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The Real Phoenix Sightings

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After interviewing witnesses and investigating these sightings for the past four months, I can state for the record that the flare drop on the Barry Goldwater test range by Maryland National Guard A-10s of the Luu2 Magnesium flares which burn hot and bright white were not described by any witnesses I interviewed.

The night that Tom King and I videotaped a formation of amber lights near the Estrellas (we could not see the test range flares many miles south of these mountains which rise to 4500 feet altitude) we could not identify these as flares through binoculars or telescope.

There were no aircraft in the vicinity of these lights. The lights appeared to be small orbs or spheres through the telescope. We saw no parachutes, no smoke, and no flames.

I have confirmed with a source from Davis-Monthan that the A-10s have four flares apiece. They are dropped one or two at a time from 6,000 feet and ignite at 3,000 ft and extinguish at 500 ft.

The amber lights we saw did not descend any distance much less 2,500 feet before extinguishing.

These very same orbs have now been taped in daylight skies and have been seen ASCENDING skyward! They have also been seen north of the city of Glendale and northwest.

Richard Motzer of MUFON AZ has changed his story about these lights several times and now backs Capt. Bienz's version. That version does not explain the sightings.

It is important to note that very large objects were observed on the night of March 13th. There were at least two large gray/black triangles, three luminous orbs, a large V-form, a large rectangular form, and other minor events - all of which cannot be explained by flares. One black triangle was observed by witnesses flying lightless!

Kal Korff is basing his opinion, evidently, on his dislike of Jim Diletosso (who is doing a great job on this along with Michael Tanner). That is a poor basis to evaluate the sightings. Legitimate researchers investigate and interview witnesses and analyze data and events, not offer bogus explanations.

The story released by the Arizona National Guard that a flight of A-10s took off from Davis-Monthan AFB and flew out to the test range on the night of March 13th to drop Luu2 magnesium flares is being hailed as a "solution" to a number of UFO sightings from

Phoenix on that night.

Operation Snowbird is a National Guard Bureau program located at D-M and supported through the 162nd Fighter Wing, Arizona Air National Guard. It was established in 1975 as a winter deployment site for northern tier ANG flying bases. Six to 12 squadrons deploy for two weeks of training between the months of November and April each year. Each deployment package consists of 24 pilots and 116 support personnel.

On March 13th, the Maryland ANG was supposedly on site at D-M and departed D-M between 8:15 PM and 8:30 PM. Between the hours of 9:30 PM and 10 PM (on the night in question re: Perry Mason), these A-10 aircraft jettisoned their flares and returned to base. According to one pilot trainer (anon) from D-M, the flares are ejected at 6,000 feet and ignite at 3,000 feet and extinguish at 500 feet.

A recent e-mail from a resident of Tucson who lives under the flight path of approaching A-10 aircraft, indicates he never heard or saw a flight of planes landing at 10 PM on that night. He says he is in the habit of hearing, then going outside to look at jets that land and he is sure that none landed at 10 PM that night. Another story out of Tucson is that the jets landed, but at 8:35 PM on that night. Now another rumor is that a pilot checked and found no record of the Maryland squadron on that night!

It is possible that these people are mistaken and that the Maryland squadron took that flight as reported in the Arizona Republic. That is a possibility.

To insure that we get an answer from D-M, I am filing an FOIA request for a copy of all records, documents, or logs that record departing and arriving flights for the night of March 13th between the hours of 7-11 PM.

If anyone else has any knowledge in the Tucson area of the flight of these A-10s on the night of March 13th, please contact me at starmanbh@aol.com. We want to find out the truth behind this story.

Sincerely,

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