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Coincidence or Debunkery?

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Here is a little episode I'll recount regarding a recent posting to UFO UpDates, judge for yourself if episode is a mere coincidence or an example of debunkery.

The other day a copyrighted article was posted on UFO UpDates which offered a erudite discussion on the application of physiometric polygraph testing and voice stress analysis to UFO cases. This article made several points, one important point was to discredit, based on an appeal to authority, the validity of voice stress analysis. Interestingly this authority was the DoD, the Department of Defense. Now this might not strike one as a matter of import and with good reason. However, the unheralded appearance of this article and the point it was making struck a chord with me. This is because I had been researching the issue of the validity of Voice Stress Analysis (VSA) - and related it to the appearance of an obscure article published in a tabloid, in which an expert on VSA had analyzed the US Air Force spokesman's recent report on Roswell and declared that the analysis proved that the spokesman was lying.

I think that the underlying reason for the unheralded and timely appearance of this lengthy article "Lie Detection in UFO Controversies" is really related to the article of which appeared last week in the National Enquirer in which one of the proponents and experts on the use of Voice Stress Analysis - analyzed the speeches of the Air Force spokesmen on Roswell and concluded that they were deliberately deceptive, lying. Now this has not hit any mainstream media I have seen. In fact it hasn't even hit UFO UpDates, except for this attack on VSA which just happened to come along. In my own research of the web on VSA I found the DoD's attack on VSA. Its unsubstantiated, unscientific and highly publicized, in short debunkery of VSA. If you are wondering about the utility of VSA, ask the law enforcement authorities in your community, you may be surprised at its widespread application and acceptance.

Is it coincidence that that this material is appearing now? - of course, and I can offer you a 99 year lease on a bridge in the East River...

Would be dangerous to have the yahoos conducting independent tests on recognized authorities using VSA? High speed home computers with a microphone and the appropriate software are capable of performing voice stress analysis, think about it.

Below is the article on the application of VSA to the Air Force spokesman's statements followed by the DoD's statement. The article on the application of physiometric testing by polygraph and voice stress analysis, "Lie Detection in UFO Controversies" by Geoff Price was posted on July 22, 1997 and will be in the UFO Update archives so I am not including it here.

Air Force is lying about UFO crash at Roswell
- LIE DETECTOR PROVES

The U.S. government is STILL lying to the American public about the Roswell UFO crash incident!

That's the stunning conclusion of a top lie-detector expert after analyzing a U.S. Air Force spokesman's recent report on a two-year study into the sensational UFO sightings in Roswell, N. Mex., in 1947.

Air Force Col. John Haynes debunked the famous incident in a June 24 TV press conference. He claimed the "UFOs" seen by witnesses were actually box kites and test balloons, and that the bulbous-headed "aliens" were Air Force crash-test dummies.

But Col. Haynes was lying and showing deception, says voice stress analyst Alfred F. Starewich - who studied a videotape of the press conference at The ENQUIRER's request.

Starewich, a licensed private investigator, used the lie- detecting machine. Called the Latern D6000, it pinpoints untruths through stress in the voice.

The machine is so supersophisticated that it can even detect fluctuations in the heart rate through voice stress alone. Lies show up as square blocks and spikes on the machine's printout.

"Col. Haynes is covering up!" the expert told The ENQUIRER. "He doesn't even believe what he is saying.

At times his voice is showing so much stress, his heart is fibrillating-it's almost as if he's having a mini heart attack!"

Here are some of Haynes' key statements, and Starewich's conclusions:

HAYNES: "Bodies observed in the New Mexico desert were probably test dummies that were carried aloft by U.S. Air Force high altitude balloons for scientific research."

STAREWICH: "The colonel's stress levels jump 125 percent on that statement. He doesn't believe the sightings were crash dummies!"

HAYNES: "Claims of bodies at the Roswell Army air field hospital were most likely a combination of two separate incidents. One was a 1956 KC-97 aircraft accident in which 11 Air Force members lost their lives or a 1959 manned balloon mishap in which two Air Force pilots were injured."

STAREWICH: "The high degree of abnormal stress indicates the colonel disbelieved what he was saying."

HAYNES: "The unusual military activities in the New Mexico desert were high-altitude research balloon launch and recovery operations."

STAREWICH: "His stress levels are continuing to l build. He doesn't believe any Air Force personnel were engaged in dummy operations."

-LARRY HALEY

This article excerpted from:
National Enquirer issue for week
of July 28, 1997, page 21.

The Department of Defense Polygraph Institute made the following statement in September of 1996:

"To date, we have found no credible evidence in information furnished by the manufacturers, the scientific literature, or in our own research, that voice stress analysis is an effective investigative tool for determining deception. ... The preponderance of evidence indicates the polygraph is far more accurate at detecting deception than is voice stress analysis."

Ask yourself who do you believe and why?

Gary

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