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WELCOME



Stuart Miller – editor UFO Review

I, for one, certainly found the month of May 2004 a very exciting one. The Mexican sighting, as yet still untarnished by any successful debunking effort or for that matter, even a serious debunking effort, stands supreme above the UFO community, smiling wistfully down upon us as we below chase around like headless chickens in our exhilarated state. While as yet there have only been quiet mutterings of comparison between this incident and the Phoenix Lights, and certainly no scientific connection established, spiritually at least it comes in the same package. Nearly. The Phoenix Lights was a banner carrying parade, loudly proclaiming “Here We Are”. This latest lot were invisible to the Human eye and only showed up on infrared cameras.

We have compiled a special article on Mexico containing the best of the published research so far plus other comments and opinion, and just for good measure, some of the more extreme points of view expressed on the incident as well. As befits a subject that draws among its aficionados the mentally challenged, it is amusing to see how one or two have gone off on a tangent. And yet, in fairness, who’s to say they’re wrong? They could have been Pleiadean ships on their way back from a soccer tournament on Zeta but don’t offer opinions like that anywhere near a “serious” List. The Lazy Man’s Guide To The Mexico Sighting starts on page 69 and just runs and runs!

It was hard to sense the reaction to the first edition. There was one negative comment from a rival publication (not Gary and Russ) and a smattering of positive ones, but beyond that, not a lot else. The number of downloads though were good. My thanks in particular go to Joe McGonagle of Ufology UK for a very kind review.

But I would appreciate your comments and feedback. I know the presentation at the moment is poor, and that is in hand, but what articles would you like to see? What topics do you want covered? Let me know at stuart@uforeview.net

We are very pleased to welcome back to the fold Andrew Pike who was with me at UFO magazine. Andrew brings immense experience and insight to the subject of Space and not a little “behind the door” information as well. His article in this issue poses more questions than answers! Enjoy



Doctor Lynne Kitei

There are some people in life that you have to stand back and admire. They seem to have so much energy and positive drive that it's breadth taking. Lynne Kitei is one such person. This lady just loves life and people, and enjoys helping them. This isn't some angelic do-gooder, placed on Earth to spread love and goodwill. She is a practical, humane individual who freely admits that her "fix" is helping others, and it is pleasing and comforting that the impression you form of her from reading the book translates into reality when you actually speak to her. She's a dynamo.

An early strong impression from the book was her reluctance to come forward, and the more cynical among us might interpret that as heroic modesty. But when you hold a high profile position within the general medical and social community of the city you live in, it takes a bit of courage to step forward and tell everyone that you've filmed these lights in the sky and they might be from another dimension, even if a few thousand others saw the same lights as well. As we all know, the scientific community is not always welcoming towards colleagues who suddenly "flip" and start talking gibberish.

But as you will read below, Lynne felt called upon, almost picked to come forward. There were just too many coincidences and minor incidents to ignore, that all seemed to be saying the same thing: "Get off your backside, get out there and tell the world." These incidents may have been imagined or they may have been real, but regardless, they were real to Lynne and she responded. And she found, when she peaked above the covers, a world she had no idea existed – our world. A world of strange sightings, stories, reluctant governments, high secrecy, and the general weird and wonderful. "Thrown in at the deep end" is a phrase that comes to mind.

It is odd that no one beat her to it with a book on what happened and is still happening in Phoenix, but my, what an impact she has made. In part, this is down to her. Because of her bright personality and comfort in front of a microphone or camera, the media have been drawn to her like bees to honey and the result has been that the book is already on its second print run. Inevitably, there are also controversy and counter arguments to deal with, but this is like griss to the mill. In a game of table tennis debate, Lynne's forehand is unstoppable which is hardly surprising. She didn't read about the Phoenix Lights after the event. She was there, she experienced them and the strong emotional impact of such an encounter acts like a suit of armour, forging her on and deflecting the arrows of the sceptics and naysayer.

This interview was conducted on the 24th March 2004 at 11:00pm GMT.

SM = Stuart Miller

LK = Lynne Kitei

SM: Is your time your own at the moment?

LK: Oh, it has been so overwhelmingly wonderful to tell you the truth. I have been doing dozens of TV, newspaper and radio interviews. Do you know about Coast-to-Coast AM?

SM: I do, yes.

LK: I was George Noory's guest last night for 3 hours, which was really fun! It went well and gosh, just the response..... People have been so kind and so generous in their thoughts, really receptive to what I've tried to accomplish. You can't ask for more than that.

SM: All I'm aware of really, in terms of reaction to the book is a universal positive reaction. Have there been any negative reactions?

KT: Not really. I received one E-mail from a military fellow who was adamant that these must have been flares. I suggested to him that he actually look at the book and the data, which speaks for itself. He wrote me a very kindly email back saying, "You know what? There may be more to this".

I'm not trying to persuade anyone, everyone in their own time. Certainly, different people have different reactions. Some are frightened and some don't want to deal with it at all. I have to say that most everyone I come across, once they know the value of what I've compiled, look at it again with fresh eyes. It took me time for it to sink in but no one else in history has photographic evidence of these unexplained phenomena that are happening world wide, before, during and after an historic mass sighting, from the same vantage point. They seem to be happening in the same area as well, which adds to the curiosity of it all.

Experts have gone to great lengths to try to find a logical explanation for what I've both observed and photographed and have yet to find one. If anything, I

have uncovered a whole new world that I had no idea existed.

SM: How have you found that world?

LK: Well, actually, before '95, both myself and my husband, who is also a prominent physician in the Valley, had no interest or knowledge at all of these phenomena. And I mean at all. The only movies that I saw were "Close Encounters" and "ET". We have two boys, one's an attorney and the other is graduating medical school - he's going to be a neurologist. They grew up watching "Star Trek", as we all did as a family. It had wonderful messages and it was very entertaining and you know, that was about it!

But as far as getting into the subject matter, I just never really had time.

SM: Or the inclination?

LK: Yes, or the desire. I just never did. I was so busy doing community education, practicing medicine and bringing up the kids. I was just too busy to even think about it.

The '95 close sighting, very close to our property, really woke me up to something incredible, the possibilities. It's hard to describe that to people, but when our friends or relatives come over and actually see where these amber orbs in a pyramid formation were, hovering over a private desert area, they're just amazed.

SM: Wasn't it about a 100 metres away?

LK: Just about, give or take, it's hard to judge. To my eye, and I really tried to take everything in, it was just so startling and unusual.

I have had my own company called Health Education Learning Programs since '85 that produces videos and work curricula internationally. It all comes out of my own pocket and time because I saw the need and did what I could to help the community. It's been very successful as far as getting prevention education out there, with acclaim and awards and all that, which is very rewarding.

My main purpose is to get the reality of health issues out to the community and that's why, when all this fell into my lap, I felt compelled to do something productive with this issue as well. But I wondered, "Why do I have this? I don't know anything about this topic".

When I asked my friends what they thought, they would turn to me and say, "Lynne, if there's anybody who can do something credible and professional with all this, you can. After all, that's what you do." I have to admit, I felt obligated to do something with what I had. I knew I could bring a lot to the table if I really put my mind to it and certainly, I've dedicated my life's work to education and healing. Even before medical school, my undergraduate work was in science education and I've always been committed to educating the community to vital health issues. But now there was this vital issue that I didn't know anything about.

The close sighting was an extraordinary experience, it really was. One wall of our bedroom is a window, so we have enjoyed looking out at the panoramic view of the city skyline from our mountainside home over many years. We know what planes look like and helicopters and streetlights and car lights etc.

My husband was the first one to see the orbs and called me out of the bath. The reason I remember the date was because it was the eve of my birthday and I thought it was so cool to have this experience on my birthday. I stood there dripping wet with a towel round me that I grabbed from our Roman bath. When he called me to the window, there were these close orbs in formation. I call them orbs because the light did not extend outside the edge. It was startling. My first thought was to get my video camera, but it was downstairs and I didn't want to miss anything, I didn't know how long it was going to last. Something just told me to take everything in that I could, that it was important. I noted the size, the shape, and the colour. I tried to determine the distance.

The size was about 3 to 6 feet each, depending on how close or far they were. They seemed to be about a 100 yards from our property and there were three distinct objects. They were oval shaped. The colour within each orb was very different than any colour or light I've ever seen. I noticed immediately that every other light out there glares, but these did not. The light also did not reflect anything at all. The colour was uniform throughout, not like a light bulb that has a hotspot. Very soothing, mesmerising.

So as I'm staring at these things that just seemed to be hovering in a rigid triangle formation, one on top and two closely aligned underneath, I thought, "If I don't get a picture of this, nobody's going to believe it." As I was running to the closet to grab my inexpensive 35mm camera, my husband calls me back saying, "Get over here quick. One of them is disappearing". As we stood there watching, the top orb seemed to be on a dimmer switch. That's the only way I can describe it. It didn't budge at all. Going back to "Star Trek", which was the first thing I thought of (laughing), a Klingon Cloaking device came to mind! I can't deny it, it was the first thing I thought of! You know how it wavers before it disappears? Well this didn't do that. It absolutely didn't do that. It didn't budge. It didn't take off, it didn't move, it didn't waver, nothing. It just was dimming as if it was going into another dimension. Like it was still there but we didn't see it anymore. It went somewhere.

Anyway, I stepped out onto the balcony and took a shot of the two bottom orbs. I immediately noticed an eerie silence, as if time had stopped. It was very bizarre. I didn't go into this in the book because it was right at the beginning and the publisher thought it was a little too out there, but the truth of it is that as I stood watching these two bottom orbs, I felt they were watching back. I felt as if there was an intelligent presence, watching. The thoughts were actually going through my brain, "Who are you? What are you? Do you know that I'm here? I'd love to meet you." It was very exciting for me.

SM: There was an incident later on in the book when you expressed privately to yourself a wish that they would appear. And they did.

LK: Yes, I had a couple of those. I'll get to those in a moment if you want, but let me just finish up on this. The left bottom one started to disappear and I

immediately clicked a picture. After that, I don't really remember much of that night. I just don't remember. But interestingly, the weekend after was Presidents weekend. We had a long weekend, and had planned to go to Las Vegas, to stay at The Luxor, which, at the time, was one of the newer hotels.

As I'm ready to snap a picture of my husband standing in front of the hotel it hit me, "Oh my. A pyramid." I had been thinking of triangle up to then and it was like "Wow". Was I supposed to think that? Was I supposed to realise that? I don't know but it was certainly very compelling at the time.

At any rate, only one picture of that sighting turned out at the time. It was the one with the left bottom orb half disappearing and the other one still there. To me, that picture was confirmation that something unusual really did happen. But I didn't know what to do with it or who to share it with so I just put it on my mantle. My brother's a psychiatrist back east in Wilmington, Delaware and he made a big joke out of it. We kind of laughed and finally put it behind some other pictures for a while. I have to admit though, that I still thought about it.

I have to tell you that my husband's reaction was a bit different from mine. He really didn't want to discuss that '95 sighting. He either made a joke out of it or didn't want to talk about it. I did wonder why. It was so exciting to me.

SM: So his reaction was the opposite of yours. He was actually disturbed by it.

LK: He's busy with a lot of other things and he just didn't want to deal with it, for whatever reason.

But I on the other hand found it very intriguing and exciting and wondered what the heck we saw. Different people come to the table with different backgrounds, with a different upbringing, with different beliefs, with different reactions and perceptions. Of course, some people are frightened by the unknown.

But it is funny that we really did react a little bit differently to the experience. He didn't take it all in like I did. He really didn't look at every nuance as I did. He knows something unusual happened but that's about it, and the pictures confirmed it. It is interesting how different people react in different ways.

SM: You've mentioned twice now that some people were frightened. Did you come across that?

LK: It wasn't that often, but I did come across witnesses, especially some children who were scared when first seeing the phenomena. The movie "Independence Day" had just come out the summer before the mass sighting. So the first thought in some people's minds was fear. We've been so ingrained by the media's negative take on aliens and flying saucers that at first glance some people think it must be a bad thing. However, it is intriguing that after the object passed over them during the mass sighting, witnesses suddenly felt calm and even connected to it somehow.

After the '95 sighting, I have to admit that I would look out our bedroom window occasionally to see if they had come back. But they didn't until January

22nd, 1997, two years later. Again I was in our bedroom at about 8 o'clock and I notice three amber orbs but at a distance, and in a line formation. I thought, "Gee, that's similar to what we saw in '95." They were amber, they were in a formation, they were hovering.



The next night, January 23rd, my husband was at a hospital board meeting. I was alone, standing by the sliding glass door that I had gone out through to the balcony for the '95 sighting and noticed the same three amber orbs now hovering in front of South Mountain. I knew they were in front of it because they were lower than the red warning lights on South Mountain. I thought, "Enough. I'm going to get my video camera." I ran out by the pool, captured about 18 seconds worth and then the battery went dead. It was charged by the way. I hooked it up again and went back out there, but they were gone.

About a half an hour later, my husband drove up our drive. I went out to greet him. "You remember I told you about those three distant lights hovering in an equidistant row last night? Well about 30 minutes ago the same three orbs appeared in front of South Mountain." As I'm pointing, they reappeared in the same spot. It was unbelievable. There they were again. It was really extraordinary and I thought, "I have to get a picture of this." I do believe that everything happens for a reason so I ran upstairs and got my camera. Thank goodness I shot that sighting with 35 mm because those pictures themselves totally confirmed for me that what we saw was real and unexplained. By the way, I discovered later that year that what I captured on film that night was identical to other sightings worldwide. I caught this thing straight on. And as the three orbs were disappearing underneath, the top formation was turning

into a V. Those pictures are pretty spectacular, I have to tell you. The first and last photos are on my website, <http://www.thephoenixlights.net>

Then I used my video camera and took footage of these strange light formations up until and including the mass sighting. There I was with a video in hand when I learned of the mass sighting.

SM: It is obvious from the book that there is a very strong sense of a spiritual connection between you and those lights. The Luxor hotel incident in Vegas, the incident you've just described while greeting your husband, it's almost as if they were hearing you.

LK: I have to admit that I didn't piece all that together. It was actually Dr. Gary Schwartz; Harvard trained professor of Medicine, Surgery and Psychiatry down at the University of Arizona Consciousness Study Department who first brought that up to me. I do have some other pictures that I did not put in the book that bring out the possibility of unearthly entities even more.

After I started compiling all this data, really looking for a logical explanation for the mass sighting, I found some incredible information confirming the reality of these phenomena. I had no idea that they were occurring worldwide until a week after the mass sighting. What really surprised me was how open other countries are about these being unearthly. China has a group of elitist scientists studying the phenomena. France, Russia, Japan and Belgium are much more open to it as being unearthly.

After learning this, I started keeping an intricate journal about the events, my experiences, historical data, media, military and witness reports. It ended up becoming 750 pages long. Did you know that it wasn't until months later, June 18th, that a USA Today article opened up the Arizona mass sighting to international scrutiny? Before that time there were just denials or silence. At that point the military had to come up with something because I have to tell you, they were deluged by media from all over the world asking, "Why isn't there an investigation? Why isn't there an explanation?" People of all persuasions, doctors, lawyers, truck drivers to children had experienced something extraordinary that night when the mile to two mile long triangular craft passed right over he heads. Witnesses called the police, Luke AFB, even their congressman, but were totally stonewalled. They would say, "What happened?" "Nothing happened that night." The official reaction was really frustrating to the witnesses who knew that what they saw was totally unusual – and real.

It took five months before they came up with the questionable flare explanation. Jim Dilottoso and myself were the only people who knew that I had taken pictures of the same formation in the same location two months before the Maryland Air National Guard was in town. So, whoever did this did it twice. None the less, I was still open to a logical explanation, as were other witnesses. "Send them off, show us, reenact them", we asked over and over again. Well, they didn't until three years later. That was when I felt a little more comfortable coming forward because their flares were so blatantly different from what we had witnessed and photographed. Flare flicker, are white, have

huge smoke trails, illuminate the area around them and definitely cannot stay in formation. The true unknowns were huge, amber coloured balls, stayed in perfectly equidistant arrays, and did not illuminate anything around them.

Now I didn't think I had anything to do with it, but a year later, the lights returned. By the third day I did share with the investigators and other video witnesses that I had a strong feeling they would be back that night. We coordinated an effort so we were all stationed north, south, east and west, which was kind of cool. Like in "Close Encounters" when the ship comes down and that musical exchange takes place. These orbs were popping up all over, forty miles apart, the footage is incredible. That was really exciting but all I can say is that I had a feeling they would come back and they did.

By the time they had set off the flares in March of 2000, I had done extensive research, not only into the other similar global phenomena and history of UFOs, of which I had no idea before that time, but I was starting to find a connection between all unexplained phenomena. Not only was my own near death experience reawakened but other witnesses shared that their NDEs were also reawakened by the Phoenix Lights. This sent me on a new road of inquiry. By the way, after discussing this curious finding on radio programs I received many e-mails from people either studying this at university level or people just lauding the fact that someone of credence was coming forward to address the possibilities. It is indeed comforting for them to know that they are not alone. I ended up coining the phrase "An UP" for an Unexplained Phenomenon, which is really taking off here in Arizona. People are actually excited to admit that they've had an UP!

After the flare drop, I was more convinced than ever that it was important to at least consider coming forward with what I had. I was still very apprehensive, but have to say that in good conscience I couldn't just stick what I had compiled in a drawer. It seemed too compelling to dismiss and even more important to share. Mr. Miller, my husband and I work very hard to live a comfortable, private life. I don't need to do this. But for some reason, I need to do this.

Even so, I was waiting for that one more little nudge. My older son, Brett, had been very close with my mom seven years before she passed on from colon cancer. She had metastasis colon cancer that was already seeded in her liver. After her surgery in Philadelphia in '83 we brought her out to Phoenix. I had her visualize Pacman eating up the cancer cells. We had positive thinking discussions and sessions. She ultimately went through remission for seven years, which was a miracle in itself. During those seven years she got very close with Brett. She passed in 1990.

Anyway, he wanted to get a Siamese kitten for his then fiancée for Valentines Day in 2000 but couldn't find one in LA where they lived at the time. So he said, "Mom, if you can find an ad in the weekend paper I'll fly in on a Friday night and we'll go on Saturday morning to see the litter."

Trying to find someone who would wait wasn't easy. Weeks passed and finally I see an ad. I call up. She says, "I'm not going to be here tonight anyway. Why

don't you have your son fly in and come tomorrow morning? You'll be the first ones." I said, "That's fabulous."

Well, it happened to be the tenth anniversary of my mother's death, which is tomorrow actually, March 25th. It was very endearing I have to tell you. He ended up getting the pick of the litter. She was the cutest little kitty with bright blue eyes. During the day we would tease him that the kitten was a gift from his "mom-mom", that she would be with him, just kidding him endearingly. I have to add that he was the biggest sceptic of the family, but when he returned to LA he called me in a tizzy. He said that he had purchased an Eye Zone Polaroid camera, those very small ones, to take pictures of the kitten while she was still little. In the middle of the role, he sees this one strip, number five actually, that has an arm with a hand in front of the kitten's face. You can actually see through the fingers, it was translucent. He said, "I think it's grandma's hand." She had arthritis; she had a very distinctive hand. I was sceptical and said, "Brett, you got your hand in the picture." He replied, "Mom, I was all alone taking the picture with my right hand. There's just no way." I said, "Well, you graduate in May from Law school. Why don't you put it away till then? Don't send it through the mail. I'll take a look at it then." I actually forgot about it.

When he handed me the strip I freaked. It was amazing. And when I enlarged it, not only is there an arm with a hand that's translucent in front of the kitten's face, but also there is another arm cupping the kitten from behind. You can even see through the arm to Brett's backpack that was on the floor behind, you can see the logo on it. Through all my research to that point, whether it was a near death or UFO experience, the Beings on the other side were described as wearing white robes. Well, the forearm in the photo is wearing a white robe and it really did look like my mother's hand. That did it for me,

We took it to Brett's wedding in Baltimore that September, and when I showed it to relatives there, as soon as they saw it they said, "Oh my God, that's Ruth's hand." Plus, I had it analyzed by optical physicists. They suggested that I find a picture of my mother and see if it's similar. She was head nurse of the premature nursery at Einstein Hospital back east. Through all the hundreds of photos I found one of her holding a little premy baby, the tiniest little thing, almost exactly the same way. It is so eerie when you look at this. I thought, "This is real. It seems that she's coming through from the "other side" to let Brett know she's with him. What's more, it also felt as if it was a strong message to me to do what I have to do already.

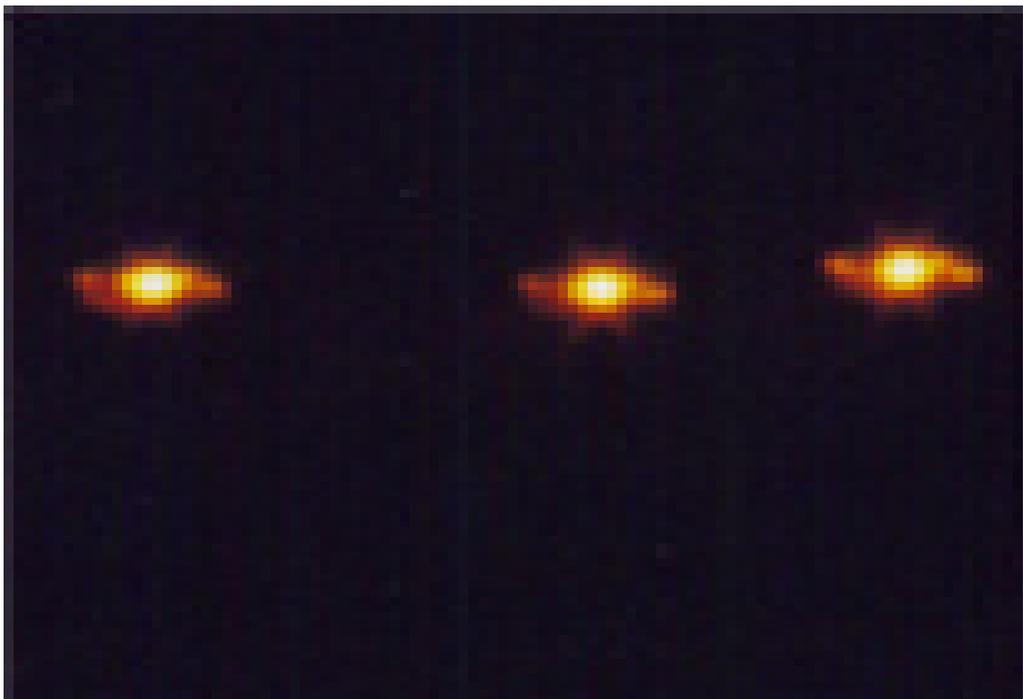
SM: So you felt it was your mother urging you on here?

LK: Absolutely. She would do that. Like I said, she went through remission after they gave her six months. She could move mountains. She was an amazingly strong willed person. If anybody could do it, she could. The hands almost look identical, they're not identical but they look very similar. It definitely looks like her hand.

In November and December of 2000, I was taking shots of sunsets. I collect sunsets and there were some beautiful sunsets that year. I didn't get the film

developed until after the holiday, in February or whatever. I did not see these when taking the pictures, but on two separate rolls, in two different sunsets, there's a huge rod shaped UFO in the same spot. I took them down to the University of Arizona and I showed them to the Optical Science department and Dr. Gary Schwartz who wrote my introduction. He was convinced that I could communicate with these things. That was the first time I had even thought about it. He introduced me to that possibility.

He asked me to try an experiment, to sit on my balcony with a camera and try to "will" these things in. I said, "You know what Gary? I really appreciate your confidence, but I'm not going there." I was happy to deal with the facts and thrilled that I had the photographic evidence that I had, but I just didn't want to go there. And I didn't. I couldn't bring myself to do that.



Months and months passed. 9/11 happens and about a month later, we're watching the 10 o'clock evening news. The entire half hour, every TV station was addressing the anthrax scare and nuclear possibilities; they were even talking about nuclear bomb shelters that are here in Arizona still. I was freaking out. It really got to me because as I lay there watching this, I was thinking, "Is that what all this has been about?" Up to that time I had realised that the bottom line message was "Wake Up. Realize that we're abusing the Earth and each other and that if we don't get our act together, we're going to destroy ourselves".

Have they been trying to alert us to this? Is this the culmination? Is it going to happen now? I went through a panic stage. Plus, my son and daughter in law were in LA and you didn't know what was going to happen next. I lay there soul searching, thinking, "If you're out there and you are real, where are you? Do you know that this happened? Why haven't you shown yourself? Can you help us?"

And within moments, there they were.

I had gotten a Pentax top of the line camera with a telephoto lens and a star filter. It sat in the corner and was there especially for these events. That picture that I took at that moment is on the web site.

It happened on two further occasions as well. The next time was when my son Dan was in town September 2002 for class the next morning. By the way, he was the only one to read my 750 page journal. He's been my biggest proponent. He kept telling me, "Mom, you have to come forward with this. It is so unbelievable. It would be from your heart and it's an important message". We were upstairs and the 10pm news was on. We were all sitting and chatting and looking at the view through the window. Jim Dilettoso happened to be doing a report about identical crop circles appearing two years apart somewhere in England.

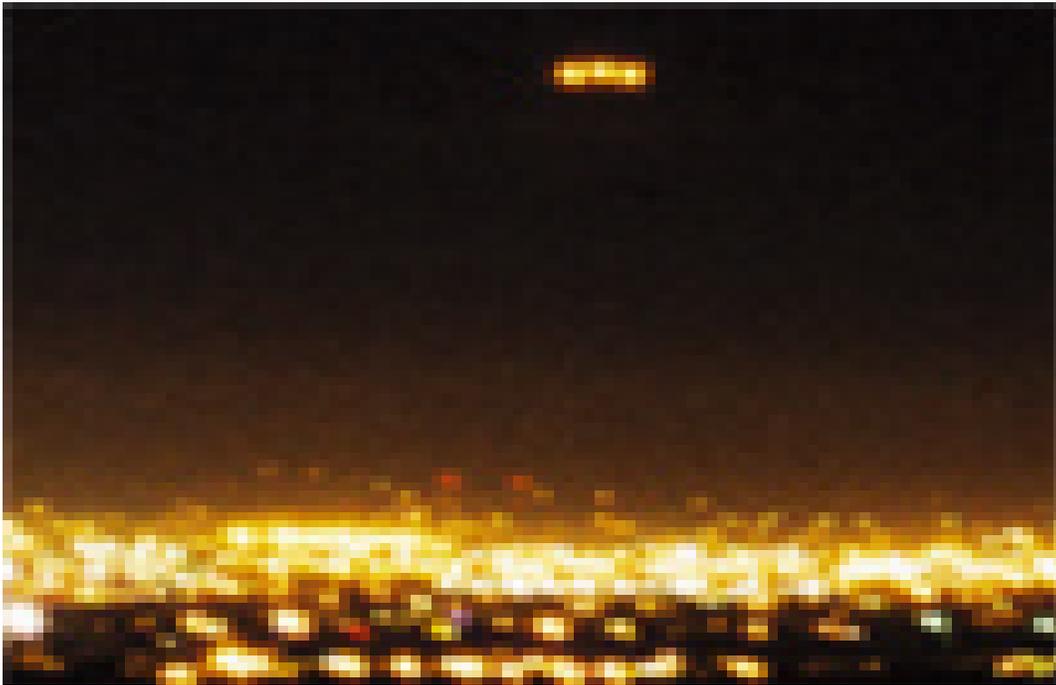
While this was going on, Dan says, "Gosh, I wish I could see the Phoenix Lights. I've never seen them. I would love to see what they look like." So I'm lying there thinking how much he would appreciate seeing not just one or two, but three. Frank teases, "Why don't you ask your mother to will them in." Within seconds they showed up. There they were.

SM: This is too weird.

LK: In September 03 there was another sighting. I had just found out that morning that my prize German Shepherd, had advanced bone cancer and they didn't give her much time. I was devastated. We called her Godiva, like Godiva chocolate, because she was so sweet. I was beside myself. Dan happened to be in town that Monday evening. He had grown up with Godiva so we were talking and crying together out on the balcony.

Suddenly a giant triangle of three points of light appears – in the same location once again, about 10:30 pm. Dan looked at them and then turned to me and said, "Mom, they're here to comfort you." That was his comment. I have to admit, it was really comforting.

SM: Have people expressed any disappointment about the fact that in the book, you do not say, "I believe the Phoenix Lights were this or that?"



LK: That's a good question. I do speculate. But in actuality, I don't know what they are. I just know **THAT** they are. And in my personal estimation they are certainly benevolent. If they weren't, I think we would have known a long time ago.

I also think they are touching people worldwide, one person at a time, as they pass over major cities. People that are open to them are affected at a very deep, soul level. But yes, a couple of radio programmes and one newspaper reporter did push the issue, stating, "You don't know what these are?" I obviously have incredible evidence to prove that they exist. The fact that we might not have the technology to definitively define what they are doesn't mean that they are not real. Now we need to move forward to the next step, get these unexplained phenomena out in the open, talk about them, accept them, study them, and find out what they really are.

SM: Do you think the government or military know or do you think they're at as much of a loss as the rest of us?

LK: Oh, I think they know a lot more than they are telling. I've been told that by many people, including astronaut Edgar Mitchell. I truly respect his opinion. He's a very spiritual, kind person who's been in the loop. But it's not just him. When you hear it over and over again from credible people, who have been studying these phenomena for 20 to 30 years, it starts sinking in that somebody knows more than they're telling.

As far as the military here in Arizona goes, they were more curious about what I had than in giving an explanation for it. They were curious. I don't think they were being informed.

SM: Do you think there has been any interest in you from government or the military because of the book?

LK: Possibly. I have to tell you that was a scary part of it too. My husband and I lead a very private life. You never know what people can come up with. I won't mention the name but a military person that was very, very entrenched as the head of a certain area of the military, actually came here. I had no idea who this person was. He came to Village Labs with a couple of other people to see my data. They were curious to meet me, you know, I was just so naïve. I said fine if they're interested, and maybe they can tell me what it is. At that point I was interested in just finding out what was going on.

SM: I couldn't twist your arm to tell me who the person was, could I?

LK: No, it would defy a confidence.

SM: Could you tell me what institution he represented in a general sense as opposed to specifically? For example, was he from the Intelligence community?

LK: In a way. More military than anything else. That's about all I can say. He's actually now involved in studying UFO phenomena and NDEs. At the time Jim Dilettoso turned to me and said, "Do you know who that is?" I said, "I have no idea." He tells me to get on the Internet to find out more.

When I did, I was freaked. I realized that just the people you don't want to know who you are, had met me already.

SM: Ah, right.

LK: So I figured, "If you can't beat them, join them." He had been very nice to me by the way. We had lunch together and he had pulled me aside at one point to say, "I just want to tell you that all your stuff is very intriguing but some people get so obsessed with it, it really just takes over their life. If I can give you one bit of advice, just don't let that happen to you." I think it was a very good piece of advice actually because you can get so sucked into it. I've seen people ruin their lives because of it.

SM: Because of the Phoenix Lights?

LK: Yes. Their lives were turned upside down because they told the truth. They told what they saw, in circles that didn't want to hear it and unfortunately they were put into a compromising position.

When a couple of the TV programmes were professing that this thing was a hologram or it was this or that, I called the military fellow to ask his professional take and he insisted, "Quite frankly, we do not have this technology. I can tell you that." The bottom line is that these things are coming

from somewhere else and are intelligent, they're not coming down to destroy us or take over, so the only option is that they are probably benevolent and just want to let us know that they are here. Who knows? They could be right here with us, but in another dimension. You don't get to see or feel them unless you're open to them or invited. When you look into the history of these amber orbs, it seems that they have been with us since human kind began.

SM: Do you feel that it is a dimensional source?

LK: Yes, I do, I do. I keep going back to the 1995 event, the close sighting. I know what I saw. It is so ingrained in my brain. I keep going back to that. No matter what anyone says about anything else that happened here, I know what I saw close up and personal. To me, even weeks after they all disappeared, they still seemed to be there, watching. Now when you have that feeling, it's just a feeling. And sometimes you need to address the feeling. That's one of the reasons I came forward.

So many people worldwide have experienced an unexplained phenomenon, an UP. Whether it was a Near Death Experience, an out of body experience, an unexplained aerial phenomena, or whatever. Many things can certainly be explained. Let's get that on the table. But there are some things that cannot and again, just because we can't definitively define it yet doesn't mean it's not real. And when it touches somebody really profoundly, that's an important thing to address and to be open about. It's also important to know that it's okay. That's another reason I'm coming out as myself because I want others to know it's okay. Yes, there are people with chemical imbalances and people who see aeroplanes who mistake them for other things. But there are some things that cannot be explained.

I have a perfect example. About a month ago I got a call from a middle school psychologist, who knew I was drawing conclusions about the possibility of a connection between all unexplained phenomena. She said, "I had to call you Dr. Kitei and let you know about this one case because it absolutely confirms what you've been saying." There was an eleven year old girl who was an A student. Bright, happy, great personality, very popular. About two weeks after her grandmother died, she became withdrawn. It's one thing to grieve the loss of a close relative but what this girl was going through was too extreme.

Finally, after weeks of the psychologist meeting with her and trying to find out what was going on, she admitted that days after her grandmother died, she woke up in the middle of the night and her grandmother was standing at the end of her bed with her arms outstretched to her.

Now, instead of having the thought, "My grandmother is here with me, this is real, her arms are outstretched to show she loves me and she'll be with me", treating it as a comforting, positive experience, this poor girl thought she was crazy and was frightened. She couldn't eat, couldn't sleep, couldn't do her school work because she had no reference for it. Our mindset is so ingrained with a reality that might not be a true reality. There may in fact be other realities that are just as real, but we are not told that they are real. We're told that we're crazy, that it's a mirage, that it's swamp gas, that it's flares,

whatever. We're made to believe that what we saw and experienced was not real. And yet it is. It's about time we get these things out in the open. I am so overwhelmed with the positive e-mails from people thanking me for coming forward because they were so afraid to discuss what they have experienced and can finally start talking about it. If I can do it, they can do it too.

SM: I know not only from what you've said here but also what you said in the book as well that choosing to come forward was a very, very big decision. Now, you've talked positively about the affects of that but has there been any negative aspects? Has there been an affect on your professional career?

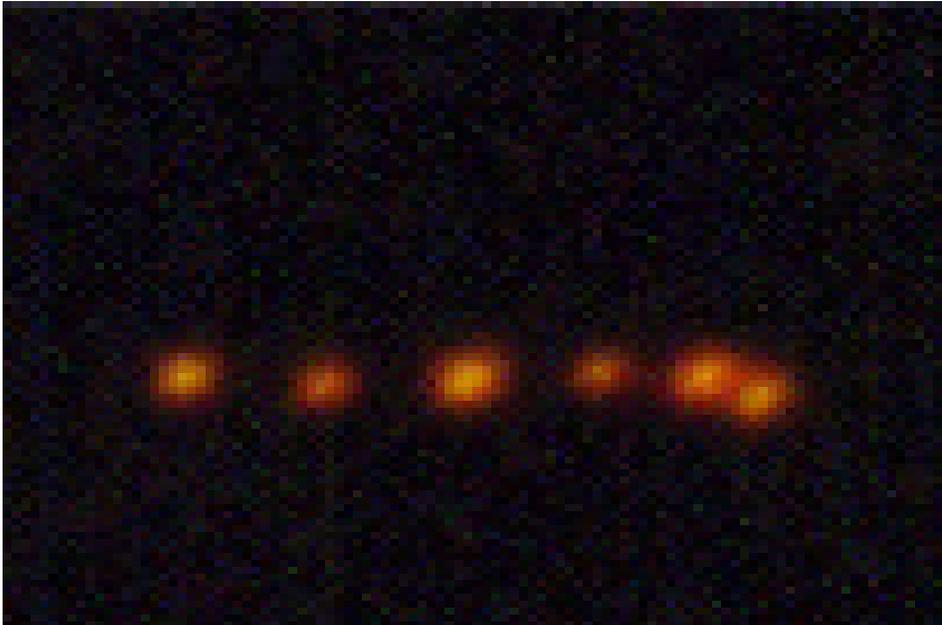
LK: Actually not. People who know me accept me for who I am. Whatever I sink my teeth into, whether it's bringing up two children to be productive, caring adults, or my life's work, I do it with passion and dedication. Because so many people have asked me this question, I've been forced to reflect back on my life and what I've achieved. I made sure I delved into things that would not only help the community but would also give me time with the children. Often I'd be involved with things where, if I made gas money I was lucky, but that wasn't why I was doing it. When people look at the whole picture, they appreciate where I'm coming from, that this is just one more step in educating and healing others, to let them see the reality of this subject matter and let them decide for themselves.

SM: What's your husband's attitude to it now?

LK: He's very excited about it. He didn't understand at first. For four years of my life I totally pushed aside my professional career. I was in the middle of working on a gang prevention/education programme, part of my "You Make It!" series. I truly do believe that anybody can make it, especially children, if they are given the tools, education and love.

I admit that for years I was totally dedicated to searching for the source and meaning of what I had witnessed and photographed, from the time my husband left at 7:00 am to the time he walked in at 6 or 7:00 o'clock at night. Then I would stop so we could spend time together. But all during the day I was either on the computer researching as much as I could, because I couldn't soak up enough - it was so new to me and so fascinating - or reading someone's book or contacting someone and meeting with them and showing them my data. Every day was jam packed with trying to find a logical explanation. My husband didn't get it. He would come home and ask, "Why are you doing this?" He really didn't get it for a long time. But for some reason I continued to put my heart and soul into it. Once I decided to come forward, he absolutely supported my decision.

While continuing my research I started to edit down the 750 page journal. I also felt it was time to get back into my medical career. Body scanning, heart screening and virtual colonoscopy were in their infancy. I was curious about them and before I knew it, I was in intensive training for a chief clinical consultant position. It is fascinating work where I can also apply my prevention and wellness background. There isn't a day that goes by that someone's life



isn't dramatically improved by the information they receive during their consultation. I really love what I do.

And now that the book has been released I'm juggling both careers. The reception to *The Phoenix Lights* has been fantastic. I'm doing book tours for Borders and Barnes & Noble stores each week. They've been jam-packed! It's great fun sharing the intriguing story. In addition, I show a comprehensive video I produced. Throughout my information gathering I also felt obliged to document everything on video as regards the media, news programmes and so forth, especially since my photographic evidence was usually being aired. The video shows how the story unfolded from the day after the mass sighting to the third anniversary flare drop. Since the flares were significantly different to what we witnessed and photographed I agreed to an MSNBC and FOX interview, which I include in the video and on my website. People can see the difference for themselves. Again, the data speaks for itself.

I'd love to come to the UK to present my materials.

SM: What is your reaction these days, now, when you still hear the word "flares" mentioned in connection with the lights?

LK: Oh boy, that does get my ire. First of all, they weren't flares! That I know. It's funny you should mention that because last night, the three hour show (Coast To Coast 3/24/04) went so well and we were getting such wonderful callers, from all over the United States. It was really amazing that all these people were up in the middle of the night listening. I've had so much positive

reinforcement. But then the last caller says, "I know you were looking south so it must have been flares on the Barry Goldwater range".

Well, besides the fact that if you just look at the footage, there's no way these were flares because they don't act like flares. The unknowns defy physics, as we know it, as I've been told by numerous optical specialists. Flares cannot stay in a straight line, they cannot form formations, for sure, they're very erratic, they're white not amber. They have giant smoke trails and they reflect light. That's what the flares that the military alleges they were deploying that night are used for – to illuminate the area.

SM: There was one weird individual who appeared in the story fairly early on, and whom you named as "Martin", what was that all about? Was it some sort of personal agenda?

LK: I never want to hurt anyone. I just can't relate to people who are violent or abusive. I can't relate to it. I purposely did not name names, as much as I could, including the military conversations etc. because I just wanted to tell the story.

I could not understand why this man, out of the blue and with no military confirmation, latched on to the flare theory. In fact, his persistence probably caused the military to latch on to it too. Jim Dilettoso had data that no one else knew about that could confirm these things were not earthly or flares, namely my photographic evidence. But he knew that if he divulged that information people would ask where it came from and I wanted to remain anonymous. Jim was so kind to keep my anonymity intact, but unfortunately he got the backlash.

For some reason Martin kept sending defamatory letters to the media about Jim and his analysis. He also professed that these things were flares. He urged a photographer and novice reporter from the NBC affiliate, to go out to the Barry Goldwater range and shoot flares, claiming that was the explanation. The Discovery Channel even pointed out that it was only after NBC's piece aired that the military then came out with their announcement that the Phoenix Lights were just flares. Disappointing.

People that want to feed into the flare explanation, do. Either they're fearful of the real possibilities or they just can't deal with thinking about it. It's easier for them to accept a "logical" explanation. And that's okay, if it gives them comfort. But if you look at the data, there's just no way. That's all I ask, just look at the data. It speaks for itself.

And what about the silent mile long triangular craft that witnesses saw glide at low altitude throughout the state? What about that phenomenon? To me it's just as important, if not more so, because thousands of people saw that as well, or lights attached to something massive, which is very similar to what I photographed, obviously. That event has never been addressed – or explained.

A number of people also saw these orbs detach from the main object and go out into the environment, then re-dock. That may be what occurred during our own close sighting in '95. In fact, on closer inspection, we realized that my

photographs prove that the same line formation of orbs was in the background disappearing in the same location in 1995 as well. Take a look at the pictures in the book. It's a little too coincidental.

I can get into this for a while but the bottom line is the same thing is happening world wide, not just in Arizona. And other countries are much more open to it as being unearthly.

Many people, like myself, are so busy with their own life that they never think about such things. Or perhaps they never had an experience. There seems to be an important chunk of history missing from our history books. Being presented with this information for the first time, by a credible person who has gone to great lengths to do the homework, may help make them become a little more open to learning about it. I hope so.

SM: It's a very strong theme in the book about the spiritual affect of the whole experience on you. Can you describe the emotional and spiritual impact that the experience has had on you?

LK: That's a great question. People's reactions and their relief that someone of credence is coming forward to say this is real, has been very spiritual in itself. It's healing. Just like that little girl and her grandmother. How much comfort can that give someone for the rest of their lives!

Going back to my own NDE, I came away from that experience with spiritual enlightenment that obviously touched my whole life. I knew I had had a profound experience in the dentist's chair when I was 8 years old but I didn't know what it was, I didn't have any reference for it. I didn't tell anybody about it because it sounded so crazy. I knew that I had met three loving beings in white glowing robes. The memory had been long buried, but I felt their guidance throughout my life and have trusted it. I knew that if I searched in my mind for an answer to a question, which road I should take, that I would inevitably get an answer - from somewhere.

Even as a child, I really felt confident that it was for the good. When I went with that feeling, it always turned out for the positive. Not everything in my life has been wonderful. I've gone through hard times like everybody else. Everyone has a turn. I do feel that is part of learning and growing while we are here on Earth. But as a child, I was much more mature for my age than anyone else that I knew. I was an observer at times, thinking to myself, "Why are they doing that? That's not going to benefit them or their future. Why aren't they getting the most out of their talents? They're wasting their time". I would think that even as a child and always felt I was never alone.

I guess most people wouldn't have worked as hard or taken advantage of many of the things that I did throughout my life. Once I realized I had a beautiful singing voice, it became my passion. I love singing and consider it a gift to be able to give others pleasure through my voice. I tried to do the most I could with it and achieved a great deal. Before my twenties, I had performed in many professional musicals with luminaries in the field like Gordon McCrae in "Oklahoma" and Betty Grable in "Guys and Dolls" and so on. I just tried to take

advantage of everything that came before me because I felt it was there for a reason. I don't think most people are awake to that kind of mind set.

SM: You seem to be very much a giver.

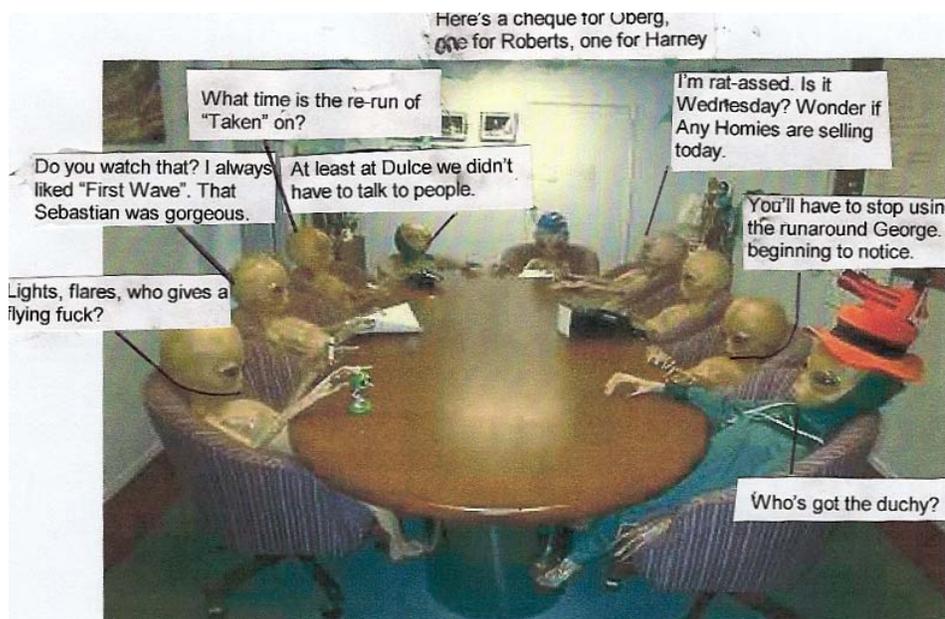
LK: Well you know what? I get from it too. Just the satisfaction of people feeling good. It's part of healing, of being in the medical profession. It's natural to me.

SM: Doctor Lynne, thank you.

PHOENIX CITY COUNCIL MYSTERY RESOLVED AT LAST

One of the pro-longed mysteries of the Phoenix Lights case was the strange reaction of the City Council. Far from welcoming what happened and looking upon it as a positive event that could not only benefit mankind but also put the City of Phoenix on the map as a major tourist location, they chose instead to make fun of those who asked for an investigation and constantly denied anything peculiar or odd had occurred. They lied and lied and lied. And now we know why.

UFO Review appears to have a scoop! We received in the post a photo that purports to show an actual meeting of the Council during the time of the mass sighting, and it is entirely self-explanatory. One glimpse at it and everything falls in to place. Our thanks go to our anonymous source, Haven'tgotaclue.



Major Sighting in Mexico and a Particularly Unusual Case

Ufology is dead you know. Oh yes. Well, it is at least according to the press in the UK, so it was with some surprise that we all had our attention drawn to this particular case. Surely some mistake? Nope, apparently not, so one can only presume that aliens don't bother reading The Guardian or The Daily Mail or The Scotsman. How remiss of them.

In case you have been asleep or away somewhere, then I have to tell you that a sighting took place in the skies above Mexico on March 5th this year. The sighting was recorded on video by the Mexican air force who decided to release the tape to researcher Jamie Maussan. It was also shown on Mexican TV on Monday 10th.May.

This sighting has caused an immense amount of excitement and interest, for a number of reasons. Firstly, the footage was released to the public domain by the Mexican government, an almost unheard of strategy. Secondly, the objects, which were not visible to the naked eye, were detected both by radar and infra-red cameras, a double cross checking confirmation, using equipment that is hard to dispute. This has a number of implications for past incidents where there was radar evidence but no visual sightings, such as the Washington 1952 flap and the ensuing counter arguments about temperature inversions and other weather related phenomena. And thirdly, the objects appeared to be under intelligent control and responded to the presence of the Mexican air force plane by approaching it

The rumblings from this case are still going on and are likely to continue for some time as further implications are realised and further research is conducted.

An amusing side issue to all this has been people's reactions. Some, and I include myself in this, have embraced the event with open arms. Sure, scientists can ferret away if they want but their positive or negative conclusions will not matter. The event simply confirms what people like us knew all along anyway. They're here, they're there, they're everywhere and they always have been. It would be nice if the world changed after this sighting but although we hope, we don't really expect it to. But it's a nice injection of invigorating confidence and confirmation at a time when some have had their convictions buffeted.

Then there are the ones who want to do it properly. Make no conclusions now, wait for the scientists to do their bit. Keep quiet, don't get over excited, look for other reasonable or acceptable explanations. Above all, DON'T SPOIL IT, which translated means, don't enjoy it. In particular, it's the old timers, those in their late fifties or sixties plus, those with "experience" and perhaps a scientific degree and who take themselves very seriously. These arrogant dinosaurs put me off my dinner.

Then there are our dear friends, the sceptics. They have been very quiet. They are digesting, waiting, looking for cracks. If the case remains unshakable, then some will have personal difficulties, some will make idiots of themselves, and some will go into partial revisionist mode. They'll deal with it in their own way.

Our special report on this case starts on page 69.

Only the passage of time will tell us how truly significant this case is. My instinct, for that is all there can be at the moment, is that it will go down in ufology as possibly the biggest or one of the biggest cases of all time. It's fallen in the right era. It would be sad if it turned out to be duff but part of me is prepared for that. Above all, I would remember the excitement and the sheer enjoyable pleasure of the whole thing. And sometimes in Ufology, we forget we're meant to be enjoying this.

And now the unusual case.

Sightings, incidents, occur all the time. You have only to sit in front of a computer screen for a few minutes, enrolled on various message boards, to know that. So frequent are they and so blasé can one become about them all, that it obviously needs something that little bit extra or different to truly catch the eye. The following case did that with me, perhaps for obvious historical reasons. Deeply intriguing.

Alabama – Plane Hits Unidentified Object

MOBILE REGISTER, staff Reporter Joe Danborn writes, "Federal investigators have determined that a single-engine delivery plane that crashed into Big Bateau Bay on Oct. 23, 2002, slammed into something 3,000 feet above the Mobile-Tensaw Delta moments earlier - they're just not sure what it was.

The highly unusual National Transportation Safety Board account points to unidentified red marks on the severely damaged nose and front belly of the plane as evidence that it hit another object in the air. The crash killed 54-year-old pilot Thomas J. Preziose of Mobile minutes after he took off from Downtown Airport. Agency officials "don't know of any other accident that we have in our files that states 'collision with an unknown object,'" said Keith Holloway, a spokesman for the NTSB, which investigates all domestic air accidents. "I've never seen a report like that," said Don Godwin, a veteran pilot and chief executive officer of Mid-Atlantic Freight, which owned the plane. "And it's very troubling to have something like this happen and not know what caused it. I know the family's upset, and understandably upset.

It's just a great thing that this kind of thing didn't happen to an airliner with a bunch of people on it." The report also notes that malfunctioning radar recording equipment hampered efforts to determine the exact cause of the accident. Moreover, an air traffic controller at Mobile Regional Airport apparently gave incorrect positions to Preziose about the location of a DC-10 in

the area, according to the recently released report, officially called a finding of facts. A Federal Aviation Administration official at Mobile Regional Airport said Tuesday afternoon he wasn't aware of any equipment malfunctions. He deferred further comment to officials who had left for the day. The five-page report states that the FedEx DC-10 doesn't appear to have been involved in the collision; investigators examined it the day after the crash and found it unscathed. That lack of damage, however, deepens the mystery as to what happened to Preziose's Cessna 208B Cargomaster.

Experienced pilot:

Preziose was a veteran pilot for the New York City Police Department and had been an instructor on the Cessna 208 for the Pan Am Flight Academy in Memphis, according to the report. He had worked for several months for Mid-Atlantic Freight, the company contracting with DHL, and had flown the same route numerous times. An autopsy revealed no drugs or alcohol in his system. The plane - which had passed a routine FAA inspection a few days earlier, the report states - disappeared from radar about 15 minutes of taking off from Mobile Downtown Airport at Brookley around 7:30 p.m. Flying under contract for the delivery company DHL Worldwide Express, it was bound for Montgomery bearing 420 pounds of business documents. About 10 minutes after takeoff, Preziose, using the call sign "Night Ship 282," switched from talking to the control tower at Brookley to the FAA tower at Mobile Regional Airport, a standard procedure, according to Bay Haas, executive director of the Mobile Airport Authority. His agency maintains and staffs the Brookley tower, while the FAA operates the Mobile Regional tower, he said.

A DC-10 ahead:

As Preziose climbed northeast through the overcast sky, relying on instruments to take him to his cruising altitude of 3,000 feet, the Mobile Regional controller alerted him to the presence of the DC-10, which was seven miles straight in front of him, flying at 4,000 feet and inbound for Brookley, according to a transcript of the chatter contained in the report. Preziose acknowledged it. A minute later, the controller told Preziose the DC-10, now just two miles from the Cessna, had crossed the smaller plane's path and remained at 4,000 feet. "Roger, I got him above me right now," Preziose replied, apparently confirming he saw the FedEx plane.

Seconds later, the report states, he came back on the air: "I needed to deviate, I needed to deviate, I needed to deviate, I needed....." A commercial frog hunter in an airboat assisting Alabama Marine Police and Coast Guard crews found the wreckage around midnight, resting in shallow water, about 1 mile north of the Mobile Bay Causeway. The wings were shattered, and most of the front of the plane was little more than fragments. "The impact of that collision disintegrated that airplane before it hit the water out there," Godwin said.

Engine split in half:

The Pratt & Whitney engine block was split in two, the report states. Godwin called that a strong indicator of a violent impact. "That's a big deal. That airplane could fall out of the sky and hit concrete and it's unlikely it would've broken the engine in half like that." The NTSB report details the agency's attempts to find the source of the red marks on the Cessna. Investigators sent fragments with the markings to Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio for testing.

The markings were compared to other materials from the plane, including red paint and a red cargo bag. The tests also examined paint from an unmanned aerial vehicle, apparently to determine whether the Cessna had struck a military drone. Similar tests were performed by the U.S. Aircraft Insurance Group - which took custody of the wreckage in February - with similar results, the report states.

"The main result from the investigation is that the material in the red streaks on the skin of the accident airplane was significantly different from the other materials that were examined for comparison," the report states. Additionally, investigators were unable to identify the source of "a small piece of what appeared to be black anodized aluminium, which was found embedded in the left wing" near the fuselage, the report states. "There's definitely no chance that that particular incident involved one of our drones," said 1st Lt. Sage Park, a spokeswoman for the 53rd Wing, which operates unmanned airplanes out of Tyndall Air Force Base in the Florida Panhandle. Those drones do not fly as far west as the Mobile area, she said. A spokeswoman at Eglin Air Force Base, farther west in the Panhandle, said squadrons there also generally do their testing over the Gulf of Mexico and do not venture into airspace near Mobile. Neither of the Air Force officials nor a spokesman at Naval Air Station Pensacola could immediately confirm whether units based there were conducting aircraft or missile tests when the Cessna crashed, although all said it was unlikely for various reasons. The Navy spokesman said the Pensacola station has radar that reaches Mobile, although it is generally monitored for activity in the Gulf rather than near Mobile.

The accident report does not indicate whether investigators sought radar data from any of the military installations. Based on the limited radar information they could find, investigators concluded the Cessna never crossed paths with the DC-10, contrary to what the air traffic controller told Preziose, the report states. Greg Breedlove, a lawyer with the Mobile firm Cunningham Bounds, said his firm has been retained by Preziose's family and is examining several possibilities, including that the Cessna simply got caught in turbulence caused by the FedEx plane.

Another possibility?

Sam Houston, resident agent in charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration office in Mobile, said his agency had no information about the accident, although he said he could not rule out the possibility that a drug smuggling plane might have struck the Cessna. "There is active drug smuggling in Alabama, yes, by air," he said. Godwin, the Mid-Atlantic Freight executive, said it was "very hard to believe that in this United States, with terrorism being what

it is, that there's no record of any aircraft or object moving in our space out there. You'd think somebody somewhere has a record of that collision." NTSB investigators should issue their final analysis on the accident within a few months, said Holloway, the spokesman.

On the Web: NTSB Aviation Accident Synopses:

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Editor's Note: The fact the leading edge of the Cessna had and the engine block split in two by the violent impact infers the collision occurred with a high speed craft. The black aluminium imbedded in the wing was sent to Wright Paterson AFB for analysis suggests UFO involvement. Videos from the space shuttle has shown high speed UFOs moving along the Gulf Coast corridor on a regular basis. There have been other mysteries surrounding similar midair crashes.

Plane's wreckage puzzles investigators

Clues hint at mid-air collision with 'unknown object'

SPANISH FORT, Alabama (CNN) -- Moira Wade hitches her boat to a plastic pole stuck in the "puff mud" of Big Bateau Bay.

Then, in what has become a ritual, she tends to a makeshift memorial to her brother. She tapes artificial flowers on the pole, polishes a solar-powered lantern, and opts not to replace the framed photograph of Tommy. The sun still hasn't faded the old photo.

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Moira Wade tapes flowers to a pole that marks where the cockpit of her brother's plane was found after it crashed in 2002.

"I have to come out here," she says, her New York accent deeply out of place in this Alabama marsh. "I feel at peace when I'm here. And when I am not here, all I can think about is being here."

It is here where Wade's brother -- 54-year-old cargo plane pilot Thomas J. Preziose -- plunged to his death the evening of October 23, 2002. The pole marks the spot where the cockpit was found; the place where his remains were recovered.

Preziose's crash, like almost all air crashes, contained elements of mystery from the start. But accident investigators will tell you that this crash is more confounding than most.

Here are the most intriguing aspects:

– Investigators found red streaks – transfer marks, they call them – on various pieces of the shredded Cessna pulled from the muck. The red does not match red mailbags or other objects known to be on the plane.

– Investigators also found a small piece of black anodized aluminium embedded in the skin of Preziose's plane. The aluminium is not from the accident airplane.

Those facts led National Transportation Safety Board accident investigator Butch Wilson to conclude the Preziose's Cessna 208B Caravan "collided in-flight with an unknown object."

That statement, part of an interim report released last month, has heightened speculation among local pilots, aviation buffs and conspiracy theorists about the demise of Night Ship 282, the call sign for the Preziose's flight.

Theories abound. Some believe Night Ship 282 collided with a drug runner's plane, the loss of which might go unreported. Some wonder if Night Ship 282 was pelted by a meteor or space junk. Others think it collided with a military drone run amok, or perhaps was hit by a missile.

Some even suggest the plane was struck by terrorists, perhaps aiming at a larger plane nearby.

NTSB officials are not embracing their investigator's statement that Night Ship 282 "collided ... with an unknown object." They say the statement is analytical in nature, and does not belong in the factual report.

But neither are they running away from the possibility of a mid-air collision.

Instead, prompted by the factual report and by the interest it is generating, they have taken the unusual step this month of reclaiming the aircraft wreckage from the insurance company and shipped it to the Washington area for a closer inspection.

Still, investigators are reluctant to suggest that any theory looks more promising than another.

"I don't see a scenario that fits everything yet," said one source close to the investigation. "I think that's where we're at right now. As far as I'm concerned, nothing's ruled out. There's no reason to rule anything out. Everything's on the table right now."

The pilot

Moira Wade describes her brother as fun loving and gregarious, with an almost lifelong love of flying. Born in the Bronx, the oldest of six children, Preziose



Preziose's Cessna 208B
Caravan

started flying in the military, and wanted to be a helicopter pilot. Instead, he became an Army helicopter medic, serving in Vietnam.

Back home, he joined the New York Police Department, serving for 23 years before retiring in 1994. When the World Trade Center was attacked years later, he returned to the city and spent three weeks "digging people out," his sister says.

After his retirement from the force, Preziose held several jobs and ambitions, eventually landing as a simulator instructor, teaching pilots how to fly the Cessna Caravan.

But flying real planes, not simulators, was in Preziose's blood, according to his sister. And in July 2002, Preziose got a job with Mid-Atlantic Freight, flying a Cessna Caravan on a nightly cargo run from Mobile to Montgomery, Alabama, and Atlanta.

The flight

At 7:40 p.m. – four months into his new job – Preziose set off on a run. He was carrying 420 pounds of cargo for DHL, including a shipment of baseball hats.

It was dark and overcast, and there was light precipitation in the area, forcing Preziose to use his instruments.

Before departing from Mobile Downtown Airport, Preziose asked controllers at what altitude he would encounter freezing temperatures, saying he wanted to fly at 9,000 feet "because the radar's out." That comment – some say – indicates the plane's weather radar was not operating.

Controllers told him the freezing level was 11,500 feet – well above his intended cruising altitude.

Preziose departed headed directly north, and controllers directed him to climb to 3,000 feet and turn right, towards the east. The controller also advised him that an inbound DC-10 aircraft was flying south at 4,000 feet.

A minute later, the controller told Preziose that the DC-10 was two miles away at the "one o'clock" position, suggesting that the large aircraft had passed him and was slightly to his right. But a post-accident analysis of radar data suggests that that was incorrect. The plane was still to Preziose's left.



The wreckage was scattered over 200 yards.



Preziose's flight took off from Mobile Downtown Airport.

Whatever the problem was, Preziose evidently saw the large plane. "Roger," he replied, "I got him above me right now."

At about the time he was speaking those words, Preziose's plane began a fairly rapid, but apparently controlled, descent. In the next 14 seconds, his plane dropped from 2,900 feet to 2,400 feet. It was then that Preziose made what was to be his last radio transmission: "I needed to deviate, I needed to deviate, I needed to deviate, I needed to deviate, I needed ... "

His plane began an uncontrolled descent into the swamp.

Preziose's last flight lasted about four minutes. A frog hunter in an airboat, pressed into service by rescuers, found the aircraft that night.

The investigation

Preziose's Cessna was shredded; its parts scattered randomly over an area of about 200 yards. Its instruments were so damaged they did not provide any useful information. The autopsy didn't provide clues, either. Tissue samples revealed no sign of alcohol or drugs.

Early in the investigation, investigators noticed the red marks.

The marks were on many pieces of the airframe, concentrated on the skin of the plane forward of the main landing gear on the pilot's side of the plane, but also on other places on the plane.

Curiously, red marks were even found inside the nose landing gear wheel, which had been stripped of its tire.

The NTSB sent two pieces of airplane skin containing red marks to Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio for analysis. But when the marks were compared to material from red cargo bags and a red Pitot tube covering, they were found to be "significantly different," the NTSB said.

The NTSB also obtained a piece of an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle from the U.S. Air Force. It also did not match.

Since the DC-10 -- a FedEx plane -- was in the vicinity, it became the obvious subject of suspicion. But a walk-around examination of the jet showed "no damage to the exterior of the aircraft," the NTSB report says.

Radar data also indicate the planes did not collide, showing the two planes never came closer than 1,000 feet in altitude or a mile horizontally and "never crossed paths," the report reads.



A crushed piece of airplane skin shows red marks that have confounded investigators.

The speculation

"There's all sorts of speculation about what's happened to that airplane," said Michael Griffin, a flight instructor who regularly flies out of Mobile Downtown Airport.

"This is pure speculation on my part but this is a big drug trafficking area and it wouldn't surprise me at all (if Preziose was struck by a drug runner). He did make announcements that he needed to turn. ... He was probably panicked. He saw something that shouldn't have been there."

Or Preziose could have hit another plane "lost in the soup," he said.

Others, including Don Godwin, CEO of Mid-Atlantic Freight, the company Preziose was working for, dismiss those theories.

"If there had been another airplane, I feel certain there would have been pieces of another airplane at the crash site."

Godwin is captivated by the fact that the plane's engine broke in two main pieces.

"That's a big deal right there to me," Godwin said. "I think most everybody is convinced that that happened prior to the impact."

As for the cause? "The only thing that would come to my mind would be a high-speed drone," he says.

Or maybe a missile. "I believe whatever hit it flew right through it and probably ended up in the Gulf of Mexico someplace or somewhere in that bay," he said.

But investigators say they have not yet concluded that the engine broke up in air, and say that is still the subject of inquiry.

And military officials at Tyndall Air Force base, about 140 miles from the marsh where the plane crashed, are convinced that drones – which are launched from the base – had nothing to do with the downing of Night Ship 282.

The base did not launch any drones the evening of October 23, 2002, says Lt. Col. Jerry Kerby, commander of the 82 Aerial Targets Squadron at Tyndall, located on the Florida panhandle.

In addition, a drone launched from Tyndall could not hit the Alabama delta, Kerby said.



Investigators found a small piece of aluminium embedded in a piece of the wreckage. They concluded that the piece was not part of Preziose's plane.

"It's not technically possible for us to get a drone that far west mainly because we will lose control, we will lose an uplink with that drone. If we lose an uplink or any kind of communications with that drone, the drone will command itself to shut its engine down and put itself in a parachute where it will float down into the Gulf of Mexico."



The mangled pilot's seat of Preziose's plane was found among the wreckage.

Another theory is that wake turbulence – the tornado-like winds that spin off a planes' wings and can cause havoc with aircraft that cross their path – might be to blame. It is particularly dangerous when a small plane crosses into turbulence created by a larger aircraft.

The pilot's last words

There is also speculation about the pilot's last words, "I needed to deviate."

To his sister, the meaning of the words couldn't be clearer.

"Knowing Tommy, he wanted to try to make people understand that something was going on that was unusual and so [at the] last second he grabbed hold of the mic and transmitted that information.



Thomas Preziose

"And that is why he was saying, 'I see something coming at me and I know I am going to die and I want you to know what happened to me,'" Wade said.

Preziose's employer has a slightly different take. "I think he was talking to himself," said Godwin.

Godwin says he believes Preziose may have seen something about to hit the plane, pressed the microphone switch on the plane's control and said the words, meaning, "I should have deviated."

Attorney Breedlove believes that Preziose, either fearing the effects of wake turbulence or actually suffering its effects, is telling the air traffic controllers that they should have steered him away from the course he was on.

And there are other interpretations. Some close to the investigation say that Preziose may have been acknowledging that he should have deviated his flight path because of foul weather.

One recent bit of speculation seeks to address those red markings. When the plane parts were pulled from the marsh, they were placed on a barge. The barge

was red, several sources said.

But an NTSB spokesman said the investigator remembered seeing the marks on at least some of the wreckage before it was placed on the barge. In an effort to make sense of the marks, investigators plan to map the marks on a mock-up of the plane.

Back at the marsh

After tending to the memorial, Moira Wade picks up a long metal pole and probes the water and the mud beneath it. When she hits an object, the pole "tings" and she uses a rake to lift it to the surface.

"Oyster," she says, discouraged.

She then moves her boat, probing the mud only four feet from her memorial to her brother.

This time, her probing pays off. She lifts to the surface an object covered with mud and weeds, and dips it in the water to clean it.

"I think it is aluminium," she says. "I think this is from the engine. I am not sure. See it has a part number on it. Every piece has a part number. It looks like there has been some heat here. So it could be the heat from the engine."

She puts the piece aside, with plans to give it to the NTSB. She has complete confidence that they will be able to solve this mystery.

Resuming her search, she probes the mud again and brings up a mud clump. Rinsing it, she reveals several baseball hats.

"Oh," she says. "This is his cargo."

Even after NTSB investigators left Mobile soon after the accident, Preziose's sister and husband have soldiered on. Assisted by friends and volunteers who manned airplanes, helicopters and boats, the Wades spent 15 days at the site in the late fall of 2002, and have returned numerous times to continue their search for evidence.

To date, they have recovered about 700 pounds of wreckage that was not found during the initial search, including two blades of the propeller.

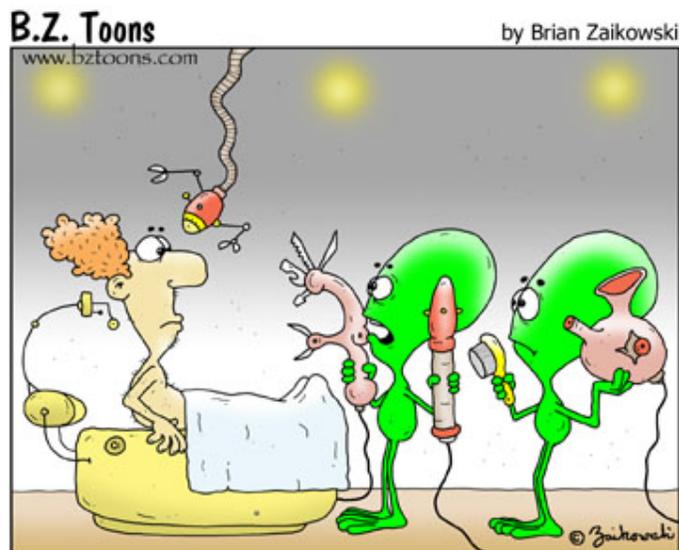
And the search continues. The Wades hope not only to find more pieces to Preziose's Cessna, but also to some other object, be it drone, UAV, missile or drug runner plane.



Preziose's plane crashed into Big Bateau Bay, off the coast of Alabama.

Part of her sense of responsibility comes from the fact that she is his sister. Part comes from the fact that she, like her brother, is a pilot. She flies Boeing 727s commercially.

"It is kind of like a duty among airmen to take care of each other and I am trying to oversee, to make sure that my brother gets a fair shake and that they just don't blame it on him, because they can't come up with any other [explanation]. I just want it to be factual so that when this man died, the truth of how he died will be known," Wade says.



This is our first day. Do you have any idea which one of these things is the rectal probe?

PHANTOM BIG CAT STALKS WESTMINSTER

BY OUR REPORTER ON THE SPOT – DAM ACNE

A mysterious big cat type thingy has been seen by various residents of the City of Westminster in central London. The borough, which is the home to the

British Houses of Parliament, has been the centre of a recent number of strange sighting reports, including descriptions of “Flying Madmen” and panther like creatures. A thinly populated area, its residents are, in the main, members of the British Parliament who have apartments close by for easy access to the Commons. Their numbers are made up by a large number of single women who seem to be part of the parliamentary entourage. What exactly these women do for a living is not made clear but one of them, Ima Hooker, told me that she has been “servicing the British establishment for 20 years, matey!” whatever that might mean.

Ima went on, “I was coming out of a certain person’s flat late one night and as I was crossing Westminster Bridge road, I saw this huge, cat like creature walking along the bridge parapet about 50 yards away. Well, I can tell you dearie, I have never been so shocked in all my life. The thing stopped and stared right back at me – the cheek of it – and then walked towards me as if it didn’t have a care in the world! I just stood stock still, rooted to the spot and unable to move through sheer terror. As it got closer, it started to make these peculiar noises, as best as I can describe them it sounded like “meow, meow”,



An artist's impression of the footloose feline

pussy.” I don’t understand that. That’s what one of my clients calls out when we’re errr. By the way, I’m 32 and am double jointed.”

and then, when it was within just four feet from me, it jumped down on to the pavement and with its tail raised, it brushed against my leg. It then turned round and came back and did the same thing again.”

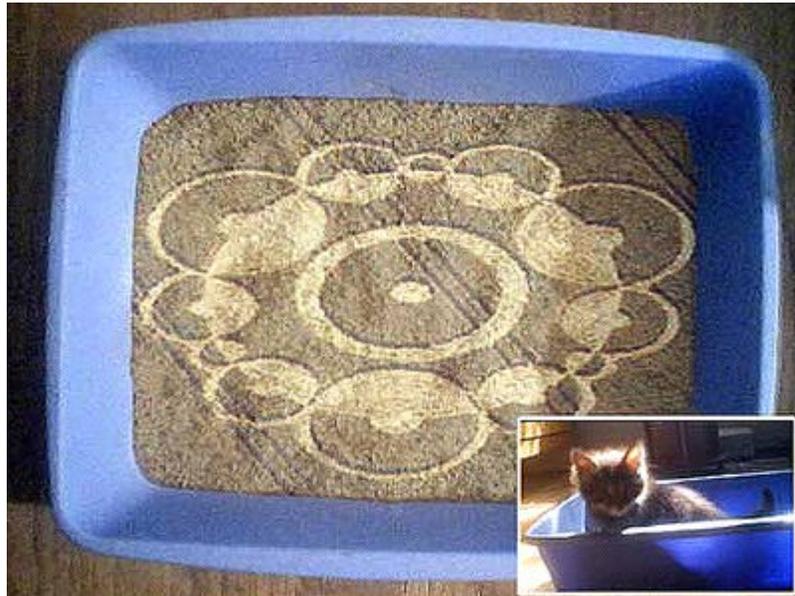
“The next thing I remember is coming round in the casualty department of Westminster Hospital. They told me that when they brought me in, I was hysterical and kept shouting, “Pussy

A police spokesman said, “We’ve had a number of reports lately of strange feline looking creatures in the area. We are advising people to stay in but if they must go out, they should carry with them a tin of sardines and a can opener. Apparently this acts as a distraction if placed near the big cat and enables the individual to make a hasty retreat to safety. One person tried to capture one with a net but he was a complete idiot and we are advising the public not to approach them.”

Brian Haventgotone from the Environmental Department of the Council offered this advice. “Cor blimey boss. If I see one, I’ll scarper. I’m not hanging around to get eaten by one of them things. We found a huge mammal that had been killed by one of these cats and it wasn’t a pretty sight. It had half eaten a Squeakymouse and I know how strong you have to be to take one of those things down. They’re terrifying.”

Chris Rolfe is 19.

You always suspected your Cat was an Alien...



HAMPTON ROADS
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It isn't exactly a major revelation that one of the cohesives that holds the UFO community together and indeed, probably its major source of information, is books. Books by authors we've come to admire, books by people we've never heard of before, and books by people who are clearly off their trolley. All part of the fun and fizzle of the subject and take away any of those components and

the nature and character of the beast changes immediately. Leave it as it is, loonies and geniuses together, and it's a thing of beauty and complexity, dazzling in its array of diversification and opinion. It shapes our thinking, reaching out to all of us, confirming or challenging our opinions and thoughts.

Indeed, some of us may have thought we had a book inside us. Some may have tried to do something about it. Some may have approached a publisher.

So how do you get a book published in the Ufology field? Is it any different to other areas of publishing? Do publishers shape the opinions we hold by the books they choose to promote? Damn it, what's it like being a publisher? I guess I better ask one.

Hampton Roads Publishing is probably one of the largest independents in the field. It stands alone, without the vast resources of the Simon and Schuster's or the Macmillan's, always the underdog, always in the fight. Based in Virginia, it has had some notable successes of late and its reputation continues to grow. Like any business, decisions and instincts are what make it tick. I spoke to the man who makes those commercial judgements for the company.

Bob Friedman is Hampton Roads' president.

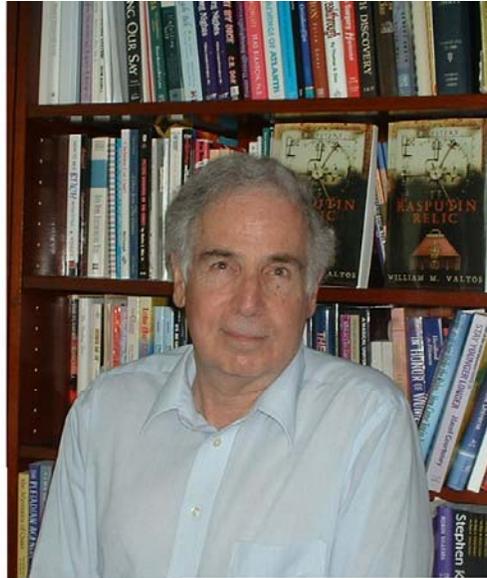
SM: You mentioned to me that you co-founded Hampton Roads in 1989 with Frank DeMarco. How did you two get together?

BF: Actually, it's an interesting set of circumstances. Shirley MacLaine, back in '87/88 was doing seminars and her first one was in Virginia Beach, Virginia and we both went to it, not knowing each other at the time. He wrote an article about it. He was an editorial writer for the newspaper in the city, and it was surprisingly positive. That was really unusual for a mainstream newspaper because they thought she was a nutcase generally.

But in any case, about two weeks later I happened to be at a party at a friend's and he was there, and we met. We talked about the article he wrote and realised we had the same interests.

I guess about a year later I decided to leave Donning and start a new company. I had co-founded The Donning Company/Publishers in '74 and then sold it. It's still in business today. Frank and I started talking and we decided we'd go in together, because he wanted to get out of the newspaper business, We had the

Bob Friedman President of Hampton Roads Publishing



same basic goals and belief structures, which was important, as I hadn't had that with my first partner in my first company.

We started it in 1989 with our first book, which was by Linda Goodman.

SM: Which was called *Gooberz*. It sounds very strange, a thousand-page prose poem.

BF: It was strange, Very metaphysical and very readable, it reads almost like a novel. She had mentioned it in a couple of her earlier books, that she was doing this book. Of course, she is a hugely popular writer—she's sold over 40 million books. But her publishers did not want to do it in one volume. They wanted to split it into 5 volumes and basically, they didn't want to do it at all. They don't like to do that sort of thing; when they have a writer who's doing a certain genre of stuff, they don't want to change that. And so they resisted her and I just happened to be there at the right time and I said I'd do the whole book because I really liked it. I'd read the whole thing and it's a very interesting story. It had a lot of astrological and metaphysical stuff in it that was important.

So I did it, and she had a mailing list of about 40,000 people who had actually written to her and asked her for this book because they'd seen it mentioned in the earlier books. Some computer company screwed it up and they managed to lose about 25,000 of the names, but we wound up with 15,000, and we did a mailing to them when we released the book and that helped give us cash flow that was necessary to keep us afloat. It was an interesting synchronicity and it turned out to be a fairly successful book. It's still in print.

SM: I take it at a thousand pages long that it was a fairly expensive book to produce?

BF: It was, it was very expensive. Especially getting the typesetting right. Everything had to be perfectly positioned on the pages. It was a challenging job but with her name and my contacts it got us distribution and some sales reps, which we needed at the time. It was a good thing to launch with a name writer, to get your name known, and it was very helpful to us in the beginning.

SM: And presumably that brought in some money and things moved on slowly or quickly from there?

BF: Well, slowly. We picked up Mary Summer Rain, who was one of the writers I'd started at Donning Company earlier. We had done some metaphysical books at Donning, but Donning wasn't that kind of publisher. I just snuck in a few here and there. Mary was one of the authors I started and she turned out to be a very successful writer and she got her books back. It's a long story and you don't want to get into that. But we really didn't hit it big nationally until we did *Conversations with God*, which put us on the map. That was 1995.

SM: Who wrote that?

BF: That was Neale Donald Walsch. You've heard of *Conversations with God* I hope?

SM: I've heard of it, yes, but I've not read it and I couldn't remember who wrote it.

BF: Huge book. Sold five million copies worldwide and it was a whole series of books. We've got about ten of his books now.

SM: Yes, that would have put you on the map with sales of five million. After a success like that, did it become easier? Is it a case of waiting for authors to come to you or do you go out and chase them?

BF: Mostly they come to us. We have a very large slush pile that comes in daily. Occasionally we'll go after some people, but it's unusual. Most of the time the stuff comes to us. We have lots of books out there and lots of authors and they talk and we get referrals from other people. Occasionally we'll cultivate some authors and try and go after them. I did that with Richard Bach, for example. We're publishing his *Messiah's Handbook* (from *Illusions*) in August.

SM: Was the current focus, in terms of the type of publication now being offered, the original concept or did HRP focus on other areas first?

BF: We founded HRPC primarily to publish metaphysical and spiritual books, though in the beginning we published regional stuff, cookbooks, etc., in order to pay the bills and keep the lights on.

SM: Of the categories that you offer, which area is the best selling?

BF: Spiritual books such as the *Conversations with God* series and self-help books, such as *Excuse Me, Your Life is Waiting* are the best-selling genres for us. Some of our books on out-of-body experiences, remote viewing, and psychic subjects sell very well too.

SM: Has the company ever rejected a manuscript which it felt wasn't commercial, only to later see another publisher pick it up and have success with it?

BF: Not that I'm aware of, though we have rejected some that other publishers picked up and didn't do well with. But then of course, we are known to be infallible in our taste. . . not!

SM: Is it accurate to say that at the moment one of your biggest sellers is *The Phoenix Lights*?

BF: No, that's not accurate at all. It just came out and it's doing very well. We've probably sold over 4,000 copies in a month. But it just came out last month. Our biggest seller right now is *Excuse Me, Life is Waiting* by Lynn Grabhorn. It's a self-help book with a lot of metaphysical material in it but not couched in the normal New Age vocabulary. It's a very big seller.

SM: What sort of critical responses do you get for your output? Are you reviewed in the mainstream?

BF: Yes. *Library Journal*, *Publishers Weekly* and so on. We rarely get a review in the *New York Times* or something like that, but we get our share of reviews. Some are good, some are bad, some are indifferent. It's just the way it is.

SM: As a large "small print" publishing firm, how difficult is it to compete in today's markets with the majors?

BF: Very difficult. Retailers and wholesalers buy less books from smaller houses, even when they're selling well, because they are afraid of returns. The deck is stacked in that regard. Also, smaller houses cannot afford the advances to acquire better-known authors, and don't have the funds to promote them if they could get them, although the larger houses only really promote about 10% of their titles in any significant way.

We specialize in finding new authors and breaking them out. Then we can look forward to someone writing a larger advance cheque to take them away once they are successful. It's the nature of the beast.

SM: But doesn't every publisher get returns?

BF: Yes, they do but if you're a publisher like Simon and Schuster, doing 400 books a year, with a two thousand title backlist, you don't worry about returns. They can always bill it against the new books coming down the pike, or the new John Grisham or the new Tom Clancy, whereas with smaller houses, they're worried about getting their credit back on the returns. I learned a long time ago

that you can go to New York and tell them that a book will sell a million copies and they'll say, "Yeah, but what about the 100,000 I've got to send back to you?" That's all they care about. If they've paid you \$900,000 for 100,000 books that they have to return, even though they've sold 900,000 other books, they want to know where they're going to get the money from. So they tend to order less, and therefore it's harder to really push a book out there the way the really big companies do. At least at that time it was. Now it's easier for us.

For example, with *Conversations with God, Book 1*, we put it out in trade paperback in May '95 and by the spring of '96, it was selling about 10,000 a month and the word of mouth on it was phenomenal. So some of the larger companies came to us and said, "We want to buy the rights from you". We did a deal with Putnam because very consciously we knew that however well it was selling, we could never get it out the way they could.

So we sold the rights to Putnam for continuing royalties. There was an advance on royalties and then a continuing royalty as long as the book was in print. We sold the rights in July '96 and in October '96 they put 250,000 hard covers on the street within a month. They turned it into a huge international best seller. Of course we had Book 2 and Book 3, so we just followed in the wake of the elephant and that's what kept us going very well.

SM: When you say that you couldn't put a quarter of a million copies out on the street, do you mean that from the point of view of financing it?

BF: Not financing, no.

SM: Do you mean distributing?

BF: Yes, distributing. The booksellers wouldn't take it from us at that time. We couldn't call Barnes & Noble and say, "Barnes & Noble? Put out 75,000 hard covers. This is going to be a big book." They would laugh at us. They would say, "OK. We'll take 5,000." But when Putnam called them, they put it out. Because they knew that even if all of them went back, it wouldn't matter because they'd get their money back. Putnam's got a huge billing with them every month.

SM: How does a company, in your market position now, move on to the next level?

BF: Well, you can be absorbed by a bigger company and your line goes into a larger firm, which happens quite often because the larger firms buy up the smaller firms to beef up their lines in certain areas. Or you can just continue as an independent and do the best you can, which is what we do. We have our limitations but we can still make money by choosing good books and putting them out there.

SM: Have any of the big houses ever approached you with a view to buying you out?

BF: Yeah, back in the late 90's they did because we had the *Conversations with God* books, but we resisted it because at the time we had pretty good cash flow. We wanted to be independent. We wanted to do what we wanted to do. Once you go with a bigger house, you either follow their dictates or you hit the road. Every way has its advantages and disadvantages and you just have to look at it to see where you want to go.

SM: It must be very disheartening when you find a new author, somebody who's not been published before who clearly has talent, he submits a manuscript, you sign him up, it's published and it does well, only for him then to be whisked away from under your nose.

BF: That's the way it is. It's going to happen because they have bigger cheque books. Most agents care only about the advance on royalties. So if Putnam offers one of our writers a five hundred thousand dollar advance, he's going to go because his wife is going to say, "Take this. You *better* take this or I'll divorce you."

SM: Have you got used to that or do you get bitter and upset when it happens to you now?

BF: Well, I am used to it but we do have some loyalty amongst some of our writers who have stayed with us, at least through a time. But we realise it's gonna happen and that's just the way it is. Money talks loud. We cannot match advances but we can pay the same or better royalties and they'll get more money or as much money in the long run, but it's that money up front that people seem to want.

We're not a farm club for the majors but they kind of look at us that way.

SM: How good to Hampton Roads has the UFO market been?

BF: We're not really big time in the UFO market, in that we're not a focussed UFO publisher. We've got about 8 or 10 books that we picked because they're really good and we have a belief in that market and in that whole story. Those are the kind of books we do but they're not a big part of our line.

SM: You've had a couple of major successes. Certainly *The Phoenix Lights* looks like it's going to turn out OK and you've had Richard Dolan and Lisette Larkins has had a few out and they seem to have done well.

BF: They're doing well but they're not selling in huge quantities because I don't think that the market is a huge market. It's a very specific niche that goes into the New Age section, which is a small niche in a bookstore. So it's a niche within a niche and you're not going to have huge bestsellers unless a movie is attached to it. Now with Lisette's book we have a movie tentatively entitled *Talking to Extraterrestrials*, which is the title of her first book and we're developing a film with some producers in L.A. even as we speak.

And if that thing comes out and is a big hit, then those books will sell phenomenally well. But that's because the media is going to be much more

involved. In terms of regular book sales, it's a niche market and everybody realises that.

SM: From a general point of view, do you regard the UFO book market at the moment as depressed?

BF: Yes, it is depressed, and people will tell you that. I don't know why. Maybe it's been over-published or maybe there's been a lot of crap put out there amongst the good stuff.

But when you say depressed, it's a matter of everything is relative. It still sells and it still has a market of people that are interested in it, but again, it's not a mainstream market and you have to cross into the mainstream in order to sell the big quantities. You cannot just be limited to that niche. You have to get beyond that somehow and get on Larry King and Oprah and get the major media involved before you're going to sell large quantities of a book. Word of mouth can take you a long way. There are books that sell totally by word of mouth because the author doesn't promote it or there is no way to get to the major media, but they still sell.

SM: Of the books you publish, which is your own personal area of preference or interest? Do you have a favourite book your company has published and if so, why?

Lisette Larkins



BF: Frank and I both like books which present metaphysical and spiritual subjects in a new and accessible way. Also, we specialize in cutting edge books and those which don't readily fit into existing genres, which are, many times, more difficult to sell. Asking for a favourite is like asking for a favourite child. We might each have our own, but we won't ever name it.

SM: Is the company content to stay in the field it is currently in or does it have plans to diversify?

BF: We're content, although we are always

looking for good material in the genres we are in. It behoves us to specialize in certain niches in any case.

SM: What advice would you give to someone who feels he or she has a book "in them" about UFOs?

BF: Write it. Good books are always in demand. You never know until you write it.

SM: Are there manuscripts on particular areas of ufology that you would like to see more of, providing they were of the right quality, and are there topics that you would prefer would-be authors kept away from?

BF: We are not interested in the negative fear-based books on ETs and UFO's. We feel the ETs are here to help us, not harm us, and books on victimization are not in our mix. We are interested in books on disclosing the cover-ups, and particularly those of writers and experiencers like Lisette Larkins and Dana Redfield, where ETs communicate directly to individuals and give us counsel and information about their own cultures and purposes for being here. Larkin's books, *Talking to Extraterrestrials*, *Calling on Extraterrestrials*, and the just-released *Listening to Extraterrestrials*, has some of the most profound and unique information ever written about the ET phenomenon. The film based on her life and the books currently in development hopefully will get an entirely different message out to the world about this fascinating and controversial subject.

SM: You've had some major successes in the UFO field. Does success attract success? In other words, does the quality of manuscripts received improve as the company's profile rises?

BF: Success always attracts attention, though quality always varies. We do get more material from better-known authors, though not necessarily the kind of material we are interested in publishing.

SM: What, either in your mind's eye or as a result of commercial analysis, is the profile of your average reader?

BF: Most of our readers, like the book market in general, are women. Our books attract men and women who are seeking answers about the nature of life, of spirituality, of purposeful and healthy living, and about the environment, both on earth and those of our otherworldly neighbours, and about creating happiness and sustainable living. In other words, who are we, why are we here, and what's it all about?

SM: What are your own personal views on the subject of UFOs?

BF: I believe it is foolish to think we're the only life in the universe, when there are 100 billion galaxies, and billions, not millions, of planets which could support life. UFO's exist, and they visit us, to be sure. The speed of light is not the speed limit of the universe. Fear-based books, and films like "Signs" and

“Independence Day” may be commercial, but they don't further our understanding of ETs or our spiritual development in any way.

SM: You mentioned a disinterest in fear-based UFO/ET books. Is that a personal philosophy or is it a commercial policy in that you feel people don't want to be reading about the unpleasant side?

BF: I think it's both. It's what I personally believe and basically, working with Lisette, she writes about that and it's a very critical part of her message. And also, I think it's going that way commercially because we've exploited the fear stuff already. The abductions and the Independence Days and the evil aliens are gonna take over the Earth, and that crap. That's fairly commercial stuff because it's sensationalised, but I think that message is changing, it's got to change. I just don't believe it, or think it's true. If the aliens were evil and wanted to take us over, they could do it in a heartbeat. They have the technology, why would they screw around with us?

I think they're here because they really want to help, most of them. Obviously there's “the all of it” out there, as Lisette says, just like on this planet there's the “all of it” as well. The bad and the good and the indifferent.

But I believe that, by and large, the aliens are here to observe us and also to help us in certain cases.

SM: You have no doubts that they are here?

BF: No, I have none, no. It doesn't make sense to me that we're the only life in the universe. That sounds ridiculous to me.

SM: I think a lot of people would agree with you, but a lot of people also have difficulty making that next jump in their thinking, which is to acknowledge that the earth may indeed have been visited by extraterrestrials.

BF: Why would they have that problem? I don't understand. I mean, there's been so much evidence over the last two thousand years and obviously they're here.

SM: It's a good question that you ask, why do they have that problem. It's a question I often ask myself. But I think it comes down to the fact that people can accept the vastness of the universe and accept that it's so big and that therefore mathematically and logically, there has to be intelligent life located elsewhere. But I don't think some people can make the next step and assume that because the distances are so vast, that any intelligent species could actually travel here.

BF: Well, they think the speed of light is the speed limit of the universe, which it isn't. And if you calculate things by the speed of light then yeah, it's pretty difficult for them to get here. But I believe that they can get here and they do get here. In the same way we might observe an ant farm, they come here to observe us as a developing life in this weird corner of our galaxy.

SM: Do you believe in alien intervention in human life?

BF: I think so, I really do. I'm not exactly sure what though. There are people who think they actually genetically engineered humans and that's certainly possible. There's some evidence in that area but there's no way I would know that. It's certainly credible but I could never say for sure that that's the case. I'm not a scientist and I don't know enough about that area to be sure. It's my personal belief that they do intervene occasionally, but they are also aware of the universal law of free will, because they are basically enlightened beings. They wouldn't be as advanced as they are to even get here if they didn't know how the universe works.

I think they don't interfere with us by and large but they do contact individuals and have some say in their individual life and decisions. I think that happens all the time. It happens to Lisette, and I'm sure to millions of other people around the planet who don't even talk about it.

But shows like Spielberg's "Taken", even though there's a lot of fear-based stuff in there, does advance the argument a little bit. Whereas a movie like "Signs" is totally, totally ridiculous.

SM: Because it was so negative?

BF: Not because it was negative but because it was just done for fear and sensation. It was absurd. Crop circles being beacons — ridiculous stuff, and aliens who can come across the universe but can't get out of a pantry? I mean, c'mon, it was just stupid.

SM: So what do you think crop circles are all about?

BF: I think crop circles are messages to the planet. They're engineered by aliens and they're trying to tell us there are other things around and we better look at it. But they're doing it in a kind of non-obtrusive way so that people can gradually absorb it. I think people understand that if a craft landed on the White House lawn or in front of 10 Downing Street or wherever, that it would change the entire paradigm of the planet overnight. Our religious, our military, our economic institutions, everything on the planet would just be completely turned upside down from the belief systems that people hold. And they're not going to do that.

So they do it in more subtle ways. They show us that they're here, that they are available if we get to the point where we can accept them, individually and collectively. I think most people still accept that we're a rather primitive planet. We still kill each other over beliefs and oil and land.

SM: We're not fit to join the galactic club.

BF: Well, would you take us in? Stan Friedman has dealt with that sort of stuff. Very intelligent, very thoughtful guy. He realises that you don't just land on a planet and say, "Hey, we're here." It's too disrupting and chaotic.

SM: You are swamped, as you intimated before, with manuscripts. Do you get a disproportionately large number of UFO-related scripts?

BF: Not really, no. We get our share of them but they're not disproportionate by any means. I don't really like to do the stories anymore, the stuff by individuals who report, "Gee, I saw that thing going over the ridge", etc. I don't need that anymore. That's old hat. I'm more interested in who they are, how they can help us, what they're doing here, and who's using their technology and who isn't.

It's like psychic phenomena. When you first get involved with it, it's fascinating to you. You want to see tables thumped and ghosts and so on. But then after a while, there's just so much of that stuff that you don't need it anymore. Now you want to know more about it, how it happens, what causes it, and how and why do they contact us, that kind of thing.

SM: Do you find your personal instincts tend to tie in with what the market is looking for?

BF: That's a hard question to answer. Every editor has his own personal tastes and gravitates towards certain things and sometimes it's commercial and sometimes it's not.

SM: Do you ever get a manuscript that you recognise is good and that could probably make money, but you don't like the content?

BF: Oh, you get tons of those. All publishers do that. It's part of the nature of doing business.

SM: So on that basis then, it's not always a commercial decision?

BF: Not always. It depends on the publishing house. Some of the larger houses have so many different divisions and publish in so many genres that an editor may see a book and say, "That's not my thing but it might be John's over there. I'll send it over to him."

But in our case we have to focus on certain areas. I mean, we don't do cookbooks, you know. We don't do stuff that we may know could be commercial, but it's just not our area. We're not known for it and we'd have trouble selling it. You can create something new. When I was at Donning, we started a trade paperback science fiction line called Starblaze Editions, which was pretty innovative at the time. We pioneered graphic novels. They had never seen one in trade bookstores before until we published a book called *Elfquest*, which was a huge seller and established the whole genre. A major publisher may never have done that because they wouldn't have seen it.

But yeah, we turn down stuff that is obviously commercial.

SM: I think that would surprise a lot of people.

BF: I don't think so.

SM: When I say “people”, I mean the general public not involved in the book trade who perhaps don’t know how it works. To hear somebody who is essentially an entrepreneur and a businessman saying, “Well I recognise that book could sell probably but I don’t want it” might be a surprise to them.

BF: Well, you have to make those kinds of decisions. As a smaller publisher in particular, you have to focus on certain areas that you’re good at. You can’t be all things to all people. So if I see a commercial book that I like, I might send it up to an editor at Putnam or some place.

SM: Oh, so you’d refer something on.

BF: I might, yes. It depends on the situation. Sometimes I’ll do that and say, “You can make a lot of money on this book but it’s not for us. We don’t do books in that genre.”

SM: You were very positive in your response when I asked earlier about what advice you would give to someone who felt they had a UFO book in them. Isn’t that likely to encourage the mountain of manuscripts that’s going to arrive on your desk?

BF: Well possibly, but I’m not going to sit here and tell somebody not to write a book they want to write. It’s not up to me. It’s up to them. If they have a story to tell, why should I tell them not to? Chances are, if they write a good book, it will get published. Maybe it won’t but at least they’re getting it done. You have to do what you want to do to satisfy yourself.

SM: If you get a book through about channelling for example, when you strip it away, you’ve got somebody who is saying, “I am talking to some life form or intelligence that is not physically present on this planet.” That is the essence of those books in a rather crude nutshell. How do you distinguish one from the other in terms of quality and believability, or is it just a feeling? You read it and think, “Well no, I’m not having this”, or “This one seems plausible.”

BF: The first thing you look at is, is it well written? Is the story told well? There’s really nothing new in the universe. It’s a question of how well you do it. That’s the key. The quality of the writing and the quality of the writer’s voice is always the key factor in any genre, not just this.

There are occasions where the material is so unique and unusual that we might fix the writing and edit the book, almost on a line-by-line basis. We’ve done that before. But by and large, you’re looking at how good is the story told, how interesting is it? How compelling is it?

SM: It comes down to the writer’s talent.

BF: Always. A book like *Conversations with God*, it’s putting forward ideas that are not necessarily new in the metaphysical world but it’s done in such a compelling way, in an intelligent and profound and powerful way, that people get it and it resonates with them. And that’s why it becomes a bestseller, because it conveys the information in a different, unique way.

SM: You've mentioned that most of your readers are women. Do you find that's true of the UFO genre as well or is it reversed there?

BF: It's really hard to say. We went to the Laughlin conference a couple of months ago and I'd say that 70% of the people there were men. Maybe you're right. I'd never really thought about that. Maybe it's because it's more techie stuff. Who knows?

SM: What is Hampton Roads next UFO-related publication, if indeed there is one?

BF: Well, the one I just mentioned, *Listening To Extraterrestrials* is our latest book. We have another one under contract from Lisette, which is the movie tie-in book. But we're always looking for stuff. There's another one called *God's Genes and Consciousness* by Paul Von Ward which has some related UFO material in it and that's about to be published as well. *The Phoenix Lights* just came out, which I think is a fascinating book. Lynn is very credible. She's an M.D. and you just can't dismiss her as being two fries short of a happy meal! It was probably the most detailed account of a sighting ever written, I think.

SM: Bob, thank you very, very much.



"I believe in chemical warfare"

Source: Leeds At About Half Past Three.

YORKSHIRE FOLK ARE STARK STARING MAD They are aliens. And they came to ...Ilkley Moor

By Dam Acne

Yorkshire folk are renowned for their down-to-earth approach to life.

But it seems these days many Tykes harbour thoughts that are, quite literally, bonkers.

According to a new poll, one in three people in the county believe in the existence of aliens, while one in 12 reckons they have actually seen a UFO. However, the survey also revealed the one in 3 of them have not been taking their medication recently.

And Yorkshire expert, deceased former professional wrestler Les Kellet, said he was not surprised one bit by the findings - which emerged in an online survey. He said: "This demonstrates the level of belief in the potential of alien sausages."

"I'm not surprised at the response because Yorkshire has long been recognised as one of the top places for those who have given up on life as we know it. I have the evidence, including sighting reports, photography and video footage to prove that this area is now filled with folk who are as mad as hatters."

World-renowned sightings in Yorkshire include 1974's 'Cigar', a 100ft brown coloured Hamlet panatela seen hovering over Bradford, and an alien on Ilkley Moor in 1987, later discovered to have been Labour MP Roy Hattersley out for a walk.

Meanwhile, hundreds of residents reported seeing two orbs of light traveling at very low speed across the region in 1998. Les, 40, from Stufflehills, has been studying the phenomena since spotting what he believes to be a UFO near Horrorgate over 15 years ago.

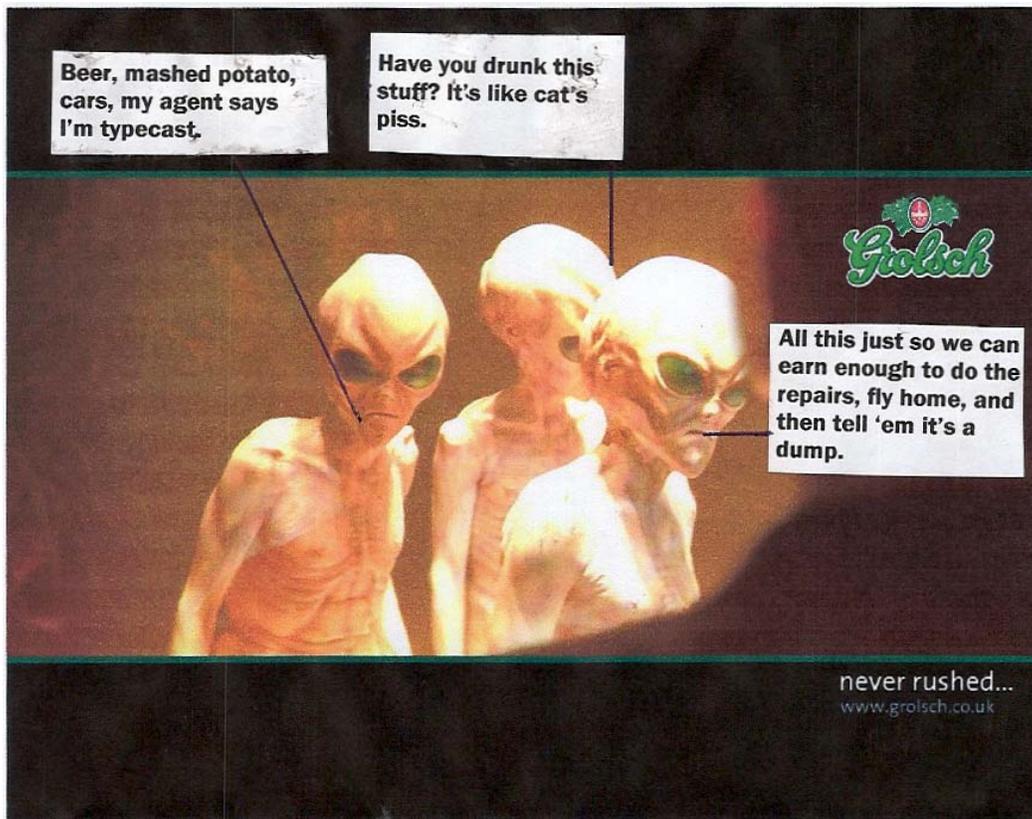
He said: "I think people in Yorkshire are now more stupid than they were a few years ago.

"The evidence is starting to stack up and it's becoming difficult to ignore with all the documentaries that are on TV."

The survey, conducted by the National Lottery among more than 2,000 people, also looked at the lighter side of the alien debate by asking them to name their scariest extra terrestrial.

In first place was the alien which burst out of John Hurt's chest and then proceeded to hand over the contents of his stomach to Sigourney Weaver and her crew, wrapped in a barm cake with lettuce.

The aliens voted the least scary of all time were the Daleks from TV show Doctor Who, who were intent on taking over the world despite not being able to cope with a flight of stairs or ever, seemingly, able to go to the toilet.



We are pleased to bring you the second part of the interview with Nick Redfern.



Nick and Jon Downes

SM: You've mentioned that your thought processes on the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis have changed. Could you explain where you are with this now?

NR: When I've told people about that and that my opinions on the phenomena have altered, some people have remarked that I have become sceptical, which isn't the case. In fact it's the exact opposite. I just think the ETH isn't strange enough to explain the really weird cases. My attitude has always been, like most researchers, that the vast majority of cases can be explained rationally, in down to earth ways where there is misidentification, satellites, and meteorites, whatever. But yet there is this small core percentage that defies explanation and that nobody knows what these things are.

I felt that the best guesstimate, if you like, based upon the evidence and the fact that some of these things seemed to be solid objects displaying an interest in military bases and so on, suggested that the ETH was the best hypothesis for it.

One of the reasons why I have elaborated my views is because of what's contained in the latest book, "Three Men Seeking Monsters". To slightly back track, I have always been convinced that some UFO sightings, the unknown ones, are more paranormal in nature and unexplainable than nuts and bolts craft. I've been interested for twenty five years, ever since I got into the subject, in the work of people like John Keel, who put more of a paranormal

slant on these reports. Some of the more bizarre UFO cases seemed almost like paranormal and other worldly in nature than solid craft.

One of the things that I found with the new book when doing the research for it was that it reinforced these theories. A lot of my views have been overturned and changed but not from a sceptical perspective, but from the source of origin point of view.

SM: A few moments ago, you used the phrase “other worldly”. Are you suggesting inter dimensional then?

NR: Yes. I think it is something like that. I don't want to go into tin pot physics and the type of things I don't understand, but I do think it is some other kind of reality, or something that co-exists with us but not from 4.5 light years away.

SM: Actually Nick, you're not alone. A lot of people are going that way.

NR: Yes, I know. And that's why I believe it's something closer to home. It's unknown, unexplained, it can be physical in our world, but it's not travelling across the vast expanse of the Universe. It's something that's co-existed with us for however long. I actually believe that many unexplained phenomena that we see today and that's been seen in the past, probably have the same point of origin, and that maybe this is something that has manipulated the Human mind throughout the centuries to see different things.

SM: When you say the same point of origin, are you suggesting portals?

NR: There's a place in Suffolk, a forest, where there's been numerous reports throughout the centuries of ghostly big black cats, like the typical Beast of Bodmin story, but which are more phantom and apparitional like. There are also heavy legends from this particular forest of sightings of big black dogs. Black dogs are a staple part of British folklore. These things have been seen around cemeteries and seen as a precursor for doom if you see one of them.

It's also the rumoured location of something dating back many, many centuries called the Shug Monkey, which was described as a cross between a giant dog and an ape like creature. I said that this was a forest in Suffolk and the name of it is actually Rendlesham Forest.

SM: Yes, I thought it was that.

NR: This is something that I found and I realised years ago. This was an area that I hadn't really delved into to any great extent; the fact that you get all these different types of weird phenomena all collecting in one particular location or locations.

I'll give you another good example that came up when I was doing the research for the “Three Men Seeking Monsters” book. As you know, a lot of the reports of big cats in England occur in Devonshire. Now, I was actually able to track down several big cat reports that had occurred in the direct vicinity of earlier reports from four or five hundred years ago of sightings of these huge ghostly

devil dogs as they were known at the time. People imagine that these big cat reports are a new phenomenon but they are sighted today in exactly the same location as other weird stuff was all these hundreds of years ago.

All these different phenomenon have the one same thing in common; nobody ever catches them. Nobody ever gets a clear photograph. Footprints are kind of inconclusive. There are reports of people's camera jamming and things like that. Normal animals don't act like that because they are not physically able to act like that, but that's what people report time and time again. That's the angle I'm going for now.

Also, if you look back to the Fairie lore from the fourteen, fifteen, sixteen hundreds, from which a lot of people have made links with the UFO subject, it is a fact that if you look into these old reports, you'll see legends and stories about how somebody's remote home in the sixteenth century was visited by the fairies or the little people in the middle of the night. And then they would be taken away to the realm of the Fairie Queen, and were forced to procreate to continue the Fairie species. They would then come back later and find that two days had gone by when they thought that just an hour had passed.

The parallels with today's reports of aliens abducting people because they are a dying race and they need to take our DNA are so close that they must be connected in my mind.

Now a lot of researchers will say that five hundred years ago, people weren't educated enough to know what was going on, and they interpreted it in a way that seemed sensible and logical to them for the time. Now, that's entirely possible and that may be what happened.

But my argument is, what if those people really did see Fairies in the way we understand Fairies to look. And what if today's people are seeing the aliens, with the big bald heads and black eyes, but what if this phenomenon isn't just being interpreted by people in different ways but is actually changing and manipulating the people.

SM: Right. It's presenting itself in a fashion that is culturally acceptable to people at this time.

NR: Yes. But my arguments, which are different to those of the sceptics, are that it's not the people interpreting it. The interpretation is actually being forced upon them, for whatever reason or obscure purpose. That's the approach I am following, that a lot of these phenomena are connected and that there is some sort of intelligence or force that is manipulating us for whatever reason and throwing up these bizarre things in certain locations.

SM: But what about the practical aspects of UFO sightings, in the sense that there are so many countless reports of UFOs taking an interest in nuclear missile silos, for example. That to me indicates a practical approach as opposed to a paranormal approach.

NR: Yes. The thing I would stress as well is that I don't discount that there are some reports that don't fall into these categories. In the same way that there is no doubt that there are mysterious animals out there that science hasn't uncovered yet. My argument is that some of the more unusual UFO cases, particularly abductions, get lumped together with the more physical cases like radar reports, when in actual fact it might be two different phenomena that have mistakenly been tied together. I'm convinced that some of these mystery animals are tied into a paranormal factor, but that doesn't preclude the fact that there could be an undiscovered species of ape living in the African jungle.

SM: If the UFO phenomenon is paranormally slanted, does that then make it less likely that the American government are in contact with an extraterrestrial species?

NR: I would say it does. Just to go slightly off track, I've been doing a lot of digging into the whole history of the UFO subject over here, as it relates to government involvement. I've hooked up with a lot of old timers and there's no doubt that one of the key areas that I've found plays an integral role in all this isn't so much UFO sightings and encounters but, interestingly enough, psychological warfare operations designed to make people believe UFO encounters and incidents have occurred.

I have actually investigated several UFO crash reports that just did not occur. I am going to be able to prove this shortly, that the incidents concerned were psychological warfare operations created probably to confuse the Soviets about the extent of American knowledge of the UFO subject.

SM: The \$64,000 question then – what is the extent of American knowledge about the UFO phenomenon?

NR: That's a good question. There's no doubt in my mind that like in Britain, the Americans know that something unusual is going on. Now whereas ten years ago I was convinced there were dead bodies and retrieved material stored away somewhere, nowadays I'm not too sure.

But what I am convinced of is that there are certain people within the US military and intelligence community that have actively promoted these tails because for various obscure reasons, they have wanted people to believe that those things exist.

At the National Archives, there's a file on something called Operation Klondike. That operation was a secret transfer of certain historical treasures from America for safe keeping, back in the 50's. The troops that were guarding the crates for the transfer of this material from Fort Knox were actually told they were guarding the engine and the wings of a flying saucer. There was no crashed flying saucer in this case but what there was, was a crashed flying saucer cover story, for something that was completely down to earth.

That's not to take anything away from all these crash accounts but it is one of those things that's eye opening. Another example, just to mention another magazine, one of your rivals, Fortean Times (background sounds of me being

queasy), I did an article for their last issue, the April edition 181, on the Aztec crash UFO story. Now that story is broadly like Roswell in the sense that the allegations are that a UFO crashed in Aztec, New Mexico, and that small bodies were found etc. etc.

SM: That's a very controversial case.

NR: Oh it is. What's perhaps most intriguing about it is that one of the prime sources, Silas Newton, who at best was a highly dubious con man, wrote a diary which has been verified as dating from the 70s, from when he was writing his memoirs. He said how in the early 50s, he was actually approached by somebody from within the government or USAF who said to him, "We know your crashed UFO story is bullshit. But will you please keep on telling it."

This diary was never intended for public consumption or promotion but it has surfaced.

SM: In mentioning the psychops element of this, you said it was directed at the Russians for whatever nefarious reasons the US government may have had.

NR: In part, the Russians, yes. I think it would apply to any target. Another example that delves into the world of crypto zoology and may also have some implications for cattle mutilations is this.

When I was doing the research for "Strange Secrets", one of the things I found was a US army file from the 1960's that dealt with the better understanding of psychological warfare applications of black magic and witchcraft. The US army, from the 50's onwards, dealt extensively with black magic, witch craft, voodoo, zombies, you name it.

Not that they thought people were rising from their graves like in "Night of the Living Dead". What they found, particularly in the more superstitious countries where battles and wars were being fought, was that the enemy troops were extremely superstitious. So the army psychological warfare planners began spreading tales of strange creatures lurking in the forest. One case that I highlighted in the book was an incident in the Philippines in the 1950s when the Americans were fighting and assisting in the battle against the Huk rebels. They were extremely superstitious and were very fearful of a local vampire legend.

So what the US army psychological warfare planners did was to arrange for a team to go in there and kill one of the enemy troops. They killed him very carefully, without leaving a mark on his body. They then punctured his neck with two holes, strung him up by his feet, and let the blood drain out. They left the body where they knew it would be found. Of course when the enemy troops found it, they went hysterical, thinking this guy had been killed by the vampire.

The psychops team began spreading these tales about a vampire being loose in the area and every time they spread these tales, they found the enemy troops would exit the area at high speed. They were more fearful of the vampire than they were of the American troops.

SM: Do you think a psychological operation has ever been directed towards the American public?

NR: Oh. I've never thought about that. The cases I've uncovered have been where there's been a military advantage to it. I'll give you another example. Two US army guys contacted me after the book was published and revealed that they were involved in a similar situation in Vietnam in the late 60's, where they'd been told to spread tales about hairy wild men with cannibalistic tendencies that were living in the woods. To what extent this was successful, I'm not sure but its another example of how mysteries, crypto zoology, or unknown creatures or bizarre and strange events that hadn't occurred, having been being created by intelligence personnel for another purpose.

I suspect that some UFO reports have fallen into this category. I'm not so much talking about staged events so much as maybe some of the witnesses who have come forward with tales to tell are maybe not all they appear to be. Particularly in the past. Maybe some of them were deliberate plants to confuse. Some of the stories leaked in whistle blower format might be deliberate plants to sow the seeds of confusion.

That doesn't necessarily mean that none of the more controversial things aren't going on. It just means that we need to be aware that if there is a precedent for government agencies inventing UFO and paranormal stories, then anything that comes from an official source that's strange should be treated with caution.

SM: You did say that besides the paranormal element that you've moved towards, you also accept that there might be more than one "thing" going on.

NR: Sorry to interrupt but I do want to stress that's not a get out clause in case I'm wrong. What I mean by that is that there is no doubt that for example, in crypto zoology, some of these animals are not physical animals in the way we understand it, but there could be an unidentified species of ape living in the remote jungle somewhere. In the same way, I'm convinced that a lot of the abduction accounts occur in some other kind of reality. Not dreams, but neither do I believe that three-foot aliens from Zetas Reticuli are coming through people's bedrooms in the middle of the night.

SM: You don't believe that?

NR: No, I don't. But that's something I have never believed. I do believe that some sort of interaction is going on with some sort of intelligence that presents itself in that way. But it's more non-physical in nature.

But, that doesn't take away from the fact that possibly there are some genuine UFO incidents where things have been tracked on radar, a pilot's seen them, the object has been reflected in the sunlight so it appears like chrome steel, those cases, the good quality ones, could be representative of something else. But I think the larger phenomenon falls into the other category.

SM: Do you still believe, for example, that Roswell happened?

NR: Yes. There's no doubt that something came down at Roswell and there's no doubt that bodies were recovered, as far as I'm concerned. I think the bigger picture, like all these cases, is that the only people who know the whole story are the ones who were involved directly at the time. What I mean by that is that inevitably, a lot of these military incidents surface ten, twenty, thirty years after the event. A lot of the people involved die through old age, they're not around anymore or they simply can't be located. I guess that in any case that's a few years old, you need to look at it from every angle.

There are all sorts of stories about Roswell out there and other crash cases. Some may be valid, some may be tied to other things as well. There is no doubt in my mind that crashes have occurred. Now, whether those crashes are of UFOs or whether somebody wants us to believe they were UFOs to hide something else, I'm not too sure.

SM: Lets move on to the new book. It's not on sale in the UK.

NR: There was no decision to avoid publishing in the UK. It's just that the deal over here is with Simon and Schuster of New York and they only publish in the States. It's that simple. It may well be the case that one day they'll sell it in England and I would hope that they would. It is, after all, a book that is based solely around Britain; it doesn't involve any other country.

SM: It sounds like an interesting hotchpotch, a mixture of a number of different threads. Can you give our readers an outline of what it's about?

NR: What happened was that about seven or eight years ago, I met Jon Downs of the Exeter based centre for Fortean Zoology and we became good friends. Before I left England, I used to go down to Jon's maybe once a month for about ten or eleven days at a time. We would just hang out and do work together because Jon works as a freelancer as well. We'd do work on some of these animal magazines that Jon is still involved with even today. To start with, we'd meet at conferences. Then I'd go down to his, he'd come up to me and it developed from there. We'd work on investigations together. Jon and Richard Freeman are Britain's only full time crypto zoologists, to give them their scientific titles.

They spend their days investigating sightings of mystery animals. To give you an example of the scale of work they get involved in, in 1998, Jon travelled out to Puerto Rico with a British TV crew and spent about two months going around Puerto Rico, Mexico and Florida, looking for the so called Chupperacas.

Richard has just come back from Sumatra where he was investigating a mystery ape like creature seen over there. About two years ago he went to Thailand to pursue giant snake reports with a team from The Discovery Channel.

Myself and Jon last November went out to some of the Texas forests with a local investigator, Chester Moore, looking at things around there. So we try and really get around the world and the country, looking into these mysteries, and Richard himself is a former head zookeeper at Twyford zoo. Jon's background is

in zoology. He established this organisation in 1992 with a view to making it the foremost crypto zoological investigative unit in Britain.

Before I left England, myself, Jon and Richard went on a six week excursion around Britain, investigating various crypto zoological mysteries. All of us had various reports and cases that we'd never had the time to look into. Jon and Richard had a quiet period, I did as well, and it was the logical time to do all this.

And so we got hold of a camper vehicle and headed from Exeter across the country to the top of Scotland and back down again. We did, altogether, something in the region of thirty to forty interviews but again, because of space reasons, half of them don't appear in the book, and I just included the more intriguing ones.

It's more like a road book than anything else, with us getting into various dodgy situations and so on.

SM: You mentioned there was something in it about Rudloe Manor.

NR: Yes. This is again one of the weirder stories I have in the book. Rudloe Manor, as you know, for many years has been tied to the UFO subject. Between 1977 to 1998, it was home to the RAF's Provost and Security Services. For many years there had been rumours about the PSS undertaking clandestine UFO investigations. This was always denied by the MOD who claimed these stories were a myth.

But when I did research at the PRO in about '93, I actually found a number of files that showed that the PSS were investigating UFOs, independent of the investigations by the MOD.

In about '95 when the story began to break and Mathew Stevens began to look deeper into all the stories about the Manor and the alleged underground tunnels there, the MOD came out with a strange statement saying yeah, well you know, maybe there was something to these tales but all Rudloe Manor was doing was acting at a coordination level to send reports to Whitehall.

This wasn't supported by the facts. I tracked down a number of people who told me, on the record, that the PSS are the people who investigate the more interesting UFO reports. They go to them and they decide what's done with the information and how the investigation proceeds. That's contrary to the official opinion but it is the opinion, on the record, of retired military personnel.

There are actually two documents at the PRO, two very interesting cases where the PPS were sent out to the homes of the witnesses to interview them. One of the cases was particularly intriguing. A woman had seen something hovering over her car and beams of light supposedly came down to the car and damaged it and made her quite ill. There was also a weird reference in the file to a guy who had come into contact with aliens near a bridge in the early hours of one particular morning.

Rudloe itself, on the surface, looks like a straightforward Air Force establishment, but it's actually built on a huge area of quarried out tunnels and caves and caverns. What happened was, when the city of Bath was built, it was built with a particular stone, Bath stone, and it was all quarried out of the grounds where Rudloe Manor is.

Of course, with the advent of the Cold War and nuclear weapons, this whole area under it was seen as the perfect place from where government could continue in the advent of a nuclear attack. Going back to the Second World War, it was a huge weapons store. The locale around it, including the town itself, is a hotbed of tunnels. Some of the ones the military used to use are now deactivated and local caving clubs, who have got quite a good relationship with the military, are allowed in them. I've actually been in one myself that's featured in the book; it's away from the Manor, in town.

One of the cases we investigated, that's referenced in the book, came from a guy who was in the RAF. The story was that in the 1960s, there was a bizarre UFO event at Avebury that had been reported to the PSS. It was reported by this lady who had seen this small, strange ball of light hovering through the standing stones there, in the circle. She had gone out and seen this thing, she didn't know what it was, but she said it glowed and changed shape then exploded in a flash of light.

When the light had vanished, there was this six foot long worm like creature writhing on the ground. The guy we interviewed said the PSS actively investigated this case and sent somebody out to the area to interview the witness and visit the site. This was one of the few cases he was aware of where the PSS had the chance to investigate a case immediately after it had happened. Most of the reports they received have been filed a week or two earlier and the trail had gone cold.

But this case was investigated extensively by them and it was seen as a genuinely weird incident. It had occurred at the location of an ancient site and it was also tied with a weird creature sighting and a ball of light that you would categorise as a UFO.

This in itself was interesting enough. But the guy we interviewed told us there had been similar rumours from RAF Rudloe Manor and we asked him what he meant. He said there were tales going back to the mid to late 1960s that at some point the tunnels under Rudloe were extended in one particular area and there was a lot of deep excavation. This was being done on the basis, at the time, that there was going to be a nuclear war at some point. Even by Rudloe's own admission, the underground complex there is the size of 12 football pitches and these tunnels were extended outwards as well as downwards.

Our contact told us of one story that surfaced about when workmen were digging down there and they came across a large, nine to ten foot long worm like creature. Apparently this story was well known among the staff at the base and nobody really knew whether it was a myth or whether there was something to it.

But there were stories circulating for years about strange things being seen in some of the deeper tunnels and we resolved to look into them. We actually telephoned the base and asked them what they knew about it and got the phone put down on us. As you might expect! If you phone a military base and start talking about giant worms, you can't expect too much.

I was fortunate that all the people in the book were happy to have their stories told. Some of the accounts stumped us in the sense that we couldn't take them any further. We just listened to what the witnesses had to say but this case I just referred to was interesting because it linked one crypto zoological case at Avebury



with a weird UFO encounter, investigated by the very department that investigates UFOs.

It also tied the same worm like creature, deep underground, at the very location where for years, clandestine UFO research was being undertaken.

As you know, with Rendlesham Forest, there have been rumours for years of a possible link with Orfordness Ness and clandestine research being undertaken there. More to do with Second World War research and experimentation in radar. Does what happened at Rendlesham have a link with Orfordness? Orfordness itself has always been the location of crypto zoological rumours and mysteries.

There have been several reports from there of so called wild men having been seen, looking like a devolved person if you like, dating back centuries. We investigated a number of these stories, where people have said they've seen the equivalent of a Neantherdal Man. Again this had a paranormal angle to it.

One of the strangest cases I've ever investigated sort of fell into the Mothman category. That story concerned events that occurred in West Virginia in the mid 60s through '67, where people would see this huge, man like figure with glowing red eyes and large wings. It was seen as apparitional and a precursor to tragedy and doom.

We travelled to Glastonbury and interviewed one man who said he'd seen one of these things himself and that it had manifested itself to him after he had been digging into the old legends concerning the burial location of King Arthur. He said he had been visited by a lady who said she was representing the British Government and who requested he stopped his research because he was in danger of exposing some kind of portal between worlds.

We interviewed him and listened to what he had to say. He claimed he'd seen shadows and images of this thing peering and leering at him. He took us out to the location where he said this thing had its lair! So we were stuck out in a forest not far from Glastonbury at two in the morning, chasing gargoyles.

You will deduce from that therefore that the book is written in a tongue in cheek, comedy style. There are three or four cases that have a UFO link. It's very different from all the other books I've written because it's very much a warts 'n all road trip.

SM: It sounds like a lot of fun.

NR: It was a lot of fun. We started from Dartmoor where we investigated big cats and even some wild man stories. That one involved getting lost in a big cellar in a large house where Richard believed this wild man was kept. We travelled to Rendlesham, toured the old air base, went to Skegness where there some big cat reports, north Yorkshire where there had been other big cat sightings, up to Scotland and Loch Ness and the Cairngorms, and then back down to Cannock Chase.

We had a very bizarre experience ourselves on the Chase, which involved seeing flittery, shadowy like things moving through the forest. I'm convinced to this day it wasn't our imagination; there was something there.

SM: Do you personally find any of this stuff disturbing?

NR: Not so much disturbing but it's more the fact that ten or twelve years ago I thought it was all fairly straight forward and now I find there's something else going on, which makes me even question our idea of reality. You'll see this in greater detail when you read the book. There are parts in it where people say, "Well, that's totally over the top" but it is a faithful rendition of what occurred.

One of the things we found was that the more we began investigating these things and addressing some of these bizarre links, the more synchronicities we began to get. It was almost as if we were being steered to meet certain people and it was beyond chance and beyond coincidence that we were meeting them.

SM: You felt you were being guided.

NR: That's the best way I can describe it. What I'm about to say hasn't been publicised before but John himself had a weird experience in January of last year when he was investigating a sighting of a hairy man report in the north of England. He actually saw this thing but said it wasn't a physical animal, it was like a one-dimensional shadow, seven or eight foot tall. Like at the Cannock

Chase. A shadowy figures with no substance. There was no doubt in my mind that it was there.

SM: You're giving me the creeps. Very, very interesting indeed. Thank you very much Nick and the best of luck with the book.

Nick has his own website where you can find out more about what he's up to and where you can also but his latest book as well as his previous ones. A review of "Three Men Seeking Monsters" will appear in the next issue of UFO Magazine.

www.nickredfern.com

You can also go to this link at Amazon UK to buy the book:

http://www.amazon.co.uk/exec/obidos/ASIN/0743482549/qid=1078595267/sr=1-1/ref=sr_1_26_1/026-2202734-7182022

It is competitively priced at £6.66.

And if this article has stimulated your interest in crypto zoology, you can visit Jon Downes' Centre for Fortean Zoology at www.cfz.org.uk.



THE COMPETITION

The title to this refers to other E-Zines that have begun recently, at or about the same time as us. Just in case you are puzzled and are wondering why all these magazines seem to be starting up suddenly, and all in the UK, then I can tell you it has everything to do with the closure of the British publication UFO Magazine and the gap in the market that caused.

Some of us wanted to try to fill that gap and hence all the start-ups. Besides us, there is UFO Monthly run by Russ Callaghan and Gary Heseltine at <http://www.ufomonthly.com> . After some alterations it seems that issue 1 is now available as both a j.peg and a PDF download.

The first issue, which came out towards the end of April, was free. All further issues are chargeable at £1.50 and payment will be by cheque.

Russ was the editor of UFO Magazine for the last 6 months prior to its closure and Gary has his own web site, PRUFOS, which extensively reports on UFO sightings in the UK by police officers. <http://www.prufos.co.uk/> .

There are meant to be other sites starting up at various times and we will advise you of those when they get going.

We are very pleased to welcome back Space Wizard Andrew Pike.

Space and Astronomy

To the Moon and Beyond?

By Andrew Pike, BSc, MSc, PGDip, FRAS

President Bush has unveiled a bold new space plan for NASA, a return to the Moon, and a manned mission to Mars. But what is really behind this sudden interest in sending astronauts to our nearest cosmic neighbours?

I can remember sitting up at about 4.00 am on 21 July 1969 looking at grainy images of Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walking on the Moon. I can also remember when NASA decided that the Moon shots should end with Apollo 17, effectively scrapping the last few missions. The reason? Budget cuts. However, as any astronomer will tell you the vast bulk of the money had already been spent on these missions, to scrap them made no financial sense.

Indeed, whilst attending the 21 st. Leeds International UFO Conference in 2002, I had a conversation about this very point with UFO investigator, Stanton Friedman. We both agreed it made no financial sense to scrap the remaining moon missions.

It was always a dream of Bush senior, whilst President, to return to the Moon, so is it just a case of Bush junior fulfilling his father's dream or something else?

In a nutshell, President Bush has ordered NASA to complete the space station by 2010 and begin development of a new spacecraft to carry astronauts back to the Moon by the middle of the next decade.

First, it must be said that the International Space Station and its drain on funding has become an embarrassment for all concerned, it is unlikely to fulfil its goals and has become something of a white elephant. Best to scrap it now say many astronomers. Moreover, the shuttle could have been so much better if it were not for pressure by the military to go ahead with the bad design in use today, a design which has cost several astronauts their lives and grounded the craft for a second time. So, where do all these problems originate?

Make no mistake, NASA is not a civilian organisation, never has been, and is unlikely to ever be. It dances to the tune of the military, plain and simple. True NASA are allowed to give the impression of being a civilian organisation by sending nice little probes to the planets, but at the end of the day NASA is a military machine.

Take the Hubble Space Telescope for example. There are many 'Hubbles' up in Earth orbit, all but one point down to the Earth's surface as spying machines. When used in this way they are fine if they have a basic mirror. But for astronomical work the Hubble Space Telescope needed a far more accurate mirror. Unfortunately it was the military who ground that mirror to their own standards, refused technicians the change to test it before launch and gave Hubble blurred vision! Is it surprising that some astronomers automatically smell a rat when President Bush announces a rush back to the Moon and beyond?

We are all familiar with the fiasco surrounding weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and their presence as a justification for war. We all heard of Ronald Reagan's Star Wars project, a project which was doomed to failure from the word go. It was nothing but an empty threat to the Soviets. I remember walking through the campus of a cash strapped UK university at the time talking to a staff member from the engineering department who told me " Star Wars will never work but we need the yanks and their multi- million dollar funding, so we will pretend." In effect papers and results were tailored so as to tell the Americans what they wanted to hear not what the science was telling us.

Could domination over other nations be the true motive for returning to the Moon? It is interesting that the announcement by President Bush came after a discrete period following China sending a man into space. Maybe this all boils down to 'Space Race: The Sequel.' This time the race is on between the USA and China. By the way, for those intent on believing the Iraq war is all about oil, it

might be interesting to appreciate that a new oil guzzling nation is China, who are putting a new strain on oil reserves with their new found economy! Add to this the fact the USA are just about approaching terminal decline in oil reserves and things become that little more interesting. How much natural oil does China have? It is an important question. And Bush himself being an oil man only adds further to the questions.

The package presented by Bush made it all sound wonderful. There would be a five per cent increase in NASA's budget over the next three years and then a one per cent increase after that for the next two years. Bush said, "This increase along with the refocusing of our space agency, is a solid beginning to meet the challenges and the goals we set today." He added, "It's only a beginning. Future funding decisions will be guided by the progress we make in achieving our goals."

House of Representatives Majority Leader Tom DeLay said the new focus for NASA "Is the next giant leap for mankind." But not all agree. Senator Bill Nelson, a shuttle astronaut said the budget numbers tossed out by Bush would not come close to funding new vehicles and manned missions to the planets.

It all suggests we might be heading toward another white elephant. There is little doubt the serious money will be forthcoming but only if countries like China decide to step up the pressure to dominate space. Then, and only then, will the multi-billion dollar plans be properly funded. It is only necessary to spend serious bucks to dominate space if somebody else is likely to get there before you do!

Like so many things politicians tell us, this announcement was big on spin, short on details. Representative Bart Gordon said he welcomed a new focus on exploration but said, "Clearly, we are going to need more information on the proposed timetable for achieving the goals, the costs, how the administration proposed to pay for the initiative, and what the impact will be on the rest of NASA's programmes." All details conspicuous by their absence in Bush's speech.

Then, of course, we must remember it is an election year for Bush. What better way to rally the voters than to boost national pride in the American space programme by doing a "Kennedy" and committing the nation to a Moon shot or two! "Pity", in the words of Bart Gordon, "We have a half- trillion dollar deficit" and then went on to accuse Bush of putting forward a re-election sound bite.

But what does NASA think of all this? During a news conference after Bush's speech, NASA Administrator Sean O' Keefe said the President gave the space agency a clear mandate. "We got support for a set of specific objectives that very clearly identifies exploration and discovery as the central objectives of what this agency is all about."

Further polite opinion came from Wesley Huntress, President of the Planetary Society who said, "We applaud the administration for providing a vision for where we are going in human space exploration and for providing clear goals to

re-energise an enterprise that has been stuck in Earth orbit for more than 30 years."

I cannot help but think that all this could have been worked out by NASA without the need for President Bush. Being stuck in Earth orbit for 30 years should have been the big clue that a kick up NASA's pants was well overdue! But remember military activity is better done in Earth orbit, you cannot spy or attack from the Moon!

Only time will tell how much of this will result in something productive. The discovery of a fossil in a Martian Meteorite was enough to get President Clinton out onto the White House lawn to announce a series of unmanned missions to the Red Planet. However, that project did happen to coincide with the closest approach between us and Mars for some 60,000 years. That certainly made a mass invasion of Mars cheaper and easier.

I have always been a critic of NASA's methods in light of its associations with the military. The military have long had a policy of 'keep it secret just in case'. Trouble with that view is if they keep it secret too long it has to remain secret and so the cover-ups and further lies mount up over the years.

I have tried not to get involved in the imaging 'problems' from the recent spate of Mars probes. However, it is becoming increasingly difficult to stay in the background. I have been asked about such things many times and I did have the opportunity to go on radio in the USA to blow the lid off the goings-on as one of the few respected authorities allowed on the show in question, but as yet I have put that one on hold (I emphasize hold, I may change my mind). I do have it from a reliable source that the CIA are interfering with the software on the Mars probes.

Astronomers can and have gained minor victories over the NASA military. We were instrumental in getting the Martian fossil news out. I personally knew of this fossil two years before the rest of the world, but it was all a cat-and-mouse game (I hinted its existence in the November/December 1995 issue of UFO Magazine). Through pressure NASA agreed to go public on the 20th anniversary of the Viking 1 landing in July 1996. That date passed so astronomers leaked just enough to force NASA's hand (including a follow up by myself in the July/August issue of UFO Magazine). The details finally came out in early August in time for the 20th anniversary of Viking 2's landing.

President Clinton then walked onto the White House lawn to tell the world of this miraculous discovery and why we should return to Mars. It was one big PR stunt to get NASA off the hook.

What I will say about recent imaging problems is this. We had this problem with the first ever picture of the Martian landscape sent back by Viking 1 and 2 in 1976. The first pictures were only black and white, and there seemed to be problems getting the colour images. When they finally arrived, they showed a familiar blue sky on Mars, not unlike Earth's sky. Then suddenly it all went pink, with purple sunsets! There were other surprises. These came from the Viking orbiter images including a series of photographs doing the rounds at a very

prestigious UK university. The current imaging problems with Mars are nothing new, believe me.

As for Beagle 2, all I will say is it is interesting that this probe carried a far more detailed colour chart produced by Damion Hurst as a reference for gaining true colour images. Was that Professor Colin Pillinger's only mistake? And why has Japan dropped its mission to Mars?

So, are we likely to return to the Moon and travel beyond to Mars? Personally I will believe it when I am sitting up in the dead of night watching grainy pictures of the first man (or woman) to walk on Mars. Somehow I feel the odds are against me unless I live to a very ripe old age.

If things are not handled correctly, it might not turn out to be the next giant leap for NASA, but the next giant NASA cock-up!

Editor's note: This article was written back in March. At that point, no one was mentioning Chinese oil consumption and the affect it would have on world reserves and supply. You get it all here first boys and girls.



THE LAZY MAN'S GUIDE TO THE MEXICAN SIGHTING

Undoubtedly, the key to appreciating the Mexican sighting is to view the video, which I think is fair to say, is fairly exciting to watch. And one or two web sites have done a marvellous job in presenting the video in such a form that the download time, which potentially could be enormous, is virtually non-existent.

The first link below delivers it as a Zip file and on Broadband, took about 25 seconds to download. On a dial-up, I'm guessing but maybe 5-10 minutes.

The second link gives you a choice. You can watch the video on their site or download it yourself from them. If you download it, I don't know how long it would take. What pointer I can give you about that is that when I downloaded my version, not from either of the two sites below, on Broadband (DSL) it took 45 minutes and I was advised that on a dial-up it could be as long as two and a half hours. But I must stress that I don't know what arrangement this second site (UFO Casebook) has set up and it could be a lot less if they've compressed it. As an aside, I have only become aware of UFO Casebook recently and I must say that there is a very good feel about that site and the way they run things there.

Link 3 will take you to the British site The Why Files as run by Geoff Richardson. The link does not take you directly to the correct page and you need to navigate there by using the menu on the left of the screen. I believe Geoff has compressed the file quite a bit.

The last link is unlikely to work, but by the time you read this it just might have gone back on line. It is the link to the SDI/Updates site and was the first to have the video clip up. What followed next was quite funny from an observer's point of view but not for poor Errol, the web master in situ. Such was the surge response from the public that he increased his permitted bandwidth within a very short time and the server went down, affecting other sites also serviced by the same server and putting poor old Errol in a very embarrassing position, from which I don't think he's recovered yet!!

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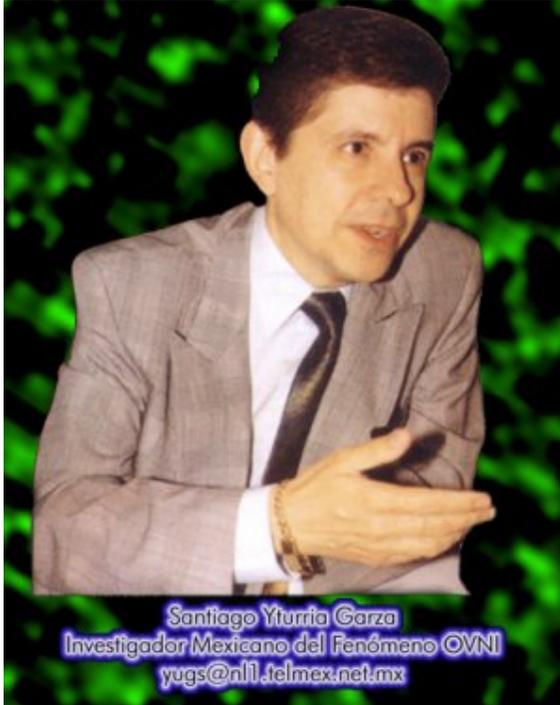
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We start with a contribution from Santiago Yturria, the well-known researcher from OVNI Investigaciones, Mexico, and indeed we return to his comments and observations throughout. Not without criticism himself in the past, Santiago has been one of the leading voices in this case and has made a major

contribution to bringing clarity and insight into what has been going on. But



there's no doubt that his behaviour, manner, clear head, and obvious insight will have done much to enhance his standing and reputation as a consequence.

Mexican Department of Defence Acknowledge UFOs in Mexico

By Santiago Yturria

The UFO Phenomenon in Mexico has been recognized as a fact in an historic and unprecedented decision taken by the Mexican Department of Defence under his Secretary of Defence General Clemente Vega Garcia, commander of all armed forces in this country.

The insolit measure that will change history here in Mexico was the result of a high level incident in which a Mexican Air Force airplane, military pilots and personal were involved in a situation with several UFOs while doing a routine surveillance antinarcotics operation to detect a drug smuggling flight.

The news was released last night, Sunday May 9, 2004 by Jaime Maussan, researcher and TV journalist during the TV show Los Grandes Misterios del Tercer Milenio (Great Mysteries of the Third Millennium) broadcast by Mexican TV network MultimEDIOS Television in the city of Monterrey, N.L.

Jaime Maussan announced that on Tuesday May 11 there will be an

international press conference to present the case and the investigation made by the Department of Defence along with Maussan's research team in an unprecedented collaboration. The press conference will take place at the Hotel Sevilla Palace in Mexico city at 11:00 AM where all the international media representatives have been invited. Previously on Monday's night an advance report will be broadcast on national television newscast.

All the facts and materials of the investigation will be presented at the conference including the official footages by the Air Force as well as interviews with the pilots and personal involved in the amazing incident.

THE FACTS:

On April 20, 2004 Jaime Maussan was contacted by a high officer of the Department of Defence to have a private meeting and discuss a subject of a high relevant matter. The next day Maussan met General Clemente Vega Garcia, Secretary of Defence and his major staff and was informed about an incident that took place on March 5, 2004 on the aerial space of Ciudad del Carmen, Campeche where an Air Force Merlin C26A Bimotor airplane was doing a routine flight to detect a smuggling drug airplane during an antinarcotics operation.

The Merlin C26A was equipped with a high tech advanced digital equipment to register and record all the activities during the operation. Powerful sensor detectors like a FLIR STAR ZAPPHIR II and a RADAR AN/PS 143 BRAVO VICTOR 3 were being used by qualified personal aboard the airplane and all the operation was being recorded both in normal and infrared mode.

The airplane was under the command of Mayor Magdaleno Jasso Núñez. The FLIR operator was Lt. Mario Adrián Vázquez and the RADAR operator Lt. German Ramirez, all of them members of the 501 Aerial Squadron.

This airplane is programmed only for surveillance and detection procedures, not for interception or combat manoeuvres. Their duty is to detect and identify drug dealer's flights and then immediately report them to the base where combat planes are scrambled to intercept those narcotics smugglers.

At approximately 17:00 PM the Merlin C26A detected an unknown traffic at 10,500 feet over Ciudad del Carmen, Campeche airspace and according to the protocol and suspecting a drug dealer airplane Mayor Magdaleno Jasso made a manoeuvre to approach the unidentified traffic at certain range to get a close look and record the target with their equipment. At the same time Mayor Jasso reported by radio to the base that a possible suspect was detected requesting the interceptor planes to be in alert condition.

The RADAR AN/PS 143 BRAVO VICTOR 3 was detecting the unknown traffic and the FLIR STAR ZAPPHIR II was recording the object in infrared. As the Merlin C26A tried to approach the unknown traffic to make a visual identification it suddenly in a surprising manoeuvre escaped flying away at tremendous speed. By this time Mayor Jasso tried to persecute the target but it was very fast. All this was being recorded by the FLAIR and also the radio

conversations with the base describing the unexpected manoeuvre of the unknown. However the C26A still have not made visual contact with the unknown object.

Just some moments passed when suddenly the unknown object returned and began following the Merlin C26A in a surprising situation. This was detected by the RADAR and the FLIR while the personal aboard were trying to make visual contact of the unidentified traffic now following them. In seconds the equipment detected now not only one but two traffics following them. The images in both RADAR and the FLIR were clear and unmistakable. But both pilot and personal still couldn't have visual contact with these two traffics following them adding a great suspense to this disconcerting situation.

Mayor Magdaleno Jasso reported to the base the insolit incident that was taking place giving detail of all the information registered by the equipment while keep trying to make visual contact of the unknowns. The FLIR kept recording in infrared every movement made by the two unknown objects that seemed to be keeping their distance from the C26A but still following it. The personal aboard the Merlin C26A were confused and disconcerted seeing the images on the FLIR and the RADAR asking themselves what was going on with this insolit situation.

THE INCIDENT TURNS MORE DRAMATIC

But the stressing moment that the C26A crew were passing through was just the beginning of something more dramatic that will turn their undesirable experience into a real nightmare.

Some minutes passed while the Mexican Air Force Merlin C26A crew continued making manoeuvres to have a visual contact of the unknowns because despite both RADAR and FLIR were showing perfectly clear both unidentified objects for unexplained reasons there was not a visual contact even that the objects by this time were at close range.

It was during this round and round manoeuvre to identify these two objects that something amazing happened. In a matter of seconds more unknown objects arrived to the scene and the disconcert of the C26A crew was total.

The RADAR and the FLIR detected immediately the presence of nine new objects of the same size and characteristics, unknown objects that arrived to the scene surprisingly like coming from nowhere. Now the situation has entered into a high level of danger so Mayor Magdaleno Jasso reported by radio to the base this new situation requesting instructions.

But the most insolit thing was that even that there were eleven unknown objects close to them still the crew couldn't see them, no visual contact with the unknowns was possible for some reason never experienced before by these high trained men. However the high tech sophisticated equipment and sensors were not lying, there were eleven targets outside them with unpredictable intentions.

At the middle of a complete confusion and disconcert among the C26A crew the unknown objects suddenly made a manoeuvre surrounding the Mexican Air Force airplane in a circle at close range. The RADAR and FLIR presented an insolite image of an eleven objects near by in a circle formation around the Merlin C26A. The situation turned out of control.

Mayor Magdaleno Jasso reported to the base that the C26A situation was now in red alert, surrounded by eleven mysterious round shaped objects camouflaged with a certain unknown advanced technology that avoid any visual contact of them. However Mayor Jasso kept the calm as well as the crew who were working fast measuring and recording every detail of this unique incident conscientious of their duty as military and trained men.

Confronting this situation surrounded by unidentified objects in an unpredictable ending Mayor Magdaleno Jasso took the decision of turning out all the airplane lights and wait to see what happened. Moments of high suspense lived by the crew while the FLIR was recording the images of those bright objects even that visual contact was not possible, moments of silence and uncertainty.

The C26A crew kept calmed doing their duty, documenting every moment of the strange incident while Mayor Jasso continued in contact with the base. After some stressing minutes the eleven objects disappeared giving an end to the strange experience that these members of the 501 Aerial Squadron just lived. The Merlin C26A returned safe to the Air Force Base and Mayor Magdaleno Jasso prepared a complete report of the incident along with the C26A crew.

The Secretary of the Defence took notice of Mayor Jasso's report and began a full investigation studying and evaluating every element of the case. Statements of the crew, images, lectures, measurements of all the equipment as well as a complete evaluation of the meteorological data. The incident was taken very seriously by the Department of Defence Staff and after several weeks of investigation they decided under the command of General Clemente Vega Garcia to contact researcher and TV journalist Jaime Maussan for a special collaboration in this investigation as an experienced researcher in these matters.

On April 22, 2004 General Clemente Vega, Secretary of Defence gave Jaime Maussan a copy of all the tapes and data collected by the Merlin C26A during the incident for study, evaluation and analysis by Maussan's research team as complement of this investigation and as an external collaborating source trying to establish a definition of the possible motives and consequences of the March 5, 2004 incident.

General Vega as well as his staff were very open to discuss the subject and showed their legitimate interest in conducting this investigation in order to establish the truth of what happened. General Vega authorized the Merlin C26A crew to give Jaime Maussan the interviews needed without any censorship, giving all the facilities to present this case to the Mexican people, an historic and unprecedented decision that will open a new era of mutual collaboration

among the Mexican ufologists and the military forces, a collaboration based in respect and interest to find the truth of the intense UFO activity we have been experiencing here in Mexico since the beginning of the Amazing Mexican UFO Wave back in July 11, 1991.

This new era of relationship among the Mexican UFO witnesses, skywatchers, ufologists and our military forces will try to establish and give form to a new legislation in our law system focused to be prepared for any incident involving these unidentified flying objects, our people, our commercial and military airplanes etc. for learning and understanding what are we going to do and how are we going to confront this reality.

Santiago Yturria
Mexico

TECHNICAL DATA

DATE: March 5, 2004

TIME: 17:00 PM to 17:30 pm

EVENT: On Comision

LOCATION: Aerial Space Ciudad del Carmen, Campeche Mexico at 10,500 Fts.

COORDINATES: LAT N 18° 26.60´ : LON W 90° 45.69´

SENSOR EQUIPMENT: FLIR STAR ZAFIRO II

RADAR AN/PS 143 BRAVO VICTOR 3

DETECTION RATIO: 50 miles

FLIR RANGE: - 40° C till more than 1,500° C

CAMERA LENS: GERMANIO

AIRPLANE: Merlin C26A Bimotor

OFFICERS

Navigation Captain: Magdaleno Jasso Nuñez

FLIR Operator: Lt. Mario Adrian Vasquez

RADAR Operator: Lt. German Ramirez

Members of the 501 Aerial Squadron

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

The located zone was in optimal meteorological conditions, winds no bigger than 35 kms./hour, relative humidity of 72% and a temperature average of 34° C. At 10,500 Fts. temperature average -27° C and a visibility average of 96%.

The region doesn't register volcanic activity nor tectonics movements. There was not detection of electric current storage and distribution of importance.

On the basis of the previous thing there were not found sources of electric magnetic phenomenon by electric centrals or seismic movements. There were not found possibilities of any Ball of Fire effect caused by volcanic activity.

There were not registries of solar storms in that moments or relevant solar explosions. Therefore the possibilities of ionization luminic effects like St. Elmo

Fire or electric storms were discarded.

Study and Analysis elaborated by Rodolfo Garrido Cotham according to the Merlin C26A digital equipment data.

Some further comment and observation by Dr. Bruce Maccabee

The recent Mexico sighting, which involves an infrared imaging system made by FLIR Systems (Model Star Sapphire II), could be a physics breakthrough in the confirmation of UFO radiation in the non-visible, infrared range. I am aware of only one other case involving UFO photography that indicates the presence of infrared radiation. Furthermore, in that case there also seemed to be a wavelength shift, i.e., a shift of the spectrum being radiated by the UFO, before it disappeared. I refer to the sighting on March 12, 1991 in Pensacola, FL.

You can learn the details of this sighting and see the photos that were taken by going to:

<http://brumac.8k.com/GulfBreeze/Bubba/GBBUBBA.html>

Scroll down several pages to the section entitled "Invisible Light."

There you will see that 5 photos were taken with infrared sensitive film.

The first three were taken while the several visual observers saw a moderately bright red light. These three show a small diameter UFO image. According to the observers, the light then became dimmer but turned white before it disappeared. (Turning from red to white was characteristic of the red light "Bubba" that had been seen many times before in Gulf Breeze.)

The last two photos show that the UFO image suddenly became much larger. Since the size of the image of a light source increases with the amount of radiation emitted by the source, the increased image size can be interpreted as indicating that the amount of radiation emitted by the UFO within the sensitive wavelength range of the film suddenly increased. However, this increase did not occur in the visible spectrum (400 - 700 nanometers [nm]) or the witnesses would have seen it become brighter rather than dimmer.

Therefore the increase in radiation must have occurred in the near infrared range of sensitivity of the film (700 - 900 nm). This apparent 'spectral shift' suggests that the UFO could "disappear" by shifting its spectrum from the visible to the infrared range.

(NOTE: in the discussion presented on the above web site I have compared the dimming of the light and its change to white with what would be expected of a hot light source, a so-called "black body," which, when it turns from red to white in colour also increases the amount of radiation in the visible. This light

source was clearly not simply a heated, glowing object like a light bulb.)

In the Mexico case the objects were picked up by an infrared imaging system that is like a TV system, but which is sensitive to the spectral range of 3,000 to 5,000 nm (3 - 5 micron range). This is beyond the spectral range of any infrared film, so if, within the last 57 years, there had been an infrared radiating UFO that was just "passing by" as someone took a picture using an ordinary camera, the UFO would not have been seen nor would it have been detected on film (not even on infrared film).

It has been proposed in the past to set up an infrared search of the atmosphere for unexpected phenomena such as UFOs, but the proposal has not been implemented because of the expense of high quality infrared imaging systems. However, these have been coming down in price (still expensive, though!) and the Mexico and Gulf Breeze cases indicate that at least some UFOs can be detected with infrared devices, so perhaps it is time to act on this proposal.

The following statement was released very soon after the sighting became public by X-PPAC, an extremely well organised political action group in the States pressing for UFO disclosure. It was brilliantly timed and was like an uppercut to the jaws of the American government.

Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2004 6:50 AM

Subject: FWD: X-PPAC Congressional Alert - May 12, 2004

AC Extraterrestrial Phenomena Political Action Committee

Congressional Alert - Another Shot across the Bow - May 12, 2004

(Past Congressional Alerts archived at: www.x-ppac.org/Alerts.html)

To: Chief of Staff (all House and Senate offices)

Washington, DC - On Tuesday in Mexico City infrared footage of lights engaging and surrounding a military jet (much in the manner of the legendary Foo Fighters of World War II) was released to the public. Notably, this footage was provided to researcher and journalist Jamie Maussan by the Mexican Defense Ministry. As reported by the Associated Press:

Mexico City - Mexican air force pilots filmed 11 unidentified flying objects in the skies over southern Campeche state, a Defence Department spokesman confirmed Tuesday.

A videotape made widely available to the news media Tuesday shows the bright objects, some sharp points of light and others like large headlights, moving rapidly in what appears to be a late-evening sky.

The lights were filmed March 5 by pilots using infrared equipment. They appeared to be flying at an altitude of about 3,500 metres 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.

This footage is a fraction of the thousands of photographs and videos taken of nighttimes and daylight disks also observed by citizens in the skies over Mexico since 1991 - easily the largest "flap" of sightings in the modern era. Naturally, these sightings were dismissed by U.S. media, often by reasoning which could be construed as xenophobic and racist.

It is important that Members of Congress see this release of evidence by the Defense department of a foreign country as a "shot across the bow" of the United States demonstrating a growing impatience with the U.S. embargo on the truth of the extraterrestrial presence. There have been others. In November of 2002 the United Kingdom's Ministry of Defence made a substantial release of previously classified documents relating to the extraordinary events at Bentwaters Air Force Base near Rendlesham Forest in 1980. In July of 1999 a "non-governmental" committee (COMETA), notably composed of former French military and agency officials, released a two-year study, the COMETA Report, which among other things, clearly indicated the likelihood of an extraterrestrial explanation for the world wide sightings and chastised the United States government for its obdurate and unenlightened position on the matter.

Other nations are losing patience with the U.S. led truth embargo. One of them is going to break ranks and end this embargo and take this legacy for itself. The United States Congress is doing absolutely nothing to assert its prerogatives in a matter of extreme national significance. It will be permanently damaged if it does not take action - NOW.

Articles

Associated Press:

www.globeandmail.ca/servlet/story/RTGAM.20040511.wufos0511/BNStory/Front/

Reuters: www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=scienceNews&storyID=5109891

COMETA Report Article: www.cufos.org/cometa.html

[Note: the Reuters article includes inappropriate language often used by ignorant reporters

and editors to diminish the significance of the material being covered. This kind of journalism is the enemy of the truth and of the U. S. Congress.]

The government imposed embargo on the truth of an extraterrestrial presence will and must end. X-PPAC stands ready to assist Members and their staff to engage the "politics of disclosure."

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There next follows the first of two major analyses of the case. The first is by Amy Hebert, a talented and tenacious researcher, who has produced an intelligent and very well put together paper.

Analysis Of Mexico UFO Report, March 5, 2004

By Amy Hebert, M.Ed.

May 16, 2004

*Pending further investigation

Date of sighting/images: March 5, 2004

Time: 5:00pm to 5:30pm (17:00Hrs. to 17:30Hrs.)

Location: Between Copalar, Chiapas and Carmen, Campeche (Airspace CD of the Carmen to 10.500Fts.)

Coordinates: LAT N 18° 26.60' : Lon W 90° 45.69'

Winds: 35km/hour

Visibility: 96%

Sensor Equipment: FLIR Star Safire II

Radar: AN/PS 143 BRAVOS VICTOR 3

Radio Detection: 50 miles

Ranks of the FLIR: -40°C - 1,500°C

Camera Lens: Germanium

Aircraft: Twin-engine Merlin C26/A

Summary Of Events

On March 5, 2004, eight military personnel from the Mexican Air Force searching for illegal narcotics traffic in a twin engine Merlin C26/A reported unknown targets appearing on their radar screen. At approximately 5:00 to 5:30pm, radar operator Lieutenant German Marin Ramirez informed pilot Major Magdaleno Castanon Munoz of possible illegal aircraft in the area. Major Munoz directed the plane to the area of the unknowns but no objects could be seen when the plane arrived in the target area.

Lieutenant Mario Adrian Vazquez Tellez, FLIR operator, then located what appeared to be unidentified aircraft on the screen of the infrared camera (FLIR Star Safire II). The crew of the C26 was given permission by Mexican Air Force officials to pursue the unknown objects detected by the FLIR camera. The military personnel followed the unknown images as represented on the FLIR screen for almost 30 minutes before the plane's fuel began to run low and the aircraft was forced to return to base. As the plane turned to return to base, the crew reported the objects appeared to be "following" them.

On April 20, 2004, the Secretary of National Defense of Mexico, Ricardo Vega Garcia, with the approval of the head of the Armed Forces of Mexico, Merciful Ricardo, called Jaime Maussan (Mexican UFO investigator and TV personality) to the facilities of the Mexican National Defense and informed Maussan of the details of the encounters that took place on March 5, 2004. Two days later, Maussan was given a copy of the video footage taken during the encounters and permission to disseminate the information and images to the media and the world.

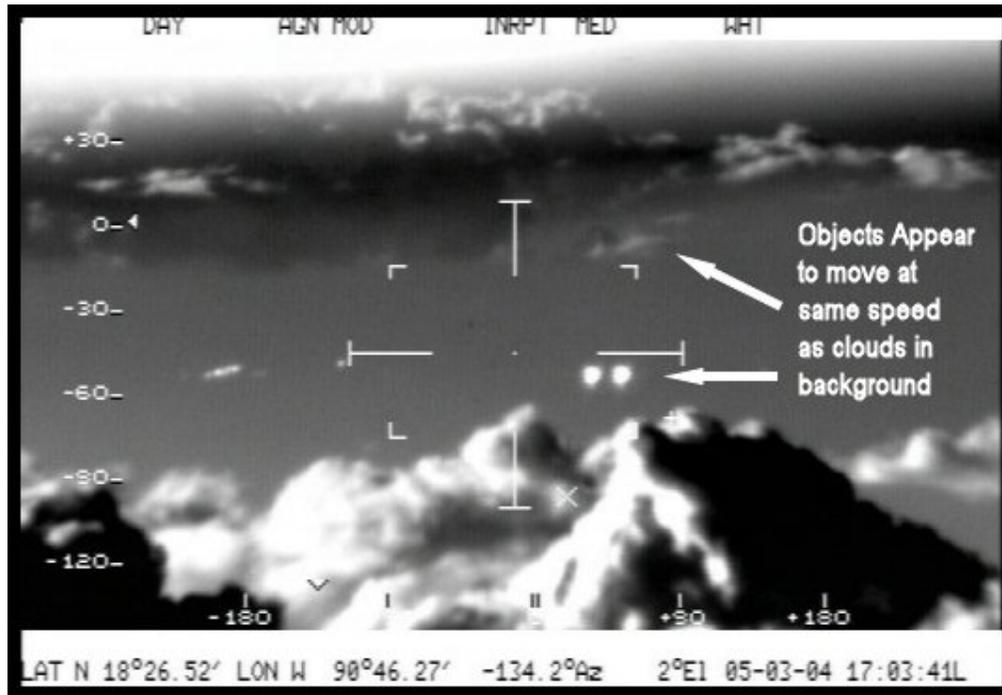
Preliminary Analysis Of Video Clips And Images

***Pending further investigation**

For the purposes of this analysis, readers are referred to video clips posted on the Mutual UFO Network web site at:

<http://www.terrygroff.com/dfwmufon/index.html> (Go To the "News" section).

Clip 1 : 0:00 : FLIR image of two or more objects that appear to be moving at the same speed as clouds above or in the background. This may indicate objects were being carried with the winds or were traveling at the same speed as the prevailing winds at that altitude.



Still from video clip 1

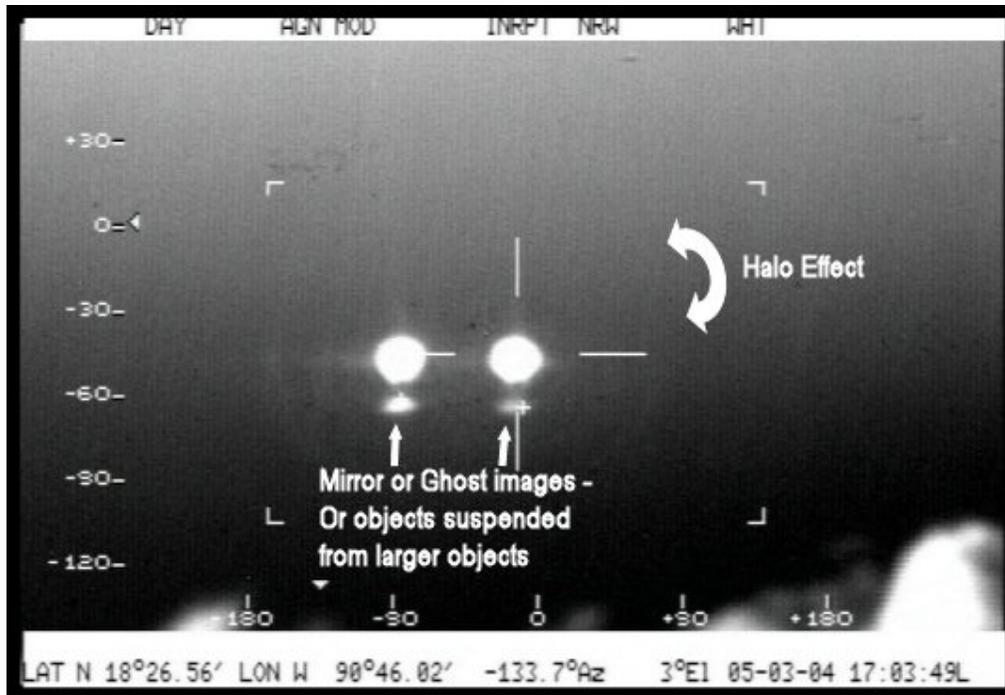
Video switches to images and discussion of the technology involved and examples of how it is commonly used.

Clip 2: 0:29 : FLIR image of single object that appears to be going behind clouds. (Since no background clouds, etc. are visible in this clip, it is difficult to determine if the object was traveling with or at the same speed as the clouds above or behind it as in the first clip.)

Video switches to German Marin Ramirez (radar operator) and FLIR technology.

Clip 3: 1:01 : Repeat of Clip 1.

Clip 4: 1:08 : Close-up of FLIR image of two objects that display smaller images directly below each of the two larger images. (No background clouds, etc. are visible to help determine if objects were traveling with or near wind speed. Contrast changes suddenly at end of clip.)

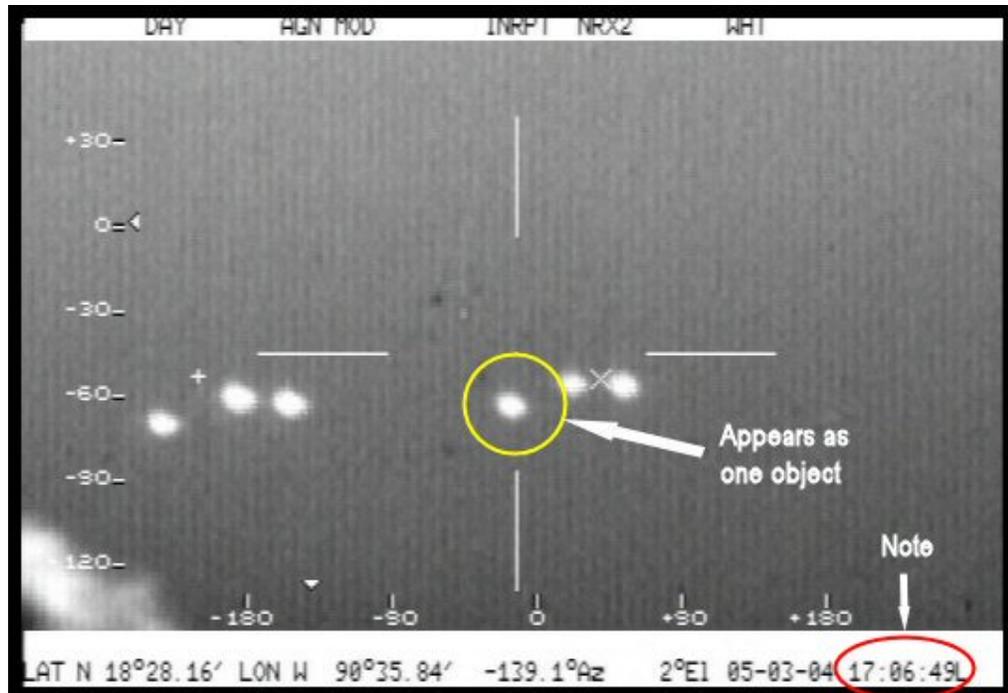


Still from video clip 4

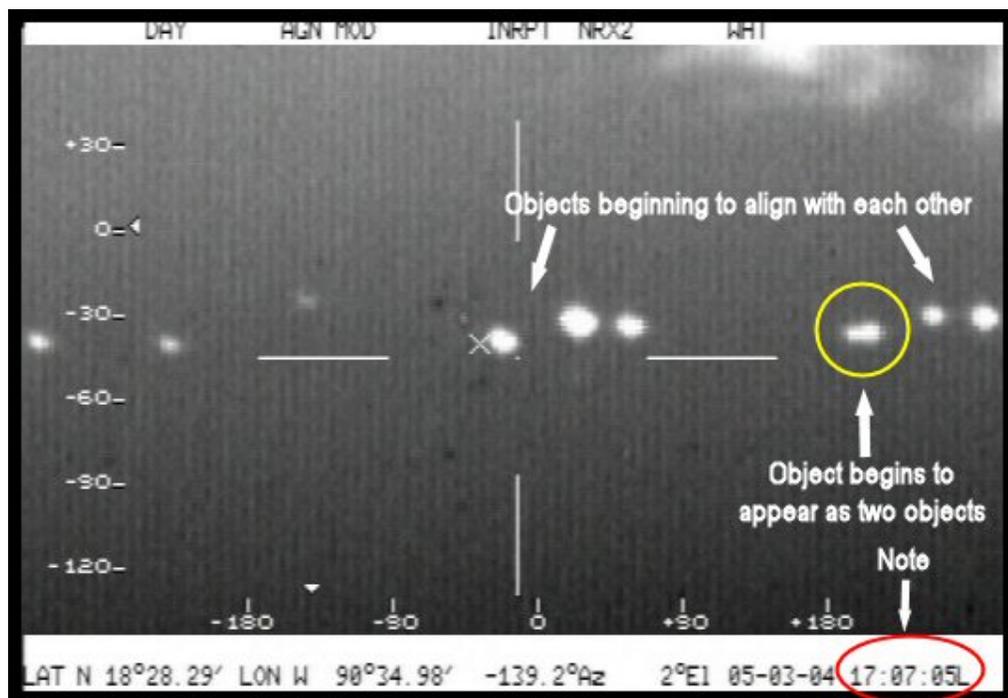
(The "Halo effect", or faint rings around the objects, is more likely due to over-exposure of the images on the FLIR screen than electromagnetic or other energies allegedly surrounding the objects.)

Clip 5: 1:20 : FLIR image of multiple objects going between clouds. Objects appear to be moving at the same speed as the clouds above and/or in the background indicating the objects may have been carried with the winds or traveling at the same speed.

Note: When first set of three objects goes between break in the clouds (at 1:27), the third object in the group of three appears as two objects. When objects emerge from behind clouds, the third object in the first group of three appears as one object again. As objects continue in their flight paths, the third objects in each of the two sets of three objects (after the first single object) ascend slowly and appear to fly more in alignment with the first two objects. As the objects continue in their flight paths, the third object of the first set of three objects begins to separate into two objects (at 1:57) and remains as two objects as the objects continue into the clouds again. This indicates the objects were probably individual and separate objects rather than part of or attached to a larger structure or structures.



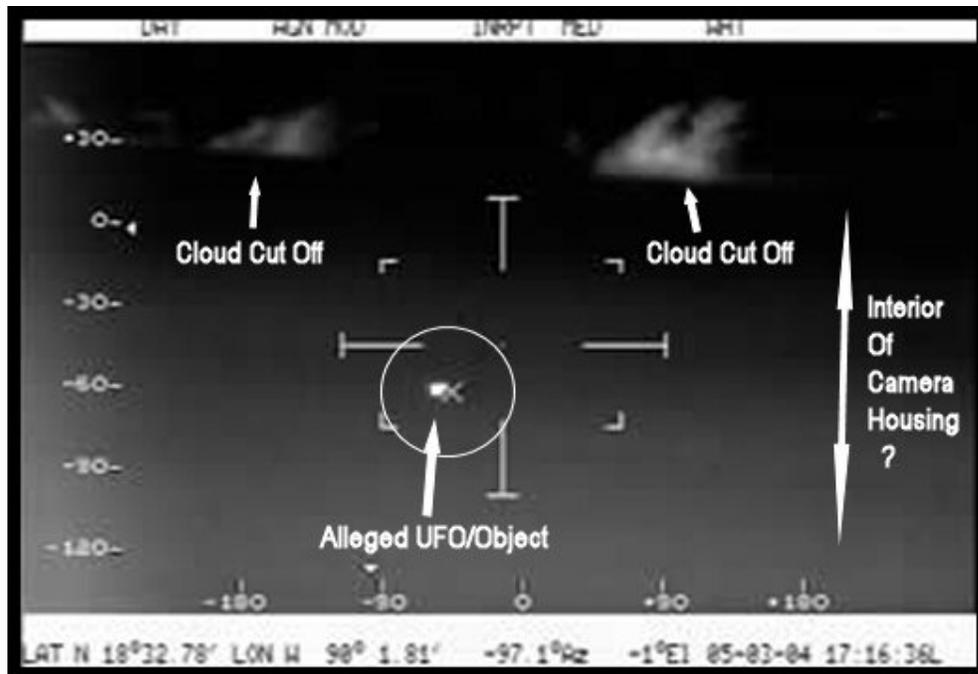
Object appears as one object then @ 1 second later, appears to separate into two objects (see image below).



Object begins to separate into two objects.

Video switches to Mario Adrian Vasquez (camera operator).

Clip 6: 2:18 : FLIR image of two smaller white objects then focus on larger white object. (Apparent movement of objects correlates with camera movement as noted by rapid changes in azimuth (Az) and elevation (El) indicated by instrument status at the bottom of the screen.)



Clouds near top of image appear cut off and no background images visible below cut-off may indicate hood blocking camera view or camera lens turned toward camera housing. Object may be photographic anomaly such as dust in camera housing/hood or lens flare.

Video switches to Mayor Magdalena Castanon Munoz.

Clip 7: 2:43 : Close-up of FLIR image of white object. (Apparent movement of object correlates with camera movement as noted by rapid changes in azimuth (Az) and elevation (El) indicated by instrument status at the bottom of the screen.) Image appears similar to image photographed at 17:16:36.

Video switches to radar operator, German Marin Ramirez.

Clip 8: 2:59 : Close-up of FLIR image of white object. (Apparent movement of object correlates with camera movement as noted by rapid changes in azimuth (Az) and elevation (El) indicated by instrument status at the bottom of the screen.) Image appears similar to image photographed at 17:16:36.

Video switches to brief image of Jamie Maussan then ends.

Conclusion:

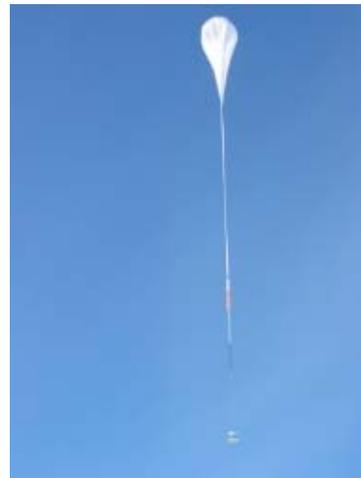
***Pending further investigation**

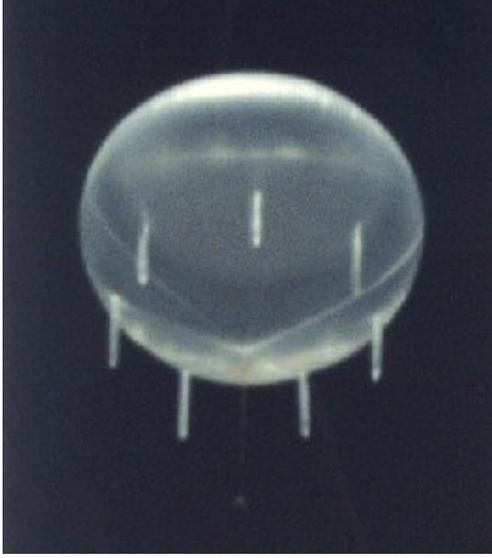
The objects in several of the video clips made available to the public appear to be traveling at or near the same speed as the clouds in the background - with the wind currents. According to the witnesses aboard the C26, three objects were observed on radar and representative images of all the objects appeared on the FLIR screen. No visual observations of any of the objects were reported.

Multiple objects traveling at or near wind speed (same speed as the clouds), with radar and/or infrared signatures, alternately separating and coming back together represent physical and behavioural characteristics not unlike those of weather or high altitude balloons. The evidence presented thus far points more in the direction of these objects being high altitude or weather balloons rather than alien or stealth aircraft, balls of lightning, meteors or atmospheric /weather phenomena. The lack of visual identification on the part of the crew may be accounted for by the distance between the objects and the C26 (2 miles and greater) as well as the actual size (rather than perceived size according to the FLIR images) and the possible transparent nature of balloons that may be found at higher altitudes (see images below).

In order to investigate this hypothesis (and avoid potential international mishaps), the Mexican Department of Defense, as well as DoD's of all nations, may conduct periodic exercises utilizing radar, infrared and many forms of sensory equipment in cooperation with balloon launches and similar events. The purpose of these missions would be to collect data and build a substantial database of resulting images for future reference, personnel training, national security and projects of international cooperation.

Images of semi-transparent high altitude balloons:







Related Links:

FLIR Systems - <http://www.flir.com/imaging/index.aspx>

What Is Infrared Radiation? - <http://www.gemini.edu/public/infrared.html>

DFW MUFON - <http://www.terrygroff.com/dfwmufon/index.html>

Near-Space Access Program - <http://www.vs.afrl.af.mil/Factsheets/near-space.html>

Countdown Begins For Earth-Orbiting Balloons -
http://theawww.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/balloon/ULDB_study/PM_article.html

RADIOSONDES as Upper Air Probes -
<http://earthlab.meteor.wisc.edu/~hopkins/rockets/raob.htm>

Global Air-ocean IN-situ System (GAINS) - <http://www-frd.fsl.noaa.gov/mab/sdb/>

Lawn Chair Larry - <http://www.darwinawards.com/stupid/stupid1997-11.html>

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And now Santiago again.

From: Santiago Yturria

Dear Friends,

The case of the Mexican Air Force UFO incident has gone beyond all expectations in our Ufology. We ufologists here in Mexico see with excitement how positive has been the reactions of so many friends researchers and colleagues from around the world to this breaking story and how we all have

forgotten our differences to join this mutual interest and impulse our efforts to continue our work promoting the UFO Phenomena study.

However the attempts to discredit and minimize the potential of this case by the skeptics and debunkers are going to increase these days so we have to be alert to repel these naive theories and statements from those upset persons that still can't accept the fact that the Secretary of Defense in Mexico has come forward opening this case to all the people giving the Mexican UFO phenomena investigation the official recognition and support and the ufologists the premise of this investigation.

The few attempts to debunk this story at this time have been so far very weak and mediocre by the skeptics and quickly disqualified by the ufologic community. Failed attempts like the improvised conference by some scientists from Mexican university UNAM contradicting themselves and declaring ridicule things like " light sparks in the high atmosphere " as Rafael Navarro dared to state disqualifying Flir Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq:FLIR) the multimillion defense industry of Portland, Oregon and it's winner product the FLIR STAR SAFIRE II implying they are not reliable. Flir Systems, Inc. is one of the world's most awarded industry in designing high defense airborne imaging systems, perimeter security systems and reconnaissance and surveillance systems.

The recent discredit campaign against the case and the Mexican Secretary of Defense handled by common debunkers disguised as objective researchers like Scott Corrales and his obscure Institute of Hispanic Ufology whom has a record of continued debunking attacks on every major UFO case released in Mexico and indiscriminate attacks on most of the important Mexican researchers. Corrales debunking campaign is clear publishing every negative article on the news against the case, the researcher Jaime Maussan and the Secretary of Defense General Clemente Vega as part of his hidden agenda helped by his allies like the Fundacion Cosmos group, a minor unknown Mexican amateur group of skeptic debunkers who only recollect news clips from the Mexican newspapers and the Internet.

The Mexican Air Force UFO incident is certainly a high level case of transcendental proportions in our Ufology and one of the world's most important breaking news in recent times. It's useless the effort that debunkers like Rafael Navarro, Scott Corrales and the other skeptics are doing to disqualify the case and discredit Secretary of Defense General Vega trying to change the course of history. There's no way back and history has been written. I had the privilege of knowing this investigation since it's birth back in April 2004, thanks to the confidence of Jaime Maussan. For us the Mexican researchers Secretary of Defense General Clemente Vega is our champion, a true hero of democracy who opened the military UFO files to the Mexican people establishing a direct communication and collaboration with the civil UFO research. That changed history indeed.

We will continue supporting our Secretary of Defense as part as our compromise corresponding to his confidence as well as the armed forces in our country. Our communication is stronger than ever and the future is very promising. We will continue rejecting the ridicule claims of those common

debunkers that offer nothing to the serious and dedicate investigation on this undeniable and irrefutable phenomena.

Santiago Yturria
Mexico

And now for some light relief, at least it is for me, and apologies to those who have some sympathy with the following. It is, apparently, the real explanation of what happened.

A Step Toward Full UFO Disclosure:

The Incident at Ciudad del Carmen Campeche by Sheldon Nidle

One of the First Contact fleet's major missions is to monitor Mother Earth. The Bay of Campeche is a Caribbean inlet significant for three reasons: tourism; oil; and the ruins of major Mayan cities, such as Bacul, which is located on the Bay's eastern region. A number of fault lines on the Bay of Campeche are linked into a major fault line system that includes most of East-Central Mexico. There also is a small system of magnetic grids, part of a major magnetic node, which centres near Mexico City. In March of this year, the Galactic Federation Earth fleet embarked on a major effort to monitor these magnetic node systems, since your secret government was attempting, at that time, to disturb Earth's magnetic grid system.

One of their targets was the cities encircling the Bay of Campeche. These centres were to be used as test points for a new technology capable of causing confusion and illness. The first contact fleet assigned their geologic task force the additional undertaking of providing this information to their Galactic Federation medical teams. The purpose of this mission was to neutralize the effects this technology would have on the Mexican people. Moreover, it was decided that, if possible, one flight of the Galactic Federation's fleet of thousands of Pleiadean and other star-nation scout ships was to establish a safe, benevolent contact with an unarmed Mexican Air Force reconnaissance aircraft.

On the day and time of the incident, a standard flight of eleven scouts, consisting of eight Pleiadean ships, two Andromedan and one from the Eta Herculean star-nation were in standard formation. Two forward scouts acted as command ships and were setting the 'pathways' for the observation runs of their flight. Approximately halfway into this part of their flight, the two 'command' scouts encountered the Mexican Air Force recon aircraft. Standard

procedure was to evade and disperse the flight.

This done, one of the 'command' scouts communicated with the flight controller – a Pleiadean atmospheric command Mothership. Immediately, the Mothership relayed orders for the previously practiced contact scenario to be carried out. This meant that the low-level cloaking manoeuvre was to be used and that the Mexican aircraft was to be followed and then surrounded by the entire flight. This would allow the aircraft to gather information, enabling its crew to prove that the scout ships were true spacecraft and that the scouts possessed technologies foreign to the aircraft's trained crew and their special infrared, radar and photographic instruments.

When the scouts returned, they carried out the full contact procedure. From close observation of the Mexican government, they knew that the Mexicans were open to dropping most of the nondisclosure procedures that the United States had forced them to adopt. This stance was necessary in order to ensure the American government's cooperation on a number of joint ventures that included apprehension of clandestine drug flights into Mexico.

Need for UFO non-disclosure was severely tested when the Mexican government learned about, and was able to confirm, a number of secret 'procedures' being inflicted by the American 'secret government' upon the Mexican people. The Mexican government seemed more than ready for an incident such as this to break the code of UFO non-disclosure and show its disdain for what the American 'secret government' was doing. As expected, that is exactly what has occurred.

We in the Galactic Federation of Light unequivocally applaud the Mexican government and, especially, its Ministry of Defense, for their brave actions. In one small step, they have added enormous scientific credibility to our existence and benevolence. We plan to increase the number of such incidents in the near future. We intend to prove, to all concerned, that we are absolutely real and benevolent. It is imperative that the peoples of Earth know about First Contact and that, undeniably, it is drawing ever closer.

We offer this report to provide an explanation for this incident. Normally, scout ships of our First Contact Earth fleet remain in very deep cloaking mode. This is standard procedure to avoid encounters with hostile aircraft. In specific cases, it is vital for us to use a lighter level of cloaking for certain types of scientific monitoring of Mother Earth.

To recap: under normal circumstances, our ships can successfully evade military aircraft. In this case, as we have mentioned, we permitted our ships to maintain low-level cloaking. Such technology involves special magnetic distortions of the inter-dimensional Light spectrum. It is tied into our propulsion system, which employs magnetic and gravitational transducers to repel or attract your planet's energy envelopes. We also use a series of frequencies to move our ships in or out of your reality grid. These technologies will be made fully available to you, once First Contact becomes a true, formal reality. We look forward, with triumphal joy, to that most special moment.

And now, back to a reality of sorts. Our second analysis and this time by the highly respected researcher, broadcaster and investigator, Linda Moulton Howe.



**Updated with Navy Physicist: Unidentified, Invisible Aerial Objects
Videotaped
in Infrared by Mexican Air Force Pilots**

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Editor's Note: Many questions, including size and energy intensity of the Mexico objects, are yet to be answered. FLIR camera engineers are studying the infrared images. Earthfiles' journalistic goal is to continue updating new information and refine technical facts as they are clarified. More updates and a special feature about infrared frequencies and infrared technologies will appear in upcoming Earthfiles reports.

May 13-14, 2004 Mexico City, Mexico - On April 20, 2004, independent TV producer and journalist, Jaime Maussan - who has worked in Mexico City media for thirty-two years - received a call from Mexico's Secretary of Defense office. Jaime went the next day on April 21 to meet with General Clemente Vega Garcia, Secretary of Defense, and his staff. One of General Garcia's challenges is to stop narcotics trafficking. He told Jaime that on March 5, 2004, Mexican Air Force pilots in the 501st Aerial Squadron were flying a Merlin C26A Bimotor airplane in a routine flight to look for aircraft trying to smuggle drugs near Ciudad del Carmen in the State of Campeche. The Merlin C26A was equipped with FLIR (Forward Looking Infrared) StarSAFIRE II and RADAR APS 143 (V) 3 made by Telephonics (See websites below). In the war on drugs, infrared cameras are used to photograph the heat from airplanes trying to fly at night without navigation lights to avoid police.

On March 5, 2004, the FLIR camera recorded on Mini-DV videotape several aerial objects that were invisible to the human eye, but made bright heat signatures in the infrared. Three objects even showed up on radar indicating reflective mass. Why the rest of the objects did not show up on radar is not known. All of the unidentified objects are still a mystery.

It all began when radar showed an object that was moving 37 miles north of the

Mexican Air Force plane, which was moving at approximately 200 mph at an altitude of 11,480 feet. The pilot videotaped off and on with the FLIR camera over a period confirmed on May 14, 2004, to be 31 minutes total time according to running clock, but only 11 of those minutes were actually videotaped in infrared. Below are some of the infrared images arranged in chronological order.



Above and below: Independent TV producer and journalist, Jaime Maussan, talking with three of the eight Mexican Air Force pilots who had been in the March 5, 2004, flight encounter with the mysterious aerial objects that showed up on radar and infrared, but could not be seen by the human eye. Photograph courtesy Jaime Maussan.

At one point, at least eleven different objects were together in a single frame. The pilot tried to approach and identify the area of the infrared images, but they maintained distance from the C26A. Once, the objects were seen on the infrared and radar to move closer and surround the military plane. All the pilots were upset seeing the encircling objects on their instruments, but not able to see any physical objects in the sky with their eyes.





Forward Looking Infrared Camera,
FLIR StarSAFIRE II.
Cost: \$400,000, PLUS installation cost in airplane.



A FLIR video frame in which the hot engines of the two cars appear white. The rest of the cars are a much cooler black and grey, except for the "white hot" tail lights. Some people at the center have "white hot" heads and cooler grey, clothed bodies. Images courtesy www.FLIR.com.

Interviews: (Update: Bruce Maccabee, Naval Research Physicist in More Information below.)

Jaime Maussan, Television Journalist, Maussan Productions and www.ovnis.tv, Mexico City, Mexico: "This is infrared in black and white. You can see the clouds. Then you can see an object, they chase one object like a little sphere moving 37 miles away from them for maybe three to five minutes."

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March 5, 2004 at 4:51:27 p.m. local time

"White Hot" thermal image of unidentified aerial object at center of FLIR Camera cross hairs.

Cumulus cloud in lower right corner is also warm in the infrared frame. The numbers on the left show elevation of object in cross hairs in degree relationship to the FLIR camera's horizontal position in the airplane. The event took place at 3,500 meters, or 11,480 feet. The black numbers on the bottom

white bar show latitude, "LAT," longitude, "LON," the date "05-03-04" (March 5, 2004); and the running clock time that begins "16:51:27L," or 4:51:25 p.m. local time over the State of Campeche, Mexico. All FLIR video images provided by the Mexico Department of Defense.

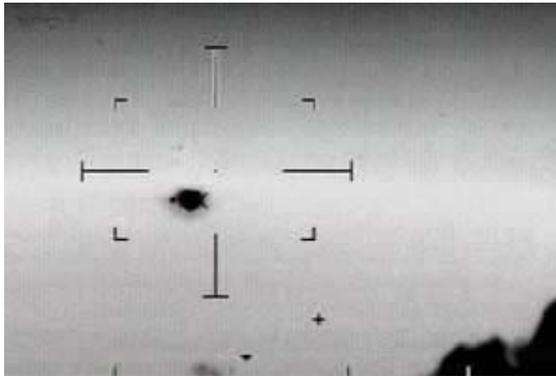


"White hot" polarity, FLIR (Forward Looking Infrared) StarSAFIRE II. Unidentified object at cross hairs. Cumulus cloud at far right corner. All FLIR video images from infrared videotape courtesy Mexico Department of Defense.

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Image is magnified and "white hot" polarity is changed to "black hot" for more clarity. Unidentified object and cloud change from white to black. Image is also "decluttered" in which the numbers and text are removed.



"Black hot" polarity, FLIR Camera. Image is magnified and "decluttered" in which numbers and text are removed for greater clarity.

Jaime Maussan: "Then on the video two huge spheres appear near the center of the cross hairs above the clouds, moving with the airplane. You can see how these spheres go behind the clouds. You can see them passing behind the clouds, proving this is not a reflection."

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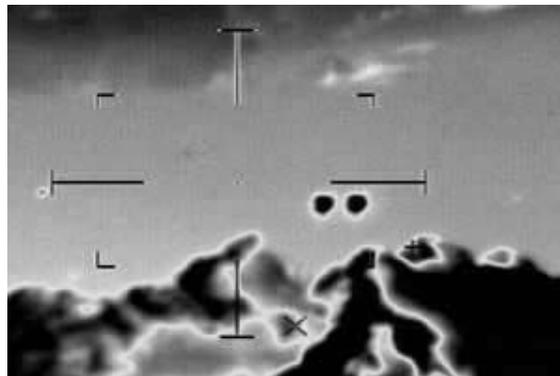
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"White hot" polarity, FLIR Camera.



"Black hot" polarity, FLIR Camera.



Close-up after magnification changed on FLIR camera.

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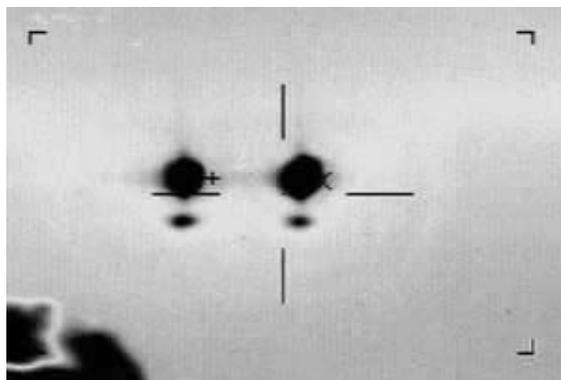
Back in "white hot" polarity and four seconds later at 17:03:45 local time, the two "car head lights" seem to have divided, or other objects joined below the larger bodies. All white objects in these infrared must be giving off heat to be seen as white in these frames. The black of the cloud in the lower left corner would be the result of water below the dew point where it begins to evaporate and cools portions of the cumulus clouds.



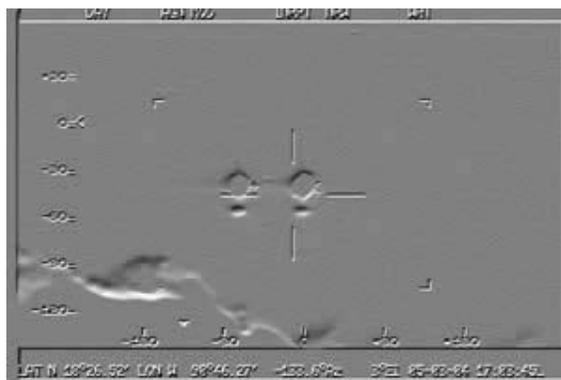
"White hot" polarity, FLIR Camera.



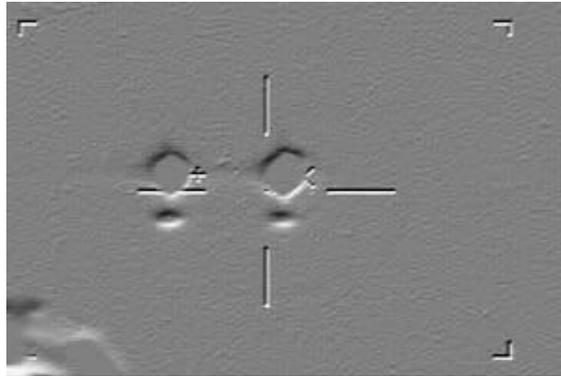
"Black hot" polarity, FLIR Camera.



Magnification of black hot polarity.

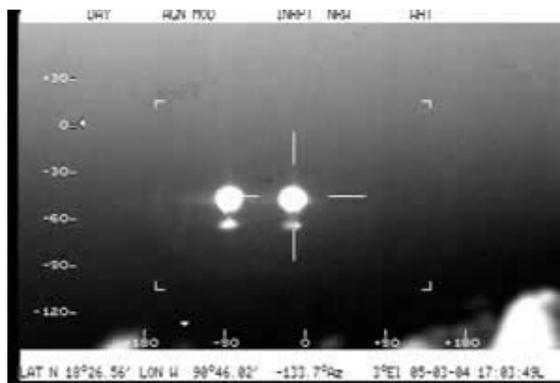


Above and below: 3-D embossing enhancement of infrared video frames.



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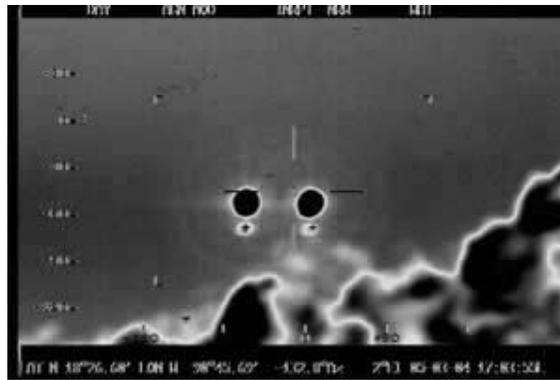
"White hot" polarity, FLIR Camera.

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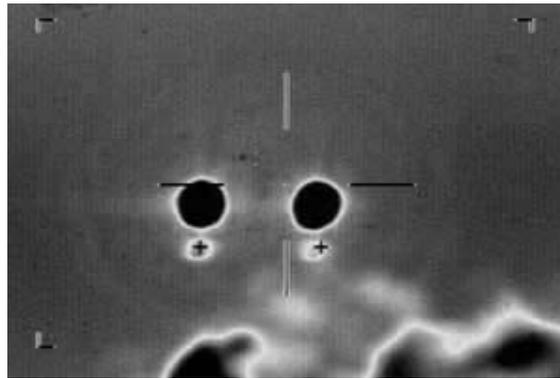
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Small objects below bright objects seem to move, or reduce in size, in white hot polarity, FLIR Camera.



"Black hot" polarity, FLIR Camera.



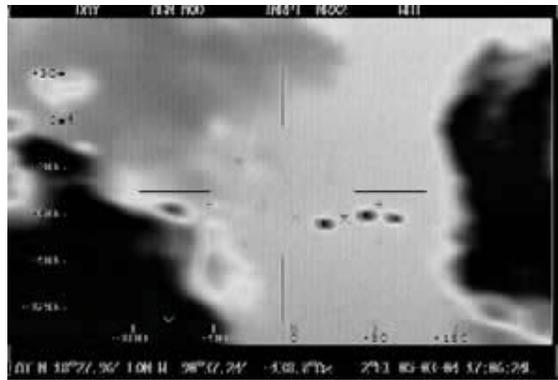
Magnification of black hot polarity. The large objects that were white hot remain hot, but the small objects below are cooling and remain white in the "black hot" polarity frame.

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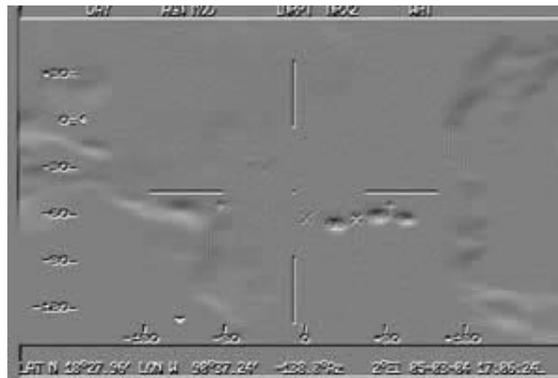
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At 5:06:24 p.m., back to "white hot" polarity, four large white objects appear along with several smaller objects.



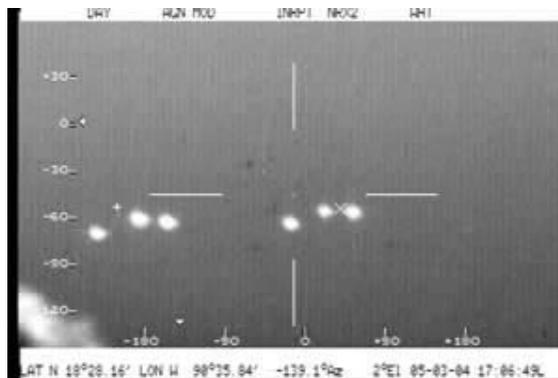
"Black hot" polarity, FLIR Camera.



3-D embossing enhancement of infrared video frame.

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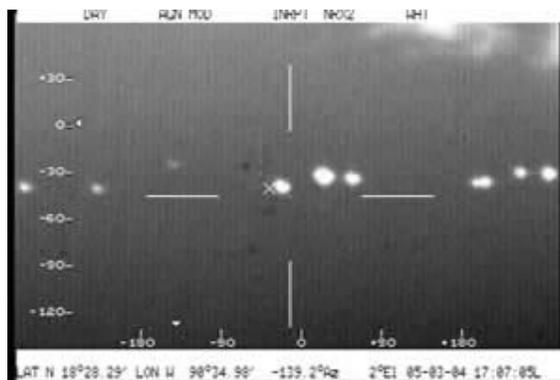
"White hot" polarity of FLIR camera.

Jaime Maussan: "And then you can see all the eleven objects following the two big spheres. The lights are in formation. Then after that, you see them going through clouds for a few minutes and then you see separated images of these lights standing still. They said it was because the lights were chasing the plane at the same speed. OK, then I think, Linda, it is very spectacular. To explain in all the scientific basis, this video is going to be very difficult for anybody who does not want to accept that

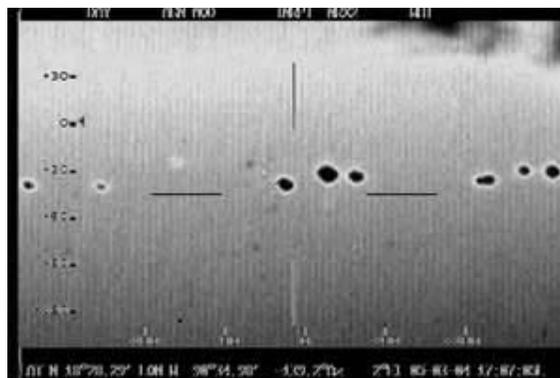
something is going on. You will see this as evidence that will be around the world so many are going to investigate this and this is going to be one of the cases that will receive the most attention ever."

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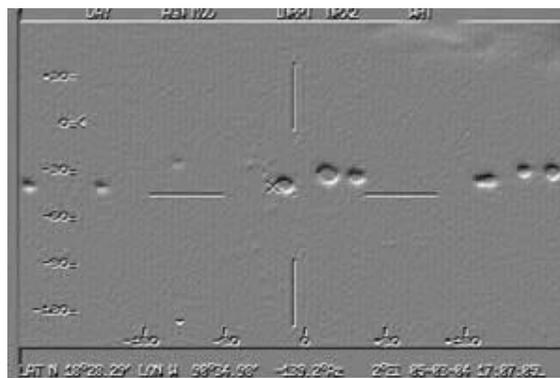
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At 5:07:05 p.m. local time on March 5, 2004, at least eleven objects, small and large, show up on "white hot" polarity of FLIR camera.



"Black hot" polarity, FLIR Camera.



3-D embossing enhancement of infrared video frame.

Jaime Maussan: "These lights continued moving until they surrounded the plane in the

front, in the center and the back. For that reason, the pilot decided to turn off the lights to try to avoid any conflict with these objects. For some minutes, they felt tension and they were a little bit afraid, not really threatened, but something unknown. They realized this was not normal.

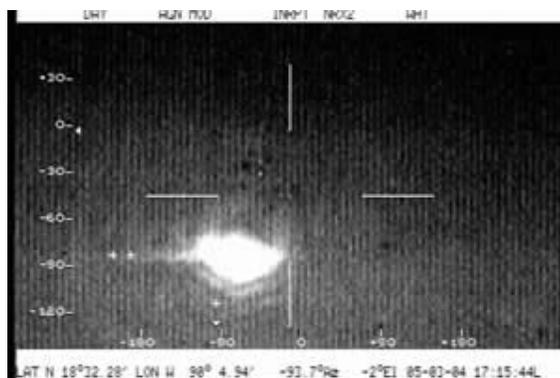
Then the objects disappeared, but some of them still chased the airplane for some more minutes in the back of the airplane at the same speed. For me, that proves that these objects have intelligence and at the same time have mass because they were recorded on radar. They have energy because they were recorded with infrared. At the same time, they were invisible. The pilots and all the crew 8 individuals were not able to see these objects when they were no more than two miles away from them. That was very strange for them because they were able to see them just through the radar, three at the same time, and then eleven at the same time with the FLIR.

WHAT YOU ARE SAYING IS THAT THEY COULD SEE THREE OBJECTS AS SOLID MASSES ON RADAR, BUT THEY COULD SEE ELEVEN OBJECTS BY HEAT IN THE INFRARED.

Exactly. But the objects were the same. They were part of the same group, but not all of them were captured by the radar. The radar captured one, then two, then three. In the infrared, they were able to see two at one moment and then eleven more in a different moment."

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Extreme magnification, and/or object/s closer? "White hot" polarity, FLIR camera.

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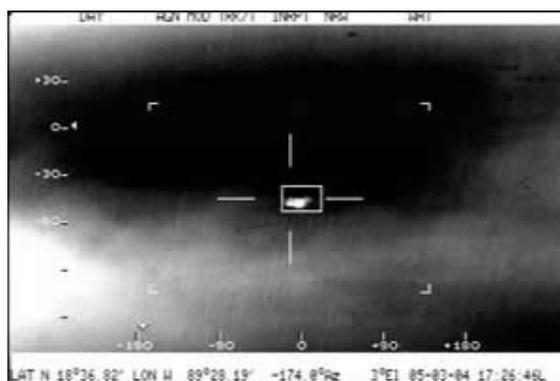
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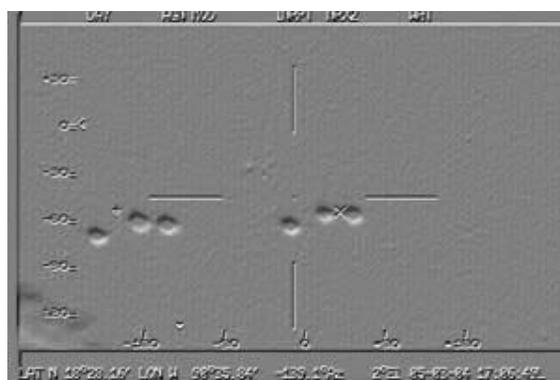
Magnification changed, and/or object/s farther away?
"White hot" polarity, FLIR camera.

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March 5, 2004 at 5:26:45 p.m. local time



"White hot" polarity, FLIR camera.



3-D embossing enhancement of infrared video frame.

Invisible Unidentified Objects Surrounded the Mexican Air Force Plane

"DID I UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN THE MEXICAN AIR FORCE PILOT AND HIS CREW WERE SURROUNDED, NONE COULD SEE ANY OF THE OBJECTS?"

That's right. The pilot and his crew were not able at any time to see the objects. He

received the information from the radar that have two or three different objects at the same time in the radar in the back and they had two more at that same moment with the FLIR (infrared camera). For that reason, he (pilot) realized he was surrounded. But he could not see the objects (with his eyes.)

However, he turned off the navigation lights (of Mexican Air Force plane) because he thought he had to do something. He didn't know what was going to happen. To me, that proves he felt some tension. He was not imagining these events.

IN TERMS OF TALKING WITH GENERAL CLEMENTE VEGA GARCIA, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, WHO GAVE YOU THE VIDEOTAPE DID HE HAVE ANY MORE INFORMATION BY APRIL 22ND TO TELL YOU ABOUT HIS INVESTIGATION?

No, that's the reason he gave me the tape. He said, 'We don't know what they are. We have been analyzing them.' I believe he is a very honest man. He gave me this tape to see what else could I do with it. I presented this to the Mexican people. This has not been received very well by the scientific community who said that they should have received the video before I did.

However, this morning the Secretary of Defense announced to all the scientists in Mexico that they could have a copy of this tape to investigate. The government has nothing to hide. If this is investigated correctly, we have one of the most solid evidences ever, Linda.

Any Contact With American Government?

DID YOU ASK THE GENERAL IF HE HAS HAD ANY DISCUSSION OR COMMUNICATION WITH ANYBODY IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ABOUT THIS INCIDENT?

No, he didn't tell me. I think he was acting independently and at the same time, he was trying to be transparent. In Mexico, we have a transparent policy established by the government. I think he was acting according to that policy of the government. He did not tell me anything else.

I WOULD ASSUME THAT THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WOULD WANT TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT WHATEVER THIS WAS FLYING OVER THE STATE OF CAMPECHE IN MEXICO WAS NOT SOME ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY BY THE UNITED STATES.

Well, when you don't see them, see these objects, I don't think the General or the Government of Mexico would think that it was the technology of the U. S. because it was invisible. That simple reason makes this case a very strange case, Linda.

Time Line of Event Was At Least 24 Minutes Based on FLIR Camera Clock

They had enough time on the FLIR camera and radar to prove to them that they were dealing with something definite. This was an interceptor plane and the radar is usually

used just to locate the airplanes. Then you have the FLIR camera. With that infrared camera, you can use the images that are recorded of any airplane in the area as in trying to capture narcotic smugglers.

We interviewed the expert of the radar, the expert of the FLIR and the pilots for a long time. Then they gave me all the information. They were very honest. I don't think they were lying. The Secretary of Defense authorized them to speak openly to me without any censorship, which means to me that they were acting in their reality; they were acting on personal basis telling me exactly what happened.

THIS IS WHY THE VIDEOTAPE CAME TO BE BROADCAST ON NATIONAL TELEVISION IN MEXICO ON MONDAY NIGHT, MAY 10, RIGHT?

Exactly. Because what I wanted to do was to present this to all the Mexican public through the national news that are the most important in this country. After that, I did a press conference yesterday morning inviting everyone that was in Mexico CNN, ABC, BBC, Reuters, AFP, all the international agencies in Mexico and all the Mexican papers and stations in Mexico, Channel 40, Channel 22, Channel 11, all the media was represented in that press conference. This material was given freely to them because I understand this belongs to the people. Nobody has the right to copyright this material."

More Information:

Completely ignoring the invisibility factor, Mexican scientists today are trying to explain the 31-minute event (of which 11 minutes were videotaped in infrared with the FLIR camera) as meteorites, electric discharges, ball lightning, or even balloons. Today I talked with U. S. Navy Research physicist and long time UFO investigator, Bruce Maccabee, after he discussed the Mexico objects with engineers at the FLIR company in Portland, Oregon, that makes the FLIR StarSAFIRE II infrared camera. Cost \$400,000, plus installation cost in airplane.

Bruce Maccabee, Research Physicist, U. S. Department of Navy, Infrared Applications, Washington, D. C.:

"This is the first time I've ever heard of a case of radar and infrared and you have to add in no visuals. This is a radar-non-visual-infrared case, which makes it unique. So we are talking about something that is so red that your eyeballs can't pick it up.

BUT WHEN YOU GO TO INFRARED, YOU ARE DEALING WITH HEAT SIGNATURES AND THEY ARE BLACK AND WHITE?

Right. When you go to infrared, first of all you don't know how to assign colors to it anyway. It's not something that you can see. It's a foreign world of vision. About all you can tell is yes, what degree of hot is it and how much power is it radiating.

You can understand the problems we are running into with this thermal imager (FLIR). If you have a home video camera and suppose you have a light bulb with a dimmer switch and you can crank the light bulb up and down in brightness. When you stand

back some distance 10, 20, 40 feet with your camera and you videotape this light bulb in the dark with your camera and then you change the intensity by changing the power with the dimmer switch from very bright to very dim. The size of the bulb does not change, but the size of the image in your camera will. The size will grow with the amount of brightness. This happens with all optical systems films, movies, video cameras and also with infrared cameras. So, this infrared imager, when you look at these images, they appear extremely bright what we call saturated. The detectors can't handle any more very saturated and quite large.

Now, there could be an object out there which is a teeny, weeny thing that is generating an awful lot of energy, power, in that wavelength band (3.6 to 5 microns) and creating those images. The image itself would be big. If you assume the image is the size of the object, you can project outward to the field and calculate how big it would be if it were a certain distance. You would be doing a calculation that was much too large.

WE WOULD NEED TO HAVE A TIME LINE AND DISTANCE LINE ESTABLISHED FROM THE VERY FIRST FRAME OF THE VIDEOTAPE TO THE END?

That would be nice and if we could establish a specific radar distance that corresponds to a specific infrared image, then if we have multiple lights up there, then we can tell how far apart the lights are. It still isn't going to say how big the light source itself was because these images are overexposed. If the images were much dimmer, then their size would be much closer to what it ought to be.

THEY ARE OVEREXPOSED BECAUSE WHATEVER THEY ARE, THEY WEREN'T VISIBLE TO THE HUMAN EYES, BUT THEY MUST BE GIVING OFF A LOT OF HEAT ENERGY?

That's right. One of the things I'm hoping the engineers will be able to help us do is find out just how much energy that would be whether we're talking about milliwatts, or watts, or thousands of watts. And that's going to depend upon trying to duplicate the image.

In the situation where you have the very bright ones side-by-side and the two little images down beneath, there is a very faint halo around it.

The FLIR engineers told me it was an artefact of the video camera optics. When there is so much radiation coming in, there are reflections around inside the optics that creates spurious, weak images on the focal plane array. That turns up like a halo around a very bright image.

AGAIN, REINFORCING THAT THERE WAS INTENSE ENERGY BEING GIVEN OFF BY THESE OBJECTS.

Right.

Meteorites? Ball Lightning? Balloons? American Stealth Technology?

TODAY I WAS ABLE TO CONFIRM IN JAIME MAUSSAN'S OFFICE THAT THE MINI-DVD OF VIDOTAPE THAT WAS USED BY THE FLIR CAMERA OPERATED FOR 31 MINUTES FROM

BEGINNING TO END. THIS WAS A LONG TIME EVENT. GIVEN THAT FACT, AND THAT THIS INFRARED VIDEOTAPE CAME FROM SECRETARY OF DEFENSE'S OFFICE IN MEXICO, WHY DO YOU THINK ANY SCIENTIST WOULD BE SAYING ONE EXPLANATION, METEORITES, AND TWO, BALL LIGHTNING?

And three balloons.

YES, HOW COULD ANY OF THOSE EXPLAIN THESE 31 MINUTES OF THERMAL IMAGING OF THIS INTENSITY?

Having looked at the video and thought about this for awhile and calculating where the plane was going and how fast it was traveling, the problem with the meteorite explanation is that meteorites just don't last that long and they go a lot faster than an aircraft. They wouldn't be pacing an aircraft.

The ball lightning suggestion doesn't make any sense to me either because even if ball lightning were somehow to be generated in this clear air atmosphere no storms around supposedly they wouldn't move at all. They would just appear and disappear somehow or other and not lasting very long, a few seconds. These objects, whatever they were, lasted for a long time.

The last one are the balloons. Balloons can last for a long time, but balloons have a tough time keeping up with an aircraft that was traveling at 200 mph. especially like circling an aircraft at 200 mph!

So, I don't buy any of those explanations.

A fourth explanation that has been presented is some top secret Air Craft of device. Some people have argued it was stealth aircraft. One argument has to do with stealth aircraft using infrared devices so they can keep track of each other at night. Of course, this was not at night and stealth aircraft guess what, can be seen in the day time. No one has figured out how to make them totally invisible yet. So there was something there."

Websites: <http://www.ovnis.tv> <http://www.FLIR.com/imaging/airborne/products>

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Subject: Mexican Air Force Films UFOs

People who are not aware of the current political crisis in Mexico will unfortunately be deceived by this staged performance, which further embarrasses our country in the eyes of the world ("Mexican Air Force Films UFOs," May 12, 2004). The federal government of Mexico has outdone itself by doing the most ridiculous PR stunt in the history of the modern world, by attempting (unsuccessfully at least in Mexico) to distract public attention from the terrible corruption scandals that are plaguing the country and have finally crushed people's faith in our government system.

All UFO researchers who have been given false hopes by this story need to blame one man only, President Vicente Fox, in reality instructed by his wife Marta Sahagun to perform the wildest and most embarrassing political fiascos of the last 100 years of Mexican history. Our whole country is sinking quickly politically, socially and economically. Who knows what they'll come up with next instead of focusing on fixing our real problems.

Top Mexican Meteorologist Says UFOs Were Not Ball Lightning

Statement From Mexico's National Meteorological Services
On The Air Force UFO Incident And UNAM Scientists Report

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These are the statements made by Alberto Hernandez Unzon yesterday during the interview on television about the Air Force case.

Engineer in Geophysics Alberto Hernandez is sub-manager of the National Meteorological Services, Mexico's official meteorological center. He is also a Member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the National System for Civil Protection, and Member of the Hurricane Committee of the Worldwide Meteorological Association.

Question: Alberto, you made the National Meteorological Services complete study of the March 5, 2004 meteorological conditions over the Campeche

area. What are the results?

Answer: According to the satellite images, the conditions registered in the observatories and the satellite RADAR images, there were stable conditions in the entire Campeche zone. In the specific place of interest in this issue, there were cloud formation and some stratus clouds that are stable conditions for this season.

There were no rains registered and the cloudiness type was very stable as we can see in this satellite images and the Air Force video.

Question: The subject that we bring here today is about lightning conditions because there have been some statements pointing that there were lightning conditions on that location at that time.

Answer: Meteorologically speaking, a flash is a lightning of a short duration and short intensity. That's the basic definition. We all have witnessed an electric storm sometime. Special conditions are required for an electrical storm - big, vertical clouds and a completely unstable atmosphere, ionization in the atmosphere and the meteorological systems that provoke that type of cloudiness.

Question: That means that the meteorological conditions were not suitable for flash lightning that day over Campeche and therefore contradicts what the UNAM scientists claimed in their report.

Answer: Yes. On March 5, we were entering into the final stage of the winter season. The meteorological conditions in this season are of cold fronts but that day in particular there were none present. What we had were the type of cloudiness that does not cause the flash phenomena.

Question: Did the scientists from the UNAM approach the National Meteorological Services to request the meteorological conditions over Campeche to support their theory?

Answer: No, they have never approached us at any time. If they are talking about a meteorological phenomena at that location, they should have meet with us at the National Meteorological Services to obtain the meteorological conditions just like your team did as well as other journalists.

There were no weather balloons sent up in that area.

Question: What's the duration of a flash of lightning.

Answer: A flash lasts microseconds. We cannot talk even of one or two seconds because it's just a single discharge. To say that these lights on the video are ball lightning or electrical sparks is nonsense. I repeat, that day there were no meteorological conditions for flash or ball lightning in the entire Campeche area. The clouds must have been at approximately 7 kilometres high therefore what we see are stable stratus cloud formations.

Question: What could we be seeing here in this video.

Answer: If this is an optical phenomena it cannot be referred to Meteorology. It is not a photo meteor, it is not a litho meteor. They are not ice crystals nor a St. Elmo's fire. Those are all meteorological phenomenon. And this is not a mirage phenomenon.

In conclusion, we do not have an explanation to these phenomena. There are satellites Aqua and Terra and we can request NASA to send us images of that day to continue this study and get more information to try to find out what could have happened that day.

These are transcript excerpts from the interviews with three crewmembers directly involved in the Mexican Air Force C26A plane incident on March 5, 2004 - conducted by researcher Jaime Maussan as part of the investigation in April 2004.

The crewmembers are Major Magdaleno Castanon - flight commander & pilot of the aircraft. Lt. German Ramirez Marin - Radar Operator, and Lt. Mario Adrian Velasquez Telles - FLIR Operator.

Interview with Major Magdaleno Castanon - Pilot.

Question: Major, did you feel worried at any time when you realized you were surrounded by these unknown lights?

Answer: According to the information I heard from the operations co-ordinator chief - he was in charge of the visual operation on the screens - he mentioned that the objects were in the back, on the left side and in front of us. It was at that moment that I began to feel stressed.

Question: But despite that information, none of you could see the objects?

Answer: We never saw them. We couldn't make visual contact with them.

Question: Then, only through the FLIR was it possible to detect the presence of these objects?

Answer: Yes, only with the FLIR system... the infrared camera.

Question: Would you say that the objects were invisible to normal sight?

Answer: I would say so because none of the crew could see them with simple eyesight.

Question: At that distance, where the objects were from you, wouldn't you have been able to see them?

Answer: The closest distance that we had from the objects was 2 miles. Our experience tells us that we can identify conventional aircraft at that distance, so that's the doubt that operation left on us.

Question: When you decided to turn off all your airplane lights, you made that decision to avoid any possible conflict with these strange objects?

Answer: I did that perhaps following an instinct, thinking that maybe it could help in some way. As flight commander, I felt I had to take some kind of measure because the signal I received was that we were being followed and by turning our light off, I was expecting a similar reaction from them. It was an instinct.

Question: At the beginning of the incident, was it possible these objects became aware that you were following them?

Answer: It's just a guess, but perhaps there was a connection, in that sense, because it is very strange that we first pursued them, but when we cancelled that and made a completely opposite turn the objects then also turned - but in OUR direction and began following us. I think it could be possible that in some way these objects were aware that we had been following and observing them.

Question: What is your conclusion on this experience Major?

Answer: What I can say as commander of a plane on a mission, is that this incident serves as a new precedent of future operations yet to come in our military division.

As a commander, I accomplished my duty in performing a safe operation and maintaining the safety of the personal and the equipment. If a similar incident were to take place in the future and something tragic happens, the fault won't be that of the commander due to a loss of skill or negligence.

Question: Are you concerned that these objects cannot be seen?

Answer: I'm concerned because if a tragic incident happens, I would not have any evidence that could be used as legal defense in a court of law during any resulting trial.

Interview with Lieutenant German Ramirez Marin. (non-FLIR) radar operator.

Question: When was the first time you became aware of the objects.

Answer: When we made a turn to route ourselves to Campeche, the FLIR infrared camera operator detected a target without a shape, just a shine. The target continued being observed with the FLIR. Then we detected other targets at the left side of the plane. They were eleven targets. We never had visual contact with them.

Question: The eleven targets appeared on the normal (non-infrared) radar?

Answer. No. The eleven targets were not detected on the radar screen. Initially, only one target was detected by the radar. Then another target appeared at one o'clock, that's how we describe the position that is in front but slightly to our right. And then a third one in back of the plane. Those were the only three targets that appeared in the radar screen during the incident. The other ones that were at nine 'o clock, on our left side never appeared on the radar.

Question: There was a time when these objects surrounded you.

Answer: Yes, we can assume that because we had information of a target in the front, another one slightly to the right, one in the back, and according to the FLIR several others on our left side. So, we assumed that we were surrounded.

Question: Did you feel fear?

Answer: Fear...? Yes, personally, there was some fear because we were confronting a situation that had never happened to us before.

Question: The objects movements on the radar were out of the ordinary?

Answer: Certainly. Our data information - most of all, the icons (blips), the clusters - were always there on the screen, but the information on their movements was constantly changing. Their speed changes were sudden, 60 - 120- 300 knots, according to the radar information.

The same happened with their flight paths. The courses showed 90 degrees at first then, suddenly, 130 degrees on the radar screen.

Question: What does that mean?

Answer: It means that the target changed direction constantly at great speed. There is no aircraft that can perform such direction changes so quickly.

Interview with Lieutenant Mario Adrian Velazquez Tellez. FLIR operator.

Question: Is it possible that the FLIR gave false information?

Answer: It is not possible. This was visual information of a target that had both heat and movement, so it would not make reference to something that was not there.

Question: Does the FLIR register hot air?

Answer: No. FLIR doesn't register hot air, it registers an object that generates heat.

Question: Then the eleven objects that were detected by the FLIR were generating heat. Were these objects there even though you couldn't see them with your eyes?

Answer: They were there, and we have the data references by their positions. They were on our left side, at the same latitude and the same speed.

Question: How much heat were the objects generating?

Answer. We ran several measurements trying to get an image and all the time the targets registered very hot. We never found any irregular shape, they were spherical all the time.

Question: Is this type of shape irregular with respect to other aircraft you have detected before?

Answer: Yes, it was an irregular shape. I know of nothing like the aircraft I saw.

Question: In your experience do you have any previous personal knowledge of any similar incident like this?

Answer: I have never experienced anything like this and I don't know what to tell you. I don't have any explanation for what these objects were.

Question: You had detection with both radar and FLIR?

Answer. Correct. The radar gave us positions and then with the FLIR we searched that area. We located the targets and we kept those targets on screen while the radar was detecting other targets, giving us more positions. We tried to keep all the targets on screen all the time, so as not to lose them.

Question: How did the objects surround the airplane?

Answer: The radar had objects on the front, slightly to the right and on the back. The FLIR had several objects on the left so we could say that we were surrounded.

Question: Were the objects big in size?

Answer: They were big, especially two of them that were closer to us.

Question: Could FLIR have created this - is it possible to manipulate the FLIR information?

Answer: No. It is not possible to load information into the FLIR. If the information the FLIR detects is out there and is really happening. And the FLIR records this information in real time.

Mexico UFO The Real Issue

By Santiago Yturria

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The deep impact that the release of the Mexican Air Force UFO case has caused in the international media, the ufologic community and the people in general has certainly produced an important social phenomena that deserves a study and analysis.

An example as an exercise of what would be the reactions if an official UFO disclosure is released to the world by any government or armed force. The level of trascendency this disclosure could reach and the social-political effects it will imply. The evaluation it will permit to establish how much the people knows and care about the UFO phenomena and if their reactions would be positive in their majority.

Therefore and taking this in consideration we feel it's necessary and urgent to make a reflection and state our position regarding this case as Mexican researchers. We agree that the actual subject in the media circles and the ufologic community is definitely this case.

But we see that the main attention and interest is been focused more on the C26A footage than the official disclosure by our Department of Defense. As the footage has awakened a great interest because of its unique characteristics everybody wants to take a look to the images and see what's this all about. This is logic and natural.

But for us researchers here in Mexico our main interest in this investigation is not the footage itself but the long awaited UFO disclosure by our military institutions, something that we were looking for through decades. The footage is just the vehicle. There may be discussions about the incident and the images taken by the C26A equipment. The evidence will continue to be analyzed and debated awakening a variety of reactions.

For the Mexican Ufology the most important priority on this case is the fact that the doors to establish an open relationship with our armed forces and the official institutions have been finally opened. The historic and trascendental decision that our Secretary of Defense General Clemente Vega took to give this UFO disclosure to the Mexican people and the world is our main interest with this case, to encourage this new established relationship, to keep our link stronger and secure a very promising future.

This is the real issue here.

Santiago Yturria

Source: La Cronica De Hoy <http://www.cronica.com.mx/>

Date: May 12, 2004

Scientists Dismiss Campeche UFOs as Possible Meteorite Fragments

Mexican scientists considered the possibility that the alleged UFOs recorded by Mexican Air Force pilots over Campeche are not alien spacecraft, stating that there is no scientific evidence to substantiate such a visit.

In an interview with Cronica, researcher Jaime Maussan, who has studied the UFO phenomenon for over a decade, stated that the video broadcast by Televisa shows the presence of "intelligent life that has been manifesting itself on Earth for a long time and hails from other parts of the universe."

He stated that humankind's depredations on the planet's animal and vegetable life, aside from missions to other planets (Mars) has caused an increase in "sightings of these objects, because we have surely violated some code and they wish to make their presence known."

He said that the decision of military authorities to deliver the video "with the evidence" is unprecedented in the country and perhaps in the whole world, and places Mexico in the forefront of such matters, "since it is time that governments pay attention to these manifestations, which should be researched objectively."

In the video recorded on March 5 by Air Force pilots, 16 brilliant objects can be seen as captured by infrared cameras as they soar over Campeche – static, aligned with each other, then making sudden high-speed turns.

While scientists engaged in reconnoitring missions to detect drug-traffic, their radar suddenly picked up a contact: UFOs, which according to the witnesses, followed them for several minutes.

The pilot's conversations can be heard in the video:

"Put on your seatbelts"

"Don't scare me"

"I wouldn't know how to identify it...but they must be completely real," said Lt. Mario Adrian Vazquez, operator of the infrared equipment, who insisted that tampering with said images was impossible.

Jaime Maussan called upon Mexican scientists to research the UFO phenomenon in order to render an opinion and "not dismiss videos a priori that show the existence of intelligence of unknown origin" and that "astronomers or other scientist quit their prejudiced notions and cease deriding those who have studied the phenomenon and know that there is intelligent life present [from

other worlds] as fools, madmen, dreamers or mystics."

However, Mexican astronomer Jose de la Herrera provided his scientific arguments regarding the impossibility that [the lights] could be alien spacecraft, as has been speculated. He claims that they could have been meteorite fragments.

He explained that when a meteor crashes into the Earth's atmosphere, it shatters into many pieces which appear as though they were static and aligned with one another as they give off an intense glow. "And of course, people who do not know such phenomena occur, interpret them in many ways upon seeing them. For example, they can say they were alien spaceships by virtue of having seen them."

Rafael Navarro of the Plasma Chemistry and Planetary Study Laboratory of the UNAM Institute of Nuclear Science, added that these are undoubtedly unidentified spherical objects shown by the Air Force, but under no circumstances do they show the visit of alien spacecraft.

The space scientist told "Cronica" that it is almost certainly "space junk" resulting from hundreds of satellites burning up upon re-entry into earth's atmosphere after finishing their service cycle.

The Mexican scientist cautioned that UFO reports may increase, since humanity is launching an increasing number of satellites that will burn up as they are attracted by Earth's gravity. Navarro regretted that these speculative news items should exert such a hold on the public's imagination as opposed to serious efforts conducted in Mexico and elsewhere in the world to detect the presence of extraterrestrial life.

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Dear Friends,

In Mexico City a group of scientists from the UNAM, the top Mexican University gave a press conference trying to explain the mysterious lights recorded by the Mexican Air Force C26A during the incident of March 5, 2004.

In an improvised speech the group's leader Rafael Navarro from the Institute of Nuclear Science of the UNAM announced that the unknown lights were just luminous sparks of plasma energy, a natural phenomena and showed a video of a recreation they made in a laboratory of this effect trying to make a comparison with the C26A footage.

With this statement Rafael Navarro disqualified FLIR Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq:FLIR) the multimillion-defense industry of Portland, Oregon and their winner product the Star Safire II implying they are not reliable.

FLIR Systems, Inc. is one of the most awarded companies in designing high defense airborne imaging systems, perimeter security systems and reconnaissance and surveillance systems.

Awarded by the governments of several countries with contracts for millions FLIR has been distinguished as one of the world's top industry in defensive systems.

Surely Mr. Rafael Navarro simply doesn't know of whom is he talking. But the sceptic's press conference was filled with contradictions among themselves, exposing their lack of information about the incident and the C26A equipment data.

Rafael Navarro declared that the lights recorded by the FLIR were merely sparks. Then showed the video they made in a laboratory but the light recreated was did not even come close to the FLIR images. The worst came when Navarro said that they don't have any knowledge of a case where this phenomena could appear in such high atmosphere and added that maybe this is the first case in the scientific database. A contradiction.

Julio Herrera, another scientist of the group, declared that the C26A incident was a very rare phenomena that deserves to be analyzed more carefully. A complete contradiction of what Rafael Navarro concluded.

Rafael Navarro and the rest of the UNAM scientists recognized that they didn't have access to the C26A data as well as the FLIR footage and the RADAR information. They just saw what was presented on television and then adopted their own conclusions. A very reckless posture.

This improvised press conference to a very small audience was a ridicule attempt to debunk the DoD case. The UNAM scientists looked more like amateurs contradicting themselves and showing a reduced knowledge of modern technology and advanced detection systems. They made their statements just following the old book but without contribute a single acceptable element to the investigation on this case. A mediocre exposition and a ridicule conclusion.

For all our friends that want to know everything about this great case I invite you this next Sunday May 16, 2004 to our two hours LIVE TV show Los Grande Misterios del Tercer Milenio broadcast simultaneously on the Internet from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Mexico Time where host Jaime Maussan will present for the first time the complete investigation on the Mexican Air Force March 5, 2004 UfO incident presenting the complete footage, interviews with the crew, studies and analysis performed and a full review of the story.

The link is: <http://www.jaimemaussan.tv/>

Regards to all,

Santiago Yturria

'UFO' Lights Over Mexico May Be Gas

By Associated Press

<http://www.dailynews.com/Stories/0,1413,200~20954~2147323,00.html>

MEXICO CITY -- A series of brightly lit, rapidly moving objects filmed in the skies over Mexico could have been caused by a scientific phenomenon involving gases in the atmosphere, a scientist said Thursday.

Visible only with infrared equipment, the hauntingly fast-moving lights were captured by Mexican air force cameras March 5 but made public only this week, sparking rampant speculation they were flying saucers.

Julio Herrera, a nuclear science researcher at the National Autonomous University, said the bright blurs could have been caused by electrical flashes emitted spontaneously by the atmosphere.

"They are (a) very strange phenomenon and there is little information about them," Herrera said of the atmospheric flashes in a phone interview. "That's what's so interesting."

He said more data than is available on the videotape would be necessary to determine whether that hypothesis was correct, including precise information on atmospheric conditions at the time the lights appeared.

The Campeche coast on the Gulf of Mexico, where the objects were filmed, is Mexico's main oil- and gas-producing region. Oil platforms there release or burn off some of the gas they produce.

The objects were recorded as an air force plane flew at more than 11,000 feet over southern Campeche state, using a video camera equipped with an infrared lens.

Mexico Has No Answers To Possible UFO Sighting

Thursday, May 13, 2004

http://www.napanews.com/templates/index.cfm?template=story_full&id=8BA4910D-D6E0-425A-9904-1BA37222D14F

From The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY -- Mexican Defense Secretary Ricardo Vega Garcia said Wednesday the military had made no conclusions about a series of brightly lit, rapidly moving objects filmed by Air Force pilots earlier this year.

But Vega said neither had the military concluded that the objects, visible only with infrared equipment, were flying saucers as UFO investigator Jaime Maussan insisted during a news conference Tuesday.

"This is Maussan's point of view, for that reason he was given (the video) so that he could draw his own conclusions," Vega told W Radio. "But that is his version."

On March 5, Mexican Air Force pilots videotaped the series of brilliant objects flying at more than 3,500 meters (11,480 feet) over southern Campeche state using a video camera equipped with an infrared lens. Infrared equipment can only detect heat emanating from objects; it is unable to provide an image of the objects' exact form.

In the videotape, first aired publicly on national television Monday night, the objects appear to accelerate rapidly and change course suddenly. At least one crewmember testified in a videotaped interview that the objects surrounded the Air Force jet when they were at least two miles (three kilometres) away.

The pilots sighted the objects as they conducted a routine drug-surveillance mission.

Vega said he initially believed the objects were drug trafficking planes, "but when I began to see that they had those lights ... I realized they couldn't be such aircraft."

Maussan said the videotape was evidence of the existence of UFOs. "This is historic news," he told reporters Tuesday. "Hundreds of videos (of UFOs) exist, but none had the backing of the armed forces of any country. ... The armed forces don't perpetuate frauds."

But Vega said he had warned those under his command to refrain from talking about "flying saucers" and UFOS when discussing the video "because that just provokes doubts and jokes."

Vega also insisted that the military had not released the tape to distract the nation from other issues, as some news commentators suggested.

Vega said he decided to release the videotape because it seemed pointless to guard it as a military secret and he did not see it as a threat to national security. He said copies are available for further revision by the scientific community.

As you can see, as all this has flowed, I have broadly refrained from any comment. I would like to say something about what you are going to read now. For my money, what follows is the best debunking effort so far and there is a chilling certainty about the writer's manner. A biog of him follows.

Source: Newsmax.com

<http://www.newsmax.com/archives/articles/2004/5/13/91044.shtml>

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UFOs Gone Wild, Men From Mars Visit Mexico

**Charles R. Smith
Thursday, May 13, 2004**

The Mexican Air Force released a recent video of unidentified flying objects. A Mexican Air Force surveillance aircraft searching for drug runners spotted the UFOs, which were invisible to the naked eye. The UFOs were only visible on a special infrared camera.

Journalist and long time UFO supporter Jamie Maussan announced that the objects were real and "intelligent." The UFOs reportedly changed direction and surrounded the plane chasing them.

The Mexican Defense ministry confirmed to Reuters it had provided the video to Maussan. The video was taken by the Air Force on March 5 over the eastern coastal state of Campeche.

"They were invisible to the eye but they were there, there is no doubt about it. They had mass, they had energy and they were moving about," stated Maussan.

Buck Rogers

While X-files and UFO extra-terrestrial believers say the video is clear proof of some form of spacecraft visiting Earth, the sighting can be attributed to the Bush defense budget and not little green men. The unidentified aircraft that shadowed the Mexican surveillance plane are reportedly part of a squadron of new stealth strike craft operating from the U.S.

The aircraft are equipped with special infrared light panels that are only visible to special cameras or night vision gear. The panels are used in formation flying outside of hostile airspace to prevent the aircraft from colliding with each other or with support aircraft such as refuelling planes. The panels are especially handy during aerial refuelling with U.S.A.F. tankers, allowing the tanker operators to visually monitor the stealth planes in total darkness.

The UFOs were spotted on radar as they approached and tailed the Mexican Air Force surveillance plane. However, F-117A Stealth fighters normally operate inside the U.S. with special radar reflective panels attached to their planes in order to be tracked in commercial airspace and not attract attention.

The new stealth aircraft, working inside non-hostile airspace, would most likely be similarly equipped with radar reflective devices. The new stealth aircraft is said to embody the latest technology, including special light panels designed to hide the plane in broad daylight. The Mexican sighting confirms that the U.S. Air Force possess more than one of the new jets.

Korean UFOS

Both North and South Korean sources have recently reported similar UFO- like aircraft in the skies of Asia. The sightings are almost identical to the reports filed by the Mexican Air Force.

The North Korean official media outlet recently announced that U.S. spy aircraft had violated the DPRK airspace over 200 times. The new stealth aircraft has not been identified but the CIA and South Korean intelligence have obtained new data on North Korean missile deployments not normally visible from space.

The Kim Jong-il regime is busy building two underground missile bases designed to house new medium-range ballistic missiles. A South Korean intelligence official has told the country's Chosun Ilbo newspaper that American intelligence has identified ten ballistic missiles and mobile launching pads at two locations within the DPRK - in Yangyok, near the North Korean capitol of Pyongyang, and in Hochon in the country's south. The missile bases are armed with extended range variants of North Korea's SCUD and Nodong rockets, capable of striking Guam, Hawaii and deployed American forces in the Asian theatre.

The sudden discovery of the new underground missile sites and the recent re-evaluation of the North Korean nuclear projects by the CIA show that the U.S. has some very special intelligence assets that can monitor, track and target the DPRK.

Utah Donuts

In addition, the recent UFO sighting in Mexico came within days of a report of a classified aircraft powered by an impulse type engine flying over Utah. The aircraft left a distinctive "donuts-on-a-rope" contrail in a flight over the Utah Wasatch Mountains.

The March 21st sighting of the pulser jet showed that a conventional chase plane shadowed the classified aircraft, which left a smooth, unbroken, contrail. A mechanical engineer from Salt Lake City photographed the contrasting exhaust plumes.

A pulsejet engine was used during World War II by the German V-1 Buzz bomb, given its name by the distinctive burping sound of the pilot less cruise missile as it flew to its target. The new pulse detonation engine or PDE technology is capable of delivering thousands of times the power of the simple V-1.

U.S. jet engine makers are currently experimenting with several PDE designs. PDE engines use electronic ignition that forces a powerful shock wave down the exhaust tube. The shock wave is so strong that some of it actually bursts out of the front air intake, creating a donut like smoke ring around the exhaust chamber.

More than a decade ago, a similar classified aircraft was spotted and photographed by observers throughout the U.S. The aircraft left a telltale trail of puffs along a long contrail in the sky. However, sightings of the pulser engine aircraft dropped off during the late 1990s.

The sudden reappearance of the "pulsar" aircraft, like the UFO sighting in Mexico, is an indication of the increase in the "black" budget of the Bush administration as compared to the Clinton administration. Sources inside the Pentagon confirmed that several super-secret aerospace programs cancelled or cutback by the Clinton administration were revived by the Bush administration in its pursuit of "RMA" or the "Revolution of Military Affairs."

Fly Robot

The recent upsurge in U.S. black aerospace activity is also evident in the unmanned field. Several secret unmanned aircraft projects are currently underway including a stealthy silent helicopter, a spy plane and a super-sonic strike aircraft.

Recent tests of the non-secret X-45 Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle (UCAV) project have been very successful with the robot plane dropping a simulated bomb and scoring a direct hit from an altitude of 5 miles. The new robot craft are slated to be armed with a wide assortment of 21st century energy weapons including a solid-state laser capable of delivering up to 20,000 watts of power on a target, a microwave transmitter so powerful that it will knock out radars and computers from nearly a mile away and new pulse energy bombs that can burn out electronics.

Some doubt the UFO story being something as mundane as a new classified jet. Others doubt the value of stealth technology and wonder if the defense money is well spent. I am certain of both.

Lockheed aircraft designers once noted that the only way to know if a F-117A Stealth fighter was around was if something suddenly blew up. Yet, the F-117A is first generation stealth.

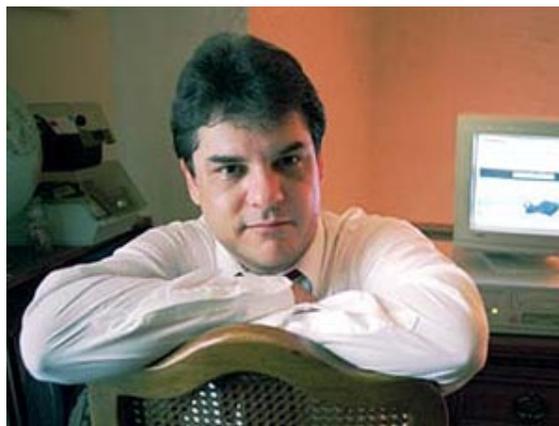
During a recent air show, I spotted a group of Chinese Air Force officers closely inspecting a U.S.A.F. B-2 Spirit stealth bomber on display. The PLAAF officers photographed and eyeballed the stealth bomber from every possible angle.

"Doesn't that bother you," I said to the B-2 pilot, pointing at the mass of PLAAF officers surrounding his plane with cameras.

"Nope," he replied with a smile. "It's the only time they will see it."

*** RADIO APPEARANCES The Jerry Hughes Show on Friday, 5/14/4 at 3 p.m. Eastern time. Show information at <http://www.cilamerica.com>. The Charlie Smith Show on the American Freedom Network on Monday, 5/17/4 at 11 a.m. Eastern time. Show information at <http://www.amerifree.com>.

Charles R. Smith



Charles R. Smith - CyberWar Columnist

Charles R. Smith is one of America's leading experts on cyber technology and its implications for war, terrorism, privacy and every way technology interacts with our lives.

He is an exclusive columnist for NewsMax.com as its "CyberWar" expert and is currently President and CEO of SOFTWAR, his own consulting company.

Mr. Smith's life sounds like a character in a Tom Clancy novel. He received a U.S. government "Top Secret" clearance as a top-level computer engineer for EDS. There he was assigned to work with the U.S. Army on logistic projects during the Cold War.

Smith provided war games programs that were used by the U.S. Army, as well as the U.S. Naval weapons center at Dahlgren, Virginia, and North American Rockwell. Smith has provided detailed combat simulations on advanced conventional, nuclear, chemical and biological warfare systems.

Smith is frequently sought out to provide detailed information on advanced missile warfare, ramjet technology and ballistic missile defense systems. Smith has provided information obtained directly from Russian sources on the advanced SS-N-22 SUNBURN cruise missile to members of the U.S. Congress. In addition, Smith has provided detailed evaluations of former Soviet weapons technology as well as current Russian and Chinese combat systems.

Smith is an expert on cyber security and pioneered the use of light as a means of extracting random numbers for digital keys for security software.

He currently provides security software for medical information services and hospitals, encryption software for secure e-mail, direct communications, electronic commerce and Internet Web Site services.

He has worked for over a decade with the government of Virginia and the Virginia State Police on stolen vehicle tracking using the FBI National Criminal Information Center (NCIC) and the National Law Enforcement System (NLETS). He has also testified before Congress on matters relating to cyber war.

During the past ten years, Smith has also become a noted investigative journalist and his reports have been covered by NewsMax.com, Insight magazine, USAF, "The Connection" Information Protection journal, E-SOURCES Online, U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings Magazine and dozens of other outlets. He is a journalist recognized by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Dept. of Defense (DOD), Dept. of Justice (DOJ) and the U.S. Commerce Department (DOC). Smith frequently appears on national television for the Fox network on matters of national security and international affairs and is a popular guest on radio shows all over America almost daily.

Areas of Expertise:

- Information Warfare - Strategic, Tactical and Practical
- Applications/Offensive-Defensive systems
- Advanced warfare (energy weapons, genetics, nanotechnology and robotics)
- Missile warfare, nuclear warfare, biotox warfare, WMD
- Cryptanalyst Computer forensics encryption systems
- Computer Programming, Systems Analysis, DP project management, Quality Assurance
- Organized crime
- Russian and Chinese military/intelligence operations
- Privacy & Human Rights, Freedom of Information
- Foreign & Domestic electronic surveillance
- Super computers - High Speed Computing
- INTERNET - Security on the Net/Tracking hackers and stalkers
- Gaming System - Training Tools & Analysis Engines for management and leadership

Some people just can't believe what has happened and think it's too good to be true, and that therefore, there must be some other reason for us to have been allowed to see and record what we did.

The following is from Jim Speiser off a message board:

Sorry, fellow Listers, but I smell a rat, and this article has reinforced the odor.

We have all heard of the 'false flag' ruse, a disinformation tactic where a particular sighting, or a particular witness, is hyped, only to have the rug pulled

out. It may very well be that the Mexican government wants Maussan 'out of the way', and what better way to do it than by discrediting him with an easily-pulled 'rug'. And as he is the most visible and vocal UFO proponent in Mexico, no doubt the ruse would take in thousands of saucer-eyed fans as well, many of whom would be wary of his next escapade.

Sometimes, when something is just too good to be true... well, I would counsel extreme caution in any "pronouncements" from here on.....

On the other hand, Maussan could take the opportunity to greatly increase his credibility by turning the tables on the rug-pullers, and declaring the case to be a hoax (_if_ it is one) or otherwise explainable, beating the disinformers to the punch. Somehow I doubt that will happen, though.....

==JJS==

And now the most obvious connection of all.

Mexican lights related to Phoenix lights?

06:25 PM MST on Wednesday, May 19, 2004

By NewsChannel 3 / azfamily.com staff

Unexplained phenomenon in the skies over Mexico has some wondering if it is somehow related to Arizona.

A Valley man is analyzing the so-called UFO sighting.

The sighting occurred two months ago and was videotaped by pilots with the Mexican military as they flew drug patrols over the state of Campeche.

In the tape, you can hear them counting objects. Ultimately, 11 lights or "orbs" are recorded with a combination of infrared and radar technology.

Jim Dilettoso is a world-recognized expert in video analysis. He got the video from his friend Mexican journalist Jaime Maussan.

Maussan interviewed the pilots who flew that night.

"A lot of people are saying it's an alien spacecraft," he said. "Well, I'm not saying that. It could be an alien spacecraft. It could be a ... holographic projections, so we have to go measure holographic projections, get the data, compare it and see if it's holographic projections. That's a lot of work."

Dilettoso is putting a lot of work into it to learn what the objects are and are not.



NewsChannel 3

The Mexican military reportedly recorded this video of so-called unidentified flying objects.

"These are not airplanes, these are not helicopters, these are not balloons," Maussan said. "As sophisticated as our analysis equipment is, it can't get the license plate off these objects. What we can do is extract data and compare it to a lot of known objects and compare it to other unknowns."

The case is getting attention because it comes from the Mexican military and is being compared by investigators worldwide to the Phoenix lights.

The Phoenix lights seen across the Valley in 1997 received international attention as a set of unidentified flying objects.

Dilettoso said his analysis of that sighting and of the latest one out of Mexico have striking similarities.

"The Mexican 11 sighting, the Phoenix light sighting, Fatima and Belgium are now grouped together as examples of some really important light ball phenomena that has no physical man-made technology explanation," he said.

Dilettoso isn't quite ready to say what he thinks the orbs are yet.

Later this week, he's expecting to receive the entire 37-minute sighting on tape. At that point, he can do a much deeper analysis.

Santiago again:

As part of the investigation, the FLIR representative for Mexico, Mr. Gilberto Rocha, was interviewed by Jaime Maussan regarding the images recorded by the FLIR STAR SAFIRE II aboard the Mexican Air Force Merlin airplane during the March 5, 2004 incident over the Campeche area.

NOTE: The comments and opinions expressed by Mr. Gilberto Rocha are his own, based on his experience and knowledge of the FLIR STAR SAFIRE II operational functions and do not necessarily represent FLIR Systems, Inc.'s opinion and points of view.

Question: Mr. Rocha, you just have reviewed some images recorded by the Air Force during an anti-narcotics operation over Campeche on March 5, 2004. What is your opinion about them?

Answer: These are interesting images because they are not common. I will try to explain myself. The human eye perceives certain light frequencies that the sun emits. Beyond these frequencies the human eye doesn't have the capacity to perceive those images. The infrared source or the infrared rays can only be detected with the FLIR or with special cameras that can detect infrared radiation.

The equipment the Air Force is using has the capacity to detect visible images and infrared images. The images that we saw from the Air Force footage correspond to objects that emit temperature - they are emitting heat and they are emitting radiation to the exterior and the camera is reading this.

These images may have low resolution because of the distance that we are measuring, but represent round-shaped objects that cannot be compared to any known object that we have been looking for in our air space.

Question: Could these have been any kind of conventional aircraft?

Answer. No, because conventional aircraft have very well defined temperature in their turbines and in front where friction is registered, therefore they could not be seen as rounded lights.

If we had a closer image of the objects, perhaps we could have a better definition of the shape of these objects but due to the information we have, these objects are round-shaped and we cannot consider them as airplanes.

Question: Any possibility of the objects being a helicopter?

Answer: No, it's the same case: the turbine and blades would be the point of highest temperature defining the shape of the helicopter and it would be always a known shape not a round-shaped object.

Question: If these objects are not any known aircraft what do you think they are?

Answer: In the strict sense of the word, avoiding any distortion or confusion, these are objects that fly and we cannot identify.

Question: Is it possible that the FLIR could have been giving us false information, that these high temperature readings were non-existent?

Answer: Negative, because in the images we are seeing clouds that have a higher temperature than the ambient average temperature, and we can see the cloud silhouettes because the FLIR is detecting their infrared frequency.

The objects that we are seeing are the points of highest temperature there. Personally, I have never seen anything like this. My experience with these cameras is completely industrial, we analyse a whole variety of industrial appliances as well as for the electrical industry, but for me the case of the Mexican Air Force is very unusual.

And now for some more paranoid knee trembling for you.

Ruling Elite is Behind Mexican UFO Acknowledgement

by Amitakh Stanford

**<http://educate-yourself.org/cn/mexicanufoacknowledgement14may04.shtml>
May 14, 2004**

Today there is overwhelming evidence of extraterrestrial life. After more than fifty years of controversy over the existence of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) and alien abductions, the majority of the people on this planet are still oblivious to the secret, nefarious activities of hostile aliens and what they have done and continue to do to earthlings with co-operation from various governments on Earth.

UFO and alien visitors and invaders do not always conform to the laws of our three-dimensional reality. Without becoming deluded or blinded in the process, we need to expand our minds and allow our perceptions to accommodate thoughts, perceptions and realities that are very foreign to our own. It is then that we can begin to rationally explore the outer limits of our physical minds.

Presently there are thousands of reports from all over the world claiming not only the sightings of UFOs, but actual physical contacts with aliens. Some of these contacts have been classified as friendly while others are reported to be hostile and are associated with horrifying experiences of abductions, sexual invasions and scientific experimentations. Some victims describe continuing physical, emotional and mental abuse long after their first alien abuse.

Governments have been withholding UFO and alien information from the population at large for many decades. While there have been a few "officially" leaked reports involving UFOs and/or aliens in the past, a report of a UFO incident in central Mexico on March 5, 2004 has reportedly been officially endorsed by the Department of Defence of Mexico through its Secretary of

Defence, General Clemente Vega Garcia, who is reportedly also the commander of all armed forces in Mexico. This type of UFO report from a high-ranking Mexican military official is unprecedented in ufology.

The said incident involved a Mexican Air Force fixed-wing craft on routine anti-narcotics operation. At approximately 17:00 hours the airplane's instruments detected a very fast unidentified flying object on its radar and recorded also by its onboard infrared gear. As the military plane approached the UFO, the crew could not make visual contact with it, however, it was detected by radar and infrared equipment. The military craft was soon encircled not by one or two, but by a total of 11 UFOs, all of which appeared on the radar screen but none could be seen visually. After several stressful minutes, the objects disappeared from the screen. At no time could any of the crewmembers see any of the objects reported on the screens.

It has been speculated that there is a planned silence among governments of the world to suppress disclosures of UFO sightings. Some think that there has recently been a rift in this global management of UFO/ET affairs demonstrated by Mexico's recent unprecedented acknowledgement by its Department of Defence.

Others speculate that the U.S. government will try to cover up this incident. The truth is that there is no rift between the Mexican and American governments, and while it may appear otherwise, they are indeed acting in concert regarding this incident. It is all a staged show.

There has long been a contingency plan to pit humans against extraterrestrials. In the Report from Iron Mountain commissioned by the U. S. government in 1963, this possibility was casually mentioned as a political substitute for real wars. The report stated that: "An established and recognized extraterrestrial menace" could be considered. This plan was only mentioned in passing, so it had obviously been considered in greater detail in other government reports. The "ALIEN MENACE" plan has apparently been implemented with Mexico taking the first public step. Some governments may pretend to be debunking the Mexican UFO event at first, but the plan is to eventually accept it as a hostile-alien event.

Acknowledgement by the Mexican government that UFOs are real may be welcomed by UFO supporters and researchers throughout the world. However, few suspect that this acknowledgement has a nefarious agenda attached to it. The real purpose of alerting the general population to an "extraterrestrial menace" is to EVENTUALLY justify the need for a single world police force.

True UFO researchers know that there are extraterrestrials on Earth. They do not need governmental acknowledgement or approval of this fact, which makes it all the more suspicious that this matter is being launched in the alternative media instead of being given directly to the conventional media or to the scientists of the world.

It is nothing new to the world to have aliens delving into human affairs - this has been going on since ancient times. For many years now, there have

been numerous reports around the world of bleeding crucifixes, stigmata (aliens often use female human blood to stage the spontaneous bleeding phenomenon), weeping statues of Mary, images of the Immaculate Lady appearing in the clouds, in the leaves, on rose petals etc. While these incidences may be very exciting and awe-inspiring to Catholics, the non-fraudulent incidents are created by alien technology. The same is true for non-fraudulent crop circles, which are also created by alien technology.

The aliens expand on these types of signs at times by using holographic projections and voice recordings of what is supposed to be Mary, Mother of Jesus. These are done to fool people. These phenomena were witnessed by people at Fatima, Lourdes and Medjugorje etc. These types of "visions" are usually accompanied by fundamentally similar messages which instruct people to repent, convert, return to the church, believe in the Gospels, and to be saved.

Of course there is ample evidence that the Gospels have been tampered with and altered by the Peshier method and in other ways so that they are mainly the words and thoughts of humans. The visions and their respective messages are the works of the Anunnaki, who want everyone to believe in and participate in their created religions so that they can better manipulate and control the minds and actions of believers.

All these Christian phenomena have a common theme, which is to warn and remind people to repent and to return to Catholic Church for salvation. This itself shows the source of the messages is not of the Truth. Anyone who recognizes the evilness associated with the church such as the crusades, the inquisitions, witch burnings etc. knows that the True God would not insist upon people following a specific religion in order to be "saved from damnation." The proliferation of "spiritual" signs shows that the aliens are very active and highly supportive of Catholicism.

The types of aliens that are most involved with Catholic religious phenomena are the big Greys and the green Reptilians. Although other groups of Anunnaki are also involved in Christianity, the Greys and the Reptilians have predominant roles with the Catholic Church. The Reptilians also play games with the Hindu and Buddhist believers. The Muslims have brown Reptilians and Vulturites manipulating their faith. The Olcars ultimately have the most control over all the major religions and certain organizations, including the Freemasons. Other minor groups influence the indigenous people's religious practices around the world. The world's religions are truly alien battlegrounds amongst the aliens themselves, which is evidenced by the friction caused by the aliens that result in religious wars. True spirituality comes from within the person regardless of the faith they follow. That is why there are always some truly spiritual people in any given faith. Religious observance is not to be confused with spirituality.

The same groups of aliens that control religions also play the opposite game with the sciences. The aliens make the two fields appear to be contradictory by design. The juxtaposing of religions and sciences by the same groups of aliens purposefully causes turmoil, conflict and confusion. Many of the religious debunkers in sciences are aliens or are influenced by aliens to work for global disharmony until it is time for the implementation of the One World

Government.

Likewise, many of those who appear to support peace are really warmongers. Be warned that not everyone who writes against the New World Order is opposed to the NWO. Many of them are NWO accomplices who appear to write against the NWO in order to gain the trust of people so they can effectively spread misinformation and disinformation to the unsuspecting population.

The ruling elite have long been preparing people for the possibility of an alien invasion, with among other things, the screening of UFO related movies such as: Independence Day and The Arrival. Older movies such as: Invaders from Mars and Earth Versus the Flying Saucers prove that this agenda goes back a long time. Up till now, the U. S. government has followed a policy of scoffing UFO reports. Many other governments have done the same. The controlled media has played down and often made fun of UFO sightings. This is by design - alien design.

The surest way to stop people from worrying about something is to debunk it. This is seen in the case of people arguing that the Devil does not exist. The same is being argued by the claim that there are no aliens.

UFO sceptics are in many fields, including the medical and the scientific professions. Mass UFO sightings have often been explained away by the so-called experts as "mass delusions". According to most psychiatrists, nearly anyone who mentions an alien abduction is already classified as schizophrenic because a single mention of such a "delusion" qualifies for that diagnosis for all mental health professionals who follow the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV (1994)). In other words, the mainstream mental health professionals view alien abductions as delusion-based schizophrenia. Under the above-definition, anyone who is clairaudient will be classified as mentally ill.

All this must change now that Mexico has blown the lid off the UFO phenomenon. Psychiatrists will have to change their definitions of delusions since "invisible" crafts, hence "invisible" beings are officially acknowledged as real.

The ruling elite has ordered the release of the Mexican UFO incident to the public. There was always a contingency plan to do so at some time. The recent Mexican incident is just one that fits the designs, needs and timing for the plan. This incident is being made public because of the emergent circumstances today. If one plan fails, there are many more in the background to bring forward.

There are handlers for the ruling elite who deal with UFO events. Many UFO researchers have been bribed or silenced in other ways. However, now, the silence about the reality of UFOs has been broken by order of the ruling elite. However, most people involved in the acknowledgement of the UFO incident are unaware of the ruling elite's agenda.

There are many handlers working for the ruling elite who have bits of

information that they pass through their agents to disseminate the information. Neither the handlers nor the agents are given full information.

The U.S. government knew of the March 5, 2004 Mexican UFO incident. In fact, an American who claims to have prophetic visions was told by his handlers to spread terror along with the message that April 20, 2004 was a significant date that would commence the unfolding of cataclysmic events for the next 30 days.

Jaime Maussan, the Mexican UFO searcher and top journalist, was co-incidentally given information about the March 5, 2004 incident by General Clemente Vega Garcia, Mexico's Secretary of Defence, on April 20, 2004. This date of April 20, 2004 is just too neat a co-incident. All true psychics know that such dates are not generally available, which adds more suspicion to the inter-relationship and the agreement between the U.S. and the Mexican governments to spread this particular story beginning on April 20, 2004.

If memory serves correctly, several years ago, at a private meeting in Mexico, Jaime Maussan revealed to a few people, including me, that he was originally a UFO sceptic who had been commissioned by the Mexican government to debunk the existence of UFOs. However, in the process of carrying out the assignment he was "converted" after he and hundreds of others witnessed a UFO in broad daylight. Subsequently, when he reported to the authorities that UFOs do exist, he claims that he started to get threats. It is interesting that now the government would choose him to reveal this unprecedented release of an official acknowledgement of UFOs reality. However, it is not surprising knowing how governments work.

It is quite significant that General Garcia did not send the tapes and information to scientists for evaluation, but instead, released them on April 22, 2004 to television journalist Jaime Maussan. The 30 days of the American psychic now come into play, as the episode was televised on Great Mysteries of the Third Millennium on May 9, 2004, and an international press conference was called on May 11, 2004. This timing is just too co-incident. It follows the American "psychic's" dates too closely. And, incidentally, the American was thoroughly discredited after giving out his prediction that things would commence on April 20, 2004. However, that does not stop the international agenda as the same plan is going forward with other agents given different roles. Some undercover news people are deeply involved in the ruling elite's agenda even though they outwardly appear to be against it.

The fact that there were 11 invisible UFOs encircling a military craft shows the intent to cause great alarm because it means there are a great many aliens here and they have command of huge forces to be able to muster such a formation on short notice to intimidate a single military aircraft. The fact that the UFOs were all invisible to humans only causes more panic.

This UFO story has all the footprints of an internationally orchestrated plan, which the ruling elite hopes will eventually lead to a One World Order.

The Vatican too is heavily involved in promoting - albeit quietly - that the alien

visitors are friendly. The truth is that these aliens are hostile and evil. As stated earlier, the movie industries are deeply involved in this agenda also because they are controlled by the ruling elite, who serve the evil aliens. Channellers, knowingly or unknowingly, are used to promote the fraud that "friendly" and highly advanced aliens are coming to assist earthlings. Some of the beings channelled include Kryon and Bashar who offer messages that appear to contain love, hope and charity. They always appear to be concerned about human affairs - wars, pollution, diseases, upcoming cataclysmic events, etc. Yet, these are Anunnaki astral beings playing a two-faced game with humans. Additionally, Shirley MacLaine helped popularize benevolent alien connections with humans.

There are many reasons why the deliberate acknowledgement of UFOs has occurred at this time. Among them are: to prepare the general public of the reality of aliens amongst us for their own agendas; to instil fear in the general population about vulnerability of the planet; to have an excuse to impose laws to further control the people under the disguise of security; to blame aliens for a lot of things that happen in the world; to unify humans under a single banner against a common enemy because the governments today have made such a thorough mess of everything including conflicts amongst nations, economic slowdowns, breaking down of all systems; and ultimately to implement a One World Government.

Many have claimed that the governments of the world allow aliens to abduct and experiment upon humans, animals and plants. This shows that they are consciously dealing with evil alien beings.

But, the world is already controlled by aliens. The plan to fight an alien/human war was designed and is being initiated by aliens. The aliens hoped they would be able to initiate a gradual and friendly acceptance and assimilation of aliens into the human society. This was to be followed by alien-orchestrated human/alien friction leading to an all-out conflict. There would simultaneously be other scare tactics used by the ruling elite to control and further enslave the earthlings. However, if circumstances would not allow that plan to be implemented, then the aliens plan to have immediate alien/human hostilities as an excuse to commence an alien/human war under a unified world government.

Because the Light has intervened and caused disruption to the aliens' plan, things aren't working the way the hostile aliens have intended, and they are rapidly losing control of the situation. That is why the hostile aliens have gone to the emergency contingency plan of having immediate alien/human hostilities as can be observed by the March 5, 2004 Mexican/American UFO incident. There will be many conflicting reports issued from the same camp which are designed to confuse people about this matter.

Genetic engineering has been going on secretly for quite a while, but it has only come to public awareness in the last few years. This is another alien activity. Hostile aliens are interested in the human mind. They have tried to tamper with the human mind, which they have experimented widely, weakening it at will. They are very keen to continue investigations on mind energy in

humans. It appears that their immediate interest is in trying to make replications of the human mind. They want to download a living mind into a totally mechanical robot. This is one way they try to clone the human mind. Audible and inaudible sounds have been released throughout the world by aliens or by governments that are sponsored by aliens. These sounds are weakening the immune systems of humans and sometimes the sounds are altering genetic patterns and immune systems. they cause depression, anxiety, anger, fear, hatred and other negative emotional feelings. These effects are felt by people of all ages, even in the very young. While it easy to explain away with social/economical and other reasons for the problems, what most people do not suspect is that they have been attacked by invisible beams and inaudible sounds that are deleterious to the human body and mind.

Mental problems are on the increase throughout the world. These days, even very young people are increasingly suffering from depression. This is mainly due to the effects of the sounds that have been purposely released by the aliens. Other things the aliens are behind are genetically altered foods, impure water and air which all add to the problems. However, the deleterious sounds will ultimately drive a great many people insane and cause them physical illnesses. Terminal madness will mark the time of chaos.

Some of the Attas (a singular and plural term for Rescuers of Light) amongst us are able to see beyond the basic spectrum of light. This allows them to perceive otherwise "invisible" aliens on the planet. Some of the Attas can also hear beyond the basic hearing spectrum and are able to perceive otherwise "inaudible" sounds. The Attas can also read the minds of the Anunnaki and know their plans.

The Attas are here doing their best to assist True-Light beings at this time. Those who are True-Light beings should go inward to connect to the Truth within. This will be a great comfort in the trying times ahead.

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NEWS LEADS

Below is a round up of some of the major news items relating to our sphere of interest that have appeared since our last issue. As usual, we remind the reader that although all the links were checked before “going to press”, that some may have expired since. If you find that is the case, then my apologies for the inevitable disappointment.

A good many of these leads have been supplied by Kithra, who has her own web site. This is well worth a look; <http://kithraskrystalkave.org.uk/>

World's First Science Fiction Museum and Hall of Fame to Open June 18, 2004 in Seattle
http://home.businesswire.com/portal/site/altavista/index.jsp?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20040408005724&newsLang=en

Area 51 Microbiologist Ready To Talk
<http://www.google.com/search?sourceid=navclient&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&q=Danny+B+Catselas+Burisch>

Dangerous Space Rocks Under Watch. A protection plan proposed
<http://www.cnn.com/2004/TECH/space/04/08/space.collision.reut/index.htmlsteroid>

The detection of dark matter may be possible within a decade, a Nobel prize winning physics professor has claimed.
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3614127.stm>

Just in case you've been on another planet – the Grolsch beer ad
<http://www.grolsch.co.uk/index2.htm>

The US space agency is considering a Russian plan to keep crews aboard the International Space Station (ISS) for a year at a time.
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3618599.stm>

Could we survive an asteroid hit?
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/1/hi/sci/tech/3622183.stm>

Cosmonautics Day, marked in Russia on 12 April. Aleksandr Kaleri, a flight engineer and member of the current ISS crew, answered the questions of Gazeta.Ru readers, posed to him via a video link.
<http://www.mosnews.com/interview/2004/04/12/kaleri.shtml>

Turin Shroud 'shows second face'
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/3621931.stm>

Astronomers examining Hubble Space Telescope images of distant Sedna say the planetoid is even more mysterious than they first thought:
http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2004/14apr_sedna2.htm?list159275

Was This A UFO Over Uldale Cumbria, UK?
<http://www.newsandstar.co.uk/opinion/viewarticle.asp?c=171&id=89545>

A spacecraft set to test Einstein's General Theory of Relativity is now on the launch pad, with the world's most accurate gyroscopes stowed away inside.
<http://www.newscientist.com/news/news.jsp?id=ns99994875>

ROCHESTER -- Reports of a UFO in rural Rochester last week are intriguing enough that an investigation could be launched by the Mutual UFO Network.
http://www.southbendtribune.com/stories/2004/04/13/local.20040413-sbt-MARS-D1-UFO_sightings_may.sto

The universe is not round, say scientists - it is shaped like a trumpet

http://news.independent.co.uk/world/science_technology/story.jsp?story=511575

Astronomers poring over 35 NASA Hubble Space Telescope images of the solar system's farthest known object, unofficially named Sedna, are surprised that the object does not appear to have a companion moon of any substantial size.

<http://hubblesite.org/newscenter/newsdesk/archive/releases/2004/14/text/>

Dangerous space rocks under watch. Asteroid protection plan proposed.

<http://www.cnn.com/2004/TECH/space/04/08/space.collision.reut/index.html>

Nasa's Spitzer Space Telescope has seen a display of hot stars behind a dust cloud that hid one of the most violent regions of star birth in our galaxy.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3625635.stm>

UFOs believed sighted over Iran

http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5478,9293099%255E1702,00.html

Great Orme Is A Hotspot For UFOs

http://icnorthwales.icnetwork.co.uk/news/regionalnews/tm_objectid=14150593%26method=full%26siteid=50142%26headline=great-orme-is-a-hotspot-for-ufos-name_page.html

3 New Sightings Maps By UFO Shapes Larry Hatch has put up three new Thematic UFO maps on this menu online:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/THEMEMAPS.html>

SATELLITES RECORD WEAKENING NORTH ATLANTIC CURRENT

<http://www.gsfc.nasa.gov/topstory/2004/0415gyre.html>

Cosmic Magnifying Glass: Distant Star Reveals Planet

<http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/releases/2004/103.cfm>

An ambitious project to seek planets outside the solar system is being spearheaded by Belfast scientists.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/northern_ireland/3629887.stm

Astronomers have found support for the existence of elusive medium-sized black holes, the journal Nature reports.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3626535.stm>

Recent Earthquake activity in the US

<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/recenteqs/>

Mars Rover Finds Rock Resembling Meteorites That Fell to Earth

<http://www.spacedaily.com/news/mars-mers-04zzzw.html>

The Cassini probe en route to Saturn has spotted two "shepherd" moons which keep one of the planet's rings in check through their gravitational influence.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3633297.stm>

Hobby-Eberly Telescope Witnesses Vaporizing of a Cometlike Body by a Very Young Hot Star

<http://www.science.psu.edu/alert/Ge4-2004.htm>

Below is a follow-up news story about what I think is another very noteworthy multiple meteor event that happened over midwestern U.S.A. in March 28, 2003.

<http://spaceflightnow.com/news/n0404/14meteorite/>

This multiple meteor event happened one year before many similar bright meteors or UFOs were reported all across Canada on March

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/mar/m28-004.shtml>

UFO Seen Whizzing Over City

<http://www.canoe.ca/NewsStand/WinnipegSun/News/2004/04/19/428019.html>

"Scientific Refutation of the Bible Codes by Brendan McKay and Friends"

<http://cs.anu.edu.au/~bdm/dilugim/torah.html>

Privacy advocates are alarmed by a new technology that might be able to monitor even the tiniest aspects of our lives. It comes in the form of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) chips."

<http://www.cnn.com/2004/TECH/04/14/rfid/index.html>

It's Bill Bradfield and the comets (he's discovered his 18th.)

http://news.com.au/common/story_page/0,4057,9311907%5E2682,00.html

Astronomers say there could be three comets visible to the unaided eye in the night sky in a few weeks' time.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3642725.stm>

LASCO C3 images of Comet Bradfield and what NASA has to say about why there was such a data gap:

<http://sohowww.nascom.nasa.gov/data/realtime/Bradfield.html>

Winnipeg has developed an eerie resemblance to Area 51 in the last couple of days. Since a story about local air traffic controllers who saw a light zoom through the sky appeared in The Sun on Monday, the newspaper has been flooded with e-mails from people.

<http://www.canoe.ca/NewsStand/WinnipegSun/News/2004/04/21/430210.html>

Stonehenge about to be replaced with Fiberglass replica's??

<http://www.megalithic.co.uk/article.php?sid=2146411530>

Stonehenge with a tunnel underneath it for vehicles??

http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,3604,1150396,00.html

Too many males may have been the reason the dinosaurs died out 65 million years ago, say Leeds University researchers.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3647115.stm>

Jupiter's Spots Disappear Amid Major Climate Change

http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/jupiter_spots_040421.html

Like thermometers in space, satellites are taking the temperature of the Earth's surface or skin. According to scientists, the satellite data confirm the Earth has had an increasing "fever" for decades.

<http://www.gsfc.nasa.gov/topstory/2004/0315skintemp.html>

At Gaithersburg Conference, JFK Conspiracy Author Alleges Feds Hide Facts on Extraterrestrials

<http://www.thesentinel.com/280337364552146.php>

Jim Binnell's X-Conf. report here:

<http://www.coasttocoastam.com/gen/page451.html?theme=light>

Moon UFO No Longer Unidentified

<http://www.rednova.com/news/stories/1/2004/04/22/story004.html>

SANTIAGO, Chile (Reuters) – Astronomers opened a new window to the cosmos Saturday by inaugurating a powerful U.S.-Brazilian telescope under northern Chile's famously clear skies.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2004/TECH/space/04/20/bc.science.chile.reut/index.html>

Hubble Space Telescope has seen a brilliant circle of bright blue stars in a rare example of a "ring galaxy" - the result of a galactic collision

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3650213.stm>

Satellite measurements of sea levels have uncovered a bizarre effect the sea seems to be rising faster near the coast than in mid-ocean.

<http://www.newscientist.com/news/news.jsp?id=ns99994903>

More weird stuff going on in central Wisconsin than the rest of the state

<http://www.wisinfo.com/journal/spjlocal/283284771606441.shtml>

Mars Odyssey Themis image shows water lake in the Southern Hemisphere of Mars at -67 degrees N?

<http://themis.la.asu.edu/zoom-20040422a.html>

Studying a Comet Close Up

<http://dsc.discovery.com/convergence/quest/projects/ahearn.html>

The FBI is trying to convince the government to mandate that providers of broadband, Internet telephony, and instant-messaging services build in backdoors for easy wiretapping.

http://zdnet.com.com/2100-1107_2-5194394.html?tag=zdaresources

A robotic rescue mission to repair and upgrade the Hubble Space Telescope may be feasible, according to Nasa's Associate Administrator, Dr Ed Weiler.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3652627.stm>

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>

Scientists say a new lunar mineral has been found in a meteorite from the Moon that crashed to Earth in 2000.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3659551.stm>

Eyes to the sky for a celestial fiesta

<http://www.spacedaily.com/2004/040427021340.dap3vky2.html>

One of Saturn's moons is particularly dark on one side

http://www.economist.com/science/displayStory.cfm?story_id=2610415

41st Space Congress is a time for determination and pressing ahead

<http://www.floridatoday.com/news/space/stories/2004a/spacestory0427WSPACECONG.htm>

Argentine Shepherds Feared UFO Abduction

<http://www.eltribuno.com.ar/2004/salta>

Jet condensation trails may cause climate change: NASA

<http://www.spacedaily.com/2004/040427224517.dke13vwi.html>

One of South America's leading natural tourist destinations, the San Rafael Glacier in Chile, is retreating at an alarming rate, say UK scientists.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3662975.stm>

They Are Aliens & They Came To Ilkley Moor

<http://www.leedstoday.net/ViewArticle.aspx?SectionID=39&ArticleID=781356>

When UFOs Arrive: February 2004 Cover Story

http://www.popularmechanics.com/science/space/2004/2/when_ufos_arrive/

Scientists Say Meteorite Hit Wisconsin

http://www.space.com/spacewatch/meteorite_wisconsin_040426

Pictures of Noah's Ark.

http://www.space.com/php/multimedia/zoomviewer/index.php?display_img=ararat

Cow cut, drained in Arborg. Mutilation mystifies

<http://www.canoe.ca/NewsStand/WinnipegSun/News/2004/04/29/440232.html>

US Underground Bases

<http://www.anomalies-unlimited.com/Bases.html>

Scientists to search for Noah's ark on Turkish mountain

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/turkey/story/0,12700,1208261,00.html>

Re-enacting a visit from the Green Men Documentary on Kelly legend

http://www.kentuckynewera.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?/200404/28+Re-enacting-04-28-04_news.html+20040428+newsRe-enacting

Empathy may not be uniquely human quality

<http://www.newscientist.com/news/news.jsp?id=ns99994901>

A real-life Twilight Zone may exist in Southeastern Arizona near the Mexican border. (Ed. Great story!!)

<http://www.tucsonweekly.com/gbase/currents/Content?oid=oid:47018>

Vietnam, UFOs, Taxes Bring On Spring 1966

http://www.qgazette.com/news/2004/0505/Star_Journal/

Formaldehyde, Ammonia and Benzene Molecules on Mars? Would Probably Mean Life. Linda Moulton Howe

<http://www.earthfiles.com/news/news.cfm?ID=707&category=Science>

Was Chicken Little Right?

<http://www.santafe.edu/sfi/events/abstract/204>

Star seen to have ups and downs

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3703683.stm>

NASA to Merge Science Programs Under New Vision

http://www.space.com/spacenews/businessmonday_040510.html

Scientists Prepare for Rare Astronomical Event

<http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml;jsessionid=FZWZONE3PID52CRBAE0CFFA?type=scienceNews&storyID=5105865>

Cometa report on UFOs – Gildas Bourdais

<http://www.cufos.org/cometa.html>

Teleportation

<http://dsc.discovery.com/news/afp/20040510/teleportation.html>

David Hill: Sometimes it seems astral aliens are with us already

<http://www.nzherald.co.nz/storydisplay.cfm?storyID=3565764&thesection=news&thesubsection=dialogue>

A complete archive of every issue of Universe Today is available here:

<http://www.universetoday.com/html/archive/>

International Real-time Magnetic Observatory Network

http://www.intermagnet.org/Welcom_e.html

How to Marginalise an astronaut – Edgar Mitchell

http://www.phenomenamagazine.com/0/editorial.asp?aff_id=0&this_cat=Area+51&action=page&obj_id=968&typ

Solar wind to shield Earth during pole flip

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Scientists Prepare for Rare Astronomical Event

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New Baghdad UFOs Multiple Witnesses & Footage

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Physicists probe ancient pyramid

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Student Uncovers US Military Secrets

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2004/05/13/student_unlocks_military_secrets/

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Geological time gets a new period

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Weather May Explain Mexico UFO Stir

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Spaceguard UK

<http://www.spaceguarduk.com/sguk.htm>

is the national focus in the UK for studies into the threat posed to the Earth by collisions with asteroids and comets. We aim to supply accurate and timely information related to the impact hazard to government departments, the media and the public whenever necessary. To do this we have established links with individual scientists and scientific institutions all over the world. In addition, we promote the establishment of a British contribution to the growing international Spaceguard programme.

<http://www.spaceguarduk.com/News.htm>

For all the latest information about asteroids – the search for them, and those that are NEOs.

Gene Mallove's minivan was found early yesterday at the Foxwoods Resort Casino in Nashantucket!

<http://www.newsday.com/news/local/wire/ny-bc-ct-brf-norwichkillin0516may16.0.1805373.story?coll=ny-ap-regional-wire>

UFOs Communicate With Flashes Of Light?

<http://theozfactor.cjb.net/may2004.htm>

Check this story about one of the recent UFO sightings in Iran,

<http://www.ancientx.com/nm/anmviewer.asp?a=57&z=1>

Launch of US Geospatial Intelligence Foundation

<http://spatialnews.geocomm.com/dailynews/2004/may/13/news4.html>

Mystery at Big lake: Fire in the sky

http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=11658112&BRD=2554&PAG=461&dept_id=507134&rfi=6

Turkey's Amazing Underground Cities

Several underground cities are open to visitors. The largest of these, at Derinkuyu has 8 levels open to the public, there may be as many as 12 more levels as yet unexcavated. There are about 600 outside doors to the city, hidden in the courtyards of surface dwellings. There is

some speculation that Derinkuyu may be linked to another underground city, Kaymakl, which is 9 kilometers away.

<http://www.atamanhotel.com/cappunder.html>

Underground Beijing

Beneath the ancient city of Beijing, an underground city of definite proportions has already begun to emerge. There are factories, stores, guesthouses, restaurants, hospitals, schools, theaters, reading - rooms, a roller skating rink, a grain and oil warehouse, and a mushroom cultivation farm. These underground production and service facilities cover a total area of 850,000 square meters and make use of more than 1,000 anti-air raid structures.

<http://beijing.travel-to-china.net/folk/undergroundcity.htm>

Underground London

Central London filled up many years ago. Her roads have been congested ever since the days of the horse and cart, and there is no more room for building. For Victorian engineers determined to improve London life, the only way was down.

So they dug: railways, roads and footpaths; sewers, buried rivers, and most recently, bomb shelters. Today, there is a veritable subterranean city beneath the streets of London.

<http://www.heritagemagazine.co.uk/underground.html>

Portland's Underground Tunnels

<http://tinyurl.com/2z39t>

The Future Of Underground Cities

<http://www.wired.com/wired/archive/11.04/suburb.html>

Egyptian UFO Sightings

Interesting and documented reports of UFOs and strange Fireballs sightings over Sinai, Sharm, Kantara, Dahab, Aswan, Luxor and Cairo:

<http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/006/S06124.html>

<http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/002/S02904.html>

<http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/026/S26098.html>

<http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/020/S20927.html>

<http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/023/S23030.html>

<http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/028/S28176.html>

<http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/025/S25987.html>

<http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/029/S29210.html>

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Probe reveals Saturn's stripes

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3715545.stm>

Ray Bradbury's Mars Testimony

<http://www.astrobio.net/news/article974.html>

Cosmos 'a billion years older'

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3732157.stm>

Climate change 'disaster for rivers'

http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5744,9611969%255E1702,00.html

New Underwater Volcano Found

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2004/05/20/tech/main618807.shtml>

Volcanoes down in Antarctica

http://vulcan.wr.usgs.gov/Volcanoes/Antarctica/description_antarctica_volcanoes.html

A map that shows their locations. You can see the map separately at this link:

http://vulcan.wr.usgs.gov/Volcanoes/Antarctica/Maps/map_antarctica_volcanoes.html

Chicago sinking

http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/techinnovations/2004-05-20-sinking-chicago_x.htm

Obituary Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/obituaries/story/0,3604,1220479,00.html>

Here's a fascinating report from US researcher Nancy Talbott about a Polish man she's interviewed who witnessed a strange 'craft' over a field where a crop circle was found.

<http://www.blresearch.com/eyewitness2.html>

New Object is 2nd Rock from the Sun

http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/asteroid_closest_040520.html

Sightings of three star-like objects moving through the night sky are so common that they are too often dismissed as these secret satellites by local amateur astronomers.

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2001/oct/m04-013.shtml>

Last weekend at San Francisco's 'Wired NextFest 2004' there were many UFO-type technologies showcased there. Some of these include the amazing invisibility coat

http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_747591.html

and the giant spherical UFO-like airship with an internal cabin for crew and passengers that is manufactured in the suburbs north of Toronto.

<http://www.21stcenturyairships.com/>

Was our universe created by design?

<http://slate.msn.com/id/2100715>

Abduct My Wallet: Confessions of a UFO Hoaxer By Lee Shargel

<http://www.useless-knowledge.com/articles/apr/may087.html>

X-ray scan charts dark energy's impact Telescope data confirm galaxies' cosmic speed-up

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Earth Brightens After Years of Dimming

<http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/wire/sns-ap-earthshine,0,1655060,print.story?coll=sns-ap-nationworld-headlines>

Flying into a silent sky future

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Giant UK telescope gets upgrade

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3749919.stm>

Rosetta Focuses on LINEAR

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<http://www.spacedaily.com/news/deepimpact-04h.html>

Parallel double meteor trails

<http://www.science-frontiers.com/sf153/index.htm>

Stellar Blast Draws Meteor Hunters

http://www.montrosepress.com/articles/2004/05/25/local_news/1.txt

Scientist Seeks Alien Cloud-Dwelling Bug

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2004/05/26/life_on_venus/

CASSINI AT SATURN - Huygens Mission to Titan

<http://saturn.jpl.nasa.gov/operations/huygens-mission.cfm>

Military Nuclear Specialists Testify To UFO Reality

<http://www.disclosureproject.org>

The day saucers flew over P-town

<http://www.portlandtribune.com/archview.cgi?id=24525>

Area 51 hackers dig up trouble

<http://www.securityfocus.com/news/8768>

Venus clouds 'might harbour life'

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/3746583.stm>

Universe Measured: We're 156 Billion Light-years Wide!

http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/mystery_monday_040524.html

Life on Earth may not be unique, geochemist says

<http://www.westernfrontonline.com/vnews/display.v/ART/2004/05/21/40ae9c8c68842>

Beagle 2 was 'too great a risk'

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3735663.stm>

That's it folks, the end of another issue. We'll be back on or very close to July 1st. and as usual, will bring you a mixed bag of fun, frolic and just an occasional reference to the subject matter in hand.