associated retrieval missions. With those in hand, it should be easy enough to correlate with reported UFO sightings. Until then, it's just another interesting claim.

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 22:07:18 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] On the Skyhook Balloon Program and UFOs  
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cis.u.org

In a message dated 8/2/2004 9:10:39 PM Eastern Daylight Time,  
lrobins@indiana.edu writes:

<< find only one thing that needs clarification otherwise. Most cattle  
mutilations were being done by a satanic cult with a helicopter.  
Arrests were made in 1986. >>

Hi, Larry:

Do you have a reference for this?

Clear skies,  
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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 10:57:51 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] On the Skyhook Balloon Program and UFOs  
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

I have one, but it's not where the computer is. I will have to get it over the weekend.

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@ Sent: Monday, August 02, 2004 9:07 PM

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From: "Robinson, Larry" <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 17:03:04 -0500  
Subject: [UFORL] 1 Q and 1 A  
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cis.u.org

Question: What impurities should you find if magnesium is burning and molten, and is then put out by sea water?

Answer: How to stop an internal combustion engine without touching it:

If methane constitutes 1 percent of the ambient air, the engine quits due to a wrong fuel/air mixture.

This was demonstrated by doing it, on a show about the Bermuda Triangle on Discovery Channel.

Not only does methane stop the engine of a plane flying through it, but it also reduces the lift of the wings.

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From: Chad Wilson <caeman@yahoo.com>  
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 20:59:18 -0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 1 Q and 1 A  
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

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

[...]

> Not only does methane stop the engine of a plane flying through it, but  
> it also reduces the lift of the wings.

I watched that show. I found the experient to have been executed properly, but I questioned the ability for a volume of such gas being able to maintain the needed density at the altitude the Tigers were flying at. I mean, if methane was to blame that would have to been one huge column of gas.

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From: Phil Rotsky <rotsky@wanadoo.fr>  
Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 10:01:56 +0200  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 1 Q and 1 A  
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

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On Friday 06 August 2004 02:25, Jim Speiser wrote:  
| What I thought was really interesting about that show was the fact that  
| while the plane is losing altitude, the thinner-than-air methane causes the  
| barometric altimeter to show an -increase- in altitude. Talk about  
| disorienting!

Brings a whole new meaning to the old aviation phrase, "high to low, watch out below".

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"Flying isn't dangerous ...  
... landing is the tricky bit"

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Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 22:51:23 +0200  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 1 Q and 1 A  
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

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>==JJS==

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LuisR

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From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>  
Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 23:33:52 +0200 (CEST)  
Subject: [UFORL] The year 1954 in photos -a paper  
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

Dear colleagues:

I am happy to inform that a paper entitled "The Year 1954 in Photos" can be read and downloaded in the following url (in English):  
<<http://www.anomalia.org/fotocat1954.pdf>>

Feel free to link it to your own website.

It is the first report produced from FOTOCAT, the Spanish Anomaly Foundation's worldwide photographic catalog (4,800 entries to-date), which regular news reports can be consulted in  
<<http://www.anomalia.org/fotocat1.htm>>

I hope it can be an item of interest to you. As the author, I will be delighted to hear your comments, additions or corrections to the largest census of UFO photographic cases recorded for the wave year of 1954.

Best regards,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

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X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cis.u.org

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lrgm@lrgm1.e.telefonica.net writes:

<< Could it serve as an ex`lanatione to the in-famous Coyne's case? >>

Only if the crew had been able to breath methane without  
losing consciousness. They certainly would have smelled it.

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Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 11:31:35 +1000  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] On the Skyhook Balloon Program and UFOs  
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

On Tue, Aug 03, 2004 at 10:46:17PM -0400, YoungBob2@aol.com wrote:

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> I wondered if Larry or anybody else has the specifics on the satanic  
> cult incident.

Bob: I was actually wondering the same things as you - my questions were directed at Larry.

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I have the data, but I haven't found it yet.

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From: YoungBob2@aol.com  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 22:40:13 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] 1 Q and 1 A  
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cis.u.org

In a message dated 8/9/2004 9:26:50 PM Eastern Daylight Time,  
jimspeiser@yahoo.com writes:

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Jim:

I'll take your word for it.

Bob

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Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 20:25:23 -0700  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] 1 Q and 1 A  
boundary="-----\_NextPart\_000\_0494\_01C47D85.D5511640"  
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

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it serve as an ex`lanatione to the in-famous Coyne's case?  
&gt;&gt;<BR><BR>Only if the crew had been able to breath methane without  
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Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 22:01:12 EDT  
Subject: Re: [UFORL] UFO Triangle Formation - Melbourne Australia  
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

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Clear skies,  
Bob Young

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From: "Phenomena Research Australia" <praufo@aol.com>  
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 10:36:08 -0000  
Subject: [UFORL] UFO Triangle Formation - Melbourne Australia  
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisus.org

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From: "Phenomena Research Australia" <praufo@aol.com>  
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 08:58:14 -0000  
Subject: [UFORL] UFO Triangle Formation - Video Sample  
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cis.u.org

UFO TRIANGLE FORMATION  
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#### VIDEO SAMPLE

#### LOCATION:

[http://praufo.bravehost.com/PRA\\_-  
\\_UFO\\_Triangle\\_Melbourne\\_23\\_Aug\\_2004.html](http://praufo.bravehost.com/PRA_-_UFO_Triangle_Melbourne_23_Aug_2004.html)

(If the message wrap you may need to cut and past the who;e address)

#### NOTE:

These two video are in a high quality production mode.  
They have been edited for space.

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Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 10:49:49 -0500  
Subject: RE: [UFORL] UFO Triangle Formation - Melbourne Australia  
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

Several misconceptions:

1. That "300 meters up" is nothing but a wild guess. The human visual system cannot produce that information unless the object is at a distance of ten meters or closer.

We might get this information later, but ONLY if the multiple witnesses can somehow be synchronized in TIME as well as direction. Witnesses reporting a direction the objects were seen in don't give us much information unless we know those directions are synchronized in time. One observation might be several minutes ahead of the other, and throw off the triangulation.

2. Because the distance is not known, the speed is not known either.

3. A hoax may have been ruled out, but not a prank.

4. Since the speeds and altitudes are only wild guesses, fire balloons have NOT been ruled out. The colors reported are consistent with fire balloons, as are the slow speeds and relative motions.

5. Note that the press wants the mystery, not a quick identification, so they can sell more papers and gain more viewers.

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@ Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2004 8:37 PM

@ To: [UFORL@yahoogroups.com](mailto:UFORL@yahoogroups.com)

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@ Hi list

@ More information can be viewed at this link.

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Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 12:45:22 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: [UFORL] UFO Review issue 4  
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cis.u.org

I am pleased to announce the September issue of UFO Review is available at <http://www.uforeview.net>. Top left hand button on the site. As usual, a free PDF download.

In our most schizophrenic edition yet, we have two major interviews. The first is with Will Hart, alternative historian and author of "The Genesis Race" who discusses his latest ideas about Man's origins and his dismantling of Darwin's Theory of Evolution, as well as his next book. The other interview is with The Devil.

Not the actual Devil you understand but his representative on Earth, Andy Roberts, well known sceptic and message board List combatant. This is an extremely rare and very open and honest interview with Andy who not only discusses his professional but also his private life as well. As to be expected, this is a hard hitting and rather direct dialogue and will offend many. Not for the faint hearted. Bit of a scoop this, I say modestly. Get to know and understand the man you want to strangle!

Also, we look at the Jason Leigh Cleburn case again, Noah's Ark and psychosis within abductions, plus cartoons, book reviews, and general irreverent satire. Amazing value for the incredible price of errr nothing!

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X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cis.u.org

Not triangular formations, but a single large, triangular UFO.

[http://www.space.com/business/technology/flying\\_triangle\\_040902.html](http://www.space.com/business/technology/flying_triangle_040902.html)

Space.com has an interesting article on the hundreds of sightings of these unexplained, slow, low flying crafts.

Could something like this possible be an aerostat vehicle?

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> line to support the sighting.  
>  
> This is a multiple witness event and a hoax has been rules out.  
>  
> At present there is no simple explanation, however an  
investigation  
> has now been opened >>  
>  
> John:  
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- > Check the website, "Heavens Above". This sounds like the "NOSS"
- > NAVY reconnaissance satellites which are triplets.
- >
- > Clear skies,
- > Bob Young

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From: "dj237" <dennis.king@thklaw.co.nz>  
Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 05:57:37 -0000  
Subject: [UFORL] Oloron & Gaillac "Cigar" UFO's & angel hair  
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

Hi Group,

I refer to the so-called classic UFO cases of Oloron & Gaillac of October 1952 in France, featuring "cigar" type mother ships attended by smaller disk shaped scout ships and accompanied by falls of angel hair. I vaguely recall that these cases have since been dismissed as either hoaxes or probable hoaxes, possibly by Jacques Vallee in one of his books. Can anybody point me to a conclusive or semi-conclusive demonstration that these cases are indeed hoaxes, preferably available on-line?

Thanking you in anticipation for your assistance.

Regards.

Dennis King.

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From: Diane Harrison <auforn@hypermax.net.au>  
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 12:01:57 +1000  
Subject: [UFORL] Disclosure Australia Announcement 17  
X-Rcpt-To: e.russo@cisu.org

Disclosure Australia Newsletter 16 has been posted to:

<http://disclosure.freewebsite.org>

This issue contains an exclusive interview by the Project of Harry Turner. Turner was the person the RAAF asked to look at their UFO files in 1954, and Turner's report lay in Government Archives until Bill Chalker found it in the early 80's. Turner worked in the Department of Defence's Joint Intelligence Bureau between 1964 and 1982 and was the person behind the UFO scenes. A fascinating interview.

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<DIV><FONT face=Arial size=2>Hi James, list:</FONT></DIV>  
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<DIV><FONT face=Arial size=2>The following is from UFO Updates, forwarded by  
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Sun, 29 Aug 2004 15:58:11 +0100<BR>Fwd Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 10:16:50  
-0400<BR>Subject: Bentwaters Alert State<BR><BR><BR>List,<BR><BR>A  
series of  
posts last year debated the issue of whether there<BR>had been an alert  
condition at the time of the Rendlesham Forest<BR>incident. Larry Warren and  
others claimed that there had been,<BR>citing as evidence a photograph that  
appears in "Left At East<BR>Gate", showing a sign at the main gate of RAF  
Bentwaters,<BR>displaying the words "Alert Condition".<BR><BR>I pointed out  
that  
the bottom of the sign was obscured and<BR>suggested that the words "Alert  
Condition" would always be on<BR>the sign, but that had the bottom of the sign  
not been obscured,<BR>a descriptor of the specific alert condition would have  
been<BR>visible:<BR><BR><A  
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011.shtml</A><BR><BR>That  
is certainly true of the way in which UK military<BR>establishments operate  
now.<BR><BR>I discussed this with Larry Warren, who insisted that he  
was<BR>correct. He said he thought he had some more photographs that<BR>might  
shed light on this and undertook to look for them and send<BR>them to me if he  
found them.<BR><BR>I heard nothing for a long time, but yesterday received a  
letter<BR>from Larry, along with two photographs. One was a copy of the<BR>one  
that appears in "Left At East Gate". On the back are Larry's<BR>initials and the

words "Dec 1980". The second photo is clearly<BR>also of the main gate at RAF Bentwaters, though taken at night.<BR>On the back are Larry's initials and the words "May 1981". The<BR>sign is clearly visible and only one word appears on it:<BR>"Normal".<BR><BR>In an accompanying letter, Larry suggested that I should

correct<BR>my earlier post, on this List, at the earliest opportunity. I<BR>had no difficulty with this, hence this post.<BR><BR>The photograph in "Left At East Gate" is captioned "Main gate of<BR>RAF Bentwaters, morning of incident, 28 December, 1980".<BR>Although the morning of the first incident was 26 December, the<BR>photograph Larry sent does indeed suggest that contrary to my<BR>initial view, there was an alert condition at some stage during<BR>the incident.<BR><BR>Does anybody have any further thoughts on this?<BR><BR><BR>Best

wishes,<BR><BR>Nick Pope<BR></DIV>

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