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Re: Linda case - And now... The weather

From: **Greg Sandow** <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Fri, 28 Mar 1997 11:44:53 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Mar 1997 13:42:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Linda case - And now... The weather

Pam Klemm -- who has done remarkable research on the Linda case -- writes:

> Date: Thu, 27 Mar 1997 17:44:25 -0500 (EST)
> From: "Klemm - Pamela S." <psklemm@umd5.umd.edu>
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Linda case - And now for the weather:

> This gets kind of tricky because you are talking about the
> weather for the night of the 29th and the early morning of
> the 30th. According to the New York Times:

> Nov. 29th: The weather was supposed to be mostly sunny and
> windy with highs of 35. "Tonight" was predicted to be mostly
> clear and quite cold. Low was supposed to be 20.

> New moon was on the 28th, so it would have been dark.

> The weather page on the 30th indicated there had been no rain
> in the last 24 hours. There is nothing on either map to
> indicate fog, BUT these are not your regular isobaric maps,
> so I don't know if they normally would show fog if it was
> present.

> Personally, it looks to me like it was clear, cold and windy.
> I wouldn't have wanted to be on the beach in a nightie....

I'll have to call the local weather bureau to verify this, but Linda said there was fog on the river just two or three times a year. I don't think fog is likely on a clear night, but I should check that, too.

About the beach items Pam brought up in another post, we've been corresponding about that privately. One issue is what look like wind ripples in the lower picture. Pam thinks they face in the opposite direction they should have, given the direction of the wind that day.

However -- or maybe this makes no difference about the wind, I don't know -- I think Budd is wrong about where the beach might have been. (Putting aside, for the moment, all questions about whether the events in the case happened at all.)

Anyone who cares deeply about this and doesn't know NY geography should consult a map, if one is available. The picture shows unbroken ocean -- no land visible. That means, first, that it had to have been on the South Shore of Long Island, since from the North Shore you can see across Long Island Sound to CT. But because there's a long thin island called Fire Island off the south shore, Budd theorized that Dan must have driven Linda fairly far out, past the end of Fire Island, almost to

the Hamptons.

Pam points out that nobody could drive that far and back, do everything described in the book, and still get Linda home in the few hours the kidnapping apparently lasted. She's right. Budd thinks Dan drove in a fast sports car, unconcerned about being stopped by cops because of his federal credentials. That doesn't wash with me.

However, there's another spot in Long Island that would do perfectly well, a sleepy waterfront community called Long Beach. It's very close to New York city, and is on an island off the South Shore, with unbroken ocean beyond it. It's a perfect place to take someone -- as long as it's not summer -- and not be disturbed. (Or so I hear from someone who lives there. I haven't visited it yet.)

I don't know the wind and tide data for the day in question. I hope Pam does. (Though I think the beach photos should be examined -- the originals - by an expert on the look of water and wind ripples on beaches.)

I'm afraid, though, that this exposes another sloppiness in Budd's investigation. It took me about three seconds to find Long Beach when I opened a NY state road map. Surely Budd could have done the same.

Greg Sandow

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