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> From: RSchatte@aol.com
> Date: Sat, 14 Dec 1996 01:01:51 -0500
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: FBI Says Meteorite!

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> *``We have spoken to meteorologists who said they were
> expecting heavy meteor activity for a couple of days that would
> in fact be reaching its peak today,''* a spokesman for James
> Kallstrom, head of the FBI's New York office, said.

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Although "meteor" makes up part of the word meteorologist and "showers" are things meteorologists forecast, meteor showers are something which astronomers rather than weather experts should know more about. Did the FBI investigators consult any astronomers too?

> Date: Sat, 14 Dec 1996 01:13:01 -0600 (CST)
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> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Saudi Jetliner Encounters UFO Over Long Island

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> Does anybody know about this supposed "meteor shower" that keeps resulting
> in people seeing green streaks outside Kennedy airport? This is the second
> one since the TWA incident!!!! I can't find my Dec. "Astronomy" magazine,
> but I think the Geminids already peaked, did they not?

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Although the Geminid meteor shower lasts for about 3 days (from the initial 1/4 peak activity level to the last) centered on December 13, it is likely from the description given of the object seen by the Saudi 747 crew that it was not a typical Geminid meteor but could have been one of the less frequent and often much brighter sporadic meteors which are not associated with any meteor shower. Meteors could also be detected by radar (electromagnetic waves) since radio waves can reflect off the ionized trails left by the meteor as it burns up in the Earth's atmosphere. If the Kennedy airport radars can pick up objects burning up about 90 kilometers overhead and travelling about 126,000 km/hr. (the average speed of a Geminid meteor), then the object was very likely a meteor.

Nick Balaskas

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