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Re: Book: 'Left at East Gate'??

From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 27 Apr 1997 18:31:33 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 27 Apr 1997 21:58:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Book: 'Left at East Gate'??

Regarding...

>From: "Mark Pilkington" <markp@syzygy.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: Rendlesham & 'Left at East Gate'
>Date: Thu, 24 Apr 1997 17:16:16 +0100

Mark wrote about RAF Bentwaters:

>It was a joint US/UK facility. It had the longest runway in West
>Europe.

There have been a number of references on military aviation forums to
RAF Machrihanish, in NW Scotland, having the longest runway in Europe.

Maybe that was later.

>Whatever happened on the two or three nights in question, the base
>was prepared for it:

We have to be careful when referring to "the base".

As I'm sure you appreciate, RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge were
twin bases, operated as one unit and separated by Rendlesham Forest.

Most of those known to have played a part in events appear to have
been stationed at RAF Woodbridge, not RAF Bentwaters.

Lieutenant-Colonel Halt was the Deputy Base Commander. When he was
told about the second night's incidents, he was at a belated
Christmas party and has reportedly confirmed that some 40 other
officers were present.

This doesn't sound like they were expecting an eventful night and dare
I suggest, they wouldn't have been drinking Darjeeling tea.

Not exactly a state of alertness.

The base security personnel on duty were in no apparent state of
preparedness either.

>US Space Command were stationed there for several weeks beforehand,
>they specialise in the retrieval of objects from space.

Both the 40th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron and the 67th
Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron were based at RAF Woodbridge.

US Space Command has a number of differing roles. Which division was stationed at RAF Bentwaters/RAF Woodbridge, when did they arrive and depart and why were they ostensibly there?

>Civilian shipping lanes off the coast were closed and made off
>limits for several days around the time of the incident.

Brenda Butler claimed that, "_Fisherman_ were told to stay away from the area between Bawkey and Orford Ness around the time of the 27th-30th December 1980".

What is the evidence in support of either claim?

>It is likely that something was brought down from orbit, probably a
>Russian spy satellite, or perhaps a prototype vehicle of some sort.

There doesn't really seem to be any evidence of this, only tenuous speculation.

We have to ask how was it "brought down" and why the base personnel were not told to ignore any "unusual" activity, rather than have them phone the local police.

>This may have been the same object as was involved in the Cash
>Landrum case in Texas, USA a day or two later.

The descriptions of the objects are completely different.

>Larry Warren:

>He claimed that he had suffered serious radiation sickness and still
>did. He said his mother had the medical records. She knew nothing
>about it when contacted.

No surprise there.

>Consider Charles Halt:

>If the Air Force didn't want him to be touring UFO conventions,
>telling the familiar UFO/alien story, then he wouldn't have been
>doing it. He certainly wouldn't have been promoted in such a manner.

Halt has never made any claims about "aliens" and to my knowledge, doesn't normally give lectures.

>So it would seem that something unusual did take place...

Based on the evidence, yes, it was at least unusual.

>...but once again, the military are using the convenience of UFOs as
>a cover to keep the event obscured by a cloud of delusion.

There's still no evidence that anyone knew what the explanation was, particularly for the object apparently encountered in the forest. Maybe it all has a prosaic solution, but the first step is perhaps to remove all of the noise from the picture and then we can maybe take a fresh look at what's there.

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