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### Re: 'Electrically Induced Hallucinations'

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> Date: Tue, 28 Jan 1997 12:24:07 -0500  
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>  
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> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'Electrically Induced Hallucinations'

> The only thing we presently know is that there is a reliable,  
> statistically significant, and very interesting concurrence.

Uh - but that's \*not\* true, John. That's the whole point. When you examine how the stats were fudged, there \*is\* no such correlation.

> My personal opinion is that geomagnetic activity probably does explain  
> the great majority of simple, short-duration, non-descript DDs and NLs.

I can't say that I agree with your opinion, but it's yours to hold.

When we actually look at the NL and DD data, there are very few that appear to be explainable as EM activity. Airplanes and fireballs, maybe, but not EM activity.

> Which is fine anyway since by definition these simple, short-duration and  
> non-descript DDs and NLs don't look good in a high-detail multi-observer  
> database and (hopefully) aren't the stuff we want to explain/understand first.

Oh, I don't know about that. If we can't understand the basic and overwhelming majority of UFO reports, I wonder how ufology can come to terms with more complex cases.

> I should also point out that the best UFO flaps on record are probably not  
> in any way connected with geomagnetic activity: Gulf Breeze, Belgium,  
> Bentwaters, the 1947-era, Husdon Valley, (and others I can't remember right  
> now).

... although Devereux explained the Welsh Revival flap as due to EM activity (Earth Lights), for one.

- Chris

PS: Heed Pat's warning, John! Have you ever had that feeling you were being watched ... ;)

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