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UFO UpDates Mailing List

Re: Kenneth Arnold sighting

From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>

Date: Thu, 17 Jun 1999 12:12:09 -0400

Fwd Date: Fri, 18 Jun 1999 00:35:12 -0400

Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold sighting

>Date: Wed, 16 Jun 1999 17:14:26 -0500

>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>

>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold sighting

>I credited you for laying the hoax to rest, once and for all.
>(Without raising the question of whether it should have ever
>been on your web page in the first place, given that Hartmann,
>in the 1969 Condon Report, had already cast serious doubts as to
>its validity. See p. 457 for an illustration of how it was
>done.)

Please actually read my IUR article for a detailed discussion of my knowledge and position re: Hartmann's attempts to reproduce the photo prior to uncovering the hoax.

I will reiterate some basic points here:

1) Reproduction of a photo, even a perfect reproduction (which Hartmann's was not) is insufficient to prove a hoax. The ability to reproduce natural phenomena in cinema, for instance, does not

invalidate the existence of such natural phenomena.

2) Hartmann is the only photographer who looked at the photos who thought they were hoaxed. Local press photographers did not believe the photos were hoaxed. Hartmann did not offer specific photogrammetric evidence to demonstrate a hoax.

3) No character information suggesting a hoax had ever been previously offered.

I will also simply point out that UFO researchers will sometimes use data which later is determined to be false. There is no omniscience in this field, and it is also unwise to remain completely paralyzed so that no data can be used. Sure, it's a risk, but one needs to take risks to get something done in this field, so long as one is willing to modify conclusions should something be determined to be false or dubious.

As for the Beaver photos being used to corroborate my luminosity theories, again, I think you are overstating the case. While I no longer have the pages in their original form (the site consists of nearly 500 pages of material and I cannot afford to maintain old copies), I know what was on them.

The following represents the section of my luminosity comments taken from an article based on that page which was submitted to MUFON:

"Ventral emissions - are usually observed on objects in flight. The Beaver, PA case is an excellent example. In some cases, this "ventral cone" (point downward) is seen to point in the opposite direction from that in which the object is travelling. In other cases, most notably, Michel's "jellyfish object" class cases, these emissions are observed as a cylinder or truncated cone in a normal orientation. Another well known dorsal emission case is the Delphos case, where the emission appears to have caused a ground trace."

In the final version of this, it simply became:

"Ventral emissions - are usually observed on objects in flight. The Portage County case is an excellent example. In some cases, this "ventral cone" (point downward) is seen to point in the opposite direction from that in which the object is travelling. In other cases, most notably, Michel's "jellyfish object" class cases, these emissions are observed as a cylinder or truncated cone in a normal orientation. Another well known dorsal emission case is the Delphos case, where the emission appears to have caused a ground trace."

This, by the way, is but one of seven categories of luminosity descriptively characterized on that page. Again, descriptive characterization does not constitute analysis.

I hope this clears up some of your misconceptions concerning my work.

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