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Re: Phoenix Lights - 'Solved'?

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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!

>Dear List:

>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.

(snip)

>They flew eight A-10s and dropped a mess of high-intensity flares on
>their way back to Tucson, military officials said.

Hello Kal, hi All,

This 'flare' explanation does not address how this (alleged) military operation flew to all of the locations in Arizona (and in the time they were reported to have taken place) on that single night. Did they set flares off over Kingman, (up in the northwest corner of the state where they were also reported on the same night) and then Tempe and Phoenix and again further south? These 'flares' were said to have gone straight up in the air by several local witnesses. Any military man will tell you that flares don't manouver or 'go up' after they have burned.

If I ruled the world, FOIA requests would be initiated in order to scare up any associated paperwork. ie; parameters and scope of the manouvers, and budget allocations for this operation. Something like that would leave a paper trail a mile wide and involve an awful lot of people. I don't buy that Luke didn't know about an operation as 'visible' as this one was.

I have video of the event that was taken from several different vantage points by local folks. These things (whatever they were) did not behave like 'flares.'

>Since March, Arizona military bases said they had nothing in the air
>that would have caused the mysterious lights seen from Phoenix on March
>13. But the bases didn't check visiting aircraft.

They were not aware of an event that was witnessed by several hundred (maybe thousands) statewide! And it takes them four months to come back with the same flare theory that was dismissed three months ago. Wonderful.

>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.

According to several local newscasts Luke had denied any knowledge of (any) operations from the very beginning. Now they "confirm." I am still waiting for someone to interview the commercial pilot that radiod in to Phoenix airport tower that he had unidentified traffic directly over him. The tower personels' response to the pilot was that they showed (nothing on radar) in his vicinity. This according to two newscasts, one by channel 15 ABC affiliate and one by channel 10 FOX affiliate. No one is even attempting to deal with the witness testimony. As if they didn't count.

They have alot to answer for if they are assuming responsibility for answering at all. The apparition of the lights was not (just) over Phoenix, and was witnessed by a large number of people. 'Excersizes' involving flares just doesn' begin to address any of it.

>The lights entered UFO folklore.

That's cute, "folklore" what a quaint way to dismiss something as potentially important as this.

>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.

We'll all wait for this one. Who knows, maybe the military in their zeal set off flares over every major town and city in Arizona! I don't think so.

Still awaiting a 'serious' investigation. Don't be so quick to dismiss these sightings Kal, there's more to them than the airforce will have us all believe.

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