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### Re: NASA Extinguishes Hoagland's 'Smoking Gun'?

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> The JPL website has two press releases at  
> <http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/mgs/target/index.html>

> that were posted yesterday. One of them points out that the Mars  
> Global Surveyor image histogram that first got Richard Hoagland  
> in a flap is actually pretty much the same as (if not better  
> than) the Viking images.

> The other press release explains why the raw data is only 1024  
> pixels wide. Short answer - the memory buffer on the Mars Orbiter  
> Camera is limited. The Mars Global Surveyor team chose a narrower  
> resolution of 1024 pixels so that could get a longer strip of  
> data (nearly 44 Km downtrack field), and so increase the chances  
> of imaging the "face".

> -Curt

These same explanations were posted on the Malin Space Science  
(MSSS) site over a month ago. They make no more sense today than  
they did then.

[http://www.msss.com/mars/global\\_surveyor/camera/images/index.html](http://www.msss.com/mars/global_surveyor/camera/images/index.html)

Essentially he is saying that two factors  
contributed to the low number of grey levels.

- 1) The low contrast of the planet surface itself.
- 2) The controls on the camera were set lower than they should  
have been as a precautionary measure.

The precautionary measure was, and I QUOTE: "in case something unforeseen was in the picture."

He also addresses why the images are only 1024 pixels wide. Another specific allegation made by Dick Hoagland.

To sum up, he states that a decision was made to obtain a 1024 x 9600 image rather than 2048 x 4800 because:

- 1) To be sure to get an image of the Face within the 'downtrack'
- 2) To be sure to avoid any 'black bands' caused by communications glitches during the transmission because "The MGS Project felt such losses would not be tolerable in the Cydonia images."

I see a few problems with these explanations.

Reason #1 doesn't make sense since it indicates that they were more sure of the pointing of the camera than they were of the downtrack (when the camera would start and when it would stop). So they compensated for this apparent uncertainty by extending the downtrack. Calculating the is a much simpler task than calculating the camera pointing angle. Therefore, one would want to extend the lateral coverage rather than extend the 'downtrack'.

Reason #2 doesn't make sense since losses in the 'communication system' could be overcome by simply re-transmitting the data until you received ALL of the data and eliminated the black bands.

I do not post this to defend Mr. Hoagland. He can stand on his own two feet.

I post this for two reasons;

- 1) It seems that many on this list crave information that will debunk the artificiality claims for the Cydonia region. The NASA/Malin explanations and statements are not thoroughly examined before reaching conclusions. It seems that only the headlines or web page title are sufficient to debunk in many minds here.
- 2) Many of you are not keeping close enough tabs on the information coming out on the MGS images. This release is over one month old! Much has happened since then and there are numerous web sites illustrating some very interesting discoveries.

For example:

<http://www.mufor.org/ares>

Click on MGS Image Gallery

More to come.....

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STAY CONNECTED,

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