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Ray Stanford [was: Re: Veteran Ufologist]

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>As many of you will know, Ray and Rex Stanford became famous in the
>50's for their alleged telepathic contact with aliens and the
>subsequent UFO sightings. Some of these were confirmed by photographic
>evidence, but one, which took place on November 6, 1954, is worth
>special notice, as it was confirmed by sworn statements by policemen.

Ray was active in ufology up through the '80's, but seems to have "quieted down" since he married Shiela some 10 or so years ago.

In April 1988 he publicized the results of his brief investigation into the Ed Walters photographs. He appeared on TV and in print calling them a fraud because the first 5 pictures, Ray claimed, could not have been taken on the day and at the time Ed said they were taken. Ray's conclusion was based on a study of the cloud imagery in the photos and upon the weather conditions. Ray was so confident of his conclusion that he publicly stated that if he was wrong he would exit the UFO field of research.

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The paper he wrote to support his conclusion was analyzed on the same day that he published it and "went public" on TV etc. It was discovered that Ray had used the WRONG DIRECTION for the sighting line. Once the correct direction was picked and the sky/clouds in the photos were compared with the weather, there was no contradiction. Hence on the very next day Ray went public again....to announce that "bad data" had led him to the wrong conclusion and he admitted that the photos probably were taken on the day and at the time Ed said. (He did not, however, retract his opinion that the photos were a hoax, but now he had no hard evidence on which to base his conclusion.)

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