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Re: IFOs

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>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>Hi, Jim!

>I must point out that your description is a match to something I
>see every day here near my local airport - a somewhat distant
>jet aircraft, usually a DC9, a 727 or some other T-tail
>configuration, whose features are largely obscured by distance
>and haze. The "band" to which you refer is actually the haze
>filled shadow on the underside of the wing. The shadow is
>roughly sky color due to the haze or environmental reflection,
>and only stands out where contrasted against the brightness of
>the fuselage. The reflected light of the rudder usually
>eliminates this contrast for the stabilizer.

>I am always highly suspect of this description for that reason.

Hi Mark,

Yes, this was a pretty good example of a UFO that could easily get classified as an IFO, along the lines you suggested. However, your "band" was not a band, but a very narrow stripe. Not a shadow. And then, the thorough ufologist should not omit the other anomalies: no sound when close enough for a plane to be heard, no tail section, no hint of wings, perfectly cylindrical shape. Granted, however, it was sufficiently far away as not to fall into the much more interesting category of a close UFO encounter, and would not be worth a ufologist spending more time on it. There are thousands of UFO sightings more anomalous than this one.

Jim Deardorff

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