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### Project 1947: DAY/NIGHT - More \*U\* Findings

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Subject: Project 1947: DAY/NIGHT - More \*U\* Findings

Larry Hatch is having some difficulty posting. Don't feel alone  
Larry, I am, too.

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Jan Aldrich  
Project 1947  
<http://www.iufog.org/project1947/>

Subject: More boring DAY/NIGHT \*U\* findings.  
Date: Thursday, January 29, 1998 02:56 AM

to: List Members  
from: Larry Hatch  
re: \*U\* Database findings.

I recently sent in some findings about day versus night UFO sightings from the \*U\* UFO Database. Since then, I refined the statistical routine to subdivide the raw data by decades.

The \*U\* Database has 16,575 sightings listed as of 28 JAN'98. Of these, 12,121 have 'known' time-of-day (plus or minus one hour to allow for Daylight Savings time and time-zone anomalies.)

'DAY' is defined as the hours 1000-1600hrs. 'NIGHT' is defined as 2200-0400hrs. These strict 6-hour periods are broad daylight, or dark of night, for most of the world, the year around. Sightings for all other hours are considered 'FRINGE', i.e. light or dark, dawn or dusk depending on latitude and season.

Here's the raw data from the new routine:

Date Period:	TOTAL	DAY	NIGHT	FRINGE
ALL YEARS	12121	1464	4223	6434
pre -1960	3353	709	869	1775
1960 onward	8718	747	3340	4631

These figures are now subdivided as follows:

pre - 1900	50	8	14	28
1900s . . . .	90	9	35	46
1910s . . . .	23	2	9	12
1920s . . . .	13	5	3	5
1930s . . . .	21	4	5	12
1940s . . . .	576	180	100	296
1950s . . . .	2630	509	717	1404
1960s . . . .	2036	205	768	1063
1970s . . . .	3193	249	1267	1677
1980s . . . .	1270	97	459	714
1990s . . . .	2219	196	846	1177

Note the 1940s when 'broad daylight' sightings outnumbered

dark-of-night by a 9 to 5 ratio.

I have no ready explanation for the steady drop in the ratio of 'day' sightings since 1940, and invite discussion.

- Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>

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