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Re: Mendoza's Secret Life - (Trent pix)

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> Date: Fri, 10 Jan 1997 23:35:02 +0100 (MET)
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> From: Jean van Gemert <jeanvg@dds.nl>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Mendoza's Secret Life

Jean van Gemert enquired:

> I've got a question about one of your books. In it, you address the Trent
> photos, but you also print a color photo of a similar, but not identical,
> object taken at the same? site, but with completely different foliage. Do
> you have any verifiable source for that picture? I.e. references to other
> *reliable* UFO literature? What's the exact story behind it?

Well, looky here. This ought to tell us something about memory and observation. You're dead right. On page 52 of "UFO: The complete sightings..." (O how I hate that title) there does indeed appear a photograph strikingly similar to one of the Trent photos but not the same as either of those usually presented... Certainly the tree's grown a lot!

The photo printed came from the Mary Evans picture library, but where they got it from I don't know. However! I've spoken on the electric telephone to Hilary Evans, who will start tracking it down on Monday when he's back in the library. He is reasonably sure that the color is added, not in the original. He hadn't noticed the discrepancies either. This means the picture has cropped up elsewhere purporting to be the real thing... Groan. I'll let you know ASAP whatever Hilary finds out.

Meanwhile, a couple of tentative hypotheses. Bruce Maccabee implies in his article in Ronald Story's "UFO Encyclopedia" that he took photographs at the Trent farm in July 1977, but doesn't print them there and doesn't say if he strung up a model as well for comparison. A picture exists too of William Hartmann (Condon's investigator, who visited the Trents in June 1967) stringing up a model, but my source doesn't indicate whether this was done on the premises or elsewhere or even if the exercise related to the Trent case. His account in Condon doesn't mention running such a test; he seems to have relied on photometry. Maybe someone else out there knows of others who may have tried a reconstruction on-site.

Apart from all that, thanks very much for pointing this out. One more caption to re-write. No doubt it's good for the soul.

best wishes
P. Mendoza Darkhorse-Brandyscribe

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