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Re: Fox Special Exposes Alien Autopsy, Meier, etc.

From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
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Subject: Re: Fox Special Exposes Alien Autopsy, Meier, etc.

Regarding...

>From: Kal Korff <TotlResrch@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 12 Dec 1998 06:54:23 EST
>Subject: Fox Special Exposes Alien Autopsy, Meier, etc.

Kal wrote:

>As many of you know, there have been rumors floating around in the
>media about this Fox special for months. Indeed, noneother than Meier
>himself stepped forward, and because of this special, confessed that
>dozens more of his UFO & UFO-related photos are hoaxes. He did this
>months ago.

Kal,

The FOX press release states:

"Also featured is a rare interview with Meier himself, who defends his world-famous footage despite the massive evidence against him".

How is the apparent contradiction explained - does Meier admit to hoaxing many of the photographs, yet still maintain much of his material is genuine?

>Those who study UFOs, Bigfoot, Alien Autopsy, Meier, the Loch Ness >Monster, etc., owe a tremendous gratitude to Mr. Bob Kiviat, who had >the journalisitic integrity and drive to hire a crew that could and >has finally solved these cases, and others. The _truth_ is what >mattered, and we got those truths.

FOX make the bold statement:

"Never-before-seen footage and new technological evidence will expose the truths behind the most sensational of legends -- Bigfoot, the Loch Ness Monster, the Alien Autopsy and Flying Saucers...".

FOX are not going to expose "the truths" behind the 'Loch Ness monster' legend or 'flying saucers'!

At best, they may make a contribution towards explaining some evidence relating to both.

They claim:

"Bigfoot -- for more than 30 years, this creature allegedly

spotted in the Pacific Northwest has captivated the world. Skeptics, however, now believe that amazing footage of the seven-foot-tall legendary beast caught disappearing into the woods in 1967 was actually created by a film company to gain interest in other nature movies it was making. In an exclusive interview, a man with inside knowledge breaks three decades of silence to reveal compelling reasons why this film is thought to be an elaborate hoax".

If only 'believed' to have been created by a film company and "thought to be" a hoax - then presumably the program won't present any proof in either respect?

Even with my basic knowledge of the original 'Bigfoot' film and accepting it is such an obvious hoax, this 'film company' theory doesn't appear to address some key points.

An excellent, scientific investigation into the original Paterson film was undertaken by British naturalist Chris Packham, the 'Bigfoot' story featuring in Chris' 'X-Creatures', series, broadcast by the BBC earlier this year.

Its content is maybe relatively unknown outwith the UK.

Chris and his team set out to recreate the footage, in the exact same Bluff Creek, California location and using similar 16mm camera equipment as the original. This invaluable exercise highlighted some interesting evidence - one point being that the film was shot much closer to the 'creature' than perhaps realised.

If I recall correctly, Chris also located and spoke to Robert Gimlin, Paterson's companion who witnessed the events and who had for some time been reticent to speak about the story.

He confirmed to Chris, via a recorded telephone conversation, that he now accepted the incident was possibly a hoax in which he may have been duped.

Some other issues would benefit from hearing first of all what the FOX special has to say.

The FOX press release continues:

"The Loch Ness Monster -- a 1936 newsreel of a dinosaur-like creature seen in the waters of Scotland started this legend and has held the world in fright for more than 60 years. In 1977, new pictures of the sea monster provided evidence of its existence that seemed too good to be true. The special reveals why these startling pictures are fake...".

At a guess, this relates to the two photographs taken, allegedly, on 21 May, 1977 near Urquhart Castle.

The most compelling evidence against any large creature living in Loch Ness is that the Loch is actually relatively barren and doesn't contain the food supply necessary to sustain one such large creature, let alone a family of them over countless thousands of years.

Even if it can be proven the two photographs in question are fakes - rather than merely offering evidence they might be - nothing that FOX will broadcast can impact on the above central fact, or the local sightings at the onset of each tourist season. ;)

Also, from FOX:

"The Alien Autopsy -- In 1995, footage of an alien autopsy supposedly taken at Roswell in 1947 came to the public's eye and was showcased in the highly-rated FOX special 'Alien Autopsy: Fact Or Fiction?' Now, for the first time anywhere, one of the actors who took part in staging the alien autopsy ruse steps forward..."

According to other information posted:

"Kiviat, who says he always doubted the truth of the alien autopsy, describes his specials as having "a documentary spin."

Digital enhancement revealed a previously invisible face in a segment of very dark footage. Four months of what he calls "Woodward and Bernstein-type journalism" enabled his researchers to track down the actor with that face".

This sounds like it could only relate to the 'tent footage', which isn't the 'alien autopsy'.

Maybe FOX have somehow identified one of the actors from the 'alien autopsy' itself. I would not only be most surprised if they have, I would - foolishly or otherwise - be confident they haven't.

"...and all-new footage and NASA-type video enhancements shed new light on how one of the biggest hoaxes of all time was actually accomplished".

"All-new footage" again sounds like the 'tent footage', which is an entirely separate entity and which Ray Santilli has already publicly distanced himself from.

As regards "NASA-type video enhancements".... not quite sure what that means.

Unless FOX have something truly significant - which I must doubt for various reasons - Ray Santilli will not be troubled.

Surely it would have profited FOX to highlight Theresa Carlson's research, which did offer what was tantamount to the only documented proof of a SFX hoax. I know Robert Kiviat was aware of Theresa's work, yet see no mention of it.

FOX again:

"Also, other inside sources and top professionals dispute the authenticity of the famed autopsy..."

Nothing new in that - why would this be necessary if the TV special had proven it was a hoax?

"...exposing further secrets about the origin of the footage".

Whether factual, we will no doubt hear in due course.

Just for information, I can still recall that Robert Kiviat's first reported involvement with the 'alien autopsy' affair was at the inaugural 'Museum of London' showing, on 5 May, 1995. Matthew Williams, reporting in 'UFO Magazine' (UK) [July/August 1995], stated:

"I was sitting next to Bob Kiviat during the screening, and he asked what I thought of the footage. I said that it was impressive and certainly looked like a very good representation of an alien, but that the film would still have to be verified. He seemed to think that it would be a very difficult task to fake such footage and he stated that his interest was only in the way it will make a hit on the television viewing public. As such, he stated to me that he was not too worried if it were faked or not".

I look forward to hearing what is revealed on the FOX program. Any meaningful factual evidence would naturally be welcome and your efforts are appreciated.

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