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Re: Spaulding & Heflin Pictures

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> Now we are 20 years after the Spaulding analysis. Spaulding
> himself dropped out of sight years ago. But, what to our
> wondering eyes should appear. but (no, not 8 tiny reindeer) the
> ORIGINAL HEFLIN PHOTOS which were "borrowed" by the Air Force
> (according to Heflin) way back in 1965 and have been missing for
> 32 years (about). Yes, folks, the original photos returned about
> a year ago.....

> So now SOMEONE can, presumably find out who is the hoaxer....
> Spaulding or Heflin (or both????)

I recently saw, and will pass on, that, according to a newspaper story carried in Lucius Farish's "UFO Newsclipping Service," researcher Ann Druffel IS in fact having the Heflin photos analyzed.

Here is an excerpt from a newspaper story dated July 6, 1997 in the ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER, by Clay Miller; the paper's story was thorough and well done, and included Heflin's original 9/18/65 statement (the event was 9/3/65):

<start newspaper story quote>

"The Air Force gave the pictures back. NORAD folks came. [...] Trouble is, says former NICAP member Ann Druffel, they probably weren't really NORAD. They took the pictures and nobody saw them again until 1993, when Heflin got a call from someone who told him to look in his mailbox. There were the faded polaroids he hadn't seen for 25 years. [.....] "

Druffel, now a Pasadena researcher of the UFO phenomenon, has the photos. Robert Wood, a former aerospace engineer who met Heflin in 1968 when the Condon Committee was interviewing him, says Druffel is having the photos analyzed with new two-dimensional, digitally enhancing equipment at California State University, Northridge. (We had some difficulty finding anybody at CSUN who knew what all this was about.) Wood says the photo scan will pick up traces of the smoke trail that Heflin mentioned in 1965 and any air disturbance in the craft's wake.

Druffel is tight-lipped; she wants to publish the work in a scholarly journal first.

There are no strings on the photographed craft, she emphatically states. None. Zip. Nada. The photos, she adds, will be available to the public sometime. Heflin wants that."

<end newspaper story quote>

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