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Re: Socorro: The Zamora 'Insignia'

From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Tue, 17 Aug 1999 18:32:54 -0700
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>Date: Tue, 17 Aug 1999 13:40:52 -0400
>From: Andy Roberts <Brigantia@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Socorro: The Zamora 'Insignia'
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

Hello all, I was praying that the subject of Pelicans would go away. It did.

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>Date: Tue, 17 Aug 1999 08:55:05 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Socorro: The Zamora 'Insignia'
>>To: updates@globalserve.net

Let me start by saying: New Mexico in April is a lousy time to fly Balloons. Wind and dust are not conducive to Good Balloon travel.

>>I'll go you one better than that. In the Project Blue Book file >>there is a letter suggesting that two men from Dubuque, Iowa, >>traveling in New Mexico at the time saw the same craft. The >>letter writer didn't have any names but said the article >>appeared on the front page of the Dubuque newspaper. Apparently >>no one ever followed up on this.
>>Took me almost twenty minutes to find the article. Paul Kies and >>Larry Kratzer claimed they saw the same object as Zamora. They >>didn't add much in the way of additional descriptions, but did >>provide some corroboration of the Zamora sighting.

>But if Zamora *did* see and misperceive a balloon, >and if these two witnesses saw the same object, a balloon >is what they also saw.

>The fact that they were anonymous and the report wasn't checked >needs no comment at all.

>Why attempts to explain Zamora's sighting reasonably and >in terms of known objects causes so much problems with some >people is a mystery in itself. Don't you *want* to identify >what he saw?

Let's start with what he didn't see, 1: A helicopter of the era too noisy. 2: Swamp Gas Socorro? 3: A Balloon of the Hot Air type (oh, I'm not going any farther with that) .

What ever Zamora saw (I'm almost convinced it might have been a little something that had wandered "off range" at white sands - but not quite). I think that Zamora was not a fool and at least

knew what a hot air balloon was. International paper should have a record of the balloon's exploits - somebody should have. April in the Southwest is windy - very windy. I don't think it would be a good time to hold the Socorro Balloon Festival.

-GT McCoy

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