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Re: Agence France-Presse: Swissair Plane In UFO

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>> > Swissair plane in UFO near-miss off New York

>> > Agence France-Presse
>> > Fri, Sep 26 1997

>> > GENEVA, Sept 26 (AFP) - US authorities have launched an inquiry into an
>> > unidentified flying object that whizzed 50 metres (yards) past a
>> > Swissair jet near New York last month, Swissair said Friday.

>> > Snipped.....

>> This is curious. I wonder if it's policy for American agencies such as
>>the FAA, and NTSB to come up with mundane explanations for strange
>>objects that are seen in the sky when no immediate explanation is
>>available. It's certainly concievable that such a policy might exist
>>with absolutely no thought given to UFOs or some sinister desire to to
>>mislead the public about them. The "massive government conspiracy"
>>theory simply lacks credibility on such occassions. We have certainly
>>seen incidents in the past when a UFO buzzed a plane and officials
>>stated very honestly that they had absolutely no idea what it was.

>> On the other hand Pat Cariseo said "it was probably a weather ballon"
>> sounds to me like this was simply Mr Cariseo's guess (or dismissal) so
>> perhaps we should not infer that this is the NTSB's offical position
>>on the nature of the object. Maybe they need more time to review the
>>incident. Either way the Swissair spokesman told the Zurich AP that the
>>pilots told their officials that the object whizzed by and appeared to
>>be self propelled. This conflicts with the NTSB's assertion that the
>>pilots descriptions suggested the object was probably not self
>>propelled. Quite honestly this is all conjecture here because there is
>>no way to know by reading some tiny AP article.

>> Jared.

>Hello Jared, Stig and List

>I think that we are giving the NSTB validity that it does not deserve.
>Pat Cariseo's remarks were probably elicited {wrongly} by a reporter
>when the Agence France-Presse reporter for some unknown reason called
>the NSTB for some explanation of the sighting. Why the NSTB? Who the
>hell are they? The NSTB investigates airplane crashes, it's that simple.
>They have no expertise in the UFO field and therefore Cariseo's remarks
>should be discounted out of hand.

>Pretty much the same applies to the company spokesman who says that it
>could not be a missile. How would he know? Don't forget that this is a
>very sensitive issue considering the airspace the 747 was in, and the
>unexplained crash of TWA 800 and the allegations that friendly fire
>struck it, ie a missile.

>It would be interesting to know the name of the original reporter and
>find out why he chose of all places to contact the NSTB for a quote on a
>near miss by a UFO. It makes as much sense as calling a rep at the say
>the Academy of Arts and Sciences in Hollywood and asking for their
>opinion.

>Regards,
>Don Ledger

Don,

The NTSB was one of the investigative bodies involved in the
TWA 800 crash. The TWA aircraft contained many French citizens
and the name of the NTSB has been all over the news in France
last year and this year.

The French reporter (of AFP) must have thought the NTSB
was one of the appropriate entities to call for a comment on
this near-miss. Maybe he still had its telephone number in his
notebook.

He was apparently wrong, but people who are not experts on
airline regulations, especially non-US citizens, could easily
think that an organization that has the word 'Safety' in its name
would be investigating near-misses.

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