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Re: ABC News-Peter Jennings

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>Greetings List!

> On June 18th, 1997, (Wednesday), in the last part of ABC News 6:30 PM
>edition, there was a small bit about Roswell. There was also a small
>segment about Phoenix. A video was shown of some large lights over the
>city. Several witnesses were interviewed claiming they saw a large
>triangular shaped craft fly over their house. Other researchers were
>interviews as well, albiet briefly to fit into the sound bite/byte :-).
> The segment ended with Peter Jennings (who I respect) smirking.

> I was just curious how the American's on the List view their news
>media when such a vitally important subject is treated with such
>(seeming) short shrift by the major networks.

> Surely there must be some hope?

>Regards,
>Paul.

IMHO (as a former radio news reporter):

Americans probably don't have a unified view of the media, but the reaction of ABC news is no surprise. To be quite honest, there is very little actual "investigative reporting" going on, unless it happens to attract an audience. This is usually on a local level, and involves known issues that are easily defined.

Keep in mind that for most of the media, this is an old story that has been given new life as a result of the involvement of a Councilwoman and now the Governor. The story is not that there were sightings, but that a Councilwoman is up in arms about it. The reports have gone back to explain what the issue is all about, but the focus remains on what is happening now, rather than what happened then.

As far as the reaction is concerned, I am reminded of a comment made by a science writer for the Washington Post, who appeared as part of a panel discussion on the press coverage of UFOs. This person candidly stated that the paper was NEVER going to print anything they didn't believe to be true. This means that the "beliefs" of the reporter and editors would have to be changed to have them pursue the issue, and that would be similar to trying to change their religious beliefs in many cases.

If UFOs and Alien Visitation are a reality. It will result in a major

paradigm shift for most people, if they were to accept it as fact. That is directly reflected in the view of the subject that we see in the media, and so it is usually handled in a joking manner. I would also like to have the media become more involved, but also believe that is not likely to happen unless there is a public outcry for the truth, or there is an economic advantage to pursuing that line of inquiry. They both could become factors as the new Century approaches, but so far that isn't the case.

Just a few comments from the peanut gallery.

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