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Ultimate UFO database

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>Date: Wed, 26 Nov 1997 11:33:52 +0200
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>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Phoenix lights, FTs, whatever

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>What I'm getting at, and I'm sure that most on the list will
>agree, is that there is a requirement for a centralised,
>coordinated database that must be used for abductions, sightings,
>and other encounters and/or manifestations. Why? Well, there is a
>plethora of data mining packages out there, that can be run
>against MS Access on Windows or even Oracle on UNIX. By setting
>up relationships and keyed links between database
>records/rows/reports, one will be able to retrieve a list of
>reports for, say, Arizona, or a list for any specific night, or a
>combination of several parameters like geographic, timezone, or
>key-word descriptive fields. This would be ideal in analysing
>trends, hot-spots, flight-paths, and so on.

>Jakes E. Louw
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Mr Louw has hit the nail squarely on the head here. I believe
that total data sharing and a single massive UFO, etc. database
is the MOST NEEDED item in all of Ufology. If FUFOR or somebody
is willing to fund the effort, I for one and I know many more
will be happy to lend my efforts at getting this data to them.
There is so much information out there that only small groups
of investigators are privy to that it literally stunts our
efforts to analyse and investigate. I have seen many web sites
out there that take in sighting reports that they keep, go
uninvestigated and never are openly shared with the rest of
Ufology. WHAT A WASTE!!!!!!! A UFO database clearinghouse for
reports is the best tool we could possibly have and the #1 item
to put on all of our agendas. I don't understand why it hasn't
been done before. Powerful computers have been around since the
early 80's.

I don't mean to undermine those efforts that have been made (such
as the Hatch database), but that is just the tip of the UFO
iceberg.

I am an investigator with Minnesota MUFON and I thought when I
joined that MUFON already had such a database, with open access
and info from all possible sources. Boy was I totally wrong! I
think we have all really dropped the ball here and we need to get
this effort started pronto! There are NO EXCUSES. It MUST BE
DONE. PERIOD. All the reports we get at MN MUFON are on our

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website for anyone to read as well as our investigation reports
as they become available. If every state did this and forwarded
other reports they get to the relevent org's for investigation,
especially in a TIMELY manner, we would magnify our effectiveness
by orders of magnitude. I already do this, on my own time, at my
own expense. NO EXCUSES. Lets get our acts together. Consider my
hat thrown into the ring. How about the rest of MUFON, FUFOR,
CUFOS, etc, etc.?

Are you listening?

Joel Henry

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