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### Re: Gore UFO?

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Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Jul 1999 12:24:52 -0400  
Subject: Re: Gore UFO?

>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 1999 20:31:19 EDT  
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>>From: [dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca) (Donald . Ledger)  
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>>Subject: Re: Gore UFO?

>>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.

>Don Ledger's non-UFO explanation is:

- >1. Well-informed
- >2. Rational
- >3. Logical
- >4. Plausible
- >5. Never uses the word "pelican"

>Sounds like a winner to me.

>David Rudiak

One problem:

I take it that Air Force 2 was enroute when the incident occurred. That means that he was in controlled air space and probably above 30,000 feet in altitude. Not very many small, uncontrolled aircraft at that altitude or that would even appear to be at that altitude. In fact, I think the FAA gives you a "ticket" for being in controlled airspace and not talking to an air traffic control center.

I also beg to differ with the statement that "it happens all the time". It might during an approach to an airfield or during the climb to altitude but it certainly doesn't happen very often

elsewhere. How many 60 degree turns does everyone remember when they were flying cross country? Not many, I'll wager.

Loy Pressley  
Once an air traffic controller  
Now, a very frequent flyer

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