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James Oberg

UFO skeptic; studied space shuttle objects

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Footnotes for Above: (1) Shuttle expert; skeptical of STS-80 objects.

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Print References

Books available through our catalog

- [UFO Sightings: The Evidence](#): Oberg wrote supportive blurb for book cover.

General Links

- [Jim Oberg Home Page](#) - Official <4/27/99 #34>
 - [Profile](#) <4/27/99 #34.1>
- [Jim Oberg and Ecker on Larry King Live](#) - Full text of Oberg/Ecker interview on Larry King Live- for research and educational "fair use" only. (15k) - Document - Source: Larry King Live (TV Show) <4/27/99 #5>

"This was a newsgroup posting. The original URL no longer works. You may be able to find it again though [DejaNews](#) -- webmaster"
- [List of Oberg's UFO related magazine articles+](#) - Article - By James Oberg - Published: 11/27/95 - Source: alt.paranet.ufo (Newsgroup) <2/21/97 #6>
- [In Search of Gordon Cooper's UFOs+](#) - By [James Oberg](#) <12/14/97 #8>
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 - [Rebuttal to Oberg's Article+](#) - Oberg's criticism of Cooper prompted this multi-part rebuttal (linked from Cohen page) - [Dissenting](#) - By [Jerry Cohen](#) - Published: 2/97 <2/21/97 #8.3>
- [Apollo 12 controller reports suspicious exchange](#) - Describes presentation by Oberg, Ratsch's response to it. - Event report - By [Donald Ratsch](#) - Published: 11/13/97 <1/14/98 #9>
- [James Oberg on 'other' gov't UFO secrets+](#) (62 lines) - Message - Published: 9/23/98 - Source: Ufomind (Mailing List) [Posted by Francisco Lopez] <9/23/98 #11>
- [Apollo-11 UFO Myths and Legends](#) - From his 1982 book, debunks Chatelain and "secret transcripts". - Article reprint - Published: 82 <10/13/98 #12>
- [The "Sirius Mystery" and the Dogons -- Solved](#) - Chapter from Oberg's 1982 book, UFOs and Outer Space Mysteries <11/24/98 #16>
- [How to Really Prove You're An Alien](#) - OMNI web site feature on proof of ETI contact <11/24/98 #17>
- [Analog \(Nov 1976\): Unidentified Fraudulant Objects](#) - "Science Fact" article on false stories of astronaut UFO sightings <11/25/98 #18>
- ["How To Prove You're An alien"](#) - Discusses sufficiency of 'informational evidence' of ETI contact <1/3/99 #20>

"Written for OMNI's UFO Update feature, this article discusses how alien visitors could prove their authenticity by providing verifiable astronomical information, and it discusses why Betty Hill's 'star map' and the Dogon 'Sirius Lore' fall short of plausi"
- ["The Failure of the 'Science' of Ufology"](#) - 1979 prize-winning essay on UFOs <1/23/99 #21>

"In 1979, Cutty Sark Whiskey of Great Britain sponsored a series of contests on UFOs. One was a million pounds Sterling prize for producing a piece of a UFO (no winners). Another was an essay, judged by a British panel, on UFOs. This essay was the unanimous. Although twenty years old, it is just as applicable today as it was when written."
- ["Black Box" Approach to UFO \(Mis\)Perceptions](#) - A theoretical treatment of the "Null Hypothesis" of UFO Skepticism - [Dissenting](#) <1/27/99 #24>
- [A Critical View of Pilot Perception of UFOs -- Two Cases](#) - Examines in detail the misperceptions by airliner pilots of two known IFOs (one a satellite entry, another a rocket launching) and provides cautionary warnings about accepting reliability of similar r <1/27/99 #25>
- [Posner Protests Clark's Nasty Claims About Him & Oberg](#) - Skeptics are often smeared unfairly by pro-UFO writers -- this is merely an extreme case. <2/17/99 #32>
- [Oberg on Space Shuttle "UFOs"](#) <4/27/99 #35>
 - [New NASA Documents Re STS-48 Disprove UFO Theories](#) - Two hitherto-suppressed (by pro-UFO researchers) NASA documents show convincing evidence that zig-zag dots on video really were only ice hit by jet blast. <2/13/99 #35.1>

"Pages from the STS-48 flight plan show crew had just awakened at time of zig-zag (proving it wasn't some shuttle activity) and telemetry charts show slight drifting which caused jet to fire at precise moment of 'flash' exactly as space experts have always"
 - [Attempted hoagwash defense of STS-48 "UFO myth"](#) - Good example of weak refutations of prosaic explanation of STS-48 zig-zag dots <2/13/99 #35.2>

- [Oberg refutes STS-48 UFO Theories](#) - Comments on persistent but baseless claims that videoed zig-zag dots were extraordinary. - [Dissenting](#) <2/17/99 #35.3>
- [Comments on report of anomalous dots in STS-85 video](#) - Responding to a posted message, Oberg reports he tried to verify sighting but could not. <2/17/99 #35.4>
- [Oberg's report on Space Shuttle objects](#) - By James Oberg - Published: 92 - Source: [Ufomind Link Page on Space Objects](#) <2/9/97 #35.5>
- [Oberg on STS-80 "UFOs" +](#) - Correspondence - By [James Oberg](#) <4/27/99 #35.6>
"The STS-80 scenes seem to me to be identical in origin to the infamous STS-48 scenes and to numerous others throughout the shuttle flight program."
- **Oberg on Soviet UFO claims** <4/27/99 #36>
 - [Soviet Saucers](#) - Article by Oberg <1/5/97 #36.1>
 - [James Oberg on TNT Soviet UFO documentary](#)+ (55 lines) - Message - Published: 9/16/98 - Source: Ufomind (Mailing List) [Posted by Francisco Lopez] <9/16/98 #36.2>
 - [Phantoms of Space: "Secret Dead Soviet Cosmonauts"](#) - Classic debunking of widespread stories of covered-up Soviet fatal space shots. - Article reprint <10/13/98 #36.3>
 - [Russia's "Crescent UFO Wave" of 1967 -- Identified](#) - Published in MUFON's "UFO Journal" in 1982 but steadfastly ignored by pro-UFO researchers, this report identifies the 1967 Russian "crescent UFO" wave with secret Soviet military space activity. <1/27/99 #36.4>
 - ["Tunguska Echoes"](#) - Chapter from 1982 book, "UFOs and Outer space mysteries", debunking the 'spaceship theory' of the 1908 blast. <2/9/99 #36.5>
 - [Paul Stonehill Disputes Oberg on Russian Ufology](#) <2/17/99 #36.6>
- **Oberg on Astronaut UFO sightings** <4/27/99 #37>
 - [Gemini-4 UFO Explained](#) - Oberg's 1979 article solving the Gemini-4 UFO Case -- Never refuted <11/24/98 #37.1>
"Oberg examines in detail what happened to Jim McDivitt on Gemini-4 in June 1965, offers prosaic explanation for his UFO report, and explains photo controversies."
 - [Gemini-7 "Bogie" UFO Explained](#) - Description of events on Gemini-7 space flight (Dec 1965) causing "UFO" <11/24/98 #37.2>
Oberg describes the orbital flight of Gemini-7 (December 1965) and in particular the trajectory features which led to Frank Borman describing a "bogie", in prosaic terms. He also discusses the hoax Gemini-7 photo ("two UFOs with force fields underneath") widely disseminated by unscrupulous or careless UFO buffs.
 - [1978 'Skeptical Inquirer' article, "Astronauts and UFOs"](#) - Debunks the Hynek/Vallee list of 'astronaut UFO sightings' <1/2/99 #37.3>
The same old "astronaut UFO reports" that have been debunked decades ago keep showing up in UFO literature and on UFO web sites. Both Vallee and Hynek later repudiated these claims, but the general opinion in the world of Uforia seems to be, "Once a g
 - [Counterfeit "Garry Henderson Quote" on astronaut UFO cases](#) - Transcript of interview with space engineer Garry Henderson, who repudiates widely-published claims that he believes astronauts have encountered UFOs on space missions <1/23/99 #37.4>
A common feature of "UFO evidence" is repeating old unverified 'quotations' from experts. In this case, space engineer Garry Henderson is quoted as endorsing the idea that astronauts have encountered UFOs in space but have been ordered to deny it. Hende
 - [NASA's 1979 film clip CL-862 of "UFOs"](#) - Scene list of the short NASA compendium of space images often mistaken or misrepresented as UFOs <1/23/99 #37.5>
To verify original images of things alleged to be "space UFOs", researchers and producers can obtain this video from NASA in Houston and compare what was originally photographed with the often retouched and 'enhanced' versions presented on pro-UFO web pages and TV programs.
 - [Apollo 12 Pseudo-UFOs Solved](#)+ - Excerpt from article by Oberg - By James Oberg - Source: Space World <8/9/99 #37.6>
- [New Book: "Space Power Theory"](#) - Commissioned by the US Space command, this book describes how 'space power', as with 'sea power' and 'air power' before it, contributes to national security and prosperity. <5/16/99 #38>
- [Shuttle TV: Is What We See What NASA Gets](#) - Article by Oberg - By [James Oberg](#) <1/4/2000 #39>

Book



- [Uncovering Soviet Disasters: Exploring the Limits of Glasnost](#) (used hc) by /o/oberg/ - #sovietdisasters_ \$12.00

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So, Jim Oberg, I would love you to explain the pic.s taken By STS 80 and shown on NBC 2-17-99 . Jim, I like you. You have done a lot to shed light on the Russian space program. What you say about STS 48 makes sence. You cant keep acting like Nothing has ever happened re. these objects. Stop acting like coperican era clergy! Don't put Pictures and records on spacecraft like Voyager for "ET" to play and then pretend that "ET" wouldn't ever be sending anything in our direction.

-- Joe 2/19/99 (#1)

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