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## UFO UpDates Mailing List

### Re: 'UFO Sphere/Orb' over Brooklyn, NY

From: **Jim Deardorff** <deardorj@proaxis.com>  
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Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Feb 1998 22:32:10 -0500  
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>From: "Tom Burnett" <burnettc@gte.net>  
>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'UFO Sphere/Orb' over Brooklyn, NY  
>Date: Sun, 8 Feb 1998 08:52:19 -1000

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>I'm not sure of the significance of this thread. If you say you  
>saw an anomaly and photographed it, then you did as far as I am  
>concerned. I think you can be taken at your word. Even so, if it  
>is not lens flare, it is not identifiable as anything either  
>terrestrial or extraterrestrial so what is the point? Everyone  
>agrees that there are unidentifiable lights in the sky, and the  
>fact that you and millions of other people have seen and  
>photographed them is interesting.

>But the discussion has digressed to the point where people are  
>suggesting that UFOs intentionally spoof camera optics to mimic a  
>natural camera phenomenon while appearing as something else to a  
>live observer. Is it that two sets of photons are on the same  
>path but one set enters only the camera and one set enters only  
>the observer's eye? As my english professor used to state so  
>eloquently: "How do it know?"

>Has it come to the point when everything anyone sees is an ET  
>craft? And if it happens to look exactly like an airplane or a  
>falling star, or a black helicopter or a lens flare, does that  
>merely mean that the ETs have nothing better to do than defy the  
>known laws of physics for the purpose of creating optical  
>illusions on the off-chance that a UFO investigator with a camera  
>might be looking up?????

>Apparently so.

<snip>

Tom,

Obviously if the object looks and behaves like some well known  
object, it doesn't interest either a layman or ufologist as being  
anything abnormal.

If an object that looks like a certain kind of lens flare flits  
around the sky as reported by a reliable eye witness, then it's  
of great interest to the layman and even to some ufologists!  
(Most ufologists have heard of similar reports for so many years  
that it may not interest them any more.)

For me, it's worth noting for two reasons: (1) It says something about how far ahead the UFO-aliens' technology is from anything we can understand, and (2) it says something about their strategy or level of ethics in dealing with us, in that they provide a certain measure of deniability to persons who can't accept its reality and who don't mind ignoring certain aspects about the object's description or reported behavior when latching onto that deniability factor.

Jim Deardorff

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