

Shirley Coyne Passes

Words From the State Director



Sadly, on April 9th, former Michigan State Director Shirley Coyne passed away at age 69. Shirley energetically held this position during the early to mid 90's, assisted by her husband George, who passed in 1994. After George passed away, Shirley retired from UFO hunting and remarried, changing her name to Shiann Tafoya.

I personally have Shirley to thank for bringing me in to MUFON. After I reported some of my own encounters to her in 1993, she invited me to join the organization. I was so impressed with her kindness and professionalism that I did. You couldn't know Shirley without her leaving a deep and lasting impression on you.

For those of you who may have never personally met Shirley, she plays a prominent role in the MIMUFON training video that is still distributed to our Field Investigators, "How to Interview the UFO Witness," and much of the video was filmed at her home.

In news of another passing, legendary paranormal investigator and writer John Keel, author of "The Mothman Prophecies," died on July 3rd at age 79.

As our next Michigan meeting won't be until September, please consider heading out to Colorado for this year's Symposium.

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The 40th Annual International MUFON Symposium will be taking place in Denver on August 6-9. Details for the big event can be found at mufon.com. The results of the trial period for the Star Impact Project (investigative collaboration between MUFON and Bigelow Aerospace) should be announced at the Symposium, as well.

Our upcoming Michigan MUFON meeting will be September 20 at Walli's East in Flint.

Chief Investigator Gary Golem will conduct our morning Field Investigator Training.

For our afternoon presentation, Dr. William C. Levengood, possibly best known for his pioneering work in crop circle research, will present his exciting new findings from his hands-on lab investigation of organic material sampled from the locations of recent UFO close encounters

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Enjoy your summer.



"Roswell was a real incident-bodies and materials were recovered, and it was investigated by MJ-12... Some of these events are very real-there is equipment, there are aliens, there have been bodies in our grasp, in our laboratories."

Astronaut Edgar Mitchell

Monthly Statistical MUFON Report for April - June 2009:

CMS continues to amass sighting reports from around the globe. In April 2009 there were 369 sightings reported to MUFON through CMS worldwide. Of these, 319 were in the United States, of which 6 were in Michigan. Most impressively there were 25 Landings, Hovering, or Takeoffs reported and 21 Entities observed worldwide.

In May 2009 there were 500 sightings reported to MUFON through CMS worldwide. Of these, 410 were in the United States, of which 23 were in Michigan. Most impressively there were 25 Landings, Hovering, or Takeoffs reported and 19 Entities observed worldwide.

In June 2009 there were 445 sightings reported to MUFON through CMS worldwide. Of these, 356 were in the United States, of which 11 were in Michigan. Most impressively there were 23 Landings, Hovering, or Takeoffs reported and 35 Entities observed worldwide.

To review the CMS data yourself go to www.mufon.com and click on "UFO Case Files" to 1.) Easily look at the Last 20 Sightings, or 2.) Do a customized search of the CMS database by date and/or location, or 3.) Logon to CMS for even more detailed UFO sighting information about your State and the World.

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Former MIMUFON State Director Shirley "ShiAnn" Ann Tafoya Passed Away.



From left to right: Bill Murphy, Linda Murphy,
Harry Willnus, Dan Wright, Shirley Tafoya, Rich McVannel.

[Born: January 24, 1940 Died: April 09, 2009]

TAFOYA, Shirley Ann "ShiAnn" - Of Swartz Creek, age 69, died Thursday, April 9, 2009 at Avalon Hospice. A memorial service was held 1PM Monday, April 13, 2009 at Crossroads Temple Church of God, 1073 N. Elms Rd., Flint, Pastor Donnie Eagle officiating.

Visitation was 11:30 AM Monday until the time of the service at the church. Contributions can be made to Avalon Hospice in remembrance.

Shirley was born in Orlando, FL on January 24, 1940 the daughter of the late Emmett and Rosie Adams. Shirley loved life and the adventure of it. Surviving are sister Lilly (Charles) Owens of Swartz Creek; Brothers Emmett (Jean) Adams of Myakka City, FL; Wayne (Dorothy) Adams of

Swartz Creek and John (Joyce) Adams of Cabot, AK and Gary Shane Adams of Swartz Creek; 20 nephews and nieces and 65 great nephews and nieces; Many cousins and a multitude of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and several brothers and sisters. Sister, aunt and friend, she now rests in our hearts and memories. Your condolences may be shared with the family at swartzfuneralhomeinc.com



The security guard called and said, "Sir, there's a glowing red object hovering right outside the front gate. I've got all the men out here with their weapons drawn." We lost between 16-18 ICBMs (nuclear tipped Inter Continental Ballistic Missiles) at the same time UFOs were in the area... (A high ranking Air Force officer) said, "Stop the investigation; do no more on this and do not write a final report. I heard that many of the guards that reported the incident were sent off to Vietnam.

Captain Robert Salas, USAF, during a videotaped interview for the Disclosure program.

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Help!

My Parents Are Stuck In The 60's And They Can't Get Out!

by Lisa O

Growing up in my home was a trip of it's own. My Mother is the peace loving flower child and my father is the supporting flower child / boy scout. Our house was never dull. It was always full of my parents' like-minded buddies. If not out on an Indian Mound chasing BigFoot or UFO's, they were trying to raise tables, do tarot cards or telaport themselves to vacation destinations.

I am an only child, at least in this life, as my mother would say. So the entire focus was on me. Being an only child in this environment gave me the chance to take full advantage of a good thing. Where as children in a big family could blame each other when a glass of spilled milk occured or "Spirit-images" (ha! ha!) of crayon appeared on the wall, I would simply say, "It must've been the ghost, mommy."

Nightmares were different growing up in my home. Instead of the typical parenting quotes "go back to bed-- it's okay, it's just a dream.", my mother would say, "it must've been a past life honey, now let's meditate on it and see what we can come up with." Quarrels with my childhood friends were probably some kind of Karma that we need to work out.

Best friends were soul mates. Of course imaginary friends were always welcomed. They were "probably spirit children wanting to play."



As all this always seemed normal to me, my friends accepted it too. They thought my parents were the cool hippies down the street.

Meals in our house were all healthy: nuts, soy, veggies and fruit. Luckily my father would sneak me out to McDonald's from time to time. Hmmm...french fries! My dad always had some kind of waterfall hike, mushroom hunt, or a nature experiences to share.

All in all growing up in my household was a fun, unique experience. The glass of milk wasn't half full or half empty. The missing milk had just been transmuted into useful energy!



Editor's Note: The above missive was written by Lisa Overy, daughter of MiMUFON member Connie Overy.



UFO Experts Amazed by Mayan Panels Just Unearthed

By Michael Cohen



Reuters reported this week that archaeologists working in deep in Guatemala's northern jungle have unearthed incredible carved panels that are believed to depict scenes from Mayan creation myths involving monsters, serpents and deities. The panels were discovered on the site of El-Mirador, the largest known Mayan city in the world which is constantly being excavated revealing more surprises. The city itself is remarkable in that it contained the complex roads, canals and impressive structures one would expect of a modern metropolis. The sites head researcher Richard Hansen has dated the panels to around 300 BC As expected there was no mention of aliens or UFOs in relation to the find. Ufologists have been concentrating in particular on Mayan civilization and

[Archeologist Richard Hansen explains the detail on one of two newly discovered Mayan panels in the northern Guatemalan Peten jungle March 7, 2009. REUTERS/Eduardo González SCSPP/Handout]



mythology for decades, probably more so than any other ancient civilization. Its astronomy and myths of immortal beings arriving from the stars to give humans knowledge are well known.

Ufologists are now marveling at the latest images of Mayan mythology carved in stone. Many have already noted that the panel shown on the Reuters website clearly depicts a UFO surrounded by two non-human beings covered in some form of technological equipment.

Interestingly the date range given for the carvings puts their creation not long after Ezekiel's graphic descriptions of wheels within wheels. To say that the similarity to Ezekiel's wheels and 'living creatures' is striking might be putting it mildly.

I don't think the proof of the theory that civilizations were once guided by alien visitors could get any stronger. The only question is when will our friends from space openly return and give us some guidance, possibly more needed now than then.

Source: [http://www.theblackvault.com/wiki/index.php/Guatemala:_UFO_experts_amazed_by_Mayan_panels_just_unearthed_\(AllNewsWeb,_03-13-2009\)](http://www.theblackvault.com/wiki/index.php/Guatemala:_UFO_experts_amazed_by_Mayan_panels_just_unearthed_(AllNewsWeb,_03-13-2009))

One of two newly discovered Mayan panels is seen in the northern Guatemalan Peten jungle in this handout taken March 7, 2009. REUTERS/Eduardo González-SCSPR/Handout



Investigators busy with UFO sightings

By Brian X. McCrone

BUCKS COUNTY. From flaming trees to six-sided, hovering aircraft, people in towns like Langhorne and Fairless Hills are seeing things otherworldly — making the area the current ground zero of the UFO world.

"I'm spending almost two hours a night on these sightings in Bucks County," John Ventre of the Pennsylvania chapter of the Mutual UFO Network said last week. "This wave that started the second half of last year was incredible."

Over 100 sightings since June more suited for Fox and Mulder than local police departments have attracted the attention of the Discovery and History channels.

The Discovery Channel brought its "UFOs Over Earth" series to Bucks County last year and the History Channel's "UFO Hunters" is now investigating some of the more credible sightings. "There was an incredible spike in 2008," UFO Hunters producer Kevin Barry said. "We're still talking to people to see if we have something on our hands."

Unexplainable sightings are not new to Lower Bucks County, Barry said, noting a well-known 1973 UFO sighting along Route 1 in Fairless Hills. "It's interesting because there is a history there," Barry said.

Sightings last year include a Levittown woman who said she saw probes of light dropped into a tree in her backyard, Ventre said, and a Doylestown man who saw a slow-moving six-sided UFO near his home.

The new question — beyond where aliens will appear quickly and vaguely next — is what comes first: the appearance of UFOs or the appearance of UFO television shows.

"That's an undeniable part of some stories. What makes people see these things?" Barry said.

Source: <http://www.metro.us/us/article/2009/03/16/02/4205-85/index.xml>

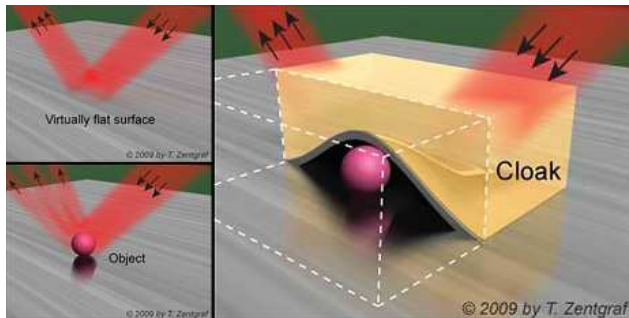


KEEPING IT LIGHT



Two New Cloaking Devices Close In on True Invisibility

Richard A. Lovett for National Geographic News May 6, 2009



A series of three diagrams shows how a new cloaking material bends light to conceal small objects. The "carpet cloak" is one of two new materials announced in April 2009 that bring the *Star Trek* tech closer to reality.

Image by Thomas Zentgraf

Cloaking devices, like the *Star Trek* technology that can make whole Romulan warships disappear, came a step closer to reality last week. Two independent teams have developed silicon-based materials that can hide microscopic objects. The materials are the first to work in near-infrared light, wavelengths very close to visible light.

On a flat surface, an object covered with a piece of cloth would normally be detectable based on its telltale bump. But with the new materials, even the bump seems to vanish.

A team led by Xiang Zhang at the University of California, Berkeley, achieved this effect by drilling scores of tiny nano-holes into the cloaking material. These holes change the material's optical properties, allowing light to bend around the hidden object, as described in the April 29 issue of *Nature Materials*. The other team, led by Michal Lipson at Cornell University, achieved the same effect by covering their material's surface with tiny pillars also designed to bend light. The Cornell group's paper is currently under review by *Nature Photonics*. Jason Valentine, one of the Berkeley researchers, calls his team's material a "carpet cloak." In both cases the process is like hiding something beneath a rug. The object is effectively hidden on the ground," Valentine said.

Small But Effective

Both materials still have a long way to go before they're ready for stealth military operations. To start with, both cloaks work only in infrared light for now. The next step is to try to develop a version that works in visible wavelengths. The cloaks are also capable of hiding only microscopic objects. But even that has potential uses, Valentine said. In optical computing, for example, such cloaks could be used to allow light to move more efficiently, by hiding the parts of a computer chip that get in the way of the beams.

Also, expensive dielectric mirrors—special mirrors used to make printed circuits for electronics—can be ruined by tiny defects in their surfaces. "You could cloak a defect and make it look like a perfect mirror again," Valentine said. Scaling up to hide an object the size of a BB-gun pellet might be possible, but going larger will be difficult", he said. In the Berkeley material, for instance, "the holes have to be smaller than the wavelength of light, and many are required."

From Theory to Practice

The development of these working invisibility cloaks is exciting, but it's not a huge theoretical breakthrough, Ulf Leonhardt, a theoretical physicist at Scotland's University of St. Andrews, said in an email. "Such an idea already appeared in my very first paper on cloaking," published in the journal *Science* in 2006, he said.

Carl Poitras, a researcher with the Cornell group, agrees. "Like a lot of things we can do," he said, "the theory is predicted ahead of time, but the technology isn't there to show it."

Now, for cloaking devices at least, the theoretical models are starting to become real-life products.

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Schedule of Events - (Silent Auction: All Weekend)

Thursday, August 6, 2009 Field Investigator Training Workshops all day

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Workshop Registration
8:45 AM - 9:45 AM	Jan Harzan – MUFON's 10 Step Investigation Process in Detail
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Jude Talaba – CMS Basics
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Debbie Ziegelmeyer and Chuck Zukowski – Field Work Basics
12:15 PM - 1:00 PM	LUNCH - ON YOUR OWN
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Marc D'Antonio - Photo and Video Analysis Basics Every Investigator Should Know
2:15 PM - 3:15 PM	Chuck Modlin - Field Investigator Equipment—Far Out Gadgets
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Richard Lang - Witness Interview Techniques
4:45 PM - 5:45 PM	Marc D'Antonio - Astronomy 101 for Field Investigators

Friday, August 7, 2009

Friday, August 7 – Morning/Afternoon

8:00 AM	Registration starts
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	State Directors Meeting
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	MUFON Business Board Meets with State Directors
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Press Conference
11:30 AM – 3:00 PM	MUFON Business Board Meets
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Benefactor Reception
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Cocktail Hour (cash bar)

Friday, August 7 - Evening

6:00 PM	Symposium Opening
6:15 PM – 7:15 PM	Stanton Friedman —Pseudoscience of Anti-Ufology
Dinner and Program (Meal requires advance reservation) MUFON 40th Anniversary Celebration Party!	
7:30 PM – 8:45 PM	Dinner/Speaker:
8:45 PM – 9:30 PM	Awards Program: MUFON Award for Excellence in Ufology

Saturday, August 8, 2009

Saturday, August 8 – Morning

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Dr. Frank Salisbury —Reflections of an Old UFO Chaser
10:30 AM – 11:45 AM	John Ventre — UFOs Over Pennsylvania
12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM	Luncheon – (Meals by advance reservation)- John Greenewald Project Preserve History

Saturday, August 8 – Afternoon

2:00 PM – 3:15 PM	Dr. Jeffrey Bennett — Beyond UFOs: The Scientific Search for Extraterrestrial Life
3:30 PM – 4:45 PM	Ted Phillips —Dramatic Changes in Trace/Landing Events
4:45PM – 7:00 PM	Dinner Break (On your own)

Saturday, August 8– Evening

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Marc D'Antonio —How to Talk to a Skeptic About UFOs
8:30 PM – 9:45 PM	Dr. Kevin Randle - Moving Ufology into a Scientific Arena

Sunday, August 9, 2009

Sunday, August 9 – Morning

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Peter Robbins —Politics, Religion and Human Nature: Roadblocks on the Path to Disclosure
10:30 AM – 11:45 AM	Chris Rutkowski —20-year Longitudinal Study of Canadian UFOs
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch Break (On your own). MUFON State Directors Luncheon

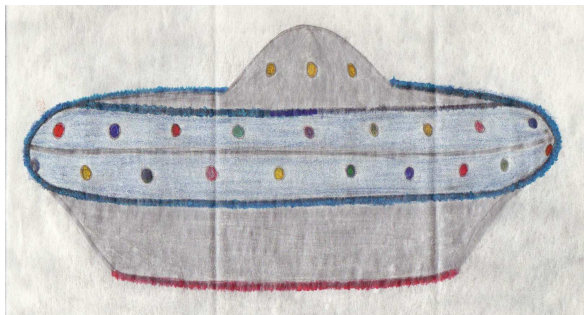
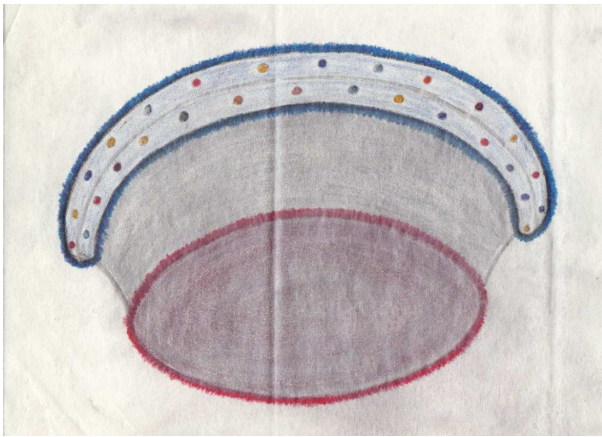
Sunday, August 9 – Afternoon

1:00 PM – 2:15 PM	Bruce Maccabee —A 35 Year Perspective on UFO Photo Investigation
2:30 PM – 3:45 PM	James Carrion - New Research Avenues for Ufology
4:00 PM—5:00 PM	Speaker Panel - moderated by John Greenewald
5:00 PM—5:30 PM	2010 MUFON International Symposium Announcement and Closing

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Mysteries of Space and Sky Date Set

Bill Murphy's Column



Witness Sketch of Potter Park UFO – Side View

I've received word from Dr. S. Peter Resta about this year's Mysteries of Space and Sky conference and, once again, it appears that this will be an extremely worthwhile event. As with the two previous such events that Linda and I have attended, emphasis is placed on substantive presentations by top researchers on the core UFO phenomenon. This year's conference is scheduled for Saturday, October 24, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and is planned for a price of \$40, which would include lunch. The conference site has been moved from its former location due to the technical problems which were in my opinion the only negative about the event in the past. The new venue is to be a hotel near to the Baltimore-Washington International Airport, and Dr. Resta and Rob and Sue Swiatek are working to see whether overnight accommodations will be offered at a reduced rate for conference goers. Dr. Resta listed four names as tentative speakers, whose expertise and experience would provide solid and even dramatic and unique insights into Roswell, Rendlesham Forest, international ufology and current developments in the field. More speakers are being selected, but, based upon what we experienced in the past and how this conference is coming together, I think it's safe to say this will once again be well worth the money. A free bonus we've experienced is the chance to meet some of the "lions" of ufology who, though not speaking at a particular conference, come anyway, some to sell their materials, others to see and talk to their friends.

I'll likely have more to say about this event in September, but I wanted to bring this to your attention as early as possible. The east Maryland area is beautiful at this time of year, it's accessible in a day's drive, and there is so much to do there in addition to attending this conference. The opportunity to build a memorable yet cost-effective mini-vacation around a

quality UFO learning experience should be very attractive in these economic conditions.

Lansing, on about September 1, 1954, Close Encounter of the 1st Kind --

This case is from a new presentation I've assembled on Michigan UFOs, benefiting from my continuing research in the files of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies in Chicago. The Center's collection includes documents from the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) and Project Blue Book, and contains material found nowhere else. I've incorporated these insights into presentations on classic and lesser-known cases covering the gamut of UFO and related experiences. Here's a case where a UFO sighting was only reported much later, due to the witness responding to Dr. Hynek's call for factual reports. In this instance the Warren, Michigan, writer heard Dr. Hynek on a January, 1978 J.P. McCarthy radio show on station WJR in Detroit, and was relating an incident that happened in September of 1954 in Lansing. The witness recounted a sighting he, his brother, and their parents had had on or about the first of the month, near the north border of Lansing's Potter Park, on the city's near southeast side. The site is just a couple of miles from where I was living at the time, so I am familiar with the general area, although in 1954 I wasn't yet into UFOs; actually I wasn't yet into reading!

At about 8:30 to 9:00 p.m. on about the first of September the family was startled by a loud humming sound, something like that made by an electric motor that is beginning to burn out. Frantically checking around the house to see whether something electrical was "on the verge" of going bad, the family was alerted to the fact that the source was outside by the excited hollering of some neighbors. The men in the family ran out of their house, to join a bunch of their neighbors gazing up at a huge round object slowly drifting east, about 300 feet above Bensch Street, and north of the Grand Trunk Western Rail Road tracks that course along the north border of Potter Park (see sketch of UFO as it first appeared, sketch 1).

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The object seemed about 50-60 feet across; its bottom was glowing a reddish glow, while the rest of the craft appeared to be silver-colored. Around its rim were numerous flashing lights. The lights seemed not to go completely out when their intensity lessened; they just dimmed considerably. The rim containing these lights appeared to give off a sort of bluish glow. That this was no ordinary blimp became apparent when the thing tilted up on its side and a sort of cabin appeared on its top, rather than on the bottom (see side view, sketch 2). A row of yellow lights rimmed the cabin. The young man (he was 15 years old at the time) and his brother ran down to the end of Bensch Street, where it abutted the Grand Trunk Western Railroad tracks, then, as the object kept drifting further eastward, they ran over to the Dakin Street Bridge over the tracks, the better to see this strange apparition. When the thing had drifted about three blocks further, it began to turn south, rather than east, and, in fact, made at least a 180-degree turn, to head west over Potter Park itself. This maneuver certainly eliminated the simple unpowered balloon possibility. The object next turned completely upon its side, presenting the appearance of a glass orange-juice squisher as it did so. As it now coursed westwards, the thing appeared to climb, very slowly at first. The craft suddenly put on a burst of speed, and was gone in just a few seconds! While wind speed was not noted by the witness, this last acceleration would seem completely to demolish the notion of a powered advertising blimp. In all, the sighting lasted about four or five minutes, according to the reporting witness.

While the witness' family probably did not report the incident to the police – after nearly twenty years the father couldn't remember having done so – the Lansing State Journal may have run a small article on this event, and it will repay some effort in consulting the Journal's newspaper morgue to follow up on this tale. The witness drew up a detailed map and color renderings of the object's appearance, which add to the impact of this remarkable report.

CUFOS UFO Archive I and II –

In my September 2008 presentation I mentioned the fact that the Center for UFO Studies is connected in some way with publication of, perhaps, most of the best, most important material done in the field in the last 20+ years. Any person who considers himself a serious researcher must be aware of and try to acquire these materials. While allowance may be made for the fact of my connection with the Center, I support this contention by, besides Dr. Hynek's own books, such works as the Journal of UFO Studies and the Interplanetary UFO Reporter, Dr. Mark Rodeghier's UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference, Dr. Thomas Bullard's UFOs and Abductions: The Measure of a Mystery, and Jerome Clark's UFO Encyclopedia, among others.

Some of those "among others" works are six that the Center has made accessible in a cost-effective manner. CUFOS UFO Archive I and II each have in CD format three classic titles. Archive I contains "UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference" by Dr. Mark Rodeghier, Dr. Hynek's successor as Director of the Center; "Physical Traces Associated with UFO Sightings", by Hynek disciple Ted Phillips; and "1973 – Year of the Humanoids" by Dave Webb. CUFOS Archive II includes "Report of the UFO Wave of 1947", Ted Bloecher's original work on the subject; "Close Encounter at Kelly and Others of 1955", by Isabel Davis and Ted Bloecher; and "Using Concepts from UFO Studies to Teach Science and Critical Thinking", by Marge Christensen, Dr. Richard Haines, John Schuessler, and Dr. Michael Swords.

Using just one of these six files, the 1978 Davis/Bloecher work as an example, I am struck by how important it is to read the case reports, to get as near as possible to the actual event, rather than to count on short summaries in books or (shudder!) on some internet web site, whose authors are ill- or unknown. Davis' account of the "Kelly-Hopkinsville" dramatic two-part, hours-long confrontation between a Kentucky family and multiple hobgoblin-like aliens, apparently associated with a landed UFO, is both gripping and provides a far more complete understanding of what may have transpired. The detailed description of the locale and insights into the psychological makeup of the participants provide background for Davis' demolishing of skeptical arguments against believing the story as recounted by the Suttons. This part of the case report is of especial value as a model for thorough consideration of possible error, hallucination, or hoax in UFO reports. Davis' inclusion of documents dealing with investigations by the police, the local radio engineer-announcer Andrew B. ("Bud") Ledwith, and the U.S.A.F. gives further perspective. The 120 pages of this half of the Davis/Bloecher entry are complemented by an approximately 75 page description of other creature encounters in 1955, by Ted Bloecher, with the assistance of Leonard Stringfield.

Both of these Archives require Windows 95/98 or Windows NT 4.0, Netscape or IE, and Adobe Acrobat Reader. I think most computers nowadays have these capabilities at the least. Google "CUFOS" for the Center's home page and ordering information.



Larry King presents UFO evidence, witnesses on CNN

By Fred Burks, Examiner.com



Larry King presents compelling evidence that there is much more to the UFO phenomenon than meets the eye in excerpts from four CNN articles below. These intriguing excerpts are taken from four fascinating Larry King Live shows focused exclusively on UFO evidence and witnesses.

These revealing shows were broadcast in 2007 and 2008. Links are provided for you both to watch clips of the actual Larry King broadcasts, and to read the full transcripts of each show on the CNN website. By choosing to keep an open mind and to educate ourselves on these important issues, we can and will build a better world.

Roswell Truth Debated

July 4, 2008, CNN Larry King Live

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0807/04/lkl.01.html>

LARRY KING: On July 8th, 1947, Colonel William H. Blanchard, commanding officer of the 509th Bomb Group at Roswell Army Air Field released a press statement that a flying saucer had crashed ... and that the Army had recovered the disk within hours. A second press release was issued claiming that it was nothing more than a weather balloon. Carlene Green's father was stationed there:

GREEN: He said, "Don't let anybody tell you that the incident at Roswell did not happen. I was there. I saw the spacecraft." They were told, don't talk about it.

SCHMITT: They threatened physical violence if they should ever talk about this.

KING: Frankie Rowe. Her father was a fireman in Roswell. He reported to his family that in addition to a crashed saucer, he saw two full body bags and one living little person.

ROWE: He said that they tried to help it.

KING: We are now joined by Dr. Edgar Mitchell, the Apollo XIV astronaut, sixth man to walk on the moon.

MITCHELL: All of my experience comes from what I call the old timers. Because I lived in the area and because I was an astronaut, some of them wanted to get it off their chest before they passed on. I eventually went to the Pentagon and asked for a meeting with the Intelligence Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. A vice admiral said I don't know about that but I'm going to find out. He called a few weeks later and said he had found the source of the black budget funding for this project and that he was going to subsequently investigate. Yet he was later told, "I'm sorry, admiral, you do not have need to know here". We knew many of the people, including the ranch where this was discovered, and in spite of all of the security oaths, etc; the talk in the community was that it was an alien craft.

Note: For a five-minute clip of this revealing CNN report, Go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8QKW6Gt3KKs>.

Debate Over Existence of UFOs

July 18, 2008, CNN Larry King Live

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0807/18/lkl.01.html>

LARRY KING: Bob Salas is a former captain of the U.S. Air Force. He was at Malstrom Air Force Base in 1967, where there were claims that a UFO caused missiles to malfunction.

SALAS: I was on duty as a missile launch officer. First, I get one call saying that they're seeing strange lights flying in the sky. About five minutes later the flight security controller calls down and says he's looking at a glowing red object, very large, hovering over the front gate. Within seconds of that call, my missiles start shutting down. I recall losing all 10 of them.

KING: Bob Jamison you were there too, right?

JAMISON: My job as a target officer was to bring them back up.

KING: Is it possible they just malfunctioned?

JAMISON: Very rarely does a missile malfunction. Much more rare would be two at the same time. But never ten.

DR. BOB JACOBS: I was in charge of optical instrumentation at Vandenberg Air Force Base. Our job was to photograph every missile launch. One day we photographed an Atlas missile raising up out of the fog cover. The next day I was called into the office. Major Mansmann turned on the projector. I recognized it as the film that we had shot the previous day. Toward the end of the flight everything was flying along and suddenly at about 8,000 miles an hour, an object came into the frame, shot a beam of light at the warhead, flew up to the top, shot another beam of light at the warhead and then flew out the same way it came in. Major Mansmann said "were you guys screwing around up there?" I said, no, sir. And he said "then tell me what that was". And I said we got a UFO. And he said, "Lieutenant, you are never to speak of this again. As far as you're concerned, this didn't happen".

KING: Our latest Associated Press poll shows 14 percent of Americans claim they've seen a UFO.

Note: For a ten-minute video clip of this show, go to <http://www.cnn.com/video/#/video/bestoftv/2008/07/20/lkl.ufo.long.cnn>. For a more detailed description of the experiences of both Capt. Salas and Dr. Jacobs, Go to <http://www.wanttoknow.info/ufocover-up10pg#salas>. For a two-page summary of other riveting testimony on UFOs from top officials, go to <http://www.wanttoknow.info/ufocover-up>.

UFOS: Are They for Real?

November 9, 2007, CNN Larry King Live

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0711/09/lkl.01.html>

LARRY KING, HOST: Our panel here in Los Angeles, Fife Symington, the former governor of Arizona, who in 1997 ridiculed an infamous UFO sighting by thousands of people in the state and later admitted that he himself saw a craft. James Fox, the filmmaker who is the executive producer of the award-winning feature length documentary "Out of the Blue" the definitive investigation of the UFO phenomenon. Colonel Chuck Halt [USAF] the deputy base commander of Bentwaters Woodbridge, a U.S. military base in Suffolk, England. Sergeant Jim Penniston a security supervisor at that base in 1980. He says he sat with a UFO on the ground for 45 minutes before it hovered above him and shot into the air at an unearthly speed.

SYMINGTON: I was a skeptic until I saw a wedge-shaped craft of enormous proportions fly over Phoenix.

KING: Colonel Halt, what did you see?

HALT: We noticed three objects. They were illuminated with multiple lights and were moving at high speed in sharp, angular patterns. One of them approached us at very high speed and sent down a beam at our feet.

SGT. JIM PENNISTON: I was there. We discovered a craft of unknown origin on the ground. We touched it, walked around it and photographed it.

KING: Added to our panel is John Callahan, the former division chief of accidents and investigations branch of the FAA. In 1986 a Japanese pilot said he saw twin cylinders flying in formation within 500 feet of his air cargo jet. He claimed the object was the size of two aircraft carriers and it followed him for over 30 minutes. After this incident, you said the FAA administrator held a briefing.

CALLAHAN: When we got all done with our briefing, the CIA man stood up and said, this event never happened, we were never here, you're all sworn to secrecy and we are confiscating all of this data.

Note: To watch the full video of this discussion, go to <http://www.livevideo.com/video/UKUFO/E05E2FAD763C46EFBF48C002D4F1507E/larry-king-ufos-are-they-fo.aspx>.

Are UFOs Real?

July 13, 2007, CNN Larry King Live

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0707/13/lkl.02.html>

LARRY KING: A return to Roswell, New Mexico, where the UFO controversy began 60 years ago with the man who says his father showed him debris from an alien spacecraft. Dr. Jesse Marcel was shown UFO debris by his father, Major Jesse Marcel. Tell us about your dad.

DR. JESSE MARCEL, JR.: He was the base intelligence officer for the 509th Bomb Group, which is the bomb group that dropped the atomic bomb on Japan that won the war.

KING: They were based at Roswell?

MARCEL: They were. As the intelligence officer, his job was to investigate unusual events. He found a large area of strange looking debris. This was not remains of a weather balloon. He picked up a certain representative portion of the debris, brought it in to Roswell.

KING: Julie Shuster, your father was Walter Haut. He was public information officer.

JULIE SHUSTER: My father issued the press release which basically said we have in our possession a flying saucer. And he used the words "not of this Earth."

KING: Julie, did your father go to his grave believing?

SHUSTER: Yes. He was very firm in the fact that he said it was not of this Earth.

FIFE SYMINGTON, FORMER GOVERNOR OF ARIZONA: I saw the Phoenix Lights along with hundreds if not thousands of people. To my astonishment this large sort of delta-shaped, wedge-shaped, craft moved silently over the valley, dramatically large, very distinctive leading edge with some enormous lights. I was absolutely stunned. It was definitely not an airplane. And it was certainly not high-altitude flares because flares don't fly in formation. We have a lot of evidence, a lot of photographs, a lot of news media coverage of it. You can't just say everybody in Phoenix was hallucinating.

Note: Isn't it interesting that Roswell happened to be the military base for what at the time was the only nuclear-equipped jet squadron in the world?

Source: <http://www.examiner.com/x-6495-US-Intelligence-Examiner~y2009m6d15-Larry-King-presents-UFO-evidence-witnesses-on-CNN>



Michigan Report From 1975

Editor's Note: The following report was received recently by a Michigan resident who had a paradigm-changing sighting in 1975. His reasons for not reporting it before this, as always in these cases, was out of fear of ridicule. We appreciate the fact that he has come forward with this account now and hope that he will become a MUFON member in the future.

I have told this story to a handful of people (believers and non-believers), and to this day the event remains very accountable to the events of what we saw. I always wondered if anyone else saw what we saw. I do not know where the other eye witness is these days, but I'm sure he would tell the story the same as I would. So here goes.

Are you familiar with Detroit? We lived in what is known as "New Center", which is an area about 2 miles north of downtown Detroit and just west of Woodward Avenue on Bethune Street. Our house was right next (to) and east of the John Lodge Expressway. This neighborhood (street) no longer exists anymore. At some point GM bought out the complete neighborhood and renovated every home and put up high priced condos, complete with security walls and private security. The "New Center" area is the home to the Fisher building, a beautiful skyscraper complete with a lit up golden top and was thus nicknamed "The Golden Tower of the Fisher Building". At one time this building housed the Detroit AM radio station WJR. Also in New Center was the home head quarter of GM, before they moved to the Ren Cen. It was an area of homes, a few skyscrapers, restaurants and hotels, not far away one would find the home of Mowtown, the Henry Ford Hospital, and Wayne State University.

It was summer, could have been June, July or even August, all I remember about that was that it was hot. The year I believe to be is 1975. My roommate J. F. was standing on the front porch. Our front porch faced south. If you were standing on this porch, the Golden Tower of the Fisher Building would have been on your left, 3 blocks east and two blocks south. To the right of the porch would have been the John Lodge Expressway and the service drive for the expressway. I was sitting in the living room of the house reading a science fiction novel (please don't hold that against me when considering weather my accountability is authentic or not). It was dark outside, approximately 9 or 10pm when my friend Jeff yelled out, "John, come here"! I admit I was really enthralled into my novel and ignored Jeff. Jeff yelled out again, "John you got to come here, quick". I again ignored his request, but when Jeff sounded frantic and yelled out, "John, come here! You ain't going to believe this", I slowly got off the couch and walked out onto the porch and said, "Okay, what?" Jeff who was standing on my left pointed to the sky and said, "Do you see that?" At the time I didn't see anything so I said, "See what?" Jeff said, "You don't see THAT?" "SEE WHAT", I again exclaimed. At this point Jeff's finger was shaking as he was pointing to the sky and his voice was rather loud when he said, "YOU DON'T SEE THAT?" And well so I did, and at this point neither one of us said a word until what we saw was gone from our view.

What we saw was a classical flying saucer, right out of the movies if you will. It was hovering above the New Center area south of the Howard Johnson's but only maybe a few hundred feet above the entire New Center landscape area. If it had been daylight you could have told what type of plane it might have been - it was flying THAT low. There wasn't any noticeable sound coming from the craft. Even though it was dark you could still make out the outline of the object. My guess is that if it would have landed it would have taken up the entire footprint of the Howard Johnson's restaurant and hotel. It had what looked like large rectangular lights on the side that were moving counter clockwise. It hovered here for a while sometimes moving up and slightly west. We had what seemed like quite a few moments to witness this. Slowly the saucer shaped object continued to move due west. After it had past over the John Lodge Expressway the lights seemed to rotate a bit faster, and then a bit faster yet, when all of a sudden the lights blurred together and headed in a south west direction toward old Tiger Stadium and within seconds the speed of this craft was gone from our sight. I had this feeling over me that I had just witnessed a once in a lifetime event, it left me in awe, but grateful to now truly be able to say that, "Yes, I believe that there is life on other planets". I am not embarrassed to tell this story, or afraid that people might think I am "nuts".

Overall we estimated we had at least 3 minutes to witness this craft, and we talked about it often. We looked the next day to see if there were any reports in the paper, but this was in the "old Days" before the internet and found no other reports of this sighting. I found this amazing that we could never find any other eye witnesses. My Dad, although retired at the time worked for the FAA at Metropolitan Airport, and was always getting called on planes out and about over Detroit that were not supposed to be there, and yet this object to my knowledge was never picked up on a radar.

Well I know what we (I) saw, and it was classic. I have always believed that there was or is life outside of this planet, but after seeing this I became a true believer. My wife and I both intend to become members of MIMUFON and MUFON soon. Contact me if you wish. Thank you.



Michigan MUFON State Section Directors Meeting Minutes May 3, 2009

The May 3rd State meeting was held at Walli's Restaurant in Flint, Michigan.

Bill Konkolesky, State Director, called the Section Directors' meeting to order at 4:20 PM. In attendance were David Twichell, Darlene and David Bleicher, Patty Donahue, Judy Kulka and Wendy Smith.

Patty reported that she has discussed the purchase of MIMUFON branded items with a vendor. Four-color printing is more expensive than two color items. Bill noted that the current MIMUFON Store stock was printed by a family relative, at a lower than normal cost. Cost quotations and samples will be requested from the new vendor before a commitment is made.

David Twichell reported that he is in contact with a company that organizes "Las Vegas" nights with non-profit corporations as sponsors. Any profit is split evenly with the non-profit organization, and there is no possibility of the sponsor suffering a monetary loss. David will investigate and provide further information. He questioned whether or not to advertise MIMUFON as a sponsor, and there were no objections from the meeting attendees.

David Bleicher reported that a box of archived magazines from the MIMUFON library collection was destroyed during a flood in his basement. Wendy stated that because of our status as a 501c(3) organization reporting less than \$25,000.00 income per year, no exact inventory of the damaged material is required.

David also requested that we add to the library collections a DVD of the Field Investigator training held the Thursday before the MUFON international Symposium. Bill noted that last year the training session DVDs were sold for \$20.00 for each session.

Bill reported that he would be unable to attend this year's Symposium in Denver. Patty is planning to attend, as well as Judy and Jerry Kulka.

The 2009 fall MIMUFON meetings will be held in Flint on September 20, and November 8.

Patty reported that the MIMUFON store sold \$24.00 worth of merchandise.

David Twichell donated \$14.00 to the organization from the sale of his books.

Wendy reported that the day's attendance was 45 people, including 6 attending their first meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.

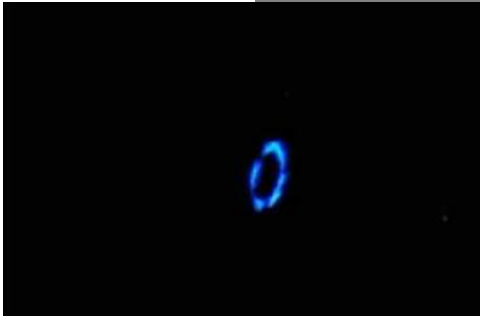
Minutes respectfully submitted by Wendy Smith, May 25, 2009.



"This is the first sighting in Zimbabwe where airborne pilots have tried to intercept a UFO. As far as my Air Staff is concerned, we believe implicitly that the unexplained UFOs are from civilizations beyond our planet."

Air Commodore David Thorne, Director of General Operations for the Zimbabwe Air Force in 1985.

Recent Michigan Sightings



ROGERS CITY -- On May 17, 2009, my girlfriend and I saw a UFO power up and caught it on my digital camera. It is one of many sightings this week, here near Rogers City. I have been observing UFO's for over five years and consider it a hot spot. The UFO in the picture was traveling east and is the brightest spot to the right in the picture. There are two other orbs of light to the left that were not seen when I snapped the photo, only the one to the right was visible. It continued cruising until it was out of sight. This is common here; I see them almost every night. After viewing it for maybe two minutes, we saw, what I presume was an F-16 heading toward the object. They kind of patrol the area of my camp all day and night.

Flint, MI – It was in the fall of 2008. I was walking a friend to her car and she noticed a bright object in the sky and stated I should take a look at that. I said goodbye then ran in the house and retrieved my camcorder. It's not the best but I did get some 480x640 stills before it was filmed over. I believed it to be a planet and it still might be. The shape seems wrong though. It was viewed in the northwest about 3 palm hands high from a large ash tree in my yard. It could have been covered by a nickel. It seemed to be stationary. While viewing it seemed to do a "flip". I should have put the tape away so I'm sorry there's only these small digitals to view. Jupiter was seen in the northwest so I assumed it was that until I took video of planets and didn't achieve the same affect.

Thanks to MUFON CMS.



Editor's Note:

I personally followed up on this particular case. Below is my findings submitted to MUFON CMS:

I spoke with the witness via telephone on May 19, 2009. The sighting took place in the summer of 2008. The witness had videotaped the object at the time but had purposely taped over it because she had received nothing but ridicule when she spoke of the sighting. Fortunately, she had captured three still frames of the object. The witness tried to rationalize that the object was the planet Jupiter, however it was shaped like a top and she witnessed it rotate on its axis at one point. The witness has had several UFO sightings in her life but has kept silent up until now out of fear of ridicule.

In my opinion, the object in these pictures could not be a planet or star because of its shape and coloring. A home camcorder could not zoom in close enough to produce the image of a planet this size. The shape of a planet would not be distorted in this manner. In addition, the witness stated that the object appeared to be the size of a nickel at arms length when viewed with the naked eye.

Conclusion: unknown object.

WATERFORD - Shortly after midnight on May 10, 2009, I saw three spheres of white light floating in counter clockwise motion 20 feet away above my neighbor's house. They would move upward and around each other making intricate designs and then drop down and repeat their circular motion every few seconds in a playful type manner. These spheres were slightly higher than 30 feet. They were just floating in this same pattern over and over. I became quite apprehensive and crawled back into bed. Five minutes later, they were gone.

Thanks to MUFON CMS

MELVINDALE -- I stepped outside on my backyard patio at 10:08 PM, and observed a very bright beige-white sphere, pea sized at arm's length, moving in a straight line ENE at 60 deg elevation for thirty seconds. I called my daughters (age 11, 7, and 6) who also witnessed the object that did not blink and made no sound. At first I told my daughters that we were observing the space shuttle; yet checking SpaceWeather.com on May 5, 2009, no satellites were listed near us. At 10:20 PM, I observed a sharp star sized white ball with medium brightness moving straight ENE at 80 degrees for 20 seconds. My daughter (age 11) also witnessed the object moving toward the first larger object at high speed.

At 10:32 PM, I observed a star sized sphere materialize first very bright white then dim to pale white traveling slower yet reversing the second sphere's direction for ten seconds. It seemed that second sphere was returning from its mission twelve minutes earlier as it slowly dimmed. The twelve minutes between each sighting seemed a structured pattern to me and my daughters?

Thanks to MUFON CMS



Uruguayan Air Force Declassifies UFO Files



Photo was taken over Florida, Uruguay on July 25, 1977 by Horticulturist Hector Delgado.

Daniel Iglesias reports, "The UFO phenomenon has manifested itself many times in Uruguay, South America. The Uruguayan Air Force (FAU) high command has declassified its files and allowed EL PAIS (The National Newspaper) to access its UFO records and eyewitness accounts. While the Air Force commission that studies these cases has been operating for only a few decades, the UFO phenomenon in Uruguay began in 1947, and continues a rich history of seeing UFOs, according to Col. Ariel Sanchez, an Air Force officer with 33 years of active service and who presides over the UFO commission. The agency operates out of a small office in downtown Montevideo and has a computer database and print archives. There are hundreds of files in green binders under the heading "Confidential", containing eyewitness accounts, photographs, sketches, drawings, documents and evaluations made by officials. The files consist of reports that accrue at a rate of 100 cases per year with 2100 solid reports

the commission has researched and dismissed many for various reasons. Thirty years after research began, forty cases remain unexplained. These files have been kept open, and range from sightings and landings of alleged craft to abductions, where people claim to have been kidnapped by extraterrestrial entities.

The military commission's task is to compile a record of cases and draft guidelines or conclusions regarding their veracity and origin. They have obtained solid results: "The commission managed to determine modifications to the chemical composition of the soil where landings were reported. It could be a phenomenon that occurs in the lower sectors of the atmosphere, the landing of aircraft from a foreign air force, up to the extraterrestrial hypothesis. It could be a monitoring probe from outer space, much in the same way that we send probes to explore distant worlds," stated the officer. ***"The UFO phenomenon exists and I must stress that the Air Force does not dismiss an extraterrestrial hypothesis based on our scientific analysis,"*** said Col. Sanchez. The Uruguayan Air Force has now declassified all of its information and only the identity of the witnesses remains undisclosed. In a case in the Department of Durazno, a witness reported a UFO landing and soil analysis showed an increase in the values of minerals such as chrome, manganese, phosphorus and carbon, enabling researchers to conclude that the event had indeed been real.

In another case two reddish spheres, flew silently over the heads of two teamsters driving cattle. The objects moved at high speed in opposite directions and then vanished toward the west at high speed. UFOs are most likely to be seen in February, March, July and October in Uruguay. In February of 2009, the commission received numerous reports accompanied by digital photographs. Photographs or film are not a determining factor in any case, but rather a contribution, explains Sanchez, given the current technical possibilities for hoaxing images. Unsolved cases have a considerable high strangeness quotient for example, the 1986, pursuit by two Pucara jet fighters over the Palmar Dam in response to the maneuvers of a luminous sphere. The pilots chased it and were about to intercept it, when the sphere flew off at a dizzying rate of speed toward Argentina. When the pilots returned to their base, the sphere reappeared over the dam. They chased it again and it vanished from sight, changing colors from red to yellow.

A similar case occurred to a group of military pilots in 1996, engaged in exercises over the Santa Bernardina Base in Durazno. They saw two luminous spheres at 10,000 feet (3,000 meters), whose presence was corroborated by the airport's control tower. When the objects flew away, they maintained their shape and luminosity, which enabled the spherical shape to be confirmed. Minutes later, the pilots noticed their glow diminished, and only their outline was illuminated.

In 1979, a crew of a commercial airline was pursued by a powerful light that was photographed by passengers and remains unexplained. The Air Force also has visual reports of a dozen mutilated animals that may be related to Argentina, where 700 mutilated animals were found. FAU does not dismiss the possibility of an extraterrestrial event. Military statistics show that most people reporting sightings involve young men up to 45 years of age. They also indicate that cases occur in the early hours of the evening, 49% of statistics are made up of reports of luminous spheres; barely 2% include occupant sightings. Also several cases of the abduction of humans remain unexplained. One of them occurred in Playa Pascual in 1980 and involved a camper, who was suddenly taken by surprise by short beings who immobilized him and conveyed him to a vehicle, where he was subjected to a medical examination. Another "missing time" case involved a family that was driving along the road when an aircraft flew over their vehicle and landed in front of them. They were unable to account for what had occurred to them for several minutes.

Source: www.elpais.com.uy (Translation (c) 2009, S. Corrales, IHU. Thanks to Filer's Files # 25 2009



UFO DISCLOSURE IN BRAZIL CONTINUES

As of May 04th, Brazilian Government has disclosed over 600 new pages of previously classified documents, covering UFO reports and military investigations from 1970 to 1979, including photos and films, for the first time. The content of this material has now been examined and proved to be very interesting and revelatory of Brazilian official strategy to cover UFO cases, often openly regarded as "from external sources" in these new documents, meaning from outside Earth. The cases covered and the methods used to investigate them by the military are also very significant.

In my opinion, the most important material contained in this new declassification are 195 new pages of documents resulted from the Operation Saucer, conducted in the Amazon by the Brazilian Air Force from September to December 1977, that is certainly the biggest "known" official initiative to military investigate UFOs in the world.

As I also reported, so far, over 1,400 pages of Brazilian previously classified UFO documents have been released thanks to the efforts of the Brazilian UFO Researchers Committee (CBU), through the campaign UFOs: Freedom of Information Now started in 2004 and articulated by the Brazilian UFO Magazine. This last one has been the biggest disclosure ever in Brazil.

The PDF files of 12 envelopes or folders now released can be can be downloaded at: www.ufo.com.br/public/abertura_2

Brazilian UFO researchers are very excited about these new disclosures that unquestionably prove that our efforts have been profitable for the entire Brazilian UFO Community.

Download more official disclosed documents at the Brazilian UFO Magazine FTP areas:

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Did You Know?

The U.S. Government's interest in UFOs is not a very well-kept secret. Officials claim that Project Blue Book, conducted by the U.S. Air Force, was the only actual investigation that took place. But that's not what countless documents obtained by researchers suggest. Let's take a look at some of the facts when it comes to The Government & UFOs ... it's time to ask, "Did You Know?"

Did You Know ... that Project Blue Book, which was conducted by the Air Force from 1952 to 1969 was actually not the first acknowledged study of UFOs by the Government? In fact, it was the third. The first was Project Sign from 1947-1949, and the second was Project Grunge from 1949-1952. Both of those studied were combined into Project Blue Book.

Did You Know ... a total of 12,618 UFO sightings were reported to Project Blue Book, 701 remained "unidentified."

Did You Know ... every department and agency in the government has done its own investigations into UFOs, from the Central Intelligence Agency to the U.S. Navy. Many of those studies are still classified to this day.

Did You Know ... the government's "official" conclusion to UFOs is that: (1) no UFO reported, investigated and evaluated by the Air Force was ever an indication of threat to our national security; (2) there was no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as "unidentified" represented technological developments or principles beyond the range of modern scientific knowledge; and (3) there was no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as "unidentified" were extraterrestrial vehicles.

Did You Know ... There are at least four close advisors to President Obama who have openly supported the disclosure of UFO information to the public, leading many to hope and believe that Obama may order a release of many of the files that have been kept hidden from the public.

Thanks to Jon Nowinski of Smoking Gun Research Agency.



From The Editor's Desk



David Twichell

UFO Info on The Rise

When I began as Newsletter Editor in January of 2004, I was hard pressed to find articles on the UFO topic. I mean serious articles – without the “giggle factor” added by the journalist to show how down-to-earth they were (pun intended). Besides my own editorial page, I found myself writing other articles just to help fill the 20 pages. The “Keeping it Light” feature was actually added as a filler but people seemed to enjoy the lighthearted cartoons and now I couldn’t omit it if I wanted to – and I don’t want to.

Over time, I found more and more serious UFO articles popping up in periodicals like The Washington Post, The New York Times and The Chicago Tribune. Documentaries that were the strict domain of the Sci-Fi Channel have found a place of reverence on respectable airwaves like the History Channel (UFO Hunters) and Discovery Channel (MUFON’s UFO’s Over Earth). Talk show icon Larry King has offered many shows dedicated the UFO topic. They began as a curiosity but as the ratings grew, the topic was addressed more often. King was an open minded skeptic until the night when the December 1980 Rendlesham Forest UFO Incident was broached and James Fox, producer of “Out of the Blue”, was the guest on his show. Halfway through the interview, during one of the many commercial breaks, King said to Fox in an amazed whisper, “My God, this is real, isn’t it?” To which Fox simply replied, “Yes, it’s real.”

CNN has covered the Phoenix Lights incident, the Disclosure Project’s 2001 press conference at the prestigious Washington Press Club and made extensive mention of Dr. Edgar Mitchell’s assertion that Roswell was a real incident and “we are not alone” in the universe. CNN news anchor Miles O’Brien has gone out on a limb to pursue the subject in a series of news articles. Even Fox News Channel’s Shepard Smith has gone from a know-it-all debunker to a cautious believer based on the mounting evidence that occasionally passes over his news desk.

President Obama’s campaign promise of government transparency offered a glimmer of hope to those seeking UFO disclosure and he has surrounded himself with players that have been briefed on the subject. Hillary Clinton was allegedly involved in the “Rockefeller Initiative” (<http://www.presidentialufo.com/clinton.htm>), and former Clinton staff member John Podesta has publicly called for opening the books on the matter (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bYvtqEkqG1M>), as so many other countries have done; the UK, France, Denmark, Canada, Brazil and Sweden just to name a few.

Stephen Bassett’s Million Fax on Washington has prompted hundreds of thousands of faxes, letters and emails to the president calling for UFO disclosure. Articles hailing the project have shown up in the most unlikely places. Bassett has cataloged them all at his website, <http://www.faxonwashington.org/>. The next phase of the project is for the public to write to the White House Press Corps urging reporters to address the subject in formal press conferences with the president.

Other sources of material can be readily found at George Filer’s “Filer’s Files” (<http://www.nationalufocenter.com>), Linda Moulton Howe’s [earthfiles.com](http://www.earthfiles.com) (<http://www.earthfiles.com/>), Brian Vike’s HBCC UFO Research (<http://hbccuforesearch.blogspot.com/>), and Jeff Rense’s website (<http://www.rense.com/>), just to name a few.

A couple other online news sources that do not deal exclusively with the UFO phenomenon but include fair treatment of the subject are The Huffington Post (<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/>) and The Examiner (<http://www.examiner.com/>). At first I was a leery of the latter publication, thinking it the online version of the grocery store tabloid but I have been assured that they are not one in the same. I suggest the reader take some time to search out the aforementioned websites and decide for themselves.

The point being, when I began as Newsletter Editor, I had to scavenge for worthy UFO articles, now I find myself having to pick and choose. Is it the case that I’m getting better at this, or is it that the UFO phenomenon is finally gaining the respectability it has deserved from the outset? Is it the case that the keepers of the UFO secret are loosing their grip or are they purposely preparing the public for official disclosure? Whatever the reason for this boon, in this age of information the truth cannot be hidden indefinitely.

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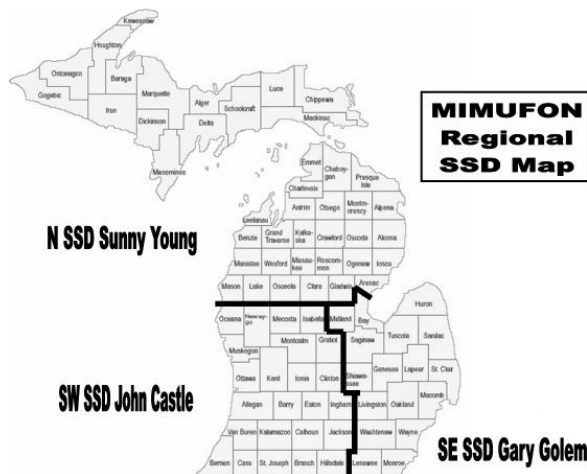
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