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### Re: Use of "Film" When Referring To Video

From: **Bob Shell** <[bob@bobshell.com](mailto:bob@bobshell.com)>  
Date: Mon, 7 Sep 1998 11:21:45 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Sep 1998 12:26:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: Use of "Film" When Referring To Video

>Date: Mon, 07 Sep 1998 07:58:54 -0400  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>From: Steven W. Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Mexico City UFO Footage

>I'll refrain from snipping this post as I reply to a couple of  
>points.

<snip>

>>>>The film should be processed under rigorously controlled  
>>>>conditions (if it has not already been processed commercially).  
>>>>If the camera is available but empty, the same operations should  
>>>>be conducted with a film of the same type as the original.

>>>What film? I've seen no comments to indicate that this was a  
>>>"film", but was video taped with a hand-held Camcorder.

>>I understand that you haven't seen another facts. The term  
>>'video filming' is commonly used by many professional video  
>>editors and processing center units. A video filming device same  
>>as the CCD video camera that was used in the Mexico's City UFO  
>>video.

>If you use the word "film" as a verb (as in the example you  
>mention), it applies to video taping, but not when used as a  
>noun. "Processing" film refers to "film" that is chemically  
>based, and not magnetic media. Your use of the term in your post  
>appears to confuse the two, and I don't understand your  
>reference that the "film should be processed under rigorously  
>controlled conditions". I sense that English may not be your  
>primary language, and perhaps this is a translational problem.

Steve,

As editor and writer for major photography magazines I have  
always insisted that the term "film", whether noun or verb, not  
be used when referring to video. I think using it in that way is  
improper and only leads to confusion like this.

When using a video camera you are "shooting video", "video  
taping", or maybe just "videoining", but you are not filming.

Similarly, a person who does this is a videographer, not a  
cinematographer. I suppose both could be called "cameraman",  
since a camera is involved in both cases.

Bob

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