

# Art Bell Falls For Obvious NORAD Hoax [AUFORA]

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INTERNET MESSAGE CITING NORAD AT DEFCON 4 A HOAX  
from Rob McConnell - misterx@x-chronicles.com

Internet users in Canada and the United States received the following e-mail message:

"It is almost 1:30 am and I am listening to ART BELL and several of his guests...if you're not listening, it is possible that history is being made tonight. For those of you not listening NORAD at Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado, is on a full alert and is at DEFCON 4. Also there has been a full military alert tonight...."

"...There is also the possibility that we are entering into a very serious deadly situation of a military nature. National Security. Whatever the reason for this alert it is serious fro DEFCON 4 to be issued for any reason."

Within minutes of this e-mail arriving at THE 'X' CHRONICLES Newsroom, we received a number of telephone calls from within the Province of Ontario - from within the Greater Toronto Area, Golden Horseshoe - from Windsor to Ottawa.

Captain Dubuc, Media Liaison Officer for Department of National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada stated that the Defence Condition at NORAD was definitely not at DEFCON 4 - which is one step down from nuclear war. According to Dubuc there has been no unidentified traffic over the skies of Canada and this was echoed by the Media Liaison Officer at Canadian Armed Forces - Air and Sea Search and Rescue Operation headquarters at CFB Trenton, Ontario.

The Media Liaison officer at the Pentagon was unavailable for comment.

A report issued earlier today by the National UFO Reporting Center in the United States claims a federal employee contacted them stating a huge anomalous object was photographed by the GOES-9 weather satellite at 15:30 hours Zulu (8:30 am Pacific) and it was allegely reported on CNN that NORAD had heightened it's alert status. Jim Hedges of CNN News Center in Atlantoa told THE 'X' CHRONICLES that he was not aware of this story. Hedges said that he had just finished speaking to their Pentagon Liaison contact within the hour and there was no report of any strange, unusual or military problem.

The US Weather Bureau and contacts at NASA said that this was the first that they had heard any of this.

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