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### Re: Socorro: The Zamora 'Insignia'

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>I mean what I say, 'identify', ie work towards the state when  
>the nature and origin of the Socorro object is known.  
>Unfortunately in this discussion all I've seen so far is a lot  
>of self opinionated people stating what it can't possibly be  
>because...well, because a lot of reasons I suspect.

>Now those points, to my sceptical mind, makes me think there is  
>a very real possibility a hot-air balloon may have been  
>involved. True, it doesn't explain some of Zamora's statement -  
>but much of what he said fits a hot air balloon. So why this  
>theory hasn't been taken seriously by many on this list astounds  
>and worries me.

>With any UFO case it's perfectly reasonable (before you all  
>start yipping) -nay, essential - to fit any relevant parts of  
>the sighting to phenomena we already know exist. Which in this  
>case is why the balloon theory is perfectly feasible.

As someone without any firm theories as to what's going on with  
UFOs, and therefore neutral in the ET/human arguments, I watch  
'debates' like this with interest.

As normal, there are strongly-argued views which use the same  
evidence to argue for opposite points of view. I agree that  
balloons should be considered, but I'd say they have been  
considered here.

Going purely from messages on this list, and re-reading some  
books which mention Socorro, balloons might explain some things.  
But they don't explain everything, so a balloon isn't the  
answer.

I'd say 'nice try, but needs more work to be convincing'

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