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UFO UpDates Mailing List

Re: 'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 04:14:03 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 13:33:48 -0400
Subject: Re: 'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights

>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

>>From: Susan Baldwin <sblee@stc.net>
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>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: 'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights
>>Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 19:56:29 -0400

>>>Date: Wed, 08 Jul 1998 21:57:43 -0700
>>>From: frances emma barwood <fbarwood@primenet.com>
>>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>>Subject: 'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights

>>>This Thursday on A&E channel there will be a show called "The
>>>Unexplained". It is supposed to be about the Phoenix Lights and the
>>>producer called me this evening to let me know so that I would watch
>>>it. He said that I am in it. Hope it is good.

>>>Let me know what you thought of it after you watch.

>>>Thanks, Frances

>>>Frances

>>>I think you deserve a big "attagirl" for sticking your political
>>>neck out. The skeptics in my opinion were the ones that came off
>>>looking like fools. No matter how rationally you discuss UFOs
>>>though its not going to go down like discussing world peace,
>>>unfortunately.

>>>I don't know about the rest of the crew here but it's hard for me
>>>to look at those shows from a non-believer's perspective. That
>>>might be the best opinion to get.

>>>I think the show presented you as a truth-seeker which is what
>>>most of us are, in all our variations.

>>>Susan

Don writes:

>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.

Speaking of the FAA, no-one (FAA included) has bothered to track down the _commercial_pilot_ that called into the Pheonix tower personel requesting instructions because he had the thing/object/flare(?) overhead as he approached for a landing. This -fact- was reported twice on local (Phoenix) newscasts (I have copies of both broadcasts) and yet nobody researching this thing has tried to track down this _key_witness_ and 'try to' interview him!

The eyewitness testimony of highly skilled professional(s) would go a long way toward clearing up what has become a cloudy mess. I pluralized "professionals" lest we forget that if this was indeed a 'commercial flight' that the pilot was accompanied in the cockpit by a co-pilot, a navigator, and maybe passenger witnesses who may also have been firsthand witnesses to the "event." Unless I missed something along the way, (and I doubt it because I've followed this one very closely since day two!) I've heard no mention made of the pilot.

Re: Our freaking Airforce,

I had dismissed that one as cover-up BS based on the fact that the Airforce came out with that "visiting Maryland unit" dropping flares during field training excersizes at Barry Goldwater test range _months_ after the fact. When Luke AFB was called on _the_eve_ of the event they "denied having _any_ knowledge" and told inquiring local reporters that "no military excersizes or activities had taken place or had been scheded for that particular night." When they came up with the "Maryland unit" thing I figured that such a story told so long after the fact with them having had ample oportunity to concoct (and arrange to verify) it, kind of disqualified it as unreliable. I dismissed it as a "possible" attemp at cover-up. Sombody at Luke AFB _had_to_have_known_ that a whole goddam unit was out lighting up the skies over Goldwater range whether it was for the purpose of testing flares or to practice bombing the hell out of it! It's just too convenient on the part of the AF. I wholeheartedly agree with Don that the Phoenix sighting is far from being a "dead" issue.

>I see that Jim Dilettoso [sp] is still with us.

I wouldn't count _that_one_ as much of a 'plus' Don. <EG> It would be prudent to seperate Dilettoso from the event and the eyewitness testimony of all those local residents. Dilettoso is an albatross around the neck of this case. His ties to the always controversial Billy Maeier case and the Elders kind of puts him on the "bench" as far as I'm concerned.

He wasn't a firsthand witness. His insistance on an ET explanation of the event (almost since day one) amounts to _pure_speculation_ on his part. His (questionable) analysis aside, such a thing (ET origin) could not be proven even if the sighting is eventually determined to be an actual object of unknown manufacture or origin floating in the skies over Pheonix on that night. How could anyone declare with any degree of certainty that the "occupants" were from somewhere else? What is needed is a competent, unbiased and independant investigation. Something that we will never get.

Guys like Dilettoso screaming "ET" right away hurt what may still be an important case. I'll back any efforts to investigate the Arizona sightings, but as far as I'm concerned he has nothing to do with it. Check the case on its own merits. It really doesnt need to be tied to a "questionable" character like Jim Dilettoso.

There were mucho witnesses to this event! I'd take _their_word_ (the word of my neighbors,) over the word of an Airforce "Public Information Officer" any day of the week! At least the probabilty that the lips of the civilian witnesses are not crazy-glued to the anus of some "Costumed clown" is much less than in the case of a career AF Public Information Officer. <EG>

Thank you Frances, for keeping this one alive! You're one gutsy lady and you have my complete support. I wish I lived in Arizona just so I could vote for you. <G>

Peace,

John Velez, Webmaster, IF-AIC.com
"Barwood for President!" <VBG>

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