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Re: Voyager Newsletter, Mogul Parchment Parachutes

From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 4 Jun 1999 04:33:06 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Jun 1999 11:24:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Voyager Newsletter, Mogul Parchment Parachutes

Regarding:

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 30 May 1999 21:17:52 EDT
>Subject: Re: Voyager Newsletter, Mogul Parchment Parachutes
>To: updates@globalserve.net

>What's my point here? When everything finally hit the ground,
>the parachutes would again collapse, some parts exposed to the
>sun, but other parts underneath shaded from the sun. If they
>were also composed of something like Brazel's "rather tough
>paper" to the point where they would resemble something like
>parchment, one would also expect only minor or maybe moderate
>shredding. The parachutes should remain relatively intact with
>uneven fading of color. Furthermore, somewhere in the mix of
>debris, there should also have been evidence of the twine lines
>and the structural metal rings.

>But nobody describes anything like that -- no metal rings, no
>twine, just lots of pieces of something parchment-like scattered
>about, described only as "brown" by Marcel and covered with
>purplish writing.

Metal rings and twine/string have been identified, as summarised
in the following:

Date: Sun, 16 Jul 1995 21:31:29 -0400
From: DRudiak <drudiak@AOL.COM>
Subject: Roswell Crash Materials Eyewitness Testimony

DESCRIPTIONS OF ROSWELL CRASH DEBRIS BY CIVILIAN AND MILITARY
WITNESSES

Compiled by David Rudiak

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F&B: Stanton Friedman and Don Berliner, "Crash at Corona", 1991
SKEP July/August 1995 "Skeptical Inquirer"
USAF: United States Air Force Report on Roswell, Sept. 1994.

[.]

3. RIGID METAL, OTHER METAL:

[.]

BESSIE BRAZEL SCHREIBER

(F&B) "...[There was also] a piece of something made out of the same metal-like foil that looked like a pipe sleeve. About four inches across and equally long, with a flange on one end."

CHARLES B. MOORE

(SKEP) Moore says Flight 4 carried several 3-inch-diameter aluminum rings for assisting with launching the balloon train, as well as larger rings used to hold sonobuoys. (Moore claims this is consistent with Schreiber's "pipe sleeve/flange" description above).

(USAF) The material and a "black box" described by Cavitt, was, in Moore's opinion, most probably from Flight 4, a "service flight" that included a cylindrical metal sonobuoy and portions of a weather instrument housed in a box, which was unlike typical weather radiosondes which were made of cardboard.

[.]

6. FILAMENT-LIKE MATERIAL:

WILLIAM BRAZEL JR.;

(F&B) "[There was] something on the order of heavy-gauge monofilament fishing line...The "string", I couldn't break it."

"[There was also] some threadlike material. It looked like silk, but was not silk, a very strong material [without] strands or fibers like silk would have. This was more like a wire, all one piece or substance."

(B&M) "There was some thread-like material. It looked like silk and there were several pieces of it. It was not large enough to call string, but yet not so small as sewing thread either. To all appearances it was silk, except that it wasn't silk. Whatever it was, it too was a very strong material. You could take it in two hands and try to snap it, but it wouldn't snap at all. Nor did it have strands or fibers like silk thread would have. This was more like a wire--all one piece or substance. In fact, I suppose it could have been a sort of wire--that thought never occurred to me before."

1st-LT. JAMES McANDREW (Speaking for the Air Force Report)
(KPFA) "Other people described a monofilament-type line that was some-kind of fiber optics. Well there was indeed some single nylon line present on this balloon."

CHARLES B. MOORE

(USAF description) [The Mogul radar reflectors were made of] single strand and braided nylon twine, brass eyelets and swivels to form a multi-faced reflector similar in construction to a box kite.

(Pflock description) Moore and his team used very strong (150 and 300 pound test) monofilament nylon line in rigging their Mogul arrays. This could account for the material which has been said to resembled heavy gauge monofilament nylon fishing line. Also used was hand braided lobster twine, composed of many fine nylon threads. Moore told me the twine's individual strands strongly resembled silk threads when the twine unraveled, which it did easily when broken or cut. This could account for the debris described as silk-like threads.

[End]

Also, re the "3-inch-diameter aluminum rings" which Moore

references:

"Brazel's daughter, Bessie Brazel Schreiber, in a 1979 interview conducted by author William Moore described some aluminium ring-shaped objects in the debris that looked like pipe intake collars or the necks of balloons. (The mention of the rings appears in William Moore's transcript of the interview, but was not included in his book The Roswell Incident.)"

'The Roswell Incident and Project Mogul'

By Dave Thomas

Skeptical Inquirer, July/August 1995

As with any evidence, some of the most significant is that documented at the time:

'The Wyoming Eagle' - 9 July, 1947

'Kite-Like Device Found in N.M.; Studied by Army'

By WILLIAM F. MCMENAMIN

Washington, July 8 --(UP) -- The mystery of the "flying saucers" took a new twist tonight with the disclosure that the army air forces has recovered a strange object in New Mexico and is forwarding it to Wright Field, Dayton, O., for examination.

Announcement of the find came first from the Roswell, N. Mex. army air base, near where a "saucer" was found three weeks ago.

AAF spokesman would say only that the "saucer" was a flimsily-constructed, kite-like object measuring about 25 feet in diameter and covered with a material resembling tin foil.

A telephonic report from Brig. Gen. Roger B. Ramey, commander of the Eighth Air Force at Ft. Worth, Texas, said the purported "saucer" was badly battered when discovered by a rancher at Corona, 75 miles northwest of Roswell, N.M.

Ramey scoffed at the possibility that the object could have attained the supersonic speeds credited to the "flying saucers" allegedly spotted in recent weeks.

He reported that the object was too lightly constructed to have carried anyone and that there was no evidence that it had had a power plant of any sort.

It bore no identification marks and Ramey emphasized that no one had seen it in flight.

Sheriff George Wilcox of Roswell said the disc was found about three weeks ago by W.W. Brizell (sic), on the Foster ranch at Corona, 75 miles northwest of Roswell.

Wilcox said that Brizell does not have a telephone and so did not report finding the disc until the day before yesterday. Brizell told the sheriff he didn't know just what the disc was, but that at first it appeared to be a weather meter.

The sheriff quoted Brizell as saying the object "seemed more or less like tinfoil." The rancher described the disc as about as large as a safe in the sheriff's office.

The safe is about three and one-half by four feet.

[End]

That Brazel did believe the debris might be from a 'weather meter' seems to be proven, as I've previously highlighted, by his son's recollections in 'The Roswell Incident':

"...when dad first got into Roswell, it was the weather bureau he called first about this stuff he had found. It was the weather bureau that told him he had better see the sheriff about it".

The true nature of the debris which Brazel found is patently obvious from the 'Roswell Daily Record' article of 9 July - and please, no 'statement made under duress' bollocks.

It evidently wasn't, as we can see:

'Harassed Rancher who Located 'Saucer' Sorry He Told About It'

"W.W. Brazel, 48, Lincoln county rancher living 30 miles south east of Corona, today told his story of finding what the army at first described as a flying disk, but the publicity which attended his find caused him to add that if he ever found anything short of a bomb he sure wasn't going to say anything about it".

As his elder sister, Lorraine, noted in 'The Roswell Incident', "Mac didn't ever like to be in the limelight". It was the resulting, unexpected publicity which Brazel lamented.

"Brazel was brought here late yesterday by W.E. Whitmore, of radio station KGFL, had his picture taken and gave an interview to the Record and Jason Kellahin, sent here from the Albuquerque bureau of the Associated Press to cover the story.

[...]

"Brazel related that on June 14 he and 8-year-old son, Vernon were about 7 or 8 miles from the ranch house of the J.B. Foster ranch, which he operates, when they came upon a large area of bright wreckage made up on (sic) rubber strips, tinfoil, a rather tough paper and sticks".

There's the "rather tough paper", "tinfoil" and sticks.

No dispute about these, plus Brazel reportedly confirms there were "rubber strips".

Although the stated 14 June date isn't certain, it may be correct.

"At the time Brazel was in a hurry to get his round made and he did not pay much attention to it".

Confirmed.

"But he did remark about what he had seen."

Confirmed.

"...and on July 4 he, his wife, Vernon, and a daughter Betty, age 14, went back to the spot and gathered up quite a bit of the debris".

He did return later to collect some of the debris.

"The next day he first heard about the flying disks, and he wondered if what he had found might be the remnants of one of these".

Brazel first heard of the 'flying disks' media frenzy when he went into Corona.

"Monday he came to town to sell some wool."

Not true, according to his son, as published in 'The Roswell Incident'; "Dad never sold any wool in Roswell".

"I believe his original intention was to go to Roswell and buy a new Jeep pickup truck - he certainly wouldn't have made the trip just on account of the stuff he had found - but I don't believe he bargained for what he got himself into".

"...and while here he went to see sheriff George Wilcox and 'whispered kinda confidential like' that he might have found a flying disk".

Apparently only after first contacting the 'weather bureau'.

"Wilcox got in touch with the Roswell Army Air Field and Maj. Jesse A. Marcel and a man in plain clothes accompanied him home, where they picked up the rest of the pieces of the 'disk'".

OK.

"...and went to his home to try to reconstruct it".

Is there any reason to doubt this?

"According to Brazel they simply could not reconstruct it at all. They tried to make a kite out of it, but could not do that and could not find any way to put it back together so that it would fit".

If they attempted to reconstruct a kite from the 'flying disk' debris, some of it must have resembled a kite, presumably why it was described elsewhere at the time as a "kite-like object", covered with tinfoil.

"Then Major Marcel brought it to Roswell and that was the last he heard of it until the story broke that he had found a flying disk.

Brazel said that he did not see it fall from the sky and did not see it before it was torn up, so he did not know the size or shape it might have been,...".

True.

"...but he thought it might have been about as large as a table top".

Possibly accurate - see Sheriff Wilcox's comments above.

"The balloon which held it up, if that was how it worked, must have been about 12 feet long, he felt, measuring the distance by the size of the room in which he sat. The rubber was smoky gray in color and scattered over an area about 200 yards in diameter.

When the debris was gathered up the tinfoil, paper, tape, and sticks made a bundle about three feet long and 7 or 8 inches thick, while the rubber made a bundle about 18 or 20 inches long and about 8 inches thick. In all, he estimated, the entire lot would have weighed maybe five pounds".

[...]

"There was no sign of any metal in the area which might have been used for an engine and no sign of any propellers of any kind,..."

True.

"...although at least one paper fin had been glued onto some of the tinfoil".

Is there any reason whatsoever to doubt this?

"There were no words to be found anywhere on the instrument, although there were letters on some of the parts".

Apparently accurate.

"Considerable scotch tape and some tape with flowers printed upon it had been used in the construction".

Crucial evidence, as summarised in the following:

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B&M: Charles Berlitz and William Moore, "The Roswell Incident," 1980.

F&B: Stanton Friedman and Don Berliner, "Crash at Corona", 1991

R&S1: Kevin Randle and Don Schmitt, "UFO Crash at Roswell"

4. TAPE-LIKE MATERIAL (AND "HIEROGLYPHICS", FLOWER PATTERNS)

BESSIE BRAZEL SCHREIBER:

(B&M) "Some of the metal-foil pieces had a sort of tape stuck to them, and when these were held to the light they showed what looked like pastel flowers or designs. Even though the stuff looked like tape, it would not be peeled off or removed at all. It was very light in weight, but there sure was a lot of it."

(F&B) "Some of [the aluminum foil-like] pieces had a sort of tape stuck to them. Even though the stuff looked like tape, it could not be peeled off or removed at all. Some of these pieces had

something like numbers and lettering on them, but there were no words we were able to make out. The figures were written out like you would write numbers in columns, but they didn't look like the numbers we use at all."

(Pflock, USAF, from affidavit 9/22/93): "...Sticks, like kite sticks, were attached to some of the pieces with a whitish tape. The tape was about two or three inches wide and had flower-like designs on it. The 'flowers' were faint, a variety of pastel colors, and reminded me of Japanese paintings in which the flowers are not all connected. I do not recall any other ... markings."

LORETTA PROCTOR:

(Pflock, FUFOR, from affidavit 5/5/91) "..There was also something he [Mac Brazel] described as tape which had printing on it. The color of the printing was a kind of purple. He said it wasn't Japanese writing; from the way he described it, it sounded like it resembled hieroglyphics."

(R&S1): "He said there was more stuff there, like a tape that had some sort of figures on it."
[End]

"No strings or wire were to be found."

Apparently not so - see previous evidence.

".. but there were some eyelets in the paper to indicate that some sort of attachment may have been used".

OK.

"Brazel said that he had previously found two weather balloons on the ranch, but that what he found this time did not in any way resemble either of these".

Understandable. This was something different, despite it consisting of "rubber strips, tinfoil, a rather tough paper and sticks".

"'I am sure what I found was not any weather observation balloon,' he said. 'But if I find anything else besides a bomb they are going to have a hard time getting me to say anything about it'".

Clearly not sentiments expressed under any 'pressure'.

What does it take before 'Roswell' and the hugely successful 'MJ-12' hoax are acknowledged to be untenable scientific evidence for the most incredible claim - that the crash of a 'spaceship' from another planet/dimension not only occurred, it has been kept secret for over 50 years?

Maybe just the courage to concede, as many of us have, that it was a mistaken possibility, principally founded on seductive testimonies from now discredited 'witnesses' such as Gerald Anderson. Glenn Dennis, Frank Kaufmann, etc.

What does it take before some people object to being targeted as gullible by the 'MJ-12' hoaxer(s)?

Incidentally, it's now over a year since I detailed the considerable anomalies re Kaufmann's supposed 'Top Secret' Roswell report - see:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1998/apr/m30-004.shtml>

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1998/jun/m01-017.shtml>

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1998/jun/m02-018.shtml>

Is there any reason why the questions raised therein still can't be addressed?

Re the tape with purple/pastel flowers, although it's doubtful this could successfully be followed up, the 'Las Vegas Review-Journal' of 9 July, 1947 does mention, "Those men who saw the object said it had a flowered paper tape around it bearing

the initials 'D.P.'"

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