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

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Date: Tue, 10 Feb 1998 05:33:08 -1000
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Feb 1998 23:33:15 -0500
Subject: Re: 'UFO Sphere/Orb' over Brooklyn, NY

> From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
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> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: 'UFO Sphere/Orb' over Brooklyn, NY
> Date: Tuesday, February 10, 1998 2:52 AM

> Date: Mon, 9 Feb 1998 22:30:13 -0500
> From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
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> >Date: Sun, 8 Feb 1998 08:52:19 -1000

> BE A SKEPTIC!!!!
> And understand that here you see the workings of an investigation.
> In the ufo "business", since UFOs/ET/Alien Flying Craft(AFC)
> DON'T EXIST according to the "straight" world, the witness is
> always guilty until proven innocent (because no sane witness
> would report something that is impossible...obviously <g>).

> Alex says he saw saomething. Then he took a picture of it.

> If you believe Alex...you don't need the picture! His report is
> goo enough. If you don't believe his report is accurate (maybe
> he honestly misidentified something... or maybe he made the
> whole thing up---a hoax), then you have the picture to "prove"
> something was there.... Or was it?

<snip>

Aloha Bruce....

Thank you for your comments. I agree with them to a point, but my position is not exactly the way you present it. First, I neither dispute Alex's sighting report nor his photograph. What I dispute is a tendency, on the part of people who claim to be investigators, to infer data which cannot be supported by the evidence. In this case an eyewitness report and a photograph are the evidence. Unfortunately, neither the report nor the photograph are clear and undisputable evidence anything, and certainly not of the moral and ethical propensities of extraterrestrials.

This is not an investigation since no one disputes Alex's sighting report. This is an exercise in futility. The object has gone on its merry way and no matter how much everyone argues about what it may or may not have been, there is no possible way to know. Even

if a similar object appears as you read this, you cannot know whether it is the same object as before or whether it has the same purpose. When people start rationalizing evidence instead of dispassionately looking at the evidence at hand, the investigation becomes an imagination contest.

Cut to the chase. I contend that arguing about something that is not demonstrable one way or the other may be interesting, and may certainly provoke thought among people who have no idea how to go about their stated purpose, but is basically pointless. Let's develop a focus for all of this. We can start a foundation, get some sponsors, and offer a million dollars to any non-government entity who can demonstrate clear and unambiguous proof of first contact. Then turn the investigators loose on the applicants. That would give UFOlogy a shot in the arm and generate some good press for the cause. And, it would also open up every claim to public scrutiny. I think I can find the sponsors. And no, I am not joking.

Aloha
Tom Burnett

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