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### Re: Witness To Washington Flap July, 1952

From: Jim Ball <[Koolhand@webtv.net](mailto:Koolhand@webtv.net)>  
Date: Thu, 24 Jun 1999 10:55:17 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 24 Jun 1999 11:17:37 -0400  
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>Date: Thu, 24 Jun 1999 09:33:40 -0300  
>From: Donald Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
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>Subject: Re: Witness To Washington Flap July, 1952

>>Date: Wed, 23 Jun 1999 08:47:14  
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>>From: Stig Agermose <[stig.agermose@get2net.dk](mailto:stig.agermose@get2net.dk)>  
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>>From: [Koolhand@webtv.net](mailto:Koolhand@webtv.net) (Jim Ball)  
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>>Subject: UFO Phenomena  
>>Date: Wed, 23 Jun 1999 00:12:08 -0400 (EDT)

>>I've been pondering this UFO business since personally observing  
>>the big flap around D. C. in the 50's while on duty at Bolling  
>>AFB.

>>There were hard radar targets - several - moving at fantastic  
>>speeds. We went out on the flightline after scrambling several  
>>fighters to intercept them to watch the show, and it was a  
>>spectacular one to see.

>>These lights accomplished some incredible maneuvers, impossible  
>>even with today's aircraft.

>>Nobody had a clue as to what we were witnessing, except that it  
>>was unearthly, or unexplainable, to say the least.

>Hi Jim,

>It is interesting to hear from an eye-witness to this event.  
>More detail would be appreciated.

At that period in time we were all paranoid about the Soviet Union and their advanced weapon systems; we were at war in Korea with the Chinese and North Koreans. There was kind of a national hysteria present, including military personnel. So a cursory conclusion, encouraged by our superiors, was that we were seeing: Northern Lights, Venus, Mars, weather balloons, temperature inversion, stars, reflections of city lights (although there was no cloud cover that night) and a myriad of other earthly things, either singly or in combination, during the activity of that warm July evening.

These lights performed incredible maneuvers at impossible speeds

- our fighters tried to give chase but could never close. There were always solid radar returns on pilot's radar. as well as the Bolling tower radar...so there were definitely things up there which registered solid radar returns. We watched the show, fascinated and amazed...what were these things? To this day I still don't know and our superiors ordered us not to discuss it further, so we didn't.... still, we all knew what we saw.

Jim Ball

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