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## UFO UpDates Mailing List

### Re: Sheffield UFO Incident 2?

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>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Sheffield UFO Incident 2?  
>>>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 1999 23:18:02 -0300

>>>A. Some facts:

>>>1. 20% of 3201 sightings investigated by Battelle Memorial  
>>>Institute as reported in Project Blue Book Special Report 14  
>>>could NOT be identified and were separate from the 10% for which  
>>>there was insufficient information.

Fact: There was insufficient information to identify not one  
report\_ as an extraterrestrial spacecraft, yet we are led to  
believe by Stanton Friedman that PBBSR 14 statistically supports  
his notion that "some" UFOs are extraterrestrial spacecraft.

Also, what Stanton Friedman, as well as others that like to  
mention BBSR 14 as supportive of their notions, neglects to  
always tell his audience is that the Battelle Memorial study  
only read the reports given it by the Air Force. Battelle never  
conducted any investigation --- they simply tried to interpret  
whatever pieces of papers (reports) they got from the Air Force.  
They never investigated\_ the actual reports for the validity of  
the anecdotal information provided in them and therefore could  
never pass judgement as to the accuracy of the anecdotal  
documentation contained in the reports. As a consequence,  
reports containing anecdotal mis-observations, anecdotal  
mis-quotations/mis-identifications, conflicting anecdotal  
observations, etc. would of necessity be included in the so much  
quoted "10% unknown" category because they were not identifiable  
to a specific category, i.e. balloons, etc. and did in fact  
contain unverified anecdotal evidence that the actual report  
could not be identified to a specific cause, i.e. balloons, etc.

>>After reading your percentages I would be interested to know  
>>what your percentage is for confirmed alien contact.  
>>There is a serious semantic difficulty here. I have no idea  
>>what is meant here by "confirmed alien contact" or why it would  
>>be required.

Stanton Friedman all of a sudden seems to have difficulty in answering a simple question. I will provide Dave Bowden an answer backed-up by statistical evidence which is verifiable by anyone so wishing to do so. I compiled the comprehensive indexes to the FLYING SAUCER REVIEW from 1955-1994 and the combined MUFON UFO JOURNAL/SKYLOOK from 1967-1996. During that time there were 6,859 articles and entries in FSR/FSR Case Histories/FSR Special Issues and 9,231 articles and entries in the SKYLOOK/MUFON Journal/MUFON Proceedings --- all are cross indexed by author, subject category, volume and issue, providing the reader/researcher with over 48,000 entries.

These 16,090 articles and reports are representative of the best ufological research and reporting of the UFO phenomenon over the past five decades. The percentage for confirmed alien contact is zero. Stanton Friedman calls it "a serious semantic difficulty". When asked to produce a single case Friedman, as well as others holding similar viewpoints, refuse to do so stating that the evidence that some UFOs are extraterrestrial spacecraft is in the aggregate, not in any single case.

Yet, the 16,090 MUFON and FSR articles that have reported on ufological cases, offered here as evidence in the aggregate, fail to substantiate Friedman's contention and belief that "some UFOs" are extraterrestrial spacecraft. Instead, they are introduced here as compelling evidence that the percentage of "confirmed alien contact" in the published UFO literature as of today is zero!

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>This is frankly silly. The BBSR 14 definition of 'unknown' "was assigned to those reports of sightings wherein the description of the object and its maneuvers could not be fitted to the pattern of any known object or phenomenon". There was no category for ET spacecraft.

Since there was no investigation by Battelle for the accuracy and veracity of the reports, the anecdotal information had to be taken literally. That would include any misquotes, mis-reporting, mis-identifications, and conflicting anecdotes. Difficult of the job as it was, the Battelle staff were still able to categorise all the reports but a mere 10%.

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>As I noted in TOP SECRET/MAJIC and in a number of papers, Carl Sagan has said many foolish and unscientific things about flying saucers.

As I have documented in the past on this very same mailing list, Friedman's Top Secret/Majic is riddled with errors, historical inaccuracies, misrepresentation of people's quotes and positions, faulty logic, and unsupported substantiations in the presentation of his beliefs. The above is a matter of record. Check the archival record of this mailing list for past discussions on MJ-12 for specific examples.

>>>Could you please tell us if you personally believe at anytime >>>in the last 25yrs or perhaps beyond that there has been at >>>least one visit to this planet by any form of Extraterrestrial >>>craft?

>>That is a very good question and since there are so many >>'ufologists' out there maybe one kind soul could answer that >>(what I perceive to be) simple question.

>I answered it in my posting. I believe the evidence is >overwhelming that Planet Earth is being visited by intelligently >controlled ET spacecraft:Some so-called UFOs are alien vehicles. >I should think that is very straight forward and unambiguous.

>Stan Friedman

Unfortunately, it is not supported by anything ever published in the FSR and MUFON literature which I have indexed and made those indexes available. I am also in the process of indexing the NICAP, APRO, and CIS literature to be available in the next century. Overwhelming evidence for extraterrestrial spacecraft has yet to show up, contrary to Stanton Friedman's contention

and positional statements on his world-wide tours.

Ed Stewart

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There Is Something           | Perhaps acts second to some sphere unknown.  
    Going On!                | Touches some wheel, or verges to some goal,  
Salvador Freixedo ( ' O O ) | 'Tis but a part we see, and not a whole.  
-----oo00-( )-00oo----- Alexander Pope, Essay on Man -----
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