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Re: 'The Roots Of Complacency'

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>Date: Thu, 17 Jun 1999 17:14:47 -0700
>From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@bellsouth.net>
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>Subject: 'The Roots Of Complacency'

>Introduction

>Toward the end of his life, Dr. J. Allen Hynek was a frequent
>visitor to my home, the last of such visits taking place from
>August 20 to August 31, 1985, when he finally left to have his
>first surgery on September 5, 1985. After that his health
>declined rapidly and unfortunately he died on April 27, 1986.

>Snipped most respectfully

Thank you so much for this Virgilio. You have no idea how happy
and gratefull I am to have read this particular post....

>The Roots Of Complacency
>by
>Dr. J. Allen Hynek

>Something truly astonishing happened.... Not far from New York
>City, along the Hudson Valley, as hundreds of astonished people
>looked up, many driving along the Taconic Parkway, they saw
>something no one had ever seen before.

>Some called it a "Space-ship from outer space" (for want of
>anything better) but it was generally described by numbers of
>competent, professional persons as startlingly brilliant lights,
>in the form of a "V", or Boomerang, silent, slowly-moving, and
>very large close-by object. It has often popularly been called
>the "Westchester (County) Boomerang".

The Westchester County Boomerang had been seen on multiple
occasions since Dr. Hynek wrote those words. I saw it in Sept.
of 1998, and again on several occasions, in Westchester and
elsewhere. However since some of these "other" occasions were
not multiply witnessed events (at least, to my knowledge, not
reported to authorities) and in the other, I am not about to
disclose, for many reasons, not the least of which is, you
wouldn't believe it.

>The world has never known about this, even though the event
>happened not once but several times, and over the course of
>several years. To all intents and purposes, this was a
>non-event. The media across the world has remained dumb. Local
>papers, radios and TV's, it is true, did momentarily carry spots
>along with the daily news, but there the news just vanished.

>How is it possible that in the United States, where even trivial

>events are often flashed across the world, only one TV and radio
>network carried an account of this utterly astounding event?
>Far, far lesser stories are spewen forth across the world!

>Could it possibly be that the whole thing just never happened?
>No: many times there was good, but extremely local, media
>coverage; many hundreds have personally attesteds to us, and to
>many others, that the "Westchester Boomerang" was most
>undeniably, very truly real to them. Furthermore, many
>witnesses at a given time, were geographically separate, and
>unknown to each other. Cars along the Taconic Parkway, a well
>traveled highway, stopped, and passengers looked in amazement,
>many frightened and bewildered at the spectacle.

>Police department "blotters" proved that many calls came to
>several local police stations, and we have tape recordings of a
>number of the police involved. The Boomerang was undeniably
>real; it was not a chimera!

>Yes, something truly and astonishing transpired, but was no one
>"minding the store", was everyone asleep at the switch? What
>about law enforcement agencies (whose duty is certainly to alert
>and assist when something amazing is afoot; what about civilian
>and military personnel?

>When hundreds of largely professional, affluent people, in
>suburban areas, are astonished, awestruck, and many frightened
>by what they could only regard as a very bizarre event, would
>this not at least warrant and bring forth some comment from the
>nation's media? And what about law officers, government
>officials and... what of the FAA which supposedly monitors the
>airwaves over which the "Boomerang" repeatedly flew, and thus
>constituted a serious hazards, especially over the Taconic
>Parkway.

<snip>

>The puzzle has far more parts than the tale of the Boomerang..
>It is, indeed, a part of a continuing story of mankind's
>pioneering search for adventure and meeting, but repeatedly
>dashed and frustrated by those who cannot look to the heights of
>the pioneer: by the "it will never fly" or "it can't be done"
>mentalities. These who always must say that "since it can't be
>done, there is no need to even thinking about it or even talking
>about it.

>Therein lies the spawning ground of indifference, of apathy, and
>to dereliction of duty.

>All those who didn't follow through on the Boomerang event were
>not willfully derelict: they were merely the thousands of "it
>will never fly" and "it can't be done" and so there is no need
>to think about it. The corollary is: "Since it can't be done,
>whatever said had been done, were simply deluded... they must
>have been mistaken, and so no need to look into it further". It
>is the failure to seek for the light of the tunnel because there
>could 't be a light.
> Snip

Dr. Hynek went on to talk about a complacency born of the wrong
mind set. I agree. I am an engineer as well as having a Ph.D.
in other disciplines. I worked in aerospace military for many
years and still occasionally see duty as a consultant, in spite
of being semiretired.

I've seen wonders since I graduated with an engineering degree
from Manhattan College in 1966. Some of these caused goose
bumps when I witnessed them for the pride in scientific and
engineering feats accomplished, as with the Lunar Landings, the
Grand Tour (as it was originally called) which was the Voyager
Series of flights. I was there when the engineers and
mathematicians were doing their cypherin' much by hand for
Pete's sake.... computers were in their infancy in 1966, in
terms of not being on every engineer's desktop.

Point is, I am not easily impressed any more.

But when I looked up over my home in Hartsdale, NY, located in
central Westchester County, about three miles as the crow flies
from the Hudson River, and saw that huge triangle traveling at
less than 50 mph, at an altitude of less than 3500 feet, and not

making a sound, I was so awe struck I cannot describe the event without making those goose bumps reappear on my body.

I know what I saw. And I know what I did not see ... wasn't swamp gas, a flight of Foo birds, neither was it a flight of ultra lights, Virginia Slims or anything else known in my physics repertoire. Nothing I learned about in school, at work or after much more than 30 years in this business of High Technology can support what that thingy was

So what? That was a question. So I called the local airport, which in my case was White Plains (Westchester County) airport. I got an amused response to a simple question, "Has anything anomalous been reported in the skies over Westchester tonight?" Simple question. I didn't say I saw a frying putty tat, a saucer, a disk, swamp gas or even a triangle nearly hovering at 3500 with the ceiling at 5,000 feet and not making a sound while YOUR airport traffic was approaching under this thing by a thousand to fifteen hundred feet. I mean for cripe's sake the damned thing was better than a thousand feet ACROSS and strobing so bright they could see it on the moon!

And the same reaction when this person in the tower referred me to the FAA, whom I called on Long Island. Only this time there was a long pause before they made fun of me. Right! Uh huh.

Then I called people I do know and know me ... the cops! Hey, Gesundt gets around! Seriously, I've been donating my time to law enforcement for twenty-five years. I do the Simulated Emergency Test every year here in the county and handle ALL the disaster communications from law enforcement to Red Cross to Ham and even CB radios. Been doin it since 1970.

After all the fun was done, I found out that there were about 30 reports, with one claiming a landing (or hovering) of a triangular object at one of the reservoirs in the northern part of the county. I guess they put that loon in with John Ford.

I agree with Dr. Hynek.

Complacency.

But I would add one additional word ... culpability.

Some of you like to solve the UFO conundrum with swamp gas of your own. Save it. You are fooling no one but the biggest fools alive. Yourselves. We, that is to say I and many more like me, can see through your truth. Because it doesn't conform to ours? No. Because many of you are blinded your own light.

Some people cannot, unfortunately for them, see the light surrounding them. Some others, cannot see anything else, once they've discovered the light surrounding themselves. Funny isn't it?

Not.

Jim Mortellaro

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