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Re: Voyager Newsletter, Mogul Parchment Parachutes

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Jun 1999 11:03:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Voyager Newsletter, Mogul Parchment Parachutes

>Date: Thu, 10 Jun 1999 18:05:01 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>Subject: Re: Voyager Newsletter, Mogul Parchment Parachutes.

>>Date: Thu, 10 Jun 1999 11:21:11 -0400
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>>>Date: Wed, 09 Jun 1999 23:40:42 -0500
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>>>From: Dennis Stacy >dstacy@texas.net>>.Parchment Parachutes

>>Dennis,

>>You suggest that his reliability with respect to later sightings
>>is an indicator of his reliability during his first sighting. >.

>>This is not necessarily true. I have noticed that witnesses
>>sometimes become less reliable in the sense that once they have
>>been "radicalized" by the discovery that there really is
>>something strange "out there" they become more likely to believe
>>that any following sighting they can't explain might be related
>>to the first, i.e., another saucer.>

>Bruce,

>Unlike almost everyone who followed in his wake, Arnold was
>operating without any UFO baggage when he reported his first
>sighting. As best I can tell, he thought he saw high-speed
>military aircraft, not necessarily something interplanetary or
>overly strange "out there.">

>It's only my own personal opinion, but the first Arnold sighting
>has always struck me as being of the nature of almost too good
>to be true. Something exceedingly startling happens, and rather
>than being transfixed or mesmerized by events, Arnold
>immediatley goes into measurement mode. He does everything
>right: notes distant features, pulls out his watch, compares the

>pocket, after first comparing same to a distant DC-4
>(convenient, that), rolls down his window and turns parallel to
>the objects to make sure they're not reflections, etc., each and
>every base covered. Airtight and snap right. All the while
>concerned with flying his own airplane. >

>Can't say it didn't happen that way, just always wondered if it
>really did.

If you read Arnold's letter to the air force you will see that he thought he was doing no more than any pilot would do. He says pilots are interested in speeds...and s he thought he would clock the speed.

Did he do "everything right" while flying the plane?

He said the flying was so smooth he simply trimmed out the plane on its flight toward Yakima (set adjustments for speed, altitude) and let it fly itself while he enjoyed the scenery.

He did this BEFORE the sighting began.

Hence by the time of th sighting (a few minutes or so after he trimmed out his plane heading toward Yakima, according to the letter to the Air Force) it was not necessary for him to pay 100% attention to flying th airplane.

He could do other things such as wonder about those strange airplanes way over there flying so close to Mt. Rainier in an odd echelon arrangement and he could wonder us how fast these new Army jets could go..... etc.

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