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Re: The Phoenix Lights Hoax & The New AREA 51?

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> THE GREAT UFO COVER-UP

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> Mitch Stanley, 21, spends several nights a week in his backyard with a
> 10-inch telescope, exploring the night sky. He's owned the telescope
> for about a year, and has learned the sky well. With its 10-inch

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> moving so slowly, Mitch attempted to capture them in the scope. He
> succeeded, and the leading three lights fit in the field of vision.
> Linda asked what they were.
>
> 'Planes,' Mitch said.

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> Did the public see both the A-10s and a triangular stealth craft?

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Most amateur sized telescopes like Mitch's are designed to have field of views not much larger than 1/2 a degree. This is about the size of the full moon. Of course, when higher magnifications are used, the field of view through the telescope would be much smaller still. If the leading three lights fit in Mitch's telescope's field of vision and there were 5 to 7 lights in total that made up the "object", then this object would have a maximum size of a dime held at arms length. A few lights clustered this close together in the sky would not even attract the attention of most city folk where larger objects with many lights (airplanes) fly overhead frequently. Can we be sure Mitch saw the same large triangular object reported by many or a few A-10s doing their thing at another time?

One other comment, if three A-10s could fit into Mitch's telescope field of view, they would be visible for about 2 seconds through his telescope (assuming the A-10s are no larger than 50 feet in size and are flying at only 50 miles and hour). Even if the A-10s are larger and fly much faster, I would be very

surprised if Mitch could track them with his telescope long enough to see the details he described after his short look. I think one should not place so much weight on Mitch's testimony (or his mother claimed Mitch said).

Nikolaos Balaskas

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