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Story On The STS-80 Footage

As I have remarked before, the story of how the STS-80 footage was made public started in Dec. 1996. On Dec. 1, 1996 my friend John Maxfield was viewing the NASA Select channel (22) in Sacramento when he saw something anomalous appear on the screen. He popped in a cassette and started recording. A few days later he called me and sent me a copy. I showed this for the first time at the UFO Congress in Laughlin, NV in Jan. 1997.

Subsequently, it was shown on Fox News (locally) in Phoenix, AZ.

We sent a copy to Dr. Jack Kasher for analysis, but to this day never received an answer or analytical report.

The footage was first posted on the Internet on Tom King's website, OVNI CHAPTERHOUSE (now called Skynet). After Tom posted this, Richard Hoagland caught wind of it and mentioned this and read my email postings on the Art Bell show. We also arranged to send a copy of this video to Hoagland (S-VHS format) to have it analyzed, and, to date, never received an answer. Since that time Hoagland has announced plans to sell this video.

Sarcastically, I would like to say how wonderful the rapid response has been to video analysis. We did not want to make any definitive statements until we had the results of an analysis.

However, I would like to say that the object that caught my immediate attention was the large round glowing object with a dark center that seems to pop up from below the cloud layer, moves slightly, then holds position as the shuttle moves on. This object then ascends to join two others, one of which blinks. If this is debris from the shuttle, then how does it appear to move beneath the clouds?

McGaha of Tucson (CSICOP member) made a statement to Fox News that the shuttle was passing over the night side of earth so that objects far from the shuttle could not be seen. This despite the low-light level camera. The object in question does not seem to be reflecting sunlight, moonlight, starlight, or any other light, but appears to be self-luminous as do the other objects. Since clouds illuminated by lightning and other self-luminous objects far away from the camera are visible, I do not see why these objects could not be some distance from the camera. McGaha concludes these objects are shuttle debris. What caused this shuttle debris to move in one direction, then another, then halt movement as the shuttle continues to move.

No thrusters are firing at this point.

I, for one, would like to see more analysis done on this footage, and have the results published.

Sincerely,

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