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Re: 'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights

From: **bruce maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
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>Date: Sat, 11 Jul 1998 11:39:11 +0100
>From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights

>This was my first opportunity to view the Pheonix Lights on
>video. I would have preferred to see more of them from different
>angles, however they appeared to be over a populated area. THAT
>rules out flares. If the Air Guard or the USAF in any way
>admitted to dropping flares in a populated area, not to mention
>a FAA controlled airspace, somebody's ass would be grass as they
>say.

I'm sure if the Guard dropped flares outside the restricted range
they would be very hesitatant to admit it!

>As for the supposition that these were flares from 60 miles
>away, the fact that Pheonix is below sea level and the curvature
>of the Earth would rule that out unless the flares were dropped
>at 40-50,000 feet or 8-10 miles up, and then what would be the
>point.

I don't know what you mean by Phoenix being "below sea level."
Most of Phoenix is between 1000 and 1200 ft. The nearby
surrounding hills range up to 4300 ft (Mt Montezuma in the
Estrellas) and there is a peak at 4512 in the Estrellas which
forms the backdrop for Mr. Krzyston, whose house is at an
altitude of about 1600 feet (his house to the north of the
center of Phoenix and overlooks the western half of the city
because a nearby hill blocks his view of the eastern half). The
4512 peak is about 26 miles away. Therefore could see flares 60
miles away if they were above 1600 ft + (60 miles) x(4500
ft-1600 ft)/(26 miles) = 8300 ft.

>They are meant to light up the ground below and would be
>of little use way up there.

They drop the flares from 15,000 and above, sometimes. I
CONJECTURE that they use night vision devices to see the ground
illuminated by the flares.

>On the screen,the lights seemed to be in a semicircular pattern
>rather than "V" shaped, as if on the leading edge of monstrous
>disk

I suspect that this is a typical newsmedia mix up of the

Krzyston video of the "arc of lights" with the testimony and a single video of the V shape of lights. (Krzyston's video generally gets a lot of media play because it is so "interesting", with the lights coming on one after another and forming a neat arc. Just remember, media in, garbage out!)

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