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Re: Pilot's Incredible Sighting & Photo

From: **Dave Kauble** <dkauble@iquest.net>
 Date: Thu, 19 Feb 1998 13:30:07 -0500
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>Date: Wed, 18 Feb 1998 09:40:11 +0200
 >From: Jakes Louw <LOUWJE@telkom.co.za>
 >To: updates@globalserve.net
 >Subject: UFO UpDate: Pilot's Incredible Sighting & Photo

>Dave

>The "object" is clearly due to the fact that the
 >shot was taken through a canopy or porthole, and
 >there is an object inside with the cameraman
 >that is reflecting sunlight, causing an image on
 >the reflective surface.

>Why: glider is at some distance, so most cameras
 >would register the shot as infinity, but object
 >appears radically out of focus; also the
 >reflected image clearly interferes with the
 >demarcated edge of the gliders' wings, which means
 >the image is closer to the camera than the
 >glider; the time of sighting (200 PM PST) would
 >indicate that the sun would be highly elevated,
 >and ideal for giving anomalous reflections of

>such diverse things as the dashboard or canopy
>frame/surround.

>Why has this only surfaced now, after nearly 10 years?

>Can anybody verify John Kings' story: anybody from
>any of the other aircraft?

Jakes

The object cannot be dismissed as a reflection inside the canopy of one plane.

As the account below the photo explains, the photo was taken from a chase plane and was observed by BOTH pilots. Several pictures were taken with the Minolta camera.

The only explanation I can offer, without knowing John English's reasons, are that, similar to many pilots, offering such evidence and making such claims can damage a flying career. Perhaps John has other reasons, but I can assure you that his account and picture were offered for free, and as he says, he still has the negative. I gather his motives are sincere, since no money is involved, and his name and e-mail were proffered openly. Mr. English also questions what it was that he and the other pilot saw, but undoubtedly they saw something.

I don't suppose to know what was seen, but the credibility of the observers appears to be good, and therefore what was seen was something tangible and not a camera goof.

As Mr. King states, only with scrutiny and analysis will we learn more. That is what I expected when I posted the report and the photo, and why I did so.

Best,

Dave

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