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Re: CA 'Skyquake' Case Solved

From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Thu, 7 May 1998 11:15:17 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 May 1998 11:57:57 -0400
Subject: Re: CA 'Skyquake' Case Solved

> From: [Stig Agermose](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Date: Thu, 7 May 1998 13:22:16 +0200
> Subject: CA 'Skyquake' Case Solved

> >From "alt.ufo.reports".
> Subject: SO CAL SKYQUAKE UPDATE!!

> This is to make sure that everyone is aware that this "SKYQUAKE"
> has turned out to be sonic booms from the space shuttle landing
> at Vandenburg. Apparently its flight path went right over the
> cities that were calling in to me at the 911 Center...

> Sorry for the alarm, however, if you were sitting in my chair at
> the 911 Center when the phones went nuts. And the descriptions of
> the sounds and events were strange, so that's why I sounded the
> alarm.

Frankly, I find this the opposite of disappointing. Look at what happened.

Witnesses reported to authorities an unusual occurrence. Without knowing the cause, they reported it accurately enough to confirm the solution.

This is the sort of thing we rely on with regard to UFO cases, and it is confirmed again and again: Except for the moderate percentage of hoaxes, honest observers give us enough information to typically identify 70-95% of reported sightings as identifiable occurrences.

When we have the same class of observers giving us reports we cannot identify, even though some small percentage are probably hoaxes or identifiable where there is just not enough information (from the witness or in the world) to ID the sighting cause, we must pay attention to the the unidentifieds as indeed something to be taken seriously.

Imagine a debunker's opinion on the above event. When it is an unknown skyquake, they will deride the witness' competence. When it becomes an identified event, they will say "See, nothing odd," but will ignore the indications that the witnesses were indeed competent.

Sad, really.

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