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Re: Phoenix lights, FTs, whatever

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> Date: Fri, 21 Nov 1997 08:36:02 +0200
> From: Jakes Louw <LOUWJE@telkom.co.za>
> To: updates@globalserve.net, UASR@MyList.net
> Subject: Phoenix lights, FTs, whatever

> I'm beginning to have problem with all these sightings.

> I'm inherently a very linear thinker, so forgive me,
> BUT:

> - Why are flying triangles mostly only seen at night

We don't know. There are some daytime sightings of triangular geometries, but not many.

I suspect some percentage (size unknown) are mispercieved aircraft. I know that I have seen some video and photo material claiming to be FTs which are clearly aircraft.

> - Why fly something over Phoenix at night, with all
> the headlights on

They can't turn them off.
They don't care if we see them.

> - Why are these things mostly observed over high
> population density areas, and not small to medium
> settlements

FT sightings have been in a variety of areas. The Hudson Valley sightings, for instance, were in areas ranging from high pop to rural. Also, don't forget, if there are no witnesses, or the witnesses don't report, you don't know what's being seen. We are far from having good national coverage of sightings.

> If one flies at night to hide oneself, then the
> lights should be off, no?

If the "lights" are not lights but are an ionization side effect of some part of the operation of the object, then perhaps not. We know that UFOs can shut down their luminosity for limited periods at least without falling out of the sky, but there is a clear connection between UFO luminosity and operation (see Moreland-1959, Selma-1957 in my website chronological catalog

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for more details).

> If one flies at night with the lights on, so one
> can see where one is flying, I assume,

This is probably not a likely reason for UFO luminosity. Again, see cases such as those mentioned above which suggest the luminosity is a side effect of the operation of the object.

> then why
> over a humonguous place like Phoenix, Arizona?

"Ladies and gentlemen, down below we have one of the humans' large population centers. Observe the use of primitive incandescent lighting and internal combustion vehicles. Over the mountains, there, you can see where earlier today their primitive aircraft engaged in flare drops... Please feel free to take photos, and we have some souvenirs for sale in the lounge."

> If one flies at night with the lights on, over
> Phoenix, Arizona, then why not during the day?

Maybe they do. But maybe the big wing guys are nocturnal. I mean, really, any of this is speculation. We can't say why the UFO phenomenon behaves as it does without carefully examining the available information.

Right now we are still largely in the descriptive stages - "Large formations or large single objects fly over population centers at night. We don't know why." We are not at the stage where the level of information allows us confidently to predict motives or behavior (except, perhaps, that many large formation sightings will occur over populated areas).

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