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### Re: 'The Roots Of Complacency'

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>Date: Thu, 17 Jun 1999 17:14:47 -0700  
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Quoting from Dr Hynek ...

>It was a malady which appeared to plunge all who encountered it,  
>EXCEPT the witnesses, into a deadly stupor. Such a malady, or  
>perhaps a virulent virus of apathy and indifference to duty,  
>could immobilize cities and a whole country. Of course, we  
>don't know what the Boomerang was really about for:

>---the Police and other law enforcement officers were derelict  
>and failed in their duty to assist the many who called for fear  
>and danger, as well as in awe and wonder.

>---the FAA utterly failed to be concerned for air safety, flight  
>rules, navigation lights, when told that some utterly strange  
>and possibly menacing object was cruising close over streets and  
>house.

>---the Military was derelict by not attending to public safety  
>and matters of National Defense (the country could have been  
>subtely invaded!)

>---the Scientists failed to uphold their "Hippocratic" oath of  
>science: they were derelict in following the quest in following  
>an outstanding mystery.

>---the media, well, where were they? Truly derelict always avid  
>news hounds, rushing to their typewriters or microphones to rush  
>the news to the world (good, bad and trivial), but where were  
>they? Hardly any of the 50 States heard the Boomerang story.

>Why? Utterly indifferent and apathetic? If so, why?

Hmmm. Looking at a much narrower example of similar behavior,  
quoting from the following UFO\*BC incident written up in full  
at:

<http://www.ufobc.org/landing.htm>

>Unable to drive up to the craft they returned to the parking  
>lot entrance. Leaving the engine running, each of them picked  
>up a piece of wood from the ground and then set off up the bank  
>towards the UFO Neither of them felt afraid, only curious. As  
>they got closer they could see that the vehicle was about 15  
>feet across and eight feet high to the top of the illuminated  
>dome. Which K. S. said was similar in appearance to a BB pellet.  
>What was more unusual was a black oval shaped "ball" that was

>bouncing around wildly within the translucent dome. It was from  
>here that the light was emerging.

>About five yards from the craft a thought suddenly popped into  
>each man's head, "leave it alone". With that, a loud klaxon like  
>noise was emitted from the craft, about every four seconds.  
>Without a word each man dropped his club, turned around and  
>walked back to the truck.

How many times have I read about UFO incident reports, like the  
above, in which otherwise curious witnesses are suddenly and  
inexplicably rendered disinterested, such that they cease any  
further investigation? The above is the only case I happen to  
have bookmarked.

It makes one wonder, at odd hours of the nite, just how  
voluntary is this "utterly indifferent and apathetic" attitude  
of the authorities, this "deadly stupor" railed against by Hynek.

Surely external control, even if possible in localized cases,  
could never be applied to groups at large? No, why attribute  
to external causes what is so easily explained by basic human  
nature? Most folks spend their lives in a disinterested stupor,  
after all.

Surely those magnificent men in their flying triangle machines  
don't have that much control. Surely we understand them well  
enough to be confident of that.

Nah ... utterly unfounded speculation.  
I guess I read too much science fiction.  
Sorry I brought it up.

-Brian C.

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