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Re: Sun Eruption + Geomagnetic Storm = 'Lights'?

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Thu, 27 Aug 1998 11:59:34 -0400 (EDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Aug 1998 01:16:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Sun Eruption + Geomagnetic Storm = 'Lights'?

>Date: Thu, 27 Aug 1998 03:31:12 -0700
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Solar eruption / geomagnetic storm..

>This is a bit off-topic, but may explain some nite-lite
>sightings for the next few days..

>Source: Time Warner's pathfinder.com

><http://www.pathfinder.com/news/latest/RB/1998Aug27/12.html>

>WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Solar winds blowing at more than a
>million miles per hour hit the Earth's magnetic field on
>Wednesday, sparking what U.S. government scientists say could be
>a significant geomagnetic storm.

>The U.S. Geological Survey said charged particles from a solar
>eruption hit the Earth's magnetic field around 3 a.m. EDT (0700
>GMT) and the resulting fluctuations in the field could cause
>power outages, satellite failures, disruption in communications
>and the aurora borealis.

>Auroras are usually seen only in northern latitudes, but may
>become visible in the continental United States during this
>geomagnetic storm, the agency said.

>While auroras are not as dramatic at mid-latitudes, they have
>been described in the past as resembling city lights in the sky,
>but in green, blue, and sometimes, red.

>A severe magnetic storm in March 1989 caused the collapse of the
>Hydro-Quebec power system in Canada, leaving about six million
>people without power.

>The U.S. Geological Survey operates 13 magnetic observatories
>throughout the United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam and Puerto
>Rico that continuously monitor the Earth's magnetic field.

>REUTERS

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I hope that copyright is a typo or this is VERY old news.

Bob

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