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Re: UFO sighting with John Velez

From: **Mark Cashman** <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Thu, 18 Sep 1997 12:15:23 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 19 Sep 1997 01:17:02 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO sighting with John Velez

> From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>, on 9/18/97 4:14 AM:
> From: "Clark Hathaway & Julie Presson" <earthwrk@doitnow.com>
> To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: UFO sighting with John Velez
> Date: Wed, 17 Sep 1997 20:16:07 -0700

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> > From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> > To: updates@globalserve.net
> > Subject: UFO UpDate: UFO sighting with John Velez
> > Date: Monday, September 15, 1997 1:11 AM

> > From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
> > To: "UFO Updates (E-mail)" <updates@globalserve.net>
> > Subject: UFO sighting with John Velez
> > Date: Sun, 14 Sep 1997 13:56:48 -0400

> > 1. I've never had a UFO sighting, or even thought for half a second
> > that I was having one. I don't expect to look in the sky and see
> > something strange.

> I gave a talk up in Durango this weekend past and happened top make
> commentary on that. It is indeed interesting that out of a crowd craning
> their collect necks upward searching the sky for something that everyone
> else seems to be watching, some inevitably (or quite a few as the case may
> be) do not see anything.

> Now having stated that, I believe that I have a valid reason why in many if
> not most cases. Not all of us are equipped with the same expansion of
> awareness as perhaps the next guy.

We also need to most carefully be aware that tiny objects at the limits of
resolution can only be seen by those with the appropriate acuity.

Thus, some people see a spot of light in the sky and others don't. Perhaps
the focus of the others eyes is not as sharp, or perhaps their ability to
distinguish relatively small brightness variations is not as good.

Remember Hynek's analysis of the Mantell case? It could have been Venus
except that Venus was only 6-8 times brighter than the surrounding sky and
was thus effectively invisible. In other words, even 6-8 times is not
sufficiently brighter for most people to distinguish a point source in a
daytime sky.

> > So what was it? Beats me. I've never seen anything like it before.
> > With the naked eye, it was like a star shining in daylight. Through
> > binoculars, it had a vague shape. It didn't make any major movements.
> > I'd guess it was in view for a minute or less. I didn't think to time

> > it. It seemed to be there a fairly long while, but I'm aware from
> > other, non-UFO experiences that I tend to overestimate the time of
> > any event. I'd say a minute max, maybe 30 or 45 seconds.

Again, possibly a sign of an object at the extreme limits of visibility, possibly reflecting sun for a period, and then banking or otherwise redirecting the reflection elsewhere.

I once saw something like this on a summer afternoon while driving across a bridge. The reflection reappeared a bit later, elsewhere, and then slowly faded. I have no reason to believe it was not an aircraft.

The fact that Greg's film did not come out is also an indication that the object was both on the limits of resolution, and was not quite sufficiently distinct from the brightness of the background as to be caught on film.

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