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Re: Agence France-Presse: Swissair Plane In UFO

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> >>> Subject: Agence France-Presse: Swissair Plane In UFO

> >>> 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 conceivable that such a policy might exist with absolutely no thought given to UFOs or some sinister desire to to mislead the public about them.

Snipped.....

> >> 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.

Snipped.....

> >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.

Hello Henny,

That's the thought that's been rattling around in my mind since I first
read the press release. The reason I jump on these things is to try and
nip some of the misconceptions re aviation that the general public has
and the movie industry perpetuates. Since we are dealing with a
phenomenon that is mostly aerial in content it doesn't do anyone any
good to run off half cocked, making assumptions about what can and
cannot be done in controlled airspace, particularly in peacetime.

If you know for instance that it is a crime to release a flare from an
aircraft - whether it's military or civilian - in controlled airspace then
you can assume that over Pheonix if a brilliant light was observed by an
airline pilot climbing out of Pheonix [I apologize for not knowing its
real name] then no one can come along and tell you that the Air Force
was doing exercises in their zone because the next thing that would
happen is a federal marshall will come along and slap the cuffs on them
for violating FAA air regulations, military or no military. It's as
simple as that.

You know who the experts are in aerial identification in the flying
business? That's right...it's the pilots not some desk bound boob
pushing paper at the NSTB. After one of those pilots rams his aircraft
into the side of a mountain, swamp, ocean etc. the experts on finding
out why and how are the National Transportation Safty Board. I have
profound respect for these working stiffs who have to sort through the
remains of an aircraft to try and determine what happened. I 've had the
opportunity on two separate occassions to watch these people at work and
they make Sherlock Holmes look like a rank amateur.

Like you said Henny, the reporter probably figured that the NSTB had all
of the answers.

Regards,
Don Ledger

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