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I have been watching many interesting, and some not so interesting posts on, Roswell, Jesse Marcel, et al.

The one thing that most have in common is a reference to Project Mogul as a GIANT Top Secret weather balloon.

Matter of fact, in a post by D Rudiak, project Mogul was discribed as a 600 foot high balloon.

The NYU Balloon project, better known to Ufology as Project Mogul, was flown in two basic configurations. Both configurations would be very hard to misidentify as anything other than a bunch of weather balloons.

The "String of pearls" config. was a 300 to 600 foot long teather with 24 + Balloons, all neoprene, 15 to 30 feet in dia. Mogul carried a payload of aprox. 25 lbs. That included ballast and a sonobouy microphone, plus two or three raywin targets.

The second config. was very similar to the first in it's length but the balloons were set up in a couple of fans.

As classified as project Mogul might have been, the components were not classified at all.

During an interview with Prof. Charles Moore, who worked on the NYU Balloon project, I asked "What happens when a Balloon crashes?" His answer was rather bruske and to the point, "Balloons don't crash! They drift down!"

My point of this post is, if we are going to use or not use project Mogul...Let's at least agree on what project Mogul was.

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