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Paper On Flying Disk Performance On The NICAP

From: slk <slk@EVANSVILLE.NET> [Francis Ridge]
Date: Fri, 27 Mar 1998 15:11:57 -0600
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Subject: Paper On Flying Disk Performance On The NICAP

Re: Your paper on flying disk performance on the NICAP website

<http://www.evansville.net/~slk/discperf.htm>

Dear Mr. Ridge:

I found your paper very interesting. Amongst other things, it also shows that scientific testing doesn't have to be high-cost or even especially high-tech to be of value. You were able to duplicate many of the reported UFO maneuvers with your model. And, as one would expect, the model worked best when the flight path was towards the edge.

This, of course, seems obvious--and follows UFO reports and photographs. The reason I bring this up is because of the "air spike" tests performed by the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) back in 1994-5. You may recall that I made a post to CURRECT ENCOUNTERS a month or two ago concerning an article in Aviation Week & Space Technology (Phill Klass' old stomping grounds), the May 15, 1995 issue, pages 66 & 67.

It is unstated (but inherently obvious) that the RPI folks were trying to figure out how flying saucers work (Note: I have used *that* term deliberately, vice "UFO"). The test model configurations tested and discussed match famous UFO photographs--ones with the central tower, central knob, and smooth lens-shaped. The trick is, though, to make their theories work, the saucers have to travel in the direction of the blunt sides--normal (mathematically) to the edge. I do not believe that anyone has reported any of them traveling in that manner.

It could be that they travel in the edge-forward aerodynamic way in slow speed and switch to the air spike, plasma-shield, blunt-forward attitude in high altitude, high-hypersonic (Mach 10+) flight.

If you have not had a chance to look at the article, I highly recommend it. I can fax you a copy if you'd like.

Have a good one,

Steven J. Dunn

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