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### Re: Philosophy of Science and UFOs (Correction)

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I wrote:

>This is a very important point, because it falsifies the misidentification  
>hypothesis. That is, by misidentification hypothesis, I refer to the  
>skeptical position, or the null hypothesis (so to speak), which is that UFOs  
>are simply a potpourri of misidentified prosaic phenomenon. The  
>misidentification hypothesis clearly predicts that lousy observers are more  
>likely to be unsolvable, i.e., "unknown". Yet this prediction fails  
>completely, since there is direct relationship between observer skill and  
>solvability.

Brain failure -- just so nobody wonders what I'm talking about, obviously I  
meant that there is an inverse relationship (not direct) between observer  
skill and solvability of the report, which is the opposite of what the  
misidentification hypothesis predicts.

Brian

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