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Re: Gore UFO?

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Date: Sun, 18 Jul 1999 11:22:47 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Jul 1999 15:46:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Gore UFO?

>Date: Sat, 17 Jul 1999 23:55:37 -0400
>From: Nathan Ranger <netrangr@ufo.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Gore UFO?

>>Date: Sat, 17 Jul 1999 15:26:42 +0000
>>Subject: Gore UFO?
>>From: Stephen MILES Lewis <elfis@austin.rr.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates <updates@globalserve.net>

>>Hiya UpDates listers,

>>Have been waiting to see something on this list about this
>>but haven't so...

>>Thought it was mostly unsubstantiated rumor till I heard from
>>no less than three non-ufolks that they had seen the news report,
>>most likely on CNN.

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><snip>

>Concerning Air Force 2's order for evasive maneuvers:

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>Yes! Yes! I heard the report. It was not reported as a UFO, just
>as "an object" that appeared on the radar and then vanished and
>that FAA admins claimed the radar was working in top order. No
>one breathed that dirty word: UFO. Thats for nutcases and
>fanatics you know. TFPIC. (Tounge Firmly Planted In Cheek)

I wouldn't get too excited about some target showing up on ATC's screens then disappearing, it happens all of the time. Light aircraft out in the areas not regarded as control zones might show up briefly when they get above the "grass" so that radar can see them. Primary radar doesn't know the height, just the direction. The "target" could look like it's right in the path of Gore's aircraft but actually several thousands of feet below it.

AF 2 would have received a radio call from Flight Following telling him that an aircraft, type and altitude unknown, was in its line of flight. It was prudent for the pilot to avoid the area.

Prudency counts for a lot in safe flying.

Probably the only reason that we even heard about this was because Gore's aircraft was involved.

Don Ledger

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