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Re: Project 1947: DAY/NIGHT - More *U* Findings

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
 Date: Fri, 30 Jan 1998 08:41:39 -0500
 Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jan 1998 12:31:14 -0500
 Subject: Re: Project 1947: DAY/NIGHT - More *U* Findings

>Date: Thu, 29 Jan 1998 23:19:01 -0800
 >From: Jan Aldrich <jan@CYBERZONE.NET>
 >Subject: DAY/NIGHT More *U* Findings.
 >To: PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

>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>

Larry,

I would expect night sightings to outnumber day sightings by a large margin. First, because UFOs are easier to see at night, and secondly because misidentifications would be much more common at night.

Bob

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