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Re: Phoenix Lights - 'Solved'?

From: **Jim Deardorff** <deardorj@ucs.orst.edu>
Date: Fri, 25 Jul 1997 12:04:50 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 25 Jul 1997 15:34:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights - 'Solved'?

On Fri, 25 Jul 1997, UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

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> From: TotlResrch@aol.com [Kal Korff]
> Date: Fri, 25 Jul 1997 06:10:28 -0400 (EDT)
> To: Updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: Jim Dilettoso Loses Credibility: Phoenix Lights SOLVED!
>
> This article speaks for itself...remember, Jim Dilettoso is also
> the same person who "authenticated" the infamous Eduard "Billy"
> Meier hoax UFO photographs. Like his Meier analysis, it appears
> that his Phoenix lights one (a cause celeb with Richard Hoagland
> and Art Bell) is badly in error as well. There were no UFOs,
> just military flares, as some of us suspected all along.
>
> Air Guard unit sheds light on Valley's UFOs
> Randy Reid/The Arizona Republic
> "I had one too many UFO calls," says Guard Capt. Eileen Bienz.
>
> By Richard Ruelas
> The Arizona Republic
>
> There's still the chance it was flying saucers bent on world domination,
> but another explanation turned up Thursday for those eerie lights
> spotted over Phoenix on March 13.
>
> Turns out the Maryland Air National Guard was running an exercise called
> Operation Snowbird along the Barry Goldwater Gunnery Range southwest of
> Phoenix on that fabled night. ....
> ....
> A spokesman for Luke Air Force Base confirmed that the Maryland planes
> were authorized to use the Barry Goldwater range from 9:30 to 10 p.m. on
> March 13. ...
>
> Bienz said the Snowbird planes don't explain away everything spotted
> that night. The planes don't match up with reports of lights coming in
> from the north, zooming through Phoenix and popping up again near
> Kingman. But Bienz is trying to find the origin of those as well.
>
> But the Operation Snowbird planes might account for the lights seen near
> 10 p.m. in the west, the sightings that have provided most of the
> videotape and photographs seen around the country.

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Hello List,

What the negative skeptic shouldn't forget is that it was the UFOs reported around 8:15 pm in the Prescott-Phoenix area that created all the excitement, and that have not been explained as man-made or natural objects. This was the very large triangular object, with various lights on its periphery, described at times as a V formation of lights.

I suppose a two-hour time error doesn't matter much to someone who would dismiss a 7- or 10-year time discrepancy between witnesses to alien bodies and dropped dummies. But it should certainly matter to anyone who would wish to call himself a ufologist.

Jim Deardorff

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