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Re: MSN UFO Webshow 'debunks' Left at East Gate

From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 18 May 1997 20:30:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 May 1997 23:02:26 -0400
Subject: Re: MSN UFO Webshow 'debunks' Left at East Gate

Regarding...

>Date: Tue, 13 May 1997 20:50:52 -0500
>From: jvif@spacelab.net (John Velez)
>Subject: Tonight's MSN UFO Webshow (which) debunks Left at East Gate

John posted some comments from Peter Robbins, co-author of "Left at East Gate", which read:

>My own, and my co-author's conversations with Mr. Halt were recorded
>(with his knowledge and permission) and transcribed; they appear in
>the book.

>Quoting from them, and from Mr. Randle's comments on the internet,
>what do you deduce?

>Randle: . . Halt in various interviews after the events has said
>that there were only two nights, no third.

>Robbins (to Halt): . It involved the approximate time of the
>incident.

>Halt: which incident? There were three nights. (p.328)

John,

Perhaps we can deduce that Halt says there were three nights, not three incidents.

We know there were two claimed incidents, apparently over a period of three nights. Halt has been quite categorical about this.

>Charles Halt told Larry: "I think you sincerely believe what you're saying, and you may be right, and I can't say you're lying, but I find flaws here and there that I have to resolve for myself."

Diplomatically put. As I've mentioned, Halt expands on these views elsewhere. For example, from the recent "Project watchfire" article on the Rendlesham Forest case:

"Anywhere there's a vacuum something moves it to fill it up," says Halt. "There's one individual who's travelled around, made the talk show circuit and claims to have been present for the incidents. He's what I call a wanna-be, someone who maybe was hanging on the edge, picking up pieces of information. He's claimed the wing-commander went out and made contact with holographic aliens and that we helped them

repair their craft and all kinds of things. None of which are true," says Halt".

The problem is not simply that the promotion of Warren's claims obscures the more credible evidence, it unfortunately does so at a time when there may be some real breakthroughs in the case, when significant evidence is being added and the issues are becoming much clearer.

There are apparently plans for a substantial promotional campaign in the UK, when "Left at East Gate" is shortly published. A "media blitz" I'm led to believe and Nick Pope's name has been mentioned as part of the campaign team.

No doubt the tabloids will take a brief interest in the story of an American airman who was hypnotised and "recalled" being kidnapped by aliens in an underground English airbase...or however they report it. Certain journalists with the influential newspapers may also delight in completely ridiculing the Rendlesham Forest case, without still understanding the true issues.

And the book will probably sell more copies.

But there are some serious concerns about the impact this will have on the perception of what is perhaps a "UFO" case with more substance than has ever before been realised.

I hope that can be pre-empted.

James.
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