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Re: Belgian Radar-Visual

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Subject: Re: Belgian Radar-Visual

>Date: Wed, 05 Nov 1997 17:07:02 +0100
>From: Edoardo Russo <edoardo.russo@torino.ALPcom.it>
>Subject: Belgian Radar-Visual. (was: ET Hypothesis: Government Concern?)
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>Hello All!

>>Date: Tue, 4 Nov 1997 09:23:59 -0500
>>From: Peregrine Mendoza <101653.2205@compuserve.com> [Peter Brookesmith]
>>Subject: ET Hypothesis: Government Concern?

>>>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
>>>Subject: re: UFO UpDate: Re: ET Hypothesis: Government Concern?
>>>Date: Mon, 3 Nov 1997 12:21:03 -0800

>I've been following this thread only recently, but I wonder
>whether you all discussing on the above are aware of the analyses
>published by SOBEPS (the Belgian UFO society), PHENOMENA (French
>UFO magazine), SCIENCE ET VIE (skeptical viewpoint).

>I've long been aware the radar targets were not correlated with
>the ground observation of astronomical objects, but I may have
>been deluded by my memory.

>The complete text of the dialogue between pilots and ground
>control (which I did translate for our own journal, years ago)
>seems indeed highly suggestive of not-so-rare propagation
>"ghosts" (Italian Air Force radar men call'em "zombies"), as
>finally admitted in SOBEPS second volume about the Belgian wave
>by that same (pro-ET) scientist and SOBEPS consultant (August
>Meessen) who had claimed them to be unidentified in the chapter
>he wrote in the first volume.

>I dared to ask, since much too often English-speaking ufologists
>are (or seem) unaware of what published locally in other
>(too-numerous) national languages.

>Regards

As I said earlier, it was inevitable for a new bogus explanation
to arise. It just dawned on me that if I ever write a book on
UFOs, I would call it 'Bogus Book'. We have had Blue Book, Omni's
Open Book (sadly discontinued), I will add 'Bogus Book'.

Furthermore, inspired by this case I am assembling a collection
of Rules of Ufology, that will eventually be included in Bogus Book,
so that it can serve as a sort of survival handbook for the

ufologist.

Pertaining to the Belgian case, especially note Rules 3 until 5.

Henny's Rules of Ufology=B7

1. Never trust a quality newspaper

2. The level of certainty with which people say that a case is just invented for the money is inversely related to the amount of research that is done on the case.

3. No matter how many facts indicate an anomalous event, a continuous stream of bogus explanations will arise to 'explain' the case in prosaic terms.

4. Every time someone points out the facts, new bogus explanations will surface, entirely unrelated to the previous ones.

5. When a case consists of multiple sorts of evidence, people will split up the evidence in different categories and explain the case away piece by piece.

Hall of Fame of Bogus Explanations for the Belgium case:

1.
F117
Source: French scientific magazine 'Science et Vie'
Bogus because: F117 can't fly supersonic and is invisible on radar

2.
B2
Source: RBAF=B7
Bogus because: B2 is not triangular, but boomerang shaped and is invisible on radar

3.
Laser show
Bogus because: lasers need clouds to be projected on, the objects have been seen, filmed and photographed on cloudless nights and a wealth of radar data exists

4.
Cultural aberration of French speaking Belgium:
Bogus because: First sighting was in German speaking Eupen. On night March 30-31, object has been recorded on three radars in Dutch speaking Belgium. Though known as the Belgium flap, the same objects have been witnessed in the Dutch provinces of Limburg and Gelderland in the same time frame.

5.
Mass hallucination
Bogus because: One photographs, 25 videos and a wealth of radar recordings exist

6.
Aurora/Senior Citizen
Bogus because: Senior Citizen is a human made aircraft that can't reach accelerations of over 40 G's. Furthermore, it makes a lot of noise when going through the sound barrier and is a secret reconnaissance aircraft that no air force or secret service would repeatedly display to the public, especially not in areas where there is nothing to spy

7.
LoFlyte - Maurice Chittenden, Sunday Times
Bogus because: LoFlyte is a human made aircraft that can't reach accelerations of over 40 G's. Furthermore, LoFlyte did not fly at the time.

8.
Triangular Balloon - Wim van Utrecht, Belgian Ufologist=B7
Bogus because: Balloons can't fly faster than sound.

9.
Ground clutter on F16 radar screen - J. Pharabod
Bogus because: Object has been detected on a total of 6 radars,
including four ground radars. Several times simultaneous contacts,
F16 air-to-air radar has a limit on the underside of its range

10.
Atmospheric diffraction - J. Pharabod
Bogus because: Object has been detected on a total of 6 radars,
25 videos and one photograph exist. Object played cat and
mouse game with F16 pursuers.

11.
'Ghost', 'Zombie' - Eduardo Russo=B7
Bogus because: 25 videos and one photograph exist. Object
played cat and mouse game with F16 pursuers.

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