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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 01 Jan 2008 08:26:38 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 01 Jan 2008 08:26:38 -0500  
Subject: 2008 A Year Of...?

Ten years ago, today, I posted here:

"To all UpDates Subscribers, Contributors and Readers around the Planet,

May this New Year bring us all whatever it is we want and wish for, no matter how earth-shattering or seemingly small."

I've stopped holding my breath for what this collective of 'We's' might want or wish for. I do trust we all have a...

Happy New Year!

ebk

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## Re: Faux Disclosure In The Works?

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2007 16:16:30 -0600  
Archived: Wed, 02 Jan 2008 07:26:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Faux Disclosure In The Works?

>From: David Rudiak <[drudiak.nul](mailto:drudiak.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2007 10:48:33 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Faux Disclosure In The Works?

>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2007 15:59:18 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Faux Disclosure In The Works?

>>>From: David Rudiak <[drudiak.nul](mailto:drudiak.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2007 10:07:58 -0800  
>>>Subject: Re: Faux Disclosure In The Works?

>6. People who complain that this isn't true 'disclosure' are  
>just "conspiracy theorists" who will never accept the 'truth'  
>that there is nothing to disclose.

What you fail to understand, David, is this simple truth:

Anybody who questions official pronouncements, and who - owing to sheer paranoia and psychiatric disorder, easily diagnosable by debunkers - doubts that such pronouncements constitute the whole and absolute truth, is a conspiracy theorist by definition.

Jeez, why is that so hard for you to understand? I mean, they wouldn't be governmental officials if they didn't want to serve the public with the unvarnished truth, would they?

Once again (to paraphrase Bertolt Brecht), the people have failed the government. You should be ashamed of yourself, you shameless exploiter of public credulity.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Oddity In Chandler & Buran's Rendlesham

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2007 17:41:31 EST  
Archived: Wed, 02 Jan 2008 07:27:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: Oddity In Chandler & Buran's Rendlesham

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5.nul](mailto:lfleming5.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2007 18:51:54 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Oddity In Chandler & Buran's Rendlesham Statements

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2007 17:50:22 EST  
>>Subject: Re: Oddity In Chandler & Buran's Rendlesham Statements

>>>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5.nul](mailto:lfleming5.nul)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2007 23:10:10 -0600  
>>>Subject: Oddity In Chandler & Buran's Rendlesham Statements

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>>It is just standard legalese found in many places in the legal  
>>world! It is apparently used by interrogators to 'prove' they  
>>did not beat the confession out of a suspect, etc., because the  
>>suspect states of his own 'free will' (skipping theological and  
>>philosophical arguments over whether free will exists) that he  
>>was not coerced, unlawfully induced or influenced, etc.

>Thanks, Brad. I kind of thought that something like that was the  
>case but it seemed worth asking about. The "legal world" is  
>indeed an alien planet.

>>These were AF Military Police and these were obviously the  
>>standard AF forms they used every day and had lying around in  
>>some quantities so they used them to write up their UFO incident  
>>narratives. I don't see what the big deal is here.

>>I have already proven in other posts that false statements had  
>>been made about a fruitless "2 mile lighthouse chase" - not  
>>physically possible for 1.9 miles of any 2-mile trek hence are  
>>outright lies - most probably inserted or 'influenced' or coerced  
>>into the Cabansag and Burroughs statements. This was proven on  
>>the basis of absolutely conclusive physical facts, not  
>>subjective opinions.

>That's certainly more important than all the back and forth  
>about trying to get into the witnesses' heads to discern whether  
>they were lying in their later statements to acquire fame &  
>fortune!

Hi Lan,

Once something solid is established then one can proceed more  
securely to less than absolutely certain facts, and inferences.

>Is it true that these written statements were taken at Halt's  
>request? If they did lie about the 2-mile lighthouse chase, it  
>would seem very strange if Halt or his subordinates were  
>responsible for coercing them into lying about it!

It is difficult to sort out the stories as to who originated  
what, and when and why. Penniston for example denies the  
typewritten statement, saying he wrote out a handwritten one.

Cabansag admits he sat in Halt's office and signed a statement without reading it. Burroughs denies ever having a lighthouse chase.

Reportedly the Bentwaters base commander Col. Ted Conrad initiated an inquiry and interviewed Penniston, perhaps others, the very next day, Dec. 27, 1980, despite the Christmas holiday. Lt Col Halt was Conrad's subordinate, as deputy base commander. It seems unlikely that Conrad and Halt who had to work together closely would undertake separate investigations without coordinating with each other. Penniston reportedly was next interviewed by AFOSI right after Conrad, on Dec. 27 (Bruni p. 177).

It seems most likely that the 81st Security Police police-witness statements were prepared for both base commander Conrad and his deputy Halt. The fact that Halt seems to have kept copies and later reportedly made copies available to CAUS does not mean that others such as his immediate superior Col. Conrad had no copies. Since SP and AFOSI work closely together any statements made for Conrad and Halt would have been subject to almost unavoidable AFOSI influences on SP witnesses.

One cannot assume that Halt was immune to AFOSI pressures. One possibility is that he was told that he could release the witness statements only if they included all of the statements, including the sugar-coated poison pill statements backing up the (false) "lighthouse chase" that would make Halt look bad. Naturally Halt was in no hurry to release such a boobytrapped collection.

AFOSI has a track history going back to 1949 of planting and/or spreading fictitious stories of crashed saucers, alien body recoveries and/or meetings of AF officials with live aliens. How long will we continue to let ourselves be fooled by these absurd disinformation ploys? With Rendlesham, AFOSI merely recycled and replanted its bogus story of the Holloman AFB landing where AF officials met the aliens and helped them with spare parts. The Holloman disinfo had been planted on Sandler and Emenegger in 1972. Eight years later it resurfaces at Rendlesham, with only the date and location changed. Are we that frikkin stupid that we can't see a pattern here??

Here's hoping for a smarter New Year.

Brad

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## Re: Tests I Would Like To See Performed

From: **Maynard Gelinas** <[maynard.nul](mailto:maynard.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2007 17:08:29 -0500 (EST)  
Archived: Wed, 02 Jan 2008 07:30:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: Tests I Would Like To See Performed

- UFO witness on Sep 18, 1994. Saw a metallic disc perform nonaerodynamic maneuvers in broad daylight.
- I've seen the recent Mexican infrared footage. Combined with ground and aircraft radar and there's \*three\* separate systems confirming observation.
- OK, next question: What happens if one shines a green 200mw pen laser past one of these flying discs? Get the beam close enough and I expect it ought to answer some questions. First of all, does the beam pass by without change to the trajectory? Does it \*deflect\*? And in which direction does it deflect?

If the beam deflects, then that should be an indicator of gravitational effects.

Thoughts?

--M

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One Last Look Back

By Billy Cox  
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De Void's First Annual Year in Review:

**Biggest honkin' sighting:** British commercial airline pilot Ray Bowyer reported seeing two UFOs, one approximately a mile wide, over the Channel Islands on April 23. Passengers and a French pilot confirmed the encounter.

**Most ignored news:** The National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena's 152-page analysis of the UFO that buzzed Chicago's O'Hare airport in 2006. NARCAP's scientists discredited the FAA's "weather phenomenon" explanation, but their conclusions received no media coverage. That's because the report came out on July 27, the same day the riveting Paris Hilton told Larry King, "Even though (jail) was really hard, I took that time just to get to know myself."

**Fourth Estate Award:** To freelance journalist Leslie Kean. Working with the Coalition for Freedom of Information, Kean in March coaxed former Arizona governor Fife Symington to go on the record with his own sighting of the so-called "Phoenix Lights" UFO in 1997. In November, she convinced a federal court to order NASA to review its files (again) for documents pertaining to the 1965 Kecksburg Incident. A few days later, Kean and filmmaker James Fox assembled an international panel of pilots urging the U.S. to renew its official UFO research.

**Biggest waste of airtime:** CBS Sunday Morning's Aug. 12 cupcake. Normally the best show on commercial television, the network's bovine approach employed tired Hollywood themes to reach an Earth-rocking conclusion: "For now, the most definitive UFO sightings remain at the movies, where aliens are not shy about making themselves known."

**Biggest 'visionary' cop-out:** In November, CNN Senior Vice President/youth-demographic hustler David Bohrman told Wired magazine it would be a mistake to allow its Web page visitors to decide which YouTube questions to submit to the presidential candidates. Because that would've meant, given the high volume of traffic it was attracting, a videotaped query about UFO declassification would have to be posed to the White House contenders.

**Provocateur of the year:** Shirley MacLaine, whose book Sage-ing While Aging led to the...

Biggest surprise of the year: UFOs finally made it to the campaign trail, albeit to a chorus of chortling. Picking up on MacLaine's contention that her longtime buddy Dennis Kucinich saw a UFO at her residence, NBC's Tim Russert elicited a prime-time confession from the long-shot Democrat on October 30. As a result, half a dozen other presidential candidates, Dems and Republicans, proclaimed themselves UFO skeptics.

Best subsequent one-liner: Mike Huckabee, Nov. 4 =97 "I believe in G-O-D, not UFO."

Mr. Tenacity: Winnipeg's Grant Cameron. Veteran researcher's FOIAs have produced letters and photos linking Bill and Hillary Clinton to UFO disclosure advocate Laurance Rockefeller. Curiously, conspicuously, Republicans have refrained from using these revelations to attack the Clintons.

Weeniest editorial: Flaccid, equivocating Dec. 1 opinion by the Los Angeles Times on how the coverage of Kucinich's UFO sighting "put the issue back on the radar." The Times actually described calls for the declassification of UFO data as "reasonable", then proceeded to back away from the subject with cheeky references to men in black and the "cult of the UFO". It went on: "Kucinich mentioned in his own defense that President Carter was a UFO witness, and he might have mentioned that Ronald Reagan was as well. Then again, if you think presidents really run the country, well, that's what 'they' want you to think."

So here's to 2008, with hopes for a little more coherence and a firmer resolve to explore the unmapped road.

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## Re: MoD To Open British UFO X-Files

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2007 17:52:24 +0000  
Archived: Wed, 02 Jan 2008 07:43:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: MoD To Open British UFO X-Files

>From: Nick Pope <[contact.nul](mailto:contact.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2007 00:06:20 -0000  
>Subject: Re: MoD To Open British UFO X-Files

Hello Nick,

<snip>

>I seem to have upset both sides of the belief spectrum with  
>this.

I think that this complaint is both self-inflicted and evasive.

>Some background:

>I regularly commentate on UFOs and the unexplained in the media.  
>I've stayed alongside the story of the MoD's UFO files.

As was the case with the FSWP, The Rendlesham release, the Condign release, the DI55 file release and now the DAS file release, you have singularly refused to acknowledge the individuals who made the effort to secure these documents for public consumption. That was a conscious decision by you since you were aware of the facts surrounding their release (if not at the time, then certainly subsequently). To now try and gain sympathy for your own actions and deflect criticism elsewhere is absolutely pathetic, and can be seen by all to be such.

>Earlier this month the MoD confirmed to me the details of their  
>file release: what would be released, what were the timescales,  
>etc. Several ufologists had been sent this information too, but  
>I thought this was newsworthy and broke the story in the media.

Indeed it is newsworthy. Are you trying to tell us that the MoD telephoned you and said "Nick, we're releasing these files, and we thought we should tell you"? By what mechanism did you learn about the release? Did you submit your own request, and if so, can we have details of this request? I have provided details of my own requests.

>In doing so, I've upset true believers, who see the MoD's  
>initiative as lies and who believe I'm still working for the  
>MoD, peddling disinformation.

What has happened here is that you have been placed in a position where you can no longer claim that there are astounding revelations contained in the MoD files which you can not discuss because they are not yet in the public domain - claims that you have made in the past. The MoD have now given a firm undertaking that the files will be released - surely that now liberates you from the constraints of the Official Secrets Act unless you suspect that they may retain some of the 'more interesting' files? If you really believe that this is a full disclosure as you say, you can now tell us what fantastic documents we can expect to see in the files.

>I've also upset a small clique of three or four UK skeptics who  
>dishonestly portray themselves as the only people who have used

>FOI to push for the disclosure of the MoD's UFO files.

You don't mention any names here, but it seems almost certain that this is an oblique reference to myself, Dave Clarke, Gary Anthony, and possibly Andy Roberts. If so, why don't you just say so? I haven't disguised who I am referring to when I am discussing your activities, but then I am not writing anything which is libellous when I do so.

Assuming that I am right in that you are referring to us, I would challenge you to point out where we have claimed to be the only people making requests? I actually wrote:

"...the three of us have submitted a steady stream of requests. As well as making requests ourselves, we actively encouraged and assisted other ufologists to make their own requests."

What I can say with confidence is that between us, we have created the heaviest burden on the MoD in responding to FoIA requests about UFOs compared to the activities of others. I can be confident about this because I study the lists of requests as they appear on the MoD site, and I can identify those made by us and by several others. I also study those responses published in the disclosure log, which accounts for some of the requests which I could not attribute to others. I have also on occasion requested copies of responses. From the accumulated details, it is apparent which requesters have generated the most effort. Thankfully, this will be confirmed when the FoIA requests and their responses are published under the scheduled release. I certainly will not be disappointed or embarrassed when that happens, will you?

>What's interesting is how the same information from the MoD >files is being misused by two very different factions.

>Conspiracy theorists falsely suggest that the files show I'm a >disinformation operative. A handful of skeptics dishonestly >twist the information to downplay my role and denigrate my >official research and investigations.

Again, any flak that you receive from the conspiracy theorists is self-inflicted - it was you who raised their expectations to unrealistic levels.

Yet again, you fail to name the "handful of skeptics" who "dishonestly twist the information to downplay my role and denigrate my official research and investigations", but since I am the only person of a sceptical bent to have recently discussed your role on this list, I presume that I am one of those who you are again calling dishonest.

If so, I reject completely your accusation. My description of your role is far more accurate than your own description as 'head' of the 'UFO Project', this has already been borne out by your own words from when you were in-post and subsequent enquiries many of which are available on-line at:

<http://www.uk-ufo.org/cosford/modpage.html>

You have long had the opportunity to comment on these, but you have consciously evaded doing so. Again, the imminent release of DAS files will reveal the true level of your activities in-post and bear out that you only spent the equivalent of about 1 day per week dealing with the topic of UFOs. If I am wrong, I will be the first in the queue to apologise to you. If I am right, I am sure that you will be nowhere to be seen.

>With respect to those on this List who don't automatically >demonize me because of my government background, I hope you >understand why I have little dealings with ufologists these >days.

I see that you have already begun the process of extricating yourself from the mess which you got yourself into.

Regards,

Joe

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## Re: Faux Disclosure In The Works?

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 01 Jan 2008 01:51:00 +0000  
Archived: Wed, 02 Jan 2008 07:46:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Faux Disclosure In The Works?

>From: David Rudiak <[drudiak.nul](mailto:drudiak.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2007 10:48:33 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Faux Disclosure In The Works?

<snip>

There are clearly a few misunderstandings here, thankfully you have summarised your post, so I will address your summarised remarks which I think will address the remainder of the content of what you posted.

>So in summary, you yourself have stated in various ways:

>1. There are only 160 files for about 30 years of  
>'investigation' by the British MoD.

Yes.

>2. Most of the files constitute only a few pages.

No - you are confusing 'files' with 'reports'.

First, I should point out that not all of the files contain reports, some of them are policy files, files of FoIA requests, etc.

Files containing reports generally will contain multiple reports, say 50 for the sake of argument. If that figure is a good average, and a hundred files contain reports, then you could potentially have five thousand individual reports. These figures aren't absolute by the way, but used to illustrate the point.

>3. Only one person was assigned to the public UFO Desk, a part-timer.

Yes.

>4. Most of the files out of the UFO Desk have already been  
>written for public consumption.

I'm not sure what you mean by this... I am sure that 20 years ago, the FoIA was not on the horizon, although there was a period during the early 1970s when the MoD were concerned that UFO files might have to be released for academic study. It was around then that they decided that the UFO desk was not to hold sensitive files or reports. DI55 however was definitely 'in the loop', and 24 of their files are included in the release.

>5. Therefore what we will see will be a relative handful of  
>mostly inadequately investigated cases by an inadequately  
>staffed UFO Desk turning out mostly watered-down versions for  
>the public, with maybe a few interesting, properly investigated  
>cases thrown into the mix.

Yes.

>6. People who complain that this isn't true 'disclosure' are

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>just "conspiracy theorists" who will never accept the 'truth'  
>that there is nothing to disclose.

The MoD can only disclose what information they hold - maybe you would prefer them to make up material so that they can provide what you want?

>Thanks for clarifying the U.K.'s 'disclosure' for us Joe.

You're welcome.

Happy New year,

Joe

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## Re: How Will People Know Disclosure Occurred?

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 01 Jan 2008 02:24:45 +0000  
Archived: Wed, 02 Jan 2008 07:47:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: How Will People Know Disclosure Occurred?

>From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2007 16:13:18 -0500  
>Subject: Re: How Will People Know Disclosure Occurred?

Hi Eleanor,

<snip>

>Have the UK reports been serial numbered? That would  
>quickly point out of all reports have been released.

That's a very pertinent question, thank you.

I can't be sure as to how recent files are maintained. Certainly, up to about 1999, as papers were added to the files they were allotted an 'enclosure number' which was hand-written on at least one page of the added documents. Inside the file cover was an index of the enclosures with a descriptive line, eg:

27 - 24/6/83 Mrs Smith, 1 Landsdown Road, Eltham, Surrey  
28 - 25/6/83 Mr Brown, Castle Hill, Edinburgh.  
29 - ...

etc.

It should therefore be evident if an enclosure is missing from the sequence. A single page missing from an enclosure however would be more difficult to detect.

Furthermore, the MoD have published an index of reports on their site at:

<http://tinyurl.com/yoho7t>

These currently cover from 1998-2006, but as you might have seen from another post that I made, I expect that a listing of 2007 reports will be added this month. These can be used to cross-check against the released files for those years.

Other checks include cases where UFO reports have been submitted by individuals and organisations, and the reporter has kept a copy of the report and any correspondence. I have copies of all my correspondence, and BUFORA for instance should also have copies of theirs.

I do however fully expect that the DI55 files will contain a few reports (most likely from military sources) which didn't cross the UFO desk. I can't substantiate this yet, but would be surprised if that were not the case. That is not to say that there will be anything earth-shattering in the DI55 files, but mildly more interesting than the bulk of reports in the DAS files.

Cheers, and a Happy New Year to you,

Joe

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## Re: How Will People Know Disclosure Occurred?

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 01 Jan 2008 02:35:42 +0000  
Archived: Wed, 02 Jan 2008 07:48:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: How Will People Know Disclosure Occurred?

>From: Gerald O'Connell <[gac.nul](mailto:gac.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2007 18:19:15 +0000  
>Subject: Re: How Will People Know Disclosure Occurred?

Hi Gerald,

<snip>

>Fair enough Joe, but as a sceptic I find that difficult to  
>swallow. Somebody needs to do some exhaustive work to correlate  
>the released files with related activity - on the part of UFOs,  
>those who report them through official channels, and  
>government/official investigative records - before I could be  
>satisfied on the point.

I think that my reply to Eleanor in the 'Faux Disclosure' thread  
should go some way towards what you are talking about.

>Such work is not done - and I don't even know if it could be  
>done - and so it remains, as I said originally, a grey area for  
>those who feel they ought to base their view on a rational,  
>even-handed assessment of the facts.

>Self-styled sceptics who are selective in their application of  
>scepticism are not sceptics at all - they are as much victims of  
>bias as any zealot, or, for that matter, 'conspiracy theorist':  
>whether you want to describe it as 'convinced' or 'personally  
>satisfied' makes no difference. In the absence of sufficient  
>convincing evidence, it is just another belief. Beliefs are not  
>the same as knowledge.

Unfortunately, at this point I have to claim that experience and  
knowledge has a part to play in my conclusion. I worked in a  
sensitive area of the military for ten years, and I have  
considerable experience of archive research at Kew and other  
archives. I realise that this is not transferable, but I also  
feel that it is a good base on which to reach the conclusions  
that I have.

>At a slight tangent to this I cannot avoid, or suppress, the  
>following observation.

>In general, when UK government records are released it almost  
>always emerges that what the public were told at the time of  
>important events turns out to have been either false or greatly  
>diluted. If those important events remain current or relevant,  
>then the tendency is for the records not to be released. If the  
>currency or relevance goes away, then, eventually, the records  
>are released.

>Now, we may decide for ourselves whether UFO-related material  
>is 'important' as I have characterised it - I'm sure there's a  
>better term, but I hope you get my drift - or current, but it  
>would be naive to ignore this altogether when assessing the  
>'effectiveness' or completeness of any disclosure process.

This is something that you will definitely see in the released  
documents - the deliberate policy of 'playing down' UFO reports.

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What will be harder to discern though are the reasons for doing so.

Happy New Year,

Joe

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## Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

From: James Molesworth <[jtmoll.nul](mailto:jtmoll.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 01 Jan 2008 15:53:12 +1100  
Archived: Wed, 02 Jan 2008 07:54:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

>Source: PhysOrg.Com - Douglas, Isle Of Man

><http://www.physorg.com/news118241154.html>

>December 30, 2007

>Stranger That Fiction: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

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>Philip Pullman screenplay writer of The Golden Compass film  
>arrives for the premiere of the film The Golden Compass November  
>2007 in Londons Leicester Square Odeon cinema. The specter of  
>shadow worlds has been thrown into relief by the December  
>release of "The Golden Compass," a Hollywood blockbuster adapted  
>from the first volume of Pullman's classic sci-fi trilogy, "His  
>Dark Materials".

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>A staple of mind-bending science fiction, the possibility of  
>multiple universes has long intrigued hard-nosed physicists,  
>mathematicians and cosmologists too.

<snip>

G'day all:

One thing I always find intriguing about discussions of parallel universes, multiverses, bubble universes and the like, is the extreme nonchalance demonstrated in the use of the term 'infinite'. Infinity is a terribly weird thing: you can add infinity to it without increasing it, delete infinity from it without decreasing it, and so on.

Furthermore, as is often commented, in an infinite world (whether in size or duration) anything with a possibility higher than zero will necessarily occur (and indeed - this point is often missed - because infinity is equal to infinity times infinity, will happen an infinite number of times).

This allows a huge array of strange arguments to be made. Thus, a theist could argue that, if the possibility of an omnipotent god existing is less than zero, and it should be unless there is something contradictory about the concept, then an omnipotent god (or an infinite number of them) would necessarily exist.

Further, as it is omnipotent, this god would have the ability to interact with all the universes, and therefore it is necessarily the case that a god (God?) does exist in this universe!

Countless other such arguments could be produced.

One that may be of interest to Ufology at large, and which is discussed by physicists, is the appearance of the strange 'Boltzmann Brains' - sentient beings which simply 'pop' into existence, and which some cosmologists fear may actually outnumber biological intelligences such as ourselves, thus

threatening our 'typical observer' status. See:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boltzmann\\_brain](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boltzmann_brain)

and:

<http://tinyurl.com/2sca6s>

I wonder what impact the possibility of such beings should have on the 'evolution of human-like intelligence' discussion?

Sincerely,

James T. Molesworth

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## 2005 UFO In Phoenix Sky?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 02 Jan 2008 07:59:29 -0500  
Archived: Wed, 02 Jan 2008 07:59:29 -0500  
Subject: 2005 UFO In Phoenix Sky?

Source: Fox11-TV - Tucson, Arizona, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2xfclb>

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

UFO In Phoenix Sky?

By 3TV Staff

South Phoenix resident Jeff Woolwine took home video of something odd in the sky last week.

Woolwine said a black object appeared around 8 a.m. one day last week then swooped and moved over his apartment complex near 40th Street and Baseline Road.

"At first we thought it was a black plastic bag," Woolwine said.

But Woolwine claims it was the size of a Volkswagen and said the object held its shape the entire time it was on camera.

Woolwine said the object was "absolutely silent."

"I think the reason people might not have noticed it was because it didn't make any sound," Woolwine said. "It was very silent and it was cruisin'."

Watch the video:

<http://tinyurl.com/3a7klw>

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## Re: 'Why Would ET Evolve Human-Like Intelligence?'

From: James Molesworth <[jtmoll.nul](mailto:jtmoll.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 01 Jan 2008 17:17:27 +1100  
Archived: Wed, 02 Jan 2008 08:04:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Why Would ET Evolve Human-Like Intelligence?'

>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2007 10:12:42 -0800  
>Subject: Re: 'Why Would ET Evolve Human-Like Intelligence?'

>>From: James Molesworth <[jtmoll.nul](mailto:jtmoll.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2007 11:37:27 +1100  
>>Subject: 'Why Would ET Evolve Human-Like Intelligence?'

>>I've come across a very interesting magazine article regarding  
>>the likelihood of the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence  
>>(entirely without any reference to any claimed evidence for the  
>>hypothesis, or course).

>Hi James,

>I think the mistake here is regarding 'intelligence' as the  
>benchmark when 'tool-making' is the what sets humans apart from  
>our fellow creatures. Tool-making is convergent. Once that niche  
>is occupied by a species, certain physical and mental traits  
>will follow.

>I realize that convergence is a complicated concept, but it's a  
>fact and should be considered when trying to understand our  
>visitors.

G'day Ed.

Forgive me, but I find your argument a little confusing. If  
'tool-making' is what 'sets us apart' from other animals, surely  
it cannot also be convergent, as this requires precisely that we  
are not set apart by this ability, but share it with other  
species. Indeed, this also requires that tool making not be  
perceived as a 'niche' (for that matter, I fail to see why  
'intelligence' should needs be a niche, as Lineweaver contends,  
as it is surely itself a potential adaptation suitable to a  
range of purposes and hence survival techniques).

Furthermore, on what evidence can it be claimed that 'certain  
physical and mental traits will follow' from tool making? It c  
ould very well be argued that the reverse is true.

I'm afraid I must humbly disagree and contend that it is indeed  
aspects of our intelligence that makes humans unique among  
terrestrial species - the ability to develop, communicate and  
comprehend highly complicated and abstract concepts, among other  
features, may be regarded as the reason why our utilisation and  
manufacturing of tools differs markedly in extent and complexity  
from that of other species, and indeed not just physical tools,  
but also conceptual tools such as numbers, and attendant symbols  
of diverse types. Importantly, this is why Lineweaver was  
careful to use the term 'Human-like Intelligence' rather than  
just 'intelligence', for various other species do display  
intelligences of varying types and extent, but there appears to  
be a significant difference in kind between the conceptual  
abilities of these and that of humans.

That said, I should point out that I am no advocate of Lineweaver's conclusions. I am pleased that a discussion of the topic appeared in a mainstream scientific publication, and that it was treated seriously. I feel also that Lineweaver has highlighted a genuine point to consider, but ultimately the evolution of 'human-like intelligence' is a process for which we simply do not have enough data to form any firm conclusions. Certainly it should not be taken for granted, as it sadly often is, that an intelligence similar to that of humans will always evolve where the opportunity exists, any more than any other trait possessed by any species on this planet. On the other hand, it may well be a feature of natural selection that it does tend to eventually precipitate the type of intelligence possessed by humans - educated guesses are the extent of our ability to answer such questions at this time, at least until other examples of evolutionary systems are discovered (assuming that such does occur).

As something of an agnostic concerning the ET hypothesis, I should say that I regard as far more troubling the apparent physiological congruencies between such entities as the 'greys' and humans. Despite the fact that many reports tend to suggest they neither breathe, nor have a bony internal skeleton, and may not even eat or drink as we do, we nonetheless find that most reports describe beings far more externally similar to humans than could reasonably be expected from beings both evolutionarily entirely divorced from humanity, but also possessing (apparently) such widely different requirements from their bodies. Can the (apparent) internal differences between humans and the ETs have had no impact on the development of their gross external structure?

One reply to this, of course, is that terrestrial life was 'seeded' or somehow manipulated by an ET civilisation, and hence the similarities are a result of this. However, such does not explain why the similarities seem to end with the basic anthropomorphic appearance of the ETs, while their internal physiology seems (from what little information we have) to differ markedly. Further, how do such claims for the external 'seeding' of Earth correlate with the argument that life has evolved independently throughout the universe?

This then raises another problem - we simply do not know how life got started (assertions in popular literature aside), and hence cannot by any means know how likely or otherwise it is that life exists elsewhere. The discovery (assuming, as seems likely, that it takes place) that there are many Earth-like planets is double edged, for while it may be regarded as increasing the chances of life elsewhere, it may also be seen as allowing the possibility that the emergence of life was far more unlikely than previously appreciated, and required not only millions of years, but billions of potential loci to occur. The number of life-friendly planets may be astronomical, but so too may be the chances of evolution ever getting underway - we simply do not know.

But, I am playing devil's advocate, and my intention is merely to indicate that the ET hypothesis should not be taken as an entirely unproblematic, 'obvious' explanation for the numerous UFOlogical phenomena.

Sincerely,

James T. Molesworth

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## Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 02 Jan 2008 08:12:33 -0500  
Archived: Wed, 02 Jan 2008 08:12:33 -0500  
Subject: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

Source: The Sun - London, UK

<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article637499.ece>

01 Jan 2008

Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore  
By John Coles  
[j.coles.nul-sun.co.uk](mailto:j.coles.nul-sun.co.uk)

[Large Image]

This stunning photo of a UFO over Cornwall was last night hailed by experts as one of the best ever taken in Britain.

The classic flying saucer shape is seen above two ships.

And UFO watchers believe it could be proof we are not alone.

Kelvin Barbery snapped the mystery object from a coastal path between Swanpool and Maenporth, near Falmouth.

In a weird twist, Kelvin, 55, did not even see the UFO at the time.

He thought he was just taking a sea view =97 but when he loaded the digital camera card on to his computer, the round metallic 'craft' was in the centre of the shot, about two miles away.

Kelvin, a facilities manager for schools, said: "There were a couple of tankers out in the bay and I thought that it made a nice shot.

"There was nothing in view and certainly no fault on the camera.

When I got home I couldn't believe what I had. I thought, 'Wow, where did that come from?' I'm not the sort to believe in UFOs =97 now I'm not so sure."

Nick Pope, one of Britain's foremost UFO experts, said the photo was one of the best he had seen.

Nick, formerly the official Ministry of Defence UFO analyst, said: "If I was still there I'd be looking at this very closely. The object looks structured, symmetrical and metallic. This man has caught something very interesting indeed."

Michael Soper, of the Contact International UFO group, agreed: "This does appear genuine. Digital photos can be doctored but everything about it appears consistent."

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Kelvin took his picture at 3.31pm on December 29, with a Nikon D80 Digital SLR on automatic.

[Thanks to Nick Pope for the lead]

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## Re: 2008 A Year Of...?

From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 1 Jan 2008 08:39:28 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Wed, 02 Jan 2008 09:32:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: 2008 A Year Of...?

>Ten years ago, today, I posted here:

>"To all UpDates Subscribers, Contributors and Readers around the  
>Planet,

>May this New Year bring us all whatever it is we want and wish  
>for, no matter how earth-shattering or seemingly small."

>I've stopped holding my breath for what this collective of 'We's'  
>might want or wish for. I do trust we all have a...

>Happy New Year!

>ebk

Thank you Gentle List Operator!

May this also be a year of increased awareness of this undeniable phenomenon, increased acumen of the insidious agenda of the abducting aliens, and increased assistance and fellowship to those who suffer throughout terra firma.

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## Re: Recent Interesting Canadian UFO Reports

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 01 Jan 2008 13:20:21 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 02 Jan 2008 09:36:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: Recent Interesting Canadian UFO Reports

>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2007 09:35:51 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Recent Interesting Canadian UFO Reports

>>From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos.nul](mailto:nikolaos.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2007 21:17:54 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Recent Interesting Canadian UFO Reports

<snip>

>I noticed two or three anomalous aspects to that contrail.  
>First, the footage labelled "A few minutes later" showed a  
>definite well formed contrail-like shape that seemed unrelated  
>to the shape of the prior footage, if both of them together had  
>formed the same contrail. Yet, the trail seen in both footages  
>was definitely one and the same, if I interpret the report  
>right, though I was unable to discern the corkscrew-like motion  
>of the short "trail" in the prior footage.

>In that prior-footage view, the leading edge of the trail seemd  
>most pronounced and showed no indication of fanning out wider  
>farther behind, as in the normal case, and seemingly in the  
>case seen in the later view.

>The other anomaly was that in the later footage the rear end of  
>the "contrail" cut off very abruptly just where it had become  
>exceptionally wide, which was evidently where it had formed.  
>(The upper winds seemed to have been toward the observer with  
>component from the right.) By then the trail was still too short  
>for enough time to have elapsed for a typical widening contrail  
>to have widened nearly that much. Such widening usually takes a  
>half hour or more.

>If these possible anomalies are combined with the eye-witness  
>"corkscrew" report, I find it anomalous. However, the fact that  
>the lateral widening "fingers" were present on one side (the  
>right) and not the other made it look more typical.

Hi Jim,

Unfortunately I'm on dial-up which wants to degrade the whole  
video image so I can't make comments. Hopefully my being  
hamstrung frequently in this regard will be alleviated when  
broadband finally makes it to my rural area in the next couple  
of months.

The mention of debris with the NRO's stamp on it - on Prince  
Edward Island - might tend to support my suspicions that not all  
went well with the launch on December 10. Even AW&ST got some of  
the details wrong notably that the authorities in Canada and the  
UK were contacted about the pending launch.

AW&ST states "The mission involved special pre-launch with  
Canada and the U.K. If a malfunction had occurred during powered  
flight, rocket and satellite debris could have landed near or on  
Canadian or British territory."

If the authorities were advised here in Canada there is no evidence of it where the RCMP, military/coast guard and Rescue Coordination Center on the east coast was concerned. All were caught flat-footed. Air Traffic Control was told not to talk about it. Eye witness accounts don't lend themselves to a booster burning up in the high atmosphere.

Best,

Don Ledger

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## Re: Recent Interesting Canadian UFO Reports

From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2007 22:23:22 -0500  
Archived: Wed, 02 Jan 2008 09:39:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Recent Interesting Canadian UFO Reports

>From: Chris Rutkowski <[rutkows.nul](mailto:rutkows.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2007 14:35:25 -0600 (CST)  
>Subject: Re: Recent Interesting Canadian UFO Reports

>>From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos.nul](mailto:nikolaos.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2007 21:17:54 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Recent Interesting Canadian UFO Reports

>>>From: Chris Rutkowski <[rutkows.nul](mailto:rutkows.nul)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2007 14:57:57 -0600 (CST)  
>>>Subject: Recent Interesting Canadian UFO Reports

>>>I have received some curious reports in December, a few of  
>>>which may be very significant.

>>>On December 26, 2007, at about 5:30 pm, he and his wife saw a  
>>>dark object spiraling towards the ground near the horizon.

>>>They grabbed their video camera and began filming, and what was  
>>>caught on film is remarkable. A blackish object giving of  
>>>"smoke" was seen, which the witnesses likened to a "plane in  
>>>trouble." The actual object was difficult to see, bit the  
>>>witness thought it was shaped like a ball. It was descending  
>>>at a shallow angle, in a corkscrew motion, moving away from the  
>>>witnesses, towards the west. Eventually, a long, black contrail  
>>>was formed. The witnesses lost sight of the actual object, and  
>>>it did not seem to actually reach the ground before it became  
>>>too dark to observe it, lasting more than half an hour in  
>>>total.

><snip>

>I spoke with the witnesses several times and they say they will  
>eventually be sending me the entire video, including the  
>beginning which has not been posted anywhere yet. Supposedly, it  
>shows the object flying in an irregular pattern without making  
>any contrail, which only began later in its flight.

>Further, the latest news is that someone found a tubular piece  
>of material with NOAA markings on it, beyond where the contrail  
>was leading. The prevailing opinion in PEI is that what was  
>videoed was a NOAA instrument package that malfunctioned and  
>came down over PEI. Why it produced a dark contrail is unknown.

I would like to propose another interpretation of the event  
based on analysis of several frames in the video. The analysis  
is documented at

[http://www.treurniet.ca/Ufo/pei\\_video/](http://www.treurniet.ca/Ufo/pei_video/)

In short, one or two of several extracted video frames suggest  
that the anomaly was caused by a malfunction of a delta wing  
aircraft. A silhouette of the object in the video is very  
similar to that of the B2 stealth bomber. The dark material  
making up the conical object seems to be coming from the  
aircraft. Further, there are clues that the aircraft was using

an unconventional method of propulsion.

William

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## Re: Recent Interesting Canadian UFO Reports

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 1 Jan 2008 17:07:42 EST  
Archived: Wed, 02 Jan 2008 09:40:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: Recent Interesting Canadian UFO Reports

>From: Chris Rutkowski <[rutkows.nul](mailto:rutkows.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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>>As an amateur astronomer like Chris and also having been  
>>employed as a climatologist for Environment Canada (with formal  
>>training in atmospheric sciences and having working many years  
>>as an observer/technician on various meteorological projects  
>>throughout Canada and abroad, I can say with much confidence  
>>that this trail of smoke is a jet contrail.

<snip>

>But yes, I agree that the case likely has an explanation.

>>Chris, when very reasonable and highly probable explanations are  
>>provided for these and other UFO reports, do you still include  
>>them in the totals for the 2007 annual Canadian UFO survey?

>Yes, we make that clear in every UFO Survey. The conclusion in  
>cases like this are either "Explained" or "Probable  
>Explanation," as the circumstance allows. They're included  
>because they are \*reported\* as UFOs, but are later converted to  
>IFOs as investigation leads to a solution.

There you go again. No one reported this as a quote "UFO" - it  
was described by the witnesses as like a "plane in trouble" (an  
IFO if anything). This case does not belong in a UFO reporting  
system.

Yet you are going to tabulate it as another one of your 650 or so  
"UFO" cases for 2007, so you can inflate your overall statistics,  
lower the percentage of genuine UFO Unknowns and thus help  
the cause of the debunkers.

Sheesh, if you really want to inflate your stats more, why not  
contact birdwatching societies and ask for their reports of  
unidentified birds or bird-like objects?? If you call them

"UFO's" then that's all that is necessary to get them incorporated into the "UFO" statistics game.

Sounds absurd? But you have admitted you already do this with bright meteor fireballs, you include them in your UFO stats, even though they are IFO's right from the start. Why not also include Sasquatch sightings, crop circles and cattle mutilations in your "UFO" stats too? Or maybe you do already.

What a lousy start for the New Year.

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## 1979's Infinite Horizons: Space Beyond Apollo

From: **Jerry Hamm**<[zoomarl.nul](mailto:zoomarl.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 1 Jan 2008 17:26:01 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Wed, 02 Jan 2008 09:43:00 -0500  
Subject: 1979's Infinite Horizons: Space Beyond Apollo

Dear List,

I'm looking for a video recording of a news program I saw when I was 16 years-old. It's called Infinite Horizons Space Beyond Apollo

This was an ABC-TV special which aired on December 30, 1979 regarding the past and future of the space program, narrated by Paul Altmeyer, hosted by Ray Bradbury, including interviews with Jules Bergman, Isaac Asimov, Alvin Toffler.

I will gladly make a DVD copy for anyone who can loan me copy. Any of these videotape (NTSC) formats will work; VHS, Beta, Digital 8mm (D8), or Digital Video (DV). Or any DVD copy.

Thank you,

Jerry Hamm  
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## Gravity R&D And Ostrich Ufologists

From: Vince White [Vinceomni.nul](mailto:Vinceomni.nul)  
Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 04:15:17 EST  
Archived: Wed, 02 Jan 2008 09:48:36 -0500  
Subject: Gravity R&D And Ostrich Ufologists

Listers,

These comments are merely to catalyze open debate and dialogue on these issues. Hopefully to provoke added efforts by many to further the investigative summary I have done.

It is directed towards those who still think we have had little or no success, duplicating UFO propulsion, it is also directed to those who wonder what "secret space fleets" refer to. These conclusions developed over years of investigation, are not proof but like real intelligence or investigative estimates, incomplete and circumstantial.

The long long UFO cover up, has piled evidence skyscraper high. Mountains of sightings, strange events, masses of evidence of extreme relentless cover up, with deep military intelligence involvement. This most researchers agree with to a varying degree. If this is not basic truth, we have only illusion, and madness reigns, for the explanation of the last 60 years.

Yet a type of madness, a failure of analytical nerve has afflicted many. To the shame of our research community, there is a refusal to look at the next step. As generals fight the last war, Ufologists are looking in the rear view mirror, ignoring the swarm of events, sources, sightings, leaks, and copious congruencies, that point towards a scientific technological and engineering triumph of the first magnitude.

The best damned engineering we humans have ever done is buried in blackness and flown by brave pilots with virtually no recognition by the society that funded them.

For those who have followed the alphabet soup agencies & national labs with their high level insider witness testimonies, it's analogous to watching a vast national security black tent, which unpredictably, tears occur, flaps open, winds lift edges of, revealing wonders...

Where some have seen briefly slick shiny strange forms streaking in and out, where we can hear the sounds of mysterious humming and droning, and from time to time shapes ascend from the shroud, hover momentarily, then streak away to a vanishing dot in seconds from Palmdale or N. Edwards AFB hangars. As one Northrop Grumman employee who witnessed such a disgorgement and flight of a nearly 150 foot wide black disc, years ago, expressed his feelings, "It was a life changing experience".

This comment by one who witnessed what the late Ben Rich bravely described was our means to take ET home. Did Ben Rich speak in vain of "ours" and "theirs", as the two kinds of UFOs? What is this about? The repeated magic phrase that leaks out of the camouflaged and budgetary cloak is - Gravity control.

In the 50's, and early 60's this was not so blanketed. indeed it was loudly and proudly advertised as the next big thing, corporate aerospace giants teased with auspicious prediction and imminent success in harnessing this ability. Then in a still unexplained process, one by one the neon lights predicting "G" ships went out leaving nothing, nothing but the Cheshire cat

grin, of an entire field of study and research that vanished.

Did all this effort fail in lab after lab, fading into dead end after dead end? Only in the minds of the terminally naive and hopelessly naive. Not only is there evidence that a massive R&D effort continued in the black world, sometime in the 70's and 80's, "metal" began to be bent, and began to be seen flying in several locations, in areas around Palmdale Ca, Edwards AFB., Dugway Utah, and the infamous region in Nevada, in several numbered "areas". and most of all in the Tehachapis nearby. The test flights at this location were seen by over a hundred individuals, from a distance, through telescopes and binoculars. It is either a case of mass hallucination or hoax, or the discs, triangles and boomerang shaped vehicles were real.

I tabled this on the UpDates Listm several years ago. It is this observer's judgement that this will be a great embarrassment some day of ignominy. For the record is clear and accessible for anyone who takes the time and trouble to actually examine the record.

For an entire nexus of exotica was seen flying in areas around; Palmdale, Helendale, Llano, the Tehachapis, N. Edwards AFB, as well as several other key aerospace test and development facilities, by both local residents and outside groups. Yet this is still being sinfully ignored. Even though more and diverse evidence accumulates.

What does it require to awaken those who are somnolent in their belief that if we had such shiny swift wonders we'd show them to the world at once and deploy them bombing robed bearded ones in mountains half way across the world?

It never seems to be considered that there may be much bigger fish to fry in the cosmic game or conflict, taking place in space around this planet? There may be motives and methods that remain hidden due to bitterly born imperatives decades ago, in days of fateful decision even perhaps desperate in the forties and fifties.

Days of real loss and blood, shattered jets and damaged discs. When at DC news conference events may have hung on the edge of a chaotic abyss. When the secrecy lid nearly blew off as Maj Gen .Samford and Gen. Ramey blew smoke at a skeptical press corps, with likely steely but tired nerve.

This epochal achievement seen flying in new numbers in the late 80's and on, was likely a consequence of imperatives from that earlier era, when secret councils decided and some general at high decibel level said "We will duplicate, build our own saucers, We will get our own space lift - some day we'll regain high ground, stand proud, if we need to sell our mothers - so help me"

So the the Manhattan project mutated into a massive gravity or field propulsion highest priority project, as several insider witnesses and leakers have reported, we've spent more on this than we spent on fission and fusion weapons together.

Oceans of money, many research initiatives surrounded by a bodyguard of lies and disinformation, as this whole arena went black, where real engineering data disappeared into a document singularity. The best gravity papers are not likely published in the PHYSICAL REVIEW for particles & fields.

Yet, even as gravity specialists and theoreticians disappeared from time to time, some still missing, clues.large and blatant took place, such as the "demo" at Norton AFB took place on Nov 12, 88 which either was a major security breach, or an aborted rogue disclosure. I invite skeptics to really look at this honestly, three discs were displayed and described in detail - - hanging in the thin air of a high security area.

Meticulous exam of Area 51 archives reveals activity that looks and performs, to quote a statement by Fred Francis on a Pentagon assignment NBC broadcast in the 90's., "Like a flying Saucer".

Are ET's using our premier aerospace development sites as vacation spots? Or are we flying craft that fly via field propulsion?

Why are we flying humans into space in a fire belching slightly aerodynamic brick? Why is the subject of abductions and crash retrievals lied and denied behind a monolithic stonewall?

Something massive mysterious multifaceted hides behind the stonewall, perhaps malevolent in part, perhaps simply carrying such a charge of change that those in charge simply fear loosening this, for an unpredictably strange swarm of protean tools will turn today's worries into child's play, when energy is nearly limitless, travel by air erodes virtually all fences, walls and any spot reached in the globe at Mach 30, and fusion weapons triggered without fission matches are in the hands of 13<sup>th</sup> century minds.

Vince White

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## UFOs Or Too Much Revelry?

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New Year's Eve Lights: UFOs Or Too Much Revelry?  
by Susan Shroder

It was New Year's Eve, after all, and people may be in altered states where they see lots of strange things.

But three groups of San Diegans swear they were sober enough to report seeing strange orange-yellow lights in the sky about 30 minutes after midnight. And the National UFO Reporting Center said Tuesday it got enough "similar reports from across the country" to warrant a follow-up investigation.

Ryan Keegan and his wife, Rachael, were leaving a friend's party at their apartment complex in Bay Park about 12:30 a.m. when they saw the unidentified objects. They went in and got their friends and took pictures with a cell-phone camera.

"We saw four orange lights in a square and right behind there were three orange lights in a triangle," said Keegan, who is in the home-financing business and whose wife is a kindergarten teacher. "There was no sound, no flashing lights, no vapor trail, just solid lights."

They continued to watch the sky and Keegan said the group saw four more lights appear about 12:45 a.m. The lights traveled east to west, then disappeared in the sky over La Jolla.

Keegan said he and his friends had been drinking, "but we weren't drunk being that it was Near Year's."

About the time same in Pacific Beach, Dustin Gannon, an amateur astronomer, said he and about a dozen friends saw the lights from the backyard of his home. Gannon described them as nine red dots that traveled across the sky for about seven minutes. About a half-hour later, the group saw four red dots. They captured the images on video.

"We're still a little freaked out," he said. "It was really crazy. It wasn't fireworks."

Reached at the National UFO Reporting Center in Harrington, Wash., about 50 miles west of Spokane, center director Peter B. Davenport said a woman he knows in the UFO field made a similar report. She and five people saw the lights traveling in formation heading west toward Del Mar. She described it as one single unit with seven lights in total followed by an orange triangle formation; both disappeared into the marine layer over the ocean.

"Based on the fact that I actually know the witness who

submitted this report, and based on the other seemingly similar reports from across the country last night, I would categorize this sighting over San Diego as of interest to us," Davenport said.

San Diego police said Tuesday they did not receive any calls about New Year's Eve UFO sightings.

The National UFO Reporting Center also received reports of similar sightings in Santa Monica, the San Francisco Bay area and Canada.

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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2007 10:48:33 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Faux Disclosure In The Works?

>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2007 15:59:18 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Faux Disclosure In The Works?

<snip>

>>Contrary to your apparent expectation, a file may contain  
>>correspondence, multiple reports of UFOs, discussion of UFO  
>>policy, newsclippings, etc. It is not usually the case that  
>>details of a specific incident are exclusively housed in an  
>>individual file, though there are notable exceptions, such as  
>>the so-called 'Cosford Incident', and the 'Rendlesham file'.

>This still sounds like a lot of doubletalk. The number of cases  
>being released seems absolutely pathetic for that period of  
>time.

>>Most of the reports comprise a report form (one or two pages),  
>>often with just handwritten remarks by the UFO desk written on  
>>them. Occasionally, there is some internal discussion of the  
>>report (often along the lines of the UFO desk asking DI55 what  
>>they think, and DI55 responding that it was/wasn't a  
>>satellite).  
>>Less frequently there is more substantial dialogue about a  
>>particular case, but rarely more than 7 or 8 pages in addition  
>>to the report.

>So, in other words, however you mince words, basically around  
>160 reports, most of them sounding like little or no  
>investigation was actually done. Again, I ask, how does this  
>constitute "disclosure".

<snip>

>So in summary, you yourself have stated in various ways:

>1. There are only 160 files for about 30 years of  
>'investigation' by the British MoD.

>2. Most of the files constitute only a few pages.

I think Joe actually said that a file typically may contain many  
different types of materials including "multiple" reports, each  
of which may be only a few pages. The total number of reports  
remains unknown.

Martin Shough

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<http://www.terrybisson.com/meat.html>

March 13, 2003

From OMNI, April 1991. This story, which was a 1991 Nebula nominee, has been appearing around the internet lately without my name attached. Several people were kind enough to alert me, but the truth is I'm more flattered than offended.

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They're Made Out Of Meat  
by Terry Bisson

"They're made out of meat."

"Meat?"

"Meat. They're made out of meat."

"Meat?"

"There's no doubt about it. We picked up several from different parts of the planet, took them aboard our recon vessels, and probed them all the way through. They're completely meat."

"That's impossible. What about the radio signals? The messages to the stars?"

"They use the radio waves to talk, but the signals don't come from them. The signals come from machines."

"So who made the machines? That's who we want to contact."

"They made the machines. That's what I'm trying to tell you. Meat made the machines."

"That's ridiculous. How can meat make a machine? You're asking me to believe in sentient meat."

"I'm not asking you, I'm telling you. These creatures are the only sentient race in that sector and they're made out of meat."

"Maybe they're like the orfolei. You know, a carbon-based intelligence that goes through a meat stage."

"Nope. They're born meat and they die meat. We studied them for several of their life spans, which didn't take long. Do you have any idea what's the life span of meat?"

"Spare me. Okay, maybe they're only part meat. You know, like the weddilei. A meat head with an electron plasma brain inside."

"Nope. We thought of that, since they do have meat heads, like

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the weddilei. But I told you, we probed them. They're meat all the way through."

"No brain?"

"Oh, there's a brain all right. It's just that the brain is made out of meat! That's what I've been trying to tell you."

"So ... what does the thinking?"

"You're not understanding, are you? You're refusing to deal with what I'm telling you. The brain does the thinking. The meat."

"Thinking meat! You're asking me to believe in thinking meat!"

"Yes, thinking meat! Conscious meat! Loving meat. Dreaming meat. The meat is the whole deal! Are you beginning to get the picture or do I have to start all over?"

"Omigod. You're serious then. They're made out of meat."

"Thank you. Finally. Yes. They are indeed made out of meat. And they've been trying to get in touch with us for almost a hundred of their years."

"Omigod. So what does this meat have in mind?"

"First it wants to talk to us. Then I imagine it wants to explore the Universe, contact other sentiences, swap ideas and information. The usual."

"We're supposed to talk to meat."

"That's the idea. That's the message they're sending out by radio. 'Hello. Anyone out there. Anybody home.' That sort of thing."

"They actually do talk, then. They use words, ideas, concepts?"

"Oh, yes. Except they do it with meat."

"I thought you just told me they used radio."

"They do, but what do you think is on the radio? Meat sounds. You know how when you slap or flap meat, it makes a noise? They talk by flapping their meat at each other. They can even sing by squirting air through their meat."

"Omigod. Singing meat. This is altogether too much. So what do you advise?"

"Officially or unofficially?"

"Both."

"Officially, we are required to contact, welcome and log in any and all sentient races or multibeings in this quadrant of the Universe, without prejudice, fear or favor. Unofficially, I advise that we erase the records and forget the whole thing."

"I was hoping you would say that."

"It seems harsh, but there is a limit. Do we really want to make contact with meat?"

"I agree one hundred percent. What's there to say? 'Hello, meat. How's it going?' But will this work? How many planets are we dealing with here?"

"Just one. They can travel to other planets in special meat containers, but they can't live on them. And being meat, they can only travel through C space. Which limits them to the speed of light and makes the possibility of their ever making contact pretty slim. Infinitesimal, in fact."

"So we just pretend there's no one home in the Universe."

"That's it."

"Cruel. But you said it yourself, who wants to meet meat? And the ones who have been aboard our vessels, the ones you probed?"

You're sure they won't remember?"

"They'll be considered crackpots if they do. We went into their heads and smoothed out their meat so that we're just a dream to them."

"A dream to meat! How strangely appropriate, that we should be meat's dream."

"And we marked the entire sector unoccupied."

"Good. Agreed, officially and unofficially. Case closed. Any others? Anyone interesting on that side of the galaxy?"

"Yes, a rather shy but sweet hydrogen core cluster intelligence in a class nine star in G445 zone. Was in contact two galactic rotations ago, wants to be friendly again."

"They always come around."

"And why not? Imagine how unbearably, how unutterably cold the Universe would be if one were all alone ..."

the end

[Thanks to Chris Aubeck for the lead]

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What Kucinich Saw: Witnesses Describe His Close Encounter

Candidate's Pals Recall Three Throbbing UFOs;  
Outed by Shirley MacLaine

By Michael M. Phillips  
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The 2008 presidential race has raised many questions about the candidates' personal histories. Will Barack Obama's past drug use preclude a White House future? Will Christian conservatives forgive Rudy Giuliani his two divorces? Will voters forgive Hillary Clinton for forgiving Bill?

And what exactly did Democratic candidate Dennis Kucinich see hovering above actress Shirley MacLaine's house 25 years ago?

This fall, Ms. MacLaine revealed in her new book that the Ohio congressman had seen a UFO and felt "a connection in his heart and heard directions in his mind." In a Democratic presidential debate in late October, Mr. Kucinich acknowledged seeing something airborne that he couldn't identify and then defused the issue with a joke about opening a campaign office in Roswell, N.M., the capital of unexplained sightings.

Since then, the long-shot candidate has refused to elaborate on the experience.

Now, after keeping quiet about the incident for a quarter of a century, the two people who say they were at Mr. Kucinich's side that evening have come forward to describe an event which they say left them convinced that there's intelligent life in outer space.

"At no time did I feel afraid, even though I felt very small," says one witness, Paul Costanzo. "I sensed that I was in the presence of a greater technology and intelligence."

The close encounter, says Mr. Costanzo, took place in September 1982 at Ms. MacLaine's former home in Graham, Wash. - an expansive estate on a ridge above the Puyallup River, with a view of Mount Rainier.

The 61-year-old Mr. Kucinich, who declined several requests to comment for this article, had been the wunderkind mayor of Cleveland in the late 1970s and had met Ms. MacLaine through Bella Abzug, the late New York congresswoman and feminist. The

actress says she quickly realized she and Mr. Kucinich were kindred spirits. Years later he asked Ms. MacLaine to be the godmother of his daughter.

"We just thought the same," Ms. MacLaine says in an interview. "We have the same political points of view."

When Cleveland voters ousted Mr. Kucinich after one tumultuous term, Ms. MacLaine offered him her home as a sanctuary where he could write his memoirs. He lived there for the better part of a year.

Also in residence was Mr. Costanzo, a Juilliard-trained trumpet player and jujitsu black belt, who worked as Ms. MacLaine's assistant, personal trainer and bodyguard. He and Mr. Kucinich became good friends, and Mr. Costanzo, now 55 years old, served as deputy campaign director and security chief for the congressman's unsuccessful 2004 presidential run.

Ms. MacLaine - well-known for her fascination with things mystical and extraterrestrial - was in Canada that weekend in 1982, performing her one-woman show. But Mr. Costanzo's girlfriend at the time, a model and actress who is now 50 years old, was visiting when the UFO incident took place. She spoke after Mr. Costanzo requested she do so, and on condition that her name not be published.

Here's what happened, according to separate interviews with Mr. Costanzo and his former girlfriend:

The day was strange from the start. For hours, Mr. Kucinich, Mr. Costanzo and his companion noticed a high-pitched sound. "There was a sense that something extraordinary was happening all day," says the girlfriend. She and Mr. Costanzo say that none of the three consumed alcohol or took drugs.

As they sat down to a dinner, Mr. Kucinich spotted a light in the distance, to the left of Mount Rainier. Mr. Costanzo thought it was a helicopter.

But Mr. Kucinich walked outside to the deck to look through the telescope that he had bought Ms. MacLaine as a house gift. After a few minutes, Mr. Kucinich summoned the other two: "Guys, come on out here and look at this."

Mr. Costanzo and his girlfriend joined Mr. Kucinich, where they took turns peering through the telescope. What they saw in the far distance, according to both witnesses, was a hovering light, which soon divided into two, and then three.

After a few minutes, the lights moved closer and it became apparent that they were actually three charcoal-gray, triangular craft, flying in a tight wedge. The girlfriend remembers each triangle having red and green lights running down the edges, with a laser-like red light at the tail. Mr. Costanzo recalls white lights, but no tail.

Mr. Costanzo says each triangle was roughly the size of a large van, while his former girlfriend compares it to a "larger Cessna, smaller than a jet certainly." Neither recalls seeing any markings, landing gear, engines, windows or cockpits.

The craft approached to within 200 yards, suspended over the field just beyond the swimming pool. Both witnesses say it emitted a quiet, throbbing sound - nothing like an airplane engine.

"There was a feeling of wanting to communicate something, but I didn't know what," says Mr. Costanzo.

The craft held steady in midair, for perhaps a minute, then sped away, Mr. Costanzo says. "Nothing had landed," he says. "No strange beings had disembarked. No obvious messages were beamed down. When they were completely out of sight, we all looked at each other disbelieving what we had seen."

At Mr. Kucinich's suggestion, they jotted down their impressions and drew pictures to memorialize the event. Mr. Kucinich kept the notes, according to Ms. MacLaine, who said he promised her recently that he would try to find them.

"It was proof to me that we're obviously not alone," says the girlfriend.

The next day, the group spotted what they thought to be military helicopters buzzing around the valley where they had made the sighting. And the high-pitched sound remained.

Mr. Kucinich called Ms. MacLaine in Canada to tell her what had happened. "He said it was beautiful, serene, and it moved him," says Ms. MacLaine, who is supporting Mr. Kucinich's candidacy. "He was not afraid of it, let's put it that way. Seeing something that close and sophisticated and gentle."

Ms. MacLaine says she has seen UFOs from a distance in New Mexico and Peru, but never up close. She was envious. "I'm the one who reports them, but they never make close visitation. What am I doing wrong?"

None of the three reported the incident to the authorities. And over the years that followed, they shared the story with very few people. "Unfortunately, people are ridiculed when they say they've had these kinds of experiences, which is why I never came forward with it," says the girlfriend.

Ms. MacLaine says she called Mr. Kucinich before she included his UFO sighting in her book, "Sage-ing while Age-ing," a recounting of her spiritual and professional journeys. "I can handle it," she says he told her.

More recently, Mr. Kucinich has dodged it. Approached by The Wall Street Journal for comment in December - moments after he voted for a House resolution praising Christmas and Christianity - Mr. Kucinich looked unblinkingly ahead: "I don't have any comment," he said.

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2007 17:52:24 +0000  
>Subject: Re: MoD To Open British UFO X-Files

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>As was the case with the FSWP, The Rendlesham release, the  
>Condign release, the DI55 file release and now the DAS file  
>release, you have singularly refused to acknowledge the  
>individuals who made the effort to secure these documents for  
>public consumption.

<snip>

I never give the oxygen of publicity to people who have made  
personal attacks on me and no longer take sides in disputes over  
which ufologists obtained what documents first.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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>Date: Tue, 01 Jan 2008 02:24:45 +0000  
>Subject: Re: How Will People Know Disclosure Occurred?

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>I do however fully expect that the DI55 files will contain a few  
>reports (most likely from military sources) which didn't cross  
>the UFO desk. I can't substantiate this yet, but would be  
>surprised if that were not the case. That is not to say that  
>there will be anything earth-shattering in the DI55 files, but  
>mildly more interesting than the bulk of reports in the DAS  
>files.

I don't know if this is a genuine misunderstanding or yet  
another attempt to imply that the secretariat lead division was  
'out of the loop', but this is incorrect. DAS and the DIS got  
the same reports, which included sightings from the public,  
police, civil pilots and military personnel.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2007 08:37:26 -0800 (PST)  
>>>Subject: Re: 'Why Would ET Evolve Human-Like Intelligence?'

>>>We are not dealing with slight issue here. We are dealing with  
>>>something more even than the expanse of space; we are dealing  
>>>with the expanse of mind.

>>>Your point that we are dealing with something more than just the  
>>>expanse of space, but the expanse of mind, is very valid. Is  
>>>intelligence unique to this planet or is it a common feature in  
>>>natural development. While Lineweaver has made a very good  
>>>argument, my instinct is to shy away from a view whose end  
>>>result leaves us with the notion that the development of human  
>>>intelligence on this planet is a unique event. Historically, our  
>>>theories of uniqueness have usually fallen. Whether it was that  
>>>the earth or sun was the center of the universe, or that we were  
>>>the only creature on earth with awareness or tool making  
>>>ability, or that we were more than just that little blue dot, we  
>>>have come to realize that we are not as unique as we have  
>>>thought.

>Mr. Powell, I have taken the liberty to cut our texts on this  
>thread regarding the points you make with which I agree. As you  
>can see it's most.

>I vastly appreciate yours and Ed's responses, both were just  
>what I had hoped would come out of closer examinations of  
>Lineweaver's paper.

>It wasn't long ago that an entire school of archeology viewed  
>bilateral evolution of human races on this planet, each unique  
>to their own environment, as plausible. Today we know this is an  
>absurdity, but only because we enjoy a much larger frame of  
>reference, not because we even needed to directly refute it.  
>After all, it was rank racism and ethnocentricity that bred it  
>in the first place.

>I have other suggestions as to how intelligence reaches one part  
>of the universe from another. For I believe intelligence that is  
>gifted as ours to be virutally unique to common origin.

>Let's be mindful of one thing, we have only the grasp of a  
>culture in a relatively infant stage of development with which  
>to approach these questions of a universe and its potentials.

>In the most recent of reptrospects we can see stark changes in  
>our own species as each race copes with physical and cultural

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>changes to cope with environment. We can only guess how far  
>these changes can go when enviroment compels it.

James,

You indicated that you have some ideas regarding how intelligence reaches one part of the universe from another and that intelligence as gifted as ours to be virtually unique to its common origin. I would be interested in hearing your thoughts.

You mentioned bilateral evolution on earth as an implausible theory. Perhaps I don't understand your definition of bilateral evolution. I would consider Neanderthal and Homo sapiens as potential examples of bilateral evolution.

Robert

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>>Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2007 10:48:33 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Faux Disclosure In The Works?

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>There are clearly a few misunderstandings here, thankfully you  
>have summarised your post, so I will address your summarised  
>remarks which I think will address the remainder of the content  
>of what you posted.

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>The MoD can only disclose what information they hold - maybe you  
>would prefer them to make up material so that they can provide  
>what you want?

It is obvious but worth stating that only the non-classified  
information will be released. I would assume that the MOD would  
follow similar procedures as the U.S. DOD.

Under U.S disclosure procedures a relatively low-ranking officer  
could classify parts or all of the files and would therefore  
render them non-releasable. The classification does not need to  
be Top Secret or even Secret it could simply be designated as  
for official use only.

Also, as we know the U.S. had two reporting systems within DOD  
an official one and a 'black' one. Of course only the official  
files will be released.

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## Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

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>01 Jan 2008

>Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore  
>By John Coles  
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>This stunning photo of a UFO over Cornwall was last night hailed  
>by experts as one of the best ever taken in Britain.

This photo looks suspiciously like many images I've seen of  
birds caught in flight. This could explain why Mr. Barbery  
didn't see the 'UFO'.

Here's the image with labels to possible bird-like features that  
I see.

<http://tinyurl.com/363fcm>

I guess, strictly speaking, this is a UFO but I don't see  
anything really spectacular in the image.

I'm not married to the 'bird' idea but it is a viable  
possibility.

Terry

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## Re: Oddity In Chandler & Buran's Rendlesham

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>>Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2007 18:51:54 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Oddity In Chandler & Buran's Rendlesham Statements

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>>Is it true that these written statements were taken at Halt's  
>>request?

According to Bruni, citing Barry Greenwood and Charles Halt, yes  
it is true (UFO Forum, Compuserve, Jul 12 & 16 1998).

>>If they did lie about the 2-mile lighthouse chase, it  
>>would seem very strange if Halt or his subordinates were  
>>responsible for coercing them into lying about it!

It would.

>It is difficult to sort out the stories as to who originated  
>what, and when and why.

According to Bruni's information, these statements were all made  
up at the personal request of Col Halt \_after\_ the official  
reports and debriefings and Halt says he never regarded them as  
Air Force property (ibid., and Sep 20 1998).

>Penniston for example denies the  
>typewritten statement, saying he wrote out a handwritten one.

Penniston does not deny his statement. He says he wrote it, but  
that he did not type it up. He told Bruni that the text of the  
typescript was, as far as he could recall, the same as his  
manuscript.

>Cabansag admits he sat in Halt's office and signed a statement  
>without reading it. Burroughs denies ever having a lighthouse  
>chase.

As I pointed out elsewhere, Burroughs denies that his own  
handwritten 1981 statement implicates the lighthouse as a  
culprit and says that only someone "twisting his words" could  
make it read like that. In it he explicitly distinguishes the  
UFO from the lighthouse. So does Cabasag in his (incoherent)  
1981 statement.

>Reportedly the Bentwaters base commander Col. Ted Conrad  
>initiated an inquiry and interviewed Penniston, perhaps others,  
>the very next day, Dec. 27, 1980, despite the Christmas  
>holiday.

>Lt Col Halt was Conrad's subordinate, as deputy base commander.  
>It seems unlikely that Conrad and Halt who had to work together  
>closely would undertake separate investigations without

>coordinating with each other. Penniston reportedly was next  
>interviewed by AFOSI right after Conrad, on Dec. 27 (Bruni p.  
>177).

>It seems most likely that the 81st Security Police police-  
>witness statements were prepared for both base commander Conrad  
>and his deputy Halt. The fact that Halt seems to have kept  
>copies and later reportedly made copies available to CAUS does  
>not mean that others such as his immediate superior Col. Conrad  
>had no copies. Since SP and AFOSI work closely together any  
>statements made for Conrad and Halt would have been subject to  
>almost unavoidable AFOSI influences on SP witnesses.

This is not the case according to Bruni writing in 1998 on the  
basis of specific assurances from Barry Greenwood of CAUS and  
Col Halt himself. The statements were "not official Air Force  
documents [original emphasis]". Halt did not even regard them as  
AF property: "... the statements were written for the then Lt  
Colonel Charles Halt, at his request. These were/are 'private  
property' and that's probably why Halt was up-tight when I told  
him they were in the public domain... they were personal."  
(ibid.)

Martin Shough

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## Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

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>Subject: Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

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>I wonder what impact the possibility of such beings should have  
>on the 'evolution of human-like intelligence' discussion?

Just as much impact, Mr. Molesworth, as facing the infinite.  
Only I would not characterize these "brains" as beings separate  
from ourselves, but as extensions.

What if, noble sir, intelligence is a pool woven through space,  
time, and continuum purely detachable from the restraints of  
matter? What if I could show you a documented example of mind  
extant extraneous to brain?

In that we imagine genetic knowledge arising before experience,  
might not, on the principle, as above so below, it is but a  
microcosmic model reflecting ALL that can be by what is, simply  
yet undetected?

And is any of this beyond what we might conjecture of a soul  
were we inclined to do so or, more pragmatically, how infinite  
is space?

All things contained of slightest merit in the mind come to find  
expression somewhere in time. Parallel universes might simply be  
structures erected to achieve that as series of second tries,  
third, fourth... and so on.

I think, had John Dunne's work, The Serial Universe (the first  
to broach a model of unified field) been received better,  
discussions might have furthered to this.

Functionalism dominates all things. The first question one might  
ask is, functional to what? Why the mind, of course.

JCH

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## Re: Penniston NP Conference & King

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>>Subject: Re: Penniston NP Conference & King

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>>>Date: Tue, 25 Dec 2007 23:52:31 EST  
>>>Subject: Re: Penniston NP Conference & King

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>>>First, I must insist on a methodological rule. Certainties must  
>>>control over uncertainties. Only facts that are certain and  
>>>conclusive can resolve contradictions, discrepancies and  
>>>confusion caused by a plethora of uncertain claims or  
>>>"uncertain facts" (actually, if it is uncertain then it really  
>>>cannot be a "fact"). No matter how many uncertain points  
>>>are adduced they cannot add up to a certainty.

>>Agreed. Certainties control over uncertainties.

><snip>

>>>Here is a conclusive, hard fact: It is an absolute  
>>>physical impossibility for anyone to have seen and  
>>>"chased" the Orfordness (or Orford Ness, ON for short)  
>>>lighthouse for 2 miles east of the east end of the  
>>>Woodridge base back in 1980, because the beacon is  
>>>only visible at one tiny area where it is high enough  
>>>to see it and it is unobstructed by trees. As one  
>>>progresses eastward from this small spot the land  
>>>slopes downward till it reaches sea level only 0.4 mile  
>>>to the east. The view of the ON lighthouse is blocked  
>>>by a ridge on the east banks of the Butley river,  
>>>around Gedgrave Hall.

>>I generally agree.

>Hi Martin,

>Since we agree on fundamental methodology, I don't want to lose  
>focus on what I wanted to accomplish here. I wanted to use  
>absolutely certain facts about the non-visibility of the Orford  
>Ness lighthouse over 1.9 miles of the alleged 2-mile lighthouse  
>chase to invalidate key portions of the statements of Cabansag  
>and Burroughs that claimed such a 2-mile lighthouse chase, and  
>therefore by implication invalidate key portions of the  
>Penniston statement that has been subject of much controversy  
>on this thread.

Hi Brad

Rather than make an immensely long and inevitably repetitive

reply by answering point by point inside your text I've tried to cover everything in this general answer.

I agree that neither the "a good 2 miles" nor the probable "about 2 miles" (re "probable", see below) which appear in slightly different contexts in the B and C statements can be accurate reportage if the times and durations also given in the Buran, Chandler and Penniston statements are correct.

There is a certain consistency and realism in the latter. An outbound walk duration of ~45-50min consistent with the start times given by all parties (after initial report at 0300) and with the turnaround time given by Buran (0354) is also consistent with the homebound walk duration given by Penniston (45 min). And these durations are consistent with a total out-and-back trip distance from the truck to Penniston's claimed landing site, through the forest, across the field to the region of the farmhouse and back to the truck, again via the landing site to discover the imprints as claimed. With allowances for hunting around, obstacles in the dark, and the close encounter as originally reported, that could reasonably be done on foot in about 90-95 mins.

Personally, if I was in a position to fabricate statements given to Halt, and if wanted those statements to confirm a fictitious 2-mile chase of a lighthouse, I would not have fabricated the time-constraints described in the previous paragraph, I would have inserted times that allowed sufficient duration for said 4-mile round trip to have occurred.

(Ironically, the account which does allow time for a 2-hour lighthouse pursuit is Penniston's post-1997 notebook story giving an inconsistent start time of 12:20, although of course the date is wrong.)

Nevertheless the 2 miles is definitely inconsistent.

How to interpret it? Burroughs seems to say (certainly implies) that the entire 2 miles he refers to lies beyond the E edge of the forest. Cabansag says that they went 2 miles "past our vehicle", i.e. that the entire outbound distance on foot was 2 miles, including the whole distance through the forest (~1/2 mile) from the point of abandoning the truck only "100 m from the [Woodbridge] gate".

Yes, by interpreting "a good 2 miles" as 2.5 miles you can say that both men are, without saying so, specifically identifying the same "vantage point" out there in the countryside beyond Butley which it is physically impossible that they could have reached in the stated time. We then have an anomaly inviting a rather uneconomical explanation, i.e. that these figures were deliberately inserted to implicate a particular point (Burrow Hill) for the purpose of somehow discrediting Halt's Dec 28 sighting as the Orford Ness lighthouse. I tend to think this is an unwelcome complexifying, unless there is no other possible interpretation of the "2 miles". I think there may be.

Similarly, both statements can be interpreted as meaning that the lighthouse was the continuously-visible object of pursuit during about 2 miles, inasmuch as the language allows this interpretation without categorically offering another. As you point out this is also physically impossible because of the topographical obstruction of lines of sight. So once again if we limit ourselves to the choice between literal exactitude and a deliberate imposture, then we force ourselves to go for imposture. Once again, whilst agreeing that this is possible I stop short of concluding that it is necessary and "absolutely certain".

To me this polarisation seems an artificial imposition for the sake of enforcing a logical clarity which is just not there. I'm content to work with a more fuzzy - and, I would contend, more realistic - representation.

When Cabansag says

". . . we thought it had to be an aircraft accident. So did CSC as well. But we ran and walked a good 2 miles past our vehicle, until we got to a vantage point where we could determine that what we were seeing was only a beacon light off in the distance"

I immediately want to know where this estimate of distance would have come from. Would I expect him to have got it from carefully measuring off time and distance against recognisable landmarks on an OS map of the area? If that's my expectation then I'm going to find his 2 miles difficult to understand and I have a serious problem. But based on the rest of the statement that isn't my expectation. IMO it's too confused to bear the weight of very detailed deconstruction.

"We stopped the Security Police vehicle about 100 meters from the gate. Due to the terrain we had to [go] on by foot."

But it is nearly 4 times that distance even to get from the gate to the first road junction where according to Burroughs they took a right turn. They drove a little way then took a left onto a forestry track. They drove up this track into the trees until it became impassable, and then began walking.

It was not until after the close encounter and after walking through to the far side of the forest that they picked up the flashing beacon, according to Burroughs.

Yet long before they got near the forest, said Cabansag, they spent a significant time on foot, watching the lights (including the yellow "beacon light"). When they were still 100m from the trees he saw a light move. This was radioed in and they carried on, approaching the red and blue lights with "extreme caution". They were still 50-70m from the beginning of the trees when Sgt Chandler showed up. They carried on towards the lights. Then as soon as they got to the edge of the forest, he seems to say, the blue and red lights vanished, but the yellow flashing beacon was "still" visible.

It isn't just the beacon light that is displaced here, it is the geography of the area.

Is Cabansag's story deliberately engineered to make us believe the lighthouse was seen from the start? Since it is easy to verify that the lighthouse could not have been visible from where Cabansag says he was when he saw it, and easy to verify that it could have been visible from where Burroughs' radically different and yet supposedly-also-engineered account says he was, I conclude that the joint effect is of some pretty shoddy engineering. Another supposed plot that shoots itself in the foot with fatal internal inconsistency. I can't believe in it.

It seems clear to me that C has mentally transposed events that happened off the rough forestry track, quite deep in the woods, back onto the access road near the Woodbridge back gate, probably because he was confused and anxious in unfamiliar surroundings. When he seems to be saying that the lighthouse beacon was seen from near the back gate before they even entered the trees we need to be very suspicious of his mental map. Therefore anomalies in his estimates of distance will not be too surprising.

In addition to transposing events geographically Cabansag's account seems to telescope events in time. The narrative sequence is not well anchored to identifiable times and places, and the other witnesses today disagree with his memory (or lack of it) as to who was where and when. But reduced to basics: Cabansag went through the forest and saw some odd lights he couldn't identify. He also saw one light that he could identify from a final "vantage point" as a "beacon light off in the distance". The vantage point could well have been when emerging from the forest edge at the top of the open field.

In details of location and time order Cabansag's account does contradict Burroughs, but I think it reads like a palimpsest of impressions recollected from the night in the forest a week earlier. His recent "very confused" memories - his own words - reinforce this (to the point where Bruni suggests "missing time"). There is no evidence that C really knew exactly where he was or for how long, and a nervous new boy (as he is depicted by all) who had little idea where he was in an unfamiliar dark forest would have been impressionable, and a week later may well have parroted "2 miles" from somewhere - without appreciating the problem.

The fact that the total Dec 26 expedition could well be close to about 2 miles is one possible origin. But as you point out there

is the coincidence that the Halt expedition, which had occurred in the interim and was no doubt discussed during the week, did go about 2 miles. This suggests another possible source of influence. Cabansag's recent memory clearly shows imagery from the Halt affair mixed in - a silvery light with red and blue lights spinning in it and shedding "flakes of metal", which "was not the lighthouse . . . I saw the lighthouse, this wasn't it, it was to the right of the lighthouse." (Bruni, p 193) It may be that his statement to Halt in 1981 was already incorporating some of what he had heard talked about in the previous week, thinking that Halt was retracing their steps - hence the 2 miles and the exaggerated scale of the Dec 26 expedition in his memory.

It's possible. It isn't "absolutely certain" that it cannot be so.

Burroughs' "about 2 miles" is not so easy to discount. There is a reasonable possibility that he could have exaggerated the length of the whole affair in his memory a week later, exposed to the same influences, and as I suggested there could be a degree of unconscious confabulation that leads to Burroughs and Cabansag cementing a similar exaggeration. It is certainly not a certainty that this can be ruled out, even though Burroughs' accounts, old and new, seem much better grounded and less ambiguous than Cabansag's.

Another possibility that I haven't seen discussed is whether Burroughs' statement really does say "2 miles".

Within a few lines of that phrase on the same page Burroughs twice uses the abbreviation "min" for "minute", as in "after a min or 2 we got up" and "it was only there for a min & it just streaked away". I wondered if what he really wrote was "we followed it for about 2 mins"?

I'm not sure of the answer to that question, having compared enlargements of various words containing "n". There are examples where the "n" shows a similar shape, though not so exaggerated, as in instances of "into", "moving", "fense", "ground" and "comming". There are many other cases where the "n" is much more rounded (especially where it occurs at the start of a word). His "l" as in "field", "flashing", "lights" etc is often much more loopy than the supposed "l" in "miles", but there are very similar looking "l"s also. I think one would have to say that if it's an "n" it's atypical, but it could be. At least, it isn't absolutely certain that it's not an "n".

It would be interesting to know if this issue has ever been raised directly with Burroughs. Does anyone know?

Meantime, I note that two minutes at 2mph walking speed would be about 120 yards. Something of that order could fit with the distance into the field measured by Robert McLean at which the lighthouse ceases to be visible because of the horizon elevation (126m). Burroughs says they went on to a point where they "just crossed a creek" before being summoned back by Buran (0354). That would have to be (judging from the OS map) at least as far as the small stream down by the Boast house.

A very strict literal reader might say "Ah, but if they 'could see it was coming from a lighthouse' after 2 minutes when they were only half way down the field, why would they have been down at the bottom of the field near the farmhouse, with the beacon no longer visible (at least not directly), before turning back?"

Perhaps because in reality situations don't necessarily resolve neatly all in a moment. You might, when coming out of the forest, be suspicious that you're looking at a lighthouse, and when half way into the field you (or one or more of you) might even be pretty sure that it's a lighthouse. When it disappears one of you might say, "I reckon that was definitely a lighthouse, let's pack it in," and another might say, "Well, maybe, but we've not been called off yet. What we saw in the woods was no lighthouse and it came out here somewhere. Let's just go on a bit to make sure." So you head off down to the valley. Nothing further happens, and at 0354 Buran, monitoring your progress by radio, says that's enough.

BTW, in considering the duration of visibility of the lighthouse for various purposes (including follow-ability, as well as

unusual optical effects) we ought to consider the visibility of the beam above the horizon, including the effects of possible coastal haze, and the optical refractivity at near-zero degrees elevation that night.

I don't know if the weather has been investigated in detail (?), but it was said to be still, clear and frozen at ground level, so a surface inversion due to radiative night-time cooling is possible in the early hours of the morning. Also in this sort of locale the possibility exists of warmer air from the sea advected over the cold surface air, and there are frontal and subsidence inversions that depend on the location of passing pressure fronts. Anyway, a super-refractive (inversion) layer on the verge of an optical trapping gradient (~11-12 degC/100m) refracts a raypath downward at the rate of about 33 arcsecs per km, which would "correct" for about 5 arcmin of negative elevation due to earth curvature over a distance of about 8.8 km from the forest edge to the lighthouse (or about 1/6 of the diameter of the moon). I'm not sure to what extent inversion - and a haze layer which is often associated with the inversion boundary - might be a factor in extending the limits of visibility of the lighthouse or, perhaps equally relevant, in altering its appearance (looming and/or colour separation) and delaying recognition of it as a lighthouse.

(Note: This cannot be a factor in the early sighting of the red and blue lights in Forrest. A miraged white light on the horizon might show vertical colour separation, but even if the optical pathway existed for a superior mirage of the lighthouse in this case, which it evidently didn't, the red would be separated to the bottom and blue, green or violet components would go to the top. This is the opposite of the pattern originally reported by Burroughs and Penniston: blue below and a red light on the top. True, Penniston did claim in 1983 [as James Archer; Randles, Street & Butler, p.251] that his object had a blue light on the top and red lights below; but I don't think we need to take that seriously.)

Does there seem to be a disproportionate attention given to the lighthouse in the original statements? Possibly so. They explicitly distinguish the UFO from the lighthouse. Nevertheless, an impression of "protesting too much" might be partly what gives plausibility to the idea that they are special pleading. But the witnesses might well be motivated to place some emphasis on seeing the lighthouse because it had no doubt become the subject of speculation in the days following Halt's expedition. They would want to say that they had seen and identified it in order to show that they were clear in their minds about the distinction between it and their own UFO. This they did, even if in Cabansag's case especially the distinction, whilst explicit even there, is not drawn very coherently.

Martin Shough

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## Re: 2005 UFO In Phoenix Sky?

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>Source: Fox11-TV - Tucson, Arizona, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/2xfclb>

The object appears to bank and sway in an aerodynamic manner.  
Were I to guess, based on its color, I'd suggest that it looks  
like a B-2 Stealth bomber.

-M

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## Re: Faux Disclosure In The Works?

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 02 Jan 2008 12:48:40 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 03 Jan 2008 08:37:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Faux Disclosure In The Works?

>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 11:37:27 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Faux Disclosure In The Works?

>>From: David Rudiak <[drudiak.nul](mailto:drudiak.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2007 10:48:33 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Faux Disclosure In The Works?

>>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2007 15:59:18 +0000  
>>>Subject: Re: Faux Disclosure In The Works?

<snip>

>>So, in other words, however you mince words, basically around  
>>160 reports, most of them sounding like little or no  
>>investigation was actually done. Again, I ask, how does this  
>>constitute "disclosure".

><snip>

>>So in summary, you yourself have stated in various ways:

>>1. There are only 160 files for about 30 years of  
>>'investigation' by the British MoD.

>>2. Most of the files constitute only a few pages.

>I think Joe actually said that a file typically may contain many  
>different types of materials including "multiple" reports, each  
>of which may be only a few pages. The total number of reports  
>remains unknown.

Good point Martin and perhaps the total number of reports  
remains unknown to the MOD. Joe asked the question whether the  
MOD should make up reports to satisfy the conspiracy mongers;  
they should not. This phenomenon started long ago, long before  
the current staffers at MOD, DND, and DoD were in place and at a  
time when decisions might have been made to side-track reports  
to some other agency. I'd be surprised if they didn't. The MOD  
and the RAF as two examples have a vested interest in  
maintaining their '...no threat to national security...' stance  
also parroted in my country and in the United States.

First it's bloody embarrassing to have to admit that your  
"expensive toys" can't keep up with these other expensive toys  
and secondly continue your push for more expensive toys so that  
the sabre rattling game can be played.

Preventing embarrassment to the government or the 'corp' - to  
use a generic term - is often the reason why stuff gets buried.  
This is often carried out by more than one person. That is  
automatically conspiring to suppress detailed information,  
budget expenditures and - in the end - reports.

It is so all prevailing in government that they had to come up with a terms and phrases to off-set pointed questions and criticism of same. Those who ask questions are referred to paranoid and conspiracy nuts. It is politically incorrect to ascribe motives to the mis-use of government funds.

We are now in the third incarnation of there being no more MOD reports of Unidentified Anomalous Phenomenon and Flying Objects; yet Joe and David and Anthony keep finding them. What is one to think?

Don Ledger

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## Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

From: **Maynard Gelinas** <[maynard.nul](mailto:maynard.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 11:51:53 -0500 (EST)  
Archived: Thu, 03 Jan 2008 08:47:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>Source: The Sun - London, UK

><http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article637499.ece>

<snip>

>In a weird twist, Kelvin, 55, did not even see the UFO at the  
>time.

What could cause the human eye to miss recognizing an object in  
the field of view, yet allow a camera to capture this image?

- Knowing the model number of the camera might help. In  
particular, I'd like to know if it is in any way IR sensitive.

- The object may have arrived and left in a very brief time,  
large enough for the window of the camera shutter to capture it  
in field, but short enough that the photographer might not have  
noticed.

- Warping of the visual EM spectrum such that at one angle it is  
impossible to see the object but from another angle it is  
possible. The angle of difference from eyes to camera is so  
small as to suggest this is not the likely reason.

- Mind control. Manipulation of the brain such that it does not  
process or ignores data collected from the eyes in a controlled  
fashion, while having no effect on the CCD imager, camera CPU  
processor, or data storage. (I doubt it, but -hey- it's  
possible).

Point: The shadow and darkness of the leaves in the lower left  
hand corner suggests that sunlight is coming from the upper  
right hand corner. Notice in the blowup of the object that the  
"edge" of the saucer is warped downward on the right hand while  
completely straight on the left hand. Also notice that the  
object on the left side appears tipped to a slight angle upward  
relative to its right side.

What does this mean? I would speculate (based on Paul Hill's  
work) that the object is in motion and moving from left to right  
in the field of view. The rightward tilt and visual distortion  
on the right side are worth paying attention to.

Hope these guesses and musings are of interest

-M

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## Re: Maximillien de Lafayette?

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 02 Jan 2008 12:52:42 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 03 Jan 2008 08:48:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Maximillien de Lafayette?

Hi all,

Has anyone heard of this person; Maximillien de Lafayette who wrote 117 books, 7 encyclopedias and 7 books on Ufology?

Don Ledger

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## Air Force Office of Special Investigations [was:

From: **Stuart Miller** <[stuart.4.nul](mailto:stuart.4.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 16:54:44 +0000  
Archived: Thu, 03 Jan 2008 08:51:14 -0500  
Subject: Air Force Office of Special Investigations [was:

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2007 17:41:31 EST  
>Subject: Re: Oddity In Chandler & Buran's Rendlesham Statements

>>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5.nul](mailto:lfleming5.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2007 18:51:54 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Oddity In Chandler & Buran's Rendlesham Statements

>>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2007 17:50:22 EST  
>>>Subject: Re: Oddity In Chandler & Buran's Rendlesham Statements

>>>>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5.nul](mailto:lfleming5.nul)>  
>>>>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2007 23:10:10 -0600  
>>>>Subject: Oddity In Chandler & Buran's Rendlesham Statements

<snip>

>AFOSI has a track history going back to 1949 of planting and/or  
>spreading fictitious stories of crashed saucers, alien body  
>recoveries and/or meetings of AF officials with live aliens. How  
>long will we continue to let ourselves be fooled by these absurd  
>disinformation ploys? With Rendlesham, AFOSI merely recycled and  
>replanted its bogus story of the Holloman AFB landing where AF  
>officials met the aliens and helped them with spare parts. The  
>Holloman disinfo had been planted on Sandler and Emenegger in  
>1972. Eight years later it resurfaces at Rendlesham, with only  
>the date and location changed. Are we that frikkin stupid that  
>we can't see a pattern here??

While deferring to Brad's comments about Rendlesham, I have to  
ask why, out of all the known and respected researchers  
currently working, he is the only one that regularly gives  
recognition to the work of AFOSI?

Everybody else seems to operate in a vacuum, as if the misdeeds  
of these miserable criminals are irrelevant.

I regret to say I think I know the answer to my own question.

Stuart Miller  
Alien Worlds magazine  
<http://www.alienworldsmag.com>

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## Re: Giant ETs?

From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <[sergejsh.nul](mailto:sergejsh.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 08:56:09 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Thu, 03 Jan 2008 08:54:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Giant ETs?

>From: Greg Boone  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2007 08:45:58 EST  
>Subject: Giant ETs?

>Over the years there've been some startling claims regarding UFO  
>reports and giant occupants.

<snip>

>People reaching amazing heights of 8 or 9 feet seem very likely  
>but past that is improbable. My own family we can average 6-7  
>feet tall easily.

><snip>

>Anyone have links to such data?

Hello Greg,

There is known in South America case, when five Peruvian young men made contact with extraterrestrial beings at the Marcahuasi plateau in Andes in 1974. This case first time was described by journalist Juan Jose Benitez in newspaper 'La Gaceta del Norte' and later in his book 'OVNIS: S.O.S a la humanidad' (UFOs: S.O.S. to Humanity). I read book about this case, wrote by Carlos Roberto Paz Wells, one of the participants of this contact.

Here is image from one of the 'La Gaceta del Norte' newspapers:

<http://img90.imageshack.us/img90/6807/noestamosolos0021zv2.jpg>

and image from J.J.Benitez' book 'OVNIS: S.O.S a la humanidad':

<http://img91.imageshack.us/img91/1696/etguidesgw5.jpg>

Description of this contact case, from sunesis.ca:

<http://www.sunesis.ca/historicala.html>

Sergey

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## Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

From: **Steve Sawyer** <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 08:57:14 -0800  
Archived: Thu, 03 Jan 2008 08:56:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>Source: The Sun - London, UK

><http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article637499.ece>

>01 Jan 2008

>Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore  
>By John Coles  
>[j.coles.nul-sun.co.uk](mailto:j.coles.nul-sun.co.uk)

>[Large Image]

List

Frankly what I see in the blown-up section of that photograph is a bird, regardless of others opinions, possibly a seagull, tern, or, as someone suggested on the uk-ufo List, a storm petrel. Prosaic, not mysterious.

Using IE 7 browser, with the neat feature that allows one to blow-up imagery by up to 400%, I see shapes, colors, and details which all suggest a sea bird of some type, not what is mistakenly referred to or meant by the often misinterpretive term, UFO. I think further analysis, and a photographic jaunt to the same area, to re-photograph, will prove this.

Steve Sawyer

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## Re: Gravity R&D And Ostrich Ufologists

From: **Stuart Miller** <[stuart.4.nul](mailto:stuart.4.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 16:59:26 +0000  
Archived: Thu, 03 Jan 2008 08:59:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: Gravity R&D And Ostrich Ufologists

>From: Vince White [Vinceomni.nul](mailto:Vinceomni.nul)  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 04:15:17 EST  
>Subject: Gravity R&D And Ostrich Ufologists

>Listers,

>These comments are merely to catalyze open debate and dialogue  
>on these issues. Hopefully to provoke added efforts by many to  
>further the investigative summary I have done.

<snip>

You're right Vince; there are secret black project programmes  
that design and fly unconventional aircraft.

Well done.

Stuart Miller  
Alien Worlds magazine  
<http://www.alienworldsmag.com>

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## Re: 2008 A Year Of...?

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 12:02:13 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 03 Jan 2008 09:02:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: 2008 A Year Of...?

>Ten years ago, today, I posted here:

>"To all UpDates Subscribers, Contributors and Readers around the  
>Planet,

>May this New Year bring us all whatever it is we want and wish  
>for, no matter how earth-shattering or seemingly small."

>I've stopped holding my breath for what this collective of  
>'We's' might want or wish for. I do trust we all have a...

>Happy New Year!

Let's hope that we are satisfied with what we get, even if it is  
what we wish for.

(Sometimes you get what you wish for.... and wish you hadn't!)

And HNY to you, too!!

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## Re: Gravity R&D And Ostrich Ufologists

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 09:27:44 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Thu, 03 Jan 2008 09:07:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: Gravity R&D And Ostrich Ufologists

>From: Vince White [Vinceomni.nul](mailto:Vinceomni.nul)  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 04:15:17 EST  
>Subject: Gravity R&D And Ostrich Ufologists

<snip>

>Yet a type of madness, a failure of analytical nerve has  
>afflicted many. To the shame of our research community,  
>there is a refusal to look at the next step.

Mr. White, your valid concerns are mine. I've selected a few points on which to comment, but you've little justification needed for any of them.

By "research community" if you mean scientific community, little such entity any longer exists, not in matters sustaining highly classified research, over-specialized and compartmentalized protocols, and little or no instruments for either budgetary or governmental overview. So there's nothing to hear from in any official context.

If you mean from within the ufology community, then there's the self-imposed restraint to abide one of the biggest ham-strings of all time, buying into the worst mindset of all, that of the stifling requirement, extraordinary event requires extraordinary proof... or some such nonsense. I think of this as the denial of theoretic science and the service to mankind abstract construct has supplied for over fifty years.

Besides, the self-obliging right we should all enjoy, to fill-in blanks, white-outs, black-outs...when documentations given us are so decorated and even common sense defied. When probability allows, to even share our own impressions.

Thus giving this ham-string a little make-over into something like, extraordinary phenomena and their record give license to some degree of conjecture and extrapolation when best evidence is denied yet the manifestation is determined to exist.

<snip>

>Did all this effort fail in lab after lab, fading into dead end  
>after dead end? Only in the minds of the terminally naive  
>and hopelessly naive.

Don't look at me, I'm still mind-boggled by that one.

<snip>

>What does it require to awaken those who are somnolent in their  
>belief that if we had such shiny swift wonders we'd show them to  
>the world at once and deploy them bombing robed bearded ones in  
>mountains half way across the world?

This comes from ignoring a human frailty to examine hard truth, a denial of human nature when given the resources to command others and become lords and masters over information the same way they have over wealth.

>It never seems to be considered that there may be much bigger  
>fish to fry in the cosmic game or conflict, taking place in  
>space around this planet?

You think?

There may be motives and methods that  
>remain hidden due to bitterly born imperatives decades ago, in  
>days of fateful decision even perhaps desperate in the forties  
>and fifties.

You mean people living today might have to pay some price for  
treason, murder, and abuse of power? We'll wait a while for  
those ufologists too disassociated with the nasties done some of  
their bretheren to catch up with that one.

<snip>

>Are ET's using our premier aerospace development sites as  
>vacation spots? Or are we flying craft that fly via field  
>propulsion?

Maybe a bit of both?

>Why are we flying humans into space in a fire belching slightly  
>aerodynamic brick? Why is the subject of abductions and crash  
>retrievals lied and denied behind a monolithic stonewall?

It's called an operation cover. The secrecy, like the obsessed  
concern to control technology, is an extension of the same  
mindset to protect power placement and status quo. Especially if  
open communication with ET could lead to alternatives  
threatening to sustaining an elite.

Respectfully,

JCH

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## 'Amazing' UFO Footage

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 03 Jan 2008 09:30:01 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 03 Jan 2008 09:30:01 -0500  
Subject: 'Amazing' UFO Footage

Source: The Northamptonshire Evening Telegraph - Kettering, UK

<http://www.northantset.co.uk/news/Amazing-UFO-footage.3635054.jp>

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[Several links at site]

Amazing UFO Footage

By Nick Tite  
Assistant Editor

Our reader Krzysztof Dreczkowski has filmed this remarkable  
footage.

Krzysztof has already sent us pictures of a UFO he spotted over  
Corby Boating Lakes.

And he also sent us pictures of a mystery object spotted over  
fields in Lincolnshire.

This time he spotted this strange UFO over Westminster Abbey in  
London at the end of December. Look to the left of the video  
near the trees for the mysterious white light.

UFOs hold special interest for Krzysztof because he is part of a  
UFO organisation in Poland, his homeland.

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## Re: Recent Interesting Canadian UFO Reports

From: Chris Rutkowski <[rutkows.nul](mailto:rutkows.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 12:25:36 -0600 (CST)  
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>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 1 Jan 2008 17:07:42 EST  
>Subject: Re: Recent Interesting Canadian UFO Reports

>>>>On December 26, 2007, at about 5:30 pm, he and his wife saw a  
>>>dark object spiraling towards the ground near the horizon. They

>>But yes, I agree that the case likely has an explanation.  
>>>Chris, when very reasonable and highly probable explanations are  
>>>provided for these and other UFO reports, do you still include  
>>>them in the totals for the 2007 annual Canadian UFO survey?

>>Yes, we make that clear in every UFO Survey. The conclusion in  
>>cases like this are either "Explained" or "Probable  
>>Explanation," as the circumstance allows. They're included  
>>because they are \*reported\* as UFOs, but are later converted to  
>>IFOs as investigation leads to a solution.

>There you go again. No one reported this as a quote "UFO" - it  
>was described by the witnesses as like a "plane in trouble" (an  
>IFO if anything). This case does not belong in a UFO reporting  
>system.

This is getting tiresome, Brad.

The media reported this as a UFO. The witnesses whom I spoke  
with called it a UFO that "looked like a plane in trouble." Your  
statement that "no one reported it as a "quote UFO" is wrong.

>Yet you are going to tabulate it as another one of your 650 or so  
>"UFO" cases for 2007, so you can inflate your overall statistics,  
>lower the percentage of genuine UFO Unknowns and thus help  
>the cause of the debunkers.

Whatever.

If you want to go after debunkers, go bother Phil Plait.

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## Re: 'Why Would ET Evolve Human-Like Intelligence?'

From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 11:35:02 -0800  
Archived: Thu, 03 Jan 2008 09:33:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Why Would ET Evolve Human-Like Intelligence?'

>From: James Molesworth <[jtmoll.nul](mailto:jtmoll.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 01 Jan 2008 17:17:27 +1100  
>Subject: Re: 'Why Would ET Evolve Human-Like Intelligence?'

>>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2007 10:12:42 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: 'Why Would ET Evolve Human-Like Intelligence?'

>>>From: James Molesworth <[jtmoll.nul](mailto:jtmoll.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2007 11:37:27 +1100  
>>>Subject: 'Why Would ET Evolve Human-Like Intelligence?'

>>>I've come across a very interesting magazine article regarding  
>>>the likelihood of the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence  
>>>(entirely without any reference to any claimed evidence for the  
>>>hypothesis, or course).

>>I think the mistake here is regarding 'intelligence' as the  
>>benchmark when 'tool-making' is the what sets humans apart from  
>>our fellow creatures. Tool-making is convergent. Once that niche  
>>is occupied by a species, certain physical and mental traits  
>>will follow.

>>I realize that convergence is a complicated concept, but it's a  
>>fact and should be considered when trying to understand our  
>>visitors.

>G'day Ed.

>Forgive me, but I find your argument a little confusing. If  
>'tool-making' is what 'sets us apart' from other animals, surely  
>it cannot also be convergent, as this requires precisely that we  
>are not set apart by this ability, but share it with other  
>species.

Hi James,

Another convergent trait is the nose of anteaters. Dining  
exclusively on ants and termites will cause a distinctive nose.  
Relying exclusively on tool-making will create a generalized  
humanoid shape.

Another species, such as a dinosaur, relying on toolmaking,  
should also develop a humanoid shape. That's my point.  
Toolmaking, our niche, separates humans from other mammals.

Any other living organism relying on tool-making will  
also develop a humanoid appearance. I expect the same is true  
for other star systems that harbor life or planets in our own solar  
system that may have supported life in the past. Humans are not  
special and we should expect our histories to be recapitulated  
anywhere there is life.

Intelligence is not a niche. All living things are as  
intelligent as they need to be to survive.

>Indeed, this also requires that tool making not be  
>perceived as a 'niche' (for that matter, I fail to see why  
>'intelligence' should needs be a niche, as Lineweaver contends,  
>as it is surely itself a potential adaptation suitable to a  
>range of purposes and hence survival techniques).

>Furthermore, on what evidence can it be claimed that 'certain  
>physical and mental traits will follow' from tool making? It c  
>ould very well be argued that the reverse is true.

>I'm afraid I must humbly disagree and contend that it is indeed  
>aspects of our intelligence that makes humans unique among  
>terrestrial species - the ability to develop, communicate and  
>comprehend highly complicated and abstract concepts, among other  
>features, may be regarded as the reason why our utilisation and  
>manufacturing of tools differs markedly in extent and complexity  
>from that of other species, and indeed not just physical tools,  
>but also conceptual tools such as numbers, and attendant symbols  
>of diverse types.

Humans are generally quite dumb and very few can "comprehend highly complicated and abstract concepts." It took five million years to get from stone tools and throwing pointed sticks to the wheel. We have gradually improved our tool making abilities through trial and error.

>Importantly, this is why Lineweaver was  
>careful to use the term 'Human-like Intelligence' rather than  
>just 'intelligence', for various other species do display  
>intelligences of varying types and extent, but there appears to  
>be a significant difference in kind between the conceptual  
>abilities of these and that of humans.

I don't see it. Maybe you can point it out. Are you familiar with the recent studies on primate intelligence. It appears chimps might be better at math than humans.

>That said, I should point out that I am no advocate of  
>Lineweaver's conclusions. I am pleased that a discussion of the  
>topic appeared in a mainstream scientific publication, and that  
>it was treated seriously. I feel also that Lineweaver has  
>highlighted a genuine point to consider, but ultimately the  
>evolution of 'human-like intelligence' is a process for which we  
>simply do not have enough data to form any firm conclusions.

Nor a good definition.

>Certainly it should not be taken for granted, as it sadly often  
>is, that an intelligence similar to that of humans will always  
>evolve where the opportunity exists, any more than any other  
>trait possessed by any species on this planet. On the other  
>hand, it \_may\_ well be a feature of natural selection that it  
>does tend to eventually precipitate the type of intelligence  
>possessed by humans - educated guesses are the extent of our  
>ability to answer such questions at this time, at least until  
>other examples of evolutionary systems are discovered (assuming  
>that such does occur).

>As something of an agnostic concerning the ET hypothesis, I  
>should say that I regard as far more troubling the apparent  
>physiological congruencies between such entities as the 'greys'  
>and humans. Despite the fact that many reports tend to suggest  
>they neither breathe, nor have a bony internal skeleton, and may  
>not even eat or drink as we do, we nonetheless find that most  
>reports describe beings far more externally similar to humans  
>than could reasonably be expected from beings both  
>evolutionarily entirely divorced from humanity, but also  
>possessing (apparently) such widely different requirements from  
>their bodies. Can the (apparent) internal differences between  
>humans and the ETs have had no impact on the development of  
>their gross external structure?

I don't understand. Betty Hill drew her abductors. They are certainly humanoid.

>One reply to this, of course, is that terrestrial life was  
>'seeded' or somehow manipulated by an ET civilisation, and hence  
>the similarities are a result of this. However, such does not  
>explain why the similarities seem to end with the basic  
>anthropomorphic appearance of the ETs, while their internal  
>physiology seems (from what little information we have) to

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>differ markedly. Further, how do such claims for the external  
>'seeding' of Earth correlate with the argument that life has  
>evolved independently throughout the universe?

Earth wasn't seeded and life has evolved separately elsewhere.  
The seeds of life are contained in matter (mother).

Ed

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Date: Wed, 02 Jan 2008 15:24:21 -0700  
Archived: Thu, 03 Jan 2008 09:36:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

>From: James Molesworth <[jtmoll.nul](mailto:jtmoll.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 01 Jan 2008 15:53:12 +1100  
>Subject: Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

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>This allows a huge array of strange arguments to be made. Thus,  
>a theist could argue that, if the possibility of an omnipotent  
>god existing is less than zero, and it should be unless there is  
>something contradictory about the concept, then an omnipotent  
>god (or an infinite number of them) would necessarily exist.

>Further, as it is omnipotent, this god would have the ability to  
>interact with all the universes, and therefore it is necessarily  
>the case that a god (God?) does exist in this universe!

James,

I presume you meant to say, "...if the possibility of an  
omnipotent god existing is greater than zero...", although the  
prospect of negative probabilities is intriguing.

This argument goes way back, and some philosopher (can't place  
his name just now) actually employed it in an 'analytic proof' of  
the existence of God, bless his heart. However, not everyone  
found his reasoning particularly compelling.

And of course, it does produce a contradiction, since the same  
argument can be used to rule out the existence of an  
omnipotent God, i.e., a single universe without one excludes  
them all. All in all, a fairly vacuous construct.

By no means does this trivialize the many-worlds paradigm, nor  
the larger issue of the duality of Everything vs. Nothing. It  
seems clear that a universe in which less than Everything  
happens is effectively one with arbitrary, underivable constants  
that are somehow a 'built-in' feature of existence itself, i.e.,  
it is not the case that "anything and everything goes".

This would seem to be in conflict with - or at least does not  
form a duality with - our concept of Nothingness, which  
intuitively is devoid of any content, including arbitrary  
constants. Hence, if the universe is incomplete in the sense  
that not everything will happen, then clearly it did not spring  
from Nothingness.

Now my head hurts. I leave to the metaphysicists on the List  
(and there are some capable ones) to clear this up, while I  
retreat to more mundane topics, such as UFOs. Haven't put much  
of a dent in that either.

Mike

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From: Nick Pope <[contact.nul](mailto:contact.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 3 Jan 2008 13:00:28 -0000  
Archived: Thu, 03 Jan 2008 09:41:55 -0500  
Subject: Re: Faux Disclosure In The Works?

>From: Franklin Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 10:22:56 -0500 (EST)  
>Subject: Re: Faux Disclosure In The Works?

<snip>

>It is obvious but worth stating that only the non-classified  
>information will be released. I would assume that the MOD would  
>follow similar procedures as the U.S. DOD.

<snip>

Once released, all information - whatever the original level of  
classification - is regarded as having been declassified.  
Accordingly, when released, the word "Unclassified" is stamped  
over the original level of classification. Here is an example of  
this (a .pdf file) from the MoD website:

<http://tinyurl.com/zrx58>

However, with highly classified documents (particularly recent  
ones) it's more likely that some of the material will be  
withheld, under the Exemptions to the Freedom of Information  
Act. Here are some examples:

<http://www.foi.gov.uk/guidance/exsumm/sec24.htm>

<http://www.foi.gov.uk/guidance/exsumm/sec26.htm>

<http://www.foi.gov.uk/guidance/exsumm/sec27.htm>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope  
<http://www.nickpope.net>

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From: Nick Pope <[contact.nul](mailto:contact.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 3 Jan 2008 13:23:29 -0000  
Archived: Thu, 03 Jan 2008 09:42:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 09:37:53 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>>Source: The Sun - London, UK

>><http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article637499.ece>

>>01 Jan 2008

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>>By John Coles

>>[j.coles.nul-sun.co.uk](mailto:j.coles.nul-sun.co.uk)

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>anything really spectacular in the image.

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>possibility.

Could it be a bird? Sure. But - as I said to the reporter - one has to take a holistic approach, interviewing the witness, examining the camera, analyzing the imagery scientifically, checking to see if anything was tracked on radar, etc. Without this, all anyone can do (as I did) is offer an initial opinion as to whether or not an image looks interesting and merits further study. Inevitably, in a newspaper article of this sort, my lengthy interview was boiled down to a couple of soundbites.

The real value of this sort of story is twofold. Firstly, it keeps the UFO phenomenon in the public eye (The Sun is the UK's best-selling national daily newspaper and this story has been picked up by other media outlets). Secondly, it helps 'smoke out' other photos and videos. Many people have such imagery but have never sent it to anyone, either because they fear disbelief or ridicule, or because they don't know who to send it to. Once a newspaper runs a story like this, it encourages such people to come forward. I've already been sent another interesting photo as a result of this story.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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## 2008 International UFO Congress

From: Philip Mantle <[philip.nul](mailto:philip.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 3 Jan 2008 14:41:34 -0000  
Archived: Thu, 03 Jan 2008 09:45:36 -0500  
Subject: 2008 International UFO Congress

Dear Colleagues,

I'd like to take this opportunity to say that I am looking forward to meeting some of you at this year's International UFO Congress in Laughlin, Nevada. As some of you already know I have the pleasure of sharing the platform this year with Spyros Melaris.

For those of you who are not aware who Spyros Melaris is, he is the man who lead the team that made the alien autopsy film. He is the expert behind it all and will finally show that there never was any original 1947 film, no mysterious former military cameraman, and that he is the legal owner of the alien autopsy film itself.

There are those out there who still convinced that Ray Santilli really did stumble across secret U.S. military film of an alien autopsy. I would urge all such individuals to try and make it to Laughlin this February and see for themselves that it is all a work of fiction and nothing else.

I personally have no doubt that Spyros Melaris is exactly who he says he is and that he can prove his claims, but don't take my word for it, come and listen to the facts for yourself.

I hope to see you in Laughlin.

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Regards,

Philip Mantle

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## UFO DATA Magazine

From: Philip Mantle <[philip.nul](mailto:philip.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 3 Jan 2008 16:04:34 -0000  
Archived: Fri, 04 Jan 2008 08:34:38 -0500  
Subject: UFO DATA Magazine

Dear Colleagues,

I've already had a few enquiries regarding my earlier post of myself and Spyros Melaris appearing at the International UFO Congress in Laughlin.

A few people have asked if I have any information available concerning Spyros Melaris and his claims of being the man who lead the team that faked the alien autopsy film.

In 2007 I interviewed Mr. Melaris at his home in Hertfordshire and a summary of this interview will be published in the Jan/Feb 2008 issue of UFO DATA magazine ([www.ufodata.co.uk](http://www.ufodata.co.uk)).

It is a real exclusive and comes complete with illustrations and photographs. The article also contains a mini-interview with U.S. TV producer Robert (Bob) Kiviat. If you are interested in the alien autopsy film then this article is not to be missed.

My book 'Alien Autopsy Inquest' is also available via Amazon.

All the very best,

Philip Mantle

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<http://tinyurl.com/3bzof>

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SETI.nul Ramps Up To Analyze More Data In Search Of  
Extraterrestrial Intelligence

ScienceDaily - The longest-running search for radio signals from alien civilizations is getting a burst of new data from an upgraded Arecibo telescope, which means the SETI.nul project needs more desktop computers to help crunch the data.

Since SETI.nul launched eight years ago, the project based at the University of California, Berkeley's Space Sciences Laboratory has signed up more than 5 million interested volunteers and boasts the largest community of dedicated users of any Internet computing project: 170,000 devotees on 320,000 computers.

Yet, new and more sensitive receivers on the world's largest radio telescope in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, and better frequency coverage are generating 500 times more data for the project than before. The SETI.nul software has been upgraded to deal with this new data as the search for extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI) enters a new era and offers a new opportunity for those who want to help find other civilizations in the universe.

"The next generation SETI.nul is 500 times more powerful than anything anyone has done before," said project chief scientist Dan Werthimer. "That means we are 500 times more likely to find ET than with the original [SETI.nul](#)"

According to project scientist Eric Korpela, the new data amounts to 300 gigabytes per day, or 100 terabytes (100,000 gigabytes) per year, about the amount of data stored in the U.S. Library of Congress. "That's why we need all the volunteers," he said. "Everyone has a chance to be part of the largest public participation science project in history."

The 1,000-foot diameter Arecibo dish, which fills a valley in Puerto Rico, is part of the National Astronomy and Ionosphere Center operated by Cornell University with funds from the National Science Foundation. Since 1992, Werthimer and his team have piggybacked on radio astronomy observations at Arecibo to record signals from space and analyze them for patterns that could indicate they were transmitted by an intelligent civilization.

When the team's incoming data overwhelmed its ability to analyze it, the scientists conceived a distributed computing project to harness many computers into one big supercomputer to do the analysis. Since SETI.nul was launched, other distributed computing projects have arisen, from [folding.nul](#) to predict the three-dimensional tangle of a protein to the newly-launched

cosmology.nul to model possible universes. Most are now on a platform called BOINC (Berkeley Open Infrastructure for Network Computing), which was developed by SETI.nul's director David Anderson so that the various projects could share resources.

"There are now 42 projects on BOINC, and, until now, there has been enough computing power to go around," Werthimer said.

What triggered the new flow of data was the addition of seven new receivers at Arecibo, which now allow the telescope to record radio signals from seven regions of the sky simultaneously instead of just one. With greater sensitivity and the ability to detect the polarization of the radio signals, plus 40 times more frequency coverage, Arecibo is set to survey the sky for new radio sources.

These improvements also prime the telescope for an improved search for intelligent signals from space.

"The multiple receivers help us weed out interference better and make us less susceptible to thinking that things terrestrial are extraterrestrial," Werthimer said.

Werthimer noted that, despite the fact that UC Berkeley has been analyzing radio signals from space since 1978 on various telescopes, no telltale signals from an intelligent civilization have yet been found.

"Earthlings are just getting started looking at the frequencies in the sky; we're looking only at the cosmically brightest sources, hoping we are scanning the right radio channels," he said. "The good news is, we're entering an era when we will be able to scan billions of channels. Arecibo is now optimized for this kind of search, so if there are signals out there, we or our volunteers will find them."

SETI.nul has been funded by various organizations over the years, including the Planetary Society and Sun Microsystems, and continues to be supported by individual donations from its volunteers.

Adapted from materials provided by University of California - Berkeley.

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>as a result of this story.

Greetings Nick, Terry, et al,

Having seen so many "similar" pictures (birds and insects in flight) as that of the "Cornwall UFO" (bird) there was no doubt in mind of what it was, but for proof in the pudding and in doing some quick research I believe the photo is of a "Herring Gull" and I demonstrated this theorem by composing a similar photograph with another bird captured "in flight" (and have more examples) at a right angle to the camera, wings parallel to the ground. In addition one of our readers did an overlay of a "Herring Gull" (to the alleged UFO) as well; both examples leave little doubt that the photograph is of "a bird in flight" most likely a "Herring Gull."

The commentary and examples can be seen here:

<http://tinyurl.com/25xrqy>

<http://tinyurl.com/24u6e5>

Cheers,

Frank

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## Re: 'Why Would ET Evolve Human-Like Intelligence?'

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 3 Jan 2008 09:11:44 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Fri, 04 Jan 2008 08:44:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Why Would ET Evolve Human-Like Intelligence?'

>From: Robert Powell <[rpowell.nul](mailto:rpowell.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 02 Jan 2008 08:31:27 -0600  
>Subject: Re: 'Why Would ET Evolve Human-Like Intelligence?'

>James,

>You indicated that you have some ideas regarding how  
>intelligence reaches one part of the universe from another and  
>that intelligence as gifted as ours to be virtually unique to  
>its common origin. I would be interested in hearing your  
>thoughts.

I further touch on this in my post to Mr. Molesworth's thread on  
Parallel Universes that posted just after this one today.

In that post I refer to an example of mind existing extraneous  
to brain. Here is my context for that, an article I wrote for  
UFO Digest.

<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0907/anomaly.html>

To think of mind as purely a receiver in the scope of  
considering all that might manifest in the universe, we limit  
ourselves to a confined view of its mechanisms. Mostly, however,  
we miss some pretty interesting possible explanations in the  
examinations of anomaly.

>You mentioned bilateral evolution on earth as an implausible  
>theory. Perhaps I don't understand your definition of bilateral  
>evolution. I would consider Neanderthal and Homo sapiens as  
>potential examples of bilateral evolution.

The great debate on mankind's origins, tainted by religion and  
by racism, had reached the political arena long before the Third  
Reich's exploitations and refinements. What lay behind much of  
the confusion was an issue never settled in the science  
community itself. Was it a remote possibility that races  
actually BEGAN separately? That more like a separate species  
their genetic determinations were different to the point that  
their's had been a lineage wholly isolated long enough intrusion  
of any mix to gene pools represented corruption?

Introduction of syphilis to Europe and the limiting of study by  
missionary intrusion confused issues and forestalled closer  
examination. Still the nasty absurdity lingered that races of  
the yellow persuasion and black were of lower origin than that  
of others.

But to postulate entirely separate origins is, if taken in full  
context, an astronomical improbability of the highest order.

Unlike the races, neanderthal and homo sapien, briefly visited  
by cro magnon, are separate species. Many conjectures can come  
about over how they might be attached in evolution. That they  
were contemporaneous to some extent shows some degree of the  
complexity involved not fully appreciated. I believe they  
interbred, sidestepping evolution by perhaps epics although this  
flies in the face of Kroeber's speciation model.

Re: 'Why Would ET Evolve Human-Like Intelligence?'

I would speculate that neanderthal was genetically enhanced to produce homo sapien with cro magnon a variant when the first two interbred. But that's just my principle of simplicity kicking in.

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## Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 03 Jan 2008 14:28:59 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 04 Jan 2008 08:47:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>From: Maynard Gelinas <[maynard.nul](mailto:maynard.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 11:51:53 -0500 (EST)  
>Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>>Source: The Sun - London, UK

>><http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article637499.ece>

><snip>

>>In a weird twist, Kelvin, 55, did not even see the UFO at the  
>>time.

<snip>

>Point: The shadow and darkness of the leaves in the lower left  
>hand corner suggests that sunlight is coming from the upper  
>right hand corner. Notice in the blowup of the object that the  
>"edge" of the saucer is warped downward on the right hand while  
>completely straight on the left hand. Also notice that the  
>object on the left side appears tipped to a slight angle upward  
>relative to its right side.

>What does this mean? I would speculate (based on Paul Hill's  
>work) that the object is in motion and moving from left to right  
>in the field of view. The rightward tilt and visual distortion  
>on the right side are worth paying attention to.

Well cameras can easily trap high speed objects and motion in  
flight, Maynard. Video cameras and still digital cameras  
regularly stop aircraft propellers or slow them down often  
making them appear to move backwards. I have this problem  
shooting them air to air for airplane articles I do and have to  
shoot them at shutter speeds at 1/400 or 1/250 or and below-to  
make sure they at least blur, while assuring that I stay in  
tight focus due to camera plane unsteadiness.

In this case the 'object' looks to me like a tubby sandpiper -  
or perhaps a plover - moving left to right [as you mentioned,  
Maynard] with it's wings on the upstroke but banking slightly to  
the bird's right so that its right wing is slightly lower than  
the left wing.

Going by the low rez image in the paper makes it hard to see  
much.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Recent Interesting Canadian UFO Reports

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 03 Jan 2008 14:41:44 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 04 Jan 2008 08:52:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: Recent Interesting Canadian UFO Reports

I had a call from the Global Television Network, here in Canada, regarding this video. Stan Friedman referred them to me.

Unfortunately I haven't yet seen a good copy of this video and told them so. I begged off having any real definitive information about the sighting other than to tell the reporter that from the stills I had seen that this could have been re-entering space junk.

I also told him that this might not be the case as there seemed to be extenuating circumstances and am also working on the helicopter sighting from December 21, but he wasn't interested.

I mentioned the reference to a piece of material being found on Prince Edward Island that had the NRO's stamp on it. He had never heard of the National Reconnaissance Office in the US.

I offered the reporter Chris Rutkowski's phone number as he had interviewed the photographer but he said he had all he wanted. I think he was looking for an easy out and bought my half-assed, non-investigated and knee-jerk assessment.

Don Ledger

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## WSJ's UFO Confuses E&P

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 04 Jan 2008 09:00:11 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 04 Jan 2008 09:00:11 -0500  
Subject: WSJ's UFO Confuses E&P

Source: Billy Cox's Blog | De Void - Sarasota, Florida, USA

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20080103/BLOG32/369621566>

Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008

WSJ's UFO Confuses E&P

By Billy Cox

[billy.cox.nul](mailto:billy.cox.nul)

So the ink isn't even dry on The Wall Street Journal's 1A story Wednesday providing additional eyewitness details on Dennis Kucinich's 1982 UFO sighting when Editor & Publisher takes its first shot.

Sensing a rogue and cheapening shift in the wind at the hands of new WSJ owner Rupert Murdoch, E&P asks: "Was there really any pressing need to cover Dennis Kucinich's old, and much laughed over, UFO encounter, especially with him about to poll about 1% of the vote in Iowa?"

Hint to E&P: Compare the Web site traffic of your hand-wringing to the numbers recorded by reporter Michael M. Phillips's piece at:

<http://tinyurl.com/2t6w5j>

Here's the deal. Murdoch frequently displays the instincts of a dung beetle, but that's because he sometimes knows his audience better than J-school critics do.

Phillips' reporting stands out not because he sensationalised it, but because the guy played it straight. The traditional formula for covering UFO stories like this is to place a phone call to the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry or some other expert who wasn't there to explain why Kucinich and others saw Venus or swamp gas instead. That's considered 'balance'.

E&P is the watchdog of an industry in the throes of a horrific meltdown with no end in sight. The godawful details of its hastening irrelevance are most recently itemized at:

<http://tinyurl.com/2rnfvvr>

That's where print analyst Alan Mutter describes how publicly traded newspaper companies have lost 42 percent of their market value, or \$23 billion, since 2004.

But it's the WSJ that draws arched eyebrows for trying to buck a trend. It decides to cover a UFO story the way it might also report a murder - by talking to witnesses and, without judgment, letting the facts speak for themselves.

And to think: the editors could've used that space to run

another analysis of the Presidential race in Iowa.

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## Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <[gac.nul](mailto:gac.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 3 Jan 2008 19:58:48 +0000  
Archived: Fri, 04 Jan 2008 09:04:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>From: Maynard Gelinas <[maynard.nul](mailto:maynard.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 11:51:53 -0500 (EST)  
>Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>>Source: The Sun - London, UK

>><http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article637499.ece>

><snip>

>>In a weird twist, Kelvin, 55, did not even see the UFO at the  
>>time.

>What could cause the human eye to miss recognizing an object in  
>the field of view, yet allow a camera to capture this image?

The obvious answer is the human mind. We routinely 'edit out' peripheral data in the visual field in order to concentrate the mind's attention on what we believe ourselves to be actually 'looking at' (looking is not a passive activity, and invariably involves some focus of attention to create an 'intended object'). In this case, by the photographer's reported admission, the intended object was a bay with two tankers forming an interesting view. In composing the shot, the photographer would quite naturally ignore the presence of a bird in the distance, and forget about its presence almost instantly. When looking at the photograph later, the photographer sees the object, not moving as it was at the time and therefore easy to identify and interpret at a subconscious level, frozen in flight - an artificial representation, and one that can appear deceptively mysterious.

<snip>

>- Mind control. Manipulation of the brain such that it does not  
>process or ignores data collected from the eyes in a controlled  
>fashion, while having no effect on the CCD imager, camera CPU  
>processor, or data storage. (I doubt it, but -hey- it's  
>possible).

Yes, that's right, but not exercised by an external agency. It is the same self-administered mind control that babies start learning in the first few minutes after birth: the process of sorting out data in the visual field, interpreting it, and then making decisions about what parts of the data to focus concentration on, and what parts to set aside.

This is one good, basic reason why photographs and films on which apparently anomalous data 'appears' ex post should always be subject to an extra dose of the most rigorous scrutiny.

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Gerald O'Connell

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## Will A New Year Bring New Visitors?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 04 Jan 2008 09:14:46 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 04 Jan 2008 09:14:46 -0500  
Subject: Will A New Year Bring New Visitors?

Source: The Tecumseh Countywide News - Oklahoma, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/39r4zx>

Thursday, January 03, 2008

Will A New Year Bring New Visitors?  
By Lori Goat

The recent sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object over a lake in Oklahoma City has put UFOs back on the public radar again. Pottawatomie County has had its share of strange lights in the sky.

On New Year's Eve 2006 at 7:45 p.m., a retired Air Force operator and former AWACS crew member reported witnessing a bright light maneuvering unlike any known aircraft 2,000 feet above Tecumseh for about 40 seconds.

Did aliens from another planet drop in to Tecumseh skies to help ring in a New Year?

There are several other county connections to UFOs. Eyewitness reports of these peculiar lights in the sky are kept in the database of The National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC).

The center, founded in 1974 by a famous UFO investigator Robert J. Gribble, keeps tabs on nationwide UFO sightings. Law enforcement agencies, flight service stations, military facilities, 911 emergency dispatch centers, and organizations such as the National Weather Service and NASA direct calls they receive about possible UFO's to the Center.

According to NUFORC's files, there have been 404 unexplained sightings of UFOs in Oklahoma since 1947, six of them in Shawnee and Tecumseh.

The most recent was on January 7, 2007, at 10:30 p.m., when a bright object with red lights flashed erratically across the Shawnee night for about a minute and a half.

One of the most thoroughly documented sightings of UFOs in the county happened on May 10, 1998.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol (OHP) reported that patrolmen in three police cars cruising the Shawnee area saw diamond-shaped formations in the sky for 45 minutes that changed colors from red to white. Highway Patrol headquarters received so many calls on the lights that its teletype was jammed.

OHP's official report stated the sightings came from Purcell north through Norman to Chandler and back through Meeker and Shawnee. It also stated, "Oklahoma Highway Patrol units 26, 30, and 40 have also made visual sightings. Tinker Air Force Base (TAFB) has had from 7 to 12 of them on radar, at this time, and they advise that they are flying at approximately 22,000 feet."

Although the sighting didn't happen in Pottawatomie County, an August 1965 UFO event in Oklahoma captured nationwide headlines.

The OHP reported that TAFB had tracked four UFOs simultaneously and that they had descended very rapidly, from 22,000 feet to 4,000 feet in seconds. Project Blue Book (one of a series of UFO studies conducted by the Air Force from 1952 to 1969) determined TAFB had mistaken Jupiter or the stars Rigel or Betelgeuse for UFOs.

Robert Riser, director of the Oklahoma Science and Art Foundation Planetarium publicly rebuked Blue Book's findings.

"This is as far from the truth as you can get. These stars and planets are on the opposite side of the earth from Oklahoma City at this time of year. The Air Force must have had its star finding chart upside down during August," he said.

There is no doubt that unidentified flying objects exist and have been reported throughout history. Flying saucers have been depicted in ancient cave drawings.

Are these objects from outer space or from an alien source? No one has a proven, definitive answer, but Gordon Cooper, the late astronaut from the county, had an "unshakable" belief of the validity of UFOs and extraterrestrials.

Cooper was the pilot of the Mercury Faith 7 spacecraft and the Gemini 5 mission. Yet, it wasn't in space that he had his brush with aliens. It was at a military base in Germany and at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

According to interviews with Cooper, while he was in Germany, unknown crafts were spotted over an air base. Thinking the objects could be Russian MIG-15s that regularly flew over the base, Sabre jets were scrambled to intercept.

Upon closer inspection, Cooper said the crafts were metallic silver and saucer-shaped, flying above 45,000 feet, the maximum ceiling for any known jet at that time.

While stationed at Edwards Air Force Base in 1957, Cooper had his second experience with a UFO. He was one of the test pilots in charge of the installation of a precision landing system. As his crew was filming the installation, they noticed a saucer fly overhead, hover, extend three legs as a landing gear, and land on a dry lakebed.

As Cooper's camera crew got within 20 or 30 yards of the smooth, silver, about 30 foot in diameter saucer, it ascended and flew away.

According to Cooper, the film of the saucer was developed and sent to Washington. It was never mentioned again, and when Cooper inquired about it at a later date, he was told it couldn't be found.

Cooper believed so strongly in UFOs, he addressed a United Nations panel discussion on UFOs and ETs before his death.

An excerpt from Cooper's speech:

"I believe that these extraterrestrial vehicles and their crews are visiting this planet from other planets which obviously are a little more technically advanced than we are here on Earth. I feel that we need to have a top level, coordinated program to scientifically collect and analyze data from all over the earth concerning any type of encounter, and to determine how best to interface with these visitors in a friendly fashion."

Cooper wasn't the only astronaut who believed in UFOs and ETs. Dr. Edgar Mitchell, Apollo 14 astronaut, has publicly stated that "We all know UFOs are real. All we need to ask is, where do they come from?"

So look to the stars as this new year begins. Who knows what may come next?

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## 'Hobbits' May Have Been Genetic Mutants

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 04 Jan 2008 09:19:12 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 04 Jan 2008 09:19:12 -0500  
Subject: 'Hobbits' May Have Been Genetic Mutants

Source: National Geographic News - Washington DC, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2rppaa>

January 3, 2008

'Hobbits' May Have Been Genetic Mutants

John Roach  
National Geographic News

A rare disease characterized by small brain and body size but near normal intelligence is caused by mutations in a gene coding for the protein pericentrin, researchers have found.

The scientists speculate that the condition may explain the tiny, hobbitlike people that occupied a remote, Indonesian island about 18,000 years ago=97adding fuel to the debate over whether the unusual creatures were a new species or just diseased modern humans.

Pericentrin helps separate chromosomes during cell division, which is needed for growth.

"The whole body loses its capacity to grow, because cell division is so difficult for people with this defect," said study co-author Anita Rauch of the Institute for Human Genetics at the University of Erlangen in Germany.

On average, disease sufferers grow about three feet (a meter) tall and have a brain the size of a three-month-old baby. However, their intelligence is near normal.

People with the defect also exhibit subtle bony anomalies in their hands and wrists, skull asymmetry, small chins, abnormal teeth, and abnormal shoulders, Rauch said.

Mysterious Hobbit

Descriptions of the hobbitlike people match those of modern humans with this genetic defect, Rauch added.

When the hobbit was discovered in 2004 on the Indonesian island of Flores, scientists hailed it as a new species: Homo floresiensis.

Since then, scientists have debated whether the hobbit is indeed a new species or a modern human with a genetic disease that causes small brains called microcephaly.

The new study links the genetic mutations to a type of microcephaly that limits all growth=97that of the brain and the body.

"We think it is very likely that Homo floresiensis indeed had a pericentrin mutation," Rauch said.

She added that, on islands like Flores, inherited diseases become commonplace because of the higher levels of mating among closely related people.

The finding is reported online today in the journal Science.

Down to the Details

Richard Potts, director of the human origins program at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., closely monitors the scientific debate over *Homo floresiensis*.

He said the new study's link between genetics and human growth is "neat" but disagreed with the suggestion that *Homo floresiensis* represents a modern human with a genetic disorder.

Proof that the hobbit is indeed a unique species, he said, is found in recent detailed studies of its wrist and upper arm bone.

A wrist bone study published in Science last September found that the hobbit's wrist bones were primitive, like those in gorillas or chimpanzees.

No known genetic diseases, including any type of microcephaly, results in an apelike wrist similar to the hobbit's, the authors of the wrist bone study concluded.

"For many of us in the field, we have taken those studies, especially the one [on the wrist bone] as really being the death blow to the idea that we're dealing with a modern human," Potts said.

And even if the researchers find a gene in the hobbits connected with dwarfism in modern humans, they would "still have to go down to the details of the morphology and try to explain [them]," he added.

Dean Falk is an anthropologist at Florida State University in Tallahassee who has led several studies demonstrating *Homo floresiensis* is a unique species, not a diseased modern human.

She commented via email that the new study is unconvincing=97for one, the pictures shown of people with this defect look nothing like the hobbit.

"Their heads are too large relative to their bodies, the limb proportions are all wrong, the profiles of the face do not come close, and these individuals are from 8 to 12 years old," she wrote.

The hobbit fossil, known as LB1, is from an individual about 30 years old.

Modern Variation

Study co-author Rauch and her colleagues, meanwhile, hope that improved technology may soon allow them to extract DNA from the Flores fossils and test it for mutations to the pericentrin gene.

The new research, Rauch noted, demonstrates that a single genetic defect can lead to miniaturization and distinct bone shape in humans.

Rauch also plans to investigate connections between pericentrin mutations and natural variation in the modern human population.

She said that there are a lot of small changes in the gene between normal people=97not enough to cause dwarfism but sufficient to make one person smaller than another, for example.

"If you don't have the full mutation which leads to absence [of the protein]," she said, "but only a little change, this might cause little differences in the normal population."

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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## NPC Nov 07 Disclosure Video Free On Line

From: Dave Haith <[visions1.nul](mailto:visions1.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 1 Jan 2008 16:15:21 -0000  
Archived: Fri, 04 Jan 2008 09:37:41 -0500  
Subject: NPC Nov 07 Disclosure Video Free On Line

[I held this back while checking with James Fox and Leslie Kean about the rights issue... they okayed this posting.

My copy of the DVD arrived and is an excellent historical contribution to the knowledge base. Its available at:

<http://www.outofthebluethemovie.com/news/news.html>

--ebk]

The entire National Press Club 12th November 2007 Disclosure video streaming - approx an hour and a half is now on line at the link below.

<http://lucianarchy.proboards21.com/index.cgi?board=video>

Must see!

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## Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

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>From: Maynard Gelinas <[maynard.nul](mailto:maynard.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 11:51:53 -0500 (EST)  
>Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>>Source: The Sun - London, UK

>><http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article637499.ece>

><snip>

>>In a weird twist, Kelvin, 55, did not even see the UFO at the  
>>time.

>What could cause the human eye to miss recognizing an object in  
>the field of view, yet allow a camera to capture this image?

What causes people to search the house looking for their  
glasses, wallets, car keys, book, hairbrush, coffee cup etc  
while right there under their nose all along? A negative  
hallucination. Happens all the time. It just depends on your  
focus and how that narrows your field of view.

What an opening that statement is...

Sheryl

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## Re: Oooh Arrrrr Not Alone Anymore

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>Date: Thu, 3 Jan 2008 13:23:29 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrrr Not Alone Anymore

>>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 09:37:53 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrrr Not Alone Anymore

>>>Source: The Sun - London, UK

>>><http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article637499.ece>

>>>01 Jan 2008

>>>Oooh Arrrrr Not Alone Anymore  
>>>By John Coles  
>>>[j.coles.nul-sun.co.uk](mailto:j.coles.nul-sun.co.uk)

>>>This stunning photo of a UFO over Cornwall was last night hailed  
>>>by experts as one of the best ever taken in Britain.

>>This photo looks suspiciously like many images I've seen of  
>>birds caught in flight. This could explain why Mr. Barbery  
>>didn't see the 'UFO'.

>>Here's the image with labels to possible bird-like features that  
>>I see.

>><http://tinyurl.com/363fcm>

>>I guess, strictly speaking, this is a UFO but I don't see  
>>anything really spectacular in the image.

>>I'm not married to the 'bird' idea but it is a viable  
>>possibility.

>Could it be a bird? Sure. But - as I said to the reporter - one  
>has to take a holistic approach, interviewing the witness,  
>examining the camera, analyzing the imagery scientifically,  
>checking to see if anything was tracked on radar, etc. Without  
>this, all anyone can do (as I did) is offer an initial opinion  
>as to whether or not an image looks interesting and merits  
>further study. Inevitably, in a newspaper article of this sort,  
>my lengthy interview was boiled down to a couple of soundbites.

So here's an insider's tip on media management, Nick: next time  
you are talking to The Sun, or any other tabloid for that  
matter, don't say anything at all that you wouldn't want them to  
quote you on, whether in context or out of it. And don't mention  
'holistic approaches', they'll think you are a screwball.

>The real value of this sort of story is twofold. Firstly, it  
>keeps the UFO phenomenon in the public eye (The Sun is the UK's  
>best-selling national daily newspaper and this story has been  
>picked up by other media outlets).

Unfortunately, this is now more likely to result in further

widespread public vilification of the UFO phenomenon and its associated experts when the follow-up stories appear and the photograph - 'one of the best ever taken in Britain' - turns out to be that of a seagull.

>Secondly, it helps 'smoke  
>out' other photos and videos.

Hopefully they will not be other photos and videos of seagulls.

>Many people have such imagery but  
>have never sent it to anyone, either because they fear disbelief  
>or ridicule,

With some considerable justification, given the Sun's 'Oooh Arrrrr' treatment (Explanatory sociological note for non-British readers: the guttural 'oooh arrrrr' sound is one attributed by would-be urban sophisticates to those of rural origin, and denotes slow-witted stupidity. The story originates from Cornwall, one of England's most rural counties.).

>or because they don't know who to send it to. Once  
>a newspaper runs a story like this, it encourages such people to  
>come forward. I've already been sent another interesting photo  
>as a result of this story.

I bet you have. Who are the front runners to publish this one, The Star or The Mirror?

Don't worry Nick, if the follow-up stories leave you widely publicised as Britain's most discredited UFO expert, you will at least have the raw material needed to publish a well-illustrated ornithological title.

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Gerald O'Connell

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## Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

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>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 02 Jan 2008 15:24:21 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

>>From: James Molesworth <[jtmoll.nul](mailto:jtmoll.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 01 Jan 2008 15:53:12 +1100  
>>Subject: Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

><snip>

>And of course, it does produce a contradiction, since the same  
>argument can be used to rule out the existence of an  
>omnipotent God, i.e., a single universe without one excludes  
>them all. All in all, a fairly vacuous construct.

>By no means does this trivialize the many-worlds paradigm, nor  
>the larger issue of the duality of Everything vs. Nothing. It  
>seems clear that a universe in which less than Everything  
>happens is effectively one with arbitrary, underivable constants  
>that are somehow a 'built-in' feature of existence itself, i.e.,  
>it is not the case that "anything and everything goes".

While we're into speculation, it has also been proposed that  
with perhaps infinite possible universes, it may be that only  
some, by pure chance or constraints of some specific geometries,  
will produce any constants or the right combination of constants  
such that life, intelligence, and consciousness can arise at  
all.

To take a simpleminded example, only in plane geometry will the  
interior angles of a triangle always add up to exactly 180  
degrees. In any of an infinite number of possible curved  
geometries, the total of the angles can take on an infinite  
number of possible values, therefore, no longer constant. For  
example, on the Earth's spherical surface, stand on the equator  
and shoot a line to the north pole for one leg of a triangle, go  
a quarter of the way around the equator to form another leg, and  
then shoot another line up to the pole for the third leg. All  
interior angles of the spherical triangle are 90 degrees in this  
case and add up to a total of 270 degrees. Had we gone halfway  
around the globe, however, the two angles at the equator would  
still have been 90 degrees each, whereas the apex of the  
triangle at the pole would have an angle of 180 degrees, and the  
total would be 360 degrees.

Thus any sum of the angles of a triangle on a spherical geometry  
will always be greater than 180 degrees and will have no fixed  
value, as in plane geometry. So only plane, flat geometry, out  
of all the spatial geometries, creates an "arbitrary" constant  
of 180 degrees and imposes other constraints as to what can and  
cannot be in the formal system of deductive logic that arises  
from it.

In the same sense, our universe may have some fundamental  
underlying mathematics that constrains what can and cannot be  
and forces our particular physical laws, which just happen to  
give rise to us. But other universes and underlying mathematics

may have no such constraints (or different ones), and thus either have different physical laws that don't work to produce life or perhaps be undefinable and totally chaotic.

This is a more cosmic version of Earth as a "Goldilocks planet," i.e., a planet of just the right size with just the right type of parent star, in just the right orbit, etc., etc., to give rise to intelligent life. The same may be true of universes, with a few Goldilocks universes like our own amongst many clunkers. The odds of winning the lottery may be extremely small, but if enough lottery tickets are purchased, somebody eventually wins the lottery.

In this theory, there is no intelligence that guides the formation of universes. Instead universes with definable physical laws and suitable physical constants that lead to life and intelligence happen through pure chance, that is, the lottery winners.

>This would seem to be in conflict with - or at least does not  
>form a duality with - our concept of Nothingness, which  
>intuitively is devoid of any content, including arbitrary  
>constants. Hence, if the universe is incomplete in the sense  
>that not everything will happen, then clearly it did not  
>spring from Nothingness.

In modern physics, the universe can arise from nothingness. Think of our existence as a giant bank loan. The money enables us to do and purchase all sorts of things, but on a ledger our net worth still adds up to zero because this is balanced by the debt owed back to the bank. Still one can live the high life as long as the loan isn't called back in. As some physicist like to say, the universe is the ultimate free lunch.

The fundamental currency of the universe is energy and our existence is based on a positive energy "loan", balanced by a the negative energy owed back to the cosmic "bank" or "vacuum" or "zero state". In this metaphor, our loan gradually dwindles as useful energy disipates into the chaos we call entropy. Eventually, our universe will expand to such an extent and be so thin with matter that all physical interactions will essentially end, temperature will be down to absolute zero, nothing will move, and time, or change, will cease. This gloomy scenario is called the Big Chill. It makes me shudder and want to huddle by a fire just to think about it.

>Now my head hurts. I leave to the metaphysicists on the List  
>(and there are some capable ones) to clear this up, while I  
>retreat to more mundane topics, such as UFOs. Haven't put much  
>of a dent in that either.

Usually when philosophers heads begin to hurt from their own logical conclusions, they head down to the local pub for a pint or two or three. It's been known to help, at least until morning.

David Rudiak

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Source: The Seattle Times - Washington, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/35y8d5>

Thursday, January 3, 2008

Political Spotlight Brings UFO Group In From The Fringe

By Jeffrey Weiss  
The Dallas Morning News

Dallas =97 Anyone who takes the topic seriously knows about what they call the "giggle factor."

So when Democratic presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich was asked in a recent debate about his belief in unidentified flying objects, the North Texas members of Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) weren't surprised when it turned into a political punch line.

On the other hand, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson also has addressed UFOs =97 seriously =97 on the campaign trail. And in November, a group of highly credentialed aviation experts from around the world called for more official investigations of UFOs.

Getting their cause into the news =97 and not just as a joke =97 is welcome to people who have felt pushed to the fringes for a long time.

"There is a growing awareness and willingness on the part of the public to take this seriously," said Ken Cherry, the Texas MUFON director.

Is the secret that the ufologists of MUFON have been chasing for decades about to come out?

"We don't think it's a secret. Just some people don't believe it," said Terry Groff, Web master for the local MUFON group and a trained UFO investigator.

He was one of about two dozen members who assembled for a regular meeting last month at an Irving, Texas, public library. Organizers say they've filled a hall with more than 100 people for meetings where a particularly popular speaker appears.

Outsiders often misunderstand the purpose of the organization, Cherry said.

"People want us to confirm their claims," he said. "That is not our job."

Most UFO sightings quickly become IFOs after a little investigation, he said. Airplanes, satellites, model rockets, helicopters =97 all of these can fool an untrained eye. But all of those valid explanations still leave a few unexplainables.

Those few are what the ufologists say make them think there's more to know =97 but they aren't necessarily sure what the "more" is.

"I really haven't made my mind up," said MUFON regional director James Shatley. "The preponderance of evidence is that either we have discovered incredible technology, or there are some other races that have conquered time and space and figured out how to get here."

For all the scientific aspirations of MUFON, it's a mash-up of a serious amateur investigation club and a support group for people who say there is Something =97 or Someone =97 Out There.

"We have had people come to our meetings who literally wear a protective hat to protect themselves from aliens invading their thoughts," Cherry said.

The members of his group try to be welcoming and not dismissive of them, he said. After all, they all know what it's like to be ridiculed for their ideas.

"I don't think we've ever had a bad experience where someone that everyone thought was off-the-wall came and they didn't go away feeling good," Cherry said.

On this afternoon, nobody was wearing an odd hat. After a bit of business, they settled in to watch a decade-old video of a speech made at a previous meeting. The speaker was Jim Marrs, the Texan author of "Crossfire" =97 a book Oliver Stone drew on for the conspiracy-filled plot of his movie "JFK" =97 and "Alien Agenda," Marrs' account of government suppression of information about UFOs.

It's safe to say Marrs' views about UFOs are as accepted by most scientists as his ideas about the Kennedy assassination are by most historians. But this was his home crowd, and they listened attentively as he recounted tales of the supposed UFO crash at Roswell, N.M., the odd crop circles and other stories ufologists say have never been explained.

After the video, Marrs 'appeared' live via a cellphone held up to a microphone and took questions.

"There may be more breathtaking discoveries coming out in the coming months," he said.

The recent mainstream news about UFOs did not seem likely to produce a revelation any time soon.

Kucinich said he saw a UFO 25 years ago while visiting Shirley MacLaine's home in Washington state. Richardson pledged to reopen the famous case of aliens reportedly crashing at Roswell in 1947.

The aviation experts calling for more investigation included a deputy chief of staff from the Belgian air force, the retired chief of Accidents and Investigations for the Federal Aviation Administration, a pilot with the Chilean Aviation Army, an Air France captain, a general in the Iranian air force and a representative from the United Kingdom's Ministry of Defense.

The group spoke in support of a petition that said, in part: "We maintain that a restive, concerned public has the right to be informed of the facts about UFO incidents that are well-documented and involve multiple witnesses."

Not all the MUFON members claim to have seen UFOs. But some do have their stories.

Lucy Jane Mock, whose husband was in the Air Force, believes she has seen several unexplainable things in the sky.

"I hope you get to see one," she told a visitor to the meeting. "Thrilling!"

[THanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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sending again?

On 02/01/2008, at 11:12 PM, UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

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><http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article637499.ece>

>01 Jan 2008

>Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>By John Coles

>[j.coles.nul-sun.co.uk](mailto:j.coles.nul-sun.co.uk)

>[Large Image]

Hi Folks,

I believe the fuzzy image attached to the below story to be a bird in flight.

I'm not sure if Nick was just being diplomatic with this comment:

"Nick Pope, one of Britain's foremost UFO experts, said the photo was one of the best he had seen."

What?

The best Australian Unidentified Flying Object image for 2005 was this image:

<http://www.aufor.com/UFOB1.png>

OZ UFO? Captured Feb 2007

Unfortunately we have too many unanswered questions with this image placing this image in the 'sus-box' no matter how good it looks.

<http://www.aufor.com/UFO-NSW-March.jpg>

To me it looks like an aluminum saucepan lid tossed up in the sky.

These days you have to be careful that someone isn't trying to make a dick out you by posting up a fake.

An interesting start to 2008

Cheers,

Happy New year

Diane Frola

National Director  
The Australian UFO Research Network

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## Re: 2008 International UFO Congress

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 3 Jan 2008 14:41:34 -0000  
>Subject: 2008 International UFO Congress

>Dear Colleagues,

>I'd like to take this opportunity to say that I am looking  
>forward to meeting some of you at this year's International UFO  
>Congress in Laughlin, Nevada. As some of you already know I have  
>the pleasure of sharing the platform this year with Spyros  
>Melaris.

<snip>

Philip,

To prove that Melaris is the one who shot the autopsy, it would be enough, I think, to disclose a couple of good colour pictures of him, on stage, with the film crew and the sculptor, and the film equipment, around the autopsy table and the body on it. Plus a couple of good colour close-ups of the body.

Also the address of the location, by the way.

If I understand well, so far we have no real proof whatsoever of his claim. There is no need to go to Laughlin to give such proof.

Gildas Bourdais

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<http://tinyurl.com/2o254u>

Friday, January 04, 2008

[Frame-grab at site]

'Definitely Unidentified'

P.E.I. couple capture on videotape mystery object hurtling toward earth

Charles Mandel  
The Ottawa Citizen

A video of what appears to be an object trailing a dark spiralling plume behind it and plummeting toward Prince Edward Island's Northumberland Strait is the focus of intense speculation.

A P.E.I. couple captured the strange event on video on Dec. 26, but witnesses and experts alike aren't certain what they're observing.

"We were kind of dumbfounded," said Tony Quigley, the P.E.I. farmer who videotaped the apparent unidentified flying object with his wife, Marie Ford-Quigley.

The couple was out walking late in the afternoon near North Tryon on the island's west end when Mr. Quigley spotted the mysterious object. "I said to Marie, 'Look, there's a plane in trouble there.' It looked like smoke coming from it."

The couple taped the strange scene for nearly six minutes. Mr. Quigley estimates the object they saw was more than three kilometres high and is convinced that the UFO must have crashed in the strait or in New Brunswick.

They watched the spectacle for close to 30 minutes and received calls from neighbours who also witnessed it.

"I really didn't want to be looking forward to hearing that there was a plane crashing around the area and people losing their lives on Boxing Day," Mr. Quigley said.

But calls the next day to the area's airport, Summerside RCMP and the federal Transportation Safety Board came up with no reports of plane crashes.

Ms. Ford-Quigley speculates it might have been a fighter jet dumping fuel and in trouble. One thing's for sure: her husband isn't buying any stories about crashing flying saucers.

"This is definitely unidentified," Mr. Quigley said. "But if

you're talking Martians or anything like that, I haven't seen any to date, so I can't say I really believe in them."

That's not the case with Gertrude Campbell. The Quigleys' neighbour also saw the UFO, along with four other people. Ms. Campbell, 65, firmly believes in UFOs.

"I swear when I come (home) at night time and I look at some of those stars and they're pretty big, I'd say that's what's looking over us," she said. But if the P.E.I. object was a saucer, then according to Ms. Campbell: "It broke up coming down."

Don Ledger, a UFO researcher and author who lives in Bridgewater, N.S., believes the object was space junk. He cites the launch in mid-December of a NASA Atlas rocket carrying a satellite for the U.S. National Reconnaissance Office, the agency that co-ordinates spy satellites south of the border.

"Supposedly the booster came down around southwestern Nova Scotia," said Mr. Ledger, who co-wrote with Chris Styles, Dark Object, a book about a purported UFO crash at Shag Harbour, N.S., in 1967.

"That (NASA booster) didn't make orbit the way it was supposed to, but I can't prove it.

"After a certain point in its launch, everything goes what they call dark at NASA and it turns over to the spooks down there in the U.S. who handle the satellites. So if indeed it did come down, you're not going to hear about it."

The Quigleys are sending their video to Ufology Research of Manitoba in Winnipeg, in hopes that the private, non-profit group can help solve the mystery.

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Paradigm Research Group

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Media Notice

ABC News Debate Double Header Saturday  
and the Extraterrestrial Presence Issue

Washington, DC - Tomorrow night, January 5 at 7--11 pm EST, ABC News will hold back-to-back debates ahead of the New Hampshire primaries. News anchor Charles Gibson will moderate what may be an unprecedented double header debate at the same venue. Which political party debates first will be determined by a coin toss.

Once again more than a dozen candidates will stand before the American people seeking to be the leader of the most influential nation in the world. And once more there will be an opportunity to ask them not silly, but serious questions about their views on the most profound issue confronting all people and all nations -- the presence of intelligent, non-humans engaging the human race and the 60-year truth embargo imposed on formal acknowledgement of this fact by elements within the government they wish to head.

The door was opened by the dean of Washington television journalists, Tim Russert, at the October 30 Democrat debate in Philadelphia with the now famous question to Dennis Kucinich. This led to questions to Barack Obama, Bill Richardson, Mitt Romney, Rudy Giuliani and scores of news articles.

<http://tinyurl.com/227963>

Kucinich, who is quite knowledgeable on the subject and has been briefed extensively on the UFO/ET evidence by colleagues of PRG, essentially dodged the subject. It is up to the working journalists to keep the issue in play and insist on comprehensive answers from these candidates.

PRG executive director, Stephen Bassett, stated, =93It is understandable but not acceptable that these candidates are scared silent after 60 years of institutional propaganda and disinformation regarding the extraterrestrial presence. However, it is neither understandable nor acceptable that top-tier news organizations refuse to challenge these aspiring presidents to state clearly their views on a matter 50% of the American people have stated in poll after poll they consider valid.

Does ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, MSNBC, FOX and the top-tier print media think the presence of extraterrestrial beings engaging the human race is not a matter of national security? Is it their conclusion that the tens of thousands of detailed reports accumulating in the files of researchers around the world of contact, often coercive, between humans and these beings is not a serious societal concern?

ABC News has received reams of material on the UFO/ET issues

from PRG and other organizations for the past 20 years. Meetings with producers have been held. ABC News attended the May 9, 2001 and November 12, 2007 press conferences at the National Press Club in which dozens of government witnesses of high rank and station presented extraordinary and compelling testimony:

<http://tinyurl.com/2nmhk5>

On January 2 the Wall Street Journal, to its great credit, gave the Kucinich question serious, front page exposure:.

<http://tinyurl.com/2cv9gn>

Can Charles Gibson in a debate just three days later simply ignore such a confirmation that the issue is finally in play and candidates need to be challenged?

Can there be anything but consensus that if there is an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race (and be assured there is), any candidate who refused to speak to that issue is not fit to lead?

And finally, when will the esteemed moderators of these debates ask Senator Hillary Clinton about the Rockefeller Initiative?

<http://tinyurl.com/2o526u>

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## PRG Update - January 4, 2008 - Part I

From: **Paradigm Research Group** <[PRG.nul](mailto:PRG.nul)>  
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Part I

ABC News Presidential Debates - Saturday Evening, January 5,  
7-11 pm EST

There will be an unprecedented double header debate tomorrow night with both party's candidates. Every effort is being made to get more UFO/ET related questions into play. It is notable the Wall Street Journal published a serious, front page article on the Kucinich sighting event on January 2.

See: <http://tinyurl.com/2cv9gn>

Keep your fingers crossed and be sure to watch.

X-Conference 2008 - the Insiders II [[www.x-conference.com](http://www.x-conference.com)]

The April 18-20 conference is on schedule. Registration is open at the website. The Hilton Gaithersburg is booking rooms (\$89/night single or double).

An extraordinary group of speakers, panelists and keynoters is being assembled. The speaker lineup to date is: Stephen Bassett (Co-Host, Panel Moderator); Cheryll Jones (Co-Host); Paul Hellyer; Astronaut, Dr. Edgar Mitchell\* (Keynote); Dr. Jesse Marcel; Astronaut, Dr. Brian O'Leary; Dr. Tom Valone; Dr. John Alexander (Aviary); Dr. Bruce Maccabee (Aviary); Dr. C. B. "Scott" Jones (Aviary); Grant Cameron; Richard Dolan; Victor Viggiani, Mike Bird, Rob Simone, Terry Hansen, more TBA. \* pending final commitment

As a special feature for April PRG is trying to bring together as many members as possible from the legendary "Aviary" to participate in an Aviary Panel and to lecture. This would be an unprecedented presentation. PRG is committed to exploring and understanding the entire history of the UFO/ET era from inside and out. There are so many stories yet to be told, particularly from those within government who engaged the issue. Ultimately the resolution of this extraordinary circumstance should be a joint effort between the people and the government. The more we know, the better the outcome.

Regardless when you plan to register, if you plan to stay at the Hilton, you need to book your rooms now. The Booking Code is 'X-Conference 2008'.

Hilton Gaithersburg: 301-977-8900 (\$89/night single or double)

PRG Media Archive  
[www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/newsitems2007.html](http://www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/newsitems2007.html)

The PRG Media Archive has now passed 1700 articles (mainstream, no alternative media, no tabloids). It is easily the largest

compilation of accessible articles relating to the UFO/ET issue on the Internet. It is notable the number of articles listed for 2007 (467) is two and one half times the number for 2006 (186) from the same sources. While this is not a scientific indicator, it is difficult not to be stunned by the implied increase in mainstream news coverage of this issue in 2007. If this level of coverage continues or increases in 2008 during the presidential campaigns, the truth embargo is going to come under considerable pressure.

Rockefeller Initiative Page [<http://tinyurl.com/2o526u>]

PRG has created a very important page on the PRG website based upon the work of researcher Grant Cameron. It is the most comprehensive compilation on the Internet addressing the effort by Laurance Rockefeller between 1993-1996 to convince President Bill Clinton to effectively be the "Disclosure President." 163 pages from the 900+ pages obtained via FOIA from the Clinton Office of Science and Technology Policy by Grant Cameron have been archived on the PRG site for easy access. More will be going up.

Considerable effort is being made to bring this page to the attention of the political media following the presidential campaigns. The goal is to see the RI introduced as questions in the campaign debates. Senator Hillary Clinton is the primary focus, but all candidates will be pressed to answer these questions relating to the UFO/ET issue.

Also, more documents are now emerging from the Clinton Presidential Library thanks to more FOIA submissions by Grant Cameron. Barring substantial redactions or outright misconduct by the Library it is expected that documents further confirming the RI will turn up and will be posted immediately.

X-Conference 2007 Photo Gallery [<http://tinyurl.com/2squo1>]

The photo gallery from X-Conference 2007 is now up. Many thanks to those contributing photos. In addition to the website gallery, many more photos can be viewed at PRG's Flickr account:

<http://tinyurl.com/3ywmsc>

If you have photos from X-Conference 2007 (or 2005 and 2004) you would like to see in the PRG Gallery, please email them to PRG. In fact, email any photos from any event you think would be appropriate for the Gallery.

#### Request

The film footage of the X-Conference 2008 September 17 NPC press conference was lost due to technical problems. If anyone else filmed that press conference, please contact PRG ASAP. Much thanks.

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>>Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 11:51:53 -0500 (EST)  
>>Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>>>Source: The Sun - London, UK

>>><http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article637499.ece>

>><snip>

>>>In a weird twist, Kelvin, 55, did not even see the UFO at the  
>>>time.

>>What could cause the human eye to miss recognizing an object in  
>>the field of view, yet allow a camera to capture this image?

Viewfinder images are very small, the image of the bird would be  
microscopic, it's flying very quickly and would only be in the  
viewfinder for a tiny fraction of a second, and the photographer  
is more interested in looking at what he is trying to take a  
photograph.

Any more questions?

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Archived: Sat, 05 Jan 2008 21:00:17 -0500  
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>From: David Rudiak <[drudiak.nul](mailto:drudiak.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 3 Jan 2008 15:18:14 -0800  
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>In this theory, there is no intelligence that guides the  
>formation of universes.

Granted so as proposition from theory, but founded on  
nothing. And as such just as religious to one mindset as  
faith is to another.

<snip>

>In modern physics, the universe can arise from nothingness.

Whose physics? Certainly no more than one mere school's, and  
that of a group that's done very little to advance the knowledge  
base at all.

You might want to call physical laws orderly for being set as to  
their application everywhere, but then there are exceptions that  
have been found. With such challenge to settling on mindset, why  
broach absolutes at this stage of understanding? Much less defy  
the concept of zero (nothingness) to accommodate it?

JCH

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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 02 Jan 2008 15:24:21 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

>>>From: James Molesworth <[jtmoll.nul](mailto:jtmoll.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Tue, 01 Jan 2008 15:53:12 +1100  
>>>Subject: Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

>><snip>

>>And of course, it does produce a contradiction, since the same  
>>argument can be used to rule out the existence of an  
>>omnipotent God, i.e., a single universe without one excludes  
>>them all. All in all, a fairly vacuous construct.

>>By no means does this trivialize the many-worlds paradigm, nor  
>>the larger issue of the duality of Everything vs. Nothing. It  
>>seems clear that a universe in which less than Everything  
>>happens is effectively one with arbitrary, underivable constants  
>>that are somehow a 'built-in' feature of existence itself, i.e.,  
>>it is not the case that "anything and everything goes".

>While we're into speculation, it has also been proposed that  
>with perhaps infinite possible universes, it may be that only  
>some, by pure chance or constraints of some specific geometries,  
>will produce any constants or the right combination of constants  
>such that life, intelligence, and consciousness can arise at  
>all.

>To take a simpleminded example, only in plane geometry will the  
>interior angles of a triangle always add up to exactly 180  
>degrees. In any of an infinite number of possible curved  
>geometries, the total of the angles can take on an infinite  
>number of possible values, therefore, no longer constant. For  
>example, on the Earth's spherical surface, stand on the equator  
>and shoot a line to the north pole for one leg of a triangle, go  
>a quarter of the way around the equator to form another leg, and  
>then shoot another line up to the pole for the third leg. All  
>interior angles of the spherical triangle are 90 degrees in this  
>case and add up to a total of 270 degrees. Had we gone halfway  
>around the globe, however, the two angles at the equator would  
>still have been 90 degrees each, whereas the apex of the  
>triangle at the pole would have an angle of 180 degrees, and the  
>total would be 360 degrees.

>Thus any sum of the angles of a triangle on a spherical geometry  
>will always be greater than 180 degrees and will have no fixed  
>value, as in plane geometry. So only plane, flat geometry, out  
>of all the spatial geometries, creates an "arbitrary" constant  
>of 180 degrees and imposes other constraints as to what can and  
>cannot be in the formal system of deductive logic that arises  
>from it.

>In the same sense, our universe may have some fundamental  
>underlying mathematics that constrains what can and cannot be  
>and forces our particular physical laws, which just happen to  
>give rise to us. But other universes and underlying mathematics  
>may have no such constraints (or different ones), and thus  
>either have different physical laws that don't work to produce  
>life or perhaps be undefinable and totally chaotic.

>This is a more cosmic version of Earth as a "Goldilocks planet,"  
>i.e., a planet of just the right size with just the right type  
>of parent star, in just the right orbit, etc., etc., to give  
>rise to intelligent life. The same may be true of universes,  
>with a few Goldilocks universes like our own amongst many  
>clunkers. The odds of winning the lottery may be extremely  
>small, but if enough lottery tickets are purchased, somebody  
>eventually wins the lottery.

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>formation of universes. Instead universes with definable  
>physical laws and suitable physical constants that lead to life  
>and intelligence happen through pure chance, that is, the  
>lottery winners.

>>This would seem to be in conflict with - or at least does not  
>>form a duality with - our concept of Nothingness, which  
>>intuitively is devoid of any content, including arbitrary  
>>constants. Hence, if the universe is incomplete in the sense  
>>that not everything will happen, then clearly it did not  
>>spring from Nothingness.

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>net worth still adds up to zero because this is balanced by the  
>debt owed back to the bank. Still one can live the high life as  
>long as the loan isn't called back in. As some physicist like to  
>say, the universe is the ultimate free lunch.

>The fundamental currency of the universe is energy and our  
>existence is based on a positive energy "loan", balanced by a  
>the negative energy owed back to the cosmic "bank" or "vacuum"  
>or "zero state". In this metaphor, our loan gradually dwindles  
>as useful energy disipates into the chaos we call entropy.  
>Eventually, our universe will expand to such an extent and be so  
>thin with matter that all physical interactions will essentially  
>end, temperature will be down to absolute zero, nothing will  
>move, and time, or change, will cease. This gloomy scenario is  
>called the Big Chill. It makes me shudder and want to huddle by  
>a fire just to think about it.

>>Now my head hurts. I leave to the metaphysicists on the List  
>>(and there are some capable ones) to clear this up, while I  
>>retreat to more mundane topics, such as UFOs. Haven't put much  
>>of a dent in that either.

>Usually when philosophers heads begin to hurt from their own  
>logical conclusions, they head down to the local pub for a pint  
>or two or three. It's been known to help, at least until  
>morning.

Apologies for not doing any snipping to shorten this, but the  
way it has been written means that it is not at all snip-  
friendly. Anyway, all of David's points are well-taken, but  
there are a few points I would like to add.

The mathematics of zero and infinity are comparatively  
neglected. One consequence of this is that we don't really have  
a properly worked up conceptual framework for dealing with ideas  
that hinge upon them. When the 'infinite worlds' argument is put  
forward, the leap to 'all things must be possible and will  
therefore happen somewhere and somewhen' is a rather trite one.  
The argument still assumes a causal framework that is related to  
the one with which we are familiar, and it is not all clear that  
this justifies the 'all possibilities' inference. Picture, if  
you will, the world in which there are no laws of physics.  
Alternatively, picture the world in which all the different laws  
of physics from all the other worlds apply all of the time. And  
then another that includes all the physical laws from that last  
one, and so on. Compose examples of your own. You will soon  
start to see that 'infinity' is treacherous logical bedfellow

and cannot be treated (thought about, conceptualised) in same way as, say, 'an unimaginably large number'.

Zero, in the form of the 'nothingness' from which existence arises in the example to which David refers, is a similarly treacherous tool. In its purest form, it erases everything. Existence can then only be conceptualised as series of holes in nothing - a somehow more concentrated form of nothingness. Contemplating this state of affairs is a vertiginous experience to say the least, and one soon has a sense of the hopeless inadequacy of the conceptual framework that we have for undertaking such exercises.

Finally, I must counsel a severe mistrust of all cosmological speculation that places 'intelligence' or 'consciousness' in any sort of privileged category. This is really nothing more than an absurd anthropocentric conceit. When encountering this sort of thing, stop to ask a few pointed questions: What evidence do we have to the effect that consciousness/intelligence is not just one more manifestation of complexity, and one that evolving monkeys (like us) pass through on the way to other, more complex and sophisticated, states? If that is so, why should we expect consciousness/intelligence to play any special role in the grand cosmological scheme? If we can't think beyond consciousness/intelligence in order to envisage a category of activity depending on a higher state of complexity, what does that tell us about the limitations of the consciousness/intelligence that we are so ready to congratulate ourselves for having attained?

As above, compose your own examples. Once you get into the swing of it they come thick and fast. And all of them chip away quite devastatingly at that anthropocentric conceit that I so distrust.

That's all. Right now, on the Rudiak/Tarbell scale of philosophical migraine, I find myself rapidly approaching the four pint mark...

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Gerald O'Connell

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Archived: Sat, 05 Jan 2008 21:08:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Maximillien De Lafayette

I posted a question re author Maximillien De Lafayette a couple of days ago and received only one response.

Some editor from Times Square Press [mostly dedicated to the Music Arts] had contacted me re my bio but the query was very brusque and I was a bit leery of responding thinking it might be some sort of spam.

When I questioned her she got angry-Quote:

"De Lafayette wrote 7 books on UFOs!!!!!!!!!!!!!! and currently he is finishing the 740 pages Encyclopedia of Ufologists Leading Authorities and Personalities (Volume I)"

and told me she was deleting what they had re myself - which was some 6 years old - in some encyclopedia this author was putting out.

This exchange

Q: Might I ask who else has been contacted for bios, etc?

ANS: Only, the most respected and "EDUCATED" people with high academic credentials!!!!!!

Q: I have no problem with forwarding a bio and some brief statements, I just have to be careful of spamming by illegitimate internet interests.

ANS: Then, DON'T SEND ANYTHING. Good day and all the best.

Anyway it seems that this 'author' has published these 7 books in one month [December 2007] or at least posted to Amazon that number. They are by an on demand printing arm of Amazon called CreateSpace.

This one below [and some of the other 6] might bear scrutiny because I think that most of the contents might be gleaned from internet sources, meaning many on this List.

<http://tinyurl.com/ynwpe4>

UFOs and the Alien Agenda. The complete book of UFOs, encounters, abductions & aliens bases on earth: The whole story of UFOs, Aliens and Abductees (Paperback) by Maximillien De Lafayette (Author) I get the feeling a staff writes this stuff.

If you have been contacted by an editor re your work, I'd be interested to know what your impression was. I found the whole thing a bit weird.

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Archived: Sat, 05 Jan 2008 21:28:44 -0500  
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This well summarizes the Anthropic Cosmological Principle, as  
ably presented in a book of the same name by John Barrow and  
Frank Tipler in 1986. I found the idea eminently reasonable  
and, for that matter, rather uncontroversial, but it has  
generally been met with revulsion from the scientific community.

However, I think this principle relates only indirectly to the  
conundrum at hand, namely the prospect that our universe must  
encompass everything, if indeed it arose from nothing.

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>long as the loan isn't called back in. As some physicist like to  
>say, the universe is the ultimate free lunch.

If indeed modern physics entails the above, then I must question  
it, pending some explanation of this Bank of Nothing. We cannot  
suppose that Nothing must 'balance a book' (e.g., conserve  
energy), since that imputes properties to nothingness, which  
seems a philosophical, and logical, no-no.

>>Now my head hurts. I leave to the metaphysicists on the List  
>>(and there are some capable ones) to clear this up, while I  
>>retreat to more mundane topics, such as UFOs. Haven't put much  
>>of a dent in that either.

>Usually when philosophers heads begin to hurt from their own  
>logical conclusions, they head down to the local pub for a pint  
>or two or three. It's been known to help, at least until  
>morning.

Took your advice, and thus fortified, ventured into the above.  
Now have dueling headaches.

Mike

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## Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

From: Diane Frola <[auforn06.nul](mailto:auforn06.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 5 Jan 2008 17:17:49 +1000  
Archived: Sat, 05 Jan 2008 21:33:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 03 Jan 2008 09:29:25 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>>From: Nick Pope <[contact.nul](mailto:contact.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 3 Jan 2008 13:23:29 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>>>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 09:37:53 -0600  
>>>Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>>>>Source: The Sun - London, UK

>>>><http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article637499.ece>

>>>>01 Jan 2008

>>>>Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore  
>>>>By John Coles  
>>>>[j.coles.nul-sun.co.uk](mailto:j.coles.nul-sun.co.uk)

>>>>This stunning photo of a UFO over Cornwall was last night hailed  
>>>>by experts as one of the best ever taken in Britain.

<snip>

>Greetings Nick, Terry, et al,

>Having seen so many "similar" pictures (birds and insects in  
>flight) as that of the "Cornwall UFO" (bird) there was no doubt  
>in mind of what it was, but for proof in the pudding and in  
>doing some quick research I believe the photo is of a "Herring  
>Gull" and I demonstrated this theorem by composing a similar  
>photograph with another bird captured "in flight" (and have more  
>examples) at a right angle to the camera, wings parallel to the  
>ground. In addition one of our readers did an overlay of a  
>"Herring Gull" (to the alleged UFO) as well; both examples leave  
>little doubt that the photograph is of "a bird in flight" most  
>likely a "Herring Gull."

>The commentary and examples can be seen here:

><http://tinyurl.com/25xrqy>

>

><http://tinyurl.com/24u6e5>

Hi Frank

I've Just been to your Blog Frank.

Thats a great example of why you and others thought it was a  
bird. And I do understand why Nick took the approach he did, but  
its kind of put him between a rock and hard place now leaving

most of us wondering what kind of images are being sent into English UFO researchers. If this one is considered one of the best then it leads the imagination to wonder about the rest.

Unfortunately I see so much fence-sitting by UFO researchers.

Heck if you make the wrong call you make the wrong call, the only thing thats going to happen you'll get crucified by your peers thats no big deal... right?

All the best from OZ

Hardhat on :)

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## Re: UFO DATA Magazine

From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 05 Jan 2008 11:39:37 +0000  
Archived: Sat, 05 Jan 2008 21:34:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

>From: Philip Mantle <[philip.nul](mailto:philip.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 3 Jan 2008 16:04:34 -0000  
>Subject: UFO DATA Magazine

>Dear Colleagues,

>I've already had a few enquiries regarding my earlier post of  
>myself and Spyros Melaris appearing at the International UFO  
>Congress in Laughlin.

>A few people have asked if I have any information available  
>concerning Spyros Melaris and his claims of being the man who  
>lead the team that faked the alien autopsy film.

>In 2007 I interviewed Mr. Melaris at his home in Hertfordshire  
>and a summary of this interview with be published in the Jan/Feb  
>2008 issue of UFO DATA magazine ([www.ufodata.co.uk](http://www.ufodata.co.uk)).

>It is a real exclusive and comes complete with illustrations and  
>photographs. The article also contains a mini-interview with  
>U.S. TV producer Robert (Bob) Kiviat. If you are interested in  
>the alien autopsy film then this article is not to be missed.

After all this time, why on earth would anyone be interested in  
the 'autopsy film'

>My book 'Alien Autopsy Inquest' is also available via Amazon.

Ah! That's why!

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John Rimmer  
<[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>

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## Re: 1979's Infinite Horizons: Space Beyond Apollo

From: **Brian Ally** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 05 Jan 2008 11:24:34 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 05 Jan 2008 21:37:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: 1979's Infinite Horizons: Space Beyond Apollo

>From: Jerry Hamm <[zoomar1.nul](mailto:zoomar1.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 1 Jan 2008 17:26:01 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: 1979's Infinite Horizons: Space Beyond Apollo

>Dear List,

>I'm looking for a video recording of a news program I saw when I  
>was 16 years-old. It's called Infinite Horizons Space Beyond  
>Apollo

>This was an ABC-TV special which aired on December 30, 1979  
>regarding the past and future of the space program, narrated by  
>Paul Altmeyer, hosted by Ray Bradbury, including interviews with  
>Jules Bergman, Isaac Asimov, Alvin Toffler.

>I will gladly make a DVD copy for anyone who can loan me copy.  
>Any of these videotape (NTSC) formats will work; VHS, Beta,  
>Digital 8mm (D8), or Digital Video (DV). Or any DVD copy.

Here you go:

<http://tinyurl.com/2elwxu>

Brian

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## Re: Gravity R&D And Ostrich Ufologists

From: **Brian Ally** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 05 Jan 2008 12:07:05 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 05 Jan 2008 21:40:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: Gravity R&D And Ostrich Ufologists

>From: Vince White [Vinceomni.nul](mailto:Vinceomni.nul)  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 04:15:17 EST  
>Subject: Gravity R&D And Ostrich Ufologists

>Listers,

>These comments are merely to catalyze open debate and dialogue  
>on these issues. Hopefully to provoke added efforts by many to  
>further the investigative summary I have done.

>It is directed towards those who still think we have had little  
>or no success, duplicating UFO propulsion, it is also directed  
>to those who wonder what "secret space fleets " refer to. These  
>conclusions developed over years of investigation, are not proof  
>but like real intelligence or investigative estimates,  
>incomplete and circumstantial.

Which is why this is nothing more than your interpretation.  
Unlike "real intelligence or investigative matters", however,  
your conclusions are not backed up by any hard evidence. Until  
then, you have a hypothesis based upon some intriguing (and some  
rather shaky) anecdotes.

Casting aspersions at those of us who are unwilling to set aside  
a reasoned approach to these mysteries in order to agree with  
your incomplete analysis simply because you say so is hardly the  
way to gain converts.

Brian

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## Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

From: **Brian Ally** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 05 Jan 2008 12:59:58 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 05 Jan 2008 21:42:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 03 Jan 2008 14:28:59 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>>From: Maynard Gelinas <[maynard.nul](mailto:maynard.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 11:51:53 -0500 (EST)  
>>Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>>What does this mean? I would speculate (based on Paul Hill's  
>>work) that the object is in motion and moving from left to right  
>>in the field of view. The rightward tilt and visual distortion  
>>on the right side are worth paying attention to.

>Well cameras can easily trap high speed objects and motion in  
>flight, Maynard.

Yes, but even the most sophisticated camera will produce distorted images if not set properly for the subject at hand. I think that Maynard was referring to a phenomenon called Focal Plane Shutter Distortion. A very good example of this is a quite famous photograph by Jacques-Henri Lartigue (which, arguably, touched off a revolution in cartoonists' depictions of motion):

<http://tinyurl.com/ywzlrw>

Some modern digital cameras can produce this same distortion-once caused by purely mechanical means-because of the way that the information is gathered from the imaging element.

I think it's likely that the photo captured a bird, btw.

Brian

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## Pope - 'UFO Cover-up True To Certain Extent'

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 05 Jan 2008 22:14:25 +0000  
Archived: Sat, 05 Jan 2008 21:46:39 -0500  
Subject: Pope - 'UFO Cover-up True To Certain Extent'

In Saturday's entertainment section of The Times of London, UK, in a review of the DVD release of CEIII, Nick Pope is quoted as saying:

"Running through this film is the assumption that the government is covering up its knowledge of UFOs and, to a certain extent, this is true".

The review is available on-line, and includes comments from BUFORA representatives Judy Ja'afar, Heather Dixon, and Robert Rosamund. See:

<http://tinyurl.com/2etwrr>

Thanks to Andy Roberts for the lead.

Joe

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## Truth Is Out As UK X-Files Go Public

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 06 Jan 2008 01:30:44 +0000  
Archived: Sun, 06 Jan 2008 09:51:13 -0500  
Subject: Truth Is Out As UK X-Files Go Public

Source: The Observer - London, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/ywr3pb>

Sunday January 6, 2008  
Mark Townsend  
Defence Correspondent

The Truth Is Out: X-Files Go Public

British UFO 'sightings' investigated by a secret branch of the MoD are soon to be revealed and officials are braced for a torrent of inquiries

Without warning, the orange UFO swooped toward them. The crew of the RAF Vulcan bomber banked hard and radioed they were being chased across the Atlantic by a large mysterious object. The incident was classified as a UFO sighting and the details were immediately locked away.

Now, 30 years later, the extraordinary encounter is among thousands of previously secret cases contained in the government's 'X-Files' that officials are to release in their entirety.

The cases, many from a little-known defence intelligence branch tasked with investigating UFO claims, will be published by the Ministry of Defence to counter what officials say is 'the maze of rumour and frequently ill-informed speculation' surrounding Whitehall and its alleged involvement with Unidentified Flying Objects.

The public opening of the MoD archive will expose the once highly classified work of the intelligence branch DI55, whose mission was to investigate UFO reports and whose existence was denied by the government until recently. Reports into about 7,000 UFO sightings investigated by defence officials - every single claim lodged over the past 30 years - are included in the files, whose staged release will begin in spring.

The decision to release Whitehall's full back-catalogue of UFO investigations was taken last month after the Directorate of Air Space Policy, the government agency responsible for filtering sensitive reports, gave its permission to publish the biggest single release of documents in MoD history. Now the government fears a repeat of the unprecedented demand and the website crash experienced by the French national space agency in March when it released its own UFO files. Government IT experts are believed to have drawn up contingency plans to avoid a repeat scenario when Britain's dossiers are finally made public.

Among the first tranche of UK cases will be the official government files into the famous Rendlesham incident, dubbed 'Britain's Roswell' after the US incident when a flying saucer is said to have crash-landed in the New Mexico desert 60 years ago. On a foggy night in 1980 several witnesses reported a UFO apparently landing in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk. Statements claimed the craft was covered in markings similar to Egyptian

hieroglyphics and aliens emerged from it. Although a man later confessed to having staged the incident as a hoax, the files will clear up continuing speculation as to whether radiation was detected at the site after the event.

Another case reported to the intelligence branch DI55 - Britain's version of the 'Men In Black' - chronicles a series of reports sent to RAF Scampton, Lincolnshire, by the crew of a Vulcan bomber on exercise over the Bay of Biscay early on 26 May 1977. According to documents seen by The Observer, five crewmen, including the captain, co-pilot and navigators, watched 'an object' approach their aircraft at 43,000ft above the Atlantic. The mysterious craft then appeared to turn and follow their precise course from a distance of four miles.

Initially, the crew said the object resembled landing lights 'with a long pencil beam of light ahead' but as it turned towards them the lights suddenly went out leaving a diffuse orange glow with a bright fluorescent green spot in its bottom right-hand corner. Then, according to signals sent back to Scampton, the crew noted a mystery object 'leaving from the middle of the glow on a westerly track... climbing at very high speed at an angle of 45 degrees'.

The Vulcan's navigator recorded interference on his radar screen from the direction of the UFO which continued for 45 minutes as the plane headed back to Britain. On return to the UK, the camera film from the aircraft's radar was examined by RAF intelligence. They found a 'strong response' from the direction of the sighting. The UFO was captured as 'an elongated shadow' of a 'large-sized' object travelling at a similar height to the Vulcan. An intelligence report sent to the MoD the same day says the crew 'were unable to offer a logical explanation for the sighting'.

Although hailed as the complete disclosure of the UK's UFO files, questions are likely to remain over whether all available information will be made public. Despite the Vulcan sighting being investigated by DI55, no details remain in the file indicating what they found or what became of the radar film.

The disclosures are more likely, claim some experts, to lend credence to the theory that such UFO incidents were, rather than alien visitations, military activities such as missile launches, testing of prototype aircraft and other activities during the Cold War.

David Clarke, a lecturer in journalism at Sheffield Hallam University and author of *Flying Saucerers: A Social History of UFOlogy*, said: 'Something was definitely going on, but really these files show that the government did not know either. This release will be a source of disappointment or vindication for some, and embarrassment for others.'

'Conspiracy theorists who believe that the various governments of the world are hiding secrets about the "reality" of aliens will see this as another whitewash effort by the MoD and will probably continue their self-sustaining "campaign for the truth", when the truth will in fact now be "out there".'

UFO researcher Joe McGonagle said: 'There will always be a hard core who believe these files were prepared for release and that there is a secret department within the military who has a separate stash of files that have not been disclosed.'

UFOs remain one of the most popular subjects for Freedom of Information requests and the release is certain to generate a massive response from the public when the files are placed in the National Archives. Clarke, who has lodged hundreds of FoI requests, recently discovered that the government was considering destroying the 24 files created by DI55 because they were contaminated by asbestos. Not only were the UFO records polluted, but a total of 63,000 files estimated at between six to 12 million pages - most of them classified as secret - were facing the same fate. Having admitted the existence of the problem to Clarke, the MoD opted to instigate a £33m project digitally to scan the files before they were destroyed. Scanning of the 24 contaminated UFO files owned by DI55 was completed last year, although it is understood that names of officials in the reports will be removed.

Although the government remains reticent to discuss its intelligence work on UFOs, it is known that DI55 has been hot on the trail of flying saucers since the Sixties. Experts admit that they work closely with the security services MI5, MI6 and GCHQ to collect and assess evidence of potential threats to Britain.

The decision by the UK to open its files could lead to the US government following suit. A group of former pilots and government officials recently urged the Pentagon to reopen investigations into claims of UFO sightings.

#### UFO claims

1980 Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk. US servicemen claim to have seen an alien craft and its landing site.

1984 Minsk, USSR. Aeroflot pilots say they are pursued by a glowing shape.

1989 Bonnybridge, Scotland. Fire crew report objects rushing towards them before veering away at the last moment.

1990 Brussels, Belgium. Two F-16 fighter pilots recount being engaged in 75-minute mid-air chase with a UFO.

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## Re: Aeroshell Flying Saucer

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos.nul](mailto:nikolaos.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 05 Jan 2008 23:55:11 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 06 Jan 2008 09:52:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: Aeroshell Flying Saucer

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993.nul](mailto:KRandle993.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2007 15:48:42 EST  
>Subject: Aeroshell Flying Saucer

>List, All -

>For those interested, I have a short piece about the Aeroshell  
>Flying Saucer posted on my blog at:

>[www.KevinRandle.blogspot.com](http://www.KevinRandle.blogspot.com)

>The pictures were taken at White Sands and show a 'real' flying  
>saucer there.

<snip>

Hi Kevin, Everyone!

Your picture of the aeroshell flying saucer looked very familiar to me. I found a nearly identical picture of this man-made saucer shaped test lander for the U.S. Voyager (Viking?) program that was published nearly 4 decades earlier in 'Time', October 4, 1968!

Viking successfully placed two unmanned landers on Mars back in 1976 which had experiments onboard to detect living organisms - which it was successful in finding but this discovery was interpreted very differently by NASA. The cover-up was based on the very low surface temperatures and lack of water in the Martian soil erroneously believed by some planetary scientists at the time. They were wrong. In light of what we currently know about Mars, the best interpretation of the what Viking discovered can only be a biological one.

Similar saucer shaped aerospace vehicles test flown by the U.S., Russia and Europe (manned and unmanned) and been sent into orbit, deep space and have even landed on several other worlds in our solar system, including the shore of the fossil fuel seas of Titan (oops, I meant hydrocarbon seas since we all "know" no life cannot possibly exist on such a very cold and waterless world).

Nick Balaskas

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## Re: 2008 International UFO Congress

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 6 Jan 2008 06:29:46 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Sun, 06 Jan 2008 09:53:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: 2008 International UFO Congress

>From: Gildas Bourdais <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 4 Jan 2008 09:19:05 +0100  
>Subject: Re: 2008 International UFO Congress

>To prove that Melaris is the one who shot the autopsy, it would  
>be enough, I think, to disclose a couple of good colour pictures  
>of him, on stage, with the film crew and the sculptor, and the  
>film equipment, around the autopsy table and the body on it. Plus  
>a couple of good colour close-ups of the body.

>Also the address of the location, by the way.

>If I understand well, so far we have no real proof whatsoever of  
>his claim. There is no need to go to Laughlin to give such  
>proof.

>Gildas Bourdais

That would certainly suffice for me, but have you ever known  
of debunkers actually resolving an issue? Either researchers  
with enough objectivity to acknowledge UFO phenomena  
are valid anomaly worthy of attention resolve these questions  
or they are not resolved.

While such objectivity is under the self-imposed restraints  
of, extraordinary event requires extraordinary proof, the  
sometimes idiotic assertions of unhealthy (not open and  
honest) skepticism require nothing at all to be allowed to  
start stinking up the room.

JCH

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## Re: UFO DATA Magazine

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 6 Jan 2008 09:38:56 -0600  
Archived: Sun, 06 Jan 2008 13:42:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 05 Jan 2008 11:39:37 +0000  
>Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

>>From: Philip Mantle <[philip.nul](mailto:philip.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 3 Jan 2008 16:04:34 -0000  
>>Subject: UFO DATA Magazine

>>I've already had a few enquiries regarding my earlier post of  
>>myself and Spyros Melaris appearing at the International UFO  
>>Congress in Laughlin.

>>A few people have asked if I have any information available  
>>concerning Spyros Melaris and his claims of being the man who  
>>lead the team that faked the alien autopsy film.

>>In 2007 I interviewed Mr. Melaris at his home in Hertfordshire  
>>and a summary of this interview with be published in the Jan/Feb  
>>2008 issue of UFO DATA magazine ([www.ufodata.co.uk](http://www.ufodata.co.uk)).

>>It is a real exclusive and comes complete with illustrations and  
>>photographs. The article also contains a mini-interview with  
>>U.S. TV producer Robert (Bob) Kiviat. If you are interested in  
>>the alien autopsy film then this article is not to be missed.

>After all this time, why on earth would anyone be interested in  
>the 'autopsy film'

>>My book 'Alien Autopsy Inquest' is also available via Amazon.

>Ah! That's why!

Yes - how dare you Mr. Mantle! How do you pretend the temerity  
to make reference to a work you have arduously completed,  
considered in earnest, and finally published. Hang your head in  
shame, Sir!

Indeed take a lesson from your betters: criticize what you can't  
complete, make smirky comments from unjustified hubris, and  
backslide two for every step taken forward.

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From: **Ed Gehrman** <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 6 Jan 2008 08:04:38 -0800  
Archived: Sun, 06 Jan 2008 13:43:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

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>>the alien autopsy film then this article is not to be missed.

>After all this time, why on earth would anyone be interested in  
>the 'autopsy film'

Hi John,

Because most of the researchers who have spent time studying the Alien Autopsy, the experts, have insisted that the AA is not a fake and that the UFO community would benefit from understanding exactly what it is if it's not a fraud.

>>My book 'Alien Autopsy Inquest' is also available via Amazon.

Reading Philip's book is a good way to begin your reeducation.

Ed

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## Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 06 Jan 2008 12:12:27 -0400  
Archived: Sun, 06 Jan 2008 13:45:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>From: Brian Ally <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 05 Jan 2008 12:59:58 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 03 Jan 2008 14:28:59 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>>>From: Maynard Gelinas <[maynard.nul](mailto:maynard.nul)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 11:51:53 -0500 (EST)  
>>>Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>>>What does this mean? I would speculate (based on Paul Hill's  
>>>work) that the object is in motion and moving from left to right  
>>>in the field of view. The rightward tilt and visual distortion  
>>>on the right side are worth paying attention to.

>>Well cameras can easily trap high speed objects and motion in  
>>flight, Maynard.

>Yes, but even the most sophisticated camera will produce  
>distorted images if not set properly for the subject at hand. I  
>think that Maynard was referring to a phenomenon called Focal  
>Plane Shutter Distortion.

In this case though an electronic shuttering rather than a  
physical shutter. Thirty frames per second [60 interlaced frames].

A very good example of this is a quite  
>famous photograph by Jacques-Henri Lartigue (which, arguably,  
>touched off a revolution in cartoonists' depictions of motion):

><http://tinyurl.com/ywzlrw>

>Some modern digital cameras can produce this same distortion-  
>once caused by purely mechanical means-because of the way that  
>the information is gathered from the imaging element.

>I think it's likely that the photo captured a bird, btw.

So do I and I've stated so on here.

But my point was that often the captured subject might have been  
moving too fast for the human eye to pick it up - it's tiny size  
in the viewfinder aside - but digital shutter speeds from  
1/2,000s of a second to 1/20,000s of a second can 'trap' the  
object in flight. Like high speed photography stopping a bullet  
in flight.

Don

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## Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 6 Jan 2008 16:26:16 -0000  
Archived: Sun, 06 Jan 2008 13:47:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

>From: Gerald O'Connell <[gac.nul](mailto:gac.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 4 Jan 2008 20:31:32 +0000  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Subject: Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

>>From: David Rudiak <[drudiak.nul](mailto:drudiak.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 3 Jan 2008 15:18:14 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

<snip>

>>The fundamental currency of the universe is energy and our  
>>existence is based on a positive energy "loan", balanced by a  
>>the negative energy owed back to the cosmic "bank" or "vacuum"  
>>or "zero state".

<snip>

>Zero, in the form of the 'nothingness' from which existence  
>arises in the example to which David refers, is a similarly  
>treacherous tool. In its purest form, it erases everything.  
>Existence can then only be conceptualised as series of holes in  
>nothing - a somehow more concentrated form of nothingness.  
>Contemplating this state of affairs is a vertiginous experience  
>to say the least, and one soon has a sense of the hopeless  
>inadequacy of the conceptual framework that we have for  
>undertaking such exercises.

I don't think this is quite right (although I sympathise with  
the sentiment). The quantum zero point is not 'nothingness...  
that erases everything', and this is just why states are said to  
be able to arise out of it.

Nothingness as commonly conceived is a state which is  
functionally the same as an infinitesimal, and thus in some  
sense the reciprocal of infinity. But the zero point of energy  
in physics is rather better defined than nothingness. It is an  
average or expectation value of a system which, as David  
indicated, oscillates between positive and negative energy  
states. Classical zero is a unique true vacuum state where  
states of negative energy can have no meaning. Quantum zero is,  
in general, a false-vacuum state that can have different  
values, and positive quantities can indeed be thought of as  
"holes in nothing" because nothing is redefined as a rational  
state.

Infinity and infinitesimals have the problem of leading to  
catastrophe when introduced into calculations about real states,  
but fortunately, despite the famous "unreasonable effectiveness"  
of maths in producing entities that represent actuality, there  
doesn't seem to be any clear physical basis for these ideas. In  
classical physics any finite quantity at all can be infinitely  
differentiated, but in electromagnetic theory this leads to the  
ultraviolet catastrophe (equipartition of energy modes in cavity  
radiation) and has to be replaced by a quantum principle, as is  
well known. But what isn't quite so well known is that once  
introduced here the quantum principle is forced to run through  
the whole of physics to its spacetime foundations. If the energy

of spacetime is classically differentiable than quantum theory fails for all other forces, because all other forces interact through gravity. This is at the heart of why the search for quantum gravity (QG) is such a big deal.

But many discussions of quantum spacetime proceed as though there is a real differentiable continuum background underneath the quantisation. This has been one of the major problems of string theories for many years. The true QG theory will be radically quantised, and the notion of infinitesimal scale (infinitesimal gravitational potentials) will not appear in it. I tend to think that infinite scales (infinite gravitational potentials) must also be unphysical, and that therefore all possible physical states inside the universe will be representable as finite relations amongst a finite number of discrete elements. This would mean that there is a finite number of configurations of these elements, a finite number of discriminable universe-states, and thus a finite probability of occurrence of any given state (though not necessarily a finite probability of recurrence). Logical paradoxes involving infinite numbers of antithetical states all having probabilities of 1.0 ought to be unphysical in a radically quantised cosmos, and that seems desirable.

However the irony is that long after Planck and the subjugation of the troublesome infinities in the original QED theory, the whole question of infinity sneaks in again through an unsecurely-locked backdoor of the same quantum theory, which is the "measurement problem". Popular Everett-style approaches to "solving" the measurement problem, by proliferating an infinite number of "observers" collapsing wavefunctions in an infinite number of orthogonal worlds each with its own identical measurement problem, have brought in an "ultraviolet catastrophe" infinitely larger (in the Cantorian set-of-sets sense) than the classical infinite-energy catastrophe that QED was invented to cure in the first place!

The huge irony of this seems often to be lost on us. The only "improvement" is that a number equal to infinity-minus-one of these other worlds is to be forever unobservable. Planck may as well have "solved" the cavity radiation problem in 1900 by saying that there really is infinite energy inside the cavity, but it must have gone into other dimensions. Thus he could have "saved the phenomena" for classical physics without needing to go to the trouble of founding quantum theory at all.

If we accept that we are observing only one instance of a transfinite set of universes representing all possible states of all possible physical systems obeying all possible variations of all possible physical laws, then we can have infinity back - if we want it. I'm not convinced that we do, and prefer to think that there may be a more economical (and less anthropocentric) solution of the measurement problem than infinite numbers of "observers". When this is finally worked out I like to think that the vacuum will be differently understood yet again, and that taming it will involve an understanding of QG that radically changes how we think not only about spacetime but about quantum theory itself, and even the meaning and origin of what we call probabilities.

Martin Shough

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From: **Gerald O'Connell** <[gac.nul](mailto:gac.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 6 Jan 2008 16:48:33 +0000  
Archived: Sun, 06 Jan 2008 13:48:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: Pope - 'UFO Cover-up True To Certain Extent'

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>To: uup <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 05 Jan 2008 22:14:25 +0000  
>Subject: Pope - 'UFO Cover-up True To Certain Extent'

>In Saturday's entertainment section of The Times of London, UK,  
>in a review of the DVD release of CEIII, Nick Pope is quoted as  
>saying:

>"Running through this film is the assumption that the government  
>is covering up its knowledge of UFOs and, to a certain extent,  
>this is true".

>The review is available on-line, and includes comments from  
>BUFORA representatives Judy Ja=E2=80=99afar, Heather Dixon, and Robert  
>Rosamund. See:

><http://tinyurl.com/2etwrr>

I presume, from the context, that Nick would have been referring  
to the U.S. government.

If that is so, would anybody, even Nick's most avid stalkers,  
regard the statement as being in any way inaccurate or  
controversial?

-- Gerald O'Connell

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From: David Rudiak <[drudiak.nul](mailto:drudiak.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 6 Jan 2008 09:34:40 -0800  
Archived: Sun, 06 Jan 2008 13:49:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 03 Jan 2008 09:29:25 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>>From: Nick Pope <[contact.nul](mailto:contact.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 3 Jan 2008 13:23:29 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>>>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 09:37:53 -0600

>>>>Source: The Sun - London, UK

>>>><http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article637499.ece>

>>>>Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>>>>This stunning photo of a UFO over Cornwall was last night  
>>>>hailed  
>>>>by experts as one of the best ever taken in Britain.

>>>This photo looks suspiciously like many images I've seen of  
>>>birds caught in flight. This could explain why Mr. Barbary  
>>>didn't see the 'UFO'.

>Having seen so many "similar" pictures (birds and insects in  
>flight) as that of the "Cornwall UFO" (bird) there was no doubt  
>in mind of what it was, but for proof in the pudding and in  
>doing some quick research I believe the photo is of a "Herring  
>Gull" and I demonstrated this theorem by composing a similar  
>photograph with another bird captured "in flight" (and have more  
>examples) at a right angle to the camera, wings parallel to the  
>ground. In addition one of our readers did an overlay of a  
>"Herring Gull" (to the alleged UFO) as well; both examples leave  
>little doubt that the photograph is of "a bird in flight" most  
>likely a "Herring Gull."

>The commentary and examples can be seen here:

><http://tinyurl.com/25xrqy>

><http://tinyurl.com/24u6e5>

Frank, I'm in 100% agreement with you and others that this is a  
photo of a bird in flight, likely a gull: tail left, head  
right, wings uplifted. Good work.

David "tempted to crack a very bad pun about some people being  
too gull-ible" Rudiak

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## Re: 1979's Infinite Horizons: Space Beyond Apollo

From: Jerry Hamm <[zoomarl.nul](mailto:zoomarl.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 6 Jan 2008 11:26:00 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Mon, 07 Jan 2008 07:55:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: 1979's Infinite Horizons: Space Beyond Apollo

>From: Brian Ally <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 05 Jan 2008 11:24:34 -0500  
>Subject: Re: 1979's Infinite Horizons: Space Beyond Apollo

>>From: Jerry Hamm <[zoomarl.nul](mailto:zoomarl.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 1 Jan 2008 17:26:01 -0800 (PST)  
>>Subject: 1979's Infinite Horizons: Space Beyond Apollo

>>I'm looking for a video recording of a news program I saw when I  
>>was 16 years-old. It's called Infinite Horizons Space Beyond  
>>Apollo

>Here you go:

><http://tinyurl.com/2elwxu>

Thanks for the link Brian, but I've been there. I was going to  
order a copy until I found out their fee: \$200 for this hour-  
long video (they charge \$100 per half-hour program).

Anybody want to share the expense for a DVD copy?

Best Regards,

Jerry

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>Date: Sat, 5 Jan 2008 17:17:49 +1000  
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>I've Just been to your Blog Frank.

>Thats a great example of why you and others thought it was a  
>bird. And I do understand why Nick took the approach he did, but  
>its kind of put him between a rock and hard place now leaving  
>most of us wondering what kind of images are being sent into  
>English UFO researchers. If this one is considered one of the  
>best then it leads the imagination to wonder about the rest.

G'Day Diane,

Important to reiterate, and as Nick points out, the Sun newspaper took him completely out of context. When I initially read the piece, red flags went up in regards to what they attributed to him; fortunately, he has cleared the air and verified what I suspected, in regards to his initial thoughts/statements.

I believe it safe to say, that no one considers this one of the best pertaining to UFO photographs. On it's face, it's a blurry image of a 'distant object'.

With further and little investigation - as Nick suggests as protocol - we can easily demonstrate (as I did) that it is in fact an image of a bird.

If anyone is between a rock and a hard place methinks that would be the Sun, as it's transparent, at least to me, that investigative journalism is not their forte.

As I said in my first piece on the matter: although it was easy for me to discern that the image was indeed a bird in flight having been a receptacle for so many, I don't believe we should ignore these instances... as in Ufology we are always separating the wheat from the chaff.

>Unfortunately I see so much fence-sitting by UFO researchers.

>Heck if you make the wrong call you make the wrong call, the  
>only thing thats going to happen you'll get crucified by your  
>peers thats no big deal... right?

>All the best from OZ

>Hardhat on :)

>Diane Harrison/Frola

Unfortunately, Diane there will always be those that will believe, regardless of the evidence before them that this was a flying saucer with ET at the helm; just like those that will always believe that there is a conventional explanation to all UFO sightings and or incidents.

At the end of the day, a photograph is just a photograph, without supportive evidence it's almost useless!

Warmest Regards,

Frank

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Archived: Mon, 07 Jan 2008 08:32:53 -0500  
Subject: Earth vs The Flying Saucers Colorised

Dear List,

From the official Ray Harryhausen website:

<http://www.rayharryhausen.com/works.main.html>

A colorised version of the 1956 film, Earth vs the Flying Saucers will be released on DVD this month.

A colorized version of It Came From Beneath the Sea is also being released.

A colorized version of 20 Million Miles to Earth has already been released on DVD.

A gift box set of all three of these films will be released in June.

I have the 20 Million Miles to Earth DVD. The colorization process has much improved in the last twenty years.

Best Regards,

Jerry

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## Re: Pope - 'UFO Cover-up True To Certain Extent'

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 06 Jan 2008 20:17:56 +0000  
Archived: Mon, 07 Jan 2008 08:34:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: Pope - 'UFO Cover-up True To Certain Extent'

>From: Gerald O'Connell <[gac.nul](mailto:gac.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 6 Jan 2008 16:48:33 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Pope - 'UFO Cover-up True To Certain Extent'

Hi Gerald,

>I presume, from the context, that Nick would have been referring  
>to the U.S. government.

I think that is clear, given the context which was faithfully  
reproduced in my post.

>If that is so, would anybody, even Nick's most avid stalkers,  
>regard the statement as being in any way inaccurate or  
>controversial?

This is the first time that I have seen Nick comment on the US  
cover-up. It would be interesting to see him develop his views  
on the extent of it, and contrast those views with the UK angle.

As for the 'stalking' comment, that's hardly necessary since  
Nick thrusts himself into the media at the drop of a hat, often  
later bemoaning the fact that he was misquoted, or that his  
comments were taken out of context. One would have thought that  
after such a long time courting the media, he would better  
understand how it works.

Cheers,

Joe

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## Re: UFO DATA Magazine

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>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 05 Jan 2008 11:39:37 +0000  
>Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

>>From: Philip Mantle <[philip.nul](mailto:philip.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 3 Jan 2008 16:04:34 -0000  
>>Subject: UFO DATA Magazine

>>Dear Colleagues,

>>I've already had a few enquiries regarding my earlier post of  
>>myself and Spyros Melaris appearing at the International UFO  
>>Congress in Laughlin.

>>A few people have asked if I have any information available  
>>concerning Spyros Melaris and his claims of being the man who  
>>lead the team that faked the alien autopsy film.

>>In 2007 I interviewed Mr. Melaris at his home in Hertfordshire  
>>and a summary of this interview will be published in the Jan/Feb  
>>2008 issue of UFO DATA magazine ([www.ufodata.co.uk](http://www.ufodata.co.uk)).

<snip>

>After all this time, why on earth would anyone be interested in  
>the 'autopsy film'

>>My book 'Alien Autopsy Inquest' is also available via Amazon.

>Ah! That's why!

><[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>

What a strange response to the fact that the person who created  
one of the most controversial pieces of film has finally come  
forward.

It must mean it is difficult for some UFO researchers to accept  
there is sometimes an answer/solution.

Isn't possible to just be happy somebody did a follow-up and now  
there is an actual solution?

KK

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## Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

From: **Brian Ally** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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Archived: Mon, 07 Jan 2008 08:40:16 -0500  
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>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 06 Jan 2008 12:12:27 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>>From: Brian Ally <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 05 Jan 2008 12:59:58 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

<snip>

>>I think it's likely that the photo captured a bird, BTW.

>So do I and I've stated so on here.

>But my point was that often the captured subject might have been  
>moving too fast for the human eye to pick it up - it's tiny size  
>in the viewfinder aside - but digital shutter speeds from  
>1/2,000s of a second to 1/20,000s of a second can 'trap' the  
>object in flight. Like high speed photography stopping a bullet  
>in flight.

Perhaps I wasn't clear. I'm not arguing with you and nor am I suggesting you think this was anything other than a bird. I was just pointing out what I thought Maynard was referring to. I doubt that this image was made using such a fast shutter speed, however, given the apparent focal plane distortion.

Brian

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Archived: Mon, 07 Jan 2008 08:43:14 -0500  
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>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 6 Jan 2008 16:26:16 -0000  
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>>Date: Fri, 4 Jan 2008 20:31:32 +0000  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>>>Date: Thu, 3 Jan 2008 15:18:14 -0800  
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>values, and positive quantities can indeed be thought of as  
>"holes in nothing" because nothing is redefined as a rational  
>state.

Thanks for pointing out this distinction Martin. The  
"nothingness" I have been alluding to is indeed a different  
animal than the quantum vacuum. The quandary in the meaning of,  
and the relationship between, Everything and Nothing, certainly  
predates quantum theory, and I submit that the latter has not  
substantially illuminated the issue, any more than general  
relativity has illuminated the fundamental nature of time.

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>about quantum theory itself, and even the meaning and origin of  
>what we call probabilities.

I must agree there is a profound lack of economy in the Many  
Worlds interpretation, although on the other hand, the 'collapse  
of the wave function' has always struck me as absurd on its  
face. I must conclude that we just don't get it yet, and it will  
have to suffice that the theory is predictive. Interpretation  
can wait for another day.

It might be considered an appealing feature of the Everett model  
that it addresses the enormity of what may comprise Everything  
(in the grand sense of all that is not Nothing, rather than the  
more narrow sense of fluctuations in the quantum vacuum).  
However, it is not comprehensive in that regard, e.g., it does  
not (as I gather) allow spontaneous variations in universal  
constants or other 'non-physical' behavior, although it admits  
infinitely many individually 'well-behaved' universes.

I am not completely averse to the idea that existence is  
quantized rather than a continuum, and perhaps consists only of  
a finite number of states (or a countably infinite number of  
them). But if so, the terse and unavoidable conclusion would  
seem to be: there's no such thing as nothing. I find the  
implications of that fairly creepy, with distinctly religious  
overtones.

So, the result of all this philosophical waterboarding is that I  
have chronic headaches, have become a heavy drinker, and am soon  
to become a church-goer as well! I am now resolved to abandon  
this thread. Good luck.

Mike

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Agreed, Martin. You have correctly exposed my sleight of hand in  
ramming three different concepts (The quantum zero point,  
classical zero, and the broader logico-philosophical idea of  
pure 'nothingness'.) together and talking about them as though  
they were identical. Having admitted that, I'm still left with a  
sense of discomfort, perhaps based on the suspicion that the  
stochastic zero of quantum theory is a concept that can't be

altogether separated from the absolute zero of nothingness. If nothing else, they share a common logical heritage. What fascinates me about all this is the way that, whatever course (conceptual framework) is adopted, it always seems that intractable difficulties are encountered if the logic is followed through far enough. To me, this is a surefire indication that something is fundamentally wrong with the conceptual framework - whether it be axioms, arguments or the whole process, we just don't know. Your splendidly condensed outline of the issues illustrates the point rather well.

>Infinity and infinitesimals have the problem of leading to  
>catastrophe when introduced into calculations about real states,  
>but fortunately, despite the famous "unreasonable effectiveness"  
>of maths in producing entities that represent actuality, there  
>doesn't seem to be any clear physical basis for these ideas. In  
>classical physics any finite quantity at all can be infinitely  
>differentiated, but in electromagnetic theory this leads to the  
>ultraviolet catastrophe (equipartition of energy modes in cavity  
>radiation) and has to be replaced by a quantum principle, as is  
>well known. But what isn't quite so well known is that once  
>introduced here the quantum principle is forced to run through  
>the whole of physics to its spacetime foundations. If the energy  
>of spacetime is classically differentiable than quantum theory  
>fails for all other forces, because all other forces interact  
>through gravity. This is at the heart of why the search for  
>quantum gravity (QG) is such a big deal.

>But many discussions of quantum spacetime proceed as though  
>there is a real differentiable continuum background underneath  
>the quantisation. This has been one of the major problems of  
>string theories for many years.

Isn't that an inevitable problem, though? I don't mean in the historical sense, where habits of thought die hard - and why shouldn't they, if they've got us this far? Perhaps it runs a lot deeper. In effect, we are always having to build theoretical frontiers using the tools we have got, and until we reach the final frontier (assuming there is one - an assumption that I can't quite see the justification for until we get there) we can't have a solid basis for believing in the validity of those tools. If that is true, then it seems that there will always be examples of speculative work that can be shown to stand in contradiction to the methods whereby they are derived.

>The true QG theory will be  
>radically quantised, and the notion of infinitesimal scale  
>(infinitesimal gravitational potentials) will not appear in it.  
>I tend to think that infinite scales (infinite gravitational  
>potentials) must also be unphysical, and that therefore all  
>possible physical states inside the universe will be  
>representable as finite relations amongst a finite number of  
>discrete elements.

Is that right? Is it a mathematical issue or a physical one? I'm asking because I don't know. I might not be clear about the definitional basis for 'relation' and 'discrete element' here. It's just that there is an old metaphysical argument that derives the infinite from the finite that might apply: you start with, say, three discrete elements, a, b, and c, and one type of relation, call it 'r' - so you can have arb, arc, and brc. But if those three are viewed as discrete elements in themselves, you now have six discrete elements, and the relations between them all, including new ones like ar(arb), now number fifteen, and so on ad infinitum, literally.

Is this just another version of the many-worlds interpretation? Whether it is or not, it at least serves to lay bare my own prejudice in the matter: an obstinate conviction that no matter how strongly the theoretical doors and windows are barred, infinity will always find a way in. I don't believe that because I think that's the way the physical world actually works. I believe it because I think it is built into our theoretical apparatus at a hopelessly deep, perhaps currently unanalysable, level.

>This would mean that there is a finite number  
>of configurations of these elements, a finite number of  
>discriminable universe-states, and thus a finite probability of  
>occurrence of any given state (though not necessarily a finite  
>probability of recurrence). Logical paradoxes involving

>infinite numbers of antithetical states all having probabilities  
>of 1.0 ought to be unphysical in a radically quantised cosmos,  
>and that seems desirable.

>However the irony is that long after Planck and the subjugation  
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I'm starting to feel like a kill-joy, a true pedant. While I agree with what you are saying here, I am compelled to point out that infinity-minus-one is still infinity. So the improvement is less than infinitesimal. It's not your fault Martin, it's the conceptual apparatus.

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I'm sure you are right, and I'm equally certain that most physicists would be glad to see it dead and buried. At the same time, as I've already indicated, I'm not at all sure that we'll ever be able to get rid of it, or, for that matter its troublesome reciprocal.

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If less anthropocentric, then I'll try to suspend my infinity prejudice and I'll queue to buy.

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>what we call probabilities.

That final point about 'the meaning and origin of what we call probabilities' intrigues me deeply. It is an aspect of the whole question (I mean that of the conceptual framework(s) used in frontier physics for the past, what, hundred years nearly?) that has been bothering me for ages. I think you hit the nail right on the head when you suggest that a final working out of QG/Spacetime/QT can't leave our understanding of probability untouched. My own amateur armchair hunch is that connections between Ramsey theory, entropy and extreme macroscopic systems will play a prominent role in whatever straightening out occurs. It would be most interesting, though, to hear more of your own ideas on the matter.

I'm hoping that you will be prepared to say more, because I frequently feel quite distressed over some of the discussion of frontier physics that goes on in ufological circles. If the best-informed players don't come to the party it can only get worse.

Gerald O'Connell

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At Last, The Truth About Little Green Men

By Jim White

There used to be a feature in one of the Sunday newspapers called "The Expert's Expert". It asked people in different walks of life to nominate the person they most admired in their own profession. One week it might be chefs' favourite chef, the next the newsreaders' newsreader, although latterly in its lifespan it was more often the Celebrity B Listers' Celebrity B Lister.

What a shame the item is no longer published. Because we are about to get a full airing of something many of us have waited years for: the conspiracy theorists' conspiracy theory of choice. This is the one at the root of them all, the granddaddy of paranoid investigation, the apparent establishment cover-up that has seized the imagination of thousands for a generation, the one that, by comparison, makes the death of Diana, Princess of Wales look as transparent as a back-lit cotton dress. The Ministry of Defence has unexpectedly announced that, under the 30-year rule, it is to release the files from its D155 intelligence branch, the unit charged with investigating UFO sightings.

What news this is: we will discover exactly what was found in the official inquiry into the more than 7,000 UFO sightings registered across three decades of flying saucery. These are nothing less than Britain's own X Files, and within them will be found some of the high-water marks of alien contact. We will discover what happened in May 1977 when the crew of an RAF Vulcan flying over the Atlantic had a close encounter with an unexplained cigar-shaped object at 43,000 feet. And we will learn what lay behind the infamous Rendlesham incident in 1980, in which several witnesses reported seeing a craft decorated in hieroglyphics landing in Norfolk and depositing aliens into the countryside.

The belief in regular contact with beings from outer space developed in post-war Britain into something of a secular religion. It has its own belief systems, its own certainties. At the heart of the credo is the conviction that successive governments are somehow wrapped up in all this: they have known what was going on and covered it up for their own purposes. The most common explanation for government action is that they were trying to adapt alien technology to keep one step ahead in the arms race.

So ingrained has the conspiracy theory become that whole sub-sects have grown up around it. I once attended the British premi=Ère of Communion, a film about alien abduction, to which the publicity people had cunningly invited a dozen or so folk

who claimed they had been whisked into space by creatures from another place. One woman earnestly informed me that there was a simple reason why the government was keeping quiet about the level of alien contact: the aliens were controlling senior members of the Cabinet. I asked if she had any evidence for this and she told me, without flinching, that on one of her regular trips aboard a visiting UFO she had seen the home secretary having his brain rewired. At the time the home secretary was Ken Clarke, about as grounded a politician as you can imagine, so it seemed unlikely to me. Obviously, if she'd seen John Redwood that would have been a different story.

At first, the government denied D155 even existed, which hardly dampened the furious speculation. But now, infuriated by the refusal of the belief in collusion to go away, the MoD has decided to release the files in order to undermine what its spokesman called "the maze of rumour and frequently ill-informed speculation". It will, of course, do no such thing. The joy about a conspiracy theory is that denial is regarded as further proof of complicity. As Joe McGonagle, the UFO researcher, put it on hearing of the files' disclosure: "There will always be a hard core who believe that these files were prepared for release and that there is a secret department within the military which has a separate stash of files that have not been disclosed."

I suppose it is possible. Just as it might have been energy from alien craft rather than a couple of pranksters with planks of wood that used to make all those crop circles. Though I can't see it. If governments have largely failed over the generations to control things like the economy, education and health, I doubt they could have been on top of evidence about contact with a superior race of beings. If nothing else, they would have misplaced all the data about their identity years ago.

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## Re: UFO DATA Magazine

From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 07 Jan 2008 08:19:31 +0000  
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>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 6 Jan 2008 08:04:38 -0800  
>Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 05 Jan 2008 11:39:37 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine is not to be missed.

>>After all this time, why on earth would anyone be interested in  
>>the 'autopsy film'

>>Because most of the researchers who have spent time studying the  
>Alien Autopsy, the experts, have insisted that the AA is not a  
>fake and that the UFO community would benefit from understanding  
>exactly what it is if it's not a fraud.

So let me get this straight: you are still saying that the AA  
film is an actual record of a dead creature being cut up some  
time in the 1950s? Because we can be pretty sure it's not a  
seagull!

>>>My book 'Alien Autopsy Inquest' is also available via Amazon.

>Reading Philip's book is a good way to begin your reeducation.

As Philip agrees that the film is a hoax, and has written and  
spoken on it at length, I don't think I need any 're-education'.  
I'm just surprised that this old, old story is still being  
dragged out time after time. But, hey, a guy's gotta have a  
hobby!

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John Rimmer  
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>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
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>Yes - how dare you Mr. Mantle! How do you pretend the temerity  
>to make reference to a work you have arduously completed,  
>considered in earnest, and finally published. Hang your head in  
>shame, Sir!

>Indeed take a lesson from your betters: criticize what you can't  
>complete, make smirky comments from unjustified hubris, and  
>backslide two for every step taken forward.

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after himself. We've sparred on several occasions in the past,  
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## New Cornish UFO Sighting Pic

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Date: Mon, 07 Jan 2008 08:59:51 -0500  
Archived: Mon, 07 Jan 2008 08:59:51 -0500  
Subject: New Cornish UFO Sighting Pic

Source: The Sun - London, UK

<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article651296.ece>

04 Jan 2008

[Image]

New Cornish UFO Sighting Pic  
By Antonella Lazzeri

Britain is turning into an alien nation according to Sun readers who have flooded us with reports of UFO sightings.

Following our story of a UFO seen off Cornwall on December 29 we were inundated by calls from people who had similar things all over the country.

Some claimed they had seen alien spacecraft off the same bay in Cornwall where our original UFO was snapped.

A man who asked just to be called Edward snapped a strange shaped object which appeared to be 'buzzing' a Navy ship.

He said: "I was taking photos of the ship when a helicopter from it took off, flew west then landed back on board just a few minutes later.

"It was only when I blew up the photos on my computer that I realised what the helicopter had gone off to take a look at.

"It was in the exact same bay as the one featured in The Sun earlier this week." American holidaymaker Ian Mulford also believes he snapped a UFO at virtually the same spot as Edward.

Ian said: "I was taking photographs and did not see anything unusual at the time, but after reviewing the pictures I found something very unusual in the background of a picture of one of the family.

` It didn't look like any normal aircraft so I am sure it is a UFO '

Partygoer Rodga Harvey claims he snapped a UFO as he made his way home from a party on New Years eve.

Rodga, from St.Ives, said:"It was only when I looked at the photo later that I realised there was this weird flying object in the sky.

"It didn't look like any normal aircraft so I am sure it is a UFO."

Mum of one Rachel Clarke, 25, is totally convinced that she filmed two UFOs flying above the skies above Borehamwood on New Year's Day.

Rachel said: "I was standing on the balcony of a neighbour's house celebrating.

"We suddenly saw a bright light appear in the sky, then another one joined it.

"They both started darting about really fast. They weren't flying around like normal planes, or helicopters.

"Everyone who saw them, and there were about 15 of us, were amazed. I didn't see any green men flying them, but I am sure they were UFOs.

Grandmother Mary Booth, 57, says she saw what she believes was a UFO in Bristol on New Year's Eve.

Mary was standing in her front garden with three other people when they noticed a bright orange, ball shaped object in the sky.

She said: "We live near Bristol airport so I often see planes and helicopters in the sky and this was totally different to them.

"It was standing still in the sky then it moved off above our roof and then took off upwards, getting smaller and smaller.

"I have never believed in UFOs before but after seeing that I think there might be something in them.

"There was no way this was an airplane or something like that. It was really weird and we all saw it."

[Thanks to Nick Pope for the lead]

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## Mystery Of P-51 Crash Goes Way Of Cold War

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Date: Mon, 07 Jan 2008 09:05:01 -0500  
Archived: Mon, 07 Jan 2008 09:05:01 -0500  
Subject: Mystery Of P-51 Crash Goes Way Of Cold War

Source: Elizabethtown News Enterprise - Elizabethtown, Kentucky, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2gmfft>

Sunday, January 6, 2008

Mystery Of P-51 Crash Goes The Way Of The Cold War

FORT KNOX - Sure there's a UFO, a space beam and a hush-hush government project - but this is mainly a story about timing.

First, it was 60 years ago today that Capt. Thomas Mantell died while chasing what, at the time, was a UFO.

Second, his close encounter happened six months to the day after a "flying saucer" crashed at a Roswell, N.M., ranch. Americans were gaga over green men.

Third, Mantell and his P-51 Mustang fighter squadron happened to enter the Army post's airspace at about the same time as the UFO, which reports say looked like a white ice cream cone with a glowing red tip.

The supervisor at Godman Airfield tower that afternoon asked Mantell for an obvious favor: If you've got enough fuel, would you mind checking this out for us?

Space travelers aside, the Cold War was getting really chilly and there was no telling what the Soviets were up to. Add to the mix the fact that Mantell, flying for the Kentucky Air National Guard, was a decorated World War II pilot.

He obviously felt the investigation important enough to risk his own life, said Frank John Reid, a historical consultant for the Center for UFO studies in Chicago.

So Mantell set off pretty much alone, pushing his plane far beyond what it was designed to do.

Before he crashed, he managed to describe to those at the tower what appeared to be a "metallic object" of "tremendous size," which varied in speed between about 180 to more than 300 mph, according to testimony of the airport's chief operator posted on the Web site of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

When Mantell had positioned himself directly behind and slightly below the UFO, he uttered his final communication: "I am trying to close in for a better look."

The chase had drawn him to 20,000 feet or higher. Above 10,000 feet, a pilot in that kind of plane would need supplemental oxygen, said Lt. Col. Tim Moore, a state representative and member of the Kentucky Air National Guard.

Mantell - who didn't have this resource (a problem that could

explain why he thought the object sped up so much) - passed out and his plane plunged to the ground south of Bowling Green.

The incident received a lot of media coverage and myths about it sprouted up. For instance, rumor has it Mantell saw windows on the craft, and his wrecked plane had strange holes as if some sort of laser beam had shot it down.

What happened, exactly, wasn't made clear until quite a few years after the encounter, Reid said.

Most now agree the object was a balloon. Specifically, Reid believes it was a Skyhook balloon the Navy had launched the day before in Minnesota. Operation Skyhook was a secret initiative to collect atmospheric data and put spy cameras over the Soviet Union, Reid said.

While Reid is quick to give a terrestrial explanation of Mantell's sighting, he "wobbles" about whether we ever have been visited by an intelligence beyond our own.

Regardless of what Mantell saw, the fact it led to his death darkened our views of UFOs.

"It was a very sobering incident," Reid said.

It also is a story still repeated by those who venture into the sky - "kind of a unique footnote in the history of the Kentucky Air National Guard," Master Sgt. Tim Gagnon said.

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## Residents Line Up To Confirm UFO Sightings

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Archived: Mon, 07 Jan 2008 09:09:07 -0500  
Subject: Residents Line Up To Confirm UFO Sightings

Source: Wrexham Evening Leader - Wrexham, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/2e6dck>

07 January 2008

Residents Line Up To Confirm UFO Sightings

By Petra Barnby

More and more people are claiming they saw UFOs in Flintshire during the Christmas period.

Last week, the Leader reported on the sighting, made by Harry Hughes, of Mynydd Isa, as he was going out to his shed on Christmas Day.

Mr Hughes saw several orange-red orbs moving "faster than a plane" through the air, and glowing in the night sky. The incident matched a sighting over Wrexham last year.

Now, three more reports have come in from people saying they saw the same objects on the same day.

David Clark, of Elwy Close in Bryn y Baal, says he can confirm that everything Mr Hughes says is correct.

He said: "It is absolutely true what he says. There were three very bright lights which suddenly separated and one looked like it shot straight up at high speed.

"At first we thought they were balloons or planes but they were going too fast and they didn't look like planes.

"There was no noise whatsoever and they were going so fast. I have never seen anything like it before."

We published the story of the latest incident on our website, and users have flocked to view the details.

A Mrs Coulton, from Mold, described how her family were left perplexed after seeing orange coloured lights.

She said: "The light was a fair way off, it was coming towards us then stopped went backwards, stayed still for about four or five minutes, then faded away. It was really strange. It was definitely there, was not a firework, star, helicopter, or plane. We really don't know what it was."

Marie Davies, of Chester Road in Mold, was driving from Holywell to Halykn on Christmas day when she spotted a red light low in the sky at 7pm.

She said: "At first I thought it was the moon but it was too low in the sky. It was flame red and was standing still over the Dee Estuary way.

"I couldn't believe my eyes. I would like to see it again. I don't drink so it wasn't that. There was no way it was an aeroplane. It was very weird."

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## Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 7 Jan 2008 13:34:47 -0000  
Archived: Mon, 07 Jan 2008 09:11:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 06 Jan 2008 11:28:56 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Oooh Arrrr Not Alone Anymore

>Unfortunately, Diane there will always be those that will  
>believe, regardless of the evidence before them that this was  
>a flying saucer with ET at the helm; just like those that will  
>always believe that there is a conventional explanation to  
>\_all\_ UFO sightings and or incidents.

List,

I am glad to see that such pictures are still being released in the UK, makes me kind of feel that UFOs are still a buzz point here, regardless of what some media may inform us.

Also good to see another UFO publication on the market, via Stuart Miller, and we still have UFO Data running, oh and not forgetting Flying Saucer Review - after 50 years!

What got me was, when Dennis Plunkett of the BFSB was quoted saying UFOs are not being seen as often as they were, there was no mention that FSR was still going and still getting reports from around the globe!

Still after all it was all a little misleading wasn't it?

<http://ufologie.net/htm/plunkett.htm>

Roy

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From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 7 Jan 2008 06:13:49 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Mon, 07 Jan 2008 09:26:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 06 Jan 2008 20:31:37 +0000  
>Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

>What a strange response to the fact that the person who created  
>one of the most controversial pieces of film has finally come  
>forward.

>It must mean it is difficult for some UFO researchers to accept  
>there is sometimes an answer/solution.

>Isn't possible to just be happy somebody did a follow-up and  
>now there is an actual solution?

And what did you use to divine which case is true, Ms. Kasten?  
He participated knowingly in fraud or he is lying now?

Or do you have a different definition of "actual solution" than  
have others?

JCH

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## Re: UFO DATA Magazine

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 7 Jan 2008 09:46:25 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 08 Jan 2008 06:50:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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>Calm down, Alfred, calm down! Philip's a big lad and can look  
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>and we're still pretty civil to each other.

>I just wonder why he keeps trying to revive the ufological  
>equivalent of the Dead Parrot Sketch, but if he's got a book to  
>sell, that's fine with me!

The problem is that there are still a few of us that aren't  
simply satisfied that the "Dead Parrot Sketch" was funny, but  
would really like to give credit to its creator. That's turned  
out to be a very convoluted task... <g>

The AA 'film' remains a valuable commodity and after the UFO  
Congress appearance, I suspect that Melaris will be issuing his  
own expose' on its creation. I also believe that the number of  
people who believe it has significance to the UFO community can  
probably be counted on one hand at this point. Of course, I  
guess the depends on how you define 'significant'.

Philip has stuck with this story to the end and I appreciate his  
effort.

Steve

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>>Indeed take a lesson from your betters: criticize what you can't  
>>complete, make smirky comments from unjustified hubris, and  
>>backslide two for every step taken forward.

>Calm down, Alfred, calm down!

Why would you expect such given the aforementioned provocations  
of errant criticisms, unjustified hubris, and regressive  
backsliding. I'd expect to be taken to task for such, eh? You  
feel you deserve a by.

>Philip's a big lad and can look  
>after himself.

That's not the issue and you dissemble to digress. At issue is  
errant criticism, unjustified hubris, and regressive  
backsliding.

>We've sparred on several occassions in the past,  
>and we're still pretty civil to each other.

So? You cackle a spurious meme just a hop and a jump from  
bookburning and mal-literacy and are piqued at being called on  
it? Mr. Mantle is but a current example at present, an innocent  
bystander I hope I don't embarrass too much

>I just wonder why he keeps trying to revive the ufological  
>equivalent of the Dead Parrot Sketch, but if he's got a book to  
>sell, that's fine with me!

Well forgetting there is obviously more to Heaven and Earth than  
dreamt, etc, it's fine with you only after being dragged kicking  
and screaming to the dock, eh? Moreover, your needless  
comparison of sincere activity to "Dead Parrot Sketches" is as  
non-droll as it is intellectual shin-kicking.

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>>>Subject: UFO DATA Magazine

>>>Dear Colleagues,

>>>I've already had a few enquiries regarding my earlier post of  
>>>myself and Spyros Melaris appearing at the International UFO  
>>>Congress in Laughlin.

>>>A few people have asked if I have any information available  
>>>concerning Spyros Melaris and his claims of being the man who  
>>>lead the team that faked the alien autopsy film.

>>>In 2007 I interviewed Mr. Melaris at his home in Hertfordshire  
>>>and a summary of this interview will be published in the Jan/Feb  
>>>2008 issue of UFO DATA magazine ([www.ufodata.co.uk](http://www.ufodata.co.uk)).

><snip>

>>After all this time, why on earth would anyone be interested in  
>>the 'autopsy film'

>>>My book 'Alien Autopsy Inquest' is also available via Amazon.

>>Ah! That's why!

>><[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>

>What a strange response to the fact that the person who created  
>one of the most controversial pieces of film has finally come  
>forward.

>It must mean it is difficult for some UFO researchers to accept  
>there is sometimes an answer/solution.

>Isn't possible to just be happy somebody did a follow-up and  
>now there is an actual solution?

Here we go again!

Philip Mantle announced that he is going to the Laughlin  
conference with a British magician named Spiros Melaris, who is  
going to prove that he made the autopsy footage.

I suggested an easy and fast way to prove it: show us a couple  
of good pictures of him on location, with the film crew around

the autopsy table and the body on it. And also a couple of good close-ups of the body, preferably in full colours. If they really make the film, they must have kept some pictures of the event, as anybody would do.

But you know what? No answer!

Instead, we go again into the same tired game with the usual game players.

There seems to be no end to it.

BTW, if Melaris tells the truth, then Santilli lied a year ago when he claimed he had shot it (what a surprise). But at the time all the skeptics applauded his tale.

Just as they do now with Melaris.

What a good show!

Gildas Bourdais

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## You Are Not Alone

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Mon Jan 07, 2008

You Are Not Alone  
by Elvis Ramirez

"The people here are serious people. They're sincere [about their interest in the subject]", said Alicia Quaini, one of the members of the Fort Lauderdale-Miami UFO Group.

The group gets together to watch videos dealing with UFOs and the conspiracies that surround them. The event is very low key, probably because most of the group's members are elderly.

However, these aren't old folk gathering on a Saturday just because they had nothing else to do (some of them did seem like it though). After the event was over, many people stayed and sat around two tables pushed together to discuss not only the video but the news they had seen. They also discussed what they believed to be solutions to some of the world's issues. One woman even mentioned Nikola Tesla's perpetual energy coil as a solution to the energy crisis.

Normally, if someone said things like that in any other venue, they would be labeled a nut job.

The group was started by LeRoy D. Lawhorn after he realized that there was some demand for a place where people can talk openly about their experiences and beliefs about UFOs. Lawhorn claims to have seen a UFO during his days as a commercial pilot. "I saw that and thought, 'This is the real thing'," said Lawhorn.

The event isn't the most exciting thing you can do on a Saturday afternoon. In fact, it is rather dull if you aren't interested in the subject. There isn't anything particularly special about it, but the fact that it is a group of people getting together to talk about a shared belief makes the experience something different.

If you're looking for something akin to a science-fiction convention then don't bother making the drive, but if you're interested in meeting people (some of them kooks) with a belief in UFOs or if you are simply curious go ahead and stop by Gateway Terrace in Fort Lauderdale. Who knows, maybe you'll bump into Dennis Kucinich.

"We're spreading the message, and the message is a message of love," Quaini said. -- Elvis Ramirez

The meetings take place the first Saturday of every month at 1943 N.E. 6th Court. Bldg. T-105, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, 33304.

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## Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

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>>Subject: Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

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>>When this is finally worked out I like to think  
>>that the vaccum will be differently understood yet again, and  
>>that taming it will involve an understanding of QG that  
>>radically changes how we think not only about spacetime but  
>>about quantum theory itself, and even the meaning and origin of  
>>what we call probabilities.

>That final point about 'the meaning and origin of what we call  
>probabilities' intrigues me deeply. It is an aspect of the whole  
>question (I mean that of the conceptual framework(s) used in  
>frontier physics for the past, what, hundred years nearly?) that  
>has been bothering me for ages. I think you hit the nail right  
>on the head when you suggest that a final working out of  
>QG/Spacetime/QT can't leave our understanding of probability  
>untouched. My own amateur armchair hunch is that connections  
>between Ramsey theory, entropy and extreme macroscopic systems  
>will play a prominent role in whatever straightening out occurs.  
>It would be most interesting, though, to hear more of your own  
>ideas on the matter.

Hi Gerald

Without wanting to get too deeply embroiled, because we are in the realm of very difficult speculations for which this is perhaps not the place (and because I'm not certain enough of my own ground to do more than speculate), the point that I'd wished to make was that although infinite and infinitesimal quantities are, I agree, paradoxical, there doesn't seem to be any clear requirement that these mathematical entities must correspond to physical ones, and some evidence (in the form of the success of quantum and quantum-inspired discretist approaches to physics) that they do not. There may even of course be pure mathematical discoveries in future that transform or subvert the notion of infinity and remove the "problem".

That's not to say that we will be able to do without these entities in modelling nature, but it's quite possible. There might be a good reason for the fact that we are baffled by them, as by the notion of a probability greater than 1.0 or the concept of a "blue smell". An infinite set might turn out to be a concept that is impossible to define meaningfully in any physical terms, just as the concept of an infinitesimal interval of real space has no physical correlative in the quantum Planck regime. Another analogy might be the fact that a local-real velocity greater than  $c$  has no physical meaning for masses in SR spacetime.

These are not crude embargoes, because we know or can conjecture paradigms within which the regions of impossibility become confined as limit cases within a transcendent interpretation; so that displacement greater than  $c$  may be possible and the Planck regime may turn out to reveal a causal "hidden variable" of some kind. But the  $>c$  displacement will by definition not be a translation, and the  $<h$  variable will not (very probably) be a "fine graining" of real action. These are cases where the act of transcending the limit transforms the context, and as ever it is (paradoxically!) the triumph of transcendence that reveals the the original hope as quaintly inapt. It's possible that a new mathematical physics may redefine the meaning of an infinite set in the form of some functionally equivalent bounded operation that is formally free of the old difficulties, and it will become an idea digested and metabolised into unrecognisable forms, itself of interest only to historians like Newtonian absolute space or the giant turtles under the earth (well, a bit colourful, but you get the point)..

As for the meaning and origin of probabilities, I have in mind a similar sort of process. In terms of the absolute determinism of Victorian science "chance" had a clear operational meaning - unpredictability in practice - but no physical meaning because prediction of one particle's state from its interaction with another was always possible in principle. In terms of modern quantum theory "chance" has a clear physical meaning - the probabilistic behaviour of particles - rather than a merely operational meaning, because such one-on-one prediction is not always possible in principle. But what now does it mean to say that chance underlies the world? Given all the talk of "god playing dice" one could be forgiven for supposing that we are allowing a moribund classical definition of chance to underpin quantum theory, which can't be right. In fact it must be that quantum theory redefines "chance".

The unpredictable order of quantum actuality is not determined solely by the local past of every particle, but it is order nonetheless. When we say that events occur in accordance with rules of probability we are now saying: "These systematic distributions reflect certain unknown dimensions of the ordering of events in the world." In other words, to deny that an event is determined may be the same as denying that it is contingent, but only when contingency is defined in terms of local-real histories; a system of non-local contingency may entirely negate the utility of the concept of determinism and yet still be very highly ordered and predictable to 14 decimal places.

The radical rediscovery of randomness in quantum theory may be the very advance that in time entirely strips the concept of randomness from our scientific vocabulary, by deriving highly complex "pseudorandom" behaviour as a limit case of some mature meta-theory which explains in a radically new way why the local-real order is statistical in nature. An analogy might be this: You can make a simple divided box out of strips of wood and pour dried peas into it in such a way that the normal distribution bell-curve results with a high degree of predictability. Presently we say that this merely illustrates a stochastic behaviour that "just is". Discovering that there is an analogous unseen causal structure or graining in the underlying nonlocal physics of the world could explain why matter orders itself via quantum electrodynamics into the wooden boxes and the dried peas in such a way as to produce these scale-free regularities.

That's where I suspect the answer is, and finding that structure will involve one day going beyond field theory and particles and forces in 4-space (or 10-space) to a completely new type of (projective) geometrical representation that allows the underlying map of gravitational actions to reify the indefinite-dimensional state space of quantum theory..

Anyway, these are just vague personal intuitions (as I'm sure is all too obvious) so I'll leave it there. I now propose to join Mike for a dram or two in his licensed monastery :-)

Last word to T. S. Elliot: "We shall not cease from exploration and the end of all our exploring will be to return back where we started and know the place for the first time."

Martin

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>>>Because most of the researchers who have spent time studying the  
>>Alien Autopsy, the experts, have insisted that the AA is not a  
>>fake and that the UFO community would benefit from understanding  
>>exactly what it is if it's not a fraud.

>So let me get this straight: you are still saying that the AA  
>film is an actual record of a dead creature being cut up some  
>time in the 1950s? Because we can be pretty sure it's not a  
>seagull!

Hi John,

Yes, I am sure that the Alien Autopsy footage is the record of  
the dissection of a creature of unknown origin. The dissection  
took place in early July, 1947. The creature was one of several  
from a crash that occurred on May 31st, about five miles south  
west of Socorro, New Mexico.

>>>>My book 'Alien Autopsy Inquest' is also available via Amazon.

>>Reading Philip's book is a good way to begin your reeducation.

>As Philip agrees that the film is a hoax, and has written and  
>spoken on it at length, I don't think I need any 're-education'.

Philip has written two books on the subject; both are crammed  
with information from the many researchers who have investigated  
the AA footage. The information from these books contradict  
Philip's current beliefs and that is a problem that he'll have a  
hard time overcoming.

His second major difficulty is that Spyros has told two  
conflicting stories about his relationship with Ray Santilli. I  
will be very surprised if any of you are convinced by Spyros.  
He's a con-man and opportunist. Why Philip believes him is  
beyond me.

>I'm just surprised that this old, old story is still being  
>dragged out time after time. But, hey, a guy's gotta have a  
>hobby!

The story will never die because folks like me have the time and  
inclination to keep everything alive and current. Yes it is one  
of my hobbies but when the UFO community finally realizes the  
importance of the footage, I and the others who have supported  
my efforts will become idolized and given huge bags of money.  
Don't you think it's worth it?

Ed

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## Roswell Camouflaging Involuntary Experimentation

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Update: Report On Roswell Saucer Spin Camouflaging Involuntary Human Experimentation

by Dick Farley [cloudrider.nul](mailto:cloudrider.nul)

(Washington, DC) - To other journalists, scientists and scholars of history in this field. I thought you might be somewhat interested in where we've been going in recent years with our aspect of this work. None of this is copyrighted. Kindly do not take it out of context so we will not have issues of libel or misunderstanding. However, you are free to repost or otherwise share it with others having an interest.

This is to update you on some of our 'political' stuff, expanding my Matrix Of UFO Beliefs, in keeping with our analysis and development of decision support information pursuant to UFO Disclosure, which as you know isn't something that any Secret Government or Cabal are much enamored with anybody doing.

That being said, and respecting our decade-plus of exchanges, which I' have usually interpreted as being candid and as honest as information we possessed at the time (and respect for sources, clients, etc.) allowed, I want to let you know that we've at long last 'cracked' the Roswell caper. It is prosaic, banal and quite evil. I'm afraid it will be somewhat anticlimactic, if troubling and certainly disappointing to 'believers'.

In a nutshell, if you'll pardon the pun, what is being covered up with that particular 'UFO event' was human experimentation on mentally retarded (Downs Syndrome) individuals culled from New Mexico's institutions and orphanages by our Manhattan Project and early high-altitude human-factors researchers in the 1940s.

Problematic for these folks, who were aggressively engaged in human guinea-pigging at least from 1944 into the 1960s - and some evidence exists that such experimentation continued well into the late 1970s - was the promulgation (in 1947, not so coincidentally) of the Nuremberg Code, following the discovery and highly public trials of Nazis for atrocities, particularly of the Dr. Josef Mengele kind in concentration camps.

The First Principle of the Nuremberg Code, 1947, reads thus:

"The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential. This means that the person involved should have legal capacity to give consent; should be so situated as to be able to exercise free power of choice, without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, overreaching or other

ulterior form of constraint or coercion; and should have sufficient knowledge and comprehension of the elements of the subject matter involved as to enable him to make an understanding and enlightened decision."

Issuance and adoption of this by the US and other 'civilized' western governments was problematic for the whizbang science and engineering types, who by then had long been engaged in experimentation on folks considered 'way back then' by the medical and scientific establishments to be 'not quite human beings.'

For example, and while not dealing with 'Roswell' but certainly describing the context of same, a Pulitzer Prize winning newspaper series by reporter Eileen Welsome, then of The Albuquerque Tribune as published November 15 - 17, 1993, focused on injections of plutonium into unwitting human subjects. Such projects were supported and encouraged by senior personalities of America's research and development apparatus, which was then engaged in a World War 2 and early Cold War race with Stalin's Soviet Union to deploy nuclear weapons and the strategic means to deliver them (i.e., high-altitude bombers). How these would affect soldiers on the ground, aviators flying higher than ever before and citizens potentially exposed to the expected nuclear weapons attacks justified, in the minds of scientists who did this, their many atrocities.

Beginning in 1944, according to Welsome's reporting, Manhattan Project (later, after January 1, 1947, under the aegis of the then- newly created Atomic Energy Commission) scientists Glenn Seaborg (a later Nobel laureate), Louis Hempelmann and perhaps most notably, J. Robert Oppenheimer, voiced favor for studies of how plutonium entered, circulated and accumulated in the human body. Oppenheimer was so concerned about the potential political impacts of such experimentation that he also said he did not want such studies to be conducted at Los Alamos, where his scientific atom bomb research and development were situated, although such research reportedly was conducted at Los Alamos as well as at other government labs.

In 1947, after the Nuremberg Code was issued in the wake of widespread planetary publicity about the Nazi atrocities perpetrated 'in the name of science' on Jewish and other concentration camp populations, The Albuquerque Tribune reporting says the following, quoting excerpts below verbatim:

QUOTING (excerpts & snips):

"Until World War (2), most experiments using human beings were small and oriented toward helping the patient. But the notion of informed consent was jettisoned during the war when researchers frantically sought cures for ailments afflicting soldiers on the battlefield', said Columbia University professor David Rothman. (Farley note: Actually, 'eugenics' applied to targeted populations was more widespread.)

Orphans in state asylums, the mentally retarded and prisoners were used as human guinea pigs in the search for cures to dysentery, malaria and influenza. Here in the United States, faint echoes of the Nazi experiments were present in the experiments in which conscientious objectors were used to study how heat, cold and starvation might affect soldiers at war. (Farley note: the Nazis also exposed their subjects to extremes of air pressure and radiation as part of their own fledgling 'space program', which was moved to the US with Nazi party member Werner von Braun and his cohorts, who were 'sheep dipped' (historically 'sanitized') and remade into 'American heroes', something the UFO 'retailers' continue to perpetuate.)"

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"In sum, the lessons that the medical researchers learned in their first extensive use of human subjects was that the ends justified the means, that in wartime the effort to conquer disease entitled them to choose martyrs to scientific progress', said Rothman, author of a 1991 book, 'Strangers at the Bedside: A History of How Law and Bioethics Transformed Medical Decision Making."

<snip>

"From about 1945 to 1965, hospital patients, prisoners, children, the mentally ill, the mentally retarded and the elderly were frequently the unwitting subjects of medical experiments", in what Rothman criticizes as "a Gilded Age" of research.

And here is the key point pertinent to 'Roswell':

"Those researchers believed the principles embodied in the Nuremberg Code were not relevant to them", Rothman wrote, continuing, "American researchers believed the concentration camp experiments were the work of Nazis - not doctors."

(Farley note: Key Coincidence is that much of what we know about the Nazi medical experimentation 'mindset' comes from a seminal work on the subject, The Nazi Doctors, by Harvard psychiatrist and professor Dr. Robert Jay Lifton. It was Lifton who, coincidentally or not, was credited by both Budd Hopkins and Dr. John Mack with introducing those two, and resulted in what was for a time a major (late 1980s) effort to further 'legitimize' so-called ET alien abductions. And early in the 1990s, an alleged former intelligence employee of the US government accused both Mack - he denied it - and Hopkins of earlier involvement in Rockefeller-funded 'human ecology' experiments, allegedly involving psychiatric research on humans as documented in a book by a British investigative journalist, Journey Into Madness, by Gordon Thomas.)

END QUOTES - Farley continues below on 'Roswell.'

Here's where 'Roswell' apparently comes into play, allowing that the 'dead aliens' and the supposedly 'crashed-saucer' were a high-altitude experiment on anesthetized Downs Syndrome subjects which crashed, either caused by or contributing to an oxygen-enriched fire that killed or severely injured its victims.

That the 509th Bomb Group was even peripherally involved, based at Roswell Army Air Field as it was - and it is former '509th' officers who make up the bulk of supposed 'witnesses to Roswell's' ET cover-op - is significant. They allegedly were engaged in supporting a variety of experiments, given that it was the 509th which was at the time the nation's only 'nuclear qualified' strategic bombing force, having dropped bombs on Hiroshima and then on Nagasaki.

At the time, the Strategic Air Command was also led by one of the more 'right-wing' generals, Curtis LeMay, who represented a mindset in the 'old Air Force' that didn't trust the more liberal ('commie-pinko?') internationalists directing postwar American foreign policy, etc.

Also at the time, many of the military officers in the USAF, Army and other branches, were rankled and alarmed by President Truman's complete racial integration of the American military, which fostered a political paranoia and fanaticism among many 'field grade' officers, considerable numbers of whom were eventually 'passed over' for their promotions and flushed out of the military, (which may figure in some 'Roswell military witness' motives).

Details of the 'Roswell' related experiments of the day are unnecessary in this summary. It's more relevant to know that by mid-1947, the then Army Air Force and then-new Atomic Energy Commission were fully engaged in a political cover-up of their ongoing experimentation on unwitting human subjects, as evidenced by The Albuquerque Tribune's timeline. But let's be clear: the Tribune series does not address 'Roswell' or other such experiments directly. This has come from other sources we've developed with historical ties to early aviation and nuclear R&D, also retired (some now deceased) people in our early space R&D program.

For the record, historically the U. S. Air Force was created in September 1947, but much research that had been conducted by the Army Air Force, including that into missiles (by our aforementioned Nazi and other work predating their coming to the US, including the Roswell-related programs) were not transferred to the new USAF until years later. That's why beating up on the USAF about 'Roswell' is a dead horse, as it has been in the Army's 'counterintelligence corps', and later other branches,

where this secrecy has resided, promulgated largely through subcontractors to major defense industry entities and nonprofit organizations.

Over the years, various efforts to uncover more details:

1.) of American human experimentation on unwitting or vulnerable subjects;

2.) of American and British exploitation of Nazi-gathered science data and technical innovations; and

3.) of the deeper crimes by some of our 'captured' Nazi war criminals turned NASA space engineers and scientists, triggered layers of cover-ups, counterintelligence programs and 'direct actions' against those who discovered and sought disclosures of these egregious violations of American principles and policies. These people own magazines, use tax-exempt organizations and 'pet journalists' and editors at major publishing houses to perpetuate and maintain their ever-evolving 'catchall cover up camouflage.' Organizationally, compartmentalization and 'need to know' keep senior officers and elected or appointed civilian officials nicely politically protected with 'plausible deniability' should revelations eventually happen.

During the Carter administration, a quiet effort by Carter and others to uncover more of the secrecy surrounding supposed 'UFOs', a response triggered by nefarious mid-1976 efforts of supposed 'UFO investigators' to publicize Jimmy Carter's 1966 'UFO' sighting, (which he had later reported to a small Oklahoma-based UFO group but which in May 1976 found its way, on NICAP letterhead, into the New York Times and then, in June 1976, onto the National Enquirer's cover), in 1977 was unceremoniously buried in bureaucratic paper shuffling, publicly, once Carter learned from his own CIA Director, Admiral Stansfield Turner, that actually the President "didn't really need or want to know" the truth about 'UFOs', and so it was decided to reinvigorate the cover-up. The modern 'Roswell crashed-saucer' fable arose out of all that.

Some claiming to have been involved in such Carter-era efforts actually are promoters of ongoing secrecy, not of 'UFOs' but of the illicit experimentation and outright violations of human rights inherent in them, and over the years in supposed 'ET alien abductions', which more realistically were 'black-op psych assaults.' These people have a lengthy history of showing up when sensitive technologies or policies are in danger of compromise, acting the parts of 'helpful professionals', lawyers or journalists, then hijacking and derailing such efforts. Usually they pretend to be 'creatures of the Left' or Progressive movements. Generally they aren't, although Cold War relics (KGB 'sleepers' and 'useful idiots') can still be found in 'retail Ufology.'

In the Carter era, NASA fumbled and stumbled, had some internal fights and some forced retirements, and eventually designated MUFON, an alleged USAF counterintelligence op, as the 'official repository' for UFO sightings, claiming that NASA had neither mandate nor resources to pursue the flurry of interest and many new sighting reports Carter's 'outing', and his campaign promise "to look into UFOs", had then generated.

The USAF had, back in 1969 after its bogus 'Condon Report', closed its public 'Blue Book' UFO reporting disinfo program, but USAF elements were still generating UFO 'interest' and events to cover stealth aircraft development and UAV work. This element of 'Ufology', inherently fair game for US national security, is contaminated by its collateral need to continue the camouflage of illicit human experimentation on unwitting vulnerable populations, allegedly into the 1980s with what have been called 'MIL-ABS', or military-related supposedly 'alien' abductions.

Plus, some players in the military are 'believers' in various supposed ET presences, and these run the gamut of beliefs from the New Age interpretation of John Mack and others to the 'demonic' of military folk holding more fundamentalist Christian perspectives, because 'Roswell' aside, something IS 'going on', although the origin and very nature of such perceptual phenomena are obscure.

Basically, once Carter was apprised of the human experimentation and how it could undermine American image and influence during a critical phase of the Cold War, he acquiesced to continuation of the 'Circle Game', played between supposed 'UFO investigators' and 'UFO skeptic' groups (and their 'friendly' key journalists), to bury the human experimentation even more deeply in a flurry of fake documents and 'faux disclosures' trickled out as fodder for the compost heap of UFO secrecy, all a counterintelligence gambit.

Also, Carter - as a former nuclear submarine officer and a proponent of nuclear energy development, until Three Mile Island derailed such efforts by his administration - was dedicated to re-establishing credibility of the US intelligence community, which had been badly damaged by the excesses of the Nixon-era abuses, some of which =96 as mentioned but largely covered up by the 'Rockefeller Commission' (1975) - had to do with experimentation (LSD, other substances) on unwitting human subjects, an Army program of the '60s in which other agencies had also dabbled. (Again, see Journey Into Madness, by Thomas, and others.)

Note: It's been reported that Grateful Dead founder Jerry Garcia said he first tried LSD in 1966, while he was in the US Army. And Dr. John Lilly did his LSD research under Navy auspices, he wrote, while Dr. Tim Leary was doing government funded LSD research at Harvard, along with Dr. Richard Alpert (Ram Dass).

Yes, Tim Leary confirmed this general scenario to me personally more than once. Frank Barron a key person according to Tim.

Hence the 1979 resurrection of the 'Roswell' event, as initially created in a panic in July 1947 (at the height of Army Air Force and AEC political paranoia about their ongoing human experimentation). I'll leave it to any reading of recent UFO history for you to look at precisely who recreated the Roswell fable, who's paid for its growth and who's profited from and promoted its persistence and continue to feed its popular mythology.

Suffice it to say that, as we've honed in on this element of supposed 'retail Ufology' over the past decade, the 'perps' have promulgated revised books and released more details about their own activities prior to careers pushing Roswell', or suspect 'MJ-12' library of 'secret documents', and hiding-in-plain-sight what to me remains a tarnish on American scientific and political history which continues to fester even today.

=46rom details in The Albuquerque Tribune series, describing how victims of 'The Plutonium Experiments' were injected with plutonium and other radionuclides without their knowledge and consent, and then were tracked and subjected to ongoing monitoring and sampling for many years, often until they died, it is possible to infer that there is likelihood that even the vaunted 'Betty and Barney Hill alien abduction' case may have had elements of similar research attendant to it, be it plutonium related or purely psychological.

As in the plutonium experiments a number of the unsuspecting victims were African-American, and at the time there were latent bad feelings about racial desegregation of the military, targeting a black man involved in an interracial marriage, even in New England, is certainly credible as to why he was selected.

While most of the history has centered on Betty Hill, the white woman allegedly 'abducted' along with her husband, postal worker Barney Hill, in 1961, the details of Barney's own experiences at the hands of the supposed 'alien abductors' are often overlooked. Indeed, one of the major perpetrators of the 'Roswell crashed saucer' stories, a former nuclear scientist who has belatedly admitted he worked for a time on the once-secret 'atomic propulsion' research efforts directed by another 'UFO secrecy' marketer, has recently teamed with Betty Hill's niece, herself a MUFON 'investigator', to write yet another recent rendition of the supposed Betty and Barney Hill 'alien abduction', spinning more details into the otherwise well-worn tale.

Barney Hill was reticent to discuss how he apparently was subjected to involuntary 'rectal probing' while he was under the control of the supposed 'aliens', something of which his wife

had no such experience as she recollected it, or at least as has been reported. In her subsequent life, Mrs. Hill became something of the 'UFO celebrity', although recent authors have tended to soft-pedal her more bizarre memories or theories.

One of the primary things the unwitting, somewhat randomly selected victims of 'The Plutonium Experiments' had in common with Barney Hill was that 'stool samples' were routinely collected, a simple way to monitor chemical or radionuclide traces in the body by way of measuring amounts excreted. Mr. Hill was understandably loathe to discuss such a humiliation, especially in the early 1960s, and at a time when he was very active in civil rights efforts as a member of the NAACP and in a then-rare interracial marriage.

Notably, in the 1950s, the 509th Bomb Group had moved from the then Roswell Air Force Base to a new one constructed in New Hampshire, not far from where Barney and Betty Hill lived. The most recent story of the Hills confirms how involved the Hills became with certain USAF officers at Pease Air Force Base, at the time a Strategic Air Command forward staging area for long-range bombers, and until being closed later a 'depot' for dispatching airborne refueling tankers supporting B-52s always on station at the Arctic Circle.

Disclosure? Not!

Efforts in the wake of The Albuquerque Tribune's series, which won the reporter and her newspaper the Pulitzer Prize in 1994 for national reporting, to push the Clinton administration to disclose more about the US government's history of human experimentation on unwitting subjects met with halfhearted success. An internal government-wide review by various agencies looked at what each agency or its forerunners did by way of such research, but efforts soon stalled and eventually evaporated as Clinton faced 'other issues.'

It is significant that the late New Mexico Republican Congressman Steven Schiff, well known for his supposed inquiries to the USAF about 'Roswell' which triggered a General Accounting Office investigation that came up with next-to-nothing, became a part of the 'Roswell Crashed Saucer Disclosure' publicity.

Actually, Congressman Schiff had simultaneously inquired of other agencies, on behalf of The Albuquerque Tribune, into the alleged human experimentation. A 'mole' in Schiff's office, the wife of a former defense department official who also figured in 'retail Ufology', the late Dr. Karl Pflock, allegedly was somewhat involved in how Schiff's 'Roswell' inquiries were handled and later spun to continue covering up the reality.

Current efforts by so-called 'UFO Disclosure' and 'retail Ufology' activists to push 2008 candidates into commitments regarding opening the files about so-called 'ET contacts' and 'UFO secrecy' are, in light of what has been the core secret capturing most of the headlines, transparent efforts to 'warn' candidates to 'Stay away!' Neither 'UFO investigators' nor 'official skeptics' desire an end to the confusion and deceit.

The mixture of 'ex-government' and military-intelligence operators, scientists and officials occasionally coming together supposedly to promote 'UFO disclosure' is, at base, a desperate effort to prevent the truth from coming out about a stain on American history every bit as blighted as was slavery or the genocide perpetrated against Native Americans and, at the behest of self-anointed elites, against others on Earth.

There will never be a 'good time' for disclosures about such sins against our fellow human beings, and so long as such crimes remain unacknowledged, unpunished and uncompensated, America's moral position in the world will be ever held hostage to self-serving secrecy, profiting only those standing on the graves of the weak, the disabled and the defenseless, who involuntarily were sacrificed on the altar of scientific hubris.

Regards,

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>>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>>Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

>>What a strange response to the fact that the person who created  
>>one of the most controversial pieces of film has finally come  
>>forward.

>>It must mean it is difficult for some UFO researchers to accept  
>>there is sometimes an answer/solution.

>>Isn't possible to just be happy somebody did a follow-up and  
>>now there is an actual solution?

>And what did you use to divine which case is true, Ms. Kasten?  
>He participated knowingly in fraud or he is lying now?

>Or do you have a different definition of "actual solution" than  
>have others?

Who are you referring to? Phil Mantle? No, I don't think he  
participated in the fraud called the "Alien Autopsy." But, he  
did track down someone who did. And, will be presenting the  
guy's story to the public.

I know, I know, it is difficult to accept that the film could be  
a fraud. Especially, for people who have a vested interest in  
the film being 'real'.

You all know that I read Mantle's book because I wrote a book  
review. I suggest you read the book to know the back story.

"Actual solution" means the guy created the film and is willing  
to talk about it.

Mantle must be one hell of a father confessor - don't you  
think?

BTW: you can call me KK.

KK

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>Calm down, Alfred, calm down! Philip's a big lad and can look  
>after himself. We've sparred on several occasions in the past,  
>and we're still pretty civil to each other.

>I just wonder why he keeps trying to revive the ufological  
>equivalent of the Dead Parrot Sketch, but if he's got a book to  
>sell, that's fine with me!

Hi John,

I take it you'll not be coming along then?

If you think this is about books then you are sadly wrong.

As an author yourself you should know better.

t is to bring closure to a long running investigation.

I feel it only right that my colleagues in the USA have the  
right to hear it straight from the dead parrot's mouth and even  
ask it a few questions before it finally expires.

UFO researchers are often criticised as being wild-eyed  
believers who are not interested in the truth or the facts of a  
case. Well here's one instance, the alien autopsy film, where I  
was determined to get the facts and the truth and with Spyros  
Melaris and others, I am of the opinion that I have.

Who's a pretty boy then?

Philip

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>Subject: Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

<Snip>

>I am not completely averse to the idea that existence is  
>quantized rather than a continuum, and perhaps consists only of  
>a finite number of states (or a countably infinite number of  
>them). But if so, the terse and unavoidable conclusion would  
>seem to be: there's no such thing as nothing. I find the  
>implications of that fairly creepy, with distinctly religious  
>overtones.

>So, the result of all this philosophical waterboarding is that I  
>have chronic headaches, have become a heavy drinker, and am soon  
>to become a church-goer as well! I am now resolved to abandon  
>this thread. Good luck.

Don't leave now Mike!

Take heart from the fact that if you haven't got a headache or a  
hangover, or been tempted to turn to religion, then the chances  
are that you've grossly underestimated the difficulty of the  
issues here.

Furthermore, now that you've raised the ultimate existential  
question, it would hardly be the action of a gentleman to run  
for the exit.

Consider this: how much sense can be made of the idea of a world  
(perhaps, in Martin's terminology, a 'radically quantised' one)  
where, as you put it, 'there's no such thing as nothing'? Surely  
we will always need a closely related family of concepts -  
mathematical zero, ontological nothingness, zero-point energy  
etc. - to act, if nothing else, as a background reference point  
for existence itself? What would be the status of such concepts?  
Could we be comfortable with a situation where mathematicians,  
philosophers, logicians and physicists each adopted their own  
favoured formulation, none of which fully satisfied the  
conceptual requirements of the others?

There would no longer be a nothing to put in the null set!

We might consider turning to the physicists to settle the issue  
through a suitably verifiable 'theory of absolutely everything  
with nothing left out this time', but I seriously doubt that  
this would do the trick for mathematicians, for example, who  
would want to go on playing around with speculative systems that  
the physicists would be telling us must exist, but are  
unobservable.

Whichever way we come at it, something's got to give. As it  
looks at the moment, at least in my clumsy little representation  
of the problem, it might even be verification that has to give  
way - no doubt to screams of protest from the philosophers who  
have grown accustomed to allowing everybody else to dirty their  
hands settling matters of empirical truth.

I think Martin hinted as to how this and related conundrums are likely to be unravelled when he suggested that it might require changes in 'the meaning and origin of what we call probabilities'. Perhaps that might kick off a process would go right the way through to radical change in the underlying logic that supports mathematics, science and philosophy as we currently undertake these activities.

As for religion, well, that's a bridge too far for me. I'll have to leave it to you Mike. Let us know if you find one with a well-stocked bar...

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Gerald O'Connell

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UFO Club Calls It A Day  
By Ash Bolton

First there was the sighting of the mysterious multi-coloured chandelier-shaped object hovering in the south's skies.

Then there was the fast-moving bright light spotted over Beaulieu in the New Forest.

And then, a few years later, there were the orange globes sailing above the rooftops of Hythe.

These are all among the bizarre, odd and unexplained sightings of a group of UFO spotters monitoring the skies above Hampshire.

But now, after almost 20 years of no definitive evidence and a few unanswered questions, they have decided to fold up their telescopes.

With the help of sci-fi shows such as The X-Files, in the early 1990s the popularity of hunting for extra-terrestrials was sky-high and Southampton UFO Group (SUFOG) boasted more than 75 members.

But since then there has been a wane in intergalactic interest and founding member Steve Gerrard has decided to shut the group down after only four members turned up to its last meeting.

The group started in November 1990, when Steve put an advert in the back of the Daily Echo looking for extraterrestrial enthusiasts.

Over the years their photos of strange objects in the sky have been splashed across the world's media, and the Ministry of Defence has even investigated their video footage.

One of the original members, Ernie Sears, said the group has taken hundreds of photographs during their sky-watches, but said there was one incident that "changed his life forever".

Ernie, 83, of Netley, said: "I had my first sighting in March 1960 at Portsdown Hill. I saw a very strange-looking light in the sky. I thought it must be an aircraft with the sun reflecting off it. But it seemed to be hanging there and I thought: It can't be one of those pesky UFOs.' "Half an hour later I heard the roar of jet engines. I rushed to an opening and saw two Meteor jets flying low over Gosport, coming from the direction of Thorny Island Aerodrome.

"To my amazement this object was still hanging in the sky in the

same place and not moving. I knew then that it wasn't an aircraft.

"I watched as the jets neared it but as they did it turned on end and disappeared into the blue sky like a light being switched off.

"I ran into a phone box and phoned Thorny Island Air Control. I asked him if he could tell me what the object was the Meteor Jets were chasing. I'll never forget his answer. He said: You did not see any object and you did not see any Meteor jets.'  
"Since then I have been convinced there is other life out there and I am determined to prove it's true."

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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## Secrets And Signs

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[Images of Mission Patches discussed below are at site]

Secrets And Signs  
by Dwayne A. Day and Roger Guillemette

One of the biggest movies currently in theaters is National Treasure: Book of Secrets. Like its predecessor, the movie is a lot of silliness and 'splosions, a nonstop chase as the hero travels around the world to decipher clues leading to a city of gold underneath Mount Rushmore. Much of the plot hinges upon the Freemasons, a secretive society that has left symbols with mysterious meanings, and that some people believe actually controls the American government and even the entire world. One symbol commonly attributed to the Freemasons is the "all seeing eye", or "eye of providence", often depicted over a pyramid. This symbol appears in the movie and is even featured in the movie poster, but is most familiar to Americans because it is on the back of the one-dollar bill.

Those obsessed with Freemason conspiracy theories would probably go into orbit after learning that in 2000 the secretive National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) launched a satellite into space whose official mission patch featured a symbol nearly identical to the one on the dollar bill. While this was probably not a Freemason satellite, the "all-seeing eye" was undoubtedly intended to serve the same symbolic function as an observation satellite does in reality. More interesting to those obsessed with the NRO is the fact that the patch also features four stars hovering in the sky. Independent observers claimed that the classified satellite launched into orbit was actually the fourth of its type. Four stars. Four satellites.

Military patches and logos=97simply the latest examples of heraldry dating back thousands of years=97are by definition symbolic, so it no surprise that they contain symbols. What is surprising is that these symbols often reveal information about the satellites' identities and missions that are otherwise classified.

It turns out that this hidden symbolism in the patches produced for classified spacecraft launches is far more prevalent than previously believed. Although many official patches for classified missions do not offer any clues to their payloads, there are nearly two dozen mission logos, rocket launch patches, and/or accompanying payload patches that contain hints about the mission of a classified payload. The most common symbolism is a correlation between the number of stars in the patch and the number of satellites of that type launched into orbit over many years. Also common are Latin phrases referring to surveillance

or watchfulness. But other features include indications of the satellites' orbits, their construction, and even their tortured history to get off the ground. Although the first time that the media noticed this symbolism was in 2000, and to date only three examples have been reported in the press, the practice possibly dates as far back as 1977 and includes far more examples than anyone has previously recognized.

#### Fellowship of the dice

When an Atlas 5 rocket thundered aloft from its launch pad on Florida's sunny coast on December 10, 2007, reporters knew that the sponsor of the launch=97the agency that owned the payload=97was the NRO. They also received updates about the launch's progress right up through four and a half minutes into the flight, when the payload fairing separated. At that point, the Air Force stopped releasing progress reports to prevent disclosure of the spacecraft's secret mission and orbital parameters. But although the NRO and the Air Force officially replied with a "no comment" to any questions about the payload, there was a glaringly blatant hint plastered on the side of the rocket's nosecone. A big circular logo was affixed to the side of the payload fairing bearing the constellation name "Scorpius" and a graphical representation of the constellation. This was not that unusual: for nearly a decade now several NRO launches=97but not the payloads themselves=97have been named for constellations. The important hint was below the constellation.

Below the stars of Scorpio the logo featured an image of the Earth surrounded by three red satellite orbits. One of these circled the Earth at the equator, symbolizing a satellite in geosynchronous orbit, and the other two were in highly-elliptical, highly-inclined orbits, often referred to as HEO or, more traditionally, "Molniya" orbits after the early Soviet Union satellites that pioneered this path around the Earth. Those two types of orbits are occupied by a class of American communications data-relay satellites originally known by the name the Satellite Data System, or SDS, and that one source states was later named Quasar. Also painted on the logo was the Latin phrase Caveo Noster Morsus, which, loosely translated, means "I gather up our little bites"=97a perfect description for the SDS mission. mission patch

With this big hint painted right there on the side of the nosecone, it was thus no surprise that the rocket lifted off its pad, and then headed northeast, in the same direction as previous satellites=97including SDS satellites=97launched into Molniya orbits. The Centaur's ascent was observed along the Eastern Seaboard as far north as Quebec, and amateur satellite observers noted that the payload entered an initial parking orbit before being boosted to a much higher final orbit.

It turns out that another patch similar to this was produced some time ago, apparently for the launch of the seventh SDS satellite, placed into a Molniya orbit by a Titan 34D rocket in February 1987. That patch features the lettering "OD-4/DH" and the words "C'Mon Seven." The "OD-4" stands for "Operating Division 4" of the Satellite Tracking Center that used to operate in the famous "blue cube" in Sunnyvale, California. The meaning of "DH" remains unknown. This indicates that the patch probably was not produced for a launch crew, but rather for an operations team involved with checking out the satellite after launch.

But there is another intriguing aspect to the patch. The two Molniya orbits are occupied by dice. The dice are apparently a reference to the drinking game "7 & 11", and the SDS program apparently was originally known as Program 711.

As the dice example illustrates, one challenge for determining what clues these patches might contain is that some of them are filled with arcane and "inside jokes" known only to those who worked on the program itself, or on the launch vehicle that placed the satellite in orbit. Some of the symbols really have nothing to do with the classified satellite program, but refer to events or incidents during preparation of the rocket on the pad. In fact, some of the patches are almost overtaken by little symbols and cartoons. Although one should be careful not to over-interpret the symbolism and become involved in a da Vinci Code-like search for symbols and meanings, because these patches

and logos are intended to be symbolic, it is a safe practice to assume that every object they contain was put there for symbolic, and not artistic, purposes. The people designing these symbols have often exhibited a devilish sense of humor, practically daring outsiders to figure out what they are doing. The golden compass

Occasionally the hints that the intelligence community uses in these logos and patches are both obvious and subtle. Take, for example, the launch last summer of a pair of ocean surveillance satellites.

On June 15, 2007, the NRO launched an Atlas 5 from Florida. Like the Scorpius launch, this one also had a logo on the side of the payload fairing. The logo depicted the constellation Pyxis, the compass=97featuring a compass rose=97and showed a satellite flying in a high inclination orbit around the Earth. The logo contained other more telling details. Most notably, it depicted a sailing ship, thereby hinting at a naval mission. But this was not simply a generic sailing ship image. The ship looks almost exactly like the ship on the official seal of the former Naval Security Group Activity in Denver, Colorado. This organization is now known as Navy Information Operations Command, and one of their jobs is tracking ships at sea. The logo also contained two stars on its edge. Amateur observers who track classified satellites with binoculars have noticed that for the past several years American satellites they suspect are used to track ships at sea travel in pairs.

The logo also contains some obscure bit of Latin: Non est ad astra mollis e terries via. It is a phrase from the philosopher Seneca the Younger that means "The trip from the Earth to the stars is not an easy one." Unfortunately, this bit of Latin phrasing proved to be more prophetic than philosophical, because it was soon reported that the rocket's upper stage had underperformed, placing the satellites in a lower orbit than planned.

The owls are not what they seem

Perhaps the most well-known example of a launch logo revealing the mission of a classified spacecraft occurred in 2000, with the August 17 launch of a Titan 4B from Vandenberg Air Force Base. The rocket was designated B-28. (Titan 4 mission nomenclature is somewhat confusing. Initially, all vehicles were labeled with the letter K designation; after the Upgraded Solid Rocket Motors were introduced, vehicles were designated either as A (original model) or B (SRMU equipped), yet a few of the later missions carried both designators, such as vehicle A-20 K-17 or B-41 K-30).

The NRO produced a patch for the launch that was depicted on the Florida Today newspaper's Space Online website and quickly caught the attention of Canadian satellite watcher Ted Molczan. Molczan posted his suspicions about the patch to the space watcher list-serve See-Sat.org, and his comments soon came to the attention of the Washington Post, which published an article on the subject.

Molczan stated that he had suspected that the launch would be a new radar imaging satellite. Over the years such satellites have had the designations Lacrosse and Onyx. He also suspected that the launch would go to either a 57 or 68 degree inclination orbit, based upon previous Lacrosse launches.

Upon seeing the patch, Molczan noticed several things. First was that the patch depicted four wing-shaped symbols circling the Earth in two different orbits=97analogous to the 57 and 68 degree orbits occupied by previous Lacrosse satellites. Of those four symbols, three were white and one was red. Molczan knew that of the four Lacrosse satellites launched to date, the first spacecraft, launched aboard the Space Shuttle in 1988, had been deorbited.

The patch also contained some other notable elements. A pair of owl eyes hovered at the top of the logo, and the eyes were surrounded by a mesh. Could this be a reference to the wire mesh dish of the Lacrosse spacecraft? At the bottom of the patch was the phrase "We Own The Night," a reference both to the owl and likely to the fact that one of the strengths of military radar satellites is that they are unaffected by nighttime conditions.

Although this one patch contained a number of hints, it was actually one of three produced for the launch. A second patch is similar to the first. In addition to references to the rocket, as well as the launch pad and Vandenberg, it also includes the owl eyes and four stars, apparently symbolizing the four satellites. But it also depicts a polar view of the Earth covered with what could be either satellite orbits, or the spokes of a dish-shaped antenna.

A third patch developed for the launch was the "all-seeing eye" patch mentioned earlier. Although the eye over the pyramid symbol is often attributed to Freemasons, the symbolic eye itself can be traced back to ancient Egypt, and in the United States it was first included on the reverse side of the Great Seal of the United States in 1782. Clearly whoever developed the design for the patch took the symbol from the dollar bill and adapted it, intending it to symbolize the same thing as the owl eyes on the other two patches—the ability of the satellite to see regardless of day or night. The logo also contains the launch number B-28 written out in Roman numerals, and letters representing the NRO, the 2nd Space Launch Squadron, and Lockheed Martin Aerospace.

The fact that the NRO continued to produce logos like that for Pyxis and Scorpius seven years after the owl patch received a lot of attention in the press is a clear indication that this activity has the approval of NRO security. Perhaps more interesting is the fact that this was not the first time that a Lacrosse launch had contained a hint in the mission patch. Another patch that contains a key similarity was produced for Titan 4 K-18, which was launched on October 23, 1997 from Vandenberg. That patch also contains an owl's head. That was the third Lacrosse launched into orbit. There are three stars on the patch. Three stars. Three satellites.

Enter the dragon

Whereas the owl patches demonstrate an obvious pattern, a more intriguing example of patterns in the launch patches is provided by the launches of Titan 4's B-25 and B-36, and several similar patches that are apparently much older, and all of which contain images of dragons. This appears to be a clear indication that the dragon is a symbol for a class of high altitude signals intelligence satellites originally developed under the name Rhyolite.

On September 8, 2003 a Titan 4B launched from Cape Canaveral's Complex 40 to place a satellite into geosynchronous orbit. The rocket was equipped with the largest payload shroud built for it, a 26.2-meter (86-foot) long monster that obviously concealed a massive satellite, which independent observers claimed was a signals intelligence satellite. Two patches were produced for this launch. One is rather jumbled. It depicts the silhouette of a B-36 Peacemaker bomber and the word "Peacemaker" at the top. It also depicts references to the Third Space Launch Squadron, Space and Missiles Command (SMC), the NRO, and Lockheed Martin Aerospace. The patch also features the Latin phrase Vos Intuebor, which means "to look at attentively," or alternatively, "to gaze at, consider, to admire, contemplate, observe, or look upon."

But far more intriguing is another patch developed for the launch. Unlike the first patch, this one is simple and abstract. It contains no letters or numbers of any kind, just the image of a dragon with the Earth in its talons. The dragon is holding a diamond with its tail. This patch probably symbolizes the rocket's payload. But could a dragon somehow be symbolic for the program itself? Alternatively, could the diamond refer to the name of the program?

It turns out that this is not the first time that a launch patch has featured this symbolism. Five years earlier, on 8 May 1998, Titan 4B-25 launched from Cape Canaveral. Like B-36, the Titan also featured an 86-foot launch shroud and flew to geosynchronous orbit, and independent observers speculated that both launches carried similar signals intelligence satellite payloads.

Once again those involved in the launch produced two patches, apparently one for the launch team and another to symbolize the

payload. The launch patch featured another Air Force bomber, this time the B-25, and also a rising sun logo, symbolizing the famous 1942 B-25 raid on Tokyo. The patch shared other similarities. The names "Jack" and "Walter" also appear on the patch, as does the phrase "You Don't Know Jack." It is common for Titan 4 rocket patches to carry two names on them, symbolizing the Titan rocket (in this case, "Jack") and its Centaur upper stage ("Walter"). Another common symbol for Titan 4 patches is an ice cube, symbolizing the cryogenic-fueled Centaur, and containing the number of the Centaur.

There are other elements of the patch that are still mysterious. For instance, the patch has 15 stars on the left side. It also contains a series of dots underneath the phrase that is possibly some kind of code. And the number "7" appears to be below the bomber (although this may simply represent a bit of terrain).

However, like the B-36 launch, the payload patch for this launch is also more tantalizing, and more mysterious. This patch has two dragons holding the Earth in their claws. It also has the Latin phrase *Altitudo cum habitus*, which literally translates to: "To consider with height" or more commonly "To consider from on high."

The patch also features eight stars around the Earth, two up high to either side, and six others, including two that uniquely have streaks coming from them. When the satellite was launched, independent observers speculated that it was another in a series of satellites originally developed to monitor Soviet missile launches. Those satellites initially had the name Rhyolite, later changed to Aquacade, with later satellites known as Orion and then Magnum. These observers had speculated that the B-36 launch was the eighth launch of a satellite of this type. Eight stars. Eight satellites.

Upon closer inspection, the dragons' wings are gold in color and ribbed. Removing the dragons' bodies from the patch leaves only a pair of golden fan-shaped objects, very suggestive in shape, structure and color to the large collapsible dish antennae reported to be the most obvious feature of these signals collection spacecraft.

The dragon symbology apparently goes much further back than 1998, possibly to the early years of the effort to place this type of satellite into orbit. Two other patches have surfaced sporting dragons and stars—97one depicts a dragon with four stars in space, another featuring a dragon with three stars.

These patches have not been definitively identified with a specific launch, but considering that the number of stars depicted in other patches often correlates with the number of satellites of the type that have been launched, it seems reasonable to conclude that these patches depict the third and fourth launches of these satellites, then known as Aquacade, in 1977 and 1978.

Two mysteries remain, one probably meaningless and the other much more curious. The B-36 dragon patch has a starfield containing fourteen stars. Does this symbolize anything other than the American flag? The number does not match with anything that independent observers have been able to determine about these types of satellites, and it could simply be artistic license.

The more intriguing question concerns the dragon patch for what was probably the fourth satellite of this type launched into space, in April 1978. The patch features two streaks rising up from the Earth, one culminating in a star that undoubtedly represents the payload. But the other streak leaves the patch's frame entirely. Does this represent a secondary payload that was boosted into an even higher orbit?

There is also another singular example from a different signals intelligence program known as Mercury. On June 24, 1996, Titan 4 K-16, named "Sweet 16" on its rocket patch, launched into orbit carrying what independent observers determined was a signals intelligence satellite. Independent observers have determined that the United States has long operated three different classes of high altitude signals intelligence satellites. They speculated that this was of a different class of payload than the Rhyolite type represented by the dragon (one major

difference was that the Titan 4 used a different launch shroud). These satellites had originally started with the name Canyon and later versions had the names Chalet and Vortex and finally Mercury. The K-16 launch was the fourteenth launch with the characteristics of these satellites. Fourteen launches. Fourteen stars.

The patch featured a pretty girl sitting atop the world=97a reference to a girl's Sweet 16 party. But the girl was also holding a gold parasol. Erase the girl from the image, and the parasol forms an umbrella shape similar to the large dish antennas that independent observers believe is used by signals intelligence satellites=97and coincidentally, similar to the golden "dragon wings" on the B-25 payload patch.

Homer Simpson's webpage

Sometimes the people who produce the patches get a little carried away with cramming them with so many symbols that it looks like Homer Simpson's infamous webpage, featuring everything from a flying toaster to a dancing Jesus. There are a couple examples of this, and one of them is very intriguing.

Easily the most perplexing, bordering on bizarre, example is the patch for the launch of Titan 4 B-30 on April 29, 2005, the last Titan 4 launch from Cape Canaveral. This launch was believed by independent observers to carry a fifth and possibly final Lacrosse radar imaging satellite and a separate payload patch exists for this launch as well. The logo for this launch contains so many symbols and possible hints that it is difficult to determine which of them are inside jokes, abstract symbols, or if any are hints about the payload.

The patch is dominated by a Greek omega symbol. Because this was the final Titan launch for the East Coast, the symbolism is obvious. A glaring pair of blue eyes=97also featured prominently on several other Titan/NRO launch patches (such as the patch for the B-36 launch, which carried an entirely different kind of payload)=97hint at the payload's clandestine mission. The Air Force symbol is at the bottom of the Titan's flames. Much less obvious are other symbols on the patch:

- 24 solid stars; some yellow, some red (successful Titan launches? NRO or USAF? Note that the B-25 patch also had a large number of stars, apparently unrelated to satellites launched)
- one last (open) gold star (possibly the only NASA Titan 4 launch, Cassini B-33)
- four cartoons: wolf, dog, badger, donkey (possibly representing members of the launch team)
- "P" and "B" symbols (possibly the names for the rocket and Centaur)
- ? (alpha) and ? (omega) symbols replacing the "a" in Titan and "0" in 30
- the name Prometheus

Appropriately, Prometheus was the son of Iapetus (one of the Titans) who stole the sacred fire from Zeus and the gods=97a fitting metaphor for the last Titan to be launched from Cape Canaveral.

There was also a payload patch produced for this mission. It is far less cluttered than the rocket launch patch, but still somewhat mysterious. The patch contains five stars inside the border, indicating the fifth Lacrosse launch. Notably, it did not feature owl eyes like two previous Lacrosse mission patches; however, it did feature a pelican, whose golden beak could be interpreted as representing the radar satellite's golden dish.

But the patch also features some odd elements. One is a gorilla carrying an American flag. What this symbolizes is unknown, although the remake of King Kong did premiere that same year. But another element of the patch is easier to decipher, even if it is not so easy to understand. The palm trees and the brilliant sun are also found in numerous patches for the satellite ground station on the island of Diego Garcia in the

Indian Ocean. Clearly the satellite has some connection to that ground station, although what is still unknown.

A patch that is almost as cluttered as the B-30 patch is the patch for the launch of Titan 4 K-7, which lifted off on May 3, 1994 from Cape Canaveral. That patch contains many elements that are easy to decipher, but also one that is highly intriguing. This rocket became notorious when it sat on the launch pad for 1,054 days. During that long down-time, pad workers had to swap out major rocket components, either because they suffered problems or because they had exceeded their allowed time exposed to the Florida heat, humidity and salt air=97damage so severe that the solid rocket boosters had to be removed and replaced not once, but twice.

The launch patch reflects this mission's tortured history. On the left are the numbers of the original Titan 4 core stage, K-9, and Centaur, TC-8, as well as the first pair of Solid Rocket Motors, numbered 15 and 16. On the right are the numbers of the final core stage and Centaur, K-7 and TC-10, as well as the second pair of SRMs, numbered 11 and 12, and the final pair, numbered 13 and 14. The patch also contains a pink rabbit with a blue bird (the blue bird of happiness?) on its head, probably symbolizing the rocket and either the Centaur or the payload. The rabbit is probably modeled on the Energizer Bunny, whose motto "Still going!" is reflected in the patch's motto "Finally going".

The rabbit is standing next to what is apparently a hoop of the kind that circus performers make dogs or other animals jump through (the rabbit's baton is a giveaway that this is a performance of some kind=97perhaps the bird is meant to jump through the hoop). The number 8 appears on this hoop. Why an 8? This was the eighth launch of an intelligence payload to that particular orbit. Independent observers and publications like Aviation Week & Space Technology had designated the first launches to be Jumpseats, and there were six successes and one failure. For this launch, which some sources later said was named Trumpet, those involved with the rocket were hoping that the eighth satellite would successfully jump through the hoop.

But the most intriguing aspect of the patch is a series of dates at the bottom above the words "Finally Going": 1981, 1983, 1986, 1987, 1992, 1993 and 1994. The first four years all predate the Titan 4 program and therefore cannot represent the rocket. The obvious conclusion is that these dates represent the original launch dates for the payload. In other words, the payload that was finally launched in May 1994 had originally been scheduled to launch as early as 1981.

Air Force officials admitted that the spacecraft should have flown on a Titan 4 transported to the launch pad in June 1991=97almost three years before its eventual launch. Problems with the Titan (and reportedly exacerbated by an incessant stream of engineering changes requested by the Air Force) forced the payload to be transferred to other Titan components, resulting in a prolonged and very costly launch campaign.

The problem with the interpretation that this was a 13-year-old satellite that had spent all its time in storage is that the size of the Titan 4's payload shroud implied that this was a large payload, bigger than anything placed into orbit on an expendable launch vehicle. Could this payload have originally been scheduled for launch aboard the Space Shuttle in the early 1980s and then been repeatedly delayed due to problems with that vehicle? Or is some other interpretation possible?

The cat from outer space

One of the important clues to a satellite's mission is its relationship to previous satellite launches. Independent satellite observers look for patterns in classified satellite launches. Did the satellite go into geosynchronous or low Earth orbit? What was its inclination? What was the type of booster it required and the size of its payload shroud? As many of the earlier examples demonstrate, independent observers have determined that a certain number of satellites of a specific type have been launched into orbit, and this number frequently corresponds to the number of stars in a mission logo or patch.

A big problem arises, however, when there is no obvious pattern,

indicating a unique satellite payload. The most intriguing of these is USA-144, which was launched on May 22, 1999, on a Titan 4 at Vandenberg Air Force Base.

American military satellites are given numerous different designations by the US military to serve different cataloging requirements. One system that the military has used since 1984 labels the satellite as USA followed by a number. Thus, USA-144 was the designation applied by the American military to the 144th military satellite placed into orbit since the numbering system was implemented. The satellite used a unique 15.2-meter (50-foot) launch shroud for the Titan 4 and was launched into a unique orbit. That is the extent of what independent observers know about it. However, they have been unable to optically track it since soon after its launch and suspect that it is a unique stealth satellite whose original predecessor was launched on the Space Shuttle in 1990 and designated Misty. The observers believe that Misty is a photographic reconnaissance satellite that is largely invisible both to naked eye and radar observation from the ground.

The patch for this launch was also unique. Both the patch, and a logo printed on T-shirts sold at Vandenberg, depict a tiger with the Earth in its claws and the phrase "The cat's out of the bag!" Whether this is a generic reference to finally getting the payload off the ground, or if the tiger actually has a hidden symbolic meaning for the program (like the dragons), remains unknown. Another mystery is why the patch contains four stars, whereas the tee-shirt logo contains only three.

And the sky full of stars

Sometimes patches for classified satellite launches contain symbols that are obviously hints about the payload, but which are still difficult to decipher without better information.

On October 5, 2001, the NRO launched a classified satellite atop Titan 4 B-34 from Vandenberg Air Force Base. The rocket had a 20.1-meter (66-foot) payload shroud and headed for a sun-synchronous, polar orbit inclined 97.9 degrees to the equator. Satellite observers speculated that this was an Advanced KH-11 type photo-reconnaissance satellite. The NRO produced a patch for this launch that depicts a satellite that looks somewhat like the Hubble Space Telescope in a polar orbit=97a clear tip-off to the payload. But there are possibly two other hints in the patch as well. One is the presence of four other objects above the Earth, each the same color as the satellite. Could these be four earlier satellites of the same type? Another hint may be the crescent Moon in the upper right. Is this merely artistic, or does it contain some symbolism attached to the program?

Starting in 1996 the NRO changed a four-year-old policy and began to acknowledge that it was conducting satellite launches. But an Atlas 2AS launched on January 29, 1998 from Cape Canaveral debuted a new policy of occasionally naming the launches after constellations. The first launch also had a logo painted on its side and a name, Capricorn. Although independent observers initially speculated that this was actually the payload's name, the NRO stated that it had adopted the policy of naming its Atlas rocket launches after constellations. Occasionally Titan 4 launches have also received mission names (as opposed to the names often applied for the rocket and Centaur), but more Atlas launches have been named: Capricorn, Gemini, Aquila, Ursa Major, Nemesis, Canis Minor, Libra, Pyxis, and Scorpion.

The Capricorn launch remains perplexing. It entered an orbit similar to that used by both the SDS (communications) and Trumpet (signals intelligence) satellites. Aviation Week reported at the time that it was a unique payload type, although the magazine is not infallible. Perhaps an important clue can be found in the Capricorn logo on the payload shroud: 10 stars, as well as the Roman numeral X. Unfortunately, this does not fit either the number of speculated SDS or Jumpseat/Trumpet payloads, although it does come close to the latter: there were six Jumpseat successes and one failure, and three successful Trumpet launches. If those who produced the patch were counting only the successes, then the Capricorn launch would have been the tenth successful launch of this type of satellite (although they merely assumed that it would be successful). But if that was their calculation, what explains the fact that the first

Trumpet launch featured the number eight in its patch?

#### Sneakers

Not every classified mission patch has a hidden meaning. After the December 5, 2000 launch of an Atlas 2AS rocket from Vandenberg, Lockheed Martin issued a press release that explained why the launch had been named Ursa Major and featured a cartoon bear illustration on its nosecone. "The NRO designated this as its 'Great Bear' Mission, and the fairing of the Atlas rocket carried a drawing of a bear designed by a Virginia student, Samantha Wingo. The mission commemorates the late Daniel M. Potter, who worked at the NRO as an engineer and who was an advocate and supporter of the NRO's Cub Run Partners in Education Program. The Ursa Major constellation, the Great Bear, was selected as the design theme because it complemented Cub Run's mascot, the bear cub."

Some of the patches discussed above are straightforward. But others indicate a silly or occasionally mischievous sense of humor. This is actually fairly common for military patches and there are in fact myriad examples of this in rocket culture, patches that feature cartoon characters such as Bart Simpson, Ren and Stimpy, and Bill the Cat.

Then there are the patches that have a darker sense of humor.

One non-space patch that illustrates the dark sense of humor of military personnel was produced for one of the Air Force's annual Guardian Challenge competitions. Guardian Challenge is a four-day competition hosted annually at Vandenberg Air Force Base to test the wartime readiness of Air Force Space Command specialists in spacelift, intercontinental ballistic missile operations, communications, maintenance, helicopter operations, security forces, and food preparation. Each Guardian Challenge competition generally produces its own official patch. But some Air Force personnel also take it upon themselves to produce unofficial patches as well. One of these features a mushroom cloud and the phrase "Got Nukes?" underneath, a takeoff on a then popular advertising campaign by the dairy industry, "Got Milk?"

But another patch, while not as dark, had a more pointed message. It featured a symbol banning a comic fake disguise of glasses, big nose, and mustache. Above this were the words "Nitwits Rubes Oafs," a pointed allusion to the NRO. At the bottom were the words "SETEC ASTRONOMY," a reference to the 1992 Robert Redford movie Sneakers, where "SETEC ASTRONOMY" was an anagram for "Too many secrets." Clearly whoever produced the patch was communicating amongst a small group of his compatriots who had obviously not had a good experience with the NRO and its penchant for secrecy. There were also four stars—three white, one black—whose symbolism is unknown.

#### Shadow dancing

All of these examples demonstrate that for probably three decades or more it has been common for those involved in classified satellite launches to fill their logos and mission patches with all kinds of information, including exactly the kind of information that the National Reconnaissance Office will never provide to the press or in response to questions. The NRO would never confirm that Titan 4 B-28 and K-18, or B-25 and B-36, carried similar payloads, let alone comment on the type of payload they carried, yet there are all kinds of hints in their respective mission patches. And even after the attention of an article in a national newspaper in 2000, the NRO continued the practice of hinting at their satellite missions in their mission logos.

Military units develop patches and logos for many reasons. In large organizations one of their primary purposes is to serve as identification. But patches and logos also help their people develop and foster a sense of identity. Within relatively small groups like the people involved with a classified satellite launch, such logos have far more to do with morale and esprit de corps than they do with identification. The in-jokes and hidden meanings are a way of communicating with each other, of taking pride in the fact that they know the secrets and others do not.

In many cases these graphic messages only communicate what

outside observers can figure out for themselves=97for instance, that a satellite launched into a certain orbit has a specific and known mission. But the very existence of these messages is still perplexing, because the NRO has long had a policy of denying=97or at least refusing to comment about=97even things that are obvious to independent observers.

Far more curious are the details in the patches that provide information that would never be otherwise available, such as the dates that a satellite was originally supposed to fly. Either this has escaped the notice of the NRO's security personnel, or somebody made the decision that national security would not be harmed by showing just a little bit of leg.

We have found at least a handful of other examples of patches or logos containing hints to their classified payloads and may discuss them in a future article. The few examples discussed so far raise the question of what other hints may exist for other launches, for which patches have yet to surface.

The search for these clues may not be as action packed as Nicolas Cage's quest for ancient gold in a Hollywood movie, but space geeks may find the quest rewarding nevertheless.

The authors are still seeking other examples of classified mission patches, logos and emblems, and are also interested in obtaining physical examples (and not simply pictures) of some of the patches featured here and also used for other missions. And of course, they would be interested in learning what all those mysterious symbols mean. Dwayne Day can be reached at [zirconicl.nul](mailto:zirconicl.nul) and Roger Guillemette can be reached at [rquilletette.nul](mailto:rquilletette.nul)

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Date: Tue, 8 Jan 2008 13:58:22 +0100  
Archived: Tue, 08 Jan 2008 15:31:56 -0500  
Subject: Abductee Dorothy Izatt?

Hello List,

All the best for the new year of UFO research!

I received information about the experiences of a woman who claimed to be abducted and who has videoed her experiences.

Her name: Dorothy Izatt.

What have we to think about her?

Joachim Koch

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Date: Mon, 7 Jan 2008 17:02:19 +0100  
Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

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>I suggested an easy and fast way to prove it: show us a couple  
>of good pictures of him on location, with the film crew around  
>the autopsy table and the body on it. And also a couple of good  
>close-ups of the body, preferably in full colours. If they  
>really make the film, they must have kept some pictures of the  
>event, as anybody would do.

>But you know what? No answer!

Gildas,

I think your request is a bit silly, given the circumstances. No one is going to release anything until they are ready to, and I think we all have a fairly short list of things that we could ask for and that could prove provenance - at least for us. Does it make you feel like a better researcher than Philip because you can point out that he can't prove his point at this time, and is only making anecdotal allegations that claim closure?

Philip may deserve a bit of flak for his moving all over the map on the issue of the AA 'film' during the past decade, but everyone learns from their experiences and I think he has been honest in his effort, which is really all one can ask.

Will we really learn whether or not Spyros Melaris was the creator of the 'film' in February? I somehow doubt the book will be closed on it, but you never know. It seems clear that Melaris hopes to make a profit on his involvement in the AA mess, and at this point it would seem that an expose' of how it was made would be the best vehicle. I think the February presentation will be the first of a series of releases by Melaris that will probably include a future publication and perhaps a self-produced DVD documentary. While there's a demand for this material, I would also suspect that most hard core UFO researchers aren't all that interested in all the details.

Melaris has apparently begun sending legal notices to some web sites asking that they take down images from the 'film', claiming copyright infringement. So, he is trying to set the stage in proving his ownership of the images (which is something that Ray could not do and maintain his story that is was a real military 'film'). So far this is only bluster, but it could get interesting.

There is also an unresolved legal entanglement that Melaris and Santilli will likely have to deal with. When two carnival barker showmen enter into a "handshake business agreement" (each with ulterior motives, as would seem to be the case here), you're doomed to have legal issues down the road, IMO.

Steve

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><http://tinyurl.com/2pg9vg>

>8th January 2008

> UFO Club Calls It A Day  
> By Ash Bolton

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>But now, after almost 20 years of no definitive evidence and a  
>few unanswered questions, they have decided to fold up their  
>telescopes.

>With the help of sci-fi shows such as The X-Files, in the early  
>1990s the popularity of hunting for extra-terrestrials was sky-  
>high and Southampton UFO Group (SUF0G) boasted more than 75  
>members.

>But since then there has been a wane in intergalactic interest  
>and founding member Steve Gerrard has decided to shut the group  
>down after only four members turned up to its last meeting.

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Stand by for more 'ufology is dead' comments ...

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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## Re: Roswell Camouflaging Involuntary

From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 8 Jan 2008 13:56:20 -0000  
Archived: Tue, 08 Jan 2008 15:50:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Roswell Camouflaging Involuntary

>Source: Stuart Miller's Alien Worlds Magazine Site

><http://tinyurl.com/3yfrz3>

>January 6, 2008

>Update: Report On Roswell Saucer Spin Camouflaging  
>Involuntary Human Experimentation

As I pointed out on another list, Farley's overall case seems to me to be weakened by a tendency to weave coincidences into conspiracy theories and indulge in mystification.

For example, the Roswell cover story was planted and managed by "a former nuclear scientist [who] has belatedly admitted he worked for a time on the once-secret 'atomic propulsion' research efforts". This is nonsense. Stan F. has not reluctantly "admitted" any such thing but has always been very vocal in citing his background in nuclear propulsion and various related research on military reactor programmes. Look at his 1968 House of Representatives statement and biography citing his current employment with Westinghouse on the NERVA nuclear rocket program, shielding and nuclear instrumentation, and a train of similar work for General Motors, General Electric and Aerojet going back to 1956. For years before 1968 Stan's lectures to Los Alamos, American Nuclear Society and many other industry and govt bodies had argued that "you can get here from there" by citing his own work on nuclear propulsion programmes.

Another shot in the foot is the attempt to portray Barney and Betty Hill as victims of an illegal radionuclide poisoning experiment who were monitored by way of stool samples taken under the guise of alien anal probes. The bases for this appear to be that Barney was black, that they lived not too far from Pease AFB, and that Stan Friedman has had an interest in the case. This is, to be charitable, a weak argument that only weakens the case he bases on the Albuquerque Tribune article (which is not uninteresting) by association.

Martin Shough

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## Re: UFO DATA Magazine

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 8 Jan 2008 06:18:40 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Tue, 08 Jan 2008 15:52:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 07 Jan 2008 18:33:18 +0000  
>Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

>Who are you referring to? Phil Mantle? No, I don't think he  
>participated in the fraud called the "Alien Autopsy." But, he  
>did track down someone who did. And, will be presenting the  
>guy's story to the public.  
Are you reading the thread? Go back and try again with  
something clicking other than attitude. Pay attention to detail.

>I know, I know, it is difficult to accept that the film could be  
>a fraud. Especially, for people who have a vested interest in  
>the film being 'real'.

It's not at all difficult. But you see I recall the professional  
opinions at the time the film was first shown to the public. And  
no one has explained to my satisfaction since how such an  
elaborate creation could have been manufactured by the dullards  
that have come forth to claim it. Nor the producers that have  
stuck to no story twice.

But you see, Ms. Kasten, unlike you I can grasp the lengths  
certain parties might go to suppress evidence. A lengthy VALID  
history of that exists.

Of course that would require a great deal more effort than  
you're evidently qualified to make to determine.

>You all know that I read Mantle's book because I wrote a book  
>review. I suggest you read the book to know the back story.

Oh I know the "back story", all of them that have been  
published. And that without having to resort to your help.

>"Actual solution" means the guy created the film and is willing  
>to talk about it.

No, that's your bent. Determining exactly what kind of con he's  
running would lead to "actual solution" and that would relate  
purely to him, not the AA. He's tainted himself and is not  
credible without the evidence suggested earlier in this thread  
(refer back) and you disregarded to pontificate a crass  
oversimplification.

>Mantle must be one hell of a father confessor - don't you  
>think?

I won't comment about Mr. Mantle. Maybe I would if I knew  
precisely that under which he labors and his sources. He's here,  
let him give them fully. Otherwise I will wait until he has  
before I agree or disagree. I'm always willing to listen to the  
fruits of another person's labor, giving them a close reading.  
Try that on this thread.

>BTW: you can call me KK.

Oh, if I have a choice, might I prefer to, Muddy Water?

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## Re: Oddity In Chandler & Buran's Rendlesham

From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 8 Jan 2008 14:57:53 -0000  
Archived: Tue, 08 Jan 2008 15:59:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: Oddity In Chandler & Buran's Rendlesham

Dear List

A reply from Brad Sparks in this thread slipped through the cracks and did not get posted. However he cc'd it to me and I would like to respond. As he is extremely busy on a publishing project he suggested that rather than wait for him to re-post I should quote him and carry on. This I have done below. Some of the momentum has gone from the thread and Listers may not recall the short exchange to which Brad refers, so I have quoted that first. MS

>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 15:42:19 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Oddity In Chandler & Buran's Rendlesham Statements

>>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2007 17:41:31 EST  
>>>Subject: Re: Oddity In Chandler & Buran's Rendlesham Statements

>>From: Lan Fleming <[lffleming5.nul](mailto:lffleming5.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2007 18:51:54 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Oddity In Chandler & Buran's Rendlesham  
>>Statements

<snip>

>>Is it true that these written statements were taken at Halt's  
>>request?

>According to Bruni, citing Barry Greenwood and Charles Halt,  
>yes it is true (UFO Forum, Compuserve, Jul 12 & 16 1998).

>>If they did lie about the 2-mile lighthouse chase, it  
>>>would seem very strange if Halt or his subordinates were  
>>responsible for coercing them into lying about it!

>It would.

>>>It is difficult to sort out the stories as to who originated  
>>>what, and when and why.

>According to Bruni's information, these statements were all  
>made up at the personal request of Col Halt after the  
>official reports and debriefings and Halt says he never  
>regarded them as Air Force property (ibid., and Sep 20 1998).

>>>Penniston for example denies the  
>>>typewritten statement, saying he wrote out a handwritten one.

>Penniston does not deny his statement. He says he wrote it, but  
>that he did not type it up. He told Bruni that the text of the  
>typescript was, as far as he could recall, the same as his  
>manuscript.

>>>Cabansag admits he sat in Halt's office and signed a statement  
>>>without reading it. Burroughs denies ever having a lighthouse

>>>chase.

>As I pointed out elsewhere, Burroughs denies that his own  
>handwritten 1981 statement implicates the lighthouse as a  
>culprit and says that only someone "twisting his words" could  
>make it read like that. In it he explicitly distinguishes the  
>UFO from the lighthouse. So does Cabasag in his (incoherent)  
>1981 statement.

>>>Reportedly the Bentwaters base commander Col. Ted Conrad  
>>>initiated an inquiry and interviewed Penniston, perhaps others,  
>>>the very next day, Dec. 27, 1980, despite the Christmas holiday.  
>>>Lt Col Halt was Conrad's subordinate, as deputy base commander.  
>>>It seems unlikely that Conrad and Halt who had to work together  
>>>closely would undertake separate investigations without  
>>>coordinating with each other. Penniston reportedly was next  
>>>interviewed by AFOSI right after Conrad, on Dec. 27 (Bruni p.  
>>>177).

>>>It seems most likely that the 81st Security Police police-  
>>>witness statements were prepared for both base commander Conrad  
>>>and his deputy Halt. The fact that Halt seems to have kept  
>>>copies and later reportedly made copies available to CAUS does  
>>>not mean that others such as his immediate superior Col. Conrad  
>>>had no copies. Since SP and AFOSI work closely together any  
>>>statements made for Conrad and Halt would have been subject to  
>>>almost unavoidable AFOSI influences on SP witnesses.

>This is not the case according to Bruni writing in 1998 on the  
>basis of specific assurances from Barry Greenwood of CAUS and  
>Col Halt himself. The statements were "not official Air Force  
>documents [original emphasis]". Halt did not even regard them  
>as AF property: ". . . the statements were written for the then  
>Lt Colonel Charles Halt, at his request. These were/are  
>'private property' and that's probably why Halt was up-tight  
>when I told him they were in the public domain. . . . they  
>were personal." (ibid.)

>Martin Shough

Brad's reply follows (B), with my comments interpolated (M):

>Denying they were "official" AF documents or even AF  
>"property" is the kind of thing one might expect from an officer  
>worried that he might have violated a law or regulation in taking  
>such documents into his personal possession and later releasing  
>them to 3rd parties.'

Yes, that's another way of looking at it. But the defence that  
they were private papers, obtained at Halt's personal request and  
not as part of the official investigation, could only be  
effective against legal repercussions if it were true. If they  
really were AFOSI documents obtained by (and doctored by) AFOSI  
for AFOSI purposes then Col Halt would be telling the AF a futile  
lie.

>Two of the five USAF witness statements released to CAUS some  
>two decades ago were typed and signed on official AF Forms 1169  
>and 1170 and printed up by the US Government Printing Office.  
>That seems to make them official US Air Force documents and  
>official US Government "property," albeit a very minor infraction  
>massively violated by thousands every year no doubt. Only when it  
>concerns UFO incidents or is classified does anyone  
>raise a concern.

These documents do not seem to have any classification, but  
yes, conceivably if official stationery is being used for  
semi-personal purposes as indicated by Halt then there might be a  
degree of sensitivity about how they were used, which is relevant  
to the next issue:

>Interestingly, Bruni points out that this was a 3-page  
>standard form set, customized to AFOSI Detachment 6205 at RAF  
>Bentwaters as AF Forms 1168, 1169 and 1170, but the forms  
>actually used for Buran and Chandler omit the first page, Form  
>1168, the only one with the AFOSI office address letterhead.  
>Thus it seems there was a deliberate effort to conceal AFOSI's  
>role in the production of the statements -- not a vast conspiracy  
>but a certain small effort. How hard is it to use the two forms  
>that lack the telltale AFOSI identification??? Just don't use  
>the one that has "AFOSI" at the top! (See Bruni pp. 144-6.)

Let's allow that Bruni is correct to identify the reference to AFOSI on p.1 as the reason for omitting p.1. In this case, it seems to me that using the available standard forms but omitting p.1 is just what you might do if you were having statements made up at the behest of Col Halt and you understood that this was because of the Col's personal interest rather than part of the official investigation. A "certain small effort", not to conceal the AFOSI connection from a reader (one which it was evidently easy enough for Georgina Bruni to discern anyway) but rather to avoid giving the appearance of claiming official AFOSI status for what was really done at Col Halt's personal behest. Precautionary and diplomatic.

However, I don't think there is any need even for this mild motivation for concealment. Bruni discloses elsewhere (p.159) that she actually asked Buran about this. His answer is covered briefly as follows:

"I was curious to know... why the first pages (1168) of the Air Force forms were not used, and if they were used what happened to them. According to Buran, the Security Police, AFOSI and any other party who might have cause to take statements from a witness, used these forms. As he recalls the second page was used as a continuation sheet for both witness and suspect statements. In the case of a suspect's statement, the witness block would have been signed, but this was not necessary for the statement of a voluntary witness."

In case this is not immediately clear (it appears to me to be an obfuscatory way of admitting evidence that is contrary to a scenario she has previously spent several pages setting up) the "witness block" referred to here must be the first page, AF Form 1168, headed "Statement of Witness", which is the subject of Bruni's question. It provides for redundantly signing exactly the same "I do hereby and voluntarily . . . etc" that appears on the Form 1169 ( "second page") and to which Buran and Chandler signed on the second continuation sheet (Form 1170) or "third page". Buran is apparently here telling Bruni that the Form 1168 (p.1) would only be filled out in addition to Form 1169 (p.2) in the case of a "suspect", not in the case of a "voluntary witness", as in this case. Therefore there is nothing at all unusual about the omission of Form 1168, and no evidence that that there is anything significant about the fact that it happens to have an AFOSI office address on it.

On the other hand, what might still be significant is that in signing these forms as voluntary witnesses neither Buran nor Chandler filled out the Form 1170 completely, omitting full address, rank and date. They also neglected to obtain witnesses to their signatures and, less notably, the space for the signature of a person authorised to administer an oath is also empty. One inevitably wonders if these latter omissions of signatures could have been what Bruni was referring to in the opaque paragraph quoted above, perhaps having misunderstood Buran. But the context of Bruni's question and Buran's answer - the omission of Form 1168 - is very explicit (p.159). In any case, the incompleteness of address, rank and date could, notwithstanding, be construed as a more casual use of the forms than a statement to an official AF or AFOSI investigation might warrant. This fits Lt Buran's own description of the statements as "voluntary", and would be consistent with the claim of Col Halt that he requested these statements himself on a personal basis (see below).

>According to Bruni Col. Halt changed his story from first  
>saying the statements were made at his request to then denying  
>it, that he "suggested they might be fakes" when Bruni asked him  
>about the handwritten annotation signed "H" on Cabansag's and  
>asked him if "H" was Halt (Bruni p. 144).

Halt told CAUS that they were genuine but private. CAUS (Greenwood, Fawcett) told Bruni that Halt swore they were genuine and private (Compuserve UFO Forum, Sept 16 1998). Halt himself told Bruni they were genuine and private (Bruni p.144), and Bruni believed this to be true.

If Halt really flipped his position 180 degrees and "suggested" all the statements might be forgeries when presented with the handwritten annotation then this is certainly curious. But Bruni's account indicates to me that his concern was with the

annotation, not with the statements per se. Indeed according to Bruni:

"When I contacted Col Halt for his opinion on the statements he confirmed they were the originals, made at his request about a week after the events. However when I pointed out that there were handwritten comments on the statements and one was signed with the initial 'H', Halt denied this was his handwriting and suggested they might be fakes."

Note: "denied this was his handwriting". In other words it is the authorship of the annotations, and by implication perhaps Bruni's copies of the statements, that Halt was indicating suspicions about. He is not saying that the witness statements he himself collected, kept for years and then passed to CAUS "might be fakes". Halt "confirmed they were the originals", and we have no evidence from the witnesses to indicate that they are not the originals.

>Halt also suggested without being certain, that the AF  
>witnesses "may have had the statements with them when they turned  
>up to see him," therefore they had been prepared in advance of  
>Halt and not at Halt's request (Bruni pp. 147-8)

Yes, I agree, this is entirely possible. In fact it seems quite likely that Halt would have gone through the chain of command via the senior Security Police officer, 1st Lt. Buran, who of course was involved, and who would likely have been asked either to collect Security Police statements on Halt's behalf, or to instruct his men to write them up and present them to Halt. Burroughs says that he did prepare his statement beforehand in this way and gave it to Halt in his office.

>Burroughs' 1990 interview with Huneus seems to confirm that  
>the statements were prepared in advance and only then he "turned  
>it over to Halt." (Bruni p. 148)

I haven't been able to find this interview, just short quotes from it. But yes, that fits.

Burroughs also appears to take responsibility for his own handwritten statement. I have yet to see any source where he claims he was forced to write it by AFOSI or has been a victim of some forged stitch-up. If one says to that, "Well there must have been a stitch-up because it implicates the ridiculous lighthouse", I answer that Burroughs, himself, denies emphatically - and in my view correctly - that it does so.

Bruni was told quite firmly (p.156 et seq) by Fred Buran that his statement was entirely genuine. I see no evidence that Buran disowns any part of his own or of MSgt Chandler's Form 1169 statements (Bruni thinks him "honorable" and his statement "accurate") and he speaks of the others in terms which indicate he has no doubt they are genuine too. Cabansag can't remember anything much about what he said to whom. Burroughs' statement in his own hand is evidently not forged - at least, Burroughs doesn't think it is! Even Penniston told Bruni that the content of his own statement appears to be his own words. Col Halt, who solicited the statements, clearly believed they were genuine and original (notwithstanding the question about the annotations). So I don't myself see any good case for AFOSI forgery.

Others, like Dick Hall, have claimed the witnesses felt intimidated by fears of ridicule and career damage and themselves "downplayed" their stories or "left out" embarrassing details. For completeness it might be worth revisiting in another post, but of course that's a very different matter from coordinated fabrication of lighthouse references for disinformation purposes.

Martin

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## UFOs In The Clouds

From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 8 Jan 2008 10:20:51 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 08 Jan 2008 16:01:35 -0500  
Subject: UFOs In The Clouds

I have some provocative photographic evidence that constructed objects may be found hidden among the clouds. The objects have the shape of either an equilateral triangle or a circle sector with a 60-degree vertex. In two cases, an apparently artificial object projects below the cloud layer, and in the third case an apparent triangular craft sits partially uncovered.

A report on these observations may be found at

<http://www.treurniet.ca/trishadows/geometry/geometry.htm>

Summary. A photograph taken in Ottawa, Canada, on October, 2007, appears to show a large physical object partially hidden behind cloud material. An apparently artificial solid object projects below the cloud layer, and an outline of a 60-degree sector of a circle appears in the clouds beside it. The sector has a rib-like internal structure and is estimated to be about 900 ft (277 m) across at its widest point. It appears to be covered with a multitude of small tori at various orientations, with the density of tori increasing with the width of the object. The tori have previously been associated with UFOs in photographs.

The approximately triangular sector can be interpreted as the outline of a spacecraft barely hidden behind the cloud layer. A photo taken 10 days earlier in Honolulu, Hawaii, also showed an equilateral triangle shape in the clouds accompanied by a similar artificial solid object projecting below the cloud layer. This triangle's side was estimated to be 297 ft (91 m) long. Another photo taken on the same day showed a second craft with a 60-degree vertex, estimated to be 194 ft (59 m) on a side.

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## Re: Secrets And Signs

From: **Brian Ally** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 08 Jan 2008 12:10:02 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 08 Jan 2008 16:04:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: Secrets And Signs

UFO UpDates - Toronto posted:

>Source: The Space Review.Com - Rockville, Maryland, USA

><http://www.thespacereview.com/article/1033/1>

>Monday, January 7, 2008

>[Images of Mission Patches discussed below are at site]

>Secrets And Signs

>by Dwayne A. Day and Roger Guillemette

An enjoyable read, thanks. I should point out that one of the shoulder patches on modern EVA suits depict a space-walking version of Da Vinci's Vitruvian Man (Canon of Proportions).

<http://q80girl.blogspot.com/2005/01/space-vitruvian-man.html>

The patch was designed by Hamilton Sundstrand, the company that makes the suits. A comment was left by a reader with an explanation for the 3 stars depicted on this patch.

Vitruvian Man was also the inspiration for the Skylab mission patch.

We're through the looking glass here, people.

Brian

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## Re: Roswell Camouflaging Involuntary

From: **Brian Ally** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 08 Jan 2008 13:42:37 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 08 Jan 2008 16:09:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: Roswell Camouflaging Involuntary

UFO UpDates - Toronto posted:

>Source: Stuart Miller's Alien Worlds Magazine Site

><http://tinyurl.com/3yfrz3>

>January 6, 2008

>Update: Report On Roswell Saucer Spin Camouflaging Involuntary  
>Human Experimentation

>by Dick Farley [cloudrider.nul](mailto:cloudrider.nul)

<snip>

>That being said, and respecting our decade-plus of exchanges,  
>which I' have usually interpreted as being candid and as honest  
>as information we possessed at the time (and respect for  
>sources, clients, etc.) allowed, I want to let you know that  
>we've at long last 'cracked' the Roswell caper. It is prosaic,  
>banal and quite evil. I'm afraid it will be somewhat  
>anticlimactic, if troubling and certainly disappointing to  
>'believers'.

The only thing anticlimactic here is the utter lack of evidence  
whatsoever to back up these claims. Yes, the US government  
sponsored some really nasty experiments on unsuspecting people.  
That much is no longer in dispute. But can we blindly assume  
that these nefarious deeds are behind the "Roswell caper"?  
Apparently, Dick Farley thinks so. Apparently, Dick Farley  
thinks a lot of things, reality be damned. After piling through  
this ~3000 word essay I'm no closer to understanding what it is  
that Dick believes has 'cracked' this case.

Executive summary: This is no more than a hunch, and a lame one  
at that.

>Details of the 'Roswell' related experiments of the day are  
>unnecessary in this summary.

Baloney! These "'Roswell' related experiments" are central to your  
argument, Mr. Farley.

>Basically, once Carter was apprised of the human experimentation  
>and how it could undermine American image and influence during a  
>critical phase of the Cold War, he acquiesced to continuation of  
>the 'Circle Game', played between supposed 'UFO investigators'  
>and 'UFO skeptic' groups {and their 'friendly' key journalists),  
>to bury the human experimentation even more deeply in a flurry  
>of fake documents and 'faux disclosures' trickled out as fodder  
>for the compost heap of UFO secrecy, all a counterintelligence  
>gambit.

>Also, Carter - as a former nuclear submarine officer and a  
>proponent of nuclear energy development, until Three Mile Island  
>derailed such efforts by his administration - was dedicated to  
>re-establishing credibility of the US intelligence community,  
>which had been badly damaged by the excesses of the Nixon-era  
>abuses, some of which -- as mentioned but largely covered up by

>the 'Rockefeller Commission' (1975) - had to do with  
>experimentation (LSD, other substances) on unwitting human  
>subjects, an Army program of the '60s in which other agencies  
>had also dabbled. (Again, see Journey Into Madness, by Thomas,  
>and others.)

Right - Jimmy Carter as Joseph Mengele's understudy. Eminently reasonable conclusion. And this presupposes that the President of the United States is privy to every spooky secret the US government has. I think not.

>From details in The Albuquerque Tribune series, describing how  
>victims of 'The Plutonium Experiments' were injected with  
>plutonium and other radionuclides without their knowledge and  
>consent, and then were tracked and subjected to ongoing  
>monitoring and sampling for many years, often until they died,  
>it is possible to infer that there is likelihood that even the  
>vaunted 'Betty and Barney Hill alien abduction' case may have  
>had elements of similar research attendant to it, be it  
>plutonium related or purely psychological.

Oh, goody! Please, Mr. Farley, do go on! What say you, pray?

>As in the plutonium experiments a number of the unsuspecting  
>victims were African-American, and at the time there were latent  
>bad feelings about racial desegregation of the military,  
>targeting a black man involved in an interracial marriage, even  
>in New England, is certainly credible as to why he was selected.

Okay...

>While most of the history has centered on Betty Hill, the white  
>woman allegedly 'abducted' along with her husband, postal worker  
>Barney Hill, in 1961, the details of Barney's own experiences at  
>the hands of the supposed 'alien abductors' are often  
>overlooked. Indeed, one of the major perpetrators of the  
>'Roswell crashed saucer' stories, a former nuclear scientist who  
>has belatedly admitted he worked for a time on the once-secret  
>'atomic propulsion' research efforts directed by another 'UFO  
>secrecy' marketer, has recently teamed with Betty Hill's niece,  
>herself a MUFON 'investigator', to write yet another recent  
>rendition of the supposed Betty and Barney Hill 'alien  
>abduction', spinning more details into the otherwise well-worn  
>tale.

Ah, that scoundrel Stanton Friedman! But I knew it all along:  
that beard is a clear giveaway, you rapsSCALLION!. You've been  
unmasked as the cunning plotter behind all of this.

But let's get back to Barney:

>Barney Hill was reticent to discuss how he apparently was  
>subjected to involuntary 'rectal probing' while he was under the  
>control of the supposed 'aliens', something of which his wife  
>had no such experience as she recollected it, or at least as has  
>been reported. In her subsequent life, Mrs. Hill became  
>something of the 'UFO celebrity', although recent authors have  
>tended to soft-pedal her more bizarre memories or theories.

>One of the primary things the unwitting, somewhat randomly  
>selected victims of 'The Plutonium Experiments' had in common  
>with Barney Hill was that 'stool samples' were routinely  
>collected, a simple way to monitor chemical or radionuclide  
>traces in the body by way of measuring amounts excreted. Mr.  
>Hill was understandably loathe to discuss such a humiliation,  
>especially in the early 1960s, and at a time when he was very  
>active in civil rights efforts as a member of the NAACP and in a  
>then-rare interracial marriage.

Let me get this straight. The Hill abduction can be put down to  
these plutonium experiments conducted under the auspices of the  
US government because Barney was given a rectal examination?  
Wow! Now that's deduction!

Homework for Dick Farley:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fallacy>

I've never had the pleasure of going public about having been  
abducted by alien creatures. Nowadays, I suppose, this might  
seem old hat to some. But one should keep in mind that, at the

time, the Hill case was breaking new ground. I should think that the two of them were feeling \*very\* reticent about the whole matter. That the event included having a probe stuck up one's bum would, I can only guess, have caused a certain unwillingness to come out with all the details.

>It is significant that the late New Mexico Republican  
>Congressman Steven Schiff, well known for his supposed inquiries  
>to the USAF about 'Roswell' which triggered a General Accounting  
>Office investigation that came up with next-to-nothing, became a  
>part of the 'Roswell Crashed Saucer Disclosure' publicity.

This is beyond ludicrous. Perhaps it's also significant to Farley that the sky appears blue because... well, the sky appears blue. Did you get that homework done?

A brief article about Eileen Welsome's investigations into the plutonium experiments can be seen here:

<http://www.commondreams.org/views/021100-104.htm>

Here is an interview with Ms. Welsome discussing her book, The Plutonium Files:

[http://weeklywire.com/ww/10-18-99/alibi\\_feat.html](http://weeklywire.com/ww/10-18-99/alibi_feat.html)

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Source: Billy Cox's Blog | De Void - Sarasota, Florida, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2ytl95>

Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008

Keep Your Eye On The Brits  
By Billy Cox

[billy.cox.nul](mailto:billy.cox.nul)

Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar. On the other hand, human brains are hard-wired for pattern recognition. So here's the latest.

The British media is buzzing this week over a Ministry of Defence decision to dump more classified UFO files into the public domain. Some of the details were described by The Observer on Sunday and The Telegraph today.

Sometime this spring, the Brits will begin reading about a shadowy and long-denied MoD intelligence unit called DI55, whose UFO caseload goes back for decades. Details of those investigations are scheduled for a phased release over the next three years, and public interest is likely to be massive. Hoping to avoid the sort of systems crash that occurred when the French military recently released the results of its own UFO studies online, British authorities are supposedly reconfiguring their computer protocols to accommodate the anticipated traffic jam.

In a preview of things to come, The Observer reports on a 1977 incident in which a UFO pursued a Vulcan bomber over the Atlantic. All five crewmen observed the thing, and the navigator "recorded interference on his radar screen from the direction of the UFO which continued for 45 minutes as the plane headed back to Britain." RAF officials confirmed the event by studying camera film of the radar.

"Despite the Vulcan sighting being investigated by DI55," states The Observer, "no details remain in the file indicating what they found or what became of the radar film."

The absence of such key data isn't likely to end the debate over the MoD's candor in the U.K. But maybe this maneuver isn't intended solely for domestic consumption. Consider the timing, coming less than six months into the new administration of Gordon Brown. The Observer noted the decision to declassify was made by the Directorate of Airspace Policy in December, a month after a panel of international pilots and aviation authorities convened in Washington to urge the U.S. to resume its public UFO investigation.

The key word is public, because Air Force manuals have been itemizing procedures for pilots to report UFOs long after the public relations ploy known as Project Blue Book ended in 1969. So: Are the Brits trying to give the Pentagon an opening? 'Show

us yours; we'll show you ours'? Hm.

'Change' may be the coin of the realm in the latest American election cycle, but as the last seven years have shown, we can't always go it alone. Sometimes, we need a little help from our friends.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Source: Interfax Information Services - Moscow, Russia

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Jan 8 2008

UFO Allegedly Splashed Down In Kazakhstan

PAVLODAR. Jan 8 (Interfax) - An unidentified flying object might have fallen in the Belaya river in the May district in the Pavlodar region, northern Kazakhstan, a source with the regional emergency situations department told Interfax referring to an eye-witness.

The chief of a local police department saw a shining flying object falling in the river in the early hours of January 5, the source said, adding that the policeman "reported about it to higher authorities."

According to the emergency situations department, divers examined a 15-meter air hole and officers of the local sanitary and epidemic office took water samples.

"Divers plunged four times, but no objects were found. Water samples are normal," the department said.

Meanwhile, Lyubov Rybalko, an ufologist and the head of the Asur public organization, told Interfax that an UFO cannot fall. They "can either land or pass through the Earth like through air." It is possible that an UFO splashed down in the Belaya river, the ufologist said.

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## UFO Mystery Deepens As Sightings Increase

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Source: The Evening Leader - Wrexham, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/2lrp6z>

08 January 2008

UFO Mystery Deepens As Sightings Increase

Further reports of UFO activity in the skies above the region have been flooding in.

Harry Hughes' sighting of five orange orbs in the sky above his house in Mynydd Isa on Christmas Day has prompted numerous reports from other residents of similar sightings across Flintshire, Wrexham and Chester.

David Clark, of Elwy Close, Bryn y Baal, agreed with Mr Hughes' description of the strange objects.

He said: "It is absolutely true what he says. There were three very bright lights which suddenly separated and one looked like it shot straight up at high speed.

"At first we thought they were balloons or planes but they were going too fast and they didn't look like planes.

"There was no noise whatsoever and they were going so fast. I have never seen anything like it before."

The mysterious orange orbs have also been spotted by residents in Chester, and last week the Leader received a report via the website of two sightings of them in San Diego, California.

User rduke222, from California, wrote: "My wife and I saw four orange glowing objects just after midnight on New Year's Eve, which had the same characteristics described in this article.

"They approached from the east and departed to the west. My impression was that they were the exhaust from propulsion. These objects were at great altitude and appeared to follow a flight test corridor that passes over San Diego from the Edwards AFB area.

"These objects were not meteors or falling 'space junk'. It is likely they were 'Black Project' aircraft that had just taken off from the Edwards AFB (or Area 51) area and were already very high and going very fast.

"We could not hear any sound from these objects but that is not surprising if they were as high up and moving as fast as I believe they were."

Online user Waylon, also of California, added: "A day or two after Christmas I was standing outside in northern California and noticed what looked like an airline jet moving across the

sky in a south to north direction.

"What caught my attention was that it was glowing orange. At first I thought it might be on fire, but I didn't see any smoke or hear any noise.

"As I watched it coming overhead it slowed down and seemed to stop and hover in the night sky. At this point my curiosity would not let me take my eyes off of it.

"After probably 45 seconds there seemed to be burning debris falling from it. And then after another 20 seconds the light went out.

"It wasn't a meteor, nor a falling star. I have to admit I have never seen anything like it in my life."

Closer to home, John Smith of Sychdyn, said: "My girlfriend and I also saw two orange lights on New Year's day around about 1.10am.

"My girlfriend had just gone to the back garden to let the dog out when she saw them. She called me over and we could not believe our eyes. The two lights were travelling through the sky together. There was no sound and they were too low to be a plane or helicopter."

Mike Jones, also of Sychdyn, was sitting outside his house in the early hours of New Year's Day, when he caught sight of two lights in the sky.

He said: "It was about 1.10am and I saw two orange lights in the sky, both travelling at the same speed, with no sound at all. Then they just disappeared.

"They definitely weren't planes or helicopters. They were something very strange."

Marie Davies, of Chester Road, Mold was driving from Holywell to Halkyn on Christmas Day when she spotted a red light low in the sky at 7pm.

She said: "At first I thought it was the moon but it was too low in the sky. It was flame red and was standing still over the Dee Estuary way.

"I couldn't believe my eyes. I would like to see it again. There was no way it was an aeroplane. It was very weird."

Another resident in the Mold area added: "The light was a fair way off, it was coming towards us then stopped went backwards, stayed still for about four or five mins, then faded away.

"It was really strange. It was definitely there, was not a firework, star, helicopter, or plane. We really don't know what it was."

Jenny May, from Sandycroft, also reported seeing strange objects in the sky above her home.

She said: "We were sitting in the back garden in July with our next door neighbours and at about 11pm we saw four bright orange lights that came from the west and shot up into the sky, then shot off in different directions towards the north.

"They danced before they shot off and even my neighbour, who didn't believe in that sort of thing, saw them.

"He was gobsmacked and didn't talk for the rest of the night.

"About two months later my brother, who is another non-believer, saw another three bright orange lights playing in the sky. They then all formed a line and shot off.

"They seemed to be above Airbus in Broughton. We don't know if they are something from there."

Jed Price, of Chester, said: "My wife and I saw the orange UFOs too. It was on New Year's Eve at 10.25pm in the Narrows Park, Hoole.

"There were four lights flying in a line from south to north. The first three were about 30 seconds apart and the fourth was a minute later.

"It was the silence and speed that led us to believe they were UFOs."

Most of the recent sightings have been reported in the Mold and Sychdyn area and across Chester.

The first sighting of the orange orbs came from Leigh and Lynn Williams, of Borrass, Wrexham, in July of last year, and explanations offered have included "UFO balloons" and Chinese lanterns.

The debate continues across the region with more and more sightings being reported every day.

If you have seen a UFO then please let us know so that we can compile a full list of the sightings.

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Source: The News & Star - Carlisle, UK

<http://www.newsandstar.co.uk/news/viewarticle.aspx?id=3D583936>

08/01/2008

Spaceman Mystery?  
By Dave Gudgeon

A pensioner is hoping that unseen files being released this year may solve one of the great Cumbrian mysteries =96 the spaceman on the Solway.

Jim Templeton=92s photograph, which showed the mystery =93spaceman=94 behind his daughter, was taken on Burgh Marsh in 1964 and has been seen around the world.

No-one has yet come up with an explanation for it but the Ministry of Defence is just about to reveal details of files which chronicle UFO (unidentified flying object) activity over Britain.

And Jim, who is 87 and lives in Coledale Meadows, Carlisle, believes they may contain some answers to a mystery that has puzzled him for half his life.

He said: =93It would be absolutely amazing if there was something in the files about the Solway spaceman. It is incredible but I still receive letters about it now.

=93I have no explanation for the image but what I can say is that it is not a fake. The film was sent away for processing and came back like that.

What is even more strange is that shortly afterwards the launch of the Blue Streak rocket at a base in Australia was delayed because two similar spacemen were spotted on monitors there.

=93Apparently they searched the area at the time but could find nothing. They said the delay in the launch was down to a technical hitch and it went ahead later. The interesting thing, of course, is that the Blue Streak was developed at Spadeadam to the east of Brampton. I was told about this by someone who worked there at the time.=94

Every year around 100 people contact the Ministry of Defence to report sightings of unidentified flying objects, and they are the subject of scores of Freedom of Information Act requests.

The files, which are more than 25 years old and many of them handwritten, are being processed into an electronic format and will be released this year.

An MOD spokesman explained they regularly releases files through Freedom of Information and that it is policy to release old files.

They said that, contrary to reports, the MOD does not investigate UFOs and no UFO branch exists. They only investigate perceived military threats to UK security.

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## A UFO Invasion And No One Invited Us?

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 8 Jan 2008 16:44:49 EST  
Archived: Wed, 09 Jan 2008 07:55:36 -0500  
Subject: A UFO Invasion And No One Invited Us?

What's with all the UFO reports coming from the UK?

Let me guess, it's because the government files to be released all said there isn't anything there so of course the next day the skies are full of UFOs.

Methinks I've figured out the math here.

If we say publicly there are no UFOs and it's all bunk, UFOs will fill the skies to the brim.

If we say there are UFOs you can blast that Streisand song about it being a clear day and seeing forever.

I think we're in a conjunction with our universe and the opposite us universe where everyone wears a goatee, or is it a van dyke?

Wait a minute, do any ufologists have them funny beards?

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com

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## Re: Abductee Dorothy Izatt?

From: Diane Frola <[aufor06.nul](mailto:aufor06.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 9 Jan 2008 08:10:33 +1000  
Archived: Wed, 09 Jan 2008 07:57:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Abductee Dorothy Izatt?

>From: Joachim Koch <[lists.nul](mailto:lists.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 8 Jan 2008 13:58:22 +0100  
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Hi Joachim,

From your question it would appear you're asking researchers  
what they think of her as a person?

It would be best to ask, what do they think of her abduction  
case and have them comment on this.

Here is a link to what some researchers think of  
Dorothy's encounters.

<http://www.manari.ca/experts.htm>

Warmest Regards,

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The late Graham Conway of UFO\*BC in Vancouver, Canada  
seems to have spent a fair amount of time with Dorothy.

The UFO\*BC site has a couple of pages covering her:

<http://www.ufobc.ca/Supernatural/StrangePhotos/dimension.htm>

[www.ufobc.ca/Supernatural/StrangePhotos/rob.htm](http://www.ufobc.ca/Supernatural/StrangePhotos/rob.htm)

There are also 701 links to info about her at Google:

<http://tinyurl.com/393x9b>

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## TV To Feature Former Resident's UFO Video

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01/08/2008

TV To Feature Former Resident's UFO Video  
By Rick Myers  
Staff Reporter

WICHITA, Kansas. - Brandon Mowry still doesn't know for sure what he saw flash across six or seven video frames about six years ago, but knows for sure it was an unidentified flying object.

Mowry, who attended school in Gering and graduated from Morrill High School in 1996, worked for the Star-Herald and Gering Courier while in high school and college, and he became part of a nationwide mystery because of video footage he shot while a photojournalist for an Albany, N.Y., television station.

The television photojournalist will be part of the History Channel's "MonsterQuest" feature on Wednesday at 8 p.m. local time about Unidentified Flying Creatures.

On Oct. 20, 2002, while working as a photojournalist for FOX 23 News in Albany, NY, Mowry, now almost 30, was at the Albany International Airport getting weather "bump shots" and photographing airplanes to use for the evening's weather segment.

After photographing five or six planes he headed back to the station and went into the edit bay.

"I really hadn't seen anything unusual," Mowry said during a recent interview. "I just happened to stop and pause (the video) and there was this thing that shot through. It was only six or seven frames, or about a quarter of a second, from the bottom right to the upper left."

Not knowing what he saw, Mowry said he immediately pulled in the assignment editor.

"Her mouth dropped," Mowry said.

Immediately the Albany police were called, but Mowry said he had to go out and cover a car wreck. When he returned the newsroom had been sectioned off and everybody was being questioned about the young photojournalist and his honesty.

Even the FBI got involved because of the ongoing security concerns in the nation. Mowry said he had to return to the airport and show investigators the location where he shot the video.

The original video was confiscated and sent to Washington for

analysis.

"They found out it was legitimate," Mowry said. The station had the foresight to make copies of the original video shot by Mowry that has made the rounds since, portions of which can be found on YouTube and on Google by searching for Albany UFO.

Mowry said he continued to be interviewed by the FBI and even had to undergo an extensive lie detector test, which agents at first said he had failed but later said he had passed.

"That was one of the strangest and worst days of my life," he said. "I knew I really didn't do anything. I was just doing my job and it was on my tape."

Within a short time Mowry was interviewed live on Fox and Friends and The Early Show with Hannah Storm and then things kind of died down.

"I even was on the Art Bell radio show in the middle of the night," he said.

Things kind of died down and Mowry said he didn't hear much for about five years and he moved on to KSNW, the NBC affiliate in Wichita, Kan.

"I still don't know and the FBI still hasn't come up with an explanation of what it was," he said.

Mowry said he heard from a producer at the History Channel that it was doing a show about "rods" - biological creatures that supposedly live in the upper atmosphere, and possibly what he might have captured on the video clip.

According to the History Channel Web site: "For decades cameras have been capturing images of a flying, torpedo-like creature. So fast it cannot be seen with the naked eye. Some think it is a military weapon, others believe it may be a creature from another dimension. But just what is it? This MonsterQuest scientific journey will use super high-speed photography, physics and even a wind tunnel experiment to shed light on a creature simply referred to as Rods."

MonsterQuest seeks to reveal the truth of legendary monster sightings around the world. Deploying the latest in hi-tech equipment, each episode scientifically examines the best evidence available, from pictures and video, to hair and bones, as well as the eyewitness accounts themselves.

The History Channel flew Mowry to Albany to shoot reenactments from shooting the weather footage, the reaction of the assignment editor and even the interrogation by the FBI.

"I guess I never thought of it as being a living creature," Mowry said, "but this is a documentary about rods. I'm curious to see if my video is the same as the others."

Despite his newfound 15 minutes of fleeting fame, Mowry has his sights set on a just completed 22-minute documentary from raw footage on the Greensburg, Kan., tornado that devastated the small community. He hopes that piece and other work he is doing will propel him into a top 20 market, such as KUSA Channel 9 in Denver.

"I was in Greenburg just five hours after it hit," he said. "That was one of the reasons I was looking forward to coming to Kansas, was to chase tornados."

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## Intelligent ET Life The Other Inconvenient Truth?

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Tuesday, January 8, 2008

Intelligent Extraterrestrial Life The Other Inconvenient Truth?  
by  
Dom Armentano  
Guest Columnist

Unlikely as it seems, the UFO phenomenon has infiltrated presidential politics. During the recent presidential debates, Democratic candidates Dennis Kucinich and Bill Richardson were both asked publicly about their views on unidentified flying objects.

Gov. Richardson even went so far as to demand increased governmental disclosure on the UFO topic.

In addition, correspondence recently released under the Freedom of Information Act indicates that former President Bill Clinton, Hillary Clinton, and their Office of Science and Technology were all involved in Laurance Rockefeller's unsuccessful "disclosure initiative" (1993-1996) to open up secret government UFO files.

All of this demonstrates that despite the "giggle" factor, UFOs are a legitimate public policy concern.

The most astonishing news story of all time would be the confirmation of intelligent extraterrestrial life. Such a discovery would have multi-faceted social, religious, scientific and economic ramifications that can only be described as out-of-this-world. As an example, try to imagine the price of crude oil or the gyrations of the stock market just one day after such a revelation. The existence of off-the-planet intelligence could change what most people believe about almost everything.

Yet in some ways an even more significant story, perhaps even more significant than the discovery of extraterrestrial life itself, would be the revelation that certain elements of the U.S. government may have known about =97 and covered up =97 that discovery (even from elected officials without a "need to know") for more than 50 years.

Now, that story, a deliberate half-century of deception to cover an inconvenient truth, likely would shake this nation to its very political foundations. That outrageous disclosure could change almost everything, too.

Yet outrageous as it may seem, many who have studied the UFO phenomenon now conclude that starting with Roswell in July 1947, elements of the U.S. government may have systematically lied to the American people (and to elected officials) concerning the actual nature of the UFO phenomenon. The evidence for that

deception is substantial and is to be found in thoroughly documented books, dozens of declassified "top secret" documents, and many sworn testimonials from key military-intelligence community insiders.

If true, why the extreme secrecy and deception?

Those in control may have lied because they feared panic in the streets, the Orson Welles and "War of the Worlds" scenario. They may have lied because they could not understand or control the phenomenon, and governments can never admit such helplessness. They may have lied to study and exploit the technology for commercial or military purposes.

Ultimately, they may have lied because it was determined that UFOs may represent a serious threat, perhaps even a military threat, to the nation.

This last reason seems the most reasonable and the most ominous. Decades of reports from competent observers, many confirmed by radar, establish that some UFOs can fly soundlessly, stop on a dime, accelerate at breathtaking speeds and outdistance jets or missiles sent to intercept them. Moreover, there are disturbing reports of UFOs that may have interfered with the electronics of automobiles, airplanes, power stations, and even with the launch readiness of intercontinental ballistic missiles.

It would only be reasonable, then, for those in the military and intelligence community to treat UFOs as serious business and classify the information at the highest possible level.

Yet systemic public deception for decades poses a grave long-term threat for any constitutional republic. In the final analysis, the existence of legitimate government depends upon an intelligent, well-informed citizenry.

Heavily censored information, billion-dollar 'black budgets' and super-secret 'black projects' (UFOs are likely a very black project) ultimately make open government and representative democracy a joke and a sham.

As foreign governments increasingly open their own UFO files and as the secret inevitably leaks out here, Americans deserve (and can handle) the truth about UFOs.

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## Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

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Date: Tue, 8 Jan 2008 16:33:37 -0800  
Archived: Wed, 09 Jan 2008 08:44:45 -0500  
Subject: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

>From: Brian Ally <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 05 Jan 2008 12:07:05 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Gravity R&D And Ostrich Ufologists

>>From: Vince White [Vinceomni.nul](mailto:Vinceomni.nul)  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 04:15:17 EST  
>>Subject: Gravity R&D And Ostrich Ufologists

>>Listers,

>>These comments are merely to catalyze open debate and dialogue  
>>on these issues. Hopefully to provoke added efforts by many to  
>>further the investigative summary I have done.

>>It is directed towards those who still think we have had little  
>>or no success, duplicating UFO propulsion, it is also directed  
>>to those who wonder what "secret space fleets " refer to. These  
>>conclusions developed over years of investigation, are not proof  
>>but like real intelligence or investigative estimates,  
>>incomplete and circumstantial.

>Which is why this is nothing more than your interpretation.  
>Unlike "real intelligence or investigative matters", however,  
>your conclusions are not backed up by any hard evidence. Until  
>then, you have a hypothesis based upon some intriguing (and some  
>rather shaky) anecdotes.

<snip>

Dear List Members,

For an exhaustively researched book about anti-gravity propulsion research as pursued by various governments and private corporations - and the success and failure they have had (note there have been anti-gravity propulsion successes) please read "The Hunt for Zero Point" written by Nick Cook, aerospace consultant for Jane's Defence Weekly. You cannot find a more conservative aerospace industry periodical than Jane's, yet the editors and publishers of Jane's were so impressed by Mr. Cook's work that they not only did not penalize him for this radical line of research, but in 2002 they published a brief article on his research into The Boeing Company's anti-gravity research on their own Jane's web site:

[http://www.janes.com/aerospace/civil/news/jdw/jdw020729\\_1\\_n.shtml](http://www.janes.com/aerospace/civil/news/jdw/jdw020729_1_n.shtml)

The Atlantic Monthly magazine published an interview and book summary:

<http://www.theatlantic.com/doc/prem/200209u/int2002-09-05>

And National Public Radio did as well:

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=1148308>

Mr. Cook has won the Royal Aeronautical Society's Aerospace Journalist of the Year Award four times in the Aerospace Defence category.

I don't know if the web links above will allow you to read each periodical's entire story, as they date from 2002. But follow the links and you will at the least see the headlines and summaries to prove these highly respected organizations took Mr. Cook's research into secret anti-gravity propulsion programs seriously.

List members, please consider Nick Cook's research, conclusions, and highly respectable speculations seriously when you examine anti-gravity propulsion. The man is a mainstream, conservative highly-decorated aerospace industry journalist. For heaven's sake, the organizations mentioned above are as mainstream as it gets. If Jane's Defence Weekly published a story about anti-gravity research taking place at The Boeing Company and allowed a senior reporter to devote a couple of years of research to it and allowed their reporter to associate the hallowed Jane's Defence Weekly name with his book about anti-gravity, we should all take the apparent (as reported by JDW) successful results of anti-gravity propulsion research and the existence (as reported by JDW and Nick Cook's book) of functioning anti-gravity technology as a reality.

How this conservative, mainstream journalism reporting about the existence of anti-gravity propulsion in various government arsenals and private aerospace and defense corporations remains relatively unknown and unheralded both among the general public and even among those of you listers who pursue the anti-gravity story is inexplicable.

If you are interested in the reality of anti-gravity propulsion and you haven't read Nick Cook's book, read it now. Read "The Hunt for Zero Point" and see the depth and breadth of research Mr. Cook engaged in.

Kind regards,

Erik Landahl

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## Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 08 Jan 2008 22:09:52 -0700  
Archived: Wed, 09 Jan 2008 08:46:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

>From: Gerald O'Connell <[gac.nul](mailto:gac.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 8 Jan 2008 00:42:49 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

>>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 06 Jan 2008 16:42:03 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

><snip>

>>I am not completely averse to the idea that existence is  
>>quantized rather than a continuum, and perhaps consists only of  
>>a finite number of states (or a countably infinite number of  
>>them). But if so, the terse and unavoidable conclusion would  
>>seem to be: there's no such thing as nothing. I find the  
>>implications of that fairly creepy, with distinctly religious  
>>overtones.

>>So, the result of all this philosophical waterboarding is that I  
>>have chronic headaches, have become a heavy drinker, and am soon  
>>to become a church-goer as well! I am now resolved to abandon  
>>this thread. Good luck.

>Don't leave now Mike!

>Take heart from the fact that if you haven't got a headache or a  
>hangover, or been tempted to turn to religion, then the chances  
>are that you've grossly underestimated the difficulty of the  
>issues here.

>Furthermore, now that you've raised the ultimate existential  
>question, it would hardly be the action of a gentleman to run  
>for the exit.

Heh. Watch me.

Besides, I have no gentleman-hood to defend.

>Consider this: how much sense can be made of the idea of a world  
>(perhaps, in Martin's terminology, a 'radically quantised' one)  
>where, as you put it, 'there's no such thing as nothing'? Surely  
>we will always need a closely related family of concepts -  
>mathematical zero, ontological nothingness, zero-point energy  
>etc. - to act, if nothing else, as a background reference point  
>for existence itself? What would be the status of such concepts?  
>Could we be comfortable with a situation where mathematicians,  
>philosophers, logicians and physicists each adopted their own  
>favoured formulation, none of which fully satisfied the  
>conceptual requirements of the others?

Mathematics, as the language of physical theory, incorporates,  
and indeed requires, both zero and infinity. Physics cannot  
banish the infinitude of the numerical representation of pi.  
Comfort is not a consideration.

<snip>

>As for religion, well, that's a bridge too far for me. I'll have  
>to leave it to you Mike. Let us know if you find one with a  
>well-stocked bar...

Well, the first one I picked had one. I presume the principle of  
mediocrity applies.

Mike

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## Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

From: James Molesworth <[jtmoll.nul](mailto:jtmoll.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 09 Jan 2008 18:35:22 +1100  
Archived: Wed, 09 Jan 2008 08:49:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 7 Jan 2008 16:40:21 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <[gac.nul](mailto:gac.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 7 Jan 2008 02:08:25 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

>>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 6 Jan 2008 16:26:16 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

To Martin Shough, Gerald O'Connell, James Horak, Michael Tarbell, and David Rudiak...

I would like to extend my thanks for their support of my initial contention - that the lack of concern demonstrated by commentators on such topics as 'parallel universes' regarding the epistemic depth and long term intractability of the problems their statements blithely ignore is a legitimate source for amazement. Or perhaps not, considering that such a robust immunity to complicating factors is the mark of popular science everywhere - and the article from whence my comment sprang was an example of such.

Also, Mr. Tarbell, I did indeed mean 'greater' than zero, so thanks also for that. I agree with your statements regarding the sample argument provided - it was something I made up on the spot to give the general gist of the problem. Your counter argument does not, I think, demonstrate the falsity of the first, but rather, in my opinion, the absurdity of a postulated situation that permits either. The fact that mine was merely an updated version of the famous 'Ontological Argument' was, I should imagine, enough to damn it in itself!

Now, by all means please continue. The conversation has long since extended beyond my abilities to comment (I have but a newly earned B.A. [Phil./Theol.]), but I am following it with utmost interest. Thank you.

BTW, where else among Ufology's many intellectual lairs of grossly varying virtue would such a discussion persist and find ready contributors? I am personally aware of no other UFO related list where such a discussion would prompt anything beyond a few comments along the lines of 'Ahhhhhh, of course I understand every word, and far, far more, but it is all foolishness, emptiness and vanity compared to the wisdom imparted to me last night by Lord Vashiteru, Astral Ambassador of the Yarheroo!'

What a relief to know an island of (relative, perhaps) sanity and intelligence exists.

Sincerely,

James T. Molesworth

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## Little Man?

From: Terry Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 9 Jan 2008 15:29:49 +0700 (GMT+07:00)  
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Subject: Little Man?

In [forteana.nul](mailto:forteana.nul), Kelly McGillis  
posted:

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<http://tinyurl.com/2g89xw>

Friday, January 4, 2008  
Polish Entity

A bit of an odd one from Poland occurring in May. The Humanoid  
Sighting Reports have a longer account of this (number 48) the  
relevant bit is:

<http://www.ufoinfo.com/humanoid/humanoid2007.shtml>

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## Re: 'Why Would ET Evolve Human-Like Intelligence?'

From: James Molesworth <[jtmoll.nul](mailto:jtmoll.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 09 Jan 2008 20:48:59 +1100  
Archived: Wed, 09 Jan 2008 09:00:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Why Would ET Evolve Human-Like Intelligence?'

>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 11:35:02 -0800  
>Subject: Re: 'Why Would ET Evolve Human-Like Intelligence?'

>>From: James Molesworth <[jtmoll.nul](mailto:jtmoll.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 01 Jan 2008 17:17:27 +1100  
>>Subject: Re: 'Why Would ET Evolve Human-Like Intelligence?'

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2007 10:12:42 -0800  
>>>Subject: Re: 'Why Would ET Evolve Human-Like Intelligence?'

>>>>From: James Molesworth <[jtmoll.nul](mailto:jtmoll.nul)>  
>>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2007 11:37:27 +1100  
>>>>Subject: 'Why Would ET Evolve Human-Like Intelligence?'

<snip>

>Another species, such as a dinosaur, relying on toolmaking,  
>should also develop a humanoid shape. That's my point.  
>Toolmaking, our niche, separates humans from other mammals.  
[snip]

G'day Ed. Please forgive the lateness of this - I have been away from civilisation for a while.

I understand your point on the above. However, while the noses of anteaters are a good example of similar function leading to similar appearance, there are other examples in which similar functions do not have this effect - for example eels and fish, snakes and legged animals, echidnas with rearward facing feet and various other burrowing animals and so on. The obvious objection to this is that the similarities among these various creatures exist among a vast number of differences also. Indeed, you will doubtless be aware of numerous species that feed almost exclusively on ants and other such small insects, yet do not have the long noses and sticky tongues developed by other such specialised feeders.

The point of all this is that any specific function will be but one of many factors influencing morphology, and therefore no direct, universal correspondence between any specific function and attendant morphological adaptations will exist.

Another point worth noting is that many of the relevant anthropomorphic features were already present in archaic ancestor species prior to any (at least heavy) reliance upon tool making and/or use - the basic simian morphology is highly similar to that of homo sapiens in gross terms - (and similarly to the descriptions of ETs). It thus may perhaps be argued that in actual fact those pre-existent physical attributes were in large part the cause of the later developments in greatly expanded tool utilisation.

Further, numerous species, including a number of birds, employ

tools of various types for a number of purposes, but there is no evidence, so far as I am aware, that this fact has in any way altered their physiology. Nor do otters seem to have evolved attributes especially to permit their more precise use of stones in cracking shells.

Applying this to the ET debate, it simply does not appear to be justified to claim that tool use alone is sufficient to explain why humans and ETs share a relatively similar external physiology, especially given the many, many factors that in all probability militate against such an outcome.

>...Humans are not special and we should expect our histories  
>to be recapitulated anywhere there is life.

<snip>

Surely this is precisely the point in dispute? We do not, and at this point cannot know, whether or not humans are special. The only evidence we presently have, poor as it is, suggest that Humans may be a little special, because we are relatively unique on Earth. That said, one example doesn't make a trend, much less a rule.

It is too often presumed that everything on Earth and regarding humans as a species is 'typical', and much of our science is based upon this presumption, but it is just that, a presumption in lei of sufficient, or indeed any, evidence. Certainly many of our previous claims to a unique position have been unceremoniously dumped, and with them, quite properly, our expectation that we be demonstrably 'special'; the telos of existence within and without the universe. Nonetheless, we should not now operate under the reverse expectation that we not be at all unique, or unusual. The evidence just isn't available at this point, and we should not (if we can help it) pre-empt the data with conclusions!

>Intelligence is not a niche. All living things are as  
>intelligent as they need to be to survive.

Exactly. And, considering that on Earth humans have developed a type and level of intelligence that is unique, this implies, or at least permits the argument, that high level, 'human-like' intelligence is not a particularly convergence-provoking trait.

>Humans are generally quite dumb and very few can "comprehend  
>highly complicated and abstract concepts." It took five  
>million years to get from stone tools and throwing pointed  
>sticks to the wheel. We have gradually improved our tool  
>making abilities through trial and error.

<snip>

Intelligence is relative, and it is therefore necessary to ask 'dumb compared to what'. While many would tend at this point to enumerate the various intellectual virtues of dolphins, chimps etc., this would only further underline the previously made point that human intelligence is different in kind, although not necessarily level, from such creatures. You stated that you do not see this, but I think it is fairly evident from the clear differences between other species and ourselves. You write (tongue in cheek?) that 'very few [humans] can "comprehend highly complicated and abstract concepts": in human terms that is unfortunately true, but from the point of view of even the most intelligent of animal species, much less the mean average intelligence of animals, or some other marker (albeit entirely hypothetical), the thought processes of even those you had most in mind are 'highly complicated and [unless they are seriously mentally constrained] abstract)

>Are you familiar with the recent studies on primate  
>intelligence. It appears chimps might be better at math  
>than humans.

<snip>

I am indeed aware of at least some of this research, and I feel that whether it actually indicates that chimps are better at 'math' than humans, as opposed to symbol manipulation (perhaps devoid of any comprehension of how these are symbols of something, rather than merely marks of different types that

interact in different ways and imply various consequences [classic Searle's Black Box stuff]) is debatable. Researchers have tested the abilities of many animals for years, and while they occasionally uncover unsuspected abilities, they have never been able to demonstrate genuine 'human-like' intelligence such as would permit them to outshine humans in a genuine test of useful abstract conceptualisations etc, such as we utilise daily

>I don't understand. Betty Hill drew her abductors. They are  
>certainly humanoid.

<snip>

Exactly my point. They are indeed 'humanoid'. Why? This is something that, while I am not arguing it should on this basis be doubted, nonetheless requires an answer. If no descriptions of alien beings had ever emerged I strongly suspect all serious researchers and commentators would dismiss as entirely fanciful the idea that any ET beings could be so obviously 'humanoid'. It would be too much to expect bi-pedalism, much less an anthropomorphic torso, a neck and a head with two eyes, a mouth in the right position and most interestingly, a space for the nose to be if there was one (inexplicably wasted space, I should think, unless some hidden organ, perhaps olfactory after all, resides there). Tool utilisation, surely, provides no explanation for the congruencies in facial features, other perhaps than the presence of at least two eyes - and then why would these eyes seemingly register approximately the same wavelengths as our own 'visible light'? And, again, why the close external similarities, when it would seem, on the little evidence we have, that there are vast internal departures?

>>One reply to this, of course, is that terrestrial life was  
>>'seeded' or somehow manipulated by an ET civilisation...

<snip>

>Earth wasn't seeded and life has evolved separately elsewhere.  
>The seeds of life are contained in matter (mother).

<snip>

Such statements are precisely the difficulty. How can they be made in such a laconic, authoritative manner when in reality they cannot be but essentially baseless. We simply do not, and should not claim to, know the answers to such questions. Biologists do not know how life got started on Earth, so we should be careful extrapolating anything regarding life on Earth into the galaxy at large. Not that you may not very well be right - there's no reason why you shouldn't be, no evidence against it - but that is just the point.

My concern is not to argue that you are wrong, as I fully accept that you may very well be right. My contention is that there are a number of difficulties faced by the ET hypothesis that many of its proponents are unaware of and therefore unable to answer. It is a well known tactic of scientific debate to ensure you pre-empt and answer your opponents' criticisms before they can level them at you - an attack prevented does much less damage even than one parried. Further, to rely upon ill-founded assumptions, however popular they may be, merely invites disaster should they prove mistaken, and permits an easy grip for critics who wish to dismiss the field en toto - even if they themselves privately accept those assumptions. Thus it is important that such issues as these be discussed and worked through, and the various points at which they can be challenged explored. This both lessens the ease with which sceptics may launch attacks, and genuinely strengthens and increases the knowledge of the field.

Sincerely,

James T. Molesworth

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## Re: UFO DATA Magazine

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>Date: Tue, 8 Jan 2008 07:58:55 -0500  
>Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

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>Date: Mon, 7 Jan 2008 17:02:19 +0100  
>Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

><snip>

>>I suggested an easy and fast way to prove it: show us a couple  
>>of good pictures of him on location, with the film crew around  
>>the autopsy table and the body on it. And also a couple of good  
>>close-ups of the body, preferably in full colours. If they  
>>really make the film, they must have kept some pictures of the  
>>event, as anybody would do.

>>But you know what? No answer!

>I think your request is a bit silly, given the circumstances. No  
>one is going to release anything until they are ready to, and I  
>think we all have a fairly short list of things that we could  
>ask for and that could prove provenance - at least for us. Does  
>it make you feel like a better researcher than Philip because  
>you can point out that he can't prove his point at this time,  
>and is only making anecdotal allegations that claim closure?

Steven,

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## Lights Beings & Beams

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<http://travel.iafrica.com/destin/australasia/669822.htm>

Wed, 09 Jan 2008

Lights, Beings, Beams

On a desert highway in Australia's flat, dry centre sits a petrol station by a watering hole where extraterrestrials have been stopping off for millennia, or so witnesses say.

If truck drivers or passing tourists find themselves nodding off on the long drive between Alice Springs and Darwin, a pitstop at Australia's self-proclaimed UFO capital might just revive them.

While filling up the tank or their stomachs at Wycliffe Well's roadhouse, they might notice little green men holding out their hands or staring out at them from nearby walls.

That may be no cause for concern because these are probably just statues and paintings put there for the visitors' benefit. But according to locals the real thing is so common around here that people hardly even blink when they see it.

Lights in the sky, blue domed discs, silvery beings =97 all common stuff in Wycliffe Well, say locals, who see a secret connection with Australia's nearby spy facility of Pine Gap.

Sceptics, on the other hand, say the large number of sightings may rather reflect the high levels of alcohol consumption, for which Australia's Northern Territory is famous.

"When I came down here it was just a common occurrence. It was just one of those things. Even the previous owner just mentioned it to me in passing," said Lew Farkas, who has run the Wycliffe Well roadhouse and caravan park for 23 years and claims around half a dozen sightings of his own.

This tiny dot on the map, 400 kilometres north of Alice Springs, surrounded by scrubland, now attracts international visits from "experts," occasional UFO conventions and constant local media coverage of the unusual sightings in the vicinity.

"It is recognised throughout the world UFO industry," said Farkas.

Suggestions that the sightings could be caused by such normal phenomena as birds and aircraft landing lights are promptly dismissed by the UFO watchers.

"You take that with a pinch of salt. It's a lot of rubbish," said Farkas.

It's a quiet life for Farkas providing food and petrol for the dozens of cars that drive past daily on the monotonous route up

the Stuart Highway punctuated only by flat scrub, termite mounds and the occasional dead kangaroo or wandering emu.

"There were lights doing manoeuvres in the sky"

But the night time visitations are more than enough to liven things up, he says, describing the most memorable of his own encounters.

There were lights doing manoeuvres in the sky, little ones dancing around the big ones, doing figures of eight, he said.

Farkas (59) was a physical training instructor in the Australian navy before he took over the roadhouse and says this sighting reminded him of manoeuvres around an aircraft carrier.

"That is how we used to do exercises, in exactly the same way. It looked exactly the same as we used to do at sea," he said.

"Over the years I have had quite a few sightings, mainly lights. I have had a close up encounter where I have actually seen the portholes =97 just like you read in the comic books of the past."

Farkas claims Wycliffe Well is one of only four or five places in the world where there are constant sightings of extraterrestrials and UFOs, probably the most famous being the Nevada Desert in the United States.

The remoteness of the Australian outback has made it harder for people to become aware of Wycliffe Well, but it seems the news is slowly spreading.

It was truck drivers who in modern times first noticed the unusual goings on, during World War II, when the waterhole gave rise to market gardens that fed the war effort against the Japanese up north in Darwin. Their stories were mainly of strange lights in the sky.

But local Aboriginals also report that extraterrestrials have been visiting the area for thousands of years, hanging out around some of the area's stunning rock formations, such as the Devil's Marbles, a sandstone formation just to the north along the Stuart Highway.

Recently, a group of Aboriginal women in a local community reported their own close encounter. They were sitting around playing cards when a big beam of light appeared.

"There is no airport so they have got to land somewhere"

UFOs apparently also land in the nearby Tanami desert, according to the believers. "There is no airport so they have got to land somewhere," said Farkas.

It used to be easy to tell when there was UFO activity, he said. The electronic banking and telephone lines would go out. But with a change to fibre optic technology that problem has disappeared.

Farkas dismisses claims that he might want to drum up interest in UFOs to boost business at his roadhouse, saying he has plenty of business from the constant stream of motorists passing by.

Barry Williams, editor of Australia's quarterly journal "The Skeptic" which attempts to debunk all kinds of suspect science, has other explanations for the sightings. Many could be of the planet Venus, others would be aircraft landing lights, he says.

"We are not sceptical of people sighting things. We are sceptical of some of the conclusions they come to from what they have seen. They don't stand up to any crucial thinking at all," he told AFP.

Alcohol or aliens?

The Northern Territory in general has the reputation of having a large number of sightings of UFOs, he said, which he suggests might be connected with the local drinking habits.

"I don't know whether this is in any way connected with the fact that the Northern Territory has the biggest beer consumption of

anywhere on earth," he said.

Keith Douglass, a cleaner at Alice Springs hospital who follows UFOs on the side, says he has been up to Wycliffe Well about half a dozen times but has never seen anything.

Nevertheless, he has heard lots of tales, for example of an Aboriginal woman who was chased by a UFO.

"It is a flat disc with a blue dome. It has been sighted around Alice Springs a couple of times. It chased this lady into town. She saw it again up at Wycliffe Well," he said.

"Wycliffe Well =97 that's been going for years."

AFP

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>Gildas Bourdais

Mr. Bourdais, our historical contexts on the AA event and matters subsequent to it agree. As well as our mutual take that any efforts to resolve it have been frustrated at best and disingenuous at worst.

Under the circumstances how can, in the interests of truth seeking, anyone not expect such evidentiary demands as you suggest to be able to accept it resolved one way or the other?

It's as if these plays are purely made to those whose gut reaction is always to debunk as fodder for their debunking.

Just so nothing gets accomplished, but someone gets paid.

In other words, someone, not necessarily Mr. Mantle, ought to write a book on Safe Revelation, or How We Broke a Revelation and Still Didn't Turn the NSA Hostile. Or get our behinds in a crack when we turned up something that, perhaps in someone's venue, we weren't supposed to have.

Looking to a broader frame of reference, among those possessed of penetrating thought, nothing various agencies of the governments within NATO have done suggest acutally convincing the public UFOs are not there. Just that determining anything about them is not our right.

With an occasional reminder it just might be dangerous to try.

JCH

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## Re: Roswell Camouflaging Involuntary

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
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>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 8 Jan 2008 13:56:20 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Roswell Camouflaging Involuntary Experimentation

>>Source: Stuart Miller's Alien Worlds Magazine Site

>><http://tinyurl.com/3yfrz3>

>>January 6, 2008

>>Update: Report On Roswell Saucer Spin Camouflaging  
>>Involuntary Human Experimentation

>As I pointed out on another list, Farley's overall case seems  
>to me to be weakened by a tendency to weave coincidences into  
>conspiracy theories and indulge in mystification.

>For example, the Roswell cover story was planted and managed by  
>"a former nuclear scientist [who] has belatedly admitted he  
>worked for a time on the once-secret 'atomic propulsion'  
>research efforts". This is nonsense. Stan F. has not reluctantly  
>"admitted" any such thing but has always been very vocal in  
>citing his background in nuclear propulsion and various related  
>research on military reactor programmes. Look at his 1968 House  
>of Representatives statement and biography citing his current  
>employment with Westinghouse on the NERVA nuclear rocket  
>program, shielding and nuclear instrumentation, and a train of  
>similar work for General Motors, General Electric and Aerojet  
>going back to 1956. For years before 1968 Stan's lectures to  
>Los Alamos, American Nuclear Society and many other industry and  
>govt bodies had argued that "you can get here from there" by  
>citing his own work on nuclear propulsion programmes.

>Another shot in the foot is the attempt to portray Barney and  
>Betty Hill as victims of an illegal radionuclide poisoning  
>experiment who were monitored by way of stool samples taken  
>under the guise of alien anal probes. The bases for this appear  
>to be that Barney was black, that they lived not too far from  
>Pease AFB, and that Stan Friedman has had an interest in the  
>case. This is, to be charitable, a weak argument that only  
>weakens the case he bases on the Albuquerque Tribune article  
>(which is not uninteresting) by association.

Martin,

Thank you for these good remarks. I am sure that most people on  
this List agree with you.

Any other opinion?

That story of horrible experiments reminds me of another, recent  
one, which I prefer to forget.

However, there is a new twist here, which is that the whole  
Roswell case would have been invented, first in a hurry in July  
1947, and then in 1979 and during the following years, just to  
hide these horrible experiments.

Re: Roswell Camouflaging Involuntary

But could it be the opposite: a new, fantastic tale, to hide Roswell?

Gildas Bourdais

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## UFO Video From Rio Bravo Mexico

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Subject: UFO Video From Rio Bravo Mexico

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January 9, 2008

Mexico: UFO Video From Rio Bravo

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AFudpwvrJVs&feature=user>

A video taken by Jose Alonso Galicia Fabela on December 4, 2007 at 16:32 hours.

It was taken when Alonso left the camera recording on the tripod over his house before going downstairs for lunch.

After reviewing the tape, he found what he describes as a "line of silver orbs"

It should be noted that this is not the first time that he has left his camera running and unattended while he engages in other activities. He has previously sent Ana Luisa Cid video material that was gleaned in the same manner.

To the extent visible in the video, the objects do not travel together, and for this reason we dismiss the possibility that they could be a cluster of balloons, although other possibilities have yet to be examined.

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## Re: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 8 Jan 2008 16:33:37 -0800  
>Subject: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

>>From: Brian Ally <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 05 Jan 2008 12:07:05 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Gravity R&D And Ostrich Ufologists

>>>From: Vince White [Vinceomni.nul](mailto:Vinceomni.nul)  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 04:15:17 EST  
>>>Subject: Gravity R&D And Ostrich Ufologists

>>>Listers,

>>>These comments are merely to catalyze open debate and dialogue  
>>>on these issues. Hopefully to provoke added efforts by many to  
>>>further the investigative summary I have done.

>>>It is directed towards those who still think we have had little  
>>>or no success, duplicating UFO propulsion, it is also directed  
>>>to those who wonder what "secret space fleets " refer to. These  
>>>conclusions developed over years of investigation, are not proof  
>>>but like real intelligence or investigative estimates,  
>>>incomplete and circumstantial.

>>Which is why this is nothing more than your interpretation.  
>>Unlike "real intelligence or investigative matters", however,  
>>your conclusions are not backed up by any hard evidence. Until  
>>then, you have a hypothesis based upon some intriguing (and some  
>>rather shaky) anecdotes.

><snip>

>Dear List Members,

<snip>

>List members, please consider Nick Cook's research, conclusions,  
>and highly respectable speculations seriously when you examine  
>anti-gravity propulsion.

Erik,

Excuse the large snip. I have no argument at all with anything  
you say nor your description of Cook's status and ability.

But somehow we seem to have slid down a path without any means  
of stopping. Frankly, Vince's posting was ridiculous. There were  
so many assumptions, so many blanket statements, and yet despite  
all that, one or two things were missing.

One of them was an explanation for the connection between anti  
gravity and UFOs. Is that the means of propulsion that UFOs use?  
Of course! Everyone knows that, don't they?

Well, I don't. But if like everyone else you know it as well,  
then please explain to me how you know it.

Thanks

Stuart Miller  
Alien Worlds magazine  
<http://www.alienworldsmag.com>

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## Re: UFO Mystery Deepens As Sightings Increase

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Date: Wed, 09 Jan 2008 18:48:29 +0000  
Archived: Wed, 09 Jan 2008 17:55:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Mystery Deepens As Sightings Increase

>Source: The Evening Leader - Wrexham, UK

><http://tinyurl.com/2lrp6z>

>08 January 2008

>UFO Mystery Deepens As Sightings Increase

>Further reports of UFO activity in the skies above the region  
>have been flooding in.

>He said: "It is absolutely true what he says. There were three  
>very bright lights which suddenly separated and one looked like  
>it shot straight up at high speed.

<snip>

UFO Mystery Solved

I guess nobody saw that headline.

I did because I had my own  
'sighting' on New Year's Eve between 12:30 and 12:45 PM  
here down in Green Valley, AZ.

Even reported to Davenport's  
reporting center.

Yes siree, bob.

It was gorgeous. Three different colors; floating up in the air;  
stationary because there was no wind here that night; they  
looked gay and festive. As a matter of fact, I am thinking of  
asking my neighbors in Arrivaca where they got the 'missiles' to  
launch in celebration of New Year's. I bet the launchers were  
laughing their heads off wondering whether people would think  
their celebratory lanterns were UFOs.

What a great idea for a way to celebrate the New Year. Has  
anybody got the name and address of the company making the  
'parchment lanterns'?

KK

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## Re: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 09 Jan 2008 19:28:47 +0000  
Archived: Wed, 09 Jan 2008 17:57:06 -0500  
Subject: Re: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

>From: Erik Landahl <[landahl1.nul](mailto:landahl1.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 8 Jan 2008 16:33:37 -0800  
>Subject: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

<snip>

>If you are interested in the reality of anti-gravity propulsion  
>and you haven't read Nick Cook's book, read it now. Read "The  
>Hunt for Zero Point" and see the depth and breadth of research  
>Mr. Cook engaged in.

Dear List:

Also, please see my review of Cook's book on the Paranoia  
magazine website:

<http://www.paranoiamagazine.com/zeropoint.html>

KK

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## Re: 'Why Would ET Evolve Human-Like Intelligence?'

From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 9 Jan 2008 12:31:21 -0800  
Archived: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 07:09:55 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Why Would ET Evolve Human-Like Intelligence?'

>From: James Molesworth <[jtmoll.nul](mailto:jtmoll.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 09 Jan 2008 20:48:59 +1100  
>Subject: Re: 'Why Would ET Evolve Human-Like Intelligence?'

>>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 2 Jan 2008 11:35:02 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: 'Why Would ET Evolve Human-Like Intelligence?'

><snip>

>>Another species, such as a dinosaur, relying on toolmaking,  
>>should also develop a humanoid shape. That's my point.  
>>Toolmaking, our niche, separates humans from other mammals.

><snip>

>G'day Ed. Please forgive the lateness of this - I have been away  
>from civilisation for a while.

>I understand your point on the above. However, while the noses  
>of anteaters are a good example of similar function leading to  
>similar appearance, there are other examples in which similar  
>functions do not have this effect - for example eels and fish,  
>snakes and legged animals, echidnas with rearward facing feet  
>and various other burrowing animals and so on. The obvious  
>objection to this is that the similarities among these various  
>creatures exist among a vast number of differences also. Indeed,  
>you will doubtless be aware of numerous species that feed almost  
>exclusively on ants and other such small insects, yet do not  
>have the long noses and sticky tongues developed by other such  
>specialised feeders.

Hi James,

Yes but they're not occupying the same niche. It's not just the  
feeding patterns that create the specific accessories;  
environmental stimuli seem to release physical traits from a  
store of possibilities and the end result is organisms who look  
and act alike, but are different species.

>The point of all this is that any specific function will be but  
>one of many factors influencing morphology, and therefore no  
>direct, universal correspondence between any specific function  
>and attendant morphological adaptations will exist.

I don't understand what you are saying here. Can you give an  
example?

>Another point worth noting is that many of the relevant  
>anthropomorphic features were already present in archaic  
>ancestor species prior to any (at least heavy) reliance upon  
>tool making and/or use - the basic simian morphology is highly  
>similar to that of homo sapiens sapiens in gross terms - (and  
>similarly to the descriptions of ETs). It thus may perhaps be  
>argued that in actual fact those pre-existent physical  
>attributes were in large part the cause of the later  
>developments in greatly expanded tool utilization.

Yes, this is true. Are you familiar with the Aquatic Ape theory? If Morgan is correct, and I believe she is, then this stage in our development would have led to our thumbness and then on to bigger and better tool reliance.

>Further, numerous species, including a number of birds, employ  
>tools of various types for a number of purposes, but there is no  
>evidence, so far as I am aware, that this fact has in any way  
>altered their physiology. Nor do otters seem to have evolved  
>attributes especially to permit their more precise use of stones  
>in cracking shells.

That's correct but we began to rely on tools and our tool use and tool-making separated us from other primates.

>Applying this to the ET debate, it simply does not appear to be  
>justified to claim that tool use alone is sufficient to explain  
>why humans and ETs share a relatively similar external  
>physiology, especially given the many, many factors that in all  
>probability militate against such an outcome.

Our visitors are humanoid and obviously use and make tools, more advanced than the tools we make so my argument is that tool making is the niche. It may not be probable, but it is more than possible.

>>...Humans are not special and we should expect our histories  
>>to be recapitulated anywhere there is life.

><snip>

>Surely this is precisely the point in dispute? We do not, and  
>at this point cannot know, whether or not humans are special.  
>The only evidence we presently have, poor as it is, suggest  
>that Humans may be a little special, because we are relatively  
>unique on Earth. That said, one example doesn't make a trend,  
>much less a rule.

>It is too often presumed that everything on Earth and regarding  
>humans as a species is 'typical', and much of our science is  
>based upon this presumption, but it is just that, a presumption  
>in lei of sufficient, or indeed any, evidence. Certainly many of  
>our previous claims to a unique position have been  
>unceremoniously dumped, and with them, quite properly, our  
>\_expectation\_ that we be demonstrably 'special'; the telos of  
>existence within and without the universe. Nonetheless, we  
>should not now operate under the reverse expectation that we  
>\_not\_ be at all unique, or unusual. The evidence just isn't  
>available at this point, and we should not (if we can help it)  
>pre-empt the data with conclusions!

I thought that in science, nothing is special, ever.

>>Intelligence is not a niche. All living things are as  
>>intelligent as they need to be to survive.

>Exactly. And, considering that on Earth humans have developed a  
>type and level of intelligence that is unique, this implies, or  
>at least permits the argument, that high level, 'human-like'  
>intelligence is not a particularly convergence-provoking trait.

My argument is that we are not unique and that the creatures who visit us are from here on earth and have followed our same path into tool-making and are now making their presence known. I don't have a clue as to their intentions.

>>Humans are generally quite dumb and very few can "comprehend  
>>highly complicated and abstract concepts." It took five  
>>million years to get from stone tools and throwing pointed  
>>sticks to the wheel. We have gradually improved our tool  
>>making abilities through trial and error.

><snip>

>Intelligence is relative, and it is therefore necessary to ask  
>'dumb compared to what'. While many would tend at this point to  
>enumerate the various intellectual virtues of dolphins, chimps  
>etc., this would only further underline the previously made  
>point that human intelligence is different in kind, although  
>not necessarily level, from such creatures. You stated that you  
>do not see this, but I think it is fairly evident from the clear

> differences between other species and ourselves.

I know there's a difference between humans and other animals. The question is why is there a difference and could this difference have happened before, either on earth or in our solar system, to others.

Humans are not that intelligent; but the intelligence we do possess has become well adapted to its niche; without our tools, we'd become extinct. Then we wouldn't be so special.

> You write (tongue in cheek?)

No

> that 'very few [humans] can "comprehend  
> highly complicated and abstract concepts": in human terms that  
> is unfortunately true, but from the point of view of even the  
> most intelligent of animal species, much less the mean average  
> intelligence of animals, or some other marker (albeit entirely  
> hypothetical), the thought processes of even those you had most  
> in mind are 'highly complicated and [unless they are seriously  
> mentally constrained] abstract)

Maybe so. You probably run with a different crowd. We have no way of knowing the inner thoughts of animals, abstract or not.

>> Are you familiar with the recent studies on primate  
>> intelligence. It appears chimps might be better at math  
>> than humans.

> I am indeed aware of at least some of this research, and I feel  
> that whether it actually indicates that chimps are better at  
> 'math' than humans, as opposed to symbol manipulation (perhaps  
> devoid of any comprehension of how these are symbols\_of\_  
> something, rather than merely marks of different types that  
> interact in different ways and imply various consequences  
> [classic Searle's Black Box stuff]) is debatable. Researchers  
> have tested the abilities of many animals for years, and while  
> they occasionally uncover unsuspected abilities, they have never  
> been able to demonstrate genuine 'human-like' intelligence such  
> as would permit them to outshine humans in a genuine test of  
> useful abstract conceptualisations etc, such as we utilise daily

"Young chimps apparently have an extraordinary ability to remember numerals, and recall them even better than human adults do. Although researchers have extensively studied chimpanzee memory in the past, the general assumption has been that it is inferior to that of humans, as with many other mental functions." Read entire article:

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,314681,00.html>

>> I don't understand. Betty Hill drew her abductors. They are  
>> certainly humanoid.

> Exactly my point. They are indeed 'humanoid'. Why? This is  
> something that, while I am not arguing it should on this basis  
> be doubted, nonetheless requires an answer. If no descriptions  
> of alien beings had ever emerged I strongly suspect all serious  
> researchers and commentators would dismiss as entirely fanciful  
> the idea that any ET beings could be so obviously 'humanoid'. It  
> would be too much to expect bi-pedalism, much less an  
> anthropomorphic torso, a neck and a head with two eyes, a mouth  
> in the right position and most interestingly, a space for the  
> nose to be if there was one (inexplicably wasted space, I should  
> think, unless some hidden organ, perhaps olfactory after all,  
> resides there). Tool utilisation, surely, provides no  
> explanation for the congruencies in facial features, other  
> perhaps than the presence of at least two eyes - and then why  
> would these eyes seemingly register approximately the same  
> wavelengths as our own 'visible light'? And, again, why the  
> close external similarities, when it would seem, on the little  
> evidence we have, that there are vast internal departures?

Yes these are good questions and I don't have any answers except that I base many of my assumptions about the Aliens' hominoid appearance on the drawings of Betty Hill, and the creature in the Alien Autopsy.

>>>One reply to this, of course, is that terrestrial life was  
>>>'seeded' or somehow manipulated by an ET civilisation...

><snip>

>>Earth wasn't seeded and life has evolved separately elsewhere.  
>>The seeds of life are contained in matter (mother).

><snip>

>Such statements are precisely the difficulty. How can they be  
>made in such a laconic, authoritative manner when in reality  
>they cannot be but essentially baseless. We simply do not, and  
>should not claim to, know the answers to such questions.  
>Biologists do not know how life got started on Earth, so we  
>should be careful extrapolating anything regarding life on  
>Earth into the galaxy at large.

We know that life began soon, about 500 million years after the  
earth was formed, under very harsh circumstances. There's no  
reason to believe it happened by chance. Metaphorically mother  
earth nurtured the seeds of life and still is, authoritative  
manner or not.

>Not that you may not very well  
>be right - there's no reason why you shouldn't be, no evidence  
>against it - but that is just the point.

>My concern is not to argue that you are wrong, as I fully accept  
>that you may very well be right. My contention is that there are  
>a number of difficulties faced by the ET hypothesis that many of  
>its proponents are unaware of and therefore unable to answer. It  
>is a well known tactic of scientific debate to ensure you pre-  
>empt and answer your opponents' criticisms before they can level  
>them at you - an attack prevented does much less damage even  
>than one parried. Further, to rely upon ill-founded assumptions,  
>however popular they may be, merely invites disaster should they  
>prove mistaken, and permits an easy grip for critics who wish to  
>dismiss the field en toto - even if they themselves privately  
>accept those assumptions. Thus it is important that such issues  
>as these be discussed and worked through, and the various points  
>at which they can be challenged explored. This both lessens the  
>ease with which sceptics may launch attacks, and genuinely  
>strengthens and increases the knowledge of the field.

I don't have a problem with this. I just wanted to make it clear  
that I do not believe that random chance is the only factor  
operating in evolution, and that purpose, i.e. seed, should also  
be a consideration.

Ed

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## UFOs Over Northern Colombia

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Archived: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 07:11:39 -0500  
Subject: UFOs Over Northern Colombia

Source: <http://www.lafm.com.co/noticia.php3?nt=29048>

Date: 1.09.08

BOGOTA - January 9 (La FM). From the Niza district to the north of Bogota, language professor Daniel Pietro and physician Oscar Trespalacios told La FM that they have images in their possession of the UFOs that flew over the nation's capital on December 24, 2007.

"My family went on vacation to a summer home and I was left alone. Something told me to go outside with a camera, and when I did so, the object was levitating in front of my window," said Pietro, describing the moment in which he took the picture.

The object was black, 20 meters in diameter, polygonal and with intermittent lights in its lower section, according to Pietro's description.

Moreover, Dr. Oscar Trespalacios, a defender of ET life, says that we must place special attention to the message allegedly brought by beings from another world. "They've come to help us change so many paradigms, so many obsolete beliefs that we need to change," said the ufologist.

Andres Sanchez, a reporter for La FM who visited the district, says that a strange and powerful energy can be felt at the site, which made a live broadcast of the interview very difficult.

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## Britain To Release Ufo X-Files Soon

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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Subject: Britain To Release Ufo X-Files Soon

Source: China Daily - Beijing, China

[http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2008-01/07/content\\_6374136.htm](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2008-01/07/content_6374136.htm)

2008-01-07

Britain To Release Ufo X-Files Soon  
The Guardian/China Daily

Without warning, the orange UFO swooped toward them.

The crew of the RAF Vulcan bomber banked hard and radioed they were being chased across the Atlantic by a large mysterious object.

The incident was classified as a UFO sighting and the details were immediately locked away.

Now, 30 years later, the extraordinary encounter is among thousands of previously secret cases contained in the government's "X-Files" that officials are to release in their entirety.

The cases, many from a little-known defense intelligence branch tasked with investigating UFO claims, will be published by the Ministry of Defense (MoD) to counter what officials say is "the maze of rumor and frequently ill-informed speculation" surrounding Whitehall and its alleged involvement with Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO).

The public opening of the MoD archive will expose the once highly classified work of the intelligence branch DI55, whose mission was to investigate UFO reports and whose existence was denied by the government until recently. Reports into about 7,000 UFO sightings investigated by defense officials - every single claim lodged over the past 30 years - are included in the files, whose staged release will begin in spring.

The decision to release Whitehall's full back-catalogue of UFO investigations was taken last month after the Directorate of Air Space Policy, the government agency responsible for filtering sensitive reports, gave its permission to publish the biggest single release of documents in MoD history. Now the government fears a repeat of the unprecedented demand and the website crash experienced by the French national space agency in March when it released its own UFO files. Government IT experts are believed to have drawn up contingency plans to avoid a repeat scenario when Britain's dossiers are finally made public.

Among the first tranche of UK cases will be the official government files into the famous Rendlesham incident, in which a UFO that apparently landed in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk turned out to be a hoax.

Another case chronicles a series of reports sent to RAF

Scampton, Lincolnshire, by the crew of a Vulcan bomber on exercise over the Bay of Biscay early on May 26, 1977. According to documents to be released, five crewmen, including the captain, co-pilot and navigators, watched "an object" approach their aircraft at 14,000 m above the Atlantic.

An intelligence report sent to the MoD says the crew "were unable to offer a logical explanation for the sighting".

The Guardian

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## Recent Australian UFO Reports

From: Diane Frola <[aufor06.nul](mailto:aufor06.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 12:59:34 +1000  
Archived: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 07:31:27 -0500  
Subject: Recent Australian UFO Reports

Australia has had the same amount of activity as the UK but unlike the UK our newspapers have had far more to report on: QLD /NSW floods, the release of David Hicks SA - Heat waves in VIC - WA Bush Fire deaths and a new Government.

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Australian UFO Reports.

Thank you to everyone that contributed to these reports.

05.01.08 LAKE EILDON PONAGE VIC 2300hrs (NL)

Source: AUFORN Online UFO Report Form

Witness: Ren

Number of witnesses present: many

Occupation: Music producer

Sighting Duration: 10 minutes

Observation: My girlfriend and I observed what looked like a star moving very fast from the sothern cross to the pan stars, then as the UFO approached the pan stars another started following it and after a few seconds veered off on another course, a few seconds after that a 3rd UFO started moving very fast towards the southern cross and kept going until out of sight!

We saw 3 UFOs which at one point were close together or what looked like they were close!

Description: We didnt hear any sound, 2 of the UFOs looked like stars and one looked red in colour. Actual Size: The objects looked like stars in size to us. Altitude: The UFOs looked like they were stars so they looked very high.

Object Origin: The 1st was spotted around the southern cross - Object Destination: The 1st dissapeared into the pan star area

Planets Visible: There were alot of stars visible to us.

Weather: Clear.

29.12.07 MALAGA (WA) 174000hrs (NL)

Source: 1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN#6394

Witness: Bernie

Other witnesses present: Bernie's wife

Observation: A very big bright object with 3 lights not making any sound lights on top and bottom.

Apparent Size: Dinner Plate - Actual Size: Very big.

Object Origin: Moving from the south going along the coast of WA

Object Destination: western part of the sky.

Moon Visible: one star early in the morning when the sun was coming up

Planets Visible: one star - Weather: - Clear - Calm.

Investigator Dean Wright AUFORN WA

11.12.07 NEW SOUTH WALES (BEROWRA), NSW 2115hrs (NL)

Source: AUFORN ONLINE UFO REPORT FORM

Mr. Stxxxxxx, occupation: Logistics Industry.

Sighting Duration: 30-60 seconds.

Observation: A large (rough calculations based on known distances between landmarks lead me to estimate some 30-40m in diameter) object was observed to jink rapidly up and down at a distance of some 1200m from the observer, very close to the horizon. A change of vantage point resulted in a period of some 10 seconds of non-observance, by which time the description of the object had changed (see below). It was seen to turn through roughly 180 degrees in some 300m before eventually disappearing into cloud, heading due-west from point of observation.

Description: Initial sighting from vantage point 1 was of three very intensely bright white lines in tight abreast formation. At this point the lights were jinking violently in synchronisation. From vantage point 2, the lights were seen to have changed to a bright red colour. Possibly due to change in heading, the lights were no longer in abreast formation, but possibly triangular. Binoculars did little to resolve shape, due to poor light conditions.

Object was audible as a low roar (relatively quiet considering distance was estimated to be around 1200m from vantage point).

Location: Berowra/Berowra Heights.

Apparent Size Other: Three lights, covering a pea-sized area,

Actual Size: Roughly 30-40m. Altitude: No more than 150m.

Object Origin: Unclear, as object was turning at initial time of observation,

Object Destination: West.

Moon Visible: No. Sky was almost completely overcast.

Weather Temp: Pleasant, Cloudy, Breezy

Viewing Aids: Binoculars

Other Experiences: Besides other instances of seeing "strange" lights in the sky on perhaps two other occasions, none.

06.12.07 MELBOURNE (GLENROY), VIC 1235hrs (NL)

Source: AUFORN ONLINE UFO REPORT FORM

Mr. Rocco Lxxxx

Location: Broadmeadows peninsula catholic college.

Observation: I was in my car when I noticed a Shiny Object in the sky towards the city. It hovered there for about 10 min, it started to move very slow towards me in Broadmeadows I then lost sight of it at 1.00pm Description: No unusual movements or shape change or sound. Other Witnesses: Joanne Jxxxxx by Phone.

Size: Twice the size of a star - actual Size: 50 feet? - altitude: above 30000 feet

Object Origin: West, Destination: East, Weather temp: Hot - Cloudy

01.12.07 PERTH (LOCKRIDGE ), WA 2100hrs (NL)

Source: AUFORN 1800 UFO Hotline Follow Up Callin# 6381

Sighting Duration: 5 hours.

Report: Janet and boy friend Pierre and Gary (neighbour) saw 2 white circle lights moving in a circling motion on Saturday night at 2100hrs until 0200hrs their neighbour Gary stayed up until 0200hrs and the lights were still there. Description: no sounds the lights were like 2 Big strong white lights moving in a circling motion. The lights werent together they were like a football field goal to goal apart. Apparent Size: round like a clock ? - Altitude: high as the clouds. Object Origin: towards Perth city sky. Object Destination: the lights didnt disappear. Moon Visible: no moon was seen, the night started of fine but it became overcast about 2200hrs the forcast for Perth was Thundery showers . Weather Visibility: Clear, Cloudy, Breezy but Calm. It was calm at 2100hrs. - Viewing Aids: a picture was taken by Janet with a camera phone - Effects Physical: Janet feels tired and hasnt slept since the event. Any other Experiences: Janet has been able to see orbs and see things that cannot be seen and then takes pictures of them.

Source: Dean Wright AUFORN WA

Thank you Dean for this report.

01.12.07 ALEXANDER HEIGHTS (WA) 2100hrs (NL)

Source: 1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN#6397

Witness: Trevor.

Number of witnesses present: 10 other people.

Sighting Duration: 5 minutes.

Observation: At 2100hrs Trevor and friends witnessed a big orange ball object for about 5 minutes .Trevor thought it might the space shuttle or a meteorite.

Description: No sound Trevor thought he seen a beam at the front of it.

Apparent Size Other: Big bright orange ball - Actual Size: very big in size

Altitude: very high in the sky - Object Origin: North east direction.

Object Destination: North east heading towards Perth Hills -

Moon Visible: Yes it was -

Planets Visible: yes a clear sky with lots of stars and planets visible

Weather Visibility: Clear - Calm -

Viewing Aids: Trevor took a photo with a camera phone -

Other Experiences: Trevor Friend had seen ufos years ago.

Investigator Dean Wright AUFORN WA

22.11.07 PARAFIELD GARDENS SA 2115hrs (NL)

Source: 1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN#6388

Witness Name: David

Sighting Duration: a few minutes.

Observation: David watched a yellowish light come from the western sky heading in a easterly direction. Moving slowly. No sound was heard. Three or Four days later David rang the Astronomical Society, the man he talked to told him that the

"space station" passed over South Australia at the same time David saw the yellowish light in the sky. David accepted the explanation by the Astronomical Society. The space station passed over S.A at the time David saw the light in the sky. David was happy with the explanation.

Description: Space station - Altitude: Space station (outspace)

Object Origin: west - Object Destination: east Moon Size  
Comparison: star size

Weather: Clear -

Final note:

It is most likely the explanation given by the Astronomical Society is correct and the object witnessed by David was the International Space Station.

By Jeff Fausch..AUFORN ..S.A

22.11.07 WATTAMOLLA NSW 1750hrs (NL)

Source: 1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN#6373

Witness: Marianne

Number of witnesses present: many

Observation: Whilst at the train station nearest the Royal National Park, Marianne looked up to see what all the boys out on the station were looking at. What she saw was a black to Dark Brown "spider-like" object floating over head. "It was definitely not a saucer shaped thing" she said. The object seemed to travel intelligently in the direction of Wattamolla and therefore, against the prevailing winds. Description: This went on for some 20 minutes and the worst of it was that so many people were watching and the caller beckoned others on the train to look with her. Many on board the train and plenty of other witnesses on the platform were all looking at it in amazement. All of this took place at around 1750hrs on the 22-11-07 and, as is usually the case, the caller was amazed that there were no other calls received from other witnesses.

Apparent Size: Tennis Ball - Altitude: No more than 600 metres

Object Origin: North - Object Destination: controlled landing into the park area Weather - Sunny - Cloudy

Investigator Dom & Lorraine AUFORN NSW

14.11.07 GOSFORD NSW 0600hrs (NL)

Source: 1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN#6363

Witness: Anne

Number of witnesses present:

Sighting Duration: 2 seconds

Observation: An object which moved so fast across the sky that it at first appeared to be a meteorite. It exhibited a Green coloured tail and moved from the southern sky in a south easterly direction, gradually rising in the sky. This was seen for only 2 seconds or so.

Description: The object would be close to the size of a matchhead at arms length. Very small in size but bigger and more luminous than stars. It Came from out of the local areas of Palm beach to Kildare and Terrigal. Witness lives at East Gosford. There was no sound.

Apparent Size Other: bigger than stars Altitude: From below the cloudbank to above the cloudbank. The object ascended into the clouds at shallow angle.

Object Origin: South easterly along the coastline Weather: Some

Cloud

Investigator Dom & Lorraine AUFORN NSW

0?.10.07 TAMWORTH NSW ?hrs (CE5?)

Source: 1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN#6402

Witness: Fxxxx

Number of witnesses present: one over 50 y.o RELATIVE - won't talk

Sighting Duration: 30 minutes

Observation: The witness claims multiple contact. In a previous report, which we looked up, she claims an incident with an MIB. Numerous incidents include markings on the body, severe paranoia, mistrust and wishes absolute anonymity. We have advised of a way in which she can contact us electronically as to when she will be visiting Sydney. Description: Beautiful, silver object. occupants are neither green nor grey - nor are they small.

Effects Physical: markings upon the body, vomiting. - Effects Psychological: Yes. According to the claims, she is seeking out a colour and she draws a lot, but then is forced to destroy them. No samples available, Effects

Other Witnesses:

The other witness is not willing to discuss this event.

Other Experiences: previous episode places the events at October of each of the last two years. Each callin, however has occurred in the early months of the following year?

Investigator Dom & Lorraine AUFORN NSW

AUGUST 2007

04.08.07 SYDNEY (FAIRFIELD), NSW 0830hrs (DL)

Source: 1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN #6137,6138,6139,6140

Number of witnesses: 1

Number of objects: 3

Report:

Terence has a photograph which he sent in claiming that it showed a number of objects and a 'chase plane'. Terence was sitting on the front verandah of his house, looking north towards Parramatta. At around 8:30 am, he noticed streaks of clouds and three white dots appeared in a triangle shape, but these objects were only dots in the sky. At first he thought they were birds, but a QANTAS jet passed and one of these 'dots' peeled off and followed the jet.

As the aircraft and the object came closer, moving quite fast, it was "as if the objects formed clouds around themselves -- the sky being clear of clouds that morning. That was the moment he grabbed his camera and took a photograph. He rang Richmond Air Force Base and asked about reporting what he had seen. He then claimed that the woman on the phone told him "we had them on radar and are taking appropriate steps." We have since confirmed that no such protocol exists and the public are never told anything except to refer them on to Telstra for an appropriate number to call.

Following this incident, Terence claims to have been visited by two plain clothed gentlemen who produced Air Force credentials and demanded his camera. He refused and gave them copies of the picture from his PC. He was suspicious that they were not from the air base at all. Later he claimed the camera had been wiped during the visit.

The next day, he arrived home to find a man who had called was just leaving. This man had spoken to his wife who said she did not know anything about the whole incident. When the stranger and Terence caught sight of each other, the stranger turned and told him in no uncertain terms to keep quiet!.

He claims to have rung the Bankstown airport on the same day as the RAAF and that they too had it on radar but that they did not

know what the hell it was! We have since discovered that the Bankstown airport does not operate reflection Radar and denied knowledge of any such call.

Lorraine AUFORN NSW

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## Aliens 'Created Humans At Uluru'

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Subject: Aliens 'Created Humans At Uluru'

Source: The Herald Sun - Melbourne, Australia

<http://tinyurl.com/2yhft3>

January 10, 2008

Aliens 'Created Humans At Uluru'  
By Ben Langford

Ancient astronauts landed at Uluru and proceeded to create humankind, according to UFO enthusiasts in America.

The UFO Area website says the astronauts are represented in rock paintings in Central Australia.

"Once upon a time, in a distant past, a huge red 'egg' had difficulties to safely reach the ground and crashed," the story reads, under a picture of Uluru.

"Out of the 'egg' emerged white-skinned beings, followed by their children," it says.

"The adults had problems adapting to the Earth's atmosphere and died. The children managed to survive.

"Later they painted drawings of the adults in honour of their parents.

"Uluru is filled with the legends and myths of Aboriginal 'Dreamtime' when their ancient god-like ancestors moved through the landscape.

"These gods - who were ancient astronauts - came from the sky with a mission. This mission was to create life on Earth."

Parks Australia spokeswoman Mali Stanton said there was not anyone at Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park who could comment on the bizarre story.

The complex Aboriginal system of law and beliefs known as Tjukurpa is referred to in the national park plan of management.

The plan refers in part to the creation stories represented in rock art - without astronauts.

"According to Tjukurpa, there was a time when ancestral beings in the form of humans, animals, and plants travelled widely across the land and performed remarkable feats of creation and destruction," it says.

"The journeys of these beings are remembered and celebrated and the record of their activities exists today in aspects and features of the land."

The UFO Area website also carries a story claiming there are three triangular "ancient structures" in the desert near Uluru

that may not be natural.

"What is the purpose of these ancient structures and why are they aligned in the same direction?" the website says.

"The Aborigines might know the secret ..."

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## Lansing Man Shares His UFO Tale

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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Subject: Lansing Man Shares His UFO Tale

Source: The Ithaca Journal - New York, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2a6q7g>

January 10, 2008

Lansing Town Talk: Lansing Man Shares His UFO Tale  
By Carolyn Montague

Jerome E. Hass and his wife Joan (Jo) Hass of Route 34B in Lansing has been a longtime friend of our family, starting way back when he and his family moved from Dryden to a short mile away from us, which in Lansing makes them nearby neighbors.

<snip>

On Monday morning of this week, I was at the Hass House when Jerry told me that he had had an amazing experience the previous night. We decided that it would be a most worthwhile public service bulletin for the readers of The Ithaca Journal who too may encounter such a happening. His exact story, word for word, is as follows:

"My first encounter with a UFO occurred more than 50 years ago, while lying in the grass next to a Minnesota lake, watching the stars come out. I spotted a white object moving rapidly across the sky and pointed it out to my (geek) friend who told me it was a satellite. While I have since enjoyed spotting many satellites just as dark appears, last night was something completely different.

"I was taking my customary (when the weather permits) nightly walk up highway 34B when I spotted an orange light floating above me. Heavy clouds provided a dark background that made it difficult to judge its size or distance. It landed in a muddy field next to the road. I quickly returned home, grabbed my new crank-powered LED flashlight (with radio), put on my mud-boots, and told my wife I was going to explore a UFO, to which she replied 'Uh-huh,' with eyes and ears glued to a new episode of 'Desperate Housewives.' I jumped in my pickup and headed up the road, parking as close to the faintly glowing object as possible. Practicing my D-E-C-C-G\*\* (in case I had to communicate) and cranking fiercely, I slogged across the muddy field. The glow was emanating from what appeared to be a glow-stick, tied to a stout string, which was draped across a shallow depression in which water was flowing. At my feet was a small container (about 6 inches tall and 4 inches square) that read, 'This is not a dangerous object.' My pulse began to return to normal.

"My UFO proved to be a radiosonde, released by the National Weather Service at 6:30 p.m. (almost three hours earlier) from Buffalo. I could not cross the running water, so I pulled on the string and reeled in a plastic parachute and then the remains of a rubber balloon. The container gave instructions to use the enclosed prepaid package to return the device to NWS for reuse.

Today I followed the directions and also read the interesting details on Wikipedia. My UFO had been attached to a 6-foot wide helium balloon that had risen 1,000 feet a minute and traveled perhaps as high as 115,000 feet into the atmosphere to send pressure, temperature and humidity data back to Buffalo and was tracked to provide wind speed and direction data.

"I am ready for my next encounter. Beam me up Scotty!"

\*\* Professor Hass is referring to "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," an old movie he and Jo had watched about aliens and the means to communicate with them.

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## North UFO Encounters

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Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 07:50:10 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 07:50:10 -0500  
Subject: North UFO Encounters

Source: The Journal - Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, County Durham, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/2mrpmy>

Jan 10 2008

North UFO Encounters  
by Sam Wood - The Journal

It emerged this week that the Ministry of Defence is planning to open up its 'X-Files'. UFO sightings dating back to 1967 will be declassified later this year. But The Journal can today bring you a sneak preview, having obtained details of UFO sightings in the North-East under the Freedom of Information Act. Sam Wood reports.

THE UK's X Files are about to be unleashed.

The Ministry of Defence is due to release 24 files, each containing between 200 and 300 reports of sightings, along with internal MoD briefings and correspondence.

A date for the release has not yet been set, but it is thought to be only a matter of weeks. But today The Journal can reveal a host of mysterious sightings, having obtained figures under the Freedom of Information Act.

In 2006 there were seven reported sightings of UFOs in the North-East and North Yorkshire.

And between 1998 and 2006 there were 84 such reports, many of which remain unexplained. An MoD spokesman revealed they would only investigate sightings fully if it was believed they posed a threat to national security.

No data has yet been released for sightings in 2007.

While the North-East is far from the busiest region for UFO spotting, North Yorkshire has become the UFO spotting capital of the country. In 2005 alone there were 23 reports of strange things in the sky.

A spokesman for the MoD said: "The MoD examines reports solely to establish whether UK airspace may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised military activity.

"If required, sighting reports are examined with the assistance of the Department's air defence experts. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, there is no attempt to identify the nature of each sighting reported."

However there are groups which do try to identify and explain UFO sightings.

Heather Stone, national co-ordinator for the British UFO Research Organisation (BUFORA), lives in Wideopen, close to

Newcastle. She said there were many reported sightings every year but most have a rational explanation. She said: "I think between 95% and 98% of all reports have an easy explanation. It is usually military aircraft or something like that.

Recently Chinese lanterns being released have created havoc for us as they can easily look like a UFO.

And of course meteorites are always mistaken for something more mysterious. We also get a few hoaxes and people who just want some attention.

But there are some sightings which cannot be explained. I had one story from a female taxi driver in Cumbria. It was New Year's Eve and she had just dropped someone off at Brampton.

She got back into her taxi and started to drive off. She was talking to her sister on the radio when suddenly all the lights went out and the car stopped.

"She got out of the car and saw a blue sphere hovering behind the vehicle. It then moved over the car before shooting off.

The whole thing lasted just a couple of minutes. This woman then got back into her car and began talking to her sister again who said she had been away for over half an hour. Both are very ordinary credible people.

While I'm not sure I believe we are being visited by things from other planets I do believe many of the stories. Some things just cannot be explained."

'Suddenly all the lights went out and the car stopped'

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#### UFO reports

Numbers of sightings of UFOs between 1998 and 2006 in the North of England, including North Yorkshire, as confirmed by the Ministry of Defence:

2006 - 7  
2005 - 29  
2004 - 5  
2003 - 1  
2002 - 0  
2001 - 7  
2000 - 14  
1999 - 13  
1998 - 8

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### Re: Roswell Camouflaging Involuntary

From: **Stuart Miller** <[stuart.4.nul](mailto:stuart.4.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 11:33:27 +0000  
Archived: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 07:53:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: Roswell Camouflaging Involuntary

Nick Redfern has formatting issues and although a subscriber, he cannot post. He asked me to forward this:

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Although this new info does not explicitly refer to Japanese people having been involved, it does tie-in almost exactly with one bit of data in 'BodySnatchers', which relates to US-driven human experiments - using American handicapped people - after the Japanese tests.

On page 143 of 'Body Snatchers', paragraph 3, there is a reference from one of my sources who says that when the specific Japanese 'supply runs out' a decision was taken to do deals within the United States to get further people to use as test-subjects.

To quote from the book what I was told: 'They made deals here with mortuaries, with funeral homes, with asylums, hospitals - even prisons - where they would make an under-the-table payment in return for dead bodies and living handicapped people...Back then, there was a hell of a lot of stigma with mental and physical handicaps, and a lot of people were handed over at birth to hospitals. The families didn't want to deal with it - maybe couldn't deal with it. The hospital or the asylum agrees to look after them for what might be a short life. So, again, we do the deals with these places: "If you have someone that won't be missed - and only someone that won't be missed - we'll deal with it for you."'

This extract from my book sounds very much like how the handicapped people cited within this new account were obtained, and I find it encouraging that this new data offers some support re what I was told.

Also, there is one other very important factor: namely the information in this new report about how the handicapped people used in the high-altitude test were specifically anaesthetised.

Consider, then, the following quote from my 'Body Snatchers' book from a former employee of Oak Ridge who said that: 'I was told that there were, I think, three classified balloon flights in May, June and July 1947 and at least two were disasters...This would involve balloons reaching very high altitudes, with an anaesthetised crew of these handicapped people kept in a small compartment, kind of a rounded gondola.'

The issue of anaesthetising the victims is something that was a very brief aside made to me (in 2001 by this source and published in 2005) and was overlooked/ignored by many when the book was published.

But it would appear, from this new story, that there are others who are aware of this dark, and little-known, aspect of the truth of Roswell, and I'm encouraged that this new data seems to back up what my sources said a number of years ago.

Combined with the new data coming out in your new mag next month, I suspect that those hostile to the idea that Roswell was

a dark and dubious experiment, will need to be more open-minded, even if it's not what they want to hear.

If Roswell (as a UFO case) comes crashing down in flames and has a detrimental effect on Ufology, then the UFO research community will have no-one but itself to blame.

If Ufology treated Roswell as merely one of thousands of UFO cases that were worthy of study, then that would be different.

But what the Ufological community has done (consciously or not) is to make Roswell (in the minds of many) the case upon which reality of a genuine UFO puzzle exists.

So, in the eyes of many, take Roswell out of the equation and the argument that some form of unexplained UFO exists vanishes too, to a very significant degree.

Roswell should never have been given elite status because of the effect it would have on Ufology if the case collapses as a UFO event.

There are many good cases that, to me, clearly indicate a real UFO puzzle in our presence. But to much of the media and the public (and, I suspect, a lot of the UFO research community) if Roswell conclusively goes down then this will be perceived as the final nail in the coffin.

But that's precisely what happens when one case is treated like some sort of Holy Grail - everything else become second-rate to the 'best case'. But when that 'best case' is no longer 'best' (or perhaps no longer valid even), that's when Ufology will find itself lost at sea.

And of course, there was this recently too:

<http://www.ufomystic.com/the-redfern-files/ufos-unit-731/>

Cheers

Nick

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Stuart Miller  
Alien Worlds magazine  
<http://www.alienworldsmag.com>

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## Re: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

From: Theo Paijmans <[th.paijmans.nul](mailto:th.paijmans.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 10:30:07 +0100  
Archived: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 08:03:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

>From: Erik Landahl <[landahl1.nul](mailto:landahl1.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 8 Jan 2008 16:33:37 -0800  
>Subject: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

>For an exhaustively researched book about anti-gravity  
>propulsion research as pursued by various governments and  
>private corporations - and the success and failure they have had  
>(note there have been anti-gravity propulsion successes) please  
>read "The Hunt for Zero Point" written by Nick Cook, aerospace  
>consultant for Jane's Defence Weekly. You cannot find a more  
>conservative aerospace industry periodical than Jane's, yet the  
>editors and publishers of Jane's were so impressed by Mr. Cook's  
>work that they not only did not penalize him for this radical  
>line of research, but in 2002 they published a brief article on  
>his research into The Boeing Company's anti-gravity research on  
>their own Jane's web site:

<snip>

Dear Erik,

I have another opinion on Nick Cook's book. While his credentials in the fields of aerospace and conventional airplane technologies seem impeccable, where he is out of his depth is in the complex field of pre-world war II German and Austrian alternative sciences.

Exhaustively researched is in my opinion not the moniker I would place on Cook's book. As such and for instance, his estimate of the role and accomplishments of Schauberger is nothing more than a reiteration of various secondary and unreliable sources, hearsay and pipe dreams. Before Cook's book, a solid Schauberger biography was published in the German language, that clearly (and referenced) shows that his role as father of the German flying saucer and originator of a line of antigravity research was a post world war II myth.

Aside from that, my own decades long research has uncovered many original Schauberger documents - which really is no great feat in itself - as anyone can access these at the proper German historical archives.

My own research furthermore has established that Schauberger simply never achieved what was later (1957) published concerning these rumoured antigravity devices that flew through the roof (literally). Schauberger, however, remains a fascinating case and he may certainly have been onto something, who can tell - but not the grandiose claims that were fed to Cook at the Schauberber Institute.

Then there's the tale about The Bell, for which no evidence exists at all. However, look for a refutation here:

<http://www.americanantigravity.com/documents/The-Henge.pdf>

As such, Cook's book is so riddled with errors, unsubstantiated rumours and urban legendry, that, aside from his credentials, I have very little use for it in a historical accurate context. I

cannot blame him; as I said, the field of pre world war German and Austrian alternative sciences is highly complex and I know of only a handful of persons who are actively and dispassionately engaged in the actual historical research as to establishing who, what, where and when things, ideas and so forth happened.

I would not, therefore, use this book as evidence of or basis for anything.

Surely, one must not be blinded by a bonafide journalist, who in turn was blinded by what he himself terms 'The Legend'.

Regards,

Theo Paijmans

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## Re: Aliens 'Created Humans At Uluru'

From: **Richard Hall** <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 07:56:33 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 08:07:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: Aliens 'Created Humans At Uluru'

>Source: The Herald Sun - Melbourne, Australia

><http://tinyurl.com/2yhft3>

>January 10, 2008

>Aliens 'Created Humans At Uluru'  
>By Ben Langford

>Ancient astronauts landed at Uluru and proceeded to create  
>humankind, according to UFO enthusiasts in America.

<snip>

What "UFO enthusiasts in America?" Certainly not any credible individuals or group.

More news media garbage by ignorant reporters, such as those at the UK Guardian who have the temerity to call the Rendlesham Forest case a "hoax".

What utter nonsense. And news media wonder why they are losing credibility!

Dick

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## UFO Over Westminster Abbey In London

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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Archived: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 09:10:25 -0500  
Subject: UFO Over Westminster Abbey In London

Source: The Northampton Chronicle & Echo - UK

<http://tinyurl.com/2jnbdv>

09 January 2008

Strange Sight Above The Park  
By Staff Copy  
Northants Evening Telegraph

Our reader Krzysztof Dreczkowski filmed some remarkable footage of a UFO over Westminster Abbey in London at the end of December and provoked some colourful reactions.

Thousands of people from across the world visited our site at:

[www.northantset.co.uk](http://www.northantset.co.uk)

to view footage.

If you search the term 'UFO' on our archive online you can download the footage =96 look to the left of the video near the trees for the mysterious white light.

UFOs hold special interest for Krzysztof because he is part of a UFO organisation in Poland, his homeland.

Can you help identify his latest enigma? Make sure you register on our site by clicking the blue Register button on the home page and have your say.

Here are the views of two more readers.

Steve McAllister, from the Ise Lodge estate in Kettering, said:

"At around 7.50am, I saw a rather strange object in the sky, heading from Wicksteed Park towards Geddington. It was a small, black, oval-looking shape and it looked like it was spinning.

My wife initially said 'oh its a black bag' but as we watched it, it moved at what looked like the same altitude (maybe 100 metres up), the same speed and did not change shape.

It was not a plane, didn't look like a bird and there was no wind to speak of.

I am curious, has anyone else contacted you about this?

I was at home in St Saviour's Road at the time."

While Steve Tobias, from New Jersey, posted this:

"The situation in the world is becoming critical, due to the cover-up about UFOs and the increasing frequency of reported lights being seen.

I urge you all to review the Youtube video online called Nasa Worm or Nasa UFO Worm, it is a vehicle being brought to our planet by a UFO Tow Tug Vehicle.

I am sorry to have to shock some of you this way with the information but this is just the tip of the UFO research I have done in last 15 years."

The full article contains 351 words and appears in Northants Evening Telegraph newspaper.

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## Why Is Sunderland A UFO Hotspot?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 09:16:33 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 09:16:33 -0500  
Subject: Why Is Sunderland A UFO Hotspot?

Source: The Shields Gazette - South Shields, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/2s3ndu>

09 January 2008

Why Is Sunderland A UFO Hotspot?

By Mike Hallowell

Recently there has been a flurry of UFO sightings over the Sunderland area.

To some, this may be disturbing. After all, no one likes to entertain the idea that our skies are being filled with alien invaders from a distant solar system.

Personally, however, I quite like the notion that we are entertaining visitors from beyond.

Overall there has been a decline in flying saucer activity in the UK, and if our friends from the other side of the galaxy suddenly got bored with us and stopped coming, then we may never find out who (or what) they are, and why they found planet earth so fascinating in the first place.

One of the big problems with the concept that we are being visited by alien life forms is the distance they would have to travel to reach us.

The nearest star to us is more than four light years away, and this means that even if aliens could travel at the speed of light, it would still take them over four years to get here.

Some researchers have postulated that there may be 'worm holes' in space, which could act as portals between one solar system and another.

The idea is that you pop into one worm hole and hey, presto, before you know it, you pop out of another millions of light years away, without having to travel the distance in between.

Of course, this notion is still but a theory. Personally, I believe that UFOs probably have their origins much closer to home.

It seems unlikely that they originate on another planet in our own solar system, as there are no signs of alien civilisations on Mars, Venus or the other worlds in our vicinity.

Another problem is that life as we know it would probably find it difficult to survive in the hostile conditions those planets present.

Is it possible, though, that UFOs could have their origin right here on planet earth? This may not be as strange an idea as one

might imagine.

For years there have been rumours that there are subterranean worlds hidden under the north and south poles that could house civilisations whose existence we are unaware of.

If such civilisations do indeed exist, they could, theoretically speaking, be in possession of advanced technologies that enable them to build aircraft far beyond our own understanding, and using propulsion systems we can only dream of.

Another reason for thinking that the "aliens" may be related to us is the biological similarities between UFO occupants and human beings.

Put aside their strange skin colour, large eyes and antennae, aliens are normally described as having a head, torso, two legs, two arms and facial features pretty much the same as our own.

If aliens are similar to us, if not identical, then we can probably assume that they are related to us in the same way that horses and pigs, although not identical, are both mammals and occupy places reasonably close to each other on the evolutionary tree.

If you're ever lucky enough to see the occupant of a UFO, it's a fascinating thought that you may not be staring at an alien from outer space, but a long-lost cousin.

Why haven't our ethereal visitors contacted us formally and announced their existence officially to the world?

Well, look at it this way; if you had the chance of making friends with a bunch of people who behave as badly as we humans do, wouldn't you think twice about it?

\* If you have any spooky stories or eerie tales you'd like to see in print, send them directly to the Gazette, or e-mail them to:

[wraithscape.nul](mailto:wraithscape.nul)

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## Did Kenneth Arnold See One Of These?

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 10:03:13 EST  
Archived: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 06:49:19 -0500  
Subject: Did Kenneth Arnold See One Of These?

<http://tinyurl.com/yo4aza>

Seeing one of these flying in the air would have startled me too.

Although this craft was supposedly discontinued due to errors, who's to say others didn't pick up the slack and slap a jet engine on it a decade later?

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com

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### Hypnosis Study Reveals Brain's 'Amnesia Centers'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 06:54:16 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 06:54:16 -0500  
Subject: Hypnosis Study Reveals Brain's 'Amnesia Centers'

Source: Science Daily Com - Herndon, Virginia, USA

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/01/080109173842.htm>

Jan. 10, 2008

#### Hypnosis Study Reveals Brain's 'Amnesia Centers'

ScienceDaily -- Brain scans of hypnotized people that are taken as they forget and are triggered to remember have revealed neural circuitry that is key to the memory suppression and recall process. The researchers who conducted the study said their insights into the memory suppression and recall process may yield insight into the mechanisms underlying amnesia

In their experiments, the researchers identified two groups of volunteers - those who were susceptible to hypnotic suggestions and those who were not. They showed both groups a documentary depicting a day in the life of a young woman. A week later, they placed them in a magnetic resonance imaging scanner and induced them into a hypnotic state. In this state, the scientists gave the subjects a posthypnotic suggestion to forget the movie, also giving them a reversibility cue that would restore the memory.

Once the subjects had been brought out of the hypnotic state, the researchers tested their recall of the movie, then gave them the reversibility cue and tested their recall again. As expected, the hypnosis-susceptible group showed reduced recall of the movie, compared with the hypnosis-nonsusceptible group.

Analysis of the brain scans taken during posthypnotic amnesia and memory recovery revealed distinctive activity differences between the hypnosis-susceptible group and -nonsusceptible group in specific occipital, temporal, and prefrontal areas of the brain. The researchers also detected telltale brain activity changes in the hypnosis-susceptible group as they forgot and recalled memory of the movie. In that group, activity in some brain regions was suppressed during memory suppression, while activity in other regions increased. And during reversal of the posthypnotic suggestion, the susceptible group showed recovery of activity in suppressed regions.

"The paralleled recovery of brain activity and memory performance strongly suggests that suppression was exerted at early stages of the retrieval process, thus preventing the activation of regions that are crucial for productive retrieval," wrote the researchers. They wrote that their findings suggest that the amnesia induced by the posthypnotic suggestion "affects an executive preretrieval monitoring process, which produces an early decision on whether to proceed or not on retrieval, and in case of a [question about the movie], aborts the process."

The researchers said that further studies will be needed to determine whether their findings apply to cases of functional amnesia seen in the clinic. However, they said that some forms

of amnesia may be a consequence of the "preretrieval memory abort" mechanism their findings revealed. Thus, hypnosis may at least partially model such forms of amnesia, they said.

"All in all, our data identify brain circuits that subserve suppression of retrieval of long-term memory of a real-life-like extended episode in the course of posthypnotic FORGET suggestion," they concluded. "Some of these regions are likely to play a role in normal retrieval. Others are likely to be engaged in dysfunctions that involve an executive decision to abort subsequent retrieval."

Yadin Dudai and colleagues published their findings in the January 10, 2008, issue of the journal Neuron, published by Cell Press.

The researchers include Avi Mendelsohn, Department of Neurobiology, The Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel; Yossi Chalamish, Department of Neurobiology, The Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel; Alexander Solomonovich, Hypnosis Unit, Wolfson Medical Center, Holon, Israel; and Yadin Dudai, Department of Neurobiology, The Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel.

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## More Reports After Christmas Day UFO

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 06:59:27 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 06:59:27 -0500  
Subject: More Reports After Christmas Day UFO

Source: The Evening Leader - Wrexham, Wales

<http://tinyurl.com/2wf5dw>

10 January 2008

More Mystery Sightings After Christmas Day UFO Report  
By Kate Forrester

Reports of UFO sightings across the region are continuing to flood in.

After Harry Hughes of Mynydd Isa first reported seeing five orange lights in the sky on Christmas Day, the Leader has received reports of more sightings on a daily basis.

Ten-year-old James Holmes, of Rhydymwyn, said: "On the night of Sunday, January 6, at around 1am, I was woken up by some strange white lights spiralling across my bedroom ceiling.

"I wasn't frightened because I live near a football club and the Rhydymwyn Institute which has a very bright light at night. I knew it wasn't them because I was used to them.

"When I got up in the morning, I heard my mum talking about lights so I guess she saw them too.

"My mum thought it was the wind moving a tree so that the light of a lamppost behind the tree would move, but I don't think it was because my bedroom is on the other side of the house to hers.

"We then thought it may have been a search helicopter but there wasn't any noise. She said there were several of them in quick succession a few times that night."

After the Leader featured a number of incidents yesterday, including the famous Berwyn Mountain sighting in the 1970s, Gerard Coughlan, of Coed Onn Road, Flint, was prompted to recall an incident from the past.

He said: "I saw several disc-shaped objects flying at very high altitude and at great speed about 15 years ago from my outside my house.

"I looked up and thought it must be the Red Arrows, but then realised there was no sound at all and I could see very clearly that they were perfectly round in shape, and pale grey in colour.

"The other interesting thing was that they all kept changing positions at lightning speed, as if they were 'playing about'.

"They were travelling in a northerly direction and went from above my head to out of sight in about 30 seconds. I watched them the whole time but have never been able explain what they

were.

"As an engineer, I am fully aware of what things look like, but cannot give any explanation as to what these 'saucers' were."

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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## Re: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 16:38:11 -0000  
Archived: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 07:02:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 09 Jan 2008 19:28:47 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

>>From: Erik Landahl <[landahl1.nul](mailto:landahl1.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 8 Jan 2008 16:33:37 -0800  
>>Subject: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

>>If you are interested in the reality of anti-gravity propulsion  
>>and you haven't read Nick Cook's book, read it now. Read "The  
>>Hunt for Zero Point" and see the depth and breadth of research  
>>Mr. Cook engaged in.

>Dear List:

>Also, please see my review of Cook's book on the Paranoia  
>magazine website:

><http://www.paranoiamagazine.com/zeropoint.html>

Also, see the review at:

<http://tinyurl.com/2ez3yt>

John Harney

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## Top UFO Spotter Endorses Uluru UFO Claim

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 07:05:08 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 07:05:08 -0500  
Subject: Top UFO Spotter Endorses Uluru UFO Claim

Source: News.Com.Au - Australia

<http://www.news.com.au/story/0,23599,23035923-2,00.html>

January 11, 2008

Top UFO Spotter Endorses Uluru UFO Claim  
By Ben Langford

An experienced UFO spotter has lent his support to the theory aliens landed at Uluru and created human beings.

Lew Farkas runs the store and holiday park at Wycliffe Well, an internationally-renowned UFO hotspot 380km north of Alice Springs on the Stuart Highway.

The Northern Territory News yesterday reported on a US UFO enthusiasts' website carrying a story about aliens landing at the Rock and creating human life.

The event, the UFO Area website claims, is depicted in Aboriginal rock paintings at Uluru.

Mr Farkas, 60, said he has spotted about 30 UFOs in his time.

"I think it's feasible," he said.

"There's more to things in the past and to our lives than we can comprehend.

"I think that some other beings from another planet in some format started us off down here.

"That's why they keep coming back and checking us out."

Mr Farkas said depictions of aliens were common to the art of many ancient cultures.

"They all seem to have a being with helmets on and space-looking characters," he said.

"They only paint what they see.

"Indians, Aztecs, they've all got space creatures."

Mr Farkas said there had not been a sighting at Wycliffe Well since November 7, when a group of British backpackers said they saw a light hovering around for about 15 minutes before flying off.

Outside the tourist season there are not as many eyes trained to the mysteries of the sky.

"Nobody here spends all night sitting around looking at the sky," he said. "If it came early in the evening someone might see it."

The Wycliffe Well Holiday Park is popular with tourists keen to catch a glimpse of an alien visitor.

"If you stand outside in the middle of the night you can look in any direction and see the whole sky to the horizon," he said. "If something does move, you can see it."

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## Re: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

From: **Brian Ally** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 12:21:45 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 07:06:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

>From: Theo Paijmans <[th.paijmans.nul](mailto:th.paijmans.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 10:30:07 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

>>From: Erik Landahl <[landahl1.nul](mailto:landahl1.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 8 Jan 2008 16:33:37 -0800  
>>Subject: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

>>For an exhaustively researched book about anti-gravity  
>>propulsion research as pursued by various governments and  
>>private corporations - and the success and failure they have had  
>>(note there have been anti-gravity propulsion successes) please  
>>read "The Hunt for Zero Point" written by Nick Cook, aerospace  
>>consultant for Jane's Defence Weekly.

>I have another opinion on Nick Cook's book. While his  
>credentials in the fields of aerospace and conventional airplane  
>technologies seem impeccable, where he is out of his depth is in  
>the complex field of pre-world war II German and Austrian  
>alternative sciences.

>I would not, therefore, use this book as evidence of or basis  
>for anything.

>Surely, one must not be blinded by a bonafide journalist, who in  
>turn was blinded by what he himself terms 'The Legend'.

I concur with Theo. Like many, I was quite impressed with Cook's  
credentials. But, by the time I was done reading this book I'd  
begun to wonder about his gullibility. Aside from the  
Schauberger portion, there are several other matters discussed  
in this book that are somewhat less than persuasive, IMO. While  
there is much food for thought in this book, by the time I was  
done reading it I felt that he'd taken several giant leaps too  
many. By all means, do give it a go, as it's quite an  
interesting read at times. But you won't get an unconditional  
thumbs-up from me.

To be clear though: I've no problem with the idea that humans  
may be experimenting with "anti-gravity" (esp. as several of  
them have been quite up-front about it). Nor do I doubt that  
"anti-gravity" is possible. What I take issue with is Vince's  
declarations that the US gov't. controls a fleet of secret space  
rangers, or some such.

Too often, this field of research leads one to make the most  
astoundingly baseless claims, the gist of which seem the product  
more of vivid imagination (not that there's anything wrong with  
that) than careful research or deduction based on established  
facts.

Brian

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## French 'Academy Of Ufology'?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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Subject: French 'Academy Of Ufology'?

Source: PRLog.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/2gfwfj>

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The French Private Research on UFO phenomena starts the "Academy of Ufology"

A team of voluntary ufologists set up the basis of the "Academy of Ufology", an association which claims to be an expert and independent assembly, gathering knowledge necessary to the exchange, the reflection and the analysis of the UFOs reports.

Source: Jacky Kozan/Academy of Ufology

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(PRLog.Org) =96 Jan 10, 2008 =96 The role of the Academy of Ufology is to define the ufology in its scientific, technical, sociological and ethic parameters and to validate the work made either by its members or by outsiders. The academy aims to promote and organize the scientific and historical study of the ufology. Its objective is to become the qualified intermediary between the public in search of serious and reliable information and the ufologists working in the associations.

The Academy of Ufology has just validated for its internal use, a system of classification for the study of the UFOs, performed by Doctors Jacques Vall=E9e and Allen Hynek. This system is already known and used by many private associations of ufologists worldwide. The academy currently works to define with precision the common and usual French word "ufologie".

In order to judiciously advise the readers of ufology books, the academy decided to define a procedure of validation of those books. It will become a basic tool for the academy and will be a guarantee of serious for the public.

The Academy of Ufology is also composed of members who are professional but not ufologists. Their specialties are those required for the understanding of the UFO phenomenon. The needed specialties are numerous: physicists, astrophysicists, biologists, geologists, sociologists, data processing specialists, investigators, historians, technicians, etc=85

To reach a total independence, the academy operates on the basis of voluntary work and has neither income, nor expense. Its active members do not have any personal expenses. The only counterpart for them is to offer to the academy a part of their time and their knowledge. The Academy of Ufology's operating agreement specifies that the exchanges and the deliberations will be spread out in time, over several weeks and will be done remotely by using the modern communication tools: telephone, Internet, etc=85 No displacement of people is necessary. Dedicated software allows voting on a specific page of the academy's

Internet site.

The quantity and the quality of the international ufological news increase: publication on the web of the official French UFO files by the Centre National D'etudes Spatiales and by the British Ministry of Defense, the recent conference of Washington, an event widely reported in the media, which gathered together military and civilian pilots, military officers as well as politicians, all witnesses of UFO phenomena.

Therefore, it is timely to set up an organization which will be a reference and which will be the qualified contact for the public and the media offering a guarantee of seriousness of the work done in the academy. As a commitment of quality, the members of the Academy of Ufology must accept and respect a restrictive code of ethics. It is available on Internet at the following address: <http://www.ufolog.eu/eng/?/Presentation/deontology>

If your knowledge and your interest for the UFO phenomenon enable you to work seriously and scientifically, you may join the Academy of Ufology of France whatever your nationality is. Just send a first e-mail to: [coordination.nul](mailto:coordination.nul)

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## Re: UFO Video From Rio Bravo Mexico

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos.nul](mailto:nikolaos.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 18:22:11 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
Archived: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 07:17:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Video From Rio Bravo Mexico

>From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 9 Jan 2008 11:24:38 -0500  
>Subject: UFO Video From Rio Bravo Mexico

>The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
>January 9, 2008

>Mexico: UFO Video From Rio Bravo

><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AFudpwvrJVs&feature=user>

>A video taken by Jose Alonso Galicia Fabela on December 4, 2007  
>at 16:32 hours.

>It was taken when Alonso left the camera recording on the tripod  
>over his house before going downstairs for lunch.

>After reviewing the tape, he found what he describes as a "line  
>of silver orbs"

>It should be noted that this is not the first time that he has  
>left his camera running and unattended while he engages in other  
>activities. He has previously sent Ana Luisa Cid video material  
>that was gleaned in the same manner.

>To the extent visible in the video, the objects do not travel  
>together, and for this reason we dismiss the possibility that  
>they could be a cluster of balloons, although other  
>possibilities have yet to be examined.

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>Translation (c) 2008. S. Corrales, IHU

>Special thanks to Ana Luisa Ci

Hi Scott!

Thanks to your many UFO video submissions, you have shown that  
UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) are not UFOs (Unidentifiable  
Flying Objects).

The objects captured on video by Jose Alonso Galicia Fabela are  
an example of the former since, to me, they clearly depict the  
random motions and variations in the reflected light intensity  
or brightness that is so typical of flocks of birds in flight  
which are too far away to be resolved individually.

Although you are probably correct in dismissing the objects in  
the video as balloons, when you wrote that "although other  
possibilities have yet to be examined", are you implying that  
Ana Luisa Cid did not first do her homework before rushing to  
promote this latest UFO video which may eventually prove to be  
just white feathered birds in flight reflecting sunlight?

Birds are a very common - and easily overlooked - sight in our  
skies, but when they are observed under different lighting and

weather conditions or captured on video, they often do appear as something strange or out of the ordinary. So I am not surprised that many of the recent UFO sightings and videos people have shared with us can easily and reasonably be explained as birds.

Which again raises the question, what ever happened to those flying saucers people used to report seeing in the past. Was what they saw an interpretation that was biased by the flying saucers depicted in Hollywood films and popular science fiction at the time - just like Jose described the flock of birds in his video as "silver orbs"?

As you will agree, there is not just one explanation for all UFO sightings but the psychological explanation which involves human perception (eg. images of birds that look like domed flying disks) may be able to explain all present day UFOs. If this is indeed the case, then we have finally solved the mystery of UFOs.

Nick Balaskas

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## Re: Aliens 'Created Humans At Uluru'

From: James Molesworth <[jtmoll.nul](mailto:jtmoll.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 10:31:31 +1100  
Archived: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 07:20:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: Aliens 'Created Humans At Uluru'

>From: Richard Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 07:56:33 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Aliens 'Created Humans At Uluru'

>>Source: The Herald Sun - Melbourne, Australia

>><http://tinyurl.com/2yhft3>

>>January 10, 2008

>>Aliens 'Created Humans At Uluru'  
>>By Ben Langford

>>Ancient astronauts landed at Uluru and proceeded to create  
>>humankind, according to UFO enthusiasts in America.

><snip>

>What "UFO enthusiasts in America?" Certainly not any credible  
>individuals or group.

>More news media garbage by ignorant reporters, such as those at  
>the UK Guardian who have the temerity to call the Rendlesham  
>Forest case a "hoax".

>What utter nonsense. And news media wonder why they are losing  
>credibility!

G'day Dick:

I couldn't agree more - save for one thing. I have little doubt  
that some group referring to themselves as ufologists - quite  
possibly even proclaiming that they are in fact 'serious' or  
'scientific' ufologists, would none the less spout such drivell  
in all seriousness.

How can the press be expected to recognise the difference when  
its just a few lonely voices like your own that are protesting  
it?

Few outside the game would know who is respectable and who isn't  
- heck, half the time I'm not sure.

Perhaps some means of differentiating clearly between such  
drivel mongers and genuinely competent researchers would be of  
use? How about the 'Richard Hall Tick of Approval'!

Sincerely,

James T. Molesworth

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## So Much Overlooked To Avoid the Obvious

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 19:16:01 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 07:24:39 -0500  
Subject: So Much Overlooked To Avoid the Obvious

On what scale should any investigator place his life=A2s work?  
Should it be to inch along waiting for another to affirm your  
choice of direction, or should it answer every doubt at every  
step before one allows a new one taken?

How much time are we given? Time to debate, time to segregate  
the lies from the truths, time to assure ourselves we won=A2t  
overstep someone else=A2s limitations...too abruptly?

While we argue what is scientific from what we feel is not.  
Segmenting each other off....one too leap taking, one too  
conservative, another too radical... this, that, rolling over  
each other blindly.

We are placed here together in time, suffering and taking so  
many of the same joys. Bewildered alike, torn alike, despairing  
between commas only to know our labor adds so little that can be  
affirmed by others.

But how precious it is to be alive in the controversy of it all.  
And to know intensity wrought of mind instead of harm.

Ufologists, you are better than you know.

JCH

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## Include Me With UFO Believers

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 07:30:56 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 07:30:56 -0500  
Subject: Include Me With UFO Believers

Source: The News-Times - Hendersonville, North Carolina, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2t5czy>

11-01-08

Include Me With UFO Believers  
By Sparky Hall  
Community Columnist

There were two interesting letters in the Hendersonville Times-News during December that caused me to wonder if now would be a good time to write the column I promised some time ago about my encounter with a UFO.

The second letter said that the 25 percent of Americans who believe in the existence of UFOs have a poor understanding of science and probably a lower IQ than most of the other 75 percent in our country.

At the risk of putting myself in the dumb part of the population, at least in that person's eyes, I would like to tell you a story.

When I left the Navy at the end of World War II, I went to college. I had been interested in science since grade school, so I began working on a degree in physics.

Our college had about 1,600 students so the number of people working on a physics degree varied from six to eight students at any one time.

There were three World War II students in that group - an Army man, a German man who had spent his high school in service at an anti-aircraft gun in Berlin and me, a Navy guy. The three of us were a little older than the others there, so we kind of hung out together.

When the stories began to come out about UFOs, all of us began talking about what kind of propulsion system could do everything being said about the craft. I don't think any of us had any interest in any other part of the story, just the system being used.

The Army guy was a little older than the rest of us because he had some college before the war and he finished the first in our group.

He got a job offer at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and went for an interview. This was in about 1949 or 1950.

When he came back to school, he was really excited about the job and started to tell me about it.

He said I was the only one he was telling, but that they had a saucer that he was going to be working on and they were trying to find out how it operated. I believe that was the first time I

ever heard the term retro-engineering.

He made me promise not to tell anyone else and until now I haven't broken my word. He is dead now, so I see no reason not to talk about it.

The second person who told me about seeing a saucer was my father. He was the biggest skeptic I ever knew, a World War I Marine and a drill sergeant during 1916 to 1922, a policeman and a World War II Army captain. He had a job after the war in civil service for the Army.

He was on a trip to White Sands in the 1950s and when he came back from that trip he was a UFO believer.

He told me he was having a meal with some officers when the air raid alarm went off at White Sands. They all ran outside and he said there was a disc in the sky over the base. He said some fighter planes came toward the disc and he kept saying the same thing over and over, "nothing could move that fast." He said the disc left the planes alone in the sky.

The last person on my list is me. In the 1950s, I was hunting near the Mississippi River in Louisiana when it started to get dark.

I was walking to my car. I had stopped to light a cigarette when I heard a noise like a chopper makes when its blades are on idle. It came toward me.

There was no moon but the sky was full of stars. I could see something blanking out the stars and it came and stopped directly over me.

The noise was very loud and the stars were blotted out in a large section of the sky over my head. I would guess about a 45 degree angle on each side of me.

There was no wind with the sound. After about the longest minute in my life, the object moved across the river to the Baton Rouge side.

Like dad said, "Nothing could move that fast." I guess I am in that dumb 25 percent.

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From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 09:47:24 +0000  
Archived: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 07:36:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

>From: Gildas Bourdais <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 7 Jan 2008 17:02:19 +0100  
>Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

>Here we go again!

>Philip Mantle announced that he is going to the Laughlin  
>conference with a British magician named Spiros Melaris, who is  
>going to prove that he made the autopsy footage.

>I suggested an easy and fast way to prove it: show us a couple  
>of good pictures of him on location, with the film crew around  
>the autopsy table and the body on it. And also a couple of good  
>close-ups of the body, preferably in full colours. If they  
>really make the film, they must have kept some pictures of the  
>event, as anybody would do.

>But you know what? No answer!

>Instead, we go again into the same tired game with the usual  
>game players.

>There seems to be no end to it.

>BTW, if Melaris tells the truth, then Santilli lied a year ago  
>when he claimed he had shot it (what a surprise). But at the time  
>all the skeptics applauded his tale.

>Just as they do now with Melaris.

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or whoever. I don't think UFO sceptics nowadays are particularly  
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of any interest to 'serious ufology'.

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John Rimmer  
<[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>

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## Re: UFO Video From Rio Bravo Mexico

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 08:15:31 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 08:28:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Video From Rio Bravo Mexico

>From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos.nul](mailto:nikolaos.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 18:22:11 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
>Subject: Re: UFO Video From Rio Bravo Mexico

>>From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 9 Jan 2008 11:24:38 -0500  
>>Subject: UFO Video From Rio Bravo Mexico

>>The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
>>January 9, 2008

>>Mexico: UFO Video From Rio Bravo

>><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AFudpwvrJVs&feature=user>

>>A video taken by Jose Alonso Galicia Fabela on December 4, 2007  
>>at 16:32 hours.

<snip>

>Thanks to your many UFO video submissions, you have shown that  
>UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) are not UFOs (Unidentifiable  
>Flying Objects).

Hi Nick -

I'm sorry, but my involvement with this story was limited to translating the information sent to me. At no point did I opine or analyze or in any way add my voice to the events. I place my full confidence in Prof. Cid's analytical skills and discernment when it comes from distinguishing IFOs from something more subtle.

I agree with you, however, that most of these images have an explanation, but as with everything, there is at least a 10% that eludes us. Prof. Cid's collection features some film clips that really make you wonder what's in the skies above us.

Thanks for your interest, as ever, and do keep in touch.

Scott Corrales  
Inexplicata

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## MUFON Investigation Of Drone Photos & CARET

From: James Carrion <[jcarrion.nul](mailto:jcarrion.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 06:36:52 -0700  
Archived: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 14:47:34 -0500  
Subject: MUFON Investigation Of Drone Photos & CARET

MUFON s Special Team Operations-VERITAS (STOV Team) has conducted a special investigation of the Drone Photos and CARET Documents. Although our investigation is ongoing, a preliminary report has been posted to the MUFON web site at:

<http://www.mufon.com/documents/Drones-CARET.ppt>

If you have further information on this case, please feel free to email me at [jcarrion.nul](mailto:jcarrion.nul)

James Carrion  
MUFON International Director  
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## Re: UFO DATA Magazine

From: Sean Jones <[tedric.nul](mailto:tedric.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 13:37:07 +0000  
Archived: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 14:49:22 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 09:47:24 +0000  
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>bothered about the autopsy film. They realised about ten minutes  
>after it came out that it was a phoney, and now most believer-  
>ufologists have caught up with them.

John

You have just shown your true colours!

Yes there was a lot of scepticism about the AA film when it came  
out but to assume it was phoney after just ten minutes just  
goes to show what crass rubbish you come out with.

Anything potentially this important demands a lot of dedicated  
hard research. Which Philip has indeed done.

But to automatically assign it to the phoney bin within ten  
minutes shows beyond any doubt that your mind it already made up  
on this vast subject and that anything like this is  
automatically phoney.

What a lot of Ufologists wanted was a smoking gun. Just think of  
the difference if this had been genuine? The mind fairly  
boggles.

So in summary, to make a declaration of the film being phoney  
within ten minutes is crass stupidity. You have no extra  
credibility to your argument that after many years hard research  
it has been proven to be phoney.

I applaud Philips hard work on this matter.

I think he would get an entirely different reception if his work  
had proved the film genuine!

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Sean Jones  
In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible  
<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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## Re: UFOs In The Clouds

From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 08:52:53 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 14:50:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFOs In The Clouds

>From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 8 Jan 2008 10:20:51 -0500  
>Subject: UFOs In The Clouds

>I have some provocative photographic evidence that constructed  
>objects may be found hidden among the clouds. The objects have  
>the shape of either an equilateral triangle or a circle sector  
>with a 60-degree vertex. In two cases, an apparently artificial  
>object projects below the cloud layer, and in the third case an  
>apparent triangular craft sits partially uncovered.

>A report on these observations may be found at:

><http://www.treurniet.ca/trishadows/geometry/geometry.htm>

For those who are intrigued by this kind of photographic evidence, a few details regarding place and time for Cases 2 and 3 were corrected and Case 4 was added.

Cases 3 and 4 are particularly interesting in that the craft they appear to show are similar enough in size and appearance to be the same model. On the basis of my small sample, beautiful Hawaii seems to be one place where these things hang out.

Regards,

WCT

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From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 08:27:39 -0600  
Archived: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 14:52:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Did Kenneth Arnold See One Of These?

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 10:03:13 EST  
>Subject: Did Kenneth Arnold See One Of These?

><http://tinyurl.com/yo4aza>

>Seeing one of these flying in the air would have startled me  
>too.

>Although this craft was supposedly discontinued due to errors,  
>who's to say others didn't pick up the slack and slap a jet  
>engine on it a decade later?

I suspect that this cloth covered concept construction would  
have collapsed around any jet engine capable of getting it up to  
the speeds recorded by K. Arnold, n'est ce pas?

Too, there was a flight of same... A covey... flying in a manner  
humans never had, before or since! Skipping like saucers  
across the surface of a lake or some such?

And where's the pointy tail amidships?

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>John Rimmer

Perhaps, Mr. Rimmer, since you presume to speak not only for  
"UFO sceptics" and "most believer-ufologists", but for "serious  
ufology" as well, you could tell me exactly what tipped off your  
collective minds to realize, "about ten minutes after it came  
out that it was a phon(e)y".

Perhaps you've found a decoder ring in a box of cereal or  
consulted the Ufology Oracle. But I would still like to know.  
(addressing "you" in the most respectful way, of course... like  
the Queen might refer to herself as 'we'.)

JCH

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>>>conference with a British magician named Spiros Melaris, who is  
>>>going to prove that he made the autopsy footage.

>>>I suggested an easy and fast way to prove it: show us a couple  
>>>of good pictures of him on location, with the film crew around  
>>>the autopsy table and the body on it. And also a couple of good  
>>>close-ups of the body, preferably in full colours. If they  
>>>really make the film, they must have kept some pictures of the  
>>>event, as anybody would do.

>>>But you know what? No answer!

>>>Instead, we go again into the same tired game with the usual  
>>>game players.

>>>There seems to be no end to it.

>>>BTW, if Melaris tells the truth, then Santilli lied a year ago  
>>>when he claimed he had shot it (what a surprise). But at the  
>>>time all the skeptics applauded his tale.

>>>Just as they do now with Melaris.

>>>I don't see many, if any, sceptics applauding Melaris, Santilli,  
>>>or whoever. I don't think UFO sceptics nowadays are particularly  
>>>bothered about the autopsy film. They realised about ten minutes  
>>>after it came out that it was a phoney, and now most believer-  
>>>ufologists have caught up with them.

John,

You must be a genius, or at least you have an intellect way  
above most other ufologists.

I attended the the first screening in London, on May 5, 1995,  
together with about one hundred people. I can tell you than  
almost everbody was very perplexed, after the screening.

Between us, I was rather on the skeptic side.

I had a little talk with Philip Mantle and suggested that the  
body may be a mannequin, but he was visibly in favor of the  
authenticity.

Thousands of pages have been written since, I have read many of

them and I suspect more and more that it was not a simple hoax, but rather a highly sophisticated operation.

In France alone, a surgeon, invited on a show of TF1 in October, felt that it was a real body. Many others still wonder what it was.

But you are so much more intelligent. Warm congratulations, John! I am impressed.

Gildas Bourdais

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## Re: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

From: Franklin Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 10:44:08 -0500 (EST)  
Archived: Sat, 12 Jan 2008 07:35:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

>From: Brian Ally <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 12:21:45 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

>>From: Theo Paijmans <[th.paijmans.nul](mailto:th.paijmans.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 10:30:07 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

>>>From: Erik Landahl <[landahl1.nul](mailto:landahl1.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Tue, 8 Jan 2008 16:33:37 -0800  
>>>Subject: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

>>>For an exhaustively researched book about anti-gravity  
>>>propulsion research as pursued by various governments and  
>>>private corporations - and the success and failure they have had  
>>>(note there have been anti-gravity propulsion successes) please  
>>>read "The Hunt for Zero Point" written by Nick Cook, aerospace  
>>>consultant for Jane's Defence Weekly.

>>I have another opinion on Nick Cook's book. While his  
>>credentials in the fields of aerospace and conventional airplane  
>>technologies seem impeccable, where he is out of his depth is in  
>>the complex field of pre-world war II German and Austrian  
>>alternative sciences.

>>I would not, therefore, use this book as evidence of or basis  
>>for anything.

>Too often, this field of research leads one to make the most  
>astoundingly baseless claims, the gist of which seem the product  
>more of vivid imagination (not that there's anything wrong with  
>that) than careful research or deduction based on established  
>facts.

Brian,

The real issue is the definition of "careful research" and  
"established facts". There has been careful research conducted.  
Books have even been published on the subject. Many creditable  
witness have provide testimony.

In a court of law three or more creditable witness stating they  
participated in an event usually meets the definition of  
established fact.

Some researchers tend to border on debunker because even when  
facts are provided their mind can not allow them to agree. Some  
times fact is stranger than fiction. In other words no amount of  
research or facts will meet the requirement. Nothing short of  
seeing it for themselves.

Witness have come forward stating that they have been part of  
the government programs and have even have piloted the craft.  
At what point does it become fact?

Best ,

Frank

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## Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 12:56:34 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 12 Jan 2008 07:38:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 06 Jan 2008 16:42:03 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 6 Jan 2008 16:26:16 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Parallel Universes Beguile Science

<snip>

>I must agree there is a profound lack of economy in the Many  
>Worlds interpretation, although on the other hand, the 'collapse  
>of the wave function' has always struck me as absurd on its  
>face. I must conclude that we just don't get it yet, and it will  
>have to suffice that the theory is predictive. Interpretation  
>can wait for another day.

>It might be considered an appealing feature of the Everett model  
>that it addresses the enormity of what may comprise everything -  
>in the grand sense of all that is not Nothing, rather than the  
>more narrow sense of fluctuations in the quantum vacuum.  
>However, it is not comprehensive in that regard, e.g., it does  
>not (as I gather) allow spontaneous variations in universal  
>constants or other 'non-physical' behavior, although it admits  
>infinitely many individually 'well-behaved' universes.

>I am not completely averse to the idea that existence is  
>quantized rather than a continuum, and perhaps consists only of  
>a finite number of states (or a countably infinite number of  
>them). But if so, the terse and unavoidable conclusion would  
>seem to be: there's no such thing as nothing.

I have often wondered whether or not the space between the ears  
defines "nothing."

By the way, Martin, that was a very erudite discussion of the  
"infinite problem".

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## The Limits Of Libertarianism?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 12 Jan 2008 07:45:43 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 12 Jan 2008 07:45:43 -0500  
Subject: The Limits Of Libertarianism?

Source: Billy Cox's Blog | De Void - Sarasota, Florida, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2csawf>

Friday, Jan. 11, 2008

The Limits Of Libertarianism?

By Billy Cox  
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On Jan. 22, 1958, just as retired Marine Corps major and UFO investigator Donald Keyhoe prepared to deliver some unscripted remarks on a network TV show called Armstrong Circle Theater, CBS pulled the audio plug.

Keyhoe announced that a congressional committee was evaluating evidence which, if made public, "will absolutely prove that the UFOs are machines under intelligent control." But viewers never heard the message, because CBS had worked out a prearranged deal with the Air Force. As Herbert A. Carlborg, CBS director of editing, later explained, "This program had been carefully cleared for security reasons."

Among the millions of American eyewitnesses to this rip-off of the public trust was a teenager named Dom Armentano. "It was censorship, on live television", he recalls.

At age 67, retired in Florida, Armentano is Professor Emeritus of Economics at the University of Hartford, where he taught for 31 years. He's also an adjunct scholar with the Cato Institute, a Libertarian think-tank in Washington, D.C. Furthermore, Armentano is a frequent contributor to the Libertarian WebMag [LewRockwell.com](http://LewRockwell.com). His recent post, *Economic Outlook 2008: Darkening Clouds*, forecasts a recession.

But thanks to his on-going curiosity about what happened on CBS 50 years ago, Armentano occasionally revisits *The Great Taboo*. This week, in a column for *Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers*, Armentano argued "UFOs are a legitimate public policy concern" concealed by "a deliberate half-century of deception".

If only he could generate a buzz with Washington policy wonks...

"It can't be done", Armentano says by phone in Vero Beach. "UFOs are a quick way to kill a conversation. You can't even broach it with golfing buddies. It's too complex; you've got to do a lot of research. It's like somebody asking my views about anti-trust (issues), which is my field. I can only say, 'Have you got three or four days?'"

Armentano can't even get [LewRockwell.com](http://LewRockwell.com) to run his UFO columns. "This is important. This is the biggest news story of all time, but Lew will not print anything about it," says Armentano. "I think he thinks he's trying to save me from myself."

Which is disappointing, given that Webster's New World Dictionary defines libertarian as "a person who believes in the doctrine of the freedom of the will" and/or "full individual freedom of thought, expression, and action". If Armentano's contentions about Rockwell's fear of UFO material is accurate, the Web site's assertions of its "deep suspicion of power" and "critical attitude toward the status quo" are silly bloviations.

Rockwell, a former Congressional Chief of Staff to Ron Paul, has not responded to De Void's query for clarification.

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## Re: Did Kenneth Arnold See One Of These?

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 15:00:50 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 12 Jan 2008 07:47:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: Did Kenneth Arnold See One Of These?

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 10:03:13 EST  
>Subject: Did Kenneth Arnold See One Of These?

><http://tinyurl.com/yo4aza>

>Seeing one of these flying in the air would have startled me  
>too.

>Although this craft was supposedly discontinued due to errors,  
>who's to say others didn't pick up the slack and slap a jet  
>engine on it a decade later?

I don't think you thought this one through, Greg. That's the Horton sailplane-engineless-model HO-1 to HO IVB. Which jet engine would this have been? Slapping a jet engine on that wood and fabric airframe would have shredded it. Why not the Northrop Flying wing series. Your jets did show up on that but it was discontinued. The B-2b stealth bomber [first flight July 17,1989] is an outgrowth of that technology but subsonic.

Arnold reported a timed speed of 1,700 mph which he - to be conservative - cut back to 1,200 mph which is just below Mach-2 at the altitudes he estimated.

It took a rocket engine [actually 4 of them] to get Yeager and the Bell X-1 [shaped like .50 cal. bullet which was known to be supersonic] just past the speed of sound in October of 1947. But 4 months before the Air Force already had 9 aircraft capable of twice that speed; but decided to re-invent the Mach-1 aircraft anyway?

The F-100 Super Saber flew in level flight past Mach 1 in 1953-six years later.

The USAF finally succeeded in getting to Mach 2 when the Lockheed F-104 fighter [Kelly Johnson's Skunkworks] flew at twice the speed of sound in May 1958. This airplane set a world speed record of 1,404 miles per hour. If you do the math you will see that this was 11 years after Arnold's sighting but presumably to some this was just an expensive coverup for the real thing that flew back in June of 1947.

It not only takes an aircraft capable of flying at Mach-2 but the engines have to be able to work with ram air effect coming into the compressors and the shock waves associated with speeds over Mach-1 let alone Mach-2.

At war's end the Whipple jet loaned by the British to the US was the engine they had to work with. The German Messerschmitt engine was effective but low in horse power , hence the two jets on the Me-262. It was a single stage engine that burned copius amounts of fuel limiting it's flight time. The engines also burned out after about 40 to 100 hours of running time. They spent much of their time on the ground and if you could get a hot bullet into the Me-262 - a flying gas tank - you could defeat its 100 mph speed advantage because it still couldn't out-run a supersonic .50 cal. bullet.

The Wipple engine was of different design and more robust-and still weak compared to later engines-but you have to start somewhere. The RAF actually had jets flying before the end of the war. The Wipple was lent to Pratt& Whitney and General Electric who went to work and designed their first jets; the P&Ws J-57 engine, 2 stage - duel compressors - being the first really effective engine.

The J-57 was one of the outstanding postwar engines. It powered the F-100, the B-52 bomber, the Boeing 707, the Douglas DC-8 and even the U-2 spy plane.

Sorry Greg, this dog won't hunt.

Don Ledger

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## Re: UFO DATA Magazine

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 13:58:26 -0600  
Archived: Sat, 12 Jan 2008 07:48:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

>From: Sean Jones <[tedric.nul](mailto:tedric.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 13:37:07 +0000  
>Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 09:47:24 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

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>>bothered about the autopsy film. They realised about ten minutes  
>>after it came out that it was a phoney, and now most believer-  
>>ufologists have caught up with them.

I'm not sure what John means by the phrase "believer-  
ufologists", but I suppose it is meant unflatteringly, as  
opposed, one presumes, to brilliant, insightful, impossible-to-  
fool skeptics.

All I know is that every ufologist in the circles I travel in  
judged the alien-autopsy film deeply suspect or manifestly fake  
within, oh, ten minutes after it came out.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Aliens 'Created Humans At Uluru'

From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 16:31:28 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 12 Jan 2008 07:50:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: Aliens 'Created Humans At Uluru'

>From: James Molesworth <[jtmoll.nul](mailto:jtmoll.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 10:31:31 +1100  
>Subject: Re: Aliens 'Created Humans At Uluru'

<snip>

>>>Ancient astronauts landed at Uluru and proceeded to create  
>>>humankind, according to UFO enthusiasts in America.

<snip>

>I couldn't agree more - save for one thing. I have little doubt  
>that some group referring to themselves as ufologists - quite  
>possibly even proclaiming that they are in fact 'serious' or  
>'scientific' ufologists, would none the less spout such drivell  
>in all seriousness.

>How can the press be expected to recognise the difference when  
>its just a few lonely voices like your own that are protesting  
>it?

I think journalists get too much slack, in general, in terms of culpability for their many garbage articles. Personally, the first "little green men" quote identifies an article as garbage automatically. So does the original article quote above.

I feel that anyone tasked and paid to write a story about any subject, and who has made it through journalism school, has the basic brain machinery to distinguish between a nonsensical comment and a conservative one. They simply couldn't function in their job, or life in general, without that basic skill.

When they print stuff like the nonsense quote here at the top, they know exactly what they are doing. By so doing, they identify themselves as having a very severe attitude problem, and can be expected to do much better!

Eleanor White

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## Re: Did Kenneth Arnold See One Of These?

From: **Terry Groff** <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 15:50:57 -0600  
Archived: Sat, 12 Jan 2008 07:55:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: Did Kenneth Arnold See One Of These?

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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>have collapsed around any jet engine capable of getting it up to  
>the speeds recorded by K. Arnold, n'est ce pas?

>Too, there was a flight of same... A covey... flying in a manner  
>humans never had, before or since! Skipping like saucers  
>across the surface of a lake or some such?

>And where's the pointy tail amidships?

And, where are the other 8 ships :-)

Terry Groff  
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From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 16:51:28 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 12 Jan 2008 07:58:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

>From: Gildas Bourdais <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 15:44:46 +0100  
>Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 09:47:24 +0000  
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>felt that it was a real body. Many others still wonder what it  
>was.

>But you are so much more intelligent. Warm congratulations,  
>John! I am impressed.

I read John's post a bit differently, but I guess we all have to  
stand our ground... <g>

If one goes back to the initial showing of the AA 'film' by  
Santilli, at a grand event in London, the vast majority of  
ufologists came out of that presentation on the skeptical side.

They, IMO were initial knee-jerk reactions to various factors  
that each picked out of the 'film', and then each spoke out on  
how it was a fake by Santilli. Philip and several other  
researchers later took time to look into each of these factors  
and found that most of these initial criticisms were invalid,  
but the majority of UFO researchers never accepted the 'film' as  
authentic. At best, they sat on the fence waiting for  
additional information.

Now this wasn't 'proof', but a vast majority of those who viewed  
it came away and claimed that it was a hoax, and I don't think  
they waited ten minutes to reach their judgment. Skeptics, on  
the other hand, went into the event loaded for bear and found a

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Steve

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## Are We Better At Shooting Videos?

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 20:48:57 EST  
Archived: Sat, 12 Jan 2008 08:06:29 -0500  
Subject: Are We Better At Shooting Videos?

For some strange reason whenever the official explanations say there's nothing to UFOs, a wave of UFO sightings occur.

If someone says there's a wave of UFO sightings and everyone runs out with cameras in-hand all we get are blurry photos of thumbs, backs of bald heads and the planet Venus.

For the past week or so waves and some very, very, startling videos are popping-up, making quite a splash in the news.

In the past year we've had Presidential candidates discuss UFOs and more footage appears and, of course, the continual denials.

Are we being invaded or just getting better at taking videos?

I say we are the invaders and we're just noticing our own goof-ups.

Best,

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## Lake Erie UFOs Are Stars On YouTube

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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Lake Erie UFOs Are Stars On YouTube  
By John Lasker

Waves of UFO sightings over the waters of Lake Erie are earning the great lake a reputation as a UFO hot spot. But the lake's new popularity may have more to do with a string of popular videos on YouTube than sightings of little green men.

"It's a hot spot," declares local ufologist Aaron Clark about the beaches of Lake Erie near Cleveland, Ohio. "Some believe there's a UFO base on the bottom of the lake."

While not yet rivaling UFO hot spots like Mexico City or Phoenix, Lake Erie has generated enough buzz that news and documentary filmmakers are taking notice. Several Lake Erie UFO videos have made the national news, and The History Channel is airing a segment on Lake Erie UFOs, due to air in February.

There have been more than 20 credible UFO sightings in the area in the last two years, according to Clark, a spokesman for the Cleveland Ufology Project, one of the oldest UFO-spotting groups in the country.

"There's a pattern here," says Sam Phillips, a musician who filmed a UFO hovering over downtown Cleveland in March 2007, which was shown nationwide by CBS News. "There's a riddle here. And I want answers. I want an explanation."

Phillips' video is one of a dozen-plus amateur videos posted on YouTube tagged "Lake Erie Lights" and "Lake Erie UFOs."

One YouTube video shows several pulsating lights materializing under an orange-red crescent moon.

Another clip, viewed more than 600,000 times, appears to show two UFOs hovering, then merging above the lake.

"There's a huge story unfolding here," says Michael Lee Hill, a musician and the person who shot the "merging UFOs" video. "I think they're absolutely sending us a message. I believe they are here to help us become a galactic society."

Hill is responsible for most of the Lake Erie videos on YouTube, and has sold clips to news and documentary shows. His video of "merging UFOs" was shown by FOX News and used by ufologist David Sereda in two documentaries, Dan Aykroyd Unplugged on UFOs and From Here to Andromeda. Hill, an accomplished guitarist, also produced the music for Andromeda. He will also appear on an

episode of UFO Hunters, which premieres on The History Channel in February.

But skeptics question whether Hill is pulling an elaborate hoax, like the notorious "UFO Haiti" video on YouTube, which has been viewed millions of times but was debunked when a professional animator admitted to the Los Angeles Times that he created the hoax using a suite of 3-D animation software.

After Hill posted his "merging UFOs" video to Abovetopsecret.com, a popular paranormal discussion board, the thread took on a skeptical slant. Hill claimed he pointed his camera directly north, toward Canada. But with the help of a flight-tracking map, one skeptic claims Hill's camera is more likely pointing to the west and is probably filming the incoming flight path of two distant planes in an S-shaped landing pattern. AboveTopSecret.com has labeled Hill's video a hoax.

Hill denied the video is a hoax. "It can't be an airplane because there's no blinking lights," he said. "It's one solid light (and) the lights are also flying in two different directions." The Federal Aviation Administration requires that planes flying at night turn on blinking or pulsating lights.

An official from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport said the airport went to a "near simultaneous" take-off and landing plan in 2003, which sent planes in flight patterns over Lake Erie.

After adopting the new system, people began calling the airport saying they witnessed a near-air collision, but it is an optical illusion: The planes look like they are on top of each other, but are actually miles apart, said the official. In addition, Hopkins runs a smaller airport near the lake, not far from where Hill films. Both airports share the same northerly flight paths.

Ben Radford, a paranormal investigator and managing editor of the Skeptical Inquirer, said YouTube is fueling a UFO frenzy.

"The problem is anyone can post anything and call it a UFO, a ghost, but there's no filter," he says. "You don't know if that person has a history of hoaxes or mental illness. What happens is a real case is drowned out by a sea of hoaxes, mistakes or misidentifications."

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From: Gildas Bourdais <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 12 Jan 2008 11:19:20 +0100  
Archived: Sat, 12 Jan 2008 08:22:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: French 'Academy Of Ufology'?

>Source: PRLog.Com

><http://tinyurl.com/2gfwfj>

>Jan 10, 2008

>The French Private Research on UFO phenomena starts the "Academy  
>of Ufology"

>A team of voluntary ufologists set up the basis of the "Academy  
>of Ufology", an association which claims to be an expert and  
>independent assembly, gathering knowledge necessary to the  
>exchange, the reflection and the analysis of the UFOs reports.

>Source: Jacky Kozan/Academy of Ufology

List,

This program looks good but, unfortunately, its promoter, Jacky Kozan - a Frenchman, despite of his first name - is not quite up to the task, in my opinion, shared by many other French ufologists.

I've quarreled with him several times on French Lists.

Here are just two recent examples of his peculiar statements:

On Roswell, a little article was published recently (by another ufologist) declaring that the case of the UFO crash was dead because, as revealed by Dr Jesse Marcel in his book The Roswell Legacy, his parents had become alcoholic!

Yes, we find that sort of statement in French Ufology - believe it or not.

Kozan endorsed the article in a few words. I strongly opposed that argument, along with other members of the List.

Then Kozan declared that it was a simple "flying saucer traffic accident, without any interest".

Recently, Kozan declared that the Tunguska explosion was a nuclear explosion without radioactivity.

I leave it to you to decide if you want to join that sort of academy.

Sorry to look like a bad guy, again.

Gildas Bourdais

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From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 12 Jan 2008 05:12:56 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Sat, 12 Jan 2008 08:23:57 -0500  
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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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JCH

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Best,

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Date: Sat, 12 Jan 2008 09:18:35 -0600  
Archived: Sun, 13 Jan 2008 06:25:07 -0500  
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Personally, I prefer "keen instincts born of long experience."

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Date: Sat, 12 Jan 2008 12:05:12 -0400  
Archived: Sun, 13 Jan 2008 06:30:08 -0500  
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>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 16:51:28 -0500  
>Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

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>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 15:44:46 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

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>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 09:47:24 +0000  
>>>Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

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>I read John's post a bit differently, but I guess we all have to  
>stand our ground... <g>

>If one goes back to the initial showing of the AA 'film' by  
>Santilli, at a grand event in London, the vast majority of  
>ufologists came out of that presentation on the skeptical side.

>They, IMO were initial knee-jerk reactions to various factors  
>that each picked out of the 'film', and then each spoke out on  
>how it was a fake by Santilli. Philip and several other  
>researchers later took time to look into each of these factors  
>and found that most of these initial criticisms were invalid,  
>but the majority of UFO researchers never accepted the 'film' as  
>authentic. At best, they sat on the fence waiting for additional  
>information.

>Now this wasn't 'proof', but a vast majority of those who viewed  
>it came away and claimed that it was a hoax, and I don't think  
>they waited ten minutes to reach their judgment. Skeptics, on  
>the other hand, went into the event loaded for bear and found a  
>lot to shoot at.

Steve

For those who are interested, there is a 13 page chapter about  
the Alien Autopsy footage in my book TOP SECRET/MAJIC which  
deals in detail with my meetings with Santilli in England, and  
Kiviat in the US and my checking on his many claims almost all  
of which turned out to be false.

Most new claims should go into one's gray basket. Unlike the  
debunkers, I believe one should reserve judgement until one  
has facts in hand... I know that is a quaint old-fashioned  
attitude, but it is mine.

TSM, 2nd edition, also deals with many attacks on the MJ-12  
documents, some of which are genuine and some of which the  
evidence shows are fraudulent.

Stan Friedman

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What I had written about that was snipped. Didn't happen not  
with Horton, Northrop or anyone else. Not by 1947.

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>telling what private and military designs and tests were going  
>on at the time.

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Not about any startling advances in aviation.

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>of the flying wing technologies had done during those years.

It is no secret what he had done during their early years of  
development. Speaking with Horton doesn't change the fact that  
they had nothing on their plate to account for Arnold's  
sighting. Their chief contribution was STOL (short take-off or  
landing) technology. I had a Cessna 172 with a Horton STOL kit  
on its wings, but this hardly made it sophisticated, just a

lower stall speed and shorted take-off and greater climb.

Even the sailplane technology of the day - and the best was German [and still is] - went with a high aspect ratio wing design, meaning long slim wings which at that time were constructed of fabric and tube and wood. The Horton designs were discarded in favor of that. The chief reason that the German jets were under-developed until during the war was Hitler's interference and misdirection of technology and the allies bombing the crap out of their factories. They had problems getting good metallurgical products needed for the combustion chambers and turbine blades.

>If memory serves Dr. Len Horowitz may have also discovered  
>something regarding advanced jet technology by the Nazis during  
>the late 1930's.

Yeah, well if it could produce thrust it was advanced in the 30s because it was all new ground breaking technology. They began production for parts of a test engine back in 1936 but had to overcome years of harmonics problems and Hitler's disinterest- which coincidentally was the same problem Whittle was having with his British counterparts. Both governments and their respective air forces set back the development of the jet engine.

So where was this evidence of German influence on later American jet design for example? The Pratt&Whitney and General Electric jets were copies, outgrowths and advancements of the British Whittle engines supplied to the United States before the end of the war. Rolls Royce was turning them out in the UK who before war's end turned the design over to the Soviets. Everyone was using basic Whittle design for some years after until they fiddled with it and revised it's technology.

The swept wing of the Me-262 was a lucky accident of design. They were swept back to keep the center of gravity where it was needed on the 262 to make it stable. A straight wing with the two engines hanging forward would have made the 262 nose heavy. The effect on aerodynamics and speed was a welcomed spin-off but even then not appreciated because the speeds of the 262 were not high enough to realize that advantages of fooling the airflow over the wings as Mach-1 was approached.

The NAZI super secret air design leading to reports of UFOs argument is old and weak and unsupportable. I'm surprised you even brought it up again. It's better left to those simple-minded NAZI flying saucer websites for whatever value they get out of it.

Apologies to this List the length; but when you spend years on the history of flight you find yourself attempting to explain the simplistics of those 100 year plus. A logical progression of aviation events doesn't allow for the monkey wrench of some unexplainable technology we call UFOs or better yet a technology with no terrestrial history behind it.

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Frank Warren has posted a most welcome and supportive article on UFO UpDates & SDI to his Blog at:

<http://tinyurl.com/3y kz8h>

Many thanks and 73748 brownie points, Frank...

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>John,

>You must be a genius, or at least you have an intellect way  
>above most other ufologists.

Thank you. At last the recognition I deserve!

>I attended the the first screening in London, on May 5, 1995,  
>together with about one hundred people. I can tell you than  
>almost everbody was very perplexed, after the screening.

From reports I have read and people I have spoken to, that is certainly true. After seeing the initial accounts, I too was perplexed, but that is rather different from accepting the AA film as an actual literal record of people cutting up an alien body.

>Between us, I was rather on the skeptic side.

With good reason.

>I had a little talk with Philip Mantle and suggested that the  
>body may be a mannequin, but he was visibly in favor of the  
>authenticity.

And, rather more to the point, after a great deal of hard work and further examination, he has changed his opinion.

>Thousands of pages have been written since, I have read many of  
>them and I suspect more and more that it was not a simple hoax,  
>but rather a highly sophisticated operation.

There is this great myth of the 'elaborate hoax'. Most hoaxes, ufological or otherwise, are not as complex as the person being hoaxed tends to think. After all, no-one would wish to think they had been fooled by a 'simple hoax', would they?

>In France alone, a surgeon, invited on a show of TF1 in October,  
>felt that it was a real body. Many others still wonder what it  
>was.

That is his problem, I just hope he doesn't have to remove my appendix.

>But you are so much more intelligent. Warm congratulations,  
>John! I am impressed.

Again, tahnk you for you (totally justified) appreciation.

TTFN

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>>No doubt in the world of media-studies and film criticism the  
>>'auteur' of such a minor classic is important, and I am sure the  
>>director's cut will emerge shortly, but it is really no longer  
>>of any interest to 'serious ufology'.

>>John Rimmer

>Perhaps, Mr. Rimmer, since you presume to speak not only for  
>"UFO sceptics" and "most believer-ufologists", but for "serious  
>ufology" as well, you could tell me exactly what tipped off your  
>collective minds to realize, "about ten minutes after it came  
>out that it was a phon(e)y".

In an almost unprecedented move, I find that I am supported in  
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course simply a gut feeling that if an alien body had been  
autopsied after Roswell, it would not have been done in such a  
casual manner, with such poor quality filming, and the film  
would not have been left lying around in the back of someone'  
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MIB have picked it up?

By the way, what's with the "phon(e)y"? According to my Concise  
Oxford Dictionary, which is never more than an arms-length from  
my keyboard (honest, Jerry, although you might not guess it!)  
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I was there, together with several other French ufologists, such  
as Jo=EBL Mesnard and Jean-Gabriel Gresle.

Yes, we were rather skeptical, but we already sensed a very  
complex operation.

For instance, Santilli did not know anything about UFOs.  
Obviously he was just a front-man.

Now, my question is: do you think, like Steven Kaeser, that is  
is silly to ask Melaris to give at least one convincing proof  
that he shot that film?

For the time being, we have seen nothing of the sort.

Gildas Bourdais

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'Encounters At Indian Head' About What We Believe In  
By Rebecca Rule

Encounters at Indian Head: The Betty and Barney Hill UFO  
Abduction Revisited

Edited by Karl Pflock and Peter Brookesmith

(Anomalist Books: paper, 311 pages, \$17.95)

Remember Betty and Barney Hill? Nearly half a century ago, on  
Sept. 19, 1961, near the Indian Head in Lincoln, the Hills had a  
close encounter of the abductee kind.

Just an ordinary couple from Portsmouth =97 he worked for the post  
office, she was a social worker =97 they were traveling home from  
a vacation in Montreal. It was a long ride to begin with, but  
the two plus hours they lost, being examined by aliens inside  
the UFO, made it even longer. The events unfolded something like  
this: Late supper in Colebrook 10:05 p.m. Back on the road, near  
Lancaster the couple spots a UFO. They lose sight of it behind  
Cannon Mountain. Near Indian Head the UFO "hovers low and  
crosses the road." Barney pulls the car over, gets out, checks  
it out through binoculars. Barney, panicked gets back in the car  
and speeds away to the sound of mysterious beeping noises.  
Possibly confused, he drives off the main road and ends up at a  
"roadblock." The UFO has landed nearby. Betty and Barney are  
taken inside and examined =97 scraped, poked and prodded by little  
guys with big eyes. Later, they find themselves back on Route 3,  
headed south. A sign reads Concord 17 miles. They arrive home  
after 5 a.m., their lives and the mythology of UFology changed  
forever.

The Hills' story spawned a book, "The Interrupted Journey," by  
John Fuller, published in 1966, and a TV movie, "The UFO  
Incident," starring James Earl James and Estelle Parsons. It is  
also the source of much of what we know about UFOs and the  
aliens who pilot them. The Hills were the first to recall  
(through dreams and hypnosis) details like anal probes, skin  
scrapings and big needles in the abdomen to test for pregnancy.  
Elements like lost time, induced memory loss, telepathic  
communication, wrap-around eyes, and star maps showing where the  
aliens hailed from =97 now staples of the UFO canon =97 were new  
when the Hills first told their story. Without the Hills we  
might not have had "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," "The X-  
Files" or "Men in Black." Of the hundreds of UFO sightings and  
abduction claims, the Hills' has proved one of the most  
intriguing and difficult to explain.

Which is why Karl Pflock and Peter Brookesmith returned to the

scene of the mystery, Indian Head, in 2000 and convened the Indian Head Symposium. They invited UFO believers and debunkers alike. Their purpose: "To thrash this case through" once and for all. To put some of the best minds in UFOlogy and anti-UFOlogy to work on the mass of information and misinformation related to the Hills' case, and see what came of it.

What came of it was a lively debate and a new book, "Encounters at Indian Head: The Betty and Barney Hill UFO Abduction Revisited," edited by Pflock and Brookesmith. Sadly, Pflock and contributor Marcello Truzzi died before the book came out, as have Betty and Barney Hill, who, Brookesmith writes, "at the very least left us with something fascinating to ponder."

True enough. The story of the abduction is fascinating, as is what happened to the Hills afterwards. The 10 essays by nine experts range from highly technical and footnoted to deeply philosophical. We hear the Hills' story from many perspectives. Robert Sheaffer, skeptic, shoots big holes in it. There was no lost time, he says. Hypnosis is just as likely to bring out fantasy as fact. There were cirrus clouds that night (according to official sources) but the Hills said the sky was clear. And, despite visibility of 130 miles from the top of Mount Washington, the observers there somehow missed the big, glowing, beeping object that chased the Hills down the road. Alien star map? Pshaw =97 just dots on a page. The warts on Barney's groin, the holes in Betty's dress? What do they have to do with aliens? "It must be painfully evident to any fair-minded person," he concludes, "that the credibility of this classic case is essentially nil."

Ouch.

On the other hand, something happened that night. A more empathetic Hilary Evans writes:

"On a dark September night, Barney and Betty Hill saw something in the sky; and what they saw changed their lives forever. If it was what they came to believe it was, that is understandable, for they had an experience that few if any mortals have been privileged to have; an encounter with beings from another part of the Universe. But even if no such encounter took place, the fact remains that their lives were changed."

Before the incident, Betty and Barney seemed ordinary enough, except for the fact that he was black, she was white, and interracial marriage in New Hampshire in 1961 was unusual. After the incident, these ordinary-enough folks, somewhat reluctantly sought help and knowledge as the memories began to return. Betty was plagued by nightmares. Barney got warts and became depressed. The car had spots on the trunk that seemed radioactive. Eventually, under hypnosis, the whole fantastic story emerged. Betty became an avid believer and outspoken UFOlogist, who published "A Common Sense Approach to UFOs." In her later years she led expeditions to a secret lookout, said to be in Kingston, where UFOs could often be spotted. Yuh. This did not help her credibility.

In his essay "A Night and a Morning to Remember," Dennis Stacy compares accounts of the Hills' original story. How did the story develop? What changed as it was told and retold? Marcello Truzzi writes how this "extreme" case affected thinking about UFOs, and how errors in logic can lead us astray. He explores the questions: What is extraordinary? What is plausible? What is valid? Peter Brookesmith looks at the case as myth, in the broad sense: "While myths are often oblique, metaphorical expressions of their true concerns, that does not prevent them from being taken as literally true by their adherents." Myths help us make sense of our world. The "truth" of the moment may be myth in the making.

"Encounters at Indian Head" is an earnest attempt to fathom the unfathomable. It's about much more than Betty and Barney and what happened to them. It's about what we believe and why we believe it.

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>>Incredulity, thou hath a name.

>Personally, I prefer "keen instincts born of long experience."

>Credulity, though also hath a name.

When first received from the promoters in the UK before it was even widely known, I ran the film about three times and concluded that it was a ludicrous piece of fakery.

An occasional member of this List once noted that 'your [my] BS detector is finely tuned'. It does not take endless photographic analysis to detect obvious fakery, both internally (within the film) and externally (in the behavior and machinations of the promoters). Long experience and knowledge counts for a lot in that regard.

And as a general rule in this fakery and fraud-ridden field, better to be incredulous than credulous anyway. John of R tars us with being credulous and you tar us with being incredulous. We must be doing something right!

Dick

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There's another story about the release of the MoD's UFO files in today's Daily Star Sunday. The article isn't available online, but for UK-based List members, it's on page 31 of the newspaper.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope  
<http://www.nickpope.net>

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>Subject: Are We Better At Shooting Videos?

>For some strange reason whenever the official explanations say  
>there's nothing to UFOs, a wave of UFO sightings occur.

>If someone says there's a wave of UFO sightings and everyone  
>runs out with cameras in-hand all we get are blurry photos of  
>thumbs, backs of bald heads and the planet Venus.

>For the past week or so waves and some very, very, startling  
>videos are popping-up, making quite a splash in the news.

>In the past year we've had Presidential candidates discuss UFOs  
>and more footage appears and, of course, the continual denials.

>Are we being invaded or just getting better at taking videos?

>I say we are the invaders and we're just noticing our own  
>goof-ups.

Hi Greg, Everyone!

If it was not for information passed on to me from trusted and knowledgeable insiders and what I have learned about the UFO phenomenon through my own investigations into this subject over the years, I too would have lost interest in UFOs a long time ago.

The stuff that now finds its way on YouTube and on many UFO websites that is presented as compelling new visual evidence that UFOs are truly unknowns and not something man-made is so unconvincing, it is little wonder that the news media and the public don't take the subject seriously. These dubious UFO videos have served to further the goals of UFO debunkers since the news media and the public (which ufologists often attack as not being critical thinkers or well informed on this subject and don't give them the credit they deserve, including keeping the door open for further inquiry) can easily come up with their own prosaic explanations that are very reasonable and more probable.

For example, take a look at the strange lights in the sky slowly drifting over San Diego, California at the start of the new year which, considering the description and motion of the objects and the celebrations taking place there and all around the world, can easily be explained as floating candle balloons. Even "astrophysics majors" can easily get caught up in the mass hysteria among friends, many of whom may have been under the influence of holiday spirits, and come to wrong and unwarranted conclusions.

If ufologists, including you and I, do nothing and allow such dubious UFO video evidence to be presented unquestioned and unchallenged as the real thing, then we are to blame when UFO sightings are not taken seriously by the news media and the public and few scientist and elected officials take an interest

Re: Are We Better At Shooting Videos?

in this subject which could prove to be very important for all of humanity.

This generation has a unique opportunity to help make video cameras, now owned or carried by millions of people around the globe, the instruments that will reveal the truth about UFOs to the public - even if they ultimately lead to the demise of ufology as we understand or accept it as.

Nick Balaskas

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According to my American Heritage Dictionary, here in the U.S.  
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it spells B O G U S.

Jerry Clark

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Mr. Bourdais, how uncharitable of you! "Proof" is solely that  
requirement thrown in the face of those that reserve judgement  
by those of closed minds. Something of which in their ideal  
world has no actual place at all.

The only way they know they tied their shoes this morning is  
that they didn't fall on their faces reaching their TV sets for  
their daily spoon-feed of unreality believed gospel.

JCH

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For me as well it was the cheesy shots, the camera going out of focus everytime it zoomed in or the cinematographer went in for a tight shot. But the real clincher was the absence of the 4th wall. The tightly controlled environment of the operating room was compromised by this elusive wall which is never seen. It's not there of course because that's where the production crew is positioned along with the camera and lights and any audio crew (which is non-existent and why is that?), the script girl and the intern who gets the coffee and donuts.

The 'medical personnel' are astute enough to wear masks [in 1947?] but the Air Force wasn't savvy enough to do a first rate job of documenting the event with film or audio. The masks were a handy way of hiding the actor's identity of course.

For once, knowledgeable UFO researchers and unqualified skeptics agreed for the most part about the authenticity of this film when it first came out.

Don Ledger

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## Re: UFO DATA Magazine

From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 13 Jan 2008 16:50:19 +0000  
Archived: Mon, 14 Jan 2008 08:38:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

>From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 13 Jan 2008 07:33:31 -0500  
>Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

>And as a general rule in this fakery and fraud-ridden field,  
>better to be incredulous than credulous anyway. John of R tars  
>us with being credulous and you tar us with being incredulous.  
>We must be doing something right!

The only people I'm tarring are those who want to drag this  
amusing episode out 'till it stops being funny. I believe most  
rational ufologists did think the AA film was at least  
questionable from the start; some were perhaps more forceful in  
their dismissal than others.

As for 'we must be doing something right' - even a stopped clock  
is right twice a day!

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John Rimmer

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## Re: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

From: **Brian Ally** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 13 Jan 2008 12:52:33 -0500  
Archived: Mon, 14 Jan 2008 08:41:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

>From: Franklin Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2008 10:44:08 -0500 (EST)  
>Subject: Re: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

>>From: Brian Ally <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 12:21:45 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

>>Too often, this field of research leads one to make the most  
>>astoundingly baseless claims, the gist of which seem the product  
>>more of vivid imagination (not that there's anything wrong with  
>>that) than careful research or deduction based on established  
>>facts.

>The real issue is the definition of "careful research" and  
>"established facts". There has been careful research conducted.  
>Books have even been published on the subject. Many creditable  
>witness have provide testimony.

>In a court of law three or more creditable witness stating they  
>participated in an event usually meets the definition of  
>established fact.

I'm guessing you meant "credible" there. And by that, I mean to point out that those witnesses' stories must be believed by said court. Do you really think that any court of law worth its salt should rule as established fact the testimony of three individuals - no matter WHAT they say - simply because said testimony is mutually corroborating? That's not quite the way it's supposed to work. If three people make the same mistake it's still a mistake. And don't get me started on conspiracies to spread disinformation (whether by "official" parties or just some jackass with a YouTube account).

Funny you should use a court of law analogy given your seeming hostility to the notion of cross-examination. Specifically ...

>Some researchers tend to border on debunker because even when  
>facts are provided their mind can not allow them to agree. Some  
>times fact is stranger than fiction. In other words no amount of  
>research or facts will meet the requirement. Nothing short of  
>seeing it for themselves.

Nonsense. Any person approaching this subject with an open mind must filter out the fantasies, bad science, and plain disinformation in order to advance our understanding of it. Otherwise, one runs the risk of becoming hopelessly bogged down in "theories" that are unrestricted by reality. Tantalising clues are no excuse for poor judgment. Those of you who believe that this constitutes an attack on the very subject itself should understand that we're here to help, not hinder, with the overall goal here.

If you're so confident that you would throw caution to the wind then be my guest. Personally, I don't think that's necessary at this time and with this particular claim.

>Witness have come forward stating that they have been part of  
>the government programs and have even have piloted the craft.  
>At what point does it become fact?

And which of those witnesses is credible? Please produce one  
self-proclaimed pilot who stands up to critical examination; one  
engineer whose credibility is not lower than a circular  
impression in the grass.

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## 3D 'Invisibility Cloak' For Sound?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 14 Jan 2008 08:59:20 -0500  
Archived: Mon, 14 Jan 2008 08:59:20 -0500  
Subject: 3D 'Invisibility Cloak' For Sound?

Source: Science Daily - Herndon, Virginia, USA

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/01/080109104244.htm>

Jan. 11, 2008

3D 'Invisibility Cloak' For Sound?

ScienceDaily - Contrary to earlier predictions, Duke University engineers have found that a three-dimensional sound cloak is possible, at least in theory.

Such an acoustic veil would do for sound what the "invisibility cloak" previously demonstrated by the research team does for microwaves - allowing sound waves to travel seamlessly around it and emerge on the other side without distortion.

"We've devised a recipe for an acoustic material that would essentially open up a hole in space and make something inside that hole disappear from sound waves," said Steven Cummer, Jeffrey N. Vinik Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Duke's Pratt School of Engineering. Such a cloak might hide submarines in the ocean from detection by sonar, he said, or improve the acoustics of a concert hall by effectively flattening a structural beam.

As in the case of the microwave cloak, the properties required for a sound cloak are not found among materials in nature and would require the development of artificial, composite metamaterials.

The engineering of acoustic metamaterials lags behind those that interact with electromagnetic waves (i.e. microwaves or light), but "the same ideas should apply," Cummer said.

In 2006, researchers at Duke and the Imperial College London used a new design theory to create a blueprint for an electromagnetic invisibility cloak. Only a few months later, the team demonstrated the first such cloak, designed to operate at microwave frequencies.

Cummer and David Schurig, a former research associate at Duke who is now at North Carolina State University, later reported in The New Journal of Physics a theory showing that an acoustic cloak could be built. But that theory relied on a "special equivalence" between electromagnetic and sound waves that is only true in two dimensions, Cummer said. A report by another team had also suggested that a 3-D acoustic cloak couldn't exist. It appeared they had reached a dead end.

Cummer wasn't convinced. "In my mind, waves are waves," he said. "It was hard for me to imagine that something you could do with electromagnetic waves would be completely undoable for sound waves."

This time, he started instead from a shell like the microwave

cloak his team had already devised and attempted to derive the mathematical specifications required to prevent such a shell from reflecting sound waves, a key characteristic for achieving invisibility. On paper, at least, it worked.

"We've now shown that both 2-D and 3-D acoustic cloaks theoretically do exist," Cummer said. Although the theory used to design such acoustic devices so far isn't as general as the one used to devise the microwave cloak, the finding nonetheless paves the way for other acoustic devices, for instance, those meant to bend or concentrate sound. "It opens up the door to make the physical shape of an object different from its acoustic shape," he said.

The existence of an acoustic cloaking solution also indicates that cloaks might possibly be built for other wave systems, Cummer said, including seismic waves that travel through the earth and the waves at the surface of the ocean.

The report by Cummer's team is expected to appear in Physical Review Letters on Jan. 11.

Collaborators on the study included Bogdan-Ioan Popa, David R. Smith and Marco Rahm of Duke; David Schurig of N.C. State University; John Pendry of Imperial College London; and Anthony Starr of SensorMetrix, Inc. in San Diego, Calif.

Adapted from materials provided by Duke University.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' & Don Ledger for the lead]

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## Re: A Deep Bow Of Appreciation To Frank Warren

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 13 Jan 2008 16:39:31 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 14 Jan 2008 09:00:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: A Deep Bow Of Appreciation To Frank Warren

UFO UpDates - Toronto keyed:

>Frank Warren has posted a most welcome and supportive  
>article on UFO UpDates & SDI to his Blog at:

><http://tinyurl.com/3y kz8h>

>Many thanks and 73748 brownie points, Frank...

>ebk

Well deserved, Errol. Thanks on behalf of myself and I presume  
many others on this List.

Don

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## Re: Are We Better At Shooting Videos?

From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 14 Jan 2008 05:40:16 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Mon, 14 Jan 2008 09:02:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: Are We Better At Shooting Videos?

>From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos.nul](mailto:nikolaos.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 13 Jan 2008 10:45:16 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Are We Better At Shooting Videos?

<snip>

>This generation has a unique opportunity to help make video  
>cameras, now owned or carried by millions of people around the  
>globe, the instruments that will reveal the truth about UFOs to  
>the public - even if they ultimately lead to the demise of  
>ufology as we understand or accept it as.

Whatever happened with those studies that were using multiple  
camcorders, over long time periods, at ufo "hot-spots"?

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## Re: French 'Academy Of Ufology'?

From: Franklin D. Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 12 Jan 2008 08:48:00 -0500 (EST)  
Archived: Mon, 14 Jan 2008 09:04:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: French 'Academy Of Ufology'?

>From: Gildas Bourdais <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 12 Jan 2008 11:19:20 +0100  
>Subject: Re: French 'Academy Of Ufology'?

>>Source: PRLog.Com

>><http://tinyurl.com/2gfwfj>

>>Jan 10, 2008

>>The French Private Research on UFO phenomena starts the "Academy  
>>of Ufology"

>>A team of voluntary ufologists set up the basis of the "Academy  
>>of Ufology", an association which claims to be an expert and  
>>independent assembly, gathering knowledge necessary to the  
>>exchange, the reflection and the analysis of the UFOs reports.

>>Source: Jacky Kozan/Academy of Ufology

>List,

>This program looks good but, unfortunately, its promoter, Jacky  
>Kozan - a Frenchman, despite of his first name - is not quite up  
>to the task, in my opinion, shared by many other French  
>ufologists.

>I've quarreled with him several times on French Lists.

>Here are just two recent examples of his peculiar statements:

>On Roswell, a little article was published recently (by another  
>ufologist) declaring that the case of the UFO crash was dead  
>because, as revealed by Dr Jesse Marcel in his book The Roswell  
>Legacy, his parents had become alcoholic!

>Yes, we find that sort of statement in French Ufology - believe  
>it or not.

>Kozan endorsed the article in a few words. I strongly opposed  
>that argument, along with other members of the List.

>Then Kozan declared that it was a simple "flying saucer traffic  
>accident, without any interest".

>Recently, Kozan declared that the Tunguska explosion was a  
>nuclear explosion without radioactivity.

>I leave it to you to decide if you want to join that sort of  
>academy.

>Sorry to look like a bad guy, again.

I don't dispute what you're saying because I know nothing about  
this gentleman.

But debunking this guy before any other information on the

Academy of Ufology has become available is a bit quick.

I say give the guy a second chance maybe something good will come of it. I can't write and don't talk well either. But I keep trying.

I applaud the initiative. If this problem is going to be solved team work and support is mandatory.

Yours truly,

Frank

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## Re: French 'Academy Of Ufology'?

From: **Jacky Kozan** <[coordination.nul](mailto:coordination.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 13 Jan 2008 19:29:55 +0100  
Archived: Mon, 14 Jan 2008 09:10:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: French 'Academy Of Ufology'?

[Non-Subscriber Post]

Hi List,

My best wishes to each of you for 2008.

This is my reaction after the intervention of Mister Gildas Bourdais regarding the Academy of Ufology - of France.

I'd not comment the words of Mister Gildas Bourdais, the readers of this list have already appreciated them, but I'd like to clarify some sentences he reported here previously.

Before to go further more, if you want to know more about the Academy of Ufology of France please visit:

<http://www.ufolog.eu/eng/index.php>

In my opinion the Academy of Ufology is the only way to install and make progressing the Ufology in the mind of the public and the press. Waiting an International Research Center in Ufology or several private Ufological Labs, the serious ufologist and other professional highly qualified interested in Ufology, must gather somewhere and add their knowledge and their efforts. When official research centers will start, some people, already trained in ufological studies, will be able to shift directly to them.

To know more about me, in order to evaluate if I could be serious, you can access directly to my curriculum vitae in my home page:

<http://jacky.kozan.fr/TextesTelechargeables/cvJKe.pdf>

I decide to start the Academy of Ufology thanks to my experience of Start-Up Specialist.

As you understand I am not very often in agreement with Mister Gildas Bourdais in France and I appreciate he understands that my concept of the Ufology doesn't fit with his. I appreciate also that he gave me the chance to discuss on an international list. Thank you Mister Gildas Bourdais.

Just some details about what I'm supposed to have written:

- Roswell

1 - Yes, I endorsed a press article which conclusion is: "Ultimately, it is not because a main ufological event is destroyed 60 years after its release which it is necessary to be desperate by the ufological cause (that request endurance and perseverance)." That's a little different of what Mister Gildas Bourdais reported. I don't know why.

2 -- Yes, I confirm, the Roswell case is a flying saucer traffic accident, without any interest. We have nothing to study except the event itself (place, date). Nobody can work starting from that.

Tunguska

Mister Gildas Bourdais wrote:

"Recently, Kozan declared that the Tunguska explosion was a nuclear explosion without radioactivity."

No, Kozan declares nothing about nuclear physics. I read and remember some disturbing information. When talking about Tunguska last month, I mentioned my reading and I attached a copy of the original document written by Russian and Ukrainian Physicists. I don't understand why Mister Gildas Bourdais has forgotten the original document or does he intentionally modify the meaning of my intervention? I don't know why.

Thank you for your patience.

Best regards,

Jacky Kozan  
Coordinator Academie d'Ufologie

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## Re: UFO DATA Magazine

From: Sean Jones <[tedric.nul](mailto:tedric.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 14 Jan 2008 14:06:29 +0000  
Archived: Mon, 14 Jan 2008 09:16:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO DATA Magazine

Afternoon All

I find it amazing how many fence-sitters 'suddenly' said "I told you so" when the evidence is making the AA film look fake.

I admit I was sceptical when I first saw it, but at this moment in time there is no solid evidence either way to 100% prove fake or genuine, only testimony. And in a court of law, witness testimony only is not enough to get a conviction.

I have to say, and I don't care who says it - John, Jerome, Dick & whomever - to say that conclusively that you knew it was fake within ten minutes is total BS and I honestly feel you can only get away with saying this now as the empirical evidence suggests that it is a fake.

But I point out, where is the solid, proof?

There is absolutely none! I much as I hate to say it. This is still another part of the Roswell enigma that I very much doubt will ever be decided 100% conclusively.

Please also note:

Has one person yet come forward with the proof that an alien space craft crashed at Roswell? All the 'pro-crash-ers' still rant on about it, yet there is more evidence to the contrary!

This matter is far from over!

In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.  
Sean Jones  
<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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## Moderator Message On 'Alien Autopsy'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 14 Jan 2008 09:26:41 -0500  
Archived: Mon, 14 Jan 2008 09:26:41 -0500  
Subject: Moderator Message On 'Alien Autopsy'

For those with short memories and the recently subscribed, a reminder about List-discussion of the 'Roswell Alien Autopsy Film'.

Until such time as new information surfaces, further discussion is suspended - as is, of now, the UFO DATA Magazine thread.

I realise that, once again, this will frustrate a handful of posters but positions and opinions stated and re-stated, are on-line in the Archive, to which you all have access...

ebk

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## The Real Origins Of Uluru

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 07:01:25 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 07:01:25 -0500  
Subject: The Real Origins Of Uluru

Source:

<http://tinyurl.com/34k5w3>

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UFO Travel: The Real Origins Of Uluru

[Aerial Image]

If you haven't been lucky enough to visit yet, you're still probably aware that there's a massive red rock right in the middle of Australia. Uluru, once known as Ayers Rock, is a World Heritage Site as well as being a particularly sacred spot for the local Aboriginal people, who have to put up with close to half a million tourists traipsing 'round there every year.

What the Aboriginal people probably didn't realize is that the old rock paintings you can find around Uluru are actually the work of astronauts. Apparently, the red rock of Uluru is in fact a giant red egg that was a kind of spaceship, and when it crashed into the middle of Oz, humans emerged from it.

At least so say the members of an American UFO enthusiast group. You might want to plan a trip to Uluru to check out this story for yourself, or even better, just go because it's a really beautiful place. Take a plane down under or just fly in a big red egg if you prefer.

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## Mexican Roswell Awesome Or Off-Putting?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 07:07:40 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 07:07:40 -0500  
Subject: Mexican Roswell Awesome Or Off-Putting?

Source: HecklerSpray.Com - London, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/3dodvf>

January 14th, 2008

Awesome Or Off-Putting: Mexican Roswell  
by Shawn Lindseth

Coyame Crash Mexico UFO Paranormal PlaneAwesome or Off-Putting is a weekly delve into cryptozoology, ufology, aliens, medical marvels, scientific wonders, secret societies, government conspiracies, cults, ghosts, EVPs, myths, ancient artifacts, religion, strange facts, odd sightings or just the plain unexplainable.

This week: Aliens/UFOs

In 1947 many would tell you a UFO crashed in Roswell, New Mexico and ignited ET-mania across the globe. It was a major case in which hundreds of pieces of evidence - be they physical or otherwise - have been held up in an attempt to prove to the world that the crash really happened, and the government most definitely doesn't want you to know.

Well the United States isn't the only place where something like this happened. In Mexico, for instance, a civilian airplane is said to have collided with a UFO, sending both machines plummeting to the ground. A difference in this case though, is that according to a History Channel special on the event - all the Mexican military who were involved in retrieving and transporting the object died en-route.

Perhaps Wikipedia puts it best:

"Coyame, Mexico is a small town not far from the US border. It's home to three thousand people and possibly the best-kept secret of all-time. In August of 1974, the USA military was tracking a mysterious object over Mexico; then suddenly it disappeared from radar near Coyame. At the same time a civilian plane headed in the opposite direction is reported missing. What follows next is the stuff Hollywood blockbusters are made of: a crash site, a spacecraft, dead bodies, a covert recovery mission, and a government cover-up."

The story goes that the US did see the UFO on radar, and they were monitoring Mexico's military transmissions to find out more. Once the ship was discovered by Mexico, radio silence was ordered and the US was left in the dark. America isn't fond of being kept out of the circle, so they sent in a handful of helicopters to get more information (and probably to steal what they could).

When the Americans got on the scene wearing their hazmat suits,

they found all the Mexicans dead. The disc was choptered to the US, and the civilian plane, the Mexican military vehicles, and the bodies were all destroyed. No cause of death was determined.

From there the story dissolved into Mexican folklore. Nobody seriously investigated it until the nineties when there was an explosion of UFO sightings in the country - an explosion that continues to this day, if you recall.

Where the US allegedly took the saucer is unknown. What is known is that a lot of people claim to have evidence - even physical evidence - of the crash. So did it happen?

We have no idea.

[Link to History Channel Video

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=6lw-EuuCxOI&feature=related> ]

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### Fireballs Over Ponce Puerto Rico

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Puerto Rico: Fireballs Over Ponce

A report from Lucy Guzman, Ovni.net

A cellphone report received on Saturday 01.12.08. Domingo Morales phoned Andrew Alvarez to make a report on sightings in the City of Ponce. Mr. Alvarez told him to phone me. Mr. Morales reported the following:

1. His brother, a resident of Valle Alta, Ponce, told him that on Friday, January 4 2008 at 9:30 p.m., his wife called him over to look at a fireball over their house. Upon going outside, he saw an immense ball of red fire. The wife didn't see it approach, rather she saw it suddenly appear and light up on the spot. It remained static for some 20 minutes at an approximate altitude of 300 feet. It spent 20 minutes lighting on and off. The fireball finally diminished the intensity of its color and began moving SW in a zig-zag pattern, going up and down. It had the apparent size of a baseball stadium floodlight.

2. On Saturday January 5, 2008 at 9:40 p.m., Domingo's brother phoned again, this time to have Domingo climb onto the rooftop of his house to see if it was possible for him to see the fireball, as he (the brother) was seeing it. Domingo lives in Los Caobos, but was unable to see the object from his home. According to Domingo's brother, the fireball was over the same site, above his house and exhibiting the same behavior.

At 10:40 p.m., the fireball reappeared. This time, Domingo's brother saw it with nearly all of his neighbors. One of the neighbors was able to photograph it with a cellphone. On this occasion, a twin-engine plane flew over the area 15 minutes after the fireball vanished. This [fireball] did not appear suddenly, it came in from [the town of] Adjuntas.

3. On Sunday, January 6, 2008, Domingo and his wife decided to visit Domingo's brother to see if they were lucky enough to see the fireball. Just as they got out of the car, at 9:30 p.m., they saw two white balls of light to the SW which appeared to be joined. They looked like two orbs to the naked eye, but binoculars revealed them to be two plate like objects joined together. These were higher up, at some 5000 feet. (Domingo is a pilot, and is therefore able to calculate altitude better than the average witness). In plain sight they looked like two joined golf balls. They separated a minute later - one heading south and another to the north.

5 minutes later, Domingo phone FURA [P.R. police aerial reconnaissance] and was told that they were going to send their helicopter for a look. Domingo never saw the helicopter engage in a fly-over. Domingo recalls that while he observed the two orbs, a woman and her daughters stopped to ask him if they were seeing the fireballs. She added that the fireballs had been visible since November in that location, becoming apparent between 9-10 p.m. and as early as 5 p.m.

4. No sightings were reported on Monday, January 7.

5. Today, Saturday, January 12, Domingo will return with a camera in an effort to take pictures of the objects.

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## UFOs Over Quebradilla Puerto Rico

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Puerto Rico: UFOs Over Quebradilla

A report from Lucy Guzman

Mrs. N.R. (name remains anonymous) reported the following to  
Ovni.Net on 01.12.08 :

"I live in Quebradillas's Barrio Cacao, near the Guajataca River. In recent nights we have been looking at the starlit sky. On December 18, 2007, we saw a brilliant light toward the south that changed colors and pulsed, remaining static. It was possible to see the colors red, green and blue, all very dim and at a great height. Today, January 12, 2008 at around 9 p.m., we saw three brilliant lights moving in different directions toward the same vicinity -- south over the river, I'd say. They joined and separated without following any specific pattern. They did this for an hour or more and suddenly vanished into infinity. This is new to me. What it is that I saw?"

She further reported that the sighting lasted nearly 90 minutes and was an enjoyable experience for all 3. The objects were oval shaped and shining, were at an approximate 45 degree angle over the surface and toward the south, moving southwest. Regarding weather conditions, she said that there were a few clouds in movement, there was no rain, and the temperature was pleasant. No sounds were heard, nor were any strange odors or tastes perceived. There were no tremors nor electromagnetic alterations. The objects moved up, down, sideways and in a circle. When asked about their size, she said, "not so big."

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## Re: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

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>Date: Sun, 13 Jan 2008 12:52:33 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

>And which of those witnesses is credible? Please produce one  
>self-proclaimed pilot who stands up to critical examination; one  
>engineer whose credibility is not lower than a circular  
>impression in the grass.

Brian,

Your response to my hastily drafted email registered. I will give it more thought the next time I provide input. However, I still stand by my original thesis. There are credible witnesses out there.

One engineer that comes to mind is Mr. Don Phillips. He is a former Air Force Officer and Lockheed Skunkworks CIA contractor. You can listen to his testimony by downloading the disclosure project news conference at [www.disclosureproject.com](http://www.disclosureproject.com) or read it in detail in their literature.

Mr. Phillips witnessed saucers flying at Nellis AFB in 1965. His testimony shows that the Air Force was using and testing anti-gravity technology back in 1965. I can list others if you like but take a swing at Phillips first.

Best,

Frank

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## Three Issues

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Subject: Three Issues

There exists today three issues that could broaden the frame of reference for discussions in ufology. Recognizing their significance is of primary importance to advancing focus and any achievable methodology involving cooperation.

The Brazilian event on the remote Amazonian island of Colares has astounding overtones if given any context at all. Its duration, its physical effects on many inhabitants, its study by a select group of the Brazilian military while it was ongoing, and the revelations imparted of the details taken (with drawings) by its leader, give it more value as an event than even that of Roswell. Not to mention an actual contact with an alien and a message given is reported.

The main feature of this experience that is unique, however, is not singular. The behavior of the UFOs involved was undeniably one of investigating, in a most preliminary manner, mankind on this planet. Both the extent and thoroughness infer, for the first time.

Hence, it is suggested, these were aliens from worlds other than those of origins we've experienced before.

With this indication of a multiplicity of origins, let's reconsider the behavior of the comet Schumacher/ Levy (rather, fragments thereof.) It is assumed a comet solely on the basis that comets still convey some mystery and this supposed one conveyed far more than mystery.

When reports of its observations were reviewed it undeniably behaves as if under intelligent guidance. The sheer magnitude, and that it went into the very eye of a storm on Jupiter, puts sceptics into an almost furious withdrawal to avoid further discussions of it. Much less ever submit the likelihood of it being a chance occurrence to the statistical analysis of probability. Heaven forbid!

But the same is to be said for Dr. Norman Bergrun's claims that his EMVs are captured in images finishing a ring of Saturn's. Let me remind you, an equally documented process if so supportable. Which, in easily provable enough review, can be proven or disproven. That none of the scientist's claims have been refuted by any of his colleagues at JPL on this matter is highly significant. But, like the cases of Colares and Schumacher/Levy, go ignored by ufologists while they trifle with each other over far lesser incidents.

Underlying almost all of the hi-tech/science world today is an almost rank obsession to prove nothing is that much more magnificent than ourselves. One can call this an almost close parallel with the new convert to atheism's equally dogmatic insistence, there is no God.

What the world does not need is for thought to be dominated by denial, any thought.

A person can impose two attitudes on anomaly. They can suppose that the extraordinary be approached by mindset or they can open up to what touches our other senses as well.

The mindset one has played very well into the hands of those that withhold information and intimidate witnesses, as well as attempt to curtail discussions.

Maintaining a certain amount of openness seems more important to me than accounting for every point of argument when so much is 1) ignored already and 2) withheld.

Ufologists, if you want common ground you will have to do better.

Right now it's beginning to look more like science fiction, bizarre though it may be at times, is getting there better than you. Absolutely, in conception.

For, if you're not willing to explore possibility when you've nothing else as an explanation, you are left with nothing but denial. And that doesn't seem to be getting anyone anywhere.

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## An Interview With Inexplicata Contributors

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Separated by distances that span both the wide Atlantic and continental landmasses, it isn't often that INEXPLICATA's contributors get to exchange views with each other or with our readers. Here's what some of our contributing editors and writers had to say in response to our questions.

Participating in this interview are Contributing Editor Lucy Guzman (LG) from Puerto Rico; Contributing Editor Manuel Carballal (MC) from Spain; researcher Andrea Perez Simondini (APS) from Argentina, "Desclasificado" editor Javier Garcia Blanco (JGB) from Spain; Luis Eduardo Pacheco, editor of "Informe Alfa" (LEP) from Argentina; Inexplicata Contributing Editor Willie Durand Urbina (WDU) from Puerto Rico and Josep Guijarro (JB), editor of "Karma-7" magazine.

Voices Of The Millennium: The INEXPLICATA Interview

Q: Can you recall when you first became interested in paranormal phenomena? For example, was there any reading or image that acted as a "trigger" of sorts? Do you think young people should become interested in these matters?

LG: As a child, I became aware of the paranormal (I was some 8 to 10 years old) when I noticed that if I wished someone harm, within 24 hours, something would happen to that person. When I realized what my mind was able to do, I begged God for forgiveness and swore that I'd never wish anyone harm again. I later noticed that things I told my friends would turn out to be true. I later began having experiences which I termed "ghostly", and which due to ignorance and lack of knowledge would terrify me to death. As teenager I was moved to investigate what was happening and why they happened without ever finding an answer to my questions. It wasn't until 1972, when I had a missing time experience (2 hours) and months later, after seeing a UFO, I truly felt the urge to find a response to the phenomena I was encountering. That's when I began to read, research and I continue doing it. I think there's no end to it. Regarding my opinion as to whether young people should be interested in these matters, I will answer that today it appears to be something innate in them, since they are not only interested in it, but find it commonplace. I see no reason why they shouldn't be interested and want to study them, but it depends on their age at the time that this interest is spurred. They should be guided by an adult, preferably by their parents.

MC: I don't recall the precise moment, although I do remember wolfing down novels on vampires, extraterrestrials and strange beings at ages 12 and 13. I also recall that the first "occult" book I read was Formulario de Alta Magia by P.V. Piov --I must have been 14 at the time--but I had been interested in the supernatural and miraculous much earlier. Perhaps that's why I leaned toward the priesthood and studied theology. I now consider myself an agnostic, but I don't reject my theological background, which has helped me to understand the realm of belief with greater tolerance. I think it's wonderful that the young should feel restless and rebellious toward orthodox dogma. It is thanks to these rebels against orthodoxy that science has progressed, but I believe that the paranormal realm holds too

many hazards for immature minds--regardless of age--and I know of too many suicides and crimes due to occult beliefs.

APS: I recall that I started taking an interest in paranormal phenomena when I was small. I would have been 11 years old. One day, while home alone with my two younger brothers, I went to the kitchen to get a glass of water and heard a noise on the kitchen table. It was a crucifix that my mother had hanging on the wall above the table. The situation wasn't unusual until the moment we noticed the nail from which the crucifix was hanging was in its place; in other words, it hadn't broken or fallen out. The question my brother and I asked ourselves was that the only way that the crucifix could have come off was if it had been removed. And I can attest to the fact that this could not be, since only my brothers and I were home that time. It was always a source of mystery to me. That was my "trigger" experience. I find it positive that the young should become interested, since these mysteries are there for all generations to look into, and the young perhaps retain that modicum of objectivity that one may lose as one gets older.

JGB: I don't remember the exact moment that anomalous phenomena drew my attention, but I can tell you that I was still a child. Here in Spain a there was a program directed and hosted by Dr. Fernando Jimenez del Oso which dealt with these subjects. From there, I went on to read and collect all material that fell into my hands. I think its fantastic that young people should become interested in these matters. The future of ufology and parapsychology is in their hands.

LEP: I was interested in anything having to do with space since childhood, and of course, it was a matter of time before I asked my father what a "flying saucer" was. I must have been 7 years old and had heard the term on a TV show in my native Uruguay. It was around 1978 when I got closest to the subject. During that year there was a massive UFO flap in Argentina, to which my parents had emigrated in 1975. Sightings were being reported on a daily basis in the mass media, press, etc. That era has a certain "magic" for me, since we appeared to be living alongside the UFO phenomenon at every second. I'll never forget it, despite not having had any direct experiences.

WDU: I was a few hours away from undergoing surgery for a brain tumor which was causing me constant headache. In those anguished moments I was visited by a "spirit guide" who engaged me in a dialog regarding the operation. It told me to pray to heal myself from this condition. During prayer, I underwent a paranormal experience within myself--I felt that something broke away from my body and my temperature was raised above 40 degrees. I managed to see myself free of the condition, although I was completely drained of energy. A CAT scan would later show that there was no trace of the tumor. Following this experience I had two experiences with UFOs.

I think its very healthy for the young to become interested in the paranormal, since during the course of their lives they may encounter certain events or experiences they will not be able to explain. They will require an understanding as to how these phenomena appear, and the best way of doing so is through reading and analyzing the nature of the universe and all that is in it.

JG: The fact is that my connection with strange phenomena was insidious, progressive and surprising. I say "surprising" because there isn't a family background of unusual phenomena. It was a neighbor who lent me the first books on the subject: "Not of this Earth" by Peter Kolosimo and "Without a Trace" by Charles Berlitz. In fact, the Bermuda Triangle was one of my favorite subjects for years until I discovered the critical versions and wisened up. It's important that the young should become interested in these subjects--youth wants to change the world, the established order, curiosity overcomes all obstacles and heeding some strange impulse, youth is able to leave no stone unturned to learn the truth.

Q: Can we speak in terms of a predominant personality type among investigators and researchers, or are we pretty much a "mixed bag"?

LG: The only similarity I've noticed is the attempt to find an answer to these phenomena. Beyond that, I haven't noticed any common patterns.

MC: I think that active minds and non-conformists are drawn to the world of mystery, but others, such as mediocre or ambitious individuals are attracted by it, as are mere swindlers, who find the paranormal as an easy means of sating their egos or pockets. On the other hand, before defining a profile for "investigators" we should perhaps define the term used so flexibly by all manner of individuals involved with the field: Philip Klass, Giorgio Bongiovani, Hilary Evans and Salvador Freixedo, and even myself (and I know all of these friends and enemies personally) call ourselves "investigators", and I thin that the opinions, work methods and even human qualities of each have very little in common. That's why I'll return the question to you, Scott: what the hell do you call an investigator?

APS: As with all activities, I think that there are always dominant personalities and others that are less so. I think it's a matter of the interactions that one may develop within a given group, in this case, the paranormal realm. One will be the leader, another will be passive, another will go against the system...in short, different responses in action.

JGB: Well, maybe we're all a little nuts (laughs). But from the researchers that I know, I can say that what we share in common is that we carry this matter deep within us. It consumes all of our time and effort, and we greatly enjoy what we do.

LEP: I think that were a mixed group, but with the passing of time, become polarized or aligned with a more or less clearly defined pattern which marks the three predominant trends in the field: the "believer", the one who "steps back and analyzes", and the "skeptic."

WDU: There are many paranormal researchers who concentrate on a single aspect of the wide world of the paranormal. Some of them specialize in communication with extra-dimensional entities, while others choose to decipher the future. But I believe that the most important thing is to somehow harmonize with the energies emanating from the universe.

JG: I'd say we're a colorful lot. I'm not aware of a more varied and ornery "fauna" that those who are attracted to UFO and paranormal research. This is made even more serious by the fact that these subjects are employed to preach peace, love and brotherhood...It's also true of the field that friends are truer FRIENDS than in any other.

Q: Could you share with us the names of the researchers who have inspired you? Do you consider yourself as part of a give school of thought?

LG: No researcher has served as an inspiration to me, nor do I agree 100% with any of them. Not even with myself. I don't belong to any "school" of thought...I'm a free thinker.

MC: I always recommend reading a book by Freixedo and another by [South American contactee] Sixto Paz; hearing a presentation by Ballester Olmos and another by J.J. Benitez; reading a report written by CSICOP and another by SPR, because only b knowing these juxtaposed points of view can we be free to make informed choices. I admit that I feel a special fondness for the work of John Keel, Jacques Vallee or Hilary Evans, but I also admire Freixedo's boldness, Siragusa's irreverence, Randi's cynicism, Ben=EDtez's romanticism, W. Smith's methodology, Von Kevicksky's experience, Hynek's education and above all, Andreas Faber Kaiser's honesty. I don't share any of their opinions fully, but I feel that whether actively or passively, they all have a contribution to make to our knowledge of the paranormal. If there's any school of thought that can collect them all, that would be my school.

APS: I can't answer this question accurately, because I think it wouldn't be fair toward many people. But I'll give you an approximation. I feel respect for researchers like Jorge Anfruns Dumon, Antonio Huneeus, Stanton Friedman, Adhemar Gevaerd, my friend Rodrigo Fuenzalida, for all researchers in Chile, for my friends Carlos Lurchuk, Alex Chionnetti, and Oscar Mendoza, for the people conducting research in the Province of La Pampa,

where my friend Mario Quique is making great efforts, for Claudeir Covo...I don't know, the list feels infinite. On the other hand, I can tell you that my greatest inspiration is my mother, Silvia Perez Simondini, because she taught me that one should never give in and this belief, applied to the UFO phenomenon, I feel will allow us to earn a small space in the immense UFO community. My school of thought is, as I tend to call it emotionally, rationalism. I think that he or she who researches phenomena that aren't covered by science must have the disposition of the true scientist, which is, that a hypothesis ceases to be one when the facts give you elements to approve it or reject it. My best base are the laws that science set forth by convention but not by demonstration.

JGB: Well...I've always said that J.J. Ben-EDtez is to blame for my being mixed up in the world of UFO research...or rather, his books are. The minute one of his books fell into my hands, I wolfed them down one after another. In spite of this, I don't share all of his hypotheses. I currently think my line of thought is closer to that of Jacques Vallee and his interdimensional hypothesis. The books of John Keel also influenced my perceptions on the UFO phenomenon. I don't like boxing myself into a given "school of thought", but given my country's ufological situation, perhaps I should be counted among those who believe in the non-human origin of ufology.

LEP: I've grown up, ufologically speaking, with the "greats" of the field--from Keyhoe and Ben-EDtez to Hynek-- and in my country for a while I had deep respect for the pioneering work done by Fabio Zerpa and his "Cuarta Dimensi=F3n" magazine. I say this with a certain amount of sadness, since it has reincarnated into a publication called "Punto Azul" which along with its editor, are a pale shadow of what they once meant for national ufology. Through the pages of that magazine I was exposed to the writings of Alejandro Vignati; the unforgettable columns of Norberto Comte and his "Anthology of the Fantastic"; and it gave me the opportunity to meet an exceptional human being: Dr. Candido Victor del Prado--biologist, author, esotericist--and an all-out "rebel" whose attitude taught me the value of reason in the world of the paranormal.

WDU: The researcher who has influenced me the most, and has taught me to have a wider perspective on paranormal phenomena has been Jacques Vallee. I believe that he remains the one who has created the proper guidelines to follow in dealing with paranormal phenomena. Many researchers have considered his theories when conducting their own investigations.

JG: Well, it all depends on the time frame...at first it was Antonio Riberá, who is a great teacher and whose books constitute a Bible for anyone wishing to delve into ufology. Some have thought that I may be his heir (I imagine that's because, like he, I've taken a great interest in abduction phenomena), but I don't feel this to be the case, since there are many nuances which make us different. I'm an avowed follower of Jacques Vallee, whose way of viewing ufology is revolutionary and in step with science rather than mysticism. I've also felt influenced by the adventures of J.J. Ben-EDtez--and who hasn't? . Combine these three researchers and you get Josep Guijarro.

Q: If you had to take three books on the paranormal with you to a desert island, which would these be, and why?

LG: I really don't have a favorite author. Perhaps [a book] by Laura Tuan and others of subjects like telepathy, precognitions, premonitions, oneiromancy and UFO/ET subjects.

MC: The Bible, because while I don't consider myself christian, nor devout, my deepest unconscious is the offspring of a given age and culture, and no other field has promoted the paranormal more than religion has. The other two would be some of my own books, since I've always tried to gather the best of other authors and if possible, to enrich their findings with my own contributions. Besides, logically, I think no one can be closer to what is subjectively true than myself. If I thought otherwise, I'd be either a cultist or an imbecile.

APS: 1) The Bermuda Triangle (for sure); 2) Florencio Balsda's

La Raza Roja (an early 20th century Argentinean researcher; 3) a book on Spontaneous Combustion.

JGB: Juan Jose Ben-EDtez's La Quinta Columna, which is in my opinion one of the best field research books on encounters with humanoids; Vallee's Passport to Magonia, since the hypotheses stated in this book changed (or expanded) my view of the UFO phenomenon; Salvador Freixedo's La Granja Humana. In my opinion, and while I don't share all of Salvador's ideas, this book portrays a disquieting aspect of the UFO phenomenon: are we being manipulated at will by the intelligence(s) behind the phenomenon?

LEP: I'd sooner have a good survival manual! (laughs). But if I had to choose, I'd certainly lean toward one of Vallee's "classic" works, or Antonio Ribera, or the early days of Juan Jose Ben-EDtez (before the Caballo de Troya books were released). These were authors who, with the passing of time since I first read them, have acquired their true stature.

WDU: If I were to find myself alone on a desert island, my three favorite books would be the following in order of importance: Apparitions by G.N.M. Tyrell; Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind by C.D.B. Bryan; and Electric UFOs by Albert Budden.

JG: Confrontations by Jacques Vallee; Light Years by Gary Kinder, and my book Infiltrados. The first because it is a primer for anyone who conceives ufology as a scientific discipline detached from superstition. The second because it is a magnificent investigative work on one of the most important events in the contactee phenomenon and does objectivity justice. And ultimately, rooting for the home team, I'd include my book Infiltrados among them because its pages feature wonderful years of memories and experiences that I would always want to remember on a desert island.

Q: In regard to the UFO phenomenon, do you think there are marked differences between the cases you've investigated in your country and the ones in the U.S.A.?

LG: Yes and no. Yes, because many of the cases which have occurred here have also taken place in the U.S. or elsewhere in the world. No, because despite [Puerto Rico's] small size--it's maximum length is of 111 miles by 39 miles wide--and such a high population density-- 3,522,037 inhabitants according to the 1990 census-- not only have large numbers of sightings and encounters with alien races been reported, we also have an infinity of "alleged" UFO contactees. If we compare the island's population to its size, I could say that we are perhaps [one of the places] with the highest percentage of UFO sightings and "contactees".

MC: Absolutely. The cases are very similar, as are the cases I have been able to research in Africa and Asia, aside from a good part of Latin America. Only the witness and the researcher change. The witness subjects his/her experience to a perceptive selection process according to his or her cultural education, belief system and even language. The researcher, on the other hand, usually belongs to a given school and has widely diverging techniques and research methods. We can't compare a French ufologist from the Psycho-Social school with an American conspiracy theorist, or an expert in African tribal legend. All three experts would focus the same UFO event from different perspectives, and I therefore suppose that their conclusions for one given case would be very different.

APS: There are no marked differences as regards the phenomenology, but there are massive differences regarding the case histories. I think that there's a great consumerism in your country as far as UFOs are concerned, which fortunately has not occurred in Argentina as of yet. This allows us researchers to have a greater degree of truthfulness in witness experiences and in the specialist's opinions. For example, when we collect evidence from an alleged UFO landing and take it to a university to be studied, no researcher in said academic environment ventures an opinion regarding an alleged UFO event. I think this might make any scientific verdict all the more conclusive.

JGB: Personally, I've tried to concentrate on close encounter cases in Spain. At first blush, the phenomenon behaves in a

similar way all over the globe. Perhaps the greatest difference between the U.S. and Spanish cases is the way that certain cases in the U.S. are treated by some researchers. Perhaps there's an excess of sensationalism in certain events.

LG: As I've always said, I'm not a researcher. I'm an enthusiast for the subject with a grain of sand to contribute to it. From that perspective and analyzing the Argentinean cases, recent years have shown a tendency toward incorporating "elements" and "patterns" which were uncharacteristic of these lands. It would seem that, on the one hand, the globalization of the culture and the popularization of the subject in the media have brought along a baggage of things that have served to modify popular perception on the phenomenon, "modelling" a uniform pattern in the popular unconscious. I think that this is one of the most interesting aspects of modern ufology as a mass sociological phenomenon. A brief analysis would be impossible.

WDU: The differences between Puerto Rico and the U.S.A. as regards UFO activity are clearly marked. Number one is that the military government of the United States is much more involved in many of the events which have occurred in Puerto Rico. There is currently a UFO flowchart here in Puerto Rico involving over 15 Federal agencies, and these are mentioned when an sighting takes place on the island.

JG: The differences are remarkable. Basically because the UFO phenomenon isn't a terrific business for anyone here in Spain, while the contrary occurs in the United States. It's harder to study ufology here due to the lack of resources, but it's also easier to remain independent.

Q: In your opinion, are there typical traits common to UFO witnesses or abductees worldwide? Could we speak in terms of a "regional mindset" among witnesses stemming from language, culture, etc.?

LG: Globally speaking, there are several characteristic traits among witnesses, abductees and contactees. They come in all types...regarding their mindset and mental level, these factors do play a part, since they witness the phenomenon differently.

MC: At one time I published a study on 100 abduction cases, and I've only been able to follow a dozen or so of them over the years. I still wouldn't venture an opinion on the abduction phenomenon, but as with all of the UFO phenomenon, I think that traditional ufology's focus hinges on an flawed premise.

APS: We've asked ourselves that question thousands of times. I think that if a cultural pattern does indeed exist, then it is a global one and therefore, no regional patterns can be found. I think this is one of the great mysteries to be unveiled.

JGB: A country's culture and customs weigh heavily on the way in which a possible sighting or UFO encounter is retold. However, all witnesses appear to describe similar creatures and artifacts. On the other hand, the witnesses belong to all types of social, economic and cultural strata. The UFO phenomenon doesn't discriminate among its witnesses.

LEP: As I said my preceding reply, an "archetype" has been created in recent years about the UFO phenomenon, which all cultures and countries are gradually assimilating. The subject of abductions is clearly the most visible exponent. A few years ago, the abduction of humans by ufonauts with seemingly physical experimentation purposes took place on a wholly "physical" level. The victim was usually in a lonely place where he/she was often forcibly taken into a UFO and examined (Villas-Boas, Betty Hill, Franzetta, etc.). A particular detail is the diversity of humanoid phenotypes involved in these experiences. The exact opposite occurs today, where the abduction phenomenon acquires a more dreamlike than physical nature, and most cases involve a single type of being, thus giving us an entirely new generation of ufonauts born in the shadow of Eighties conspiracy thinking, which modified the "shell" or external aspect of ufology. Thus, today we are abducted by "Greys", "Reptoids", "Rigelians", etc. as opposed to beings with a more "astronautical" and this friendly appearance. I believe that the influence of this subculture in regard to the creation of new ufological images

and icons that are subsequently assimilated by potential witnesses is clearly evident.

WDU: I've met persons that have had UFO experiences and who never cultivated or mentally formulated a desire to have such an experience. I don't believe that their intellectual formation or their religion played a role in this. Specifically, they were simply in the right place at the right time to undergo the experience. Other persons have had encounters with these objects and appear predisposed to have all kinds of paranormal experiences, since they come from families in which spiritualism is practiced. Furthermore, many of them live in areas rich with folkloric traditions and abnormal events.

JG: Naturally. UFOs are a universal phenomenon, regardless of the existence of ufologists who collect UFO cases or witnesses willing to describe their experiences.

Q: As you know, ufology in the U.S. is divided between believers in the ET hypothesis and believers in more rational explanations. Do you get such marked divisions in your country?

LG: Yes, there is a difference, but not as marked as in the U.S.. I wouldn't characterize Puerto Rican ufologists as "believers in a hypothesis" but rather searchers of a serious, scientific and objective answer.

MC: Absolutely. [the divisions] are ferocious and border on irrational hatred. In my humble opinion, these ego-wars constitute a universal malaise in ufology.

APS: Yes, definitely. But I'll also add that there's a third line of belief, which is the one that I subscribe to: the rational posture within the extraterrestrial hypothesis. A good position to be in, I think.

JGB: We could say so...although in Spain, the defenders of the non-human origin of the phenomenon could be divided in turn into those who believe that it has an ET source and those who lean toward a multidimensional hypothesis or others. In this regard, the Spanish landscape is somewhat peculiar. The existence of denial groups such as ARP or "rational" ufologists such as those belonging to Fundaci=F3n Anomal=EDa have created a peculiar division. Simply stated, we could say that researchers have divided themselves among those who believe in an anomalous origin and the naysayers and believers in the psycho-social hypothesis. However, it's much more complicated than that.

LEP: It occurs, although timidly. As opposed to other scenarios, belief in the ETH is predominant in Argentina. New voices have emerged lately in the ufological community which tend to modify said approach and draw attention to other alternative origins, but the influence of the extraterrestrial scenario as a possible origin is still strong.

WDU: The division between the theory that postulates the interplanetary or interstellar origin of these creatures is very sharp. There are few of us who hold the belief that these entities are interdimensional and that the psyche plays a very important role in these experiences.

JG: Yes. What's more, the most radical standpoints can be found in Spain. You can start the spectrum with the most recalcitrant skeptics (debunkers) of the A.R.P. organization, followed by the rational ufology of the Fundaci=F3n Anomal=EDa. The midpoint would be occupied by the Third Generation ufologists (Sierra, Carballal, Carde=Flosa and myself), and the "believer" end of the spectrum would include the pro-J.J. Ben=EDtez, [Antonio] Ribera sector. Finally, you'd have the ET Contact extremist groups such as Aztlan, etc. It's worth noting that the ufological "center" takes other hypotheses into consideration--from interdimensionalism to the psychosocial hypothesis--leading it to fan out considerably.

Q: It's almost impossible not to bring up Roswell. What's your take on it?

LG: I don't doubt that it did occur, but I think there's been a lot of cover-ups and disinformation.

MC: Years ago, I made the decision not to voice my opinion on cases that I hadn't researched myself, and while I've studied other "UFO crash" cases in depth, and have indirect references to Roswell through my work on the Secret Services' (Spain's CESID in particular) involvement with the paranormal, I haven't formed an opinion...yet.

APS: I think that Roswell is the mystery of the century because of all its details. I don't think we will ever know what really happened and we'll never know what didn't happen. I think it ought to remain in an "investigative black hole", much like we deal with "legislative black holes" in the legislature. I reached this conclusion when I spoke with Stanton Friedman. I think the eyewitness accounts have been exhausted...

JGB: I truly believe that something important happened at Roswell. Did a UFO crash there? I honestly doubt it. Nevertheless, I think that something very special occurred there and that U.S. authorities have tried to conceal it. Regarding the controversial affair of the alien autopsy film, I'm convinced it's a fraud.

LEP: It's an example of how a myth can survive itself. The image that most readily comes to my mind when I realize that there are still those who believe in a non-terrestrial origin to this case is that of someone desperately giving CPR to a skeleton. I often wonder how contemporary ufology would be without Roswell. The amounts of time, effort and money that would have been saved...To me, the end of the case came about with the publication of Kent Jeffrey's Anatomy of a Myth. After reading it with an open mind, there's little that can be done to keep the case alive without behaving like a fool.

WDU: The Roswell case is the most sensational UFO event that has taken place in the U.S., but it is an event that has been transformed with each successive retelling over the past 40 years and to which no one, like we researchers, attributes much credibility. Perhaps part of this event may be somehow linked to extraterrestrial evidence.

JG: All my investigations regarding this phenomenon lead me to believe that an incident with enormous repercussions took place there in 1947. I don't know if it was an extraterrestrial spacecraft, but it was something with tremendous significance for humanity's progress.

Q: Do you think that governments are able to "keep secrets", regarding animal mutilations, aliens, etc.?

LG: It's been proven that they have been able to, and their creation of false reports has also been proven. Their reasons for doing so is only known to them. I cannot applaud disinformation; however, I can comprehend the need for a sort of cover up on grounds of national or global security.

MC: I consider this to be another error in focus. Governments don't hide anything, since at least in democratic societies, the change every couple of days. The keeper of the secrets and holders of control are the highest military echelons, and other types of para-governmental agencies. Information is power, and those who hold the information have the power.

APS: I definitely think they can't. I'm going to tell you what I've always told my mother. As you know, I serve in the Argentinean Congress as an active member of a political party. I play a role in the decision making process for substantial matters. Oftentimes, these decisions affect certain sectors of the population negatively or positively. But these decisions are implemented and the average person never hears of the details that led to the implementation. This leads me to think: I, Andrea Perez Simondini, a minor player within this immense structure, am able today to do the things I mentioned to you earlier, I cannot imagine [that this would not be the case] at the very top of the system's pyramid. Am I making sense here?

JGB: Governments all over the world conceal information on

strange events. However, I doubt that they're in contact with alien civilization or that they know the true origin of the UFO phenomenon. In Spain, at least, all they have is a wealth of reports on sightings, landings, etc..I don't think they know more about the phenomenon than we do. One thing's for sure: they hide information that would be of great assistance and interest regarding certain events.

LEP: I think they can, but not to the extent that conspiracy theories would have us believe. Obviously, any power mechanism or structure must possess means upon which to act to avoid a certain subject or another from becoming known. But said mechanisms always have an axis on which they pivot--a human being. And there lies the weakest link of the chain. There is always someone willing to talk, to retell what he or she knows, what they saw, etc. This does not imply believing in those who claim having seen something but can't prove it. My opinion is that I don't think there is as broad a conspiracy around UFOs as many believe and would like us to believe. The belief that we only ever see what "Big Brother" would like us to see is rooted in a number of things:

First, the contradictory nature of the phenomenon itself. It's behavior is thoroughly irrational but still shows a certain logic or a vaguely "outlined" plan.

Second, our own ignorance of the phenomenon. We know more about what the phenomenon ISN'T than about what it IS. This leads us to having fertile soil for any theory--the wilder the better--without any need for corroboration.

Third, generalized and global mistrust by the governed toward their government, political leaders and military men.

If we combine these three ingredients we have the basic recipe for any conspiracy theory. As for the alleged conspiracy of silence by the military toward the UFO phenomenon, we may have an inkling of what's going on if we step into the boots of anyone in uniform.

I don't think its a matter of concealing human advances in extraterrestrial technology, nor dark power pacts with a dying alien race, nor anything similar. It has to do with the inability of those who control the most sophisticated technological means on the planet to admit the existence of "something" about whose origin they haven't the least idea, much less its intentions. To say: "We haven't a clue as to what it is," is tantamount to saying: "We are defenseless...", which is inconceivable to their rigid and omnipotent mental framework.

WDU: Puerto Rico is, today, the most active site for UFO activity in the entire world, and the place in which the most animal mutilations have occurred. The government is involved in a struggle against a growing number of events in which no scientific explanations can be found for animal mutilation. UFO researchers are responsible for educating the public on the phenomenon, which has astonished and disturbed the Puerto Rican people. The government has exposed itself to ridicule by trying to find rational explanations for the situation, but when witnesses to these events explain that they have seen military personnel at the site in which military helicopters were seen a day earlier, many people are now able to forecast when cattle mutilations are about to occur at the site. We believe that the government is concealing something, or that it plays an active role in the events.

JG: I haven't the least doubt. Mi personal research confirms (at the level of Spain) what most ufologists worldwide have maintained.

Q: In the U.S., we can safely say that abductions represent ufology's greatest concern. Do researchers in your country hold this opinion?

LG: I think there's a concern in my country over abductions, but there is greater concern over their ultimate causes and effects.

MC: In Spain, the fact that we've become the second country in the world (after the U.S.) to have authorized a declassification

(albeit a questionable one) of a portion of the Ministry of Defense's UFO files, has displaced all ufological attention in that direction, eclipsing all other facets of the phenomenon.

APS: I think we're not as wrapped up in the abduction topic because we don't have cases in the same amount and forcefulness. Our emphasis is on videos and photo evidence.

JGB: Abduction research gained importance here in Spain some years ago. Certain researchers like Josep Guijarro and Javier Sierra concentrated on this subject for a while. However, Spanish researchers have concentrated on all aspects of the phenomenon. Perhaps over the past years (due to international ufology's interest) the subject of abductions is closer than ever, but the other aspects of the UFO phenomenon have never been neglected.

LEP: No. Or at least not until a short time ago. Obviously, the media's influence has caused the subject of abductions to become fashionable and set trends, but I think that abductions have been secondary in Argentinean ufological history.

WDU: Puerto Rico has experienced dramatic events involving abductions. Six year-old children tell us about what they have undergone in their experiences with strange entities; people who remained quiet for years now discuss their abduction experiences. We believe that after the cattle mutilations phenomenon, abductions occupy the next most prominent place, since there is so much to be investigated: the site where the witness lives, his or her family history, hypnotic regressions, etc. these factors alone lead us to give it importance due to the level of high strangeness.

JG: Yes, for a period of time. However, I've changed my mind about it, given that the massive broadcasting of abduction cases has managed to taint the seriousness of ufological research, and its enormous impact remains a blow against it. Might we be dealing here with a weapon created by certain interests to discredit the UFO subject?

Q: Would you be so bold as to tell us what's the greatest problem facing paranormal research at the turn of this century? Likewise, what changes would you like to see implemented by 21st century researchers?

LG: I don't see any reason why the change of centuries should affect research itself. Regarding the changes I'd like to see, I think I'm already beginning to see them...the uniting of researchers on a global, non-profit basis.

MC: The researchers' education and means. We endeavor to revolutionize Newtonian physics and the entire scientific paradigm; we speculate on the existence of other intelligent, non-human life forms, the survival of consciousness after death with the mind's non-sensory capacities...and we investigate using a tape recorder, a photo camera and a notebook. Until the universities and scientific hierarchies commit themselves, we will be fighting the Goliath of mystery using David's paltry slingshot.

APS: I think the greatest problem has to be lack of training among researchers and the final acceptance of a method [of research]. We aren't giving playing the scientists' game by developing investigative techniques. This will make us seem more credible to our own selves. In order to convince others, we will have to convince ourselves first.

JGB: The greatest problem would have to be "official science's" lack of interest in researching these phenomena. Ufology and parapsychology need the help of scientists in various fields. Perhaps, when science decides to take a serious look on these subjects, we'll begin to make progress in the study of both disciplines. Meanwhile, all of us researchers must limit ourselves practically to the task of popularization. In the 21st century, researchers must be more critical, have scientific training and pursue field research, which is indispensable, in my mind.

LEP: I don't think that they are different from the problems it

has experienced in the past 20 years. I think the Internet is something we'll have to pay attention to. It is an absolutely revolutionary means, but it is the ideal place to generate all manner of rumors which undermine the phenomenon's seriousness and the trust of those approaching the subject for the first time.

WDU: The world is currently facing a struggle between good and evil, which is manifesting itself through events that lead us to believe that we're facing entities that are somehow trying to involve themselves in the destiny of our lives. I don't believe they have the best intentions in mind. They disguise themselves as angels, small, large-headed beings, beings of light, and myriad other forms to penetrate our minds and control our actions. I would like to see paranormal researchers in the coming century accept the fact that there are new avenues of exploration, new revelations and theories, and that they can discard old concepts that will lead them nowhere.

JG: It's hard to foretell. The most immediate concern is to see how the phenomenon transforms itself after the sudden structural, social and scientific changes we are about to experience in the new millennium.

Q: INEXPLICATA's readers are just dying to know if you've ever witnessed any paranormal event yourself, whether it be ghosts, strange creatures, UFOs...

LG: Yes, some of them pleasant and other less so. But I usually don't mix research with my own experience. It's hard for me to be objective when I've had personal experiences; but when I set out to investigate a case, I prepare myself mentally to insure that my own experiences do not influence the investigation. I also have the help of my husband, Ing. Orlando Pl=El, who while believing in the possibility that we are not alone in this beautiful universe, is skeptical and always keeps me alert, so that I'll never cease being objective and looking at the UFO/ET phenomenon through a scientific, serious outlook.

MC: In the 15 years I've devoted to intensely studying the paranormal, I've had the chance to experience 3 or 4 paranormal experiences (in the UFO, shamanic and parapsychological fields) that I haven't been able to explain.

APS: Yes, I have seen [such things]. My father retired from a multinational corporation here in Argentina called Perez Companc, an oil company involved in the privatization of energy sources. My father was in charge of developing an assessment of SEGBA, the former power utility. Its warehouses had been used during the military dictatorship as a prison camp, according to reports from thousands of witnesses. During stock rotations at the warehouses, [people] could hear screams and [something like] electric discharges. When my father told me about this, we staked out the area, and what we saw and experienced, to my mind, was straight out of a Sightings episode. We saw [something like] greenish-blue bolts of energy coming from the roof, followed by terrifying screams. It was truly hair-raising. Subsequent research with people who'd been kidnapped there identified the screams as those of a pregnant woman.

JGB: Unfortunately, I've never seen a UFO, nor have I ever witnessed a paranormal phenomenon. I have participated in several "spirit recording" sessions which have produced some rather interesting results, though.

LEP: None. My paranormal life has less excitement than a Teletubbies episode (laughs).

WDU: When I was small--10 years old at least--I was visiting some neighbors and people close to my family. While spending time together, I was asked to look out for the family's elderly mother as she warmed herself in the sun. While standing beside her and looking at the horizon, I was able to observe something strange that moved like a cigar-shaped cloud moving at high speed. The other clouds remained still, while small saucers resembling "Mexican hats" moved around the larger one. This was an utter astonishment to me. At my age, I was unable to understand why they didn't look more like airplanes! After many years, I discussed my experiences with a relative, who kindly

gave me a book entitled *Platillos Voladores de Otros Mundos*, which finally opened my understanding to these matters. It was a translation of Major Donald E. Keyhoe's famous 1953 book (Henry Holt Eds.). I guard it jealously in my library!

JG: Yes, I feel quite fortunate. I've witnessed and experienced healings with psychic surgeons, seen two UFOs and if that weren't enough, I witnessed a small being while researching a UFO abduction case.

Q: In closing, do you have any thoughts you'd like to share with our readers?

LG: Thousands of thoughts...and many more thousands of words of advice...but if I could summarize them, I'd tell them to improve themselves spiritually, to try to become better human beings every day when it comes to respect and love, and to care for our beautiful planet and Universe.

MC: I think that in spite of all the unpleasantness involved with research, in spite of the enormous amount of work and money to be invested in each study, in spite of the fear, lack of understanding, rage and intolerance you must go through by being a scientific heretic and a religious heterodox, in spite of the shameless, miserable and despicable human beings who call themselves "researchers", "contactees", "mediums", "skeptics" and other epigraphs of paranormal wildlife...that which underlies paranormal phenomena is truly worthwhile. In fact, and this is only a personal opinion, but I'm unable to conceive of any aspect of human knowledge that is more important, transcendent or fascinating than researching anomalous phenomena.

APS: Yes, I'd like to share with you what I tell my friends and colleagues. There is nothing more inspiring than to find an answer to something that has no answers. One day, someone will think, "I searched all my life for something that would prove my faith, and now I feel that I've found it."

JGB: I would only ask them to never lose their interest in mysteries, and a word of advice: learn to differentiate between reliable information and that which tends toward sensationalism.

LEP: Only to remind them that as occurs with television, the viewers are ultimately the ones in charge. Therefore, if people who are interested in this subject demand greater seriousness in the treatment of the subject and stop paying attention to the science-fiction rigmarole of the "pseudoresearchers" or "mediumistic ufologists", we'll sooner or later achieve a worthier condition for the subject that interests us so much.

WDU: To quote from Arthur C. Clarke's *Voices in the Sky*: "The stars speak to each other an infinity of languages...someday we may join that cosmic conversation."

JG: I would only ask them to research and thoroughly compare their information. The Internet has often proven itself to be an effective means of communication, but it's also a double-edged blade where half-truths and rumors circulate. It is high time to remind ourselves of William Moore's dictum about every time that someone repeats unverified information they are in fact contributing to the disinformation process.

Q: Thanks for participating in our interview!

LG: The pleasure is all mine. Thanks for the invitation.

MC: Thank you, and I hope my answers didn't put you to sleep!

JG: On the contrary, it's been a pleasure.

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To our Readers: In view of the resurgence of the phenomenon of "mystery fireballs" over the Caribbean island of Puerto Rico, we are reprinting a feature by Lucy Guzman (who almost ten years later is still researching the confounded things!) about the wave of enigmatic bolides that occurred during the last decade. We hope that this may provide a context in which to understand the current spate of sightings over the city of Ponce

- Scott Corrales

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Fireballs Over Puerto Rico: UFOs or Military Devices?

by Lucy Guzman de Pla

Late 1997 and early 1998 represented a period of considerable activity in Puerto Rico: The U.S. Navy was conducting maneuvers as a prelude to operations in the Middle East, while floating missiles washed up on the beaches of Lo=EDza, Yabucoa and Humacao. If tests were being conducted 200 miles off shore, why would these missiles wash up on beaches? An armed forces communique distributed to the media simply stated that the missiles were harmless and that "currents" had caused them to drift toward the island.

Simultaneously, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) was preparing its Coqu=ED II Project and the launching of 11 rockets from February 12 to April 9th from the former U.S. military base at Camp Tortuguero. This project was met with strong opposition by the Comit=E9 Contra los Experimentos Ambientales, the mayor and municipal assembly of Vega Baja, and other ecological, civic and religious organizations protesting the absence of information on the project. They were fearful of a repeat of the events which transpired in 1992, as well as of the fact that the boosters would release into the atmosphere a chemical compound known as "bromo-trifluoro-methane", whose use is forbidden by international treaties due to its devastating effect upon the ozone layer.

NASA assured local residents, protesters and environmentalists that there was nothing to fear. However, a NASA official acknowledged that bromo-trifluoro-methane had indeed been used in 1992, but insisted that this time, aluminum trimethrol (TMA) would be employed, stating: "The reason for which we have chosen TMA is precisely because it has not been recognized as a harmful chemical."

The project's goal was the evaluation of the electrical properties and turbulence of the upper atmosphere. Five of the twelve rockets launched five kilograms of TMA into the atmosphere while the remaining six contained instrumentation necessary to carry out the project.

According to Mr. Maximo Cerame Vivas, scientific advisor to the Economic Development Administration, TMA would oxidize and turn luminous once in space, enabling it to be visible from the ground and that scientists would determine the impact of

atmospheric turbulence upon communication satellites in orbit. After 20 minutes had elapsed, the TMA would break down into carbon dioxide, water vapor, aluminum oxide and other substances in the upper atmosphere without having any harmful effects on the lower atmosphere or on Earth itself.

There were also reports of mysterious fireballs on the island during this same time period. One of these cases was that of Mr. Antonio (Tony) Sanchez, who experienced a possible CE2K with evidence. The case produced secondary effects on witnesses, researchers and also produced electrical effects in the Sanchez home. The event's characteristics led me to dig a little deeper into the case and share it with you, our faithful readers.

#### The Sanchez Family's Experience

It all started on Sunday, March 22, 1998. Mr. Sanchez's family was enjoying a peaceful domestic day in his home in San Juan, Puerto Rico's Ocean Park neighborhood. Suddenly, at around 11:30 P.M., Mr. Sanchez, along with his wife, son and dog, heard a loud sound which lasted "approximately 5 minutes." They gave it little significance, until another even louder sound split the air 5 minutes later, originating from the Sanchez's backyard. Mrs. Jose Trudel, Sanchez's wife, began screaming; the two-year old child cried and the family dog hid and refused to emerge. Heading towards the gate that led to the back yard, Mr. Sanchez went to find the source of the noise, since his wife claimed having seen a flash of light in originating in the same area.

Upon reaching the gate, Sanchez was startled to see a ball of fire measuring some 3 feet in diameter-deep red in color-which gave off rays or sparks from its middle. He was unable to see through the brightness, which was accompanied by a sort of steam similar to highly-illuminated water vapor. According to Sanchez testimony, the ball resembled a slowly-descending sphere that remained suspended in the air for some 8 seconds before suddenly disappearing, leaving nothing behind but what appeared to be water vapor.

Shortly after, red and white lights made themselves visible on the home's walls. The lights rose gradually [sic] but the family was unable to ascertain its provenance. A few minutes later, the Sanchez's heard the sound of a low flying aircraft. By the sound, the elder Sanchez thought it sounded like a military airplane, stating that his ability at distinguishing aircraft noises came from having worked at the local international airport.

On Monday, March 23, Sanchez noticed strange dark marks on the screen of his T.V. set, also noticing that whenever came close to the gate leading to the backyard, a strange itch would invade his body; dizziness would soon follow, along with a pressure on his chest. The entire area seemed bathed in heat.

Beginning to worry, he decided to place a call to the F.B.I.. An agent flatly told them that "they" had nothing to do with such matters and advised him to contact the local police headquarters. Sanchez had little luck there, either. A police officer (identified as Agent Qui-Flones) advised him to place a call to Channel 11. In doing so, Sanchez managed to speak to reporter Susan Soltero, who agreed to visit his home along with reporter Margarita Aponte and a cameraman. Soltero conducted an interview, produced a video for Channel 11's news broadcast, and advised Mr. Sanchez to contact Dr. Andrew Alvarez, an anthropologist and freelance UFO researcher. On Tuesday, March 24, both men managed to speak about the matter and agreed on an appointment for Friday, March 27.

#### Sanchez's Neighbor Suffers Physical Effects

Luis Carrido, Sanchez's next door neighbor, was curious about the events and decided to investigate. When he showed up, Sanchez was on the phone, so Carrido decided to enter the backyard on his own, where he spent approximately 15 minutes. He entered then entered the house and told Sanchez that he was leaving since he was feeling dizzy and fatigued.

Two hours later, Carrido was taken to San Pablo hospital in the

town of Bayamon, complaining of fever, an itching sensation throughout his body, dizziness, general discomfort and red blotches all over his skin. The blotches felt like air bubbles inside his skin, and were hard to the touch. He was placed on an I.V. by a physician and subsequent tests performed could find nothing wrong with him.

Carrido received a telephone call while in the hospital: an alleged "secret agent" asked him to refrain from making any comments on the case and what had transpired there. Even more curious was the fact that Sanchez also received a similar call with a the same indication. Even more curious is the fact that the attending physician at San Pablo hospital also received a phone call (according to Sanchez), and that he was replaced by "a very strange doctor" who followed up on Carrido's progress.

Tuesday, March 24th: Carrido was surprised at the change in care givers. A "very strange" doctor entered the room, did not utter a word at the patient, gave orders for a medication to be injected into the IV, and promptly left.

Wednesday, March 25th: Carrido was told that he "had to leave the hospital". The patient explains that the "strange doctor" must have put some kind of antidote into the IV, since all his symptoms had vanished.

A few days later, Carrido returned to the hospital to request a copy of his medical record and the names of the attending physicians. He was told that patient records were erased every two days from the computer and that his request could not be met.

#### The EPA Investigates

At the request of Dr. Andrew Alvarez, a team from the Environmental Protection Agency visited the Sanchez home twice. During their initial visit, says Sanchez, they turned up wearing what appeared to be space suits. They unloaded their equipment, which consisted of: two Geiger counters, one with a wide area sensor, the other with a narrow area sensor; two Hand-held flame ionization detectors; one photo ionization air monitor. All of them wore EPA badges on their outfits.

The team headed for the backyard and concentrated their investigation on the site where the fireball had first been seen. They consulted among themselves, took soil samples, interviewed both Sanchez and Carrido, and when they were done, they took off their uniforms, threw them in a bag and gave it to Sanchez to dispose of, advising him that:

1. No radiation had been found on the site.
2. No abnormal contamination had been detected.
3. That there was something strange there, but they had no idea what it was.
4. He should avoid going into the backyard for the time being.

After approximately a week and a half, Sanchez still did not have a reply from them and decided to call them in hopes of getting one. The phone call resulted in a second visit.

The day that the EPA team returned, Drs. Andrew Alvarez and Edwin Velazquez-who investigated the Sanchez case-happened to be present at the residence. A special agent also visited the house and proceeded to interview the EPA team and the scientist accompanying them, after which he left. The EPA team then told Sanchez that he would have the results of their research "within a week and a half." As of June 1998, Sanchez still does not know what occurred in his own backyard and if his family can once again make use of their property without fear of any hidden hazards, or if the fireball may cause secondary effects upon them down the line.

Drs. Alvarez and Velazquez Research the Case

When Alvarez and Velazques reached the Sanchez home, reporter

Margarita Aponte was also on the scene. The latter wanted to interview them, but they were unable to contribute much since their own efforts had not yet begun and they still knew very little. They unloaded their equipment, spoke to witnesses, and visited the site of the curious events.

They found no traces of:

1. Radiation
2. Gentian-wave [sic] anomalies
3. Electromagnetic field anomalies

They obtained samples of:

1. Soil
2. A metal fragment
3. An oily substance

Photographs taken:

1. A television set that presented electromagnetic anomalies. Slides were taken of the T.V. set while it was off.
2. Even while off, the T.V. set presented spots which increased and diminished in size and had a silvery, spherical appearance.
3. The site in which the events took place.

Remarks:

1. Surrounding leaves presented small nests or spiderwebs "apparently" made by small insects. This did not draw their attention.
2. The surrounding foliage appeared withered and had experienced changes in color.
3. Fungi were growing on the plants.
4. An oily substance was found on the leaves.
5. The family dog, which had formerly enjoyed going to the backyard, refused to approach the area.
6. T.V. set presented spots which increased and diminished in size and had a silvery, spherical appearance
7. After 4 days, the leaves of the surrounding plants became elongated.

Provisional Results Based on the Evidence

1. The slide photos taken of the T.V., to the researcher's surprise, presented what appeared to be perfect, highly detailed human silhouettes. Sanchez claims one of them resembles "an indian."
2. The strange oily substance was taken to Masa Laboratories in Bayam=F3n where it was analyzed by one Dr. Col=F3n. The test shows that it is a NASA "patented" oil for use in aeronautical devices.

Note: The oil sample was sent to another laboratory and results are still being expected. The slides are still expecting analysis and the investigation is ongoing.

The Researchers Suffer Physical Effects

Friday, March 27: while Alvarez and Velazquez conducted their

field research, they were stricken by an overpowering itchiness. This led them to finish their work and interview one final witness before leaving.

Saturday, March 28: Alvarez still felt the itchy sensation and was also debilitated.

Sunday, March 29: Alvarez became aware of something strange on his skin.

Monday, March 30: Three welts appeared on Alvarez's back and thighs, resembling boils. Concerned by this, the researcher phoned both Velazquez and Sanchez to see if they had experienced any symptoms. They had not.

When the researchers returned to the Sanchez home, Channel 11 reporter Susan Soltero was on hand to conduct a follow-up report. She interviewed Alvarez and videotaped the boils on his body.

While the researchers where on site, a putative "Secret Service Agent" calling himself Mr. Smith phoned Sanchez. Speaking in perfect English and in an authoritative tone, he ordered Sanchez to remain quiet and to stop all media exposure, since "they" were already in control of the situation. Sanchez expressed the fear that the situation might be of an otherworldly nature; the "agent" told him not to worry, since "nothing" existed outside this world. When a phone call was placed to the phone number given by the alleged agent, they discovered it belonged to a Federal Government Agency located in the Bronx, New York. The agency appears to have no connection whatsoever to the Secret Service and of course, there was no Mr. Smith working there.

#### Other Witnesses to the Incident:

1. Luisa de la Torre - saw the same fireball at the same place, date and time.
2. Tita Mercado - while visiting some friends in Ocean Park, she became aware of luminous spheres that appeared to be burning with fire. She claims that the spheres had points and seem to originate from the Barrio Obrero district, flying over their heads and into the sea, hovering above the reefs from one side to another, changing places two or three times.
3. Anonymous Friend of Tita Mercado - A friend of Ms. Mercado whose name is being kept confidential told her that the night before the event he noticed a van with enormous floodlights aimed at the water on the road that comes from Can-F3vanas and links up with the 65th Infantry Highway. Allegedly, the van operators pulled Ms. Mercado's friend over, advised him to remain silent about what he had seen, and made a tape recording of his voice before letting him go.
4. Mrs. Garcia - claims to live in the Ocean Park area and says that the balls of light are quite common. At night, she says, she has seen beautiful lights that change colors, acquire saucer-shapes, appear to have floodlights, fly along the beaches and enter and exit the sea.

#### Similar Cases on the Island During this Period

1. Federico Alvarez (no relation), President of the UFOSCIPR Organization (a local group devoted to UFO research) reported that on the evening of February 22, 1998, cases similar to the Sanchez event were reported in the town of Jayuya's Monte Puntita. He investigated the case and took soil samples which were sent to a lab. The lab results show that the soil was contaminated with lithium and titanium. Giant ferns had been split in half and a path of burnt vegetation could be clearly seen.
2. Dr. Andrew Alvarez was reminded of May 5, 1997 case in which some witnesses saw a fireball descend. A fire erupted on the mountainside. Alvarez investigated the case but found no evidence whatsoever.
3. On January 12, 1998, the Noti-Uno radio station reported that fifteen people had seen a fireball hovering over Americo Miranda

Avenue and Barrio Obrero for about 45 minutes, before it disappeared toward the Fort Buchanan area. The news media later reported that a weather balloon had crashed. However, the weather bureau had nothing to say in this regard.

4. On January 12, 1998, Marina Molina Maldonado phoned "Noti-Uno" to say that in the early morning hours, residents of Arecibo's Barrio Candelaria had witnessed the passage of an enormous blue fireball which caused power failures, triggered alarm systems and even caused clocks to tremble [sic]. Mrs. Molina, her teenaged sons and several neighbors witnessed the unidentified flying object, indicating that the object "resembled the sun". However, an environmental group from that city indicated that it was probably a military experiment which could cause harm to the Tortugueros Nature Preserve.

#### Conclusion

The Sanchez case remains open, since no clear explanation for the events at this location has been reached.

Dr. Alvarez tends to believe, despite the lack of solid evidence on which to base his conclusion, that what happened at the Sanchez home was apparently terrestrial in origin and may be linked to U.S. Navy operations being conducted off the Puerto Rican coast during that time period.

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## Re: Are We Better At Shooting Videos?

From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 14 Jan 2008 16:12:38 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 07:37:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Are We Better At Shooting Videos?

>From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos.nul](mailto:nikolaos.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 13 Jan 2008 10:45:16 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Are We Better At Shooting Videos?

<snip>

>If ufologists, including you and I, do nothing and allow such  
>dubious UFO video evidence to be presented unquestioned and  
>unchallenged as the real thing, then we are to blame when UFO  
>sightings are not taken seriously by the news media and the  
>public and few scientist and elected officials take an interest  
>in this subject which could prove to be very important for all  
>of humanity.

Youtube features comments where questioning the videos can be posted.

Eleanor White

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## Dozens In Texas Town Report Seeing UFO

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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Archived: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 07:41:50 -0500  
Subject: Dozens In Texas Town Report Seeing UFO

Source: CBS News - New York, USA

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2008/01/14/ap/strange/main3713064.shtml>

Jan. 14, 2008

Dozens In Texas Town Report Seeing UFO

Residents Of Rural Texas Town Abuzz Over Dozens Of Reported UFO Sightings

STEPHENVILLE, Texas--(AP) In this farming community where nightfall usually brings clear, starry skies, residents are abuzz over reported sightings of what many believe is a UFO.

Several dozen people - including a pilot, county constable and business owners - insist they have seen a large silent object with bright lights flying low and fast. Some reported seeing fighter jets chasing it.

"People wonder what in the world it is because this is the Bible Belt, and everyone is afraid it's the end of times," said Steve Allen, a freight company owner and pilot who said the object he saw last week was a mile long and half a mile wide. "It was positively, absolutely nothing from these parts."

While federal officials insist there's a logical explanation, locals swear that it was larger, quieter, faster and lower to the ground than an airplane. They also said the object's lights changed configuration, unlike those of a plane. People in several towns who reported seeing it over several weeks have offered similar descriptions of the object.

Machinist Ricky Sorrells said friends made fun of him when he told them he saw a flat, metallic object hovering about 300 feet over a pasture behind his Dublin home. But he decided to come forward after reading similar accounts in the Stephenville Empire-Tribune.

"You hear about big bass or big buck in the area, but this is a different deal," Sorrells said. "It feels good to hear that other people saw something, because that means I'm not crazy."

Sorrells said he has seen the object several times. He said he watched it through his rifle's telescopic lens and described it as very large and without seams, nuts or bolts.

Maj. Karl Lewis, a spokesman for the 301st Fighter Wing at the Joint Reserve Base Naval Air Station in Fort Worth, said no F-16s or other aircraft from his base were in the area the night of Jan. 8, when most people reported the sighting.

Lewis said the object may have been an illusion caused by two commercial airplanes. Lights from the aircraft would seem unusually bright and may appear orange from the setting sun.

"I'm 90 percent sure this was an airliner," Lewis said. "With the sun's angle, it can play tricks on you."

Officials at the region's two Air Force bases - Dyess in Abilene and Sheppard in Wichita Falls - also said none of their aircraft were in the area last week. The Air Force no longer investigates UFOs.

One man has offered a reward for a photograph or videotape of the mysterious object.

About 200 UFO sightings are reported each month, mostly in California, Colorado and Texas, according to the Mutual UFO Network, which plans to go to the 17,000-resident town of Stephenville to investigate.

Fourteen percent of Americans polled last year by The Associated Press and Ipsos say they have seen a UFO.

Erath County Constable Lee Roy Gaitan said that he first saw red glowing lights and then white flashing lights moving fast, but that even with binoculars could not see the object to which the lights were attached.

"I didn't see a flying saucer and I don't know what it was, but it wasn't an airplane, and I've never seen anything like it," Gaitan said. "I think it must be some kind of military craft - at least I hope it was."

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## Next Time Ask Chris Dodd

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 07:47:59 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 07:47:59 -0500  
Subject: Next Time Ask Chris Dodd

Source: Billy Cox's - Blog | De Void - Sarasota, Florida, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/23uawm>

Monday, Jan. 14, 2008 at 3:20 p.m.

Next Time, Ask Chris Dodd

By Billy Cox  
[billy.cox.nul](mailto:billy.cox.nul)

So it's not even Martin Luther King's birthday yet, and Bill Richardson, who said he'd declassify UFO data if elected, is already out of the race. And Dennis Kucinich, who admitted he's seen a UFO, is still running, but he doesn't have enough support to rate a slot in the debates.

But wait - don't jump to conclusions about how addressing UFOs in a presidential campaign is an automatic kiss of death. Before the 2000 elections, George W promised to get to the bottom of it

[Video at:

<http://tinyurl.com/23uawm> ]

and it obviously didn't hurt him a bit. Just because he didn't deliver doesn't mean the president was being insincere. Bush isn't that kind of guy. He's busy. He probably just forgot.

Anyhow, it's sad and weird to see presidential campaigns folding up so early. De Void remembers when the party races would come down to the primaries in June. Maybe it's the media's fault. Here's what Chris Dodd said on Fox News the day before he tanked in Iowa:

"I mean, the questions that have stunned me have been some (from) the national media. You know, have you seen any UFOs? And we haven't had much of a conversation about some of the other issues that we would like to talk about."

Let's see, exactly how many UFO questions did the MSM ask the collective candidates? (Answer: zero.) But cheer up, Sen. Dodd. Now that you're out of the race, the networks are rolling up their sleeves and hitting the great issues of our time. This week, NBC Nightly News is doing a series called "Truth About Boys and Girls," which asks: "Are the sexes really as different as you think?"

And it's not even ratings month.

In the meantime, will somebody - Bill O'Reilly, Anderson Cooper, Lou Dobbs, Mike Wallace, Amy Goodman, anybody - please ask Hillary Clinton about her First Lady meetings with Laurance Rockefeller to discuss amnesty for government whistleblowers on UFOs? It doesn't have to lead, just wedge it in behind the round-table discussion of O.J. Simpson's latest caper...

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## Re: Include Me With UFO Believers

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 14 Jan 2008 19:29:00 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 09:27:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: Include Me With UFO Believers

>Source: The News-Times - Hendersonville, North Carolina, USA>

><http://tinyurl.com/2t5czy>

>11-01-08

>Include Me With UFO Believers  
>By Sparky Hall  
>Community Columnist

>There were two interesting letters in the Hendersonville Times-  
>News during December that caused me to wonder if now would be a  
>good time to write the column I promised some time ago about my  
>encounter with a UFO.

>The second letter said that the 25 percent of Americans who  
>believe in the existence of UFOs have a poor understanding of  
>science and probably a lower IQ than most of the other 75  
>percent in our country.

Obviously the writer of the second letter has a "poor understanding" of the quality of witnesses who have reported UFO/AFC's - Alien Flying Craft - and I don't mean illegal planes from Mexico. As shown by the Air Force over 50 years ago in the Special Report #14, the percentage of unexplained sightings reported by the group of observers considered to be excellent was considerably greater than the percentage of unexplained sightings reported by the group of observers considered to be "poor".

>At the risk of putting myself in the dumb part of the  
>population, at least in that person's eyes, I would like to tell  
>you a story.

<snip>

>The Army guy was a little older than the rest of us because he  
>had some college before the war and he finished the first in our  
>group.

>He got a job offer at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and went  
>for an interview. This was in about 1949 or 1950.

>When he came back to school, he was really excited about the job  
>and started to tell me about it.

>He said I was the only one he was telling, but that they had a  
>saucer that he was going to be working on and they were trying  
>to find out how it operated. I believe that was the first time I  
>ever heard the term retro-engineering.

>He made me promise not to tell anyone else and until now I  
>haven't broken my word. He is dead now, so I see no reason not  
>to talk about it.

>Wouldn't you know! We find out about an eyeball witness after  
>said witness has permanently departed!

>The second person who told me about seeing a saucer was my

>father. He was the biggest skeptic I ever knew, a World War I  
>Marine and a drill sergeant during 1916 to 1922, a policeman and  
>a World War II Army captain. He had a job after the war in civil  
>service for the Army.

>He was on a trip to White Sands in the 1950s and when he came  
>back from that trip he was a UFO believer.

>He told me he was having a meal with some officers when the air  
>raid alarm went off at White Sands. They all ran outside and he  
>said there was a disc in the sky over the base. He said some  
>fighter planes came toward the disc and he kept saying the same  
>thing over and over, "nothing could move that fast." He said the  
>disc left the planes alone in the sky.

Some White Sands sightings are known from Blue Book records,  
etc. Would be nice to know if his father saw one of these or  
another one.

The writer's own sighting was quite interesting.

>Like dad said, "Nothing could move that fast." I guess I am in  
>that dumb 25 percent.

To paraphrase Mr. T of the A Team - years ago - it takes a very  
smart person to "play-dumb".

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## Re: So Much Overlooked To Avoid the Obvious

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 14 Jan 2008 19:28:52 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 09:28:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: So Much Overlooked To Avoid the Obvious

>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2008 19:16:01 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: So Much Overlooked To Avoid the Obvious

>On what scale should any investigator place his life=A2s work?  
>Should it be to inch along waiting for another to affirm your  
>choice of direction, or should it answer every doubt at every  
>step before one allows a new one taken?

>How much time are we given? Time to debate, time to segregate  
>the lies from the truths, time to assure ourselves we won=A2t  
>overstep someone else=A2s limitations...too abruptly?

>While we argue what is scientific from what we feel is not.  
>Segmenting each other off...one too leap taking, one too  
>conservative, another too radical... this, that, rolling over  
>each other blindly.

>We are placed here together in time, suffering and taking so  
>many of the same joys. Bewildered alike, torn alike, despairing  
>between commas only to know our labor adds so little that can be  
>affirmed by others.

>But how precious it is to be alive in the controversy of it all.  
>And to know intensity wrought of mind instead of harm.

>Ufologists, you are better than you know.

The voice crying out in the wilderness...

"May you live in interesting times!"

We do live in interesting times.

Thanks, James, for pointing out that there is some value in  
rolling the stone up the hill, only to have it roll back  
again... and again... and again, in the hope that someday it  
will stay up there.

It's only a matter of time...

[He said, as he turned around and exited the room]

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## Re: French 'Academy Of Ufology'?

From: Gildas Bourdais <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 09:18:10 +0100  
Archived: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 09:34:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: French 'Academy Of Ufology'?

>From: Jacky Kozan <[coordination.nul](mailto:coordination.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 13 Jan 2008 19:29:55 +0100  
>Subject: Re: French 'Academy Of Ufology'?

>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>Hi List,

>My best wishes to each of you for 2008.

>This is my reaction after the intervention of Mister Gildas  
>Bourdais regarding the Academy of Ufology - of France.

<snip>

>Just some details about what I'm supposed to have written:

>- Roswell

>1 - Yes, I endorsed a press article which conclusion is:  
>"Ultimately, it is not because a main ufological event is  
>destroyed 60 years after its release which it is necessary to be  
>desperate by the ufological cause (that request endurance and  
>perseverance)." That's a little different of what Mister Gildas  
>Bourdais reported. I don't know why.

Jacky,

Let me first correct your translation a little bit:

"Ultimately, it is not because a main ufological event is  
destroyed 60 years later that we should be in despair about the  
ufological cause."

Sure, but that's not the point. That little article claimed that  
the Roswell case is now completely destroyed because Jesse  
Marcel Sr had become an alcoholic!

I maintain that it is a miserable argument, and I note that you  
summarily approved the article!

>2 -- Yes, I confirm, the Roswell case is a flying saucer traffic  
>accident, without any interest. We have nothing to study except  
>the event itself (place, date). Nobody can work starting from  
>that.

Well, I don't need to add anything to that.

>Tunguska

>Mister Gildas Bourdais wrote:

>"Recently, Kozan declared that the Tunguska explosion was a  
>nuclear explosion without radioactivity."

>No, Kozan declares nothing about nuclear physics. I read and  
>remember some disturbing information. When talking about

>Tunguska last month, I mentioned my reading and I attached a  
>copy of the original document written by Russian and Ukrainian  
>Physicists. I don't understand why Mister Gildas Bourdais has  
>forgotten the original document. or does he intentionally modify  
>the meaning of my intervention? I don't know why.

Yes, you said that.

I also read the document you refer to, and noted that it does not mention either a nuclear explosion or radioactivity on the site, or absence of it. It is a paper by Russian scientist Zhuravlev published in 2006 the RIAP Bulletin, Vol 10 No 1, entitled "Analysis of the map of ash content at the area of tree levelling od 1908".

It is interesting and I can send it to anyone who wants to read it.

Gildas Bourdais

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## James Woolsey CE-IV

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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Archived: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 09:40:23 -0500  
Subject: James Woolsey CE-IV

Source: AntiWar.Com - Corona Hills, California, USA

<http://www.antiwar.com/orig/jtaylor.php?articleid=3D12208>

January 14, 2008

James Woolsey: Close Encounters Of The 4th Kind  
by John Taylor

It is quite remarkable that a coterie of neocon intellectuals and influence peddlers can exhibit bizarre personal behavior, prove utterly incompetent in high appointive office, manufacture entirely false evidence to propel us into a disastrous war, and yet still have people willing to listen to them.

An outraged American public ought to be shouting "Enough! You've helped get a lot of people killed and wasted vast sums of money! You've trashed America's reputation. We don't give a damn what you have to say." Case in point: James Woolsey, who just last November at Purdue was trying to sell us another war, saying, "If you don't think Iran is interested in nuclear weapons =85 I've got a bridge in Brooklyn I'd be happy to offer you. Of course it's a nuclear weapons program." Change "Iran" to "Iraq" and you'll find Woolsey used the same turn of phrase to market the Iraq fiasco.

Woolsey has a remarkable record, even for a neocon; he has gone from searching for flying saucers at the CIA to claiming anybody who didn't believe in a Saddam/al-Qaeda connection was "illiterate." Now he's trying to provoke "World War IV" with half the Muslim world.

Woolsey claims that in the 1960s he and his wife Sue actually saw a UFO. Now back in the '60s there were plenty of reasons folks might have seen strange things, but let's give the Woolseys the benefit of the doubt. In any event, when President Clinton appointed Woolsey to head the CIA in 1993, the new director of Central Intelligence immediately tasked senior officers with combing the files to ferret out secret information about flying saucers and extraterrestrials. Not satisfied with the explanation that the CIA had no secret UFO files, Woolsey commissioned a report, CIA's Role in the Study of UFOs, 1947-1990, which was released in 1996, the year after his resignation.

When Woolsey departed the CIA after a scant two years on the job, his excuse was that he hadn't been able to establish a personal relationship with President Clinton. Far more likely, however, is that Woolsey quit because he was unable to win the respect of his subordinates, who found his fixation with UFOs highly amusing. Within the CIA Woolsey had come to be regarded as a kook. Adding to Woolsey's discomfort was congressional criticism for his handling of the Aldrich Ames spy scandal. Ames was a longtime CIA employee who had been tipping off the Soviets for years about the presence of CIA-run moles within their intelligence services. When Ames was finally unmasked, Woolsey's

response was simply to reprimand several officers, most of whom had already retired, and to blame the entire disaster on "systemic failure" within the agency.

Woolsey's time at the CIA was not entirely wasted. Although a corporate lawyer by training, he seems to have learned a certain amount of trade craft, especially disinformation skills, which he would later employ to help fabricate the case for removing Saddam Hussein from power. By the late 1990s Woolsey had jumped on the "get Saddam" bandwagon. He was a signatory, along with fellow neocons Elliott Abrams, John Bolton, Richard Perle, and Paul Wolfowitz, of the Project for the New American Century's letter to Bill Clinton that called for "the removal of Saddam Hussein's regime from power" using "a full complement of diplomatic, political, and military efforts." Sept. 11 gave Woolsey and his associates their opportunity, and they began working diligently to shift the government's emphasis from destroying al-Qaeda to invading Iraq.

Shortly after the 9/11 attacks, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld sent Woolsey to the UK to find a link between Saddam and al-Qaeda. Woolsey came back with a story alleging that Mohammed Atta had met a senior Iraqi intelligence official in Prague shortly before Sept. 11. Never mind that only the most slender evidence supported the tale and that the FBI soon determined that Atta had been in Virginia Beach on the day in question; the story was told and retold, especially by Vice President Cheney, and believed by a significant segment of the American public.

Woolsey's intemperate speech and captious manner between 9/11 and the invasion of Iraq reveal him to be a fanatic bent on war at any cost. Shortly after 9/11, Ted Koppel interviewed a James Woolsey very keen to make the case for war against Iraq. When Koppel observed that "Nobody right now is suggesting that Iraq had anything to do with [9/11]. In fact, quite the contrary," Woolsey replied, "I don't think it matters. I don't think it matters." And Woolsey couldn't restrain himself when attacking the French and Germans for refusing to hew to the neocon line on Iraqi WMDs: "If you believed him [Saddam] when he said, oh, that biological weapons program, well, we destroyed all that =85 if Mr. Chirac or Mr. Schroeder believes that, I've got a bridge in Brooklyn I'd be delighted to sell them." Woolsey subsequently provided a wonderfully detailed but entirely fictional description of Saddam's nonexistent bioweapons: "In addition to hiding many tons of growth media for biological agents and pursuing its work on smallpox and anthrax, Iraq is the only nation in the world to have weaponized aflatoxin, whose primary purpose is to cause liver cancer in children."

In 1998 Woolsey and his law firm, Shea & Gardner, were instrumental in obtaining \$100 million from Congress to fund the Iraqi National Congress, a group of refugees, opportunists, and political hangers-on dedicated to regime change in Iraq. The INC was led by master fraudster Ahmed Chalabi, who, before he became a favorite of Congress and the vice president's office, had been convicted in absentia of embezzling \$230 million from Petra Bank in Jordan. Chalabi's objective was not only to use Uncle Sam to remove Saddam from power but also to get himself appointed in Saddam's place.

To build the case for war, Chalabi provided a steady stream of Iraqi defectors with fake stories about Iraqi WMDs and Saddam's al-Qaeda connections. Favored members of the media were also made privy to the defectors' tall tales. In February 2002 Woolsey personally arranged to have Mohammad Harith, an INC-supplied defector, introduced to the Department of Defense and the Defense Intelligence Agency. Harith claimed falsely that the Iraqi regime had bioweapons labs disguised as yogurt and milk trucks. Ultimately Harith's story made it into the Bush administration's case for invasion, even though the CIA had labeled Harith a fabricator. Woolsey also met with another Chalabi-sponsored defector, who famously but falsely claimed that an Iraqi training facility at Salman Pak was being used to instruct Iraqis and foreign jihadists in aircraft hijacking.

Not satisfied with the overthrow of the Iraqi regime, Woolsey has argued vehemently that Syria, Iran, the Palestinian Authority, Saudi Arabia, and even the U.S.-allied military dictatorship in Egypt all represent major threats to the United States. In the wake of the U.S.' initial apparent success in

Iraq, Woolsey remained a strong advocate of remaking the Middle East by force and even gave the name "World War IV" (World War III having been the Cold War) to the endeavor.

Woolsey contends that Western-style democracy ought to be substituted for most of the governments in the region, whether they be socialist dictatorships, military governments, traditional monarchies, or Islamic regimes. Regrettably, Woolsey's knowledge of the Middle East is quite limited and his analysis flawed. He does not understand that most Middle Eastern societies value Islamic tradition and Sharia law far higher than what they see as foreign notions of liberal democracy. The Iraqi experience with democracy since 2003 has done nothing to alter that view.

As part of his argument for radical and violent change, Woolsey asserts that the hostility of many Arab and Muslim societies to the West and Western ideas is rooted in the nature of their autocratic, Islam-influenced governments. But in making this assertion he conveniently overlooks the long history of unwanted and destructive Western interference in the Middle East, a few of the more egregious examples being the Sykes-Picot Agreement, the establishment of Israel and the marginalization of the Palestinians, the installation of the shah in Iran against the wishes of the Iranian people, and the invasion of Iraq.

In view of the disaster the U.S. has created in Iraq, both for ourselves and for the Iraqis, one would like to think that Woolsey has rethought his views about violent change. But no: in the summer of 2006, while Israel was bombing Lebanon with U.S.-supplied munitions once again, another activity unlikely to engender love for the U.S. in the Arab world, Woolsey advocated that the U.S. widen the war by bombing targets in Syria.

Woolsey apparently thinks Syria is ripe for regime change, and he consistently denounces its government as a "fascist" dictatorship, although Syria's agglomeration of disparate ethnic and religious groups =96 Druze, Alawite, Sunni, Shia, Armenian, Chaldean, and Eastern Orthodox =96 hardly fits the German or Italy model of a nation united by culture and blood anxious to invade surrounding states. And before Woolsey continues his propaganda war against Syria, he needs to explain why a million and a half Iraqis prefer to live as refugees in Syria under a "fascist" dictator rather than in the liberal democracy his advocacy has helped create in Iraq.

James Woolsey did get one thing right: "As we move toward a new Middle East =85 we will make a lot of people very nervous." But the folks who are the most nervous today are not in the Middle East; they're elected and appointed GOP officeholders who are going to find themselves unemployed this time next year.

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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## MUFON On NBC's Today Show

From: **Alejandro T. Rojas** <[arojas.nul](mailto:arojas.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 12:24:01 -0600  
Archived: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 15:25:29 -0500  
Subject: MUFON On NBC's Today Show

Tomorrow! NBC's Today Show will be talking to MUFON  
investigator Steve Hudgeons about the Stephenville Texas UFO  
mass sighting!

So be sure to check it out!

Alejandro T. Rojas  
Mutual UFO Network (MUFON)  
Director of Public Education

"The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious.  
It is the source of all true art and science."  
--Albert Einstein

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## Mobile Phone Images?

From: Sean Jones <[tedric.nul](mailto:tedric.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 13:10:28 +0000  
Archived: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 15:30:00 -0500  
Subject: Mobile Phone Images?

It just occurred to me that with the proliferation of mobile/cell phones with cameras we should be seeing a massive increase in photo's (however dodgy) perhaps even some moving footage.

But we are not.

Any reason why?

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## Re: Three Issues

From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 13:14:53 -0000  
Archived: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 15:31:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: Three Issues

>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 14 Jan 2008 12:15:53 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Three Issues

>There exists today three issues that could broaden the frame of  
>reference for discussions in ufology. Recognizing their  
>significance is of primary importance to advancing focus and any  
>achievable methodology involving cooperation.

>The Brazilian event on the remote Amazonian island of Colares  
>has astounding overtones if given any context at all. Its  
>duration, its physical effects on many inhabitants, its study by  
>a select group of the Brazilian military while it was ongoing,  
>and the revelations imparted of the details taken (with  
>drawings) by its leader, give it more value as an event than  
>even that of Roswell. Not to mention an actual contact with an  
>alien and a message given is reported.

Hello James,

I find Brazil a fascinating place, its people are amazing to get  
on with and I am fan of the Brazil culture of dance and music,  
and Brazil is also truly a mystical place if you explore it  
deep enough.

I know of one case that happened which was a close sighting from  
a friend of mine who is from Brazil, that took place on the  
remote island of St. Bernard, I can give details if contacted,  
but to say this part of Brazil is under a military eye would be  
an understatement.

Roy

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## Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 13:20:58 -0000  
Archived: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 15:33:49 -0500  
Subject: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

Colleagues,

Does anyone know who writes for this site? Does Nick Pope write for this site?

<http://www.ufoencounters.co.uk/>

The thing is there are no names attached to any aspect of the articles at all? Not sure which group of UK ufologists run this site? But they are offering a view to the public about UFOs which may be wrong or right, but given there are no names to the articles you cannot place any credentials to their research?

I did find this quote on the site, but strange how you would not put any names to reveal who these " experts" or Journos were?

Quote from the site:

"Our features and articles are written by professional journalists and experts - who have a particular interest, or a background in this area."

Or is this a government set up public platform UFO site? I cannot even find a name of a person who is a web master for its content?

Roy

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## Re: Dozens In Texas Town Report Seeing UFO

From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 08:38:39 -0600  
Archived: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 15:35:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: Dozens In Texas Town Report Seeing UFO

>Source: CBS News - New York, USA

><http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2008/01/14/ap/strange/main3713064.shtml>

>Jan. 14, 2008

>Dozens In Texas Town Report Seeing UFO

>Residents Of Rural Texas Town Abuzz Over Dozens Of Reported UFO  
>Sightings

>STEPHENVILLE, Texas--(AP) In this farming community where  
>nightfall usually brings clear, starry skies, residents are  
>abuzz over reported sightings of what many believe is a UFO.

>Several dozen people - including a pilot, county constable and  
>business owners - insist they have seen a large silent object  
>with bright lights flying low and fast. Some reported seeing  
>fighter jets chasing it.

<snip>

MUFON investigators from Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin and Waco  
will be traveling to Dublin, TX this Saturday to interview  
witnesses. The town has already set up a meeting place for us.  
We were told there are as many as 100 witnesses to this event.

The debunkers are already chiming in with "It was a trick of the  
light from the setting sun." According to one constable this  
"trick" did several maneuvers then sped across the sky. This  
same description was given by a 10 year old boy.

I will keep the List posted as to what we find, if anything.

Terry Groff  
The Dallas - Fort Worth Mutual UFO Network  
<http://mufondfw.org>  
[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)

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## Strange Lights Over Puerto Rico Late 2007

From: **Scott Corrales** <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 08:25:01 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 15:37:23 -0500  
Subject: Strange Lights Over Puerto Rico Late 2007

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
January 15, 2008

Source: [www.ovni.net](http://www.ovni.net)  
Date: 14 January '08

Puerto Rico: Strange Lights in Late 2007

On December 22, 2007, Wilmar and Frank were heading back toward Bayamon from the city of Ponce. Upon reaching Av. Los Filtros around 6:10 p.m., they watched the sunset and the arrival of twilight. Suddenly Wilma looked at the sky and saw what she at first thought was a jet. She quickly realized this was not the case, and that it could be a shooting star, but dismissed the possibility as the object remained in view and grew larger in size. She then thought it was a meteorite or something that had broken away and was falling toward the ground. That's when she asked Frank to look up, thinking that it was a meteorite or something similar. Frank told her it was a jet airplane. Wanda replied that those airplane left smoke in their wake, and this one had light. She added that it wasn't a normal aircraft, as it was flying forward and not the customary route followed by commercial planes.

Frank agreed with this assessment, and continued driving as they kept their eyes on the object. When they passed the Military Academy, the object stopped. Judging by the way the light came down, [the object] appeared cone-shaped. Suddenly, Wanda realized that another light of the same size pulled up beside it and then over the object. Unlike the first one, Wanda did not see a descending shaft of light from this craft. It only hung above the first one for some seconds. Then the cone-shaped object made a right turn (as if heading toward San Juan) making an "L" turn. It did not turn like a commercial airliner would, rather in a perfect turn that startled the onlookers. Both objects moved in unison and the lights suddenly disappeared.

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## UFO Over Lares Puerto Rico

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 08:28:42 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 15:40:25 -0500  
Subject: UFO Over Lares Puerto Rico

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
January 15, 2008

Source: [www.ovni.net](http://www.ovni.net)  
Date: 14 January 2008

Puerto Rico: UFO over Lares

Mr. Blacky and his mother were watching the Moon on Saturday, January 12, 2008 when they suddenly became aware of 3 lights in motion. These lights were engaged in a circular movement, with the trio of light sources forming a circle and joining into a single light. All of this occurred in front of their house around 9:57 p.m.

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## Man Who Drove Into Waco VA In '98 Saw UFO

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 15:44:47 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 15:44:47 -0500  
Subject: Man Who Drove Into Waco VA In '98 Saw UFO

Source: Waco Tribune Herald - Texas, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/ytzjxx>

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Man Who Drove Into Waco VA In '98 Saw UFO  
By Ken Sury

Thanks to eagle-eyed reporter J.B. Smith, that story about the UFOs in Stephenville now has a Waco connection.

An Associated Press video about the sighting has an interview with Jason Leigh, the same Cleburne resident who ran his car into the Waco Veterans Affairs Regional Center in March 1998 and had a 14-hour standoff before surrendering peacefully.

We didn't even know he was out on the streets again.

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## Re: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 18:07:48 +0000  
Archived: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 15:46:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

>From: Franklin Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 14 Jan 2008 10:02:01 -0500 (EST)  
>Subject: Re: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

>>From: Brian Ally <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 13 Jan 2008 12:52:33 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Anti-Gravity & The Boeing Company

>>And which of those witnesses is credible? Please produce one  
>>self-proclaimed pilot who stands up to critical examination; one  
>>engineer whose credibility is not lower than a circular  
>>impression in the grass.

<snip>

>Mr. Phillips witnessed saucers flying at Nellis AFB in 1965. His  
>testimony shows that the Air Force was using and testing anti-  
>gravity technology back in 1965. I can list others if you like  
>but take a swing at Phillips first.

The funniest comment one hears: "well, if we have the technology  
why aren't we using it." Ah... duh... isn't that what people  
are reporting as unidentified flying objects.

KK

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## NUFORC Reports Stephenville Texas UFO

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Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 16:02:58 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 16:02:58 -0500  
Subject: NUFORC Reports Stephenville Texas UFO

Source: Coast To Coast AM - Los Angeles, California

<http://www.coasttocoastam.com/shows/2008/01/14.html>

Monday, January 14, 2008

Texas UFO Sighting

Towards the start of the show, Peter Davenport reported on a multiple witness sighting in Texas. He noted that he'd received reports of a similar craft over Georgia on the same night. For more, see below:

Peter Davenport of the Natl. UFO Reporting Center sent us the following statement/reports:

STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS, Tuesday, January 08, 2008--A very peculiar object was reported to NUFORC recently, which reportedly was seen by many people near Stephenville, Texas. We have not spoken with any of the witnesses yet, but an article from the Associated Press was released over the internet on the date of this posting, January 14.

We include below the 'raw' reports which we have received, to date, about the alleged incident. We also would like to invite anyone who may have been witness to this event to please submit a short report, detailing the sighting, using our Online Report Form. Thank you!

Peter B. Davenport  
Director, Natl. UFO Reporting Center  
Posted: 21:30 hrs. (Pacific),  
Monday, January 14, 2008

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Report #1:

Flashing strobes, silent, flames out the back side and jets chasing it! On 1-8-2008 at 6:15 pm cst. my friends and I was watching the sunset when several strobes or flashing lights coming from the east at about 3500 foot agl heading west toward Stephenville, TX. Estimated speed was about 2000 to 3000 mph.

The strobes made several changes of flash patterns and configurations. The flight duration lasted about 3 minutes. The front two strobes was about 1/2 mile apart and the back ones was about 1 mile back from the front strobes. The back side of the flashing lights came to a vertical flashing. Then there was 2 separate vertical flames about 1/4 mile apart for several seconds and the craft was gone.

We never heard any noise from the craft! They headed west towards Abilene, TX. Then about 10 minutes later here came the craft again with 2 jets chasing. They were headed east towards South Ft. Worth, TX, at about 4000 ft. agl. The jets were unable to

catch and went off into the distance at FULL throttle.

I am a pilot and have been fling for 30 years and have never seen anything like this. I also fly several times a week in the area. The craft is NOT from around these parts!

The witnesses are 1. ((male name deleted) 254-((number deleted)), rancher/trucker 2. ((male name #2 deleted)) 254-((name deleted)), delivers mail for the U.S. Postal Service 3. ((male name #3 deleted)) (myself) 254-((number deleted)) or cell 817-((number deleted)) owner of a large transportation/trucking firm.

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Report #2:

1 mile long by 1/2 mile wide traveling at est. 3,000 mph being chased by military aircraft.

Not witnessed by me. Know that credible people were involved.

MILITARY AIRCRAFT WERE CHASING THE SECOND APPEARANCE.

A complete article is in The Stephenville Empire Tribune 1-10-08 edition. This one is for real!

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## Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

From: Richard Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 15:43:34 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 16:05:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

>From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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I absolutely agree with you on this. Anonymous web sites that  
pontificate about events are one of my pet peeves. They should  
be exposed if possible and stand up to be counted... not to  
mention peer reviewed...

Dick

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From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 14:51:38 -0600  
Archived: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 16:07:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: MUFON On NBC's Today Show

>From: Alejandro T. Rojas <[arojas.nul](mailto:arojas.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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The Dallas - Fort Worth Mutual UFO Network  
<http://mufondfw.org>  
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## Re: Three Issues

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 13:05:25 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 16:21:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: Three Issues

>From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 13:14:53 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Three Issues

>>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 14 Jan 2008 12:15:53 -0800 (PST)  
>>Subject: Three Issues

>>There exists today three issues that could broaden the frame of  
>>reference for discussions in ufology. Recognizing their  
>>significance is of primary importance to advancing focus and any  
>>achievable methodology involving cooperation.

>>The Brazilian event on the remote Amazonian island of Colares  
>>has astounding overtones if given any context at all. Its  
>>duration, its physical effects on many inhabitants, its study by  
>>a select group of the Brazilian military while it was ongoing,  
>>and the revelations imparted of the details taken (with  
>>drawings) by its leader, give it more value as an event than  
>>even that of Roswell. Not to mention an actual contact with an  
>>alien and a message given is reported.

>I find Brazil a fascinating place, its people are amazing to get  
>on with and I am fan of the Brazil culture of dance and music,  
>and Brazil is also a truly a mystical place if you explore it  
>deep enough.

>I know of one case that happened which was a close sighting from  
>a friend of mine who is from Brazil, that took place on the  
>remote island of St. Bernard, I can give details if contacted,  
>but to say this part of Brazil is under a military eye would be  
>an understatement.

Yes, Roy, a fascinating land and a wonderful people. Able to  
provide very rich texture to their ufological studies. When Dom  
Jaoh II returned to Portugal to assume his throne from exile and  
left his son, Dom Pedro, first King of Brazil, Dom Pedro came to  
the United States for a tour. Sitting in an opera box with the  
Lincolns, he asked the President, 'where are your blacks?'  
Lincoln had no answer, to which he continued, 'although we still  
haven't freed our slaves, they are at all social functions...  
participating.

One was even mayor of Minais Gerait. He was owned by the local  
drunk who, after officiating his duties during the day, he would  
hunt (usually to find in the gutter) to take home, bathe and put  
to bed.

You want an incredible tale, sometime read that of Dom Jaoh I's  
mistress and her intrigue at court paralleled with that of Dom  
Pedro's mistress, who, after scholar research turned out to be  
the granddaughter of the very same.

Yes, I would be interested in details of the sighting you  
mention. Please send them to my email address above.

JCH

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From: **Alejandro T. Rojas** <[arojas.nul](mailto:arojas.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 15:37:45 -0600  
Archived: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 06:40:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: MUFON On NBC's Today Show

>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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>interview.

We are getting hit with tons of media request on a minute by  
minute basis, so the state director Ken Cherry and Asst.

Director/Investigator Steve Hudgeons are extremely busy sifting  
through them. They are doing a great job.

We should see a lot of stories. And NBC said they would run  
something on the today show. So we shall see.

Alejandro T. Rojas  
MUFON Director of Public Education  
Phone: 303-279-4767

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## Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 15:51:49 -0600  
Archived: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 06:42:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

>From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 13:20:58 -0000  
>Subject: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

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The info I came up with is:

Domain name:  
ufoencounters.co.uk

Registrant:  
Joan Barton

Registrant type:  
UK Limited Company, (Company number: 2536704)

Registrant's address:  
PtS plc  
Daresbury Point  
Green Wood Drive  
Cheshire  
WA7 1UP  
GB

Registrar:  
Fasthosts Internet Ltd [Tag = FASTHOSTS]  
URL: <http://www.fasthosts.co.uk>

Relevant dates:  
Registered on: 13-Apr-2007  
Renewal date: 13-Apr-2009  
Last updated: 28-Sep-2007

Hope this helps

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## Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 22:05:20 -0000  
Archived: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 06:44:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

Hello List,

There can be no experts on UFOs, for obvious reasons.

At best there are some experts on -

i) known physical phenomema (like pilots - and maybe some engineers, physicists);

ii) known social phenomena (why folk react the way they do - like authority vs people);

ii) known statistical analysis - although this seems to be rarely used and why?

Cheers

Ray D

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## Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

From: **Stuart Miller** <[stuart.4.nul](mailto:stuart.4.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 22:49:58 +0000  
Archived: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 06:48:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

>From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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Hi Roy,

I received the email below from them back in June.

I have not had any further contact with them since.

Stuart Miller  
Alien Worlds magazine  
<http://www.alienworldsmag.com>

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Adele Buckley <[abuckley.nul](mailto:abuckley.nul)>

Hello,

I see that the ufo review website gives really useful  
information. We have created a public interest website at  
[www.ufoencounters.co.uk](http://www.ufoencounters.co.uk) focused on ufo sitings, facts and myths,  
which I thought may be of interest to your visitors.

We don't make any profit from the site but we'd like to spread  
the word and get the information out to as many people as  
possible. Links from sites like [www.uforeview.net/](http://www.uforeview.net/) are really  
valuable to us and I was wondering if you could place a link to  
UFOEncounters?

Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

Please let me know if you'd like any more information about our site, or if there is someone else I need to speak to about this.

Thanks in advance

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## Re: Dozens In Texas Town Report Seeing UFO

From: **Steve Sawyer** <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 15:07:15 -0800  
Archived: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 06:50:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: Dozens In Texas Town Report Seeing UFO

>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 08:38:39 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Dozens In Texas Town Report Seeing UFO

>>Source: CBS News - New York, USA

>><http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2008/01/14/ap/strange/main3713064.shtml>

>>Jan. 14, 2008

>>Dozens In Texas Town Report Seeing UFO

>>Residents Of Rural Texas Town Abuzz Over Dozens Of Reported UFO  
>>Sightings

>>STEPHENVILLE, Texas--(AP) In this farming community where  
>>nightfall usually brings clear, starry skies, residents are  
>>abuzz over reported sightings of what many believe is a UFO.

>>Several dozen people - including a pilot, county constable and  
>>business owners - insist they have seen a large silent object  
>>with bright lights flying low and fast. Some reported seeing  
>>fighter jets chasing it.

Hi, Terry & List,

Here is a link to the original Jan.10th article that appeared in  
the Stephenville Empire-Tribune:

<http://tinyurl.com/3bxfkz>

Steve

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From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 16:24:29 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 06:52:53 -0500  
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<snip>

I suppose one could write to the following and find out:

Jane Marshall  
Features Editor  
UFOEncounters  
Daresbury Point  
Green Wood Drive  
Manor Park  
Cheshire WA7 1UP  
England, UK

<http://www.ufoencounters.co.uk/HowToContactUs.html>

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## Vancouver Film School UFO Documentary

From: **Robert Morningstar** <[robert.morningstar.nul](mailto:robert.morningstar.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 18:01:54 -0500  
Archived: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 06:58:06 -0500  
Subject: Vancouver Film School UFO Documentary

On Jan 15, 2008 5:16 PM, Tom Read <[fp120tom.nul](mailto:fp120tom.nul)> wrote:

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Dear Sirs,

I have been an avid reader of your website for some time now. I find the idea of UFOs exciting every time I read a new story.

I am currently preparing a documentary on people who have seen UFOs for Vancouver Film School - and am currently waiting for official backing from UFOBC. I was wondering if you could either provide me with contact details for some British Columbia UFO witnesses - or pass on this email to those people. This documentary is extremely exciting for me and my team - and I wish to make it as impactful and informative as possible.

I would appreciate any help you can provide -

Thanks in advance,

Tom Read.

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To: Tom Read <[fp120tom.nul](mailto:fp120tom.nul)>

Dear Mr. Read,

I am forwarding your email to several of the most qualified Ufologists and UFO investigators in Canada and the British Columbia area, in particular. I hope that they will respond to your request.

I wish you good luck and great success in your film project. If you would submit a short 1-2 page article on your film project, we can publish an announcement or notice on UFO Digest.

Warm Regards,

Robert Morningstar  
Editor, UFO Digest

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## UFOs Magazines & The Search For ET Life

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 07:02:59 -0500  
Archived: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 07:02:59 -0500  
Subject: UFOs Magazines & The Search For ET Life

Source: American Chronicle - Beverly Hills, California, USA

<http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/48185>

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UFOs, Magazines, And The Search For Extraterrestrial Life  
By Stuart Miller

Subject matters of interest generally attract newsstand magazines to support them. The range of publications that one can find on the shelves these days is so diverse that when I look at some of them, I laugh. I see a title and I think, "Surely no one's going to buy that. Who has an interest in the different shell colours of a snail?"

Firstly, I'd be wrong because retailers don't give up valuable shelf space to products that don't sell and secondly, I'd be further surprised when I discovered the sales figures for some of these obscure publications.

Which makes it all the more remarkable when one considers the phenomenal fascination that still exists for UFOs, that the range of dedicated magazines available to interested readers is so sparse. In the UK there is nothing. In the States there is UFO Magazine and in South America, a Brazilian equivalent. Fate Magazine contributes but is primarily based in the paranormal. And that's about it. If I've left any out, then my apologies.

So why should this be? The logical conclusion is that the market won't support any more because there isn't the demand, but this is in conflict with clear public interest. The Internet and the level of Freedom of Information Act requests and newspaper articles and films all indicate otherwise. It is true that statistics show that the Internet has hit the sales of so called niche magazines, but I don't believe this is the whole answer.

I think the key lies in a number of subtly different directions. While the subject still enthral the public as a whole, there haven't been any major recent new cases that have captured the imagination. So when Dennis Kucinich is asked about UFOs in a national televised political debate, there is certainly a spark and a media response but this is in reaction to the concept and a particular personality as opposed to a specific occurrence. Old style UFO publications relied upon attention grabbing sightings, accounts of shadowy men knocking on your front door and wild tales of face to face contact and abductions. Those days seem to have gone. People are still seeing plenty of odd things in the skies above but for the moment at least, that's where these objects have chosen to stay.

Culturally, UFOs are still very much with us. Adverts are still adorned with them and on TV, alien based shows are staple features. The Star Trek franchise has ceased and Stargate SG1 is gone but Atlantis continues, as does Battlestar Gallactica, to much acclaim. Invasion didn't do so well and was cancelled and the film of the same name bombed. YouTube however is awash with

UFO videos and they attract big numbers. And most bizarrely of all, UFO's have featured prominently in the US presidential debate. Go figure.

So topically, they still have a foothold in the public imagination and yet magazines about them aren't exactly thick on the ground. Why? Perhaps the public aren't being served up with what they want.

In the meantime, NASA has been patiently ploughing its furrow. The space programme has continued to prosper and either the shuttle or the space station are rarely out of the news. The Mars Phoenix Lander was launched in August and when it gets to the red planet in May, it will search for microbial life on our planetary next door neighbour, and will probably find some. I'd be amazed if it didn't. Recently, President Bush revealed plans to send a manned mission to the Moon and then on to Mars, an announcement that caused a great deal of excitement and debate.

And the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, SETI, has also recently been making the headlines because of a row over whether they should become proactive and start sending out signals to possible areas of habitation in the Universe instead of just sitting back and waiting for them to reach us. There has been much huffing and puffing and a couple of high profile resignations but potentially, this is quite a serious issue.

So the emphasis is possibly shifting slightly and UFOs are having to share the limelight a bit more with the scientific pursuit of extraterrestrial life. You might think the two are synonymous, but they aren't, and therein is the key. The solution to what UFOs are doesn't lie in one direction. They are a combination of things that range from natural phenomena to hoaxes to secret projects to misperceptions to the paranormal to possibly extraterrestrial craft. There is a dichotomy for many people who believe that intelligent life exists elsewhere but that no way could it ever have visited here. And there are UFO proponents who have no real interest in extraterrestrial life and are more concerned with proving conspiracies and cover ups or following other agendas.

But for those people who have a genuine curiosity about the existence of extraterrestrial life, whether it be via flying saucers or through microscopic germs on another planet, or both, and who don't have degrees in science to help them through the academic texts, then these people are currently bereft. There is nothing for them in print that reflects these combined areas of interest, until now.

I edited and published an ezine on the web for a few years called UFO Review. It was a successful and popular magazine, but I wanted to expand the concept of what I was doing and carry it forward. I wanted to acknowledge the shift in public interest and reflect it in a more modern and realistic approach. I wanted to go into print and I wanted to do it with a magazine that wasn't just about one strand of the subject. I wanted to embrace the whole area of extraterrestrial life and combine previously diverse subjects such as UFOs, SETI, and astrobiology all under one banner. And I wanted to make it accessible to everyone so that you didn't need to be a scientist to understand it.

And as much as I enjoyed and still love old style UFO magazines, I think in this day and age it is a bit pointless to still be going over 40 year old cases or attempting to analyse one more doubtful photograph or reviving yet another abduction case. With the deepest respect to the people involved in these incidents, they have all been recounted many times. We really need to move forward.

Out of this thinking came Alien Worlds magazine.

The underlying point about my new publication is to look forward. That doesn't mean ignoring the past or never mentioning it - far from it. I'm still in love with UFOs and my personal interests stretch into all the areas of their possibilities, but my primary curiosity is about the search for, and discovery of, extraterrestrial life. I want to know about the company we keep in the Universe. I want to know who and where they are, and everything else I can about them. The significance of such a discovery will become unquestionably Mankind's greatest achievement and the pursuit of that discovery is what Alien

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## Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

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>Subject: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

>Colleagues,

>Does anyone know who writes for this site? Does Nick Pope write  
>for this site?

><http://www.ufoencounters.co.uk/>

Hi Roy

No doubt Nick will speak for himself, but I doubt that he was  
responsible for this, re the so-called "Cosford incident":

[Quote]

Though nothing ultimately came of his investigation, since  
leaving government service, in the books and articles he has  
written, Nick Pope has continued to promote the Cosford Incident  
as being a standout UFO case. Others in the UFO research  
community are not so sure, however. They point out that the  
times quoted in the witness reports exactly coincide with the  
re-entry into the earth's atmosphere of the Russian rocket  
Kosmos 2238. To them, this seems a satisfactory explanation of  
most of the sightings. The only exception is the report from the  
Met observer who described an object swooping low and seemingly  
scanning the earth with a beam of light while emitting a loud  
humming sound. A check with the local police offices confirmed  
that a police helicopter was out and about in that area at that  
time. So was there anything more to the Cosford Incident than a  
Russian rocket, a police helicopter and Nick Pope's wish-  
fulfilment fantasies?

[End Quote]

This is actually quite inaccurate. The RAF Shawbury report is  
neither the only, nor even the most interesting, exception. The  
2130 report of a "glass bottomed object with two rows of white  
lights" from the town of Penistone, Yorkshire is arguably of  
greater interest since it is logged as having been reported to  
police at 2147, hours before the Cosmos booster re-entry...

See Joe McGonagle's excellent pages at:

<http://www.uk-ufo.org/cosford/sightings.html>

Whereas the Shawbury Met officer's sighting occurred much later,  
and he had been "primed" to be on the lookout for UFOs by a  
telephone call from RAF Cosford.

On the other hand it is not true that "a check with local  
police confirmed that a police helicopter was out and about in  
that area at that time." It was found (by Dave Clarke I believe)  
that records of police helicopter flights did not exist. The  
story of the helicopter actually came from an ex-RAF Shawbury  
airman (un-named as I recall, off the top of my head) who told a

newspaper 12 years after the event that the object "was later identified as a Dyfed-Powys police helicopter". We have no explanation of when, how, or by whom it was "later identified" as such - not by MoD, as we know, and there would have been no standing requirement for anyone at RAF Shawbury to do any identifying.

In fact when the claimed activities of this helicopter are transferred to a map they are incoherent. It was allegedly "pursuing a stolen car down the A5 between the A49 junction and Nesscliffe", but the A5 passes about 12-16 miles to the west of RAF Shawbury and Nesscliffe is WSW of the airfield. The only "A49 junction" on it is another 10 miles further S of Nesscliffe. So a pursuit along this road as described would at all times be miles SW of RAF Shawbury and heading divergently towards the NW. This obviously does not explain an object initially sighted to the north of RAF Shawbury and travelling south over the airfield. The southbound direction over the airfield could fit a police helicopter heading back to Shrewsbury from somewhere N of RAF Shawbury; but really this helicopter was never more than an incoherent rumour in the first place.

Martin Shough

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## Has E.T. Made A Call?

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This is quite a remarkable first paragraph.

Does anyone know anything about this?

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January 15, 2008

Has E.T. Made A Call?

Across the globe, researchers searching for signs of life in space were abuzz this week with word that a mystery signal has been picked up by a giant radio-telescope in Puerto Rico.

Now the dilemma is - how do you answer it?

Dan Wertheimer of the UC Berkeley SETI Project, said the dilemma is compounded by the fact that the signal may never be completely decoded.

"We probably won't be able to decode it," he said. "We'll know something's out there, but we won't know much about their civilization."

Meanwhile, Seth Shostak of the SETI Institute, said he was hopeful that future technical advances will eventually point scientists in the right direction.

"I'm cautiously optimistic we'll find something by the year 2025," Shostak said.

Later this year, scientists were scheduled to gather to determine what the return message should be.

"Personally, I'm not worried about signaling our presence to the stars, to begin with maybe the aliens are friendly, maybe they're hostile who knows," Shostak said. "But even if they're hostile, it's a long way to go - to come here and molest us."

According to the famous Drake Equation, astronomers estimate there are an estimated 10,000 intelligent civilizations just in our galaxy, the nearest one is likely very far away, but many scientists urge caution when it comes to initiating contact.

They say it may be foolish, even dangerous for earth to assume we know all the risks.

"I don't think earthlings should transmit messages right now," Wertheimer said. "We're an emerging civilization; we're just getting in the game=85 We're just learning how to do this and we really don't know what we're up to, so we need to be careful."

When asked on the street, Bay Area residents voiced a variety of messages that should be sent.

Oakland's Elvis Meeker suggested a simple warm greeting.

"Hello, welcome," he said.

Jonathan Harding, of Oakland, had a lighthearted response.

"Don't eat us," he said.

Samantha Swing suggested asking for help in solving the planet's problems.

"Any materials you'd like to give us to help=85 We're running out of oil," she said.

Whatever the message, a recent poll revealed that people wanted one to be sent out. So now scientists will gather to figure out what that message will be.

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## Friends Swear They Saw A UFO

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Friends Swear They Saw A UFO  
By Allison Miles  
Victoria Advocate

A flashing light turned two Victoria teens' laid-back weekend upside-down.

As Christopher Valdez and Conrado Castillo sat in the bed of a red pick-up Saturday on Upper Mission Valley Road, near The Windmill convenience store, they saw a bright light that they think was a UFO.

It was midnight or 1 a.m., Castillo said, as the duo sat in the cool night air, gazing at the sky. They'd been there for about 45 minutes, he said, waiting for his mother to drop off money for a late-night fast-food run.

"We were just talking about life and stuff and we looked up into the sky," said Castillo, a 13-year-old Crain Middle School student. "(Christopher) goes, 'Look!' and there was a bluish-white light in the sky."

The small light appeared far away, said Valdez, an 18-year-old Victoria landscaper. Flashing, it began falling, falling, falling silently, before it simply disappeared.

After a few back and forth "Did you see that?" and "What do you think it was?" comments, the friends bolted, mainly because they weren't sure what they'd seen or whether it would return.

"You know, I'm just a kid," Castillo said. "I was afraid. It was pretty scary."

They went straight to their families with the news, Valdez said, but no one believed them.

"They just said 'Yeah right, you're dumb,' he said. "They didn't believe it."

And while Valdez, a self-proclaimed skeptic, said he's always thought UFO stories were crazy, now he isn't so sure.

Castillo, on the other hand, said it's his second sighting. The first, he said, took place about two weeks ago near Memorial High School, when a large round light filled the sky.

The friends said that, after their families' reactions, they weren't quick to tell others about the sighting. When they saw an article in the Advocate discussing UFOs on Monday, though,

they decided to share the tale.

"We didn't know if it was a UFO or what," Valdez said. "I know it ain't a helicopter."

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A Million Sabarimala Pilgrims Witness Miracle Light

Sabarimala (Kerala)--Ecstatic chants of "Swamiye Ayyappa" filled the air at Kerala's famed Sabarimala temple as a record one million devotees witnessed the miracle 'Makar jyoti' light appear on the horizon Monday evening.

The miracle light appeared at 6.35 p.m. on the horizon thrice in the space of three minutes, and each time the devotees shouted "Swamiye Ayyappa" with joy as sighting the light is considered a blessing.

The crowds have been milling at the temple in Pathanamthita district for the last two days to witness the 'jyoti', which is the high point of the pilgrimage.

Senior Inspector General of Police Arun Kumar Sinha, camping at the temple, told IANS that every inch of space had been occupied at the temple hours in advance.

"The crowd this time is unprecedented. Approximately one million pilgrims are there, both at the base camp in Pamba and at the temple top. We had made all security arrangements for hassle-free darshan of the Makar jyoti," said Sinha.

G. Sudhakaran, state Devasom minister, was present to see that the event passed off smoothly.

"The collection this time has crossed by Rs.10 million over the last season," Sudhakaran told reporters at the temple top.

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## All Eyes On The Skies

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Sunday, January 13, 2008

All Eyes On The Skies  
By Angelia Joiner Staff Writer

Mysterious lights in the sky and what some believe was an increased military air traffic in the past week has prompted the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) to schedule a meeting for 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at Erath County Dairy Sales & Livestock Commission located on U.S. Highway 377/67 South.

MUFON Texas Senior Field Investigator and Assistant State Director Steve Hudgeons said field investigators from Waco, Fort Worth, and Dallas will be on hand to interview witnesses and complete sighting reports. He said MUFON is interested in Steve Allen's first hand account of intensely bright lights and military jets over the Selden community last Tuesday night as well as other accounts.

"I have read the papers and have been sent several e-mails from people that have heard of this sighting and it looks as if there are a good many people that have either seen this or have heard about it," Hudgeons said. "I will bring down a team of investigators and we will do a mass interview and then do a later follow-up with a selected group."

Hudgeons said it is the unusually high number of people that claim to have witnessed the event as well as the credibility of those involved that has prompted his organization to become involved.

Founded in 1969, the Mutual UFO Network, Inc., is a nonprofit corporation dedicated, through its volunteers, to resolving the scientific enigma known collectively as unidentified flying objects (UFOs), according to its Web site:

[www.mufon.com](http://www.mufon.com)

The world wide organization headquartered in Denver, Colorado has two publications; the monthly MUFON UFO Journal addresses all aspects of the subject, and The International UFO Symposium Proceedings offers a yearly in-depth analysis of the UFO subject by world-renowned researchers, according to their Web site. Each is available to MUFON members and the public.

Allen said he has received a barrage of phone calls from others witnessing the Tuesday night event as well as reports of military air traffic but also received calls from individuals describing similar accounts. The accounts include a woman that said she saw the same thing in 1967 and worked to solve the mystery with former Sheriff David Hale. But, she said no conclusions were ever drawn.

Allen said he has been speaking with a Hillsboro resident who wishes to remain anonymous but is offering a substantial reward for authentic local pictures or videos to assist with validation of the claim. Allen is the owner of L & S Enterprises and Texas Freight in Glen Rose and can be reached at 254-898-1117.

Hudgeons said he encourages anyone with photos or film footage to wait until he can view the material at the meeting before turning it over to anyone else.

"Even if someone says they are from MUFON, don't turn it over," Hudgeons said. "I feel that someone from a government entity will pose as MUFON and try to take them."

Major Karl Lewis of Naval Air Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth (Carswell Field) reported Friday that no military aircraft from his establishment were in the area Tuesday night. When questioned about military air traffic in the Stephenville area he said there could be a number of reasons for that and most likely it's because of training missions related to the Brady area.

"There were no F16s from this unit operating and no other pilots from our unit reported a UFO," Lewis said.

He also said the jets could have been in the area but from a different base or they could have been F18s, which are similar in appearance.

Lewis said after reading newspaper accounts of what area residents saw he has a plausible explanation - something that he has witnessed himself in his 32 years as a pilot.

"I think it was a consortium of lights. It sounds like sun reflection of an aircraft traveling at high altitude," Lewis said. "That can cause an intensely bright light like that. Sometimes you can't look at it because it is so bright. As the angle of the sun changes, the color dulls because the sun is setting on the horizon and it's hitting the aircraft at a different angle."

Lewis said intense orange, red or white lights as well as other colors may be seen when this occurs. He also said it could have been natural light phenomenon or a visual illusion caused by natural atmospheric conditions.

Hypothetically, Lewis said, an object of the reported size traveling through the atmosphere would leave a catastrophic "sound signature or footprint."

"An aircraft traveling that fast and at that low altitude would leave an approximate path of four miles wide of damage," Lewis said. "Low and fast like what was described, would leave a path similar to that of a tornado - it's a pressure differentiation."

Another point, he said, was something that fast and low to the ground would create thermal heat, which would create a vapor trail and none was reported.

Lewis said he knows of a plane traveling at mach one speed at an altitude of 5,000 feet, which caused a cinderblock house to collapse, so he doesn't believe what witnesses spotted was actually a craft of any kind.

See Monday's edition of the E-T for an eyewitness account of the Tuesday evening event in Cleburne. The witness first saw what he claims is a UFO in the Cleburne area in 1995 and will be interviewed on the X-Zone radio show in Canada Monday evening Jan. 14. He has lectured on UFOs and paranormal issues in Roswell, New Mexico and New York City.)

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## Lifting The Lid On Our X Files Experiences

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Lifting The Lid On Our X Files Experiences  
by Dan O'Neill  
South Wales Echo

Well, Christmas lights took on new meaning in Cardiff a couple of weeks ago.

Nope, they weren't decorating trees. They were - pause for ominous Dr Who chords - skimming through the skies. Yes, our old flying saucer friends are back.

Come to think of it they've never really been away.

But when two South Wales sightings a week are reported by phlegmatic airline pilots it seems that there may be intelligent life Out There after all. Maybe one day we'll find intelligent life Down Here as well.

But given these sightings let us today mark a famous anniversary: true believers, maintain that 60 years ago this week aliens claimed their first known earthly victim, and this time they can't all be dismissed as the usual nutters.

Flying saucer fans say that in January, 1948, our cousins from somewhere beyond Sirius arrived mob-handed.

But conspiracy theorists disagreed.

They insisted the "aliens" were actually US airmen piloting something called a Kugelblitz, the "Ball Lightning Fighter" invented by Nazi scientists just too late to win the war but taken over, like the rocket scientists themselves, by the US military.

Whatever, in that distant January the Kentucky police were deluged with calls from hundreds of frightened citizens who reckoned they'd seen a huge metallic saucer at least 300 feet in diameter hovering above woods in a place called Maysville.

Remember, this was at the height of the great Flying Saucer Panic.

Six months earlier businessman Kenneth Arnold reported seeing nine "brilliant wingless discs" flashing over the Rockies at more than 1,000mph - "like a saucer would if you skipped it across the water".

So the words "flying saucer" entered the language and in no time

at all thousands saw them, hundreds insisted they'd been abducted by spacemen, a few said they actually were aliens and found plenty of innocents dimwitted enough to believe them.

But this Kentucky incident triggered so many calls that the police asked the US Air Force to investigate.

World War II ace, Captain Thomas Mantell, was sent up.

He was followed by two trainee pilots who had to drop out at 15,000 feet (luckily, it turned out) because their jets didn't have the necessary oxygen equipment.

Mantell kept going, radioing that he had a huge metallic craft in his sights but couldn't get close as it kept a constant, teasing distance between them.

"I'm going up to 20,000 feet. If I'm no closer I'll abandon chase."

Then his plane exploded. The official explanation - he'd passed out through oxygen starvation, nose-dived and crashed.

But no answers when the USAF was asked exactly what Mantell had been chasing.

No answers, either, to the sightings over Cardiff.

Maybe curious spacemen are paying a return visit, to see how we've progressed.

A return visit? Why not, when on January 17, 1913, no less a personage than Captain Lionel Lindsay, Chief Constable of Glamorganshire, saw a strange object passing over Cardiff.

No, he insisted, it didn't belong to our own pioneering Ernest Willows: "It was much bigger and much faster than his airship."

Plenty of witnesses backed his story but for infinitely more mysterious visitations we only have to go back to 1977 when West Wales was overwhelmed by alien visitors - not only the obligatory lights in the sky but silver-suited entities stalking across fields, herds of cattle allegedly teleported from one place to another, discs seen flying into rocks then vanishing inside when sliding doors opened, Thunderbirds style.

Then 15 children swore they'd seen a UFO land in a field next to Broad Haven Primary School overlooking St Bride's Bay.

Out of it stepped "a silver man with spiked ears" and in the next six months 45 similar sightings were reported, giant humanoids, car-chasing UFOs. You name it, they had it.

There were even suggestions that the aliens had set up a flying saucer base beneath the Stack Rocks in the bay. Alien invaders? Or mass delusion?

Anyway, four years ago the Royal Astronomical Society suggested there could be 10 billion other "earths" in our own galaxy, the Universe could be teeming with alien civilisations.

So if they're trying to tell us something, why don't they land on the White House lawn with their message instead of flying over Cardiff?

And maybe take George W Bush back with them.

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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## Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 12:00:22 -0000  
Archived: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 08:09:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 15:51:49 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

>The info I came up with is:

>Domain name:  
>[ufoencounters.co.uk](http://ufoencounters.co.uk)

>Registrant:  
>Joan Barton

Hi Terry,

Thanks for that, but I was hoping we could find out the people writing the articles on the site?

<http://www.ufoencounters.co.uk/>

If they are so called " Experts" then why not name them on the site?

And Journalists writing about UFO stuff on public UK UFO Sites is a new one to me? What papers do they represent, tabloid or broad sheet?

Is there any researcher on updates who has written for this site?

Why not try asking the names of any of the authors behind any of their articles and see what reaction you get.

Thanks,

Roy

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## Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 04:09:09 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 08:12:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 22:05:20 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

<snip>

>ii) known statistical analysis - although this seems to be  
>rarely used and why?

<snip>

There is a reason, Ray, albeit a very shameful one. While the same ufologists that would attack you for even slightly hinting at a speculation that could be submitted to probability, they will banter around absurd and unprovable theories drafted from theoretic physics on such limiting and droll notions as the universe deriving from "nothingness".

Just because a credentialed scientist came up with it. Would they jump of a cliff if a physicist told them they would be caught by a soft pink pumpkin? Unlikely.

But they are not alone, the same thinking that has created a social club replete with meal ticket out of education, has come to dominate both media and the limited engagement of overview.

So, like much else increasingly limiting in our society the very sources of information have become more and more selective in what is allowed into any equation, any.

And just like UFOs, from which many shudder at mere mention, mind control is another compulsively denied factor. Just as is the biggest buggaboo of all, conspiracy.

If the word, expert, denotes anything at all, it would mean something like, objective with facts regarding a specific regard.

Look in the attic or the basement, maybe you'll find one that hasn't yet been taken to the dump.

JCH

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## Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 12:26:37 -0000  
Archived: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 08:17:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

>From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 16:24:29 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

>I suppose one could write to the following and find out:

>Jane Marshall  
>Features Editor  
>UFOEncounters  
>Daresbury Point  
>Green Wood Drive  
>Manor Park  
>Cheshire WA7 1UP  
>England, UK

><http://www.ufoencounters.co.uk/HowToContactUs.html>

Hi Rick,

Write to them? In this multi media age of broadband emailing?  
I got no response from this site at all?

I have done a little digging, and found out the following info:

I was contacted by a Samantha Higham some months back, much the same mail that Stuart Miller received, so I ran her name through google and she represents the following sites, all with the same looking template?

<http://www.ufoencounters.co.uk>

<http://www.saferhouses.co.uk/>

<http://www.moneyexpertise.co.uk/>

<http://www.kidsandnutrition.co.uk/>

<http://www.owningabroad.co.uk/>

Her email extension ends with this companies name:

<http://www.pts.com/>

I then googled Jane Marshall Features Editor and got this site:

<http://www.spookystuff.co.uk/HowToContactUs.html>

And the same quote applies to this Ghost Site:

"Our features and articles are written by professional journalists and experts - who have a particular interest, or a background in this area."

And still these experts put no names to any of the articles, like this one on Crop Circles on the above ghost site:

<http://www.spookystuff.co.uk/DougAndDaveTheCropCircleHoaxers.html>

Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

Does anyone feel that any " Experts" are writing for these sites? I feel the so called experts would at least be subscribed to Errol's UFO UpDates and would have told us they wrote for this site?

Any takers?

Roy

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## Re: Has E.T. Made A Call?

From: **Greg Sandow** <[greg.nul](mailto:greg.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 08:00:36 -0500  
Archived: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 08:24:35 -0500  
Subject: Re: Has E.T. Made A Call?

>From: Stuart Miller <[stuart.4.nul](mailto:stuart.4.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 10:44:09 +0000  
>Subject: Has E.T. Made A Call?

>This is quite a remarkable first paragraph.

>Does anyone know anything about this?

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>Source: KTVU-TV - Oakland, California, USA

><http://www.ktvu.com/news/15054540/detail.html>

>January 15, 2008

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>Across the globe, researchers searching for signs of life in  
>space were abuzz this week with word that a mystery signal has  
>been picked up by a giant radio-telescope in Puerto Rico.

>Now the dilemma is - how do you answer it?

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from the Guardian, a respected British newspaper.

The article follows:

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Source: The Guardian - London, UK

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/science/2004/sep/02/sciencenews.research>

Thursday September 2 2004

Scientist Says Alien Signal Story Is Hype

Paul Nettleton and Sam Jones  
The Guardian

Excitable reports that the search for a radio signal from ET has  
paid off were dismissed as premature by astronomers involved in  
the search for extra-terrestrial intelligence (Seti).

The tantalising claim that a signal picked up by the Arecibo  
radio telescope three times for a total of less than a minute  
last year could be the best candidate yet for success in the  
six-year Seti.nul project, in which a screensaver program on  
millions of home computers sifts through raw data, appeared in  
New Scientist magazine.

But Dan Wertheimer, the project's chief scientist and a radio  
astronomer at the University of California, Berkeley, who was  
quoted by the magazine as saying "it's the most interesting

signal from Seti.nul", told BBC News Online: "It's all hype and noise. We have nothing that is unusual. It's all out of proportion."

The signal, named SHGbo2+14a, has a frequency of about 1420MHz, one of the main frequencies at which hydrogen, the most common element in the universe, absorbs and emits energy. Some scientists say aliens trying to introduce themselves would be likely to transmit at this frequency.

Computers running in the US and Germany detected the signal, which appears to be coming from between the constellations Pisces and Aries, where there is no obvious star or planetary system within 1,000 light years. It has a rapidly fluctuating frequency, which could occur if it was beamed out from a rapidly spinning planet or object, although a planet would have to be rotating nearly 40 times faster than Earth to produce the same drift.

A drifting signal would be expected to have a different frequency each time it was detected. Yet with every observation of SHGbo2+14a, the signal has started off with a frequency of 1420MHz before starting to drift - although this could be connected to the telescope.

Speaking from the Aricebo site in Puerto Rico, Dr Wertheimer added: "We have no candidates that we are particularly excited about." After analysing 50 trillion frequency bands, he added, it was not surprising that a signal like SHGbo2+14a should occur by chance.

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Greg Sandow

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## Re: Has E.T. Made A Call?

From: **Stuart Miller** <[stuart.4.nul](mailto:stuart.4.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 13:48:33 +0000  
Archived: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 09:23:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: Has E.T. Made A Call?

>From: Greg Sandow <[greg.nul](mailto:greg.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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><http://www.guardian.co.uk/science/2004/sep/02/sciencenews.research>

Greg,

As you can see, the Guardian article is from 2004.

This is a current news story, or certainly gives the impression of  
being. Note the attached video as well.

Stuart Miller  
Alien Worlds magazine  
<http://www.alienworldsmag.com>

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## Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

From: Nick Pope <[contact.nul](mailto:contact.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 18:52:36 -0000  
Archived: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 17:30:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

>From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 13:20:58 -0000  
>Subject: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

>Does anyone know who writes for this site? Does Nick Pope write  
>for this site?

><http://www.ufoencounters.co.uk/>

<snip>

I don't write for this site, but the authors may have used some  
of the articles on my website as a source of reference,  
particularly in relation to the British material.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope  
<http://www.nickpope.net>

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## UFO Group Really Isn't So Far Out

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 18:16:44 -0500  
Archived: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 18:16:44 -0500  
Subject: UFO Group Really Isn't So Far Out

Source: The Grand Haven Tribune - Michigan, USA

<http://www.grandhaventribune.com/paid/319621701582172.bsp>

Wed, Jan 16, 2008

UFO Group Really Isn't So Far Out  
By Jeffrey Weiss  
The Dallas Morning News (MCT)

DALLAS - Anyone who takes the topic seriously knows about what they call the "giggle factor".

So when Democratic presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich was asked in a recent debate about his belief in unidentified flying objects, the North Texas members of Mutual UFO Network weren't surprised when it turned into a political punch line.

On the other hand, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson has also addressed UFOs - seriously - on the campaign trail. And in November, a group of highly credentialed aviation experts from around the world called for more official investigations of UFOs.

Getting their cause into the news - and not just as a joke - is welcome to people who have felt pushed to the fringes for a long time.

"There is a growing awareness and willingness on the part of the public to take this seriously," said Ken Cherry, the Texas MUFON director.

Is the secret that the ufologists of MUFON have been chasing for decades about to come out?

"We don't think it's a secret. Just some people don't believe it," said Terry Groff, Web master for the local MUFON group and a trained UFO investigator.

He was one of about two dozen members who assembled for a regular meeting last month at an Irving public library. Organizers say they've filled a hall with more than 100 people for meetings where a particularly popular speaker appears.

Outsiders often misunderstand the purpose of the organization, Cherry said.

"People want us to confirm their claims," he said. "That is not our job."

Most UFO sightings quickly become IFOs after a little investigation, he said. Airplanes, satellites, model rockets, helicopters - all of these can fool an untrained eye. But all of those valid explanations still leave a few unexplainables.

Those few are what the ufologists say make them think there's

more to know - but they aren't necessarily sure what the "more" is.

"I really haven't made my mind up," said MUFON regional director James Shatley. "The preponderance of evidence is that either we have discovered incredible technology, or there are some other races that have conquered time and space and figured out how to get here."

For all the scientific aspirations of MUFON, it's a mash-up of a serious amateur investigation club and a support group for people who say there is Something - or Someone - Out There.

"We have had people come to our meetings who literally wear a protective hat to protect themselves from aliens invading their thoughts," Cherry said.

The members of his group try to be welcoming and not dismissive of them, he said. After all, they all know what it's like to be ridiculed for their ideas.

"I don't think we've ever had a bad experience where someone that everyone thought was off-the-wall came and they didn't go away feeling good," Cherry said.

On this afternoon, nobody was wearing an odd hat. After a bit of business, they settled in to watch a decade-old video of a speech made at a previous meeting. The speaker was Jim Marrs, the Texan author of "Crossfire," a book Oliver Stone drew on for the conspiracy-filled plot of his movie "JFK," and "Alien Agenda," Marrs' account of a government suppression of information about UFOs.

It's safe to say that Marrs' views about UFOs are as accepted by most scientists as his ideas about the Kennedy assassination are by most historians. But this was his home crowd, and they listened attentively as he recounted tales of the supposed UFO crash at Roswell, N.M., the odd crop circles and other stories ufologists say have never been explained.

After the video, Marrs "appeared" live via a cellphone held up to a microphone and took questions.

"There may be more breathtaking discoveries coming out in the coming months," he said.

The recent mainstream news about UFOs did not seem likely to produce a new revelation anytime soon.

Kucinich said he saw a UFO 25 years ago while visiting Shirley MacLaine's home in Washington. Richardson pledged to reopen the famous case of aliens reportedly crashing at Roswell in 1947.

The aviation experts calling for more investigation included a deputy chief of staff from the Belgian Air Force, the retired chief of Accidents and Investigations for the Federal Aviation Administration, a pilot with the Chilean Aviation Army, an Air France captain, a general in the Iranian Air Force and a representative from the United Kingdom's Ministry of Defense.

The group spoke in support of a petition that said, in part: "We maintain that a restive, concerned public has the right to be informed of the facts about UFO incidents that are well-documented and involve multiple witnesses."

Not all the MUFON members claim to have seen UFOs. But some do have their stories.

Lucy Jane Mock, whose husband was in the Air Force, believes she has seen several unexplainable things in the sky.

"I hope you get to see one," she told a visitor to the meeting. "Thrilling!"

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## MUFON YouTube And More Texas Coverage

From: **Alejandro T. Rojas** <[arojas.nul](mailto:arojas.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 12:09:09 -0600  
Archived: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 18:21:04 -0500  
Subject: MUFON YouTube And More Texas Coverage

Here is a link to our new MUFON YouTube site. We will be posting MUFON coverage on the Texas case here including the spot ran by NBC's Today Show this morning.

<http://www.youtube.com/MUFONHQ>

We have been posting all other stories in our yahoo email group, which features news stories and MUFON updates:

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/MUFON/>

Alejandro T. Rojas  
Mutual UFO Network (MUFON)  
Director of Public Education  
[www.mufon.com](http://www.mufon.com)

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## Locals Claim Seeing UFO in Rio Cuarto Argentina

From: **Scott Corrales** <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 14:58:01 -0500  
Archived: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 18:23:40 -0500  
Subject: Locals Claim Seeing UFO in Rio Cuarto Argentina

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
January 16, 2007

Source: Infobae  
Date: January 15, 2007

Argentina: Locals Claim Seeing UFO in Rio Cuarto

Hundreds of local residents reported a strange flying object that traveled over the area in an unusual manner. They contacted a radio station to report on the luminous form that was visible in the sky.

Carlos Oyola, a spokesman for the Argentinean Air Force, said in a radio presentation that at the time that the undefined flying object was reported there were no flights scheduled, neither private, nor commercial, nor military.

Officially the Argentinean Air Force had no record of civil or military training flights at night, but the operator of the base's control tower saw an unidentified object that he was unable to identify.

In fact, the operator investigated the information on the object and attempted to communicate with it to request the altitude, registration, aircraft type and advise it of the corresponding air route, but there was no reply.

The object was sighted at 22:30 hours on Monday. According to those who saw it, it was a large object "with a more intensely yellow light than a satellite." It moved at high speed and flew from east to west in an elliptical manner.

For more information:

<http://tinyurl.com/38suew>

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## UFO Over Santa Rosa La Pampa Argentina

From: **Scott Corrales** <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 15:08:50 -0500  
Archived: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 18:25:43 -0500  
Subject: UFO Over Santa Rosa La Pampa Argentina

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
January 16, 2007

Source: Noticias UFO  
Date: January 15, 2007

Argentina: UFO Over Santa Rosa - La Pampa

Date: 14 January 2008  
Time: 22:30  
Temperature: 30 degrees Centigrade  
Skies: Clear  
Number of Witnesses: 4  
Sighting Duration: 25 seconds  
Sounds During Sighting: None

The evening of Monday, January 14 was completely clear and as is normal for this time of year, the temperature was steady at 30 degrees C. Four people identified as MM, SS, OM and ED were in Zona Quinta in the southwest of Santa Rosa, enjoying a wading pool. One of the witnesses (SS) was lying at the edge of the pool and saw a light to the southwest that immediately drew his attention. It was far larger than any star.

The witness (SS) makes the others aware of the strange light and OM, who was nearest to the house, grabbed his binoculars and went to the front of the property in order to follow the object. Once he was able to locate the target with his field glasses, he was startled to see not one light but several (a total of four, which looked like a single light without binoculars).

From MM's story, satellites can always been clearly seen traveling in all directions. In his opinion, and that of the other witnesses, it wasn't a satellite, since he could tell the object was a low altitude (some 600 meters, "it passed right over our heads").

A noteworthy fact of his testimony was the halo of light that surrounded the object, an additional source of light that all of the witnesses noticed.

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## UFO Spotted Over Texas Chased By F16s

From: **Franklin Fields** <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 10:19:31 -0500 (EST)  
Archived: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 18:31:47 -0500  
Subject: UFO Spotted Over Texas Chased By F16s

I am seeing more UFO technology posts to blogs lately. Below one posted today. Also the F16 chase story may be new?

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Source: AOL News - Dulles, Virginia, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/yphdo3>

Jan 16th 2008

UFO Spotted Over Texas, Chased by F16s  
by Tim Stevens  
Filed under: Computers

Wondering how yesterday's MacBook Air got so thin? Some of course think it was just the result of decades of research by Apple techies. We think we have a better explanation, though: alien technology. Don't believe us? Some proof was spotted in the air over Texas last night traveling at an estimated 3,000 miles per hour while being chased by military jets!

A number of people witnessed a UFO flying over the state to the south last night, one of them a pilot named Steve Allen. He indicated that the craft was difficult to see, but based on the lights that appeared to be on the edges of the thing he estimated it to be about one mile long and a half-mile wide.

The lights went from corner to corner. It was directly above Highway 67 traveling towards Stephenville at a high rate of speed - about 3,000 miles per hour is what I would estimate.

No mention of how thin this thing was, but it's a large craft to be sure, and a fast one, something we certainly don't have in our military -- at least not that we're aware of anyhow. No comment from Apple, for whatever that's worth.

From Stephenville Empire-Tribune via BoingBoing

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## Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 16:27:23 -0500  
Archived: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 18:33:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 22:05:20 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

<snip>

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Eleanor White

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## Texas Investigation MUFON On Larry King & Geraldo

From: **Alejandro T. Rojas** <[arojas.nul](mailto:arojas.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 16:01:10 -0600  
Archived: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 18:34:41 -0500  
Subject: Texas Investigation MUFON On Larry King & Geraldo

The media frenzie hasn't stopped yet. MUFON investigators will be featured on Larry King Friday, and on Geraldo this weekend.

It is interesting that this story has taken off when the San Diego sightings got such little attention.

Alejandro T. Rojas  
Mutual UFO Network (MUFON)  
Director of Public Education  
[www.mufon.com](http://www.mufon.com)

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## Re: Has E.T. Made A Call?

From: **Greg Sandow** <[greg.nul](mailto:greg.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 17:41:53 -0500  
Archived: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 18:35:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: Has E.T. Made A Call?

>From: Stuart Miller <[stuart.4.nul](mailto:stuart.4.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 13:48:33 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Has E.T. Made A Call?

>Greg,

>As you can see, the Guardian article is from 2004.

>This is a current news story, or certainly gives the impression of  
>being. Note the attached video as well.

Silly of me, Stuart. Thanks.

I Googled further, and could find no reference to this story -  
except that another radio station ran exactly the same story on  
its own website. I Googled both a phrase from the story, and  
one of the names of the scientists quoted. Makes me think that  
the radio item is a report of something that could have happened  
a long time ago, which was when those reactions were quoted.  
Apparently in 2004 there was some kind of SETI signal that  
caused some chatter, though scientists were quick to point out  
that it didn't amount to anything.

I'd say the story might be completely false, except that there  
are real people quoted.

Greg Sandow

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## Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 00:14:53 -0000  
Archived: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 09:17:58 -0500  
Subject: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

>From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 16:27:23 -0500  
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>tedious job to convert large numbers of reports to precisely  
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>extracted by database software (in seconds.)

Hi Eleanor and James,

Although I didn't say so, I'm relying on the basic 'scientific  
method' for discovery as "advocated by Bacon and by Descartes";  
it goes like this:

- 1 "lay aside received opinions" (ie. forget your old science  
rules, media + authority)
- 2 "refrain the mind for a time from the highest generalizations"  
(code for ignoring religion etc - dangerous then and now)
- 3 "muster instances before the understanding" ('collect the  
data' - and Descartes added "as many parts as possible")
- 4 "arrange them in tables" (classify and subdivide as necessary)
- 5 "review the instances of each" - and Descartes added 'making  
sure you've not missed anything out')

As you can see, we're hardly into number three yet, and authority  
+ media both seem intent on stopping us there.

Cheers

Ray D

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## No Alien Signal

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 09:26:05 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 09:26:05 -0500  
Subject: No Alien Signal

Source: Philip Plaits 'Bad Astronomy' - Rohnert Park, California USA

<http://www.badastronomy.com/bablog/2008/01/16/no-alien-signal/>

16 January 2008

No Alien Signal

Some important updates are at the bottom of this article.

OK folks, nothing to see here.

I talked with my buddy Seth Shostak, who is a Senior SETI astronomer, and he told me that this whole alien signal thing is a big misunderstanding on the part of the KTVU reporter.

Basically, Dan Wertheimer, a radio astronomer who is affiliated with SETI, detected a pulse from space. The source is certainly extragalactic, and is most likely some sort of natural event. It's unclear exactly what kind of event, but there is a long list of things it could be. Aliens phoning us is pretty far down that list. But since Dan does do some SETI work, the reporter just botched things up a bit and misattributed the source. The news article reads oddly, like he took a mishmash of topics and wrote them all up into one article, so this misunderstanding doesn't surprise me much.

The signal was detected quite some time ago, and had it been alien, believe me you would have heard from the folks at SETI!

So chalk this one up as yet another in a long line of false alarms. Sorry to burst the ET bubble.

The original news article's shocker has been pulled off the KTVU site. However, someone should tell KTVU that there exists this thing called Google, and they sometimes cache web pages. I also took a screen capture of the meat of the article and uploaded it to my Flickr page.

2) I just talked to Dan Wertheimer, the astronomer quoted in the article. He told me that the original interview was about sending signals into space (so-called "active SETI") as opposed to just listening for aliens. After the interview, he talked to the reporter about some of the astronomy he does, including looking at what are called radio transients: bursts of radio waves that are seen once and never repeat. These may come from one-off events like colliding neutron stars, exploding stars, and so on. Somehow, in the article the reporter mixed up the observation of the transient signals with detecting a signal from E.T. Worse if that's possible the observations of the transients weren't from Arecibo, and they weren't from Wertheimer. It was another astronomer altogether, observing with the giant Parkes radio dish in Australia.

So basically, the news article is utterly wrong about everything it discussed concerning the signal. Wow.

[Thanks to Maynard Gelinas for the lead]

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## Re: Has E.T. Made A Call?

From: James Molesworth <[jtmoll.nul](mailto:jtmoll.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 13:19:52 +1100  
Archived: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 09:31:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: Has E.T. Made A Call?

>From: Stuart Miller <[stuart.4.nul](mailto:stuart.4.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 10:44:09 +0000  
>Subject: Has E.T. Made A Call?

>This is quite a remarkable first paragraph.

>Does anyone know anything about this?

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>Source: KTVU-TV - Oakland, California, USA

><http://www.ktvu.com/news/15054540/detail.html>

>January 15, 2008

>Has E.T. Made A Call?

>Across the globe, researchers searching for signs of life in  
>space were abuzz this week with word that a mystery signal has  
>been picked up by a giant radio-telescope in Puerto Rico.

I cannot comment on this - I have no idea. However, the below gives little reason to trust the source. It is written as if those quoted were responding to the development just mentioned, however, a careful reading of the quotes indicate they have been pilfered from earlier interviews and statements which have no relation to this sensational claim, and therefore, while they have no direct bearing on the issue, their use provides good reason to doubt the content of the article.

>Now the dilemma is - how do you answer it?

>Dan Wertheimer of the UC Berkeley SETI Project, said the dilemma  
>is compounded by the fact that the signal may never be  
>completely decoded.

>"We probably won't be able to decode it," he said. "We'll know  
>something's out there, but we won't know much about their  
>civilization."

The phrase "We'll know something's out there", where we would expect "We (now) know something's out there" strongly suggests this comment was made in a context quite other than that in which it is being employed here, hence the veracity of the remainder of this article must be questioned.

>Meanwhile, Seth Shostak of the SETI Institute, said he was  
>hopeful that future technical advances will eventually point  
>scientists in the right direction.

>"I'm cautiously optimistic we'll find something by the year  
>2025," Shostak said.

This statement was most obviously not made in the context of a potential extraterrestrial civilization having been detected! The context appears to be designed to imply that the statement

was referring to our ability to decode the alleged message, but this is clearly not the case as evidenced by the phrase "find something".

>Later this year, scientists were scheduled to gather to  
>determine what the return message should be.

>"Personally, I'm not worried about signaling our presence to the  
>stars, to begin with maybe the aliens are friendly, maybe  
>they're hostile who knows," Shostak said. "But even if they're  
>hostile, it's a long way to go - to come here and molest us."

This seems to be a statement made in reference to the debate among SETI scientists and others concerning the advisability of not just 'listening' for signals, but actually broadcasting our own hail signals towards likely looking systems. This has been going on for some time, and has no relation to any alleged signal.

>According to the famous Drake Equation, astronomers estimate  
>there are an estimated 10,000 intelligent civilizations just in  
>our galaxy, the nearest one is likely very far away, but many  
>scientists urge caution when it comes to initiating contact.

The Drake equation - a pet peeve of mine. There is nothing wrong with the equation itself, but I have a major issue with anyone providing a value for it, much less doing so authoritatively, considering that no less than five of its seven parameters can be much more than guessed at and these guesses are not all particularly 'educated', and another one is also uncertain - it's not exactly robust.

>They say it may be foolish, even dangerous for earth to assume  
>we know all the risks.

<snip>

>Whatever the message, a recent poll revealed that people wanted  
>one to be sent out. So now scientists will gather to figure out  
>what that message will be.

O.K., but wasn't that already to be the case, regardless of any supposed detected message? This article appears to me to be a beat up - building on the sensationalist claims of the first paragraph with a series of quotes and details that appear to lend it strength and legitimacy but which are not in reality responses to such a development at all, and have no bearing on the initial statement.

I would like to know from whence came the information that researchers are abuzz, but rather fear it came from someones imagination, considering the lack of any supporting detail in this article.

Finally, I just checked the link provided above, and found the following:

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BERKELEY, Calif. -- On Monday, KTVU reported scientists have received an odd signal from space and some readers may have interpreted this as a confirmed extra-terrestrial contact.

Scientists did confirm there was an anomalous radio signal and reported it late last year.

However, as SETI.nul lead scientist Dan Werthimer now clarifies, "although this pulse is not well understood..." it may have a natural origin.

SETI Institute Chief Scientist Seth Shostak says the highly energetic and brief signal at first excited some researchers, who at the time thought it may be a candidate ET signal. It was received not at Arecibo, Puerto Rico, as reported, but rather in Australia.

The signal has not been confirmed as any sign of extraterrestrial intelligence, although the Allen array in California is now actively searching for more of these signals.

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Re: Has E.T. Made A Call?

I recommend that any further articles from this author (not to be confused with Mr. Stuart Miller) be treated with the utmost caution.

Sincerely,

James T. Molesworth  
VUFORS, Australia

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## Re: MUFON YouTube And More Texas Coverage

From: Cory Cameron <[corycameron\\_510.nul](mailto:corycameron_510.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 21:34:44 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 09:34:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: MUFON YouTube And More Texas Coverage

>Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 18:21:04 -0500  
>To: [UFO-Updates.nul](mailto:UFO-Updates.nul)  
>From: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: MUFON YouTube And More Texas Coverage

>From: Alejandro T. Rojas <[arojas.nul](mailto:arojas.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 12:09:09 -0600  
>Subject: MUFON YouTube And More Texas Coverage

>Here is a link to our new MUFON YouTube site. We will be posting  
>MUFON coverage on the Texas case here including the spot ran by  
>NBC's Today Show this morning.

><http://www.youtube.com/MUFONHQ>

>We have been posting all other stories in our yahoo email group,  
>which features news stories and MUFON updates:

><http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/MUFON/>

In all seriousness, it still surprises me that there will be those who, after UFOs and alien pilots flying these machines.

I no longer think that any sane, logical individual can be fooled by government officialdom.

In this particular incident, what statesmen or general is going to stand at a podium and try to explain away an object a half-mile wide, a mile long and travelling at 3,000 miles an hour?

The only thing more fearful to me would be a person who would believe in an attempted explanation that doesn't take into account an alien one,

Steadfastly,

Cory

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Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 13:51:17 +1100  
Archived: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 09:36:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

>From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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Indeed, it is tedious. Many self proclaimed 'researchers' in  
numerous 'anomalous research' fields fail to realise - or  
pretend not to know - that genuine, useful research is often  
boring and tedious to undertake, although the results may be  
exciting.

Too many UFO 'researchers' seem willing to ignore many of the  
reports they receive and focus exclusively on the 'exciting'  
ones, apparently for precisely this reason.

No field of enquiry can ever hope to progress utilizing such a  
monstrous methodology.

James

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## FYI On Jason Leigh & Stephenville UFO

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 15:44:47 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 09:46:23 -0500  
Subject: FYI On Jason Leigh & Stephenville UFO

>Source: Waco Tribune Herald - Texas, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/ytzjxx>

>Tuesday, January 15, 2008

>Man Who Drove Into Waco VA In '98 Saw UFO  
>By Ken Sury

>Thanks to eagle-eyed reporter J.B. Smith, that story about the  
>UFOs in Stephenville now has a Waco connection.

>An Associated Press video about the sighting has an interview  
>with Jason Leigh, the same Cleburne resident who ran his car  
>into the Waco Veterans Affairs Regional Center in March 1998 and  
>had a 14-hour standoff before surrendering peacefully.

>We didn't even know he was out on the streets again.

The name Jason Leigh may not be familiar to many of the newer  
subscribers, here.

In the Archive are 17 posts relating to him. The URL below  
will take you to the search results on his name...

<http://tinyurl.com/2kyk26>

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## Re: Mobile Phone Images?

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos.nul](mailto:nikolaos.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 23:19:00 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 09:58:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mobile Phone Images?

>From: Sean Jones <[tedric.nul](mailto:tedric.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 13:10:28 +0000  
>Subject: Mobile Phone Images?

>It just occurred to me that with the proliferation of  
>mobile/cell phones with cameras we should be seeing a massive  
>increase in photo's (however dodgy) perhaps even some moving  
>footage.

>But we are not.

>Any reason why?

Hi Sean!

UFO sightings are very rare and many of these are of very short duration. My guess would be that although people will take cell phone pictures of unusual or unexpected things in the sky such sun pillars and the B2 bomber, few of these are unidentified objects to them at the time.

Although there are not many UFOs pictures taken with cell phone cameras on the Internet, there is a proliferation of BLURFO pictures (UFO images that appear on the cell phone picture but which were not noticed by the witnesses at the time). Most of these have prosaic explanations (see my e-mail below to Filer's Files with an example of such a BLURFO).

If BLURFOs are the best this generation armed with cell phone cameras can come up with for evidence that something truly weird is still flying through our skies, then I think the question we should be asking is "Where have all the UFOs disappeared to?".

Nick Balaskas

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## Pilot Can Explain Stephenville UFO Sightings

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 10:02:12 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 10:02:12 -0500  
Subject: Pilot Can Explain Stephenville UFO Sightings

Source: NBC-TV Channel - Fort Worth, Texas ,USA

<http://www.nbc5i.com/news/15069744/detail.html>

January 16, 2008

Pilot Says He Can Explain Stephenville UFO Sightings

Fort Worth, Texas -- A Fort Worth medical helicopter pilot said he knows what caused the strange lights that appeared in the sky near Stephenville last week.

Chuck Mueller was flying a medical helicopter from a Fort Worth hospital, heading south just after sunset last Thursday. He said he saw unusual lights on the horizon near Granbury.

"We were maybe five minutes into the flight when we saw the lights come on, one little orange light, and then another one and another one in sequence across the sky," he said.

His description is similar to what a county constable and dozens of others in Stephenville had described seeing two nights earlier.

"And it was something that I'd never seen before," Mueller said. "And I looked at the medic and he looked at me, and we were like, 'What was that?'"

Muller, a former Army pilot in Iraq, said an explanation "kind of hit" him.

"I'll bet that was an airplane dropping flares, dispensing flares as he was flying along," he said. "It all makes sense. The color was right."

Stephenville is close to the Brownwood Military Operations Area, a major training area for fighter jets.

Other witnesses said they would like to believe Mueller's theory, but it doesn't answer all of their questions.

"But it doesn't explain these little lights," Erath County Constable Lee Roy Gaitan said. "And then the thing about it is just the speed."

They said the lights zipped across the sky at lightning speed.

"An airplane can't do that," Gaitan said. "A helicopter can't do that."

An Air Force spokesman at Fort Worth's Joint Reserve Base said there were no military planes at all in the area last Tuesday.

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## Air Force Re-Evaluates Past UFO Sightings?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 10:12:27 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 10:12:27 -0500  
Subject: Air Force Re-Evaluates Past UFO Sightings?

Source: Truman State University Index - Kirksville, Missouri, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/ypjzvl>

1/17/08

Air Force Officials Re-Evaluate Past UFO Sightings

Pictures of frightened gasps and wide eyes as a giant gray disc hovers over the city usually make the front page of a grocery store tabloid.

With recent reports from Yahoo News and CNN, unidentified flying objects, or UFOs, once more have caught the attention of government officials. In November, the National Press Club had a news conference in Washington D.C., led by former Arizona Governor Fife Symington, members of the Air Force and government members from seven different countries.

According to a Nov. 1 news release, the leaders of the conference once more aimed to persuade the government to take an interest in the latest accounts from on-duty Air Force pilots and to reopen investigation, paying special attention to cases relating to national security. The outcome of the conference has not produced searchable results and ultimately might result in a continuation of ongoing curiosity and enthusiast debate.

Will this ever lead to a confirmation that those green visitors in the night are real? Weird Science Professor Taner Edis said it will not.

"There is no credible physical evidence for any UFO landing, UFO abduction, you name it," Edis said. "It seems to happen without leaving any credible trace."

Yet, over the past century, various organizations and people sitting waist-deep in the fad have tried to prove - and fake - the existence of the extraterrestrial through pictures, videos and even phone conversations. Countless Web sites, like the Mutual UFO Network, devoted to this phenomena post blogs concerning the latest sightings and scientific breakthroughs. Even Facebook has groups whose members continuously report sightings on discussion boards.

Edis said many of these cases owe themselves to natural occurrences in space or to aircraft. He said unexplained cases have drawn people's attention since the 1940s. Documented sightings from both Air Force radar and the public caught the attention of speculators and government officials.

"There was some people in the military saying that there was legitimate reason to be concerned over here because what if what we're seeing ... [was] actually evidence of Russian spycraft, or the Soviets [had] developed some kind of new technology," Edis said. "Mostly, they looked at it and decided it was essentially noise."

Edis said the military neglected its investigations and sent out reports to the public that failed to give enough explanation as to what had been seen.

This caused people to further blow their claims of sightings out of proportion because they feared that the government was keeping the truth a secret. He said that with the addition of the UFO pop culture that had been blooming in comic books and science fiction since the 1930s, the "UFO movement" spread.

In recent years, sightings have decreased and abduction claims have taken their place, Edis said. He said these claims generate from pop culture and should not be considered as a phenomenon to explore scientifically.

"The fact that there's this kind of residue of unexplained cases is not any more significant than the fact that there's always a certain percentage of murders unsolved," Edis said. "We don't assume that because there are murders unsolved that there are aliens coming down and slitting people's throats."

Mark Rodeghier, scientific director at the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago, seems to think otherwise.

The Center for UFO Studies, started in 1973 by Ohio State University astronomy professor Dr. J. Allen Hynek, collects information from phone calls or e-mails written by people claiming to have experienced some type of UFO encounter. The center hopes to solve the unexplained cases by making the media and scientific community more aware of the ongoing UFO problem.

"If there's strange things flying around in the sky, why should we be ignoring them?" Rodeghier said. "Tax dollars are wasted because there's an incredible bias against UFOs being something worthy of study."

Rodeghier said their team of academics, librarians and other volunteers does not investigate every case, especially if it's an incident that gives no further assistance to their research.

"But of the ones remaining - certainly a fraction of these - I would say there's some other intelligence here, floating around in our skies," Rodeghier said. "I've obviously, for years, thought about alternative explanations, and I can't find any that are as viable."

Kirksville Regional Airport has handled a handful of calls about local sightings in the past years that are always investigated and have easy, natural explanations, airport operator Rusty Milburn said. Sergeant Brent Bernhardt of the State Highway Patrol said he and his colleagues also have to take their UFO sighting calls seriously.

"We've had people report suspicious sightings," he said. "In the 17 years I've been in the highway patrol ... there are two such incidents that I personally have knowledge about. One of them was an aircraft, and the other was a meteor shower."

Meanwhile, UFO supporters and researchers have to come up with their own explanations for the strange shapes in the skies. Rodeghier said he believes that recent scientific developments could point to reasons for assumed spacecraft.

"Physicists today talk about extra dimensions in space," he said. "We could be visited, not by aliens 50 light years away, but by aliens from other universes even. That's what I think could be happening. It would be nice to know."

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## Argentine Air Force Debunks Rio Cuarto Sighting?

From: **Scott Corrales** <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 06:37:17 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 10:18:39 -0500  
Subject: Argentine Air Force Debunks Rio Cuarto Sighting?

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
January 17, 2008

Source: [www.ovnicor.blogspot.com](http://www.ovnicor.blogspot.com)  
Date: 01.16.08

Argentina: Air Force Debunks Rio Cuarto Sighting?

The following was received this morning from Mario Bracamonte of the Circulo Ovnologico Riocuartense (COR) in Argentina;

"Commodore Juan Carlos Bernascono, Chief of the Rio Cuarto Material Area, vehemently denied that any UFO sighting took place from the Control Tower of that important air force base in the vicinity of Rio Cuarto.

"He called into question the unfortunate statements made by the public relations chief. An internal inquiry has been undertaken to assign responsibility for this act.

"More information will be available this afternoon."

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INEXPLICATA thanks Mario Bracamonte and the members of COR for this information.

Scott Corrales

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<http://tinyurl.com/25xbje>

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## New UFO Sighting over Necochea Argentina

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 06:52:42 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 10:20:37 -0500  
Subject: New UFO Sighting over Necochea Argentina

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
January 17, 2008

Source: Planeta UFO  
Date: January 16, 2008

Argentina: New UFO Sighting Over Necochea

And while the Argentinean Air Force issues denials and chastises members of the high command, we have received the following from our Contributing Editor Guillermo Gimenez:

"At 23:05 on Wednesday, January 16, a new anomalous manifestation appeared over the city of Necochea, Province of Buenos Aires, on the Argentinean coast.

"Mr. Alberto Gabilan witnessed a large light in the starry sky. It had an intense blue color that lit part of the sky in a matter of seconds before vanishing without a trace. Shortly after, and as the witness continued his observations, he became aware of another, smaller light that "flashed" as it went, losing itself toward the sea. It should be clarified that weather conditions were good, the skies were clear, without any clouds whatsoever.

There was also another witness last night to an object that flew over the city as it issued a potent white light. These events can be added to the sightings occurring in other parts of the country."

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## Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 14:13:44 -0000  
Archived: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 10:22:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

>From: Nick Pope <[contact.nul](mailto:contact.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 18:52:36 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

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>particularly in relation to the British material.

Hello Nick,

Firstly I would hope that you have checked your articles on this site to see if they have been altered in any way, and wouldn't you like to be credited for your hard work and research into this area ?

I have come to the conclusion that any web site that tells people we have a list of " experts" writing for us, and then do not publish any names to confirm these experts, probably do not have any.

The sad thing is, that the UK public will think that this is the real deal with UFOs because invisible experts wrote it.

Roy

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## Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 10:20:52 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 11:05:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

>From: James Molesworth <[jtmoll.nul](mailto:jtmoll.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 13:51:17 +1100  
>Subject: Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

<snip>

>>Because, as I've suggested in emails in previous years, it's a  
>>tedious job to convert large numbers of reports to precisely  
>>defined attribute codes, from which statistics could be  
>>extracted by database software (in seconds.)

>Indeed, it is tedious. Many self proclaimed 'researchers' in  
>numerous 'anomalous research' fields fail to realise - or  
>pretend not to know - that genuine, useful research is often  
>boring and tedious to undertake, although the results may be  
>exciting.

>Too many UFO 'researchers' seem willing to ignore many of the  
>reports they receive and focus exclusively on the 'exciting'  
>ones, apparently for precisely this reason.

>No field of enquiry can ever hope to progress utilizing such a  
>monstrous methodology.

Hi James,

I would agree with much of your comment, but please don't assume that all researchers are as ignorant of the rigors of real investigative practices. There is good research mixed in the end with bad, and that's causes poor results. The lack of central leadership in the genre allow for the anarchy we see today on the Internet.

There are a few actual 'scientists' doing research, but it's often not as flashy as the stuff we see on line.

Steve

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## Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

From: Nick Pope <[contact.nul](mailto:contact.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 15:47:19 -0000  
Archived: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 11:06:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

>From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 14:13:44 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

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some of the material on my website as a source of reference, but  
they've doubtless also read material on the MoD website,  
Wikipedia, etc. There's nothing wrong with that.

In any case, I want to make information accessible and as it  
states on the front page of my website, "All material on this  
website may be freely used for non-commercial purposes. No prior  
permission is necessary".

Best wishes,

Nick Pope  
<http://www.nickpope.net>

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## Re: Mobile Phone Images?

From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 11:07:01 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 06:37:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mobile Phone Images?

>From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos.nul](mailto:nikolaos.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 23:19:00 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Mobile Phone Images?

>>From: Sean Jones <[tedric.nul](mailto:tedric.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 13:10:28 +0000  
>>Subject: Mobile Phone Images?

>>It just occurred to me that with the proliferation of  
>>mobile/cell phones with cameras we should be seeing a massive  
>>increase in photo's (however dodgy) perhaps even some moving  
>>footage.

>>But we are not.

>>Any reason why?

>UFO sightings are very rare and many of these are of very short  
>duration. My guess would be that although people will take cell  
>phone pictures of unusual or unexpected things in the sky such  
>sun pillars and the B2 bomber, few of these are unidentified  
>objects to them at the time.

>Although there are not many UFOs pictures taken with cell phone  
>cameras on the Internet, there is a proliferation of BLURFO  
>pictures (UFO images that appear on the cell phone picture but  
>which were not noticed by the witnesses at the time). Most of  
>these have prosaic explanations (see my e-mail below to Filer's  
>Files with an example of such a BLURFO).

Hi Nick,

I would like to take issue with your definition of a BLURFO. The  
place where it is discussed well is at

<http://www.rense.com/general49/blurfo.htm>

and there it is clear that the operative part of the word is  
BLUR. That is, the mystery object appears as a blur in the  
picture, probably because a bird or bug was moving across the  
near field of view. You simply define it as something appearing  
in the picture that was not seen when the photo was taken.

There is evidence that some ufos are not seen in the visible  
spectrum, but do appear on infrared-sensitive media. Also, in a  
number of published pictures where a ufo is barely visible in  
the untouched image, it becomes visible when the contrast is  
enhanced. We should not discount the possibility that, in  
general, ufos may not be visible to our eyes, and that the ones  
we do see are the anomalies. Achieving invisibility may be as  
simple as reflecting and/or emitting only light in the visible  
part of the spectrum having the same colour and intensity as the  
background. We should be used to the idea of stealth technology  
by now. Many cameras are sensitive to the near infrared, so a  
photo could show something not visible to the photographer.

William

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## Re: FYI On Jason Leigh & Stephenville UFO

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 11:49:58 EST  
Archived: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 06:39:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: FYI On Jason Leigh & Stephenville UFO

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <[UFO-UpDates.nul](mailto:UFO-UpDates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 15:44:47 -0500  
>Subject: Man Who Drove Into Waco VA In '98 Saw UFO

>>Source: Waco Tribune Herald - Texas, USA

>><http://tinyurl.com/ytzjxx>

>>Tuesday, January 15, 2008

>>Man Who Drove Into Waco VA In '98 Saw UFO  
>>By Ken Sury

>>Thanks to eagle-eyed reporter J.B. Smith, that story about the  
>>UFOs in Stephenville now has a Waco connection.

>>An Associated Press video about the sighting has an interview  
>>with Jason Leigh, the same Cleburne resident who ran his car  
>>into the Waco Veterans Affairs Regional Center in March 1998 and  
>>had a 14-hour standoff before surrendering peacefully.

>>We didn't even know he was out on the streets again.

>The name Jason Leigh may not be familiar to many of the newer  
>subscribers, here.

>In the Archive are 17 posts relating to him. The URL below  
>will take you to the search results on his name...

><http://tinyurl.com/2kyk26>

>ebk

Oh yeah, I remember then referred to as 'Dr.' Jason Leigh way back in 1997. Our staff at the old Parascope Magazine, about 30 of us all piled into Roswell for the 50th Anniversary were headquartered at one of the campground hangers and my supervisor had told me earlier that the big RV I had rented was to be also used to bunk Jason Leigh with me!

I even have a picture of us all gathered and chatting with Leigh.

As luck would have it, this chummy situation didn't happen and weeks later he was involved in the VA incident.

And people say UFology hasn't any risks.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com

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## UFO Congress Early Registration Ends January 28th

From: **UFO Congress** <[UFO\\_Congress.nul](mailto:UFO_Congress.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 17:37:34 +0000  
Archived: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 06:48:48 -0500  
Subject: UFO Congress Early Registration Ends January 28th

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## Do These Photos Capture UFO Stephenville?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 07:00:28 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 07:00:28 -0500  
Subject: Do These Photos Capture UFO Stephenville?

Source: FOX-TV 4 - Kansas City, Missouri, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/24uztw>

Thursday, 17 Jan 2008

Do These Photos Capture UFO Over Central Texas?

[Image]

You may remember the story earlier from Stephenville, Texas of locals claiming to have seen a UFO. Now, a central Texas man is claiming to have seen one over Lake Travis, and he's got pictures to back up his claim.

Virgil Fowler was taking pictures of the sunset this week, when he says he captured a UFO flying over Lake Travis. He was looking at his pictures and saw something he couldn't explain. "I was kind of surprised to see something in the pictures, something more than the sunset," Fowler said.

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More images:

<http://tinyurl.com/24oekj>

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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### NASA To Look Into Rio Cuarto Argentina UFO?

From: **Scott Corrales** <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 14:17:51 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 07:05:56 -0500  
Subject: NASA To Look Into Rio Cuarto Argentina UFO?

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
January 17, 2008

Source: INFOBAE and Fundacion Cosmos AC  
Date: January 17, 2008

Argentina: NASA To Look Into Rio Cuarto UFO?

The phenomenon was seen by residents of that locality and an official air traffic controller. The Air Force is willing to ask help from that U.S. agency in order to clear up the matter. These are the first images taken of the strange object.\*

The Argentinean Air Force is looking into a UFO sighting reported by an air traffic controller and hundreds of residents of Rio Cuarto in the Province of Cordoba (central Argentina), military sources told the EFE news agency.

They indicated that cooperation has been requested from the Comision Nacional de Actividades Espaciales (CONAE) and if necessary, from the National Air and Space Administration (NASA) of the U.S. government.

Spokesmen confirmed that the AAF does not have records of the UFO sighted on Monday night by an operator of the Rio Cuarto airport and seen by hundreds of residents of that city, located 700 km from Buenos Aires.

The traffic controller saw a strange object that did not reply to his request for identification and later vanished after flying over the airport.

Hundreds of local residents phoned radio and TV stations to report the UFO sighting. Carlos Oyola, spokesman for the Air Force in Rio Cuarto, stated that there was no record of any civilian or military flights at the time of the sighting.

Oyola told the Rio Cuarto press that the object did not correspond to a conventional aircraft "nor one of the satellites that are often seen" over the area.

But Air Force sources told EFE today that Oyola's statements do not imply official admission of the appearance of a UFO because the event has yet to be investigated.

In this regard, he stated that the object could be a weather balloon or an atmospheric phenomenon, and for this reason, cooperation was requested from CONAE and eventually from NASA.

For more information:

<http://tinyurl.com/2xccc>

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\*See: <http://frankwarren.blogspot.com/>

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## NBC Today Show TX Sighting Coverage Video & More

From: **Alejandro T. Rojas** <[arojas.nul](mailto:arojas.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 13:27:43 -0600  
Archived: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 07:08:42 -0500  
Subject: NBC Today Show TX Sighting Coverage Video & More

The Stephenville sightings on NBC's Today Show with Matt Lauer, Meredith Viera, Ann Curry, Al Roker, Natalie Morales is posted on the MUFON YouTube site:

<http://www.youtube.com/MUFONHQ>

Matt and Al even say they believe in UFOs and that aliens are probably chacking us out!

This segment features MUFON investigator Steve Hudgeons.

More Texas Stories:

UFO Sightings in Stephenville, Texas, Keep the City and Nation Abuzz? Includes radio interview with MUFON investigator Steve Hudgeons

<http://www.sanangelolive.com/node/2841>

A Task for Mulder and Scully? UFO Reported in Stephenville, Texas

<http://tinyurl.com/3cbguy>

NPR: Dozens Claim They Spotted UFO in Texas

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=18146244>

Was It a UFO in Stephenville? An Offbeat Poll

<http://tinyurl.com/39qxhs>

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### Re: Pilot Can Explain Stephenville UFO Sightings

From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 12:43:29 -0700  
Archived: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 07:10:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: Pilot Can Explain Stephenville UFO Sightings

>Pilot Says He Can Explain Stephenville UFO Sightings

>Fort Worth, Texas -- A Fort Worth medical helicopter pilot said  
>he knows what caused the strange lights that appeared in the sky  
>near Stephenville last week.

<snip>

>"I'll bet that was an airplane dropping flares, dispensing  
>flares as he was flying along," he said. "It all makes sense.  
>The color was right."

<snip>

>"But it doesn't explain these little lights," Erath County  
>Constable Lee Roy Gaitan said. "And then the thing about it is  
>just the speed."

>They said the lights zipped across the sky at lightning speed.

>"An airplane can't do that," Gaitan said. "A helicopter can't do  
>that."

As I gather from other accounts of this sighting posted here,  
the object (presuming it was a single, contiguous body) was  
approximately one mile long by a half-mile wide, at an altitude  
of ~3500 ft.

An estimated speed of 2000 - 3000 mph is reported, although I've  
not seen details of how this was estimated. It is consistent with  
the reported 3 minute duration of the object's first pass, in  
that the arc length of visible travel to a ground-based observer  
directly beneath the trajectory would be ~145 miles, which could  
be traversed in 3 minutes at a speed of ~2900 mph.

But consider what this observer sees looking straight overhead:  
the object occupies over 40% of the angular width of the sky,  
and moreover, its entire length traverses the zenith in less  
than 1.25 sec! Definitely an attention-getter, and hard to  
confuse with prosaic phenomena.

However, I must venture the opinion that, if the object was a  
contiguous solid rather than a set of distinct individual light  
sources, our observer would have absolutely no difficulty  
ascertaining this, unless the atmosphere was extremely hazy  
and/or the lights were so bright as to eliminate all detail and  
contrast from the remainder of the sky. Put another way, if the  
observer had any equivocation at all about this detail, the  
default presumption should be that distinct light sources were  
observed.

Of course, this does not address the extraordinary reported  
speed of the object(s), approximately Mach 4, assuming the  
altitude estimate is accurate. Even if only the angular rate is  
correct, then the lack of any sound or air shocks is anomalous  
in itself, assuming this occurred within our atmosphere.

Mike

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## Friedman, Fox & MaGaha On Larry King Tonight

From: **Stanton T Friedman** <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 16:10:34 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 07:13:18 -0500  
Subject: Friedman, Fox & MaGaha On Larry King Tonight

Just got off the phone with Larry King's people and I will be going down to New York, early in the morning to be on Friday night's Larry King show from there.

James Fox will be on along with debunker James MaGaha from Arizona, Texas witnesses, etc.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Mobile Phone Images?

From: John Velez <[jvelez49.nul](mailto:jvelez49.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 15:31:46 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 07:18:06 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mobile Phone Images?

>From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos.nul](mailto:nikolaos.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 23:19:00 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Mobile Phone Images?

>>From: Sean Jones <[tedric.nul](mailto:tedric.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 13:10:28 +0000  
>>Subject: Mobile Phone Images?

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>>mobile/cell phones with cameras we should be seeing a massive  
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>Hi Sean!

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>is still flying through our skies, then I think the question we  
>should be asking is "Where have all the UFOs disappeared to?".

Hello Nick, All,

"BLURFOs", <LOL> still at it, eh Nick? Try this one on for size.

<http://myparanormallife.blogspot.com/2007/12/costa-rica-ufo-video.html>

This is from a Costa Rican news broadcast. The young man who  
witnessed the flying disc captured the images on his cell phone.

I don't think your flip and immediately dismissive without  
conducting any investigation, 'BLURFO' explanation comes  
anywhere near to explaining this one away.

Sean: You are absolute correct that the proliferation of cell  
phones should translate into 'more' recorded UFO sightings. This  
video is a case in point.

Nick: Do a little homework next time before you trot out your  
pet 'Blurfo' theory. That brand of 'knee-jerk debunkery' is

Re: Mobile Phone Images?

really wearing a bit thin at this juncture.

Enjoy the video, all...

John Velez

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## Re: Pilot Can Explain Stephenville UFO Sightings

From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 17:07:52 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 07:20:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: Pilot Can Explain Stephenville UFO Sightings

><http://www.nbc5i.com/news/15069744/detail.html>

>January 16, 2008

>Pilot Says He Can Explain Stephenville UFO Sightings

<snip>

>An Air Force spokesman at Fort Worth's Joint Reserve Base said  
>there were no military planes at all in the area last Tuesday.

And when mom got home, neither bro or sis ever went  
\_anywhere\_\_near\_ the empty cookie jar! No no no ...  
they did \_not\_!

Eleanor White

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## Re: Why So Few UFO Photos? [Was: Mobile Phone]

From: [RB47x.nul](#)  
Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 18:51:29 EST  
Archived: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 07:22:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: Why So Few UFO Photos? [Was: Mobile Phone]

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This hits the crux of the argument several weeks ago on this List  
about UFO researchers mislabeling uninvestigated sightings as  
"UFO's" when even the witnesses themselves did not know whether  
they saw IFO's or UFO's. They should be NFO's (Non-investigated  
or Non-sufficient data Flying Objects).

Cameras simply do not provide enough data for witnesses to tell  
if they have a UFO or an IFO, and cameras are not PhD's! There  
is no scientist investigator attached to a camera!

Real UFO's must be large enough and close enough to a camera  
(and a witness) for there to be enough detail to have a good  
shot at distinguishing IFO from UFO Unknown based on shape and  
appearance alone rather than motion. Cameras are very poor  
instruments for laypersons to accurately record strange motions  
of an object in the sky since they have no idea what it is that  
should be recorded and how to do it. Accurate motion data would  
require moving pictures taken from a stable tripod but if the  
object crosses a large part of the sky at fast pace then it can  
pass out of view and data are lost. If there is no stable  
background in view then the images are all but worthless for  
motion data (unless it's an amateur astronomer with recorded sky  
coordinates and who has that ready at hand??).

The size to distance ratio is approximately the angular size (in  
radians). As a rule of thumb the UFO image must be at least a  
Full Moon in angular size to both camera and witness for there  
to be enough detail to tell IFO from UFO (and even then that  
will not always be enough). This is roughly 1:100 size/distance  
ratio or about 0.5 degree.

A typical UFO is about 30 feet in size so it must be closer to a  
witness (and be photographed at this close approach) than about  
3,000 feet (about 1/2 mile). The chances of anyone encountering

a real UFO at less than that distance and taking pictures is very slim and has nothing to do with UFO's supposedly disappearing from us or how many millions of cameras are available.

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As explained above, it has little to do with sheer numbers of cameras and people, but with the quality of the imagery and the extreme rarity just on statistics alone of anyone getting close enough to take pictures with enough detail for (a) a witness to sense that something is odd and should be reported, and (b) a scientist to make an investigation and scientific evaluation that it is a real UFO not an IFO.

One can argue that digital cell phone images are perhaps an order of magnitude poorer in resolution than film cameras. This would mean that one might have to be 3x closer to a UFO than even 3,000 feet to be able to get enough visual detail in digital cell phone cameras, i.e., closer than 1,000 feet.

In effect, just about the only way any UFO's could get close enough for digital cameras to record them in sufficient detail is if they were Close Encounters. This means photographic evidence of Daylight Discs and Nocturnal Lights would have to be rejected unless the objects fell within a rough Close Encounter definition (usually within 500 feet). (An intermediate distance range between 500 and 1,000-3,000 feet is on the borderline between the Hynek classifications of DD-NL and CE's.)

To sum up, very few people are ever going to be close enough to take good enough pictures of real UFO's where it will be obvious to them and others what it is they photographed.

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## Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

From: James Molesworth <[jtmoll.nul](mailto:jtmoll.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 10:53:13 +1100  
Archived: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 07:24:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 10:20:52 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

>>From: James Molesworth <[jtmoll.nul](mailto:jtmoll.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 13:51:17 +1100  
>>Subject: Re: Who Are These 'UFO Experts'?

><snip>

>>>Because, as I've suggested in emails in previous years, it's a  
>>>tedious job to convert large numbers of reports to precisely  
>>>defined attribute codes, from which statistics could be  
>>>extracted by database software (in seconds.)

>>Indeed, it is tedious. Many self proclaimed 'researchers' in  
>>numerous 'anomalous research' fields fail to realise - or  
>>pretend not to know - that genuine, useful research is often  
>>boring and tedious to undertake, although the results may be  
>>exciting.

>>Too many UFO 'researchers' seem willing to ignore many of the  
>>reports they receive and focus exclusively on the 'exciting'  
>>ones, apparently for precisely this reason.

>>No field of enquiry can ever hope to progress utilizing such a  
>>monstrous methodology.

>I would agree with much of your comment, but please don't assume  
>that all researchers are as ignorant of the rigors of real  
>investigative practices. There is good research mixed in the end  
>with bad, and that's causes poor results. The lack of central  
>leadership in the genre allow for the anarchy we see today on  
>the Internet.

>There are a few actual 'scientists' doing research, but it's  
>often not as flashy as the stuff we see on line.

G'day Steve.

Whilst the complaint listed above is but one of many I (and  
doubtless many others) have against the failings of \_some\_  
'Ufologists', I am fully aware that there are others who  
undertake their research in an entire competent manner. It is  
certainly not necessary that one be a 'scientist' in a  
professional sense - indeed contributions from those in other  
fields of inquiry, or indeed laymen, are essential to a broad,  
full understanding of the various phenomena.

Unfortunately, due in considerable part to the lack of  
centralized authority you mention, there are no checks against  
the former, save the complaints and criticisms of said  
competents. Of course, if a body of those researchers best known  
and respected in the field could be organized so as to comprise  
some form of authority, capable of censuring those unable or  
unwilling to undertake their investigations and argumentation in

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an except ably rigorous manner, it may make an appreciable difference, both to the ability of researchers to progress, and of the media and other persons outside the field to recognize that there is a distinct difference between such crank UFOphiles and genuine UFOlogists. I have occasionally heard it said that Richard Hall is a cranky head-biter: good, someone who is highly recognizable needs to make it clear that nonsense will not be tolerated

Will it?

(Whinge, whine whinge - O.K, that's my dose for the day!)

James M.

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## PRG Update - January 15 2008

From: **Paradigm Research Group** <[PRG.nul](mailto:PRG.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 19:15:25 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 07:26:55 -0500  
Subject: PRG Update - January 15 2008

PRG  
Paradigm Research Group

PRG Update - Part - January 15, 2008

Sighting Media Coverage

A significant sighting has occurred in San Diego which has comparisons to Phoenix in 1997 and some Mexico sightings. It is developing and has received some national coverage. Another in Texas has been linked on the Drudge Report which receives in excess of 20 million page views a day. The Drudge Report also previously linked to the Chicago O'Hare Airport sighting articles. If the San Diego sighting, which occurred on New Years Day, is indicative of Mexico-type events moving north of the Rio Grande, the implications are non-trivial.

San Diego  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAox0pcZZxo>

Texas:  
<http://tinyurl.com/37ymx2>  
<http://tinyurl.com/2w8hgo>  
<http://tinyurl.com/3drwxo>

X-Conference 2008  
[www.x-conference.com](http://www.x-conference.com)

At this time the conference looks to include the following: 15 Lectures/Keynotes of either 30, 45, 60 or 90 minutes, 2 Panels (The Aviary, Plenary), 4 Documentaries, Tribute to Dr. John Mack, Friday Speakers Party, Saturday Banquet, PRG Awards, Monday PRG press conference (National Press Club).

The Aviary Panel: PRG is seeking to bring as many of the legendary Aviary as possible to X-Conference 2008 to participate in a panel and in some cases to lecture. This Panel would be unprecedented. If you are not familiar with the Aviary, just Google: Aviary UFO. However, be aware that what you will find is a mixture of fact, fiction, myth and, perhaps, disinformation. Come to X-Conference 2008 to sort it all out.

Tribute to Dr. John Mack: Dr. Mack and PEER (Program for Extraordinary Experience Research) were instrumental in PRG Ex. Dir. Stephen Bassett's entrance into the field of extraterrestrial-related phenomena research/activism. John Mack is one of the most important people of the 20th Century. His recognition as such by mainstream society is only a matter of time. Until then PRG is pleased to honor him at X-Conference 2008.

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If the number of mainstream news stories being logged in through the first 10 days of 2008 continues at the same pace, it will result in 927 articles in 2008 vs. 472 in 2007 and 186 in 2006.  
[www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/newsitems2007.html](http://www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/newsitems2007.html)

PRG Video/Audio Archive

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The number of UFO/ET/Exopolitical videos being archived on YouTube/Google and other sites is increasing exponentially. It is impossible to keep up. The new reality of Internet video is quite simply going to put unbearable pressure on the UFO/ET truth embargo. It is too vast to dilute sufficiently with disinformation and too fast to anticipate. Nothing short of a shut down or governmental takeover of the Internet will stop this process. PRG has now archived about 300 selected videos for easy access. The goal is to reach 1000 and stop. More is not necessary as these sites usually show related videos with every viewing, which allows for easy linked browsing.

UFO Magazine Article

[www.ufomag.com](http://www.ufomag.com)

Stephen Bassett has written a "media year in review" for the next issue of the UFO Magazine.

PRG (Stephen Bassett) Appearance and Media Schedule

[www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/speaking&eventschedule.html](http://www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/speaking&eventschedule.html)

February 9 - Exopolitics Radio - Interview with Alfred L. Webre

[www.exopoliticsradio.com](http://www.exopoliticsradio.com)

March 1 - WHFR FM Detroit - We Are Not Alone w/ David Twitchell

<http://whfr.fm/show/WeAreNotAlone>

April 18-20 - X-Conference 2008 (Gaithersburg, MD)

[www.x-conference.org](http://www.x-conference.org)

July 3-6 - Roswell UFO Festival (Roswell, NM)

[www.roswellufofestival.com](http://www.roswellufofestival.com)

July 10-20 - International Institute of Integral Human Sciences (IIIHS) Conference (Montreal)

<http://iiihs.org>

Fund Raising

PRG recently sent out a fund raising letter and one follow-up letter to the 6000+ PRG Updates list. Much thanks to those who have responded with support. The goal was 1 in 5 and right now its at 1 in 200. One more follow-up letter will go out shortly and that will be it for 2008. PRG will not become an NGO always in fund raising mode peppering all with email requests.

The dramatic expansion in media coverage, new sightings, actions by foreign governments and the ongoing presidential campaign create an unprecedented opportunity to break the truth embargo. All that is needed is the funding to act at all appropriate levels.

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## 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

From: Kentaro Mori <[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
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Posted, thanks to the work of the Brazilian researcher and historian Rodolpho Gauthier, is the article "Um Disco Voador esteve em minha casa...", "A Flying Saucer Has Been In My House..." published first in Mundo Ilustrado magazine in 1954.

The article was written by Vinicius Lima, showing "how to make a Martian spaceship", and this is the catch, the photo trickery was done by Almiro Barauna.

Less than four years later, the very same Barauna allegedly took photos of a real flying saucer while aboard a ship near the Trindade Island, on what would become a classic and to some, one of the best UFO cases ever.

Continue reading for the full translation and additional commentary:

<http://tinyurl.com/34zuyr>

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## Some Lubbock Residents Spot A UFO

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Source: KCBD-TV 11 - Kansas City, Missouri, USA

<http://www.kcbd.com/global/story.asp?s=7738129>

Jan 17, 2008

Some Lubbock Residents Spot A UFO Traveling Across Texas

In recent weeks several UFO sightings have been reported near Stephenville, Texas. Some say the mysterious lights traveling across Texas are now lighting up the Lubbock sky.

NewsChannel 11 received phone calls and e-mails from several viewers Wednesday night after we showed this home video taken just south of Fort Worth Monday night. Witnesses in the area described seeing four orange lights in a straight line.

That sighting came one week after residents in Stephenville claimed they saw a UFO as well.

A phenomenon several people say they have seen appear locally.

For a brief moment Tuesday morning, Texas Tech student Brian Callahan says he felt as though he'd entered the twilight zone.

"The light was so brilliant it was like a white light I've never seen," says Callahan.

Callahan spotted the mysterious object just Northeast of his house located between Frankford and Erskine.

"The thing that boggled my mind most of all was its speed. I've never seen anything move that fast. I've never seen any plane move that fast," says Callahan.

Callahan's description sounds relatively similar to a UFO citing a week ago in Stephenville.

"I saw bright lights that glowed and then faded," says one Stephenville resident.

"It looked faster than a jet," says another Stephenville resident.

And then there's home video taken just Monday night South of Forth Worth. Witnesses claim four orange lights appeared in a straight line in the night sky.

Sightings Callahan had not heard of until he began research on the Internet.

"With the universe being so big you gotta wonder what's up there sometimes," says Callahan.

NewsChannel 11 showed the video to Ron Wilhelm and Lee Powell in the Physics Department at Texas Tech.

After a look at the lights, the men say it's time for a reality check.

"I don't know what that is. It looks like a star or a satellite," says Wilhelm.

Both Wilhelm and Powell claim what may appear out of the ordinary to some actually does belong right there in the sky.

"There are certain satellites they give off a big flash as they rotate," says Wilhelm.

"I've certainly seen meteorites break up and leave a glowing trail behind them," says Powell.

"A fireball is a glowing meteor. It's a hot rock that shoots across the sky," says Wilhelm.

What about extra terrestrial life?

"I think there is confusion whether there is life on other planets or whether life is visiting us from other planets. The probability that life somewhere else is high but probability of life visiting us is very much lower," says Wilhelm.

Texas investigators from the Mutual UFO Network Plan to look into the Stephenville sightings this weekend and Tech student Callahan is traveling there to tag along.

This isn't the first time there have been alleged UFO sightings in Lubbock. One of the most popular sightings was in 1951--a set of triangle shaped lights now known as "The Lubbock Lights."

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## Look Up In The Sky No Idea What It Is

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Thursday, January 17, 2008

Kelso's Kranky Korner

Look, Up In The Sky - I Have No Idea What It Is  
By John Kelso

There's something risky about admitting you've seen a UFO. It's got trailer park written all over it. It's kinda like saying, "OK, so I shave Dale Earnhardt's number into my back. What's it to you?"

My little UFO wasn't anything like the one being reported this month out of the Stephenville area, where locals say they saw something large, silent and metallic with bright lights in the sky. I'm skeptical of UFO reports. Back in the '80s I did a news story on a family in Dayton, Texas who were suing the federal government because they said they'd been nuked by a UFO. They were claiming the military was doing some sort of experimental airborne vehicle testing in the area, near Houston. Something big came out of the sky over the highway and heated up their car. That was their story and they were sticking to it. One woman in the family even had a doctor in Alabama who said she had suffered from radiation damage, although he couldn't pinpoint from where.

The case finally got thrown out of federal court. I'd suspected that one of the women involved had simply stuck her head in the microwave at the local truck stop.

So here's my UFO story.

It was November, 2004, and I was headed west on Interstate 10, about an hour east of Fort Stockton in West Texas. The sun had been down for about an hour. There were no alcohol or drugs involved. I had been under a lot of stress from a family matter. But I was as sober as the front row at Hyde Park Baptist.

Way up on the top of the skyline, as far off in the distance as you could see, I saw a tiny, bright green oval-shaped light, about the size of an M&M. It was tiny, but the color - about the shade of a green LifeSaver candy - was distinct, eye-catching. All of a sudden, in a second, this green dot dropped from the very top of the sky, down to the bottom of it, then sped off in a wink and disappeared in the distance. Zip. It was gone. The drop down and the speed off probably took a grand total of two seconds. If that.

This was out on the flat part of the desert where lights play tricks on you. No aliens took me away to another planet for probes. But I have no idea what it was I saw.

About an hour later as I was pulling into Fort Stockton I saw some blue and red lights flashing low to the horizon. But that was a different story. The nice DPS trooper gave me a warning for speeding.

The next day I coincidentally visited the UFO museum in Roswell, N.M. and told the people there about the green light that had zoomed off in an instant. They asked me to fill out a report, but I lost the forms in the back seat of my car somehow and never did. What I really wonder about is what happened to the forms.

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## ET Stay Home

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January 17, 2008

ET Stay Home

We should resist the efforts of Russian scientists to contact aliens who could threaten our very existence

By David Cox

They sent the first satellite into space. They got the first mammal into orbit, and then the first human being. Now, the Russians are pursuing an altogether more ambitious extraterrestrial project. They're actively trying to make contact with alien beings. And some astronomers fear the project could have catastrophic consequences.

Of course, efforts to pick up incoming signals from alien entities are well established. Over 170,000 volunteers worldwide are currently using their home computers to help analyse radiotelescope data for the eight-year-old Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (Seti) programme run by the University of California Berkeley's space sciences laboratory. Cornell University astronomers operating the world's largest radiotelescope, in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, are delivering 100,000 gigabytes of information a year to the project - roughly the amount of data stored in the US Library of Congress.

However, a very different exercise has been undertaken by the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow. It depends not on listening for signs of life from outside, but on transmitting powerful radio signals deep into space in the hope that these will be recognised and decoded by alien lifeforms. People have toyed with this idea (now known as "active Seti") since the 19th century, and messages were once sent to supposed inhabitants of the moon. Now, however, Alexander Zaitsev, the chief scientist at the Moscow academy's institute of radio engineering, has been using a 70m-wide radiotelescope at the Evpatoria Deep Space Centre in the Ukraine to project state-of-the-art active-Seti messages to nearby star systems.

The problem is obvious. If we discover alien life ourselves, we can decide what, if anything, to do about it. If, on the other hand, we alert aliens to our own existence, we'll be at their mercy. There's no reason to suppose they'd be friendly. On the contrary, Independence Day may provide us with a more useful model than Close Encounters.

After all, we earthlings have hardly shown an invariably benevolent attitude to such new lifeforms as we have come across. Why should aliens be any different? Any who prove capable of interpreting our messages are likely to be far more advanced than we are. Though we can't at present envisage a means by which they could travel the vast distances that would

separate us from them, they might well be capable of destroying, transporting or dismantling us by some form of remote control.

Not long ago, the idea that an extraterrestrial civilisation might threaten us would have been dismissed as far-fetched. No longer. Recent simulations of known extrasolar planetary systems have found that about half of them could be expected to harbour an earth-like world. There's no reason to suppose that intelligent life hasn't evolved on some of these planets as it has on earth, and there's every reason to guess that some of the lifeforms involved would by now be far more developed than our own.

As long ago as the 1970s, Sir Martin Ryle, the then Astronomer Royal, warned that "any creatures out there" might be "malevolent or hungry". The late Ronald Bracewell, a Stanford University astronomer, argued that alien creatures would be likely to be both cunning and well armed. Another influential astronomer, Zdenek Kopal, told a British colleague: "Should we ever hear the space-phone ringing, for God's sake let's not answer. We must avoid attracting attention to ourselves."

It's hardly surprising, then, that the recent Russian activity has aroused disquiet among those in a position to evaluate it. Two leading scientists are reported to have resigned last month from an international group supposed to keep an eye on such matters, because they feared it wasn't doing enough about the dangers posed by active Seti.

Michael Michaud, a former US deputy assistant secretary of state for science, and John Billingham, a former chief of the Nasa Seti office, apparently quit the International Academy of Astronautics' Seti study group in protest against its lassitude. Billingham said: "We're talking about initiating communication with other civilisations, but we know nothing of their goals, capabilities or intent."

So far, there's no reason to suppose that, if the Russians manage to discover any alien life, they'll be seeking to marshal its firepower in the new cold war against the west. All the same, there's clearly a danger that they might inadvertently prompt intergalactic annihilation. This may not be as pressing a matter as the perils being faced in Russia by the British Council's plucky staffers. Yet perhaps our formidable foreign secretary should none the less add active Seti to his growing list of concerns.

Many astronomers believe that any active Seti activity should have to be authorised in advance by the world's assembled governments. Isn't it time for Mr Miliband to tell President Putin in no uncertain terms that HMG will accept nothing less? Thereafter, we could all sleep safe in our beds once more.

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## Lights Spark UFO Mystery

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19 January, 2008

Lights Spark UFO Mystery  
By Claire Doughty

A city couple were left stunned when they spotted six mysterious lights hovering in the sky above their home.

And Trish and Ken Fraser now want to shed some light on the unusual phenomenon and find out exactly what they were.

They saw the unidentified flying objects on Sunday, January 6, above their home in Balnacraig Road.

And the Highland News has been contacted by another local resident who also saw something similar at the same time.

The strange episode occurred at around 7.30pm, when the yellow coloured lights were seen moving slowly from the west to the east in pairs.

Trish and Ken told the Highland News they have tried to come up with a logical explanation, but said they were unlike any known aircraft and said the slow movement, lack of noise and length of time they loitered about discounted any man-made explanation.

Trish (53) who captured the spectacle on her digital camera said: "I was just sitting in the conservatory and I saw the lights. At first I thought they might have been microlights, but then I realised it wasn't that."

Trish who works as an assistant at the city's Farraline Park-based library added: "There was no sound at all and they were all an orange or yellow light. They came from the west and travelled to the east. When they got further to the east, it appeared as though they went higher into the sky.

"I have never seen anything like that before. I just think that someone else might have seen them or be able to explain what they were. They were much bigger than stars. Someone suggested it could have been a meteor storm, but I never imagined that such a thing would look like that.

"I don't believe in aliens or anything like that and I don't think that it was that, although if it was ET that would be okay."

Her husband Ken (55) who has his own painting and decorating business said he had been watching the TV when Trish called him through to see the lights.

He said: "A friend of ours who lives on the other side of the

canal in Iona Road also saw them. They were visible for about ten minutes and then they disappeared into the distance.

"I thought at first it was a helicopter as we quite often get them or planes flying over but there was no noise at all. Also planes usually have the red and green lights on them and these didn't.

"They came from the direction of Craig Dunain and then disappeared. I think they just got so far away that we couldn't see them any more.

"We thought it could be explained away very easily, but so far we haven't got anywhere."

A woman in the Hilton area of the city also reported seeing strange objects in the sky when she was in her garden.

She said: "I saw three orange coloured lights moving across the night sky for quite a few minutes. They were really unusual and couldn't have been plane lights because they seemed quite large in the distance and because of the way they moved and then seemed to stop and move again.

"There seemed to be a slight flare off them and someone suggested they might be hot air balloons. But I didn't think that was likely at the time of night in the dark."

Pauline Macrae, a committee member with the Highland Astronomical Society was also perplexed as to what the bright lights could have been.

She said: "I really don't know what this could have been. I can't offer an explanation. There was nothing astronomical at that time unless they were satellites."

The Highland News contacted RAF Kinloss and Inverness Airport to see if any aircraft could have been in the area at around 7.30pm on Sunday, January 6.

However both the RAF and Nat Anderson, a spokesman for Highlands and Islands Airports Ltd, said no aircraft were flying at that time in that area.

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## Does 'Superior Mirage' Explain Texas UFO Reports?

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Source: National Public Radio - Washington, DC, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/22kn6u>

January 17, 2008

All Things Considered Series

Does 'Superior Mirage' Explain Texas UFO Reports?

Many listeners wrote in about Wade Goodwyn's story on UFO sightings in Texas, and one pointed out that we missed a teaching opportunity about superior mirage phenomenon. Robert Siegel talks with Christine Pulliam, a spokeswoman for the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, to find out more.

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Source: Access News - Georgetown, Kentucky, USA

<http://accessnews.com/index.php/articles/show/id/13744>

Friday, 18 January 2008

UFO Conspiracy Theorists Banking on Hillary Clinton Winning the Election

By Armando Duke

Rumors fly that Hillary Clinton is UFO proponents best shot at getting information released if elected to the White House

(Access News) Houston - The rash of Texas UFO sightings prompted a flurry of interesting reader comments.. Today we got a hot one! It turns out that the UFO faction is backing Hillary Clinton's presidential run, according to revealing new evidence and the Clinton election machine would prefer not to talk about it!

Newsday's Glenn Thrush wrote in a March 19, 2007 story that reporters were having a tough time getting papers out of the Clinton Library ever since Hillary Clinton announced she was running for office. Thrush noted that "To the dozens of reporters, historians, anti-Clinton types and eccentrics who have filed requests for documents from the library's archive, it (Clinton Library) is Little Rock's Fort Knox."

In June, 2007, Billy Cox with the HeraldTribune in South Florida wrote about a lone lobbyist in Washington that represented the UFO faction. His name is Stephen Bassett, and he's the executive director of the Extraterrestrial Phenomena Political Action Committee, or X-PPAC, at [www.x-ppac.org](http://www.x-ppac.org).

While waiting for the Bush-Cheney term to expire, Bassett puts the best odds for UFO openness in the next administration on a Hillary Clinton/Bill Richardson ticket, writes Cox.

While trolling back through x-ppac.org's site, I came across a lengthy item regarding the "Rockefeller Initiative" and a request for oodles of documents from the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) consisting of 991 pages relating to a Freedom of Information Request asking for documents related to UFOs, extraterrestrial intelligence, and the Rockefeller Initiative - during the Clinton Presidency.

Working with philanthropist Laurence Rockefeller, Dr. Steven M. Greer, Director with the Disclosure Project provided in-depth briefing materials for President Clinton and Hillary Clinton to expose reasons for covering up the government's UFO knowledge, who reviewed the matter while staying at the Rockefeller's JY Ranch.

A November, 2007 press release was edited back by

prnewswire.com, refusing to publish the above statement. An AXcess News reader who provided us with the in roads to these many leads leading up to the Clinton's knowledge of the government knowing more about UFOs than they care to let on to is what this story is all about and how through that, UFO proponents are working quietly in the background of the Democratic primary race in the hopes of seeing Hillary Rodham Clinton win the presidency next year. You see, Hillary Clinton is looked upon as a 'believer' in the government UFO conspiracy of a cover up.

While we can't verify any of the information we found, the paths all seem to offer some credibility in the government not letting on to information they'd rather not have the general public become alarmed over - whether there are or aren't - little green men from space.

Reading the stories of the Texas UFO sightings earlier this week there were some common threads in the more credible witness accounts as recorded by a scientific group that investigates unidentified flying object phenomena who interviewed them which were then carried in a follow up article this morning as an update to the Texas UFO sightings.

Dr. Greer reports that "The Clintons refused further disclosure of the matter. CIA Director Woolsey frankly stated that they could not disclose programs over which they had no control or access. Mr. Woolsey and the Clintons were shaken by the secrecy, and the power behind it."

In the two Texas UFO sightings stories this week, witnesses said that "the sightings were followed by military jets that chased the unidentified flying objects out of the airspace" and in one instance, "government vehicles were seen racing by shortly after" that in the direction of the UFO's flight. Two eyewitness accounts from two completely different people who didn't know each other and reported their findings on multiple UFO sightings taking place near Forth Worth, Texas within a week of each other, the later being the Stephenville, TX UFO sightings that caught the eye of the media - and AXcess News. Stephenville is only 50 miles from Ft. Worth.

Dr. Greer states "As early as 1993, when I personally briefed CIA Director James Woolsey on the UFO matter, we knew of on-going, secret projects to which President Clinton and Mr. Woolsey were denied access. The senior counsel for the Senate Appropriations Committee, then headed by Senator Byrd (D-WV) told me directly that upwards of \$100 billion per year was going into so-called 'black' projects, including UFO programs, but that with a top-secret clearance and a subpoena power, he could not penetrate the veil of secrecy."

It's no wonder the Clinton political machine is brushing this whole thing under the table. After all, it could hurt Hillary's chances of winning the primary presidential race, so even the UFO advocates are keeping a low profile. Clinton's campaign offices have not divulged whether Rockefeller's UFO supporters are contributing to her campaign - nor have any of her competing politicians in either Party used the UFO angle against Clinton - at least not yet.

Again, if any readers have information UFO sightings, pictures or on UFO support of the Clinton campaign, please email me, I am very interested in following up on more on the UFO phenomena.

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## New Sunderland UK UFO Mystery

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New Sunderland UFO Mystery - Slideshow

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By Jane O'Neill

Brian Lynn is sure we are not alone, after spotting a mysterious object in the skies above his holiday home.

Brian was fascinated to read about mum-of-four Neala Fenton, from New Herrington, whose mobile-phone footage of mysterious blue and pink lights appeared on the Echo's website.

Brian, from Shiney Row, has been scanning the skies ever since. And his patience was rewarded when he saw strange lights above his caravan at Beamish Hall.

He took a series of snaps with his digital camera, and hopes someone may be able to shed some light on what he saw.

Brian, 64, said: "It was a nice night and the sky was clear. I have got a new camera, so I thought I would try it out.

"I saw two stars next to the moon. When I looked again, I saw it wasn't two stars =96 it was light reflecting on the side of the craft.

"I ran back in and got my camera and took some pictures. It was there for about 10 minutes, then it clouded over.

"No doubt about it =96 it was a UFO. I could not believe what I was looking at."

It's not the first time mysterious objects have been spotted over the North East.

Bright, orange-coloured orbs were seen floating over Seaham in August 2006.

The Ministry of Defence was set to investigate, but party pranksters with glowing lanterns were found to be the culprits.

Shocked Neil Carter was putting rubbish out at his Sunderland home when he saw a strange banana-shaped object in the sky.

Mr Carter, 40, from Monkwearmouth, said: "At first it appeared to be very small and was bobbing up and down in the sky. Then it dropped down a bit and got bigger.

"It was all a bit of a shock, because there was nothing else in

the sky and there appeared to be no explanation as to what it might be."

A five-foot pear-shaped piece of silver metal was spotted hurtling towards the ground in Hendon in 2000.

Officials at Newcastle Airport were alerted after a similar sighting above Penshaw.

There was a spate of UFO sightings in April 1996, with 70 suspected incidents over Tyne and Wear.

\* Did you see the object? Or have you seen something else in the skies over Sunderland?

Contact reporter Jane O'Neill, tel: 565 8557.

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### UFO Hunters On The History Channel

Incidents involving UFOs and extraterrestrial life have been reported throughout history. UFO Hunters, a new series on The History Channel, follows a group of experts as they subject some of history's most intriguing UFO accounts, and the evidence surrounding them, to exhaustive scrutiny in an effort to uncover the actual facts. The series is a spinoff from the network's hit program UFO Hunters which premiered in 2005. The new HD series UFO Hunters premieres Wednesday, February 6th, 2008 at 10:00 p.m. ET/PT on The History Channel.

UFO Hunters Bill Birnes, Pat Uskert, Dr. Ted Acworth, and Jeff Tomlinson are passionate about separating fact from fallacy when it comes to UFO incidents. Each brings a different background and perspective: Bill Birnes is publisher of UFO Magazine, home to one of the world's largest collections of documentation on UFO incidents. Also from UFO Magazine is investigator Pat Uskert, who became intrigued with the UFO phenomenon after he witnessed a strange metallic object floating over Venice, California. Jeff Tomlinson is the scientific intern with the UFO HUNTERS team. They are joined by Dr. Ted Acworth of MIT, a mechanical engineer and researcher who previously worked for NASA and brings the discipline of hard science to the team, assisting in the investigations of reported UFO incidents to determine if they are real.

Each week, this group travels to the site of a well-known UFO encounter to explore the event and uncover what really happened. In the course of their investigations, the UFO Hunters examine evidence such as videotapes, audiotapes, witness interviews, and files newly opened under the Freedom of Information Act, then go on location and to the lab to interview, re-construct the events, and investigate. Their journeys take them across North America and Europe in search of the truth about these UFO sightings.

The premiere episode of the new HD series UFO Hunters examines an incident that took place two weeks before the now-famous report of a UFO crash in Roswell, New Mexico. UFO Hunters: The Ufo Before Roswell travels back to June 21st, 1947, when Harold Dahl was boating with crew and dog off the coast of Maury Island, Washington, in Puget Sound. They noticed several odd-shaped aircraft dotting the sky. One suddenly began spewing white-hot fragments over the water and onto the beach. The fiery falling debris killed Dahl's dog and broke his son's arm. He told the harbor patrol, who in turn reported the incident to the military. A few weeks later, two Air Force intelligence officers from Hamilton Field, California arrived in Tacoma. After conducting interviews, and collecting most of the remaining

wreckage, the officers departed McChord Field in the early hours of August 1st. Shortly afterward, the airplane lost communication, and people reported seeing flames in the sky. Two people died in the crash, two others made their way through the darkness to a farmhouse. UFO Hunters has located the crash scene and along with an archeologist, comb the debris field, gathering and analyzing the evidence. UFO Hunters: THE UFO BEFORE ROSWELL premieres Wed., Feb. 6th at 10:00pm ET/PT.

The following incidents reported by individuals are investigated in the series:

- June 1947 - A group of people out boating notice odd-shaped aircraft in the sky overhead - when fiery debris from the objects suddenly rains down on them. U.S. military sent in later to collect evidence are involved in a plane crash. Not long after the boating incident, an unusual aircraft accident is reported in Roswell, New Mexico, raising further questions.

- September 1961 - A couple driving on a rural New Hampshire road allege they were abducted, examined, and returned to their car by their captors. Under hypnosis they reveal details of their abduction and the woman draws a map of an unknown solar system. Years later, astronomers discover a solar system closely matching it.

- 1980 - A pilot flying his small plane spots an object just below the surface of the water off Catalina Island. He reports that a bright light emanating from the object enveloped his plane and froze his controls, after which he lost consciousness.

- August 2007 - Two sleepy villages in eastern Mexico, Valles and Xilitla, report debris falling from the sky, and a 10-foot-diameter fireball was seen to fly back and forth through the sky as if being maneuvered, before crashing to the ground.

- Since the 1980s, over 7,000 sightings of strange objects in the sky have been reported in the Hudson Valley region of upstate New York, and the source of a powerful beam of light emanating from the center of a local cemetery has yet to be determined.

Other episodes of UFO Hunters will investigate reports of man-made aircraft and spacecraft encountering UFOs while flying, incidents of police encounters with UFOs, various stone formations around the world, such as Stonehenge, that many experts feel are powerful clues into the extraterrestrial world, and a look at the efforts of modern organizations like SETI and NASA, and what they are doing to investigate the presence of extraterrestrial life in the universe

The official minisite, <http://www.history.com/ufohunters> will include videos of reported UFO sightings as well as an ongoing web series. Viewers can share their own encounters on the UFO Hunters Sightings Map Experience, an interactive application utilizing Google Map technology, to pinpoint personal experiences around the globe. Viewers will be able to browse world-wide encounters as well as add their own stories, photos and videos for others to view and rate. Experts from the series will participate in online chats, and the site will serve as a forum for UFO discussions.

The new HD series UFO Hunters is produced by Motion Picture Production, Incorporated, for The History Channel. Executive Producer for The History Channel is Dolores Gavin. Executive producer is Jon Alon Walz. Co-executive producers are Alan LaGarde and Jeff Tober. Supervising producers are Dave Pavoni and Tracy Chaplin. Producers are Autumn Humphreys and Chad Horning.

The History Channel(R) is a leading cable television network featuring compelling original, non-fiction specials and series that bring history to life in a powerful and entertaining manner across multiple platforms. The network provides an inviting place where people experience history in new and exciting ways enabling them to connect their lives today to the great lives and events of the past that provide a blueprint for the future. The History Channel has earned four Peabody Awards, three Primetime Emmy(R) Awards, ten News & Documentary Emmy(R) Awards and received the prestigious Governor's Award from the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences for the network's Save Our

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CNN Larry King Live

UFOS: Questions & Controversy

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Leroy Gaitan, Erath County Constable: They were dancing around and they were flickering.

[End Video Clip]

King: Tonight, strange sights in the night skies over Texas fuel other worldly questions and controversy.

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Unidentified Male: These are unidentified flying objects.

Unidentified Male: The military denies it has anything to do with this.

Steve Allen, says he saw UFO activity in Texas skies January 8th: It was humongous, whatever it was.

[End Video Clip]

King: Close encounters and UFOs - do you believe alien beings are out there?

Do you believe they've come to earth?

We'll hear from eyewitnesses, investigators and experts next on Larry King Live.

Good evening.

Last week several people in Stephenville, Texas, a small rural town of about 15,000 70 miles southwest of Fort Worth, witnessed what many are calling a UFO.

So what were those strange lights in the sky?

We sent a Larry King Live crew to Stephenville, Texas this week.

Let's hear what some people told us.

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Allen: We look off this way. We have some lights approaching at a high rate of speed. They came within probably a mile of us, about 3,000 foot over the ground. Very unusual lights, not from around here, went past us toward Stephenville. The lights reconfigured and turned into flames and then it disappeared.

It came back by this way and it had two military jets in pursuit.

Unidentified Male: I looked back to the southwest and there was a very bright light. A couple of seconds later, the second light came on. The next day, a friend of mine calls and tells me about a UFO sighting that had come over my house. I'm not saying I saw a UFO, but with all the reports from everybody else, apparently that's what I saw.

Unidentified Male: They came right across the sky, across the northern edge of Stephenville, Texas, which I'm two blocks from the courthouse right here. They were quite large and moved quite slowly. They were at low altitude and made absolutely no noise at all. They were glowing red. The lights were moving together, as though they were in formation or attached together in some way and invisibly or something, I don't know. And I don't know what they were.

[End Video Clip]

King: Let's meet our panel.

In Sheldon, Texas is Steve Allen. He says he witnessed UFO activity last week. He's, by the way, an experienced private pilot.

With us, as well, is Claudette Odam. She and her husband were with Steve at their home when they witnessed what they say was UFO activity.

Also there is Angelia Joiner, staff writer for the "Empire-Tribune," the local newspaper in Stephenville, who has talked to several witnesses.

Here with us in New York, two regular guests on this program when we deal with this topic, James Fox, the documentary filmmaker. He did "Out of the Blue". He's also working on a new film about UFOs called "Beyond The Blue."

And Stanton Friedman, nuclear physicist, UFO researcher. He's been lecturing on the topic "flying saucers are real" for - since 1967.

All right, Steve let's hear it. Walk us through what you saw.

Allen: Hi, Larry.

How are you doing this afternoon?

King: Hi.

Allen: It was last Tuesday. It was a week ago. We was up on the top of the hill burning some brush and debris. We looked off to the east, saw some very bright, brilliant flashing lights headed toward us at a very high rate of speed.

They got - it started slowing down once it got closer to us. They was about 3,000 foot above the ground - less than a mile away at the closest time. It continued on and it went toward Stephenville, Texas. And they basically came to a stop right over Stephenville.

The lights in the back of it reconfigured to a vertical scenario. And all of a sudden they burst into flames and it disappeared.

Ten minutes later, the lights reappeared. And that's when the we saw the two military jets that we supposed in pursuit, chasing it. And they headed back east, toward the Dallas/Fort Worth and the nuclear plant area.

King: Claudette, what did you see?

Claudette Odam, says she & husband saw UFOs in Texas skies January 8TH: Actually, I got home and I came home - I had called a friend of ours. And Steve and Mike had said that they'd seen a UFO and I didn't believe them. So I called the other guy that was out here. And he said run outside and see what you saw. They're out there right now.

So I ran outside. And toward Stephenville, it was like bright, bright orange lights that were moving together, but back and forth. And it was real low to the ground. And there was no noise, but it didn't seem like it was that far away. And, again, the lights were just so bright and kind of horizontal and...

King: There was no noise?

Odam: No, noise.

King: All right.

Now, Angelia...

Odam: It was completely quiet. It wasn't like an airplane.

King: Angelia, what are some witnesses telling you?

ANGELIA JOINER, COVERING UFO STORY FOR "EMPIRE-TRIBUNE": I'm getting very, very similar stories from people that have called in and e-mailed me. And the thing that I hear over and over and over is how bright the lights were. Some people say they were so bright, you just almost couldn't look at them. And the same thing about no noise and that it was quite large.

So I think there's been a lot of consistency in the spottings.

King: James Fox, these people are not - they seem very normal people, right?

James Fox, maker of UFO documentary Out Of The Blue: Yes.

King: What do you think they saw?

Fox: I'd like to ask a question.

Is there any chance - and I don't want to insult anyone's intelligence - that it could have been a comet?

I just want to - I'm not trying to insult them. I'm just asking what's your response to that, if I play devil's advocate for a minute?

King: Steve, do you think it was a comet?

Allen: No, by no stretch of the imagination. It was very close to us, within - like I said, it was closer than a mile away. We watched it intensely for over two or three minutes. And then when it came back by with the jets chasing it, not much of a chance of that.

King: Stanton, what do you think?

Stanton Friedman, UFO researcher & physicist, says Flying Saucers Are Real: Well, it certainly couldn't have been a comet. Comets don't move rapidly in the sky. They're a long distance away. They move...

King: So what do you think it was?

Friedman: It reminds me of a case up in the Yukon in 1996, where a total of 31 witnesses were interviewed by a civil engineer - that were in groups of two and three driving on the Klondike Highway in the middle of winter. And they all described this huge thing in the sky that was silent, that had very bright lights on it, that hung around for quite awhile.

There was only one place to stop. A lot of them had stopped for gas and food. And so the investigator, Martin Jasek, a registered civil engineer, was able to triangulate. This thing was between half a mile and a mile big. So that rules out any

conventional aircraft. The silence rules out, as you know, any airplanes, anything like that.

King: So, what's your conclusion?

Friedman: Probably - I'll call it a mother ship.

King: A mother ship?

Friedman: Well, a space carrier, does that sound better?

You know, we have aircraft carriers which are huge and little small airplanes on it. We have a number of reports of huge craft - big monsters, half a mile to a mile, that move silently and slowly and then fast.

King: All right, what do you make of the military chasing it?

Friedman: Well, that's standard practice. Larry, I hate to say this and it sounds unpatriotic, but the Air Force has lied about UFOs for 50 - more than 50 - for 60 years, actually. And this would be in keeping with that.

King: For what purpose?

Friedman: To keep us from knowing what's going on.

King: Why?

Friedman: Why?

They want to figure out how they work. They worry about somebody else figuring out how they work. If they were to announce some UFOs are alien spacecraft, I would expect there would be a push toward an Earthling orientation, as opposed to American, Chinese, whatever. I don't think any president wants that.

Fox: Can I interject?

I asked this exact question at this panel that we just did last - in November at the National Press Club. And I asked a general from Belgium why is it - I mean I asked, actually, a number of people, why would any one government want to just not disclose this information?

And he said, you know, it's more of a question of what we don't know. And it's difficult for any government official to announce...

King: He claimed ignorance.

Fox: Well, there are - there's craft of unknown origin that can fly around impunity.

King: Let me get a break and come back with more.

Other guests will be joining us.

We'll try to resolve this.

Don't go away.

[Begin Video Clip]

Unidentified Male: Well, close encounter for the third kind.

Unidentified Male: They're coming.

[End Video Clip]

[Commercial Break]

King: The mystery of the UFOs.

Joining our panel now from Dallas, Texas is Ken Cherry. Ken is Texas state director of MUFON. That's the Mutual UFO Network. His group studies the UFO phenomenon.

All right, what do you make of this incident, Ken?

Ken Cherry, Texas Director, Mutual Ufo Network: Hi, Larry.

Well, so far we think this is the most significant mass sighting since 1997 and the Phoenix lights.

King: Really? Cherry: Yes. We first started receiving reports shortly after January the 10th, when the - when it first occurred. And we had received a dozen or more before the story broke there that Angelia wrote in the Stephenville "Tribune."

It was pretty clear from that that this was a very significant sighting.

King: Hmm.

Cherry: And it's just - we've received numerous additional sighting reports since then.

King: Steve, in your estimation, Steve Allen, how fast was it - was this vehicle going?

Allen: When we first saw it, Larry, I think it was probably running around 2,000 to 3,000 miles an hour. It's hard to judge. It was coming at us very fast, but it was gradually slowing down. And like I said, by the time it got into Stephenville, it came - it basically came to a complete stop.

King: Stan how could something move that fast and make no sound?

Friedman: Because you control the flow of the air around the boundary layer. We know how to do that with the magneto-aerodynamic control system. And there is a lot of classified technology about that. I had a literature search done many years ago and we got 900 references to magneto-aerodynamic research. Ninety percent were classified.

King: Claudette, does this make you more frightened now than before this incident?

Are you frightened now that you've seen this?

Odam: Oh, no not at all. I'm just real curious as to what it was.

King: So if the government - if the government is covering up something based on fear, that's unwarranted?

You're not afraid?

Odam: No, I'm not afraid.

King: Angelia, you didn't see it.

Do you believe it?

Joiner: Well, maybe it is seeing is believing. But when I - when I got the calls after doing the first story, I did get a little spoofed. I thought oh my gosh, this is bigger than what I even dreamed it could be. So it was a little spooky when I started hearing all the accounts. And I believe it has made - made me take more notice of UFOs and exactly what's going on around me. I'm looking up in the sky now. King: James Fox, in all the years we've been hearing about this and stories about this how come, logically, do you think?

How come we've never met one of these aliens?

Nothing's ever come forward. Nothing...

Fox: Well...

King: I mean we see the sights in the sky and people report it and then objective people say they saw it but nothing...

Fox: Well, here's the...

King: It doesn't go anywhere.

Fox: Here's the thing, though. I mean you're forcing me to speculate. I have no idea.

King: Of course. That's all we can do.

Fox: Well, no but I don't want to speculate. But, I mean, based on the evidence, we've got recorded data from radar confirmation, visual confirmation, landing case trace evidence, you know, soil sample analysis, plant analysis - all these things - visual confirmation that would work with anything else. But for some reason, when you apply it to the field of UFOs, it's not credible.

But there is a lot of evidence out there. I mean I just met with an FAA official that - he had cockpit recordings and radar confirmation and visual confirmation all, you know, synced with the radar of these things. And I - I consider that evidence.

King: Ken, if they're hiding it, why do you think the government is hiding it?

Cherry: Well, I think we've had some of the reactions from the public that show that they are concerned about what this means, whether they are safe and whatnot.

But I do think, though, that the fact that we have had so many witnesses come forward across every spectrum of people that it does show that folks are less afraid to come forward. We've had ranch owners, business owners, highly respected people in the community that have come forward and said, you know, we have seen these things in the past in this area and we were afraid to come forward. And I think with responsible journalism like have you done - no small part - people are less afraid to come forward.

But fear, I guess, is the number one reason why this has been held back from the public.

King: We'll take a break and when we come back, we'll ask why not pilots?

They're responsible people. Why don't we hear from them?

Don't go away.

[Begin Video Clip]

GAITAN: They were dancing around and they were flickering. But they weren't doing this. They were like, you know, just moving.

Unidentified Male: Like a light show?

Gaitan: Well, yes, similar to a light show.

Allen: I'd say it was about a half a mile wide and about a mile long. It was humongous, whatever it was.

[End Video Clip]

[Commercial Break]

King: At the bottom of the hour, we'll be joined by a retired U.S. Air Force pilot who is a skeptic.

What about more pilots?

Do they come forward?

Fox: Well, that's what I was going to say, Larry. There's a guy in here that was at the National Press Club last November - which I just gave you this DVD. But Deboc, 1994, an Air France pilot, witnessed a saucer-shaped craft roughly a mile across. He testified at the National Press Club about this. He did a little illustration. And it was investigated by the French government.

Yes, so pilots definitely come forward. And there's, you know, there's another general who was a pilot in Jafari [ph] that...

King: Do you want to hear from people?

Fox: I do. Yes, I would like it - that's one thing I'd like to mention, is that we are doing a film right now, "Beyond The Blue." and we're looking for military and government officials to come forward. And we can be reached at - we're also working on a book with Fife Simington Leslie Kean, "Out of the Blue". If

you Google "Out of the Blue," you'll find our Web site. And please contact me, because we are on the road for the next three weeks with a camera crew...

King: Just Google "Out of the Blue."

Fife Simington is the former governor of Arizona, who was...

Fox: Yes, he is. And he's working on the book with Leslie Kean, a journalist out of New York.

King: Do you think in your lifetime, Stanton, you're going to get the answer - I mean the real answer? Friedman: Well, I'm older than he is but [LAUGHTER].

King: Do you think you're ever going to see it on the front page of the "New York Times?"

Friedman: Yes. Yes, I'm still an optimist. Yes. I think so, Larry. I think truth will out. It may take a long while. This year has seen a big change in press attitudes. Ten percent of the people in my audiences believe they've seen one, but 90 percent of them didn't report it. If we could change that around to the other way...

King: Yes.

Friedman: [Inaudible].

King: Angelia, what kind of attention are you getting?

Are press people contacting you from other places?

King: Angelia?

JOINER: Oh, yes. I can hear you now. Yes, I am having a lot of press people contact me from other places, from as far as away as Japan and London, Canada, just all over the world.

King: Claudette, do you have any friends now who think you're a kook?

[Laughter]

Odam: Several. Yes, family friends - not so much a kook as they're just - they're just inquisitive as to, you know, what happened, what we saw.

King: Steve, is there a sense of disbelief?

Allen: No. Most people that know me know that I definitely saw something. So they are - they - actually they've been out in their airplanes searching the skies every afternoon.

King: You're a private pilot, right?

Allen: Yes, sir.

King: Have you ever seen anything when you've flown?

Allen: Absolutely nothing like this. I haven't seen anything remotely close to this.

King: Do you think, Ken, that we'll ever have the full story, as I like to say - will we ever see it on the front page of "The New York Times?"

Cherry: Well, I'd like to see it on the front page of "The New York Times". It does seem that there are more and more rashes of these mass sightings and whereas in the past people were - wanted to either forget about it, overlook it or just laugh at it, it's taken more seriously now. And I think that's probably what has been going on, is that setting the stage for letting the public really know. And I think that's what - what is happening in some regards and...

[Crosstalk]

King: One at a time.

James?

Fox: All right, really quickly, I just want to mention that when I was walking through the halls of Congress and I handed out copies of "Out of the Blue" to each and every member of the House. It took me a week. And I met with a couple of members of Congress at the time, a couple years ago. And they said they were generally interested in what was happening and they were sincerely interested. And they said but we can't go out on a limb on our own. We need pressure from our constituents...

Unidentified Male: Right.

Fox: ...before we can have Congressional hearings on this matter.

So it's really up to the people to contact our representatives and say, look, we demand you guys look into this whole phenomenon. And that's what it would take - open Congressional hearings and this thing would be over.

King: Stanton, what are they - what is - what are the powers that be afraid of?

Friedman: I think they're afraid of admitting they've ignored the biggest story of the millennium for 60 years. Nobody likes to say hey, we goofed - you know, the "New York Times," "The Washington Post".

Unidentified Male: Right.

Friedman: Secondly, I think there's a lot of concern on the religious side of things. Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson have claimed that we are the only intelligent life in the universe. And they'd be up the creek without a religious paddle - Jerry's already there.

[Laughter]

Friedman: But - and so there are concerns about the overall impact, about how we think about ourselves. And, you know, people say why don't they land on the White House lawn?

The president of the United States - I know this will shock you, but the president of the United States does not speak for six billion Earthlings. Sometimes he doesn't speak for 300 million Americans.

You say well, we'll hold an election. That's the democratic thing to do.

Who speaks for planet Earth? And let the Chinese have 1.3 billion votes versus America at 300 million?

No way.

So there are some serious concerns along those lines about where do we go from here?

You know, we're a planet where nationalism is the only game in town. I don't need to tell you that.

Would this change things?

The galactic federation doesn't allow individual countries any more than the United Nations allows individual cities to belong, wouldn't you say?

So there are serious implications here.

King: Wow!

Fox: Yes, I was going to say really quickly...

Unidentified Female: Larry...

King: Hold it.

Fox: All right, really quickly, is that, you know, I don't know, a lot of people have - feel very passionately about a number of different terrestrial issues. But I feel, at the same time - and I agree with that. But, at the same time, if there is

evidence that suggests we're not alone in the universe being withheld from us, I think that's unconscionable.

King: Ken, was that you that wanted to say something?

Cherry: Yes. Yes. I think we are getting closer to full disclosure. We have government after government that are opening their files - the Brazilians, the British, the Australians, the Japanese. We've had three cabinet members recently express their belief in UFOs. And I find it kind of interesting that they now have a satellite crisscrossing the moon taking photos and there have been some anomalous objects in some of those photographs. And suddenly three high-ranking cabinet members that say hey, we believe in UFOs.

King: All right.

Hey, Steve, Claudette and Angelia, thanks.

Ken Cherry, thanks.

When we come back, three new panelists will be added to James Fox and Stanton Friedman.

Coming up, another fascinating story.

Eleven years ago, was there a UFO flying over Phoenix?

We'll talk to eyewitnesses when we come back.

[Begin Video Clip]

Wolf Blitzer, Host, The Situation Room: Members of the Mexican Air Force think they could be UFOs. Pilots taped 11 unidentified flying objects over southern parts of the country, near the Gulf of Mexico.

Unidentified Male: And it was not a weather balloon nor an aircraft nor a missile. It was something else, which - we didn't know what it was.

Unidentified Female: The government likes to have power and that's a powerful thing to keep secret from the masses.

[End Video Clip]

[Commercial Break]

King: Remaining with us, James Fox, the documentary filmmaker of "Out of The Blue" and Stanton Friedman, nuclear physicist and UFO researcher. Joining us now in Phoenix, Monica Bush. She says she witnessed a massive boomerang-shaped formation of lights on March 13th, 1997, the so-called Phoenix Lights Incident. Former Arizona governor Fife Symington [ph] has said that he witnessed a huge other worldly object that same night. With Monica is Erin Watson, Monica's sister, who also witnessed the Phoenix Lights, and in Tucson, Arizona is James McGaha, astronomer and founder of Tucson Skeptics Incorporated, a retired United States Air Force pilot.

Monica, take us back. What did you see on March 13th, 1997?

Monica Bush, saw UFO in Phoenix: Hi, Larry. I was actually at my parents' house that night. They lived just at the base of a large mountain, Camelback Mountain, there in Phoenix. And I was talking on the phone and I saw an enormous boomerang-shaped row of lights come right on top of the mountain. In fact, the first time I saw it, I thought it was a rescue mission because hikers often get stuck on top of that Camelback Mountain.

And when I realized the enormity of the object on the mountain, I ran inside to get as many family members as I could so we could try to figure out what it was together. We could put our heads together to figure out what it was.

King: Were you scared?

Bush: No, not at all initially, really not at all the whole time. I guess there was no point I thought that I wasn't going to figure out what it was.

Unidentified Male No sound either.

King: OK. And there was no sound, right. ERIN Watson, SAW UFO IN PHOENIX: Yes, completely silent.

King: Erin, how did you react?

Watson: It was just kind of an amazing sight. I just was more wondering what it was and what kind of craft. To me the most shocking thing was the silence. How can this huge object in the air that was the size of - I compare it to two cruise ships almost. It was like a city in the air, not make any sound. It was just - it was is crazy.

King: Where did it go?

Bush: It went - flew right - I mean, it was several minutes, it was four minutes or so that we were able to observe it. And ultimately, it fell south behind our house. And then ultimately quickly out of sight.

King: Did you - I guess many people reported this, right?

Bush: Yes, we hear tens of thousands of people saw it.

King: Was there any official reaction, Erin?

Watson: You know, it's funny. I didn't think twice about it. I didn't - I don't know. To me, I didn't think of like UFO. I just thought tomorrow in the news, we're going to hear what it is, you know, like I really did the next day. I thought, OK, we're going to hear all about it, what this huge thing in the sky was. It was never talked about.

So I was more embarrassed than anything. I was a senior in high school. And I just kind of kept it to myself at that point when I thought people would think I was crazy, you know?

King: James?

Fox: Erin, how are you?

Watson: Good, how are you?

Fox: Good. I want to ask you quickly, your mother, was it your mother who called the local airport because it was sort of heading off in that direction.

Watson: Yes.

Fox: What did the airport say or who it was that called the airport?

Watson: My mother called the airport because initially she called because we're in a no flight zone over our house. So that was her first concern, honestly. And she call the airport and they instantly gave her the number to a UFO sightings reporting agency, I guess, in Seattle. So instantly, they gave her that number. We were all like what? You know, why are you calling them?

Fox: So the airport said they didn't see anything.

Watson: Yes, they said we don't see anything on the radar.

Fox: Got you.

King: James McGaha is an astronomer, a founder of Tucson Skeptics Incorporate, retired U.S. Air Force pilot. I know you're a skeptic. What do you think they saw?

James McGaha, UFO Skeptic, Astronomer: It depends on which time of night they saw them. There were two sets of lights that night. There were lights at about 8:30 that night and there was a separate set of lights at 10:10 that night. The lights at 8:30 that night were a formation of five aircraft flying over the area.

King: Don't laugh.

McGaha: This is quite clear because I have documented evidence

of this. The 10:10 lights were flares that were dropped on the range about 100 miles southwest of Phoenix.

King: So...

McGaha: These flares are quite bright. They're two million candle power. They can light up an area on the ground a mile in diameter. And they're on parachutes so they hang in the air for a considerable amount of time.

King: How are they used, for what purpose?

McGaha: The flares are used for night flying so that you can light up the ground for night attack with aircraft and other things to see the ground. That's what they're used for.

King: All right. Do you think he's wrong, James.

Fox: One thing I have to ask you, quickly is, do you understand that Governor Fife Simonton actually investigated this himself and talked to the people at Luke Air Force Base, the general there, and I believe he made all sorts of inquiries? Why would they not have told him that what people saw, including himself, were military flares? It doesn't make any sense.

This was a craft. This wasn't lights. Everyone's talking about a craft. I don't understand how you could think of - it's silent. It doesn't make a lot of noise. A-10 Warthogs make a lot of noise.

King: Let him respond. James?

McGaha: Well, the issue here is people see lights in the sky. The issue is interpretation of those lights, whether they connect the lights together and make a single object out of them. People are not trained observers. They misinterpret all the time when they see strange and unusual objects, and they have misperceptions of it.

As to Luke Air Force Base, Luke Air Force Base had nothing to do with this. These A-10s that dropped the flares that night were out of a Maryland national guard unit that was TDY, Temporary Duty at Davis Monthon [ph] Air Force base in Tucson.

Fox: One thing is, I have to direct this question to Erin. Erin, who was it that actually witnessed this had craft take off?

Watson: That was me.

Fox: OK, thank you.

Watson: Yes, it was my two brothers and I; and we stood outside watching it. First of all, I want to clear something up. I was underneath the craft, looked up and the stars were covered. I saw an object. So unless you were there, there's no way of you even being -

King: Let me get a break and we'll pick right back up with Monica, Erin and James, and Stanton and our other James. Don't go away.

[Begin Video Clip]

Unidentified Male: I had the evidence that the crash did happen here.

Unidentified Female: And in the red light was sort of casting a glow over the whole thing so it looked like a round disk.

Unidentified Male: People say Mike, you saw a B-2 Bomber. My response was, we could land all 40 of our B-2 Bombers on the wing of that craft.

Unidentified Male: I would go ahead and feel the craft which was warm.

[Commercial Break]

King: James McGaha, these two intelligent young ladies, Monica Bush and Erin Watson, are saying this craft went over their house. It took five minutes to go over their house. They looked

up at it. Are you denying what they saw?

McGaha: I'm not denying that they saw lights. I am saying they misinterpreted those lights. There was clearly a formation of five aircraft flying in formation with their formation lights on that night. I actually have a video - I actually have a videotape of that, of those five lights in formation. And I have a confirm eye-witness, who viewed it through a very large astronomical telescope, to say they were individual airplanes.

King: Monica, how do you react to that?

Bush: It was clearly not five aircraft. It was one aircraft with several lights. And it was right over our house for a long period of time with five people observing it at the same time.

King: Erin, making no sound. Watson: Completely silent, and unless there is a plane that's a mile long, or - it was all connected, so, bottom line, it was one object that we looked up at.

McGaha: How do you know they were connected.

Watson: Because we looked up and you couldn't see stars through it. That's why I was like, wow.

McGaha: Are you qualified to look at the sky at night.

Watson: I'm not.

McGaha: Do you identify stars.

Watson: I don't really care about the subject enough. I saw what I saw. I wish you would have seen it. I really do. I wish more than myself that you would have seen it.

Fox: Hold on, James. One more question, Erin. You guys saw this thing take off?

Watson: Yes.

Fox: You saw it take off. Come on.

Watson: It was probably like a mile south of our house. My two brothers and I witnessed, it was a V-shaped, like boomerang shaped, and it kind of like kind went in a little bit and then it was gone. There was no fumes. There was no evidence.

King: Stanton, how do you react to James' differing?

Friedman: I think that he started off with the conclusion that there are no flying saucers, there are no alien spacecraft. Anyone who thinks they've seen one is simply mistaken. He's a competent pilot. He knows. He ought to talk to the guys at the National Aviation Reporting Center for Anomalous Phenomenon. They've collected more than 3,000 pilot sightings, many of these multiple witness, radar visual in the sky, in the daytime.

King: Why do you deny it, James? James, why do you deny it?

McGaha: I'm not denying it. I am looking at - simply looking at the evidence. First off, I should say, pilots are not trained observers either. They're trained to fly airplanes. Let's be clear about that, pilots make mistakes identifying things in the sky all the time.

Secondly, the issue is about whether lights in the sky should be interpreted as spacecraft from another world. There's hundreds and hundreds of things that cause lights in the sky, natural phenomenon, astronomical phenomenon, atmospheric phenomenon, man-made phenomenon.

King: But the girls are saying -

McGaha: None of these have anything to do with extra-terrestrial space craft.

King: But the girls are saying they saw a craft fly over their house that was large in size that took five minutes to pass over the house.

McGaha: Well, these were - the aircraft that were flying through that night were flying at a slow air speed at a high altitude. They would not have made any noise. Let's identify what they're saying. They're saying an aircraft a mile across flew through the Phoenix Airport area, one of the busiest in the United States, a mile across, didn't divert aircraft and they didn't see it on radar.

Watson: Yes, that's why we called the airport. Instantly.

Bush: And us and 10,000 other people saw that.

King: I've got to go the a break. Thanks Monica. Thanks Erin. James will remain with us. And James McGaha, Stanton Friedman and James Fox will complete our discussion. Right now, let's check in with Anderson Cooper, the host of "AC 360" at the top of the hour. Anderson, what's up?

Anderson Cooper, CNN Host: Larry, the top of the hour on 360, the clock is ticking to two major milestones in the race for president. In a few hours, the caucuses in Nevada and the Republican primary in South Carolina gets underway. This past week has taught us nothing if not that the race for president remains as wide open as it was a month ago. Maybe tomorrow, we'll get closer to finding out who truly has the inside track at securing their party's nomination.

We'll check out the latest on the polls. We'll look at where and how the leading candidates are making their final pushes and take a close look how the evangelical vote could be the difference in South Carolina.

Also tonight, exclusive new pictures and information in the case of the missing Marine suspected of killing this young woman, fellow Marine Maria Lauterbach [ph], things you'll only see on 360 tonight, that authorities hope could help catch suspect Caesar Laurian [ph], who remains on the run. All that and more at the top of the hour.

King: Anderson Cooper, 10:00 Eastern, 7:00 Pacific. We'll be right back. Don't go away.

[Begin Video Clip]

Unidentified Female: Oh, my god! I'm trying to keep it in the frame and it's just -

Unidentified Male: Looks like it. Whatever it is, it's on fire.

Unidentified Male: Grandpa, was there any people? Did you see people? And he said, sweetie, he said they were just poor little creatures.

[End Video Clip]

[Commercial Break]

King: Remaining with us, James Fox and Stanton Friedman here in New York. and in Tucson, James McGaha. What did you think of the Texas sitings, Mr. McGaha.

McGaha: The sitings are [r]MD+IN=AF[r]MDNM=AFa classical example of people seeing lights. They really did see lights in the sky. But their interpretation of the lights - we wouldn't be sitting here talking about these lights if someone hadn't said the word UFO, implying an extra terrestrial spacecraft.

Clearly, they saw lights. What it should be noted is that Stephenville is on an air traffic corridor, both a low altitude corridor, high altitude corridor going across the country. It's also on the approach routes into Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas, and it's just northeast of two military operating areas, MOAs, in which aircraft operate. And, in fact, military aircraft were operating in those MOAs that night.

In addition to that, the atmospheric conditions that night were conducive to other atmospheric phenomenon, such as sun dogs. And, in fact, someone actually took a picture that afternoon saying that it looked like something he - some of the people had seen and it was a sun dog.

King: Stanton, when you hear people like James present the opposition, do you also look into his presentation? Do you investigate his side?

Friedman: Yes, I do. As a matter of fact, in a new book, I show that certain documents that are controversial - I find a bunch of phony documents as well as the real ones. I'm only interested in the real ones, of course, but I had to go check out the phony explanations that James has provide. The Air Force has said they didn't have anything flying. Remember, they discounted that very strongly, not us. We know from nothing.

It is really sad, Larry, that, for example, an Air Force general said reports which could affect national security are not part of the Project Blue Book system. That's a formal statement by an Air Force general. It led to the closing of the old Project Blue Book. You haven't seen the press grab on to that one, the good cases, the ones that could affect national security. They're the only ones we care about.

King: James Fox, do the nay-sayers like James ever make an impression on.

Fox: You know, it's frustrating to me because it's like going like this. Listen to the testimony of the people that are saying and respond to what they're actually saying. And that at least, you know, is intelligent dialogue.

King: James McGaha, do you completely dismiss the idea of aliens and UFOs? McGaha: Not of aliens. Extra terrestrial life, of course, is possible. The question is whether it's visited the Earth or not. There's simply no evidence that extra terrestrial spacecraft have ever visited the earth.

Fox: That's easy to say.

McGaha: Yes, it's easy to say because there's no evidence. The scientific community would agree. I am a scientist. I study the night sky. I take images every night of the night sky.

By the way, let me comment on this Air Force issue, which is a little bit complicated.

King: I've got to take a break and have you comment because we're running out of time. We'll be right back. Don't go away.

[Begin Video Clip]

Unidentified Male: In the southwest of England, just outside Somerset, there was another sighting. It was captured on videotape.

We took this tape to be analyzed by Lucas Films special effects division, Industrial Light and Magic.

Unidentified Male: It's coming this way.

Unidentified Male: If you were to give me a background plate of just the sky and say we want you to take this image of a flying saucer and match it in, that's something that's technically very difficult to do. I'm convinced that this object was there when this person was taping.

[Commercial Break]

King: James McGaha, quickly about the Air Force.

McGaha: Basically, when people ask the Air Force, they talk to the public affairs officer trying to find out what happened. Very often, they'll ask someone, ask the flying units, and sometimes they don't ask the right agencies and so forth. I have checked into this, and in fact, there were eight F-16s flying in the MOA that night. I haven't been able to verify this yet, but I'd suspect they dropped flares that night as well, but I can't confirm that at this point.

King: All right. James Fox.

Fox: Yes, I was going to say James, I direct this question to you. If you're out there somewhere, why can't we just say, you know what, we don't know what that was? Why can't we just say

that? Why do we have to find a prosaic explanation to every sighting that exists today? And why are all these qualified radar operators and pilots and high ranking military and government officials from all around the world, why does there have to be a conventional or prosaic explanation to each and every case? Why can't we just shrug our shoulders and say we don't know? King: James?

McGaha: Because there's no evidence. The question should be asked, if this is such an interesting subject, why are not scientists investigating this topic. When I bring this subject up to fellow astronomers, they laugh at it.

Friedman: Astronomers also laughed at many other things like travel to the moon, like space travel. They said that the surface of Mars was in a way that it isn't. Astronomy has a long history of jumping to conclusions and having to admit that they were wrong and forgetting what they said before, of course.

Fox: The Conman Report [ph], Stanton.

Friedman: I'm a scientist. I've talked to many scientists. I've talked to 700 audiences, many of them scientific groups. They are interested. You say there's no evidence. I say we've got 4,000 physical trace cases. We've got 3,000 pilot sightings. We have multiple witness radar visual sightings. What is it you want?

We have a crashed saucer. I don't have a piece of the saucer or a body or a piece of a neutron star or of a supernova.

Fox: Stan, the Conman Report, all the scientists, the panel of scientists on the Conman Report. They're scientists.

King: What are you saying?

[Cross Talk]

King: James McGaha, are you saying definitively, there are no UFOs?

McGaha: I'm saying there's no evidence that there are UFOs. UFOs are basically a myth and magical superstition belief system by many people that these alien spacecraft are flying around here. There's simply no evidence that they are. That doesn't mean that it's impossible that an alien civilization could fly here. There's simply no evidence. Until there is evidence, the scientific community is not going to be interested.

King: So these people are not seeing what they're seeing or they don't know what they're seeing or they're misreading?

McGaha: They're misinterpreting what they're seeing. They're not trained observers. They're allowing their perceptions to bias what they're seeing. And they're misinterpreting that, in addition.

King: James Fox, Stanton Friedman, James McGaha, we'll do lots more on this. Good luck in France. This weekend, check out CNN.com/LarryKing. You can download our current podcast with the amazing and always talented Queen Latifah and Diane Keaton. You can email upcoming guests, participate in our quick votes, too. All at CNN.com/LarryKing.

And now without further ado, if there's life on another planet, he will be there to cover it, Anderson Cooper at "AC 360." Anderson?

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## Re: Friedman, Fox & MaGaha On Larry King Tonight

From: Robert Powell <[rpowell.nul](mailto:rpowell.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 08:15:37 -0600  
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Subject: Re: Friedman, Fox & MaGaha On Larry King Tonight

>From: Stanton T Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 16:10:34 -0400  
>Subject: Friedman, Fox & MaGaha On Larry King Tonight

>Just got off the phone with Larry King's people and I will be  
>going down to New York, early in the morning to be on Friday  
>night's Larry King show from there.

>James Fox will be on along with debunker James MaGaha from  
>Arizona, Texas witnesses, etc.

Good luck Stan.

If MaGaha tries to debunk the recent Stephenville sightings ask him where he gets his "high quality" information, as there has been no real investigation other than the news media. Any detailed information and comparison of witness testimony is all conjecture at this point. MUFON will begin an initial investigation tomorrow, Jan. 19th.

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## Texas UFO Sighting Mentioned On The View

From: Greg Boone <[evolbaby.nul](mailto:evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 09:48:32 EST  
Archived: Sat, 19 Jan 2008 03:24:52 -0500  
Subject: Texas UFO Sighting Mentioned On The View

Just when you thought it was safe to go back into ufology you get a mass sighting that makes the news all over the world and in high hopes the giggle factor will take a back seat once and for all, comes ABC's The View shoots it all down.

This show is amazing. Hosted by five professional women including luminaries Barbara Walters and Whoopi Goldberg, this program covers topical news and current events as well as entertainment and generally an all around informative show.

It's not without controversy as many will remember former co-host comedienne Rosie O'Donnell's battles.

I was hoping the show would cover the Stephenville, Texas story with a bit of respect for the citizens reporting but as soon as co-host Goldberg mentioned the story, comedienne Joy Behar, the longest running host on the show other than Barbara Walters blurted out how, and I paraphrase,

"There are crazy people everywhere!"

She then went on into a routine of trying to establish some logic to ET actions and decisions not giving the other hosts a chance to comment or engage the public into pursuing a look into the story.

This is knee-jerk invalidation. Disingenuous at the least to the millions of people watching the show. It puts that giggle factor and scorn factor right into the mix without due diligence being supported.

Yet you apply her logic to religion? Heck no, she'd be run off the stage in tar and feathers.

You sometimes wonder whom the enemy really is.

Best,

Greg  
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## The South Wales UFO?

From: **Geoff Richardson** <[geoff.nul](mailto:geoff.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 15:36:51 -0000  
Archived: Sat, 19 Jan 2008 05:58:27 -0500  
Subject: The South Wales UFO?

Towards the end of 2007 we, at The WHY? Files, received video footage of a bright object in the sky over a small village in Mid-Glamorgan, South Wales (U.K.). The gentleman who obtained the footage commented:

"my wife saw it first from the kitchen window and after she had watched it for a little while called me to have a look, i think in all it was visible for 45/60 minutes approximately,"

The actual footage is approximately 25 minutes in length and we present edited sections at the link below. We also present a number of still graphics taken from the video footage.

Just what is the object that was captured on video on that crisp, March night in South Wales? We do have opinions regarding this footage but would appreciate the opinions of others.

If you have an informed opinion based on logical deductions/proof then let us know =96 we will publish any reasonable explanations for this mystifying footage.

<http://www.thewhyfiles.net/swufo.html>

Geoff Richardson

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## Lights Spark UFO Mystery

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Date: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 15:50:30 -0000  
Archived: Sat, 19 Jan 2008 05:59:31 -0500  
Subject: Lights Spark UFO Mystery

>Source: Highland News - Edinburgh, Scotland

><http://tinyurl.com/2g5p7s>

>19 January, 2008

>Lights Spark UFO Mystery  
>By Claire Doughty

>A city couple were left stunned when they spotted six  
>mysterious  
>lights hovering in the sky above their home.

The "Edinburgh" header is confusing. The location is actually  
Inverness. And these slow-drifting orange lights were almost  
certainly yet another show by our old friends the Thai lanterns.

Martin Shough

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## Re: Do These Photos Capture UFO Stephenville?

From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 11:06:20 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
Archived: Sat, 19 Jan 2008 06:01:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Do These Photos Capture UFO Stephenville?

>Source: FOX-TV 4 - Kansas City, Missouri, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/24uztw>

>Thursday, 17 Jan 2008

>Do These Photos Capture UFO Over Central Texas?

>[Image]

>You may remember the story earlier from Stephenville, Texas of  
>locals claiming to have seen a UFO. Now, a central Texas man is  
>claiming to have seen one over Lake Travis, and he's got  
>pictures to back up his claim.

>Virgil Fowler was taking pictures of the sunset this week, when  
>he says he captured a UFO flying over Lake Travis. He was  
>looking at his pictures and saw something he couldn't explain.  
>"I was kind of surprised to see something in the pictures,  
>something more than the sunset," Fowler said.

<snip>

Hi Everyone!

This 'UFO' is another example of a BLURFO (i.e. an image found on a picture that was not seen or noticed at the time the picture was taken).

With the widespread excitement over the recent Stephenville, Texas sightings and the extensive coverage they have received in print and on TV but with no actual images of a UFO to show, it is not surprising that the media will grab on to anything tangible that comes their way no matter how dubious it may be, including this picture of an apparent "UFO" or BLURFO.

The big danger here is that the public will associate this 'UFO' picture with the earlier amazing UFO accounts by many credible eyewitnesses in Stephenville. Since one can easily and reasonably argue that this 'UFO' was produced by the overwhelmingly bright background sky that distorted the image of a bird or plane in flight, then the media and public interest in the more promising earlier Stephenville UFO sightings will continue to get the attention they deserve.

If you look carefully, there are other 'UFOs' in this picture (see URL below), both in the air and on the water that can also be explained (eg. a boat reflecting sunlight which has a trail that looks just like the wakes of other boats on the same body of water).

<http://tinyurl.com/24oekj>

For now, let us allow fellow MUFON investigators and other UFO experts to do their job before we make any quick judgements or voice opinions that may ultimately achieve the goals of debunkers and serve to scare away the media and public. This does not mean we should never speak up about any obviously

Re: Do These Photos Capture UFO Stephenville?

misleading or false information about UFOs that the media or over-enthusiastic believers present to the public, such as this dubious "UFO" or BLURFO picture, or not to be on guard against the mischievous opinions by debunkers (of which I am not one).

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## Re: Does 'Superior Mirage' Explain Texas UFO

From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 11:36:13 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
Archived: Sat, 19 Jan 2008 06:03:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: Does 'Superior Mirage' Explain Texas UFO

>Source: National Public Radio - Washington, DC, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/22kn6u>

>January 17, 2008

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<snip>

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><http://tinyurl.com/ywgewk>

Hi Everyone!

Can some UFO sightings be explained as 'superior mirages', yes!  
From my car on the western shore of Lake Ontario looking towards  
Toronto in the distance horizons I noticed something massive  
hovering just above the city skyline. When I stopped my car and  
took out my binoculars for a better look, I was amazed to see a  
very clear and detailed inverted Toronto skyline just above the  
real skyline!

Can what the many independent eyewitnesses in the Stephenville,  
Texas saw be easily and reasonably explained as a superior  
mirage? Certainly not!

To her credit, the spokeswoman for the Harvard-Smithsonian  
Center for Astrophysics qualified her explanation with 'It's  
hard to say for sure...'. The rest of what she had to say is  
nothing more than her opinions based on her prior beliefs with  
total ignorance of what was actually reported. In short, the  
mass UFO sightings in Stephenville, Texas remain unidentified  
and unexplainable.

To listen to the complete spokeswoman's explanation, go:

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## Re: Mobile Phone Images?

From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 10:21:55 -0800  
Archived: Sat, 19 Jan 2008 06:05:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mobile Phone Images?

>From: John Velez <[jvelez49.nul](mailto:jvelez49.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 15:31:46 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Mobile Phone Images?

>>From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos.nul](mailto:nikolaos.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 23:19:00 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Mobile Phone Images?

>>>From: Sean Jones <[tedric.nul](mailto:tedric.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>>Files with an example of such a BLURFO).

>>If BLURFOs are the best this generation armed with cell phone  
>>cameras can come up with for evidence that something truly weird  
>>is still flying through our skies, then I think the question we  
>>should be asking is "Where have all the UFOs disappeared to?".

>Hello Nick, All,

>"BLURFOs", <LOL>still at it, eh Nick? Try this one on for size.

><http://myparanormallife.blogspot.com/2007/12/costa-rica-ufo-video.html>

>This is from a Costa Rican news broadcast. The young man who  
>witnessed the flying disc captured the images on his cell phone.

Hi John,

Many thanks for alerting us to this amazing video. I think the  
enhanced version is the best and most convincing I've ever seen.  
Notice how the classic saucer shape transforms to the half  
saucer, pointed wing version that others like Ken Arnold had

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reported. I was able to capture one frame that looks exactly like the drawings in this article:

<http://greyfalcon.us/I%20Did%20See%20the%20Flying%20Disks.htm>

Ed

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From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 17:31:41 -0600  
Archived: Sat, 19 Jan 2008 06:10:29 -0500  
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Why is it that every picture I've seen of a Superior Mirage (SM)  
is associated with a large body of water and only seems to  
extend to about 5=B0 above the horizon.

Has anyone seen any photos of land based SM's? I couldn't find  
any.

Terry Groff  
The Dallas - Fort Worth Mutual UFO Network  
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## 1950 Kenneth Arnold/Edward R. Murrow Interview?

From: Greg Boone <[volbaby.nul](mailto:volbaby.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 21:27:11 EST  
Archived: Sat, 19 Jan 2008 06:12:28 -0500  
Subject: 1950 Kenneth Arnold/Edward R. Murrow Interview?

Anyone know of a recording of this interview?

The best thing I could find at a glance was from good ol'  
Jan Aldrich's website which has a short excerpt.

<http://www.project1947.com/fig/kamurrow.htm>

Anyone know how long the original broadcast was?

I'd figure that CBS would have something in their archives  
or else the Copyright office in D.C.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com

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Date: Sat, 19 Jan 2008 02:27:23 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 19 Jan 2008 06:15:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mobile Phone Images?

>From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 11:07:01 -0500  
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>Hi Nick,

>I would like to take issue with your definition of a BLURFO. The  
>place where it is discussed well is at

><http://www.rense.com/general49/blurfo.htm>

>and there it is clear that the operative part of the word is  
>BLUR. That is, the mystery object appears as a blur in the  
>picture, probably because a bird or bug was moving across the  
>near field of view. You simply define it as something appearing  
>in the picture that was not seen when the photo was taken.

<snip>

Hi William,

It was this same outstanding ufological paper by James Neff, in  
which he first coined the term "BLURFO", that came to my mind  
when I used it in my reply to Sean's question.

Ufological terminology is very limited and not very descript in

accurately portraying what was seen by witnesses or even how ufologists use these terms to classify UFO sightings. It is because of the interpretive descriptions found in UFO reports that I did not take issue when you made suggestive references to spacecraft in describing the fuzzy triangular shaped patterns you see in pictures of clouds (your January 8 post to the UFO UpDates list).

Since UFOs are a serious matter, in order to maintain some credibility in the eyes of the public, what would you propose we call unusual or unexplained images that we find in pictures taken with film or video equipment which were not noticed at the time the pictures were taken? Should these anomalous images even be considered as UFOs at all? What if it the person who finds a 'UFO' in a picture was not the one that who took the picture (for example a relative notices a 'UFO' in a picture while going through an old family photo album)? Would it be published as an example of a modern era UFO only if the image in the old picture resembled more a classic flying saucer than an ethereal object?

With the growing number of cell phones with built-in cameras out there ready to capture pictures of UFOs (both seen and not seen at the time), including an unknown percentage of many obvious and not so obvious hoaxes (can we now add the Trinidad Island flying saucer photos to this list?) you would expect that we should have much compelling evidence for the case that some UFOs are artificial and not of this world. The reality is we simply don't - just much wishful thinking.

Yes, UFOs are 'real'. Although we all accept that there are many different explanations for UFO sightings, after over six decades since the first flying saucers were sighted in our skies but with still no good reasons to even suspect that these UFOs are visitors to Earth from space, we must be prepared to eventually face up to the real possibility that the explanation we believe to be true may not be the right one.

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## UFO Viewing Tips

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 15:45:42 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 15:45:42 -0500  
Subject: UFO Viewing Tips

Source: MSNBC - USA

<http://cosmiclog.msnbc.msn.com/archive/2008/01/18/589552.aspx>

Friday, January 18, 2008

[Many links in article]

UFO Viewing Tips  
Alan Boyle

Ten days after the first sightings of lights in the sky over Texas, tales of UFOs are still sparking speculation. One of the witnesses, Steve Allen, is offering \$5,000 for a good picture of the flying object - but he hasn't bought any of the photos or videos offered so far. The pictures weren't worth a damn, he told me.

On Saturday, he and other witnesses are gathering to pool their accounts for a national UFO organization but there's always a chance the Texas sightings will fade into the distance, just like the O'Hare UFO sighting over a year ago. What's the best way to document a sighting? Here are some tips:

Take a picture

Getting an image of something in the sky may sound like the best way to go, but as this month's reports illustrate, that's not always sure-fire. Allen was one of the most widely quoted witnesses of the purported flyover on Jan. 8, and it was his desire to have an image that led him to offer the \$5,000 reward. "I'd have given five grand that day to have a camera," he explained.

Several residents from the area around Stephenville, Texas, responded - but Allen said the pictures showed little more than dots in the sky. "I don't need a dot standing out there," he said.

Today the Fort Worth Star Telegraph published a front-page picture of the sighting, taken by a trucker with his cell phone as he drove along Interstate 20. "It looked like a meteor entering the atmosphere," the truck driver, Sean Kiel, was quoted as saying.

Allen was unimpressed. "It's not worth a flip," he told me. The bright spot's position in relation to the sun reminded me of a sundog, and the speck on the upper part of the image looked like an airplane. But of course, I'm no expert.

Photos are easy to fake. For example, in the case of the O'Hare UFO sightings, there were rumblings for weeks afterward about photographs showing the strange saucer over the airport. However, more than a year after the story caused such a sensation, only one picture remains that hasn't been debunked, according to Above Top Secret. And that one is far from

conclusive.

Take a reading

NBC News space analyst James Oberg is hardly a true believer. Over the years, he's been pilloried by ufologists for coming down too hard on claims of strange sightings. But in the Texas case, Oberg is reluctant to prejudge the witnesses. Rather, he merely says that observers should be alert if they have an opportunity to identify a strange sky object. Here's what he had to say in an e-mail:

"Anytime you get a revisiting UFO, you have the chance to narrow down the normally near-infinite candidate list of prosaic explanations. You can ask people to memorize or record positions in the sky and angular size and speed of the apparition - not make unhelpful and automatically suspect guesses of sheer size and range, guesses that always involve unspoken (and unrealized) guesses about exactly those parameters that are supposedly being reported. Compare the object to the size of a fingertip, or a fist, at arm's length.

"Note where you are when you see it, and where it is over - and later go back and convert that to a true compass bearing. Log the times as accurately as possible - and if by your own watch, later compare it to a clock on a news channel. That way, separate but simultaneous sightings can be combined to create parallax measurements of true range.

"If nobody does this serious observation stuff, they may all be excited and have fun, but they'll be of no use to figuring out what may be behind the apparitions - and there's lots of stuff, some of it deliberately clandestine, that could be masquerading.

"Seeing jets chasing a UFO is a common perception - it's happened to me at least twice - and one has to be cautious about interpretations. Even at ranges of a mile or two, three jets in a close row will give the impression of the first object being silent - a 'UFO' - because the sound delay makes the second jet appear to be the first object giving off engine noise. It is a striking misinterpretation that most folks are never warned about. I'm not offering it as an explanation - only as a cautionary admonition."

Take a meeting

The Texas chapter of the Mutual UFO Network, or MUFON, has scheduled a session starting at 1 p.m. CT Saturday in Dublin, Texas, to interview Allen and other witnesses. To hear MUFON state director Ken Cherry tell it, the spectators and journalists in attendance might well outnumber those witnesses. "Normally we do this in a more private setting," he told me today.

Nevertheless, Cherry said he has received eyewitness reports from at least 40 to 50 "folks who sound credible," via telephone (817-379-0773) or the MUFON Web site.

"We consider this the most significant mass sighting since the Phoenix Lights of 1997," he said.

MUFON investigators will be asking the witnesses to fill out three-page questionnaires and also tell their stories - and the results will be eventually be compiled in a report. "The whole process will probably take several months," Cherry said.

Will the Texas sighting be the event that finally rips the lid off the UFO conspiracy, or will it go into the same file drawer where the O'Hare and Phoenix cases are sitting? Stay tuned for the next installment - and in the meantime, feel free to take our UFO quiz, register your opinion using our unscientific Live Vote, check out the archived Log items here and here ... and, as always, weigh in with your comments below.

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## Blimp Source Of Texas UFO Sightings?

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Source: KLTV - 7 - Tyler, Texas, USA

<http://www.kltv.com/Global/story.asp?S=7744206&nav=1TjD>

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Woman Believes Blimp Source Of UFO Sightings

Bob Hallmark, Reporting  
[bhallmark.nul](mailto:bhallmark.nul)

An East Texas woman says she captured pictures of what she believes everyone is mistaking for a UFO sighting. Cherika Johnson of Longview snapped shots of a blimp that was flying over Louisiana on Saturday. Johnson believes this is what many have seen and incorrectly identified as a UFO.

"When I saw the one from Louisiana the photo from last night I thought that maybe they were mistaking the UFO for what I saw as a blimp because it kind of had the same similarities and shape" says Johnson.

We reported earlier this week that according to an AP poll, 14 percent of Americans say they have seen a UFO.

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## Letourneau Experts Refute UFO Sightings

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Letourneau Experts Refute UFO Sightings

Bob Hallmark, Reporting  
[bhallmark.nul](mailto:bhallmark.nul)

The Stephenville UFO sighting has again sparked East Texan's interest about unidentified flying objects. But is there a more logical explanation of these sightings that people believe are extra-terrestrial? The mysterious images captured in Stephenville have captivated UFO enthusiasts, and echo of Orson Welles war of the worlds.

Conventional cult theory is the visitors get here from another planet by traveling at light speed. But is that even possible?

"It would take more energy than all of the oil all of the coal all of the nuclear fuel wouldn't even be close to enough to create the kind of ship moving at that kind of speed" says doctor Ted Forringer of the Letourneau university physics department.

Often analyzing sighting videos, Letourneau University professors say there are some clues in the Stephenville video that don't add up. Like running lights on the mysterious craft.

"Well the fact that it has identifying lights, two white ones and a red one flashing. All civil aircraft have a flashing red beacon on them" says Letourneau Dean of Aeronautic Engineering, Fred Ritchey.

But could advanced technology overcome the laws of physics?

"Einstein discovered in his theory of relativity it would require an infinite amount of energy in order to increase something's speed to the speed of light, there's nothing to say that there couldn't be a worm hole. We can't exclude it, but they've never been observed" Forringer says.

"Either it's a civilian aircraft or it's a military aircraft that the military is not acknowledging. Once you eliminate the impossible then you have the probable" Ritchey says.

"The laws of physics are applicable throughout the entire universe. At this point, it belongs in the category of science fiction" Forringer says.

Letourneau professors do not discount the possibility of advanced technology, but stress that physical laws would still apply.

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UFO Sightings Not Alien To Poconos

By Adam Mcnaughton  
Pocono Record Writer

The Poconos have seen their fair share of unidentified flying objects. A look through Pocono Record archives shows a long history of close encounters:

- Sept. 19, 1957 =97 A flying saucer with a sphere-shaped tail coming from the east flies through the night sky. After being seen by two residents of Delaware Water Gap, the object quietly escapes to the north.
- March 1, 1973 =97 Shirly Pfeiffer of Summit Hill, state Trooper Jeffrey Hontz and 10 other West End residents report seeing 40 unknown circular objects flying from 500 to 2,000 feet above Saylor's Lake.
- March 21, 1973 =97 The same UFOs from Saylor's Lake are seen in Northampton County and parts of New Jersey.
- Oct. 13, 1986 =97 More than 100 UFO sightings are called in to the Monroe County Control Center when hot air balloons land in an East Stroudsburg University field and the Kmart plaza parking lot in East Stroudsburg for a balloon race.
- March 3, 1991 =97 A fireball and a "plane" crash are reported in a wooded section of Normal Street in East Stroudsburg. Residents report seeing flames, smelling smoke and hearing a crash.

Police, firefighters and ambulance crews search the area from the ground and air for an hour and find nothing.

March 7, 1991 =97 Monroe County residents and others in the Northeast report seeing another fireball with a greenish tail moving through the sky from the northwest to southeast. This event was also witnessed by airplane pilots and observers from Maine to West Virginia.

The National UFO reporting center stopped counting calls after 100. Robert Gribble, director of the center, reported that it wasn't re-entry of space debris and there was no evidence of it being a meteor.

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## Texas UFO Report Science or Psychology?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 16:07:56 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 16:07:56 -0500  
Subject: Texas UFO Report Science or Psychology?

Source: The Daily Galaxy - New York, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/29fj7v>

January 18, 2008

The Texas UFO Report: Science or Psychology?  
Posted by Rebecca Sato

Wolf\_creek\_ufo\_closeup A bizarre incident occurred last Tuesday in the Texas town of Stephenville that was witnessed by dozens of residents. For about five minutes a massive craft, described as =93about as big as a walmart=94 hovered overhead and then disappeared faster than a =93speeding bullet=94.

Pilot Steve Allen saw the object when he was out clearing brush off a hilltop near the town of Silden. Allen described the unidentified object as having flashing lights that went from corner to corner and was strangely silent.

He said the UFO sped away at more than 3,000 mph, followed by two fighter jets that were quickly outmaneuvered. Allen said it took the craft only a few seconds to cross a section of sky that would have taken him 20 minutes to cross in his Cessna.

The veteran pilot estimated the massive craft to be around a half-mile wide and a mile long.

Although officials were flooded with reputable reports, the military quickly dismissed the sighting. The Stephenville Empire-Tribune reported that around 40 people in all reported seeing it. The report also noted that some people were too worried about being ridiculed to admit what they saw until others started coming forward.

Police officer Leroy Gatin said he was walking to his car when he saw a red glowing lights that reminded him of pictures he'd seen of an erupting volcano.

He said the object was suspended 3,000 feet in the air. Gatin said he was so awestruck that he called his son to come and see =97 but he didn't dare talk about it until he saw a story about a UFO in the local paper.

Military officials, however, were terse about the reports, saying that they were all =93letting their imaginations run wild=94. Military officials also claimed that what all of them saw from various angles all across town was actually an =93optical illusion=94. The residents also reported seeing two fighter jets approaching the object, but officials at the nearest air force base denied that any of their pilots were involved in the alleged incident.

Many credible people, including two former presidents, Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan, have reported seeing s UFO, which in their opinions, couldn't have possibly been a mere illusion. At

any rate, it is odd that 40 residents looking from a variety of different angles would see the same "optical illusion". But whether what they saw was of terrestrial origin or not, is still up for debate.

UFO disclosure activists, including former Canadian Federal Defense Minister Paul Hellyer, note that the military and other powerful organizations rely on the "ridicule factor" to downplay the possibility that advanced extraterrestrial life could have mastered space travel.

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## Re: 1950 Kenneth Arnold/Edward R. Murrow Interview?

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 16:09:37 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 16:09:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: 1950 Kenneth Arnold/Edward R. Murrow Interview?

>From: Greg Boone <>[volbaby.nul](mailto:volbaby.nul)  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 21:27:11 EST  
>Subject: 1950 Kenneth Arnold/Edward R. Murrow Interview

>Anyone know of a recording of this interview?

>The best thing I could find at a glance was from good ol'  
>Jan Aldrich's website which has a short excerpt.

><http://www.project1947.com/fig/kamurrow.htm>

>Anyone know how long the original broadcast was?

>I'd figure that CBS would have something in their archives  
>or else the Copyright office in D.C.

Wendy Connors would be your best source, I think. The media did not archive their old material, but most of their historical shows were donated to various Universities and private Archives. In my checking on some of the older Long John Nebel shows I found that the originatin radio station had decades ago donated the tapes to a museum (I can't recall the name of the top of my head, but they were then given to a University).

You might see if there's an Edward Murrow Archive somewhere, and start there.

These are always fund to listen to, but it's really not going to give us new information.

Steve

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## Newsweek Explains It All For You

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lflaming5.nul](mailto:lflaming5.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 19 Jan 2008 11:20:27 -0600  
Archived: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 16:21:46 -0500  
Subject: Newsweek Explains It All For You

No need to get all excited about the recent multiple-witness UFO sightings in Texas - or about any other UFO cases, for that matter. It's all been scientifically explained:

Demons in the Dark=B9

How scientists talk about UFO sightings.

<http://www.newsweek.com/id/96014>

Everyone can take off their tinfoil hats, now, and get on with their lives.

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## Re: Mobile Phone Images?

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos.nul](mailto:nikolaos.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 19 Jan 2008 13:57:27 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 16:24:06 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mobile Phone Images?

>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 10:21:55 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Mobile Phone Images?

>>From: John Velez <[jvelez49.nul](mailto:jvelez49.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 15:31:46 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Mobile Phone Images?

>>>From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos.nul](mailto:nikolaos.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 23:19:00 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Mobile Phone Images?

>>>>From: Sean Jones <[tedric.nul](mailto:tedric.nul)>  
>>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>>Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 13:10:28 +0000  
>>>>Subject: Mobile Phone Images?

>>>>It just occurred to me that with the proliferation of  
>>>>mobile/cell phones with cameras we should be seeing a massive  
>>>>increase in photo's (however dodgy) perhaps even some moving  
>>>>footage.

>>>>But we are not.

>>>>Any reason why?

<snip>

>>>If BLURFOs are the best this generation armed with cell phone  
>>>cameras can come up with for evidence that something truly weird  
>>>is still flying through our skies, then I think the question we  
>>>should be asking is "Where have all the UFOs disappeared to?".

>>Hello Nick, All,

>>"BLURFOs", <LOL> still at it, eh Nick? Try this one on for size.

>><http://myparanormallife.blogspot.com/2007/12/costa-rica-ufo-video.html>

>>This is from a Costa Rican news broadcast. The young man who  
>>witnessed the flying disc captured the images on his cell phone.

>Many thanks for alerting us to this amazing video. I think the  
>enhanced version is the best and most convincing I've ever seen.  
>Notice how the classic saucer shape transforms to the half  
>saucer, pointed wing version that others like Ken Arnold had  
>reported. I was able to capture one frame that looks exactly  
>like the drawings in this article:

><http://greyfalcon.us/I%20Did%20See%20the%20Flying%20Disks.htm>

Hi Sean, John, Ed, everyone!

This moving footage of a "supuesto ovni" or an alleged UFO taken  
with a cell phone camera is one of the better recent examples of

a BLURFO (this time using James Neff's proper and more precise definition) which is clearly a structured or manufactured object hovering in the foreground. The question is just how close was this UFO to the observer and just who was it that manufactured it.

The shy owner of the My Paranormal Life blog website where two short videos of this alleged UFO in Acosta, Costa Rica can be seen makes an interesting comment: "There's something almost vintage about this video, the hill side line, the design of the craft, reminds me of the photos from a few decades ago." Last night (actually very early this morning) before going to sleep something fell to the floor next to my bed which I think may explain why the UFO in this video seemed so familiar.

That something that fell to the floor was a flying saucer made with two white paper plates that my 7 year old neice made for me while I was in Ottawa over the Christmas/New Year holiday that I took back with me to Toronto! You have to admit that the Acosta, Costa Rica UFO does look like two white paper plates joined together - something the two contractors may have brought along with them for their meals while building this house in the woods.

The UFO in the video clip seems to be hovering nearby just at the edge of the cleared construction site that is covered with brown soil where the house is being built. There are even some thin wooden boards, equally clear and distinct as the UFO, that are seen briefly in a few frames immediately below and to the left of the UFO that give me the impression that this UFO is only a few inches across. The fact that the angular size of the UFO in the video clip taken with this typical cell phone camera is unusually large, this too supports my impression that the UFO was very closeby - and thus very small in size. Also, the fact that the trees behind the UFO are in dark shadow and not as clear and distinct as the vegetation and the UFO in the foreground which are both in direct sunlight is further evidence reason why I think the UFO in the video is a small object comparable in size to a paper plate.

As for Ed's enthusiastic claim that in one frame (an embossed image that which gives the UFO a 3D relief) looks exactly like the drawings of the crescent shaped UFOs that Kenneth Arnold saw back in 1947 is wishful thinking at best since the UFO is very blurred in that video frame from camera motion. I am sure you will all agree that an embossed image of a BLURFO which looks very much like those clear and distinct drawings of what Arnold recalled seeing is far from an obvious match or established connection between the two.

If I am wrong and the UFO in this video clip was a much larger object, possibly with small human-like occupants that are often associated with other UFO close encounters, then from what we actually see in the final frame or two of the actual unenhanced video before the UFO suddenly vanishes from view, the ETs accidently flipped their flying saucer and may have even crashed in the valley or depression just below that wooded area in the background.

I would not at all be surprised if a rescue team dispatched to this valley in Costa Rica finds a crashed flying saucer with injured or dead aliens but more likely some white paper plates and discarded remains of Costa Rican food... ;o)

A fellow believer - really,

Nick Balaskas

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## Re: Look Up In The Sky No Idea What It Is

From: bruce maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 19 Jan 2008 15:16:04 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 16:25:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Look Up In The Sky No Idea What It Is

>Source: The Austin American Statesman - Texas, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/2mfe7n>

>Thursday, January 17, 2008

>Kelso's Kranky Korner

>Look, Up In The Sky - I Have No Idea What It Is  
>By John Kelso

<snip>

>The next day I coincidentally visited the UFO museum in Roswell,  
>N.M. and told the people there about the green light that had  
>zoomed off in an instant. They asked me to fill out a report,  
>but I lost the forms in the back seat of my car somehow and  
>never did. What I really wonder about is what happened to the  
>forms.

Nothing like a serious treatment of the UFO phenomenon.  
Probably the aliens swiped the sighting forms during the  
abduction. <LOL>

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## Re: Does 'Superior Mirage' Explain Texas UFO

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 19 Jan 2008 15:30:44 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 16:27:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: Does 'Superior Mirage' Explain Texas UFO

>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 17:31:41 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Does 'Superior Mirage' Explain Texas UFO Reports?

>>Source: National Public Radio - Washington, DC, USA>

>><http://tinyurl.com/22kn6u>

>>January 17, 2008

>>All Things Considered Series

>>Does 'Superior Mirage' Explain Texas UFO Reports?

>>Many listeners wrote in about Wade Goodwyn's story on UFO  
>>sightings in Texas, and one pointed out that we missed a  
>>teaching opportunity about superior mirage phenomenon. Robert  
>>Siegel talks with Christine Pulliam, a spokeswoman for the  
>>Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, to find out more.

>>Click to Listen:

>><http://tinyurl.com/2oknth>

>Why is it that every picture I've seen of a Superior Mirage (SM)  
>is associated with a large body of water and only seems to  
>extend to about 5=B0 above the horizon.

>Has anyone seen any photos of land based SM's? I couldn't find  
>any.

This is just another 'grope' at an explanation by an informed  
skeptical "bystander".

A SM never appears more than a degree (if that much) above the  
horizon and certainly not at a high angle.

Of course, if a person reports seeing a light and the SM  
explanation is proposed, then there must be a source of that  
light, presumably over the horizon - so it can't be seen  
directly.

Such a mirage might move up and down depending upon variations  
in the temperature gradient in the atmosphere, but it can't move  
sideways. High angle and lateral motion rules out SM.

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## Re: Mobile Phone Images?

From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 19 Jan 2008 16:53:17 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 16:31:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mobile Phone Images?

>From: <Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos.nul](mailto:nikolaos.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 19 Jan 2008 02:27:23 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Mobile Phone Images?

>>From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 11:07:01 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Mobile Phone Images?

<snip>

>>I would like to take issue with your definition of a BLURFO.  
>>The place where it is discussed well is at

>><http://www.rense.com/general49/blurfo.htm>

>>and there it is clear that the operative part of the word is  
>>BLUR. That is, the mystery object appears as a blur in the  
>>picture, probably because a bird or bug was moving across the  
>>near field of view. You simply define it as something appearing  
>>in the picture that was not seen when the photo was taken.

><snip>

>It was this same outstanding ufological paper by James Neff, in  
>which he first coined the term "BLURFO", that came to my mind  
>when I used it in my reply to Sean's question.

Instead of using the word BLURFO which already has a meaning, we  
need to define a new term for 'UFO images that appear on the  
cell phone picture but which were not noticed by the witnesses  
at the time'. I suggest PUSO, for 'photographed unseen object'.  
BLURFOs would then be a sub-set of PUSOs. Another sub-set of  
PUSOs would be objects invisible to the eye - but not the camera  
- due to stealth technology.

>Ufological terminology is very limited and not very descript in  
>accurately portraying what was seen by witnesses or even how  
>ufologists use these terms to classify UFO sightings. It is  
>because of the interpretive descriptions found in UFO reports  
>that I did not take issue when you made suggestive references  
>to spacecraft in describing the fuzzy triangular shaped patterns  
>you see in pictures of clouds (your January 8 post to the UFO  
>UpDates list).

This has nothing to do with BLURFOs, but the use of the word  
"fuzzy" here requires a response. In three of the four cases I  
discussed, the boundaries of the objects that can be clearly  
seen are not fuzzy. The lines I superimposed on the images  
follow sharply defined contours, and these lines come together  
at an exact 60-degree angle. In the remaining case, the edges  
are fuzzy but the overall shape is approximated well by an  
equilateral triangle. In two of the four cases, the objects  
appear to be attached to a clearly defined, apparently solid  
component that projects below the shape in the cloud layer.

I think the partially hidden shapes are spacecraft, but I would  
be interested in other interpretations. Most of us reading this

list are likely already open to the idea that alien or black-project craft are responsible for ufo sightings. So we should acknowledge any clues to their presence, and look for more. This kind of evidence becomes more persuasive as the frequency of occurrence rises.

William

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## Re: Mobile Phone Images?

From: **Stanton T Friedman** <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 19 Jan 2008 18:22:57 -0400  
Archived: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 16:34:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mobile Phone Images?

>From: <Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos.nul](mailto:nikolaos.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 19 Jan 2008 02:27:23 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Mobile Phone Images?

>>From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 11:07:01 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Mobile Phone Images?

<snip>

>Yes, UFOs are 'real'. Although we all accept that there are many  
>different explanations for UFO sightings, after over six decades  
>since the first flying saucers were sighted in our skies but  
>with still no good reasons to even suspect that these UFOs are  
>visitors to Earth from space, we must be prepared to eventually  
>face up to the real possibility that the explanation we believe  
>to be true may not be the right one.

Come on Nick. There are many reasons to accept that some UFOs  
are intelligently controlled ET space craft. Most are not; just  
as most isotopes aren't fissionable and most chemicals cure no  
disease and most people aren't 7' tall. And most people don't  
have AIDS. Most people won't die this year. Some will.

The Larry King show will be repeated Sunday night.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: The South Wales UFO?

From: Robert Powell <[rpowell.nul](mailto:rpowell.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 19 Jan 2008 21:14:28 -0600  
Archived: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 16:36:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: The South Wales UFO?

>From: Geoff Richardson <[geoff.nul](mailto:geoff.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 15:36:51 -0000  
>Subject: The South Wales UFO?

>Towards the end of 2007 we, at The WHY? Files, received video  
>footage of a bright object in the sky over a small village in  
>Mid-Glamorgan, South Wales (U.K.). The gentleman who obtained  
>the footage commented:

>"my wife saw it first from the kitchen window and after she had  
>watched it for a little while called me to have a look, i think  
>in all it was visible for 45/60 minutes approximately,"

>The actual footage is approximately 25 minutes in length and we  
>present edited sections at the link below. We also present a  
>number of still graphics taken from the video footage.

>Just what is the object that was captured on video on that crisp,  
>March night in South Wales? We do have opinions regarding this  
>footage but would appreciate the opinions of others.

>If you have an informed opinion based on logical  
>deductions/proof then let us know -- we will publish any  
>reasonable explanations for this mystifying footage.

><http://www.thewhyfiles.net/swufo.html>

In the 2 min 56 sec of footage that I saw, there was no indication that the object was moving when it could be referenced against background objects. It appeared to move when the camera was zooming in and out, but I suspect that was due to shake in the camera which is amplified during higher mag.

So, it could have been the planet Venus which will have a crescent shape. I don't know for sure. But if I could have seen the object move in relation to background objects, then I could have eliminated a star or planet as the object.

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## Dubious Footage From Turkey?

From: **Franklin Fields** <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 19 Jan 2008 23:57:40 -0500 (EST)  
Archived: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 16:47:36 -0500  
Subject: Dubious Footage From Turkey?

Any comments on this video??

Source: Pravda - Moscow, Russia

<http://tinyurl.com/28j48a>

18.01.2008

[Caution - latter-day Pravda can be compared to trashy-tabloids and normally their 'stories' are not posted to the List --ebk]

Extraterrestrial beings caught on tape for the first time ever

Extraterrestrial beings have finally been taped on video, the head of the Turkish UFO Center, Haktan Agdogan said.

The ufologist said at a special press conference in Istanbul that a local resident, a watchman from one of cottage townships, managed to film an extraterrestrial spaceship and two aliens. The lucky man, named as Yalcin Yalman, presented his 22-minute video to reporters. The video can be found on YouTube (click to watch the video).

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=Zes6pA58M04>

Haktan Agdogan said that the tape will evoke a wide response in the world because it is the first-ever footage that depicts not only a UFO per se, but its shining metallic surface. More importantly, silhouettes of two extraterrestrial beings are clearly visible on the tape.

Recent notable sightings of unidentified flying objects took place in 2007. Eyewitness Afzal Khan told CNN IBN that he photographed a UFO on May 28, 2007. "Today (Monday) at around 9 pm (IST), I and my brothers saw a bright, slow-moving object which looked like a group of lights moving in a triangular formation in the sky towards west/north-west direction. This object was definitely not an aeroplane as it was moving very slowly. We observed the object from around 9 pm until 9.30 pm before it disappeared into the distance. During this time we managed to take some pictures with my camera. The astronomical/space/science departments of any activity in the sky during the above time can be confirmed. We live in Jayanagar area of Bangalore. Another thing that we noticed during this time was an aircraft that took-off from Bangalore Airport was flying very close to this object. It is possible that the pilot of that aircraft could have spotted this object as well."

Many people claimed to see a UFO near Eastern Metropolitan Bypass (Calcutta) on October 30, 2007. Its was also recorded by an amateur videographer. It was like a ball of light which some time hovered, sometimes moved very fast and changed shape and size. The video was broadcast in local news channels.

In January of 2008, nine separate lights were spotted moving in an arc formation across the sky at around half past midnight on New Years Day. Around the globe, many people are said to have reported the same exact lights seen in the sky.

Prepared by Dmitry Sudakov  
Pravda.ru

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## CNN Larry King Live On YouTube

From: **Alejandro T. Rojas** <[arojas.nul](mailto:arojas.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 01:18:57 -0600  
Archived: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 16:50:58 -0500  
Subject: CNN Larry King Live On YouTube

Watch the CNN Larry King Live UFO Special from January 18th 2008 that Featured the Mutual UFO Network's (MUFON) Texas state director Ken Cherry.

<http://www.youtube.com/MUFONHQ>

Dallas Morning News update:

<http://tinyurl.com/2eams7>

I haven't been able to get the videos on the Dallas Morning News site to work. Hopefully that will be fixed soon.

Also see two videos of Colorado coverage of the case with John Schuessler, and me Alejandro Rojas.

John on NBC: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hZgvOgmi72Q>

Me on the WB: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i8HVYcOGctE>

More to come...

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Mutual UFO Network(MUFON)  
Director of Public Education  
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## Re: The South Wales UFO?

From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 10:04:11 -0000  
Archived: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 16:52:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: The South Wales UFO?

>From: Geoff Richardson <[geoff.nul](mailto:geoff.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 15:36:51 -0000  
>Subject: The South Wales UFO?

>Towards the end of 2007 we, at The WHY? Files, received video  
>footage of a bright object in the sky over a small village in  
>Mid-Glamorgan, South Wales (U.K.). The gentleman who obtained  
>the footage commented:

>"my wife saw it first from the kitchen window and after she had  
>watched it for a little while called me to have a look, i think  
>in all it was visible for 45/60 minutes approximately,"

>The actual footage is approximately 25 minutes in length and we  
>present edited sections at the link below. We also present a  
>number of still graphics taken from the video footage.

>Just what is the object that was captured on video on that crisp,  
>March night in South Wales? We do have opinions regarding this  
>footage but would appreciate the opinions of others.

>If you have an informed opinion based on logical  
>deductions/proof then let us know - we will publish any  
>reasonable explanations for this mystifying footage.

><http://www.thewhyfiles.net/swufo.html>

Witness has "no idea" which direction the object was in. The sky  
brightness shortly before sunset indicates the camera is  
probably pointing roughly west. One bright object low in the  
west, visible for 45-60 minutes from 1930 hrs, March 03 2007,  
52degN 3degW, would be:

Venus  
Magnitude: -2.7  
Distance from Sun: 0.722 AU  
Distance from Earth: 1.383 AU  
Angular size: 12.23 arcsec  
Phase: 0.861  
RA 0h 48m 15s DEC 4=B0 30' 13"  
Alt 9=B0 25' 0" Az 265=B0 13' 54"  
Rises 7:53:41 Transits 14:15:49 Sets 20:37:56

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## Media & Experts Shine Lights On Texas Cities

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 16:57:02 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 16:57:02 -0500  
Subject: Media & Experts Shine Lights On Texas Cities

Source: The Dallas Morning News - Texas, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2ysuac>

Sunday, January 20, 2008

National Media, UFO Experts Shine Lights On N. Texas Cities

By Jeffrey Weiss  
The Dallas Morning News  
[jweiss.nul](mailto:jweiss.nul)

DUBLIN, Texas =96 Anyone looking for answers about the recent mysterious lights in the Texas sky left here disappointed Saturday. But the big meeting hosted by the Mutual UFO Network delivered in plenty of other ways:

Jokers in tinfoil hats, check. Funny UFO T-shirts, check. Crop circle conspiracy theorists, check. Fresh popcorn and Dublin's real-sugar Dr Pepper dispensed by the friendly folks from the Rotary Club, check.

And even a hint of science and a sense that the cheerful mob scene might actually contribute to knowledge, if not definitive explanations.

"I think a lot of people saw the same things," said Laura Washburn of nearby Glen Rose, whose son, Shane, saw something odd in the sky on the nights of Dec. 31 and Jan. 2.

The two of them spent a couple of hours among the more than 500 who packed the Dublin Rotary building, listening to others tell their stories.

"Hearing so many other people takes away the feeling that I don't want to be the only one, the one that people say is crazy," Ms. Washburn said.

The meeting was triggered by local reports of slow-moving, glowing objects in the sky the night of Jan. 8. Three men told their stories to Angelia Joiner, a reporter for the Stephenville Empire-Tribune.

"The people were so genuine and so credible," Ms. Joiner said Saturday. "You could tell they really saw something."

Plus, it was a good tale that she figured her readers would like. She was right about that. Once her first story ran, other people came forward. And once word traveled beyond the area, the world wanted to know more.

Every major news network has run stories about the lights near Stephenville. Two witnesses, plus Ms. Joiner, were remote guests Friday on Larry King Live.

MUFON was founded in 1969 and has chapters all over the U.S. The

Colorado-based organization is a club for UFO buffs, but it's also a network of amateur investigators who try to evaluate every report they receive of something odd in the sky. MUFON announced last week that it would hold a meeting to interview witnesses of the Stephenville-area lights.

The first site for the meeting was a livestock sales barn. That humble location didn't sit well with the Rotarians of Dublin, about 10 minutes down the road from Stephenville.

"It's kinda like we have company coming and we need to take care of them," said Pat Leatherwood, a member of the Dublin Rotary Club. "Whether or not you believe it, you can still be nice."

Texas MUFON officials gratefully accepted the Rotarians' offer of a comfortable place to talk to witnesses. By the end of Saturday afternoon, more than 200 people had formally filed their stories.

MUFON investigators are a cross between the Ghostbusters of the movie and the amateur detectives of the Scooby-Doo cartoons. Like the Ghostbusters, they know they're taking on a task with a high giggle factor.

But like Velma and Scooby's other cartoon companions, MUFON investigators take a scientific approach. They look for clues, interview witnesses, analyze evidence. And like the teenage detectives on the TV show, MUFON usually concludes that there's nothing unworldly about the sightings it investigates.

MUFON certifies its official investigators. They're trained to recognize unusual cloud patterns, star formations, bugs flying close to the camera, light reflecting from the lens and myriad other ways an odd image can show up on a photo.

Robert Powell of Austin, MUFON's national director of research, was in Dublin on Saturday to help with the investigation. He hoped to find stories that matched 96 people in different places who saw something similar about the same time. But he knew many such stories turn out to be something mundane.

"An unidentified flying object can turn out to be an airplane, and then it's identified," he said.

Steve Hudgeons of Fort Worth is MUFON's senior investigator for Texas. Mr. Hudgeons, 58, makes his living as a project manager for a construction company.

A few days before the big meeting, he described some of the problems his investigators would surely find. The biggest, ironically, is the massive publicity. Witnesses had a chance to hear from one another and talk among themselves. Often in such situations, people's memories shift, Mr. Hudgeons said. The other problem, he said, was that the intense media attention would pull people from the woodwork who have nothing useful to contribute.

"We are going to get people down there who have aluminum foil on their heads," he said with a sigh. "We always get that."

Which they did. They also got more witnesses in one place than MUFON had ever tried to interview. Like hooking a fire hose to a garden hose, the crowd blew out the normal careful interview process that MUFON tries to conduct about every report it gets. One woman had a story about something she saw in 1957. Others had accounts from last month or last year.

Their descriptions of the objects included an aspirin with lights around the edges, glowing orbs, a wedge-shaped row of lights and an enormous classic movie-special-effects flying saucer. Some witnesses were fuzzy about the time of their sighting. Others weren't clear about which way they were looking. But several were able to answer many of the questions on the MUFON investigation form. Where were they at the time? Which direction did they look? Did what they saw seem to hover? Wobble? Appear solid? Have fuzzy edges?

Over the next couple of months, MUFON's investigators plan to follow up with some of the witnesses and eventually produce a report about any patterns they find in the accounts.

In the meantime, the locals are mostly having fun with the story. A Stephenville hotel has a goofy image of a green cartoon alien in a hotel suite sitting by the front desk. "He's on the fourth floor" of the three-story hotel, guests are told.

But some people are worried that the story will leave an image of their area as being filled with a bunch of UFO-seeing nuts.

Chris Baker, 37, lives in Dublin. He's seen only one unusual sight in the sky lately: "Just snow."

"I'm hoping after this weekend is over that people will start to forget about it," he said. "I don't think there is enough to it to make it a tourist attraction like Glen Rose and dinosaurs."

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## Maybe It Came From The Dog Star

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 17:00:03 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 17:00:03 -0500  
Subject: Maybe It Came From The Dog Star

Source: The Star-Telegram - Fort Worth, Texas, USA

[http://www.star-telegram.com/metro\\_news/story/421400.html](http://www.star-telegram.com/metro_news/story/421400.html)

Sun, Jan. 20, 2008

Maybe It Came From The Dog Star  
By Susan Tallant  
Special to the Star-Telegram

Once the excitement dies down in Stephenville, two scientists at area universities plan to take a scholarly look at whatever lighted the sky over Erath County this month.

Michael Hibbs, associate professor of math and physics at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, and Ron DiIulio, director of astronomy lab programs for the University of North Texas in Denton, said Saturday that they will gather data and interview witnesses to try to figure out what people saw.

"This is a chance for us to put together some science as to why," Hibbs said. "This is pretty cool. No, it's way cool."

DiIulio and Hibbs agree that people saw a UFO of sorts because it is unidentified and it appeared to be flying. They are especially interested in this sighting because of the number of people who reported seeing it.

"We know they saw something," Hibbs said. "We just want to know what it is."

DiIulio said he was not surprised that no one took photos of the UFO, since it was at night, it was cold and many people, especially older ones, don't carry cameras.

"We need more data," DiIulio said. "We want either an identified object or an unidentified one, but not a misidentified flying object."

Both scientists agreed that the photograph on the front page of Friday's Star-Telegram was not of a UFO. It was one of DiIulio's MFOs.

"From what I see by looking at this photo, it's a sun dog," DiIulio said.

Hibbs agreed. "It definitely was a sun dog," Hibbs said. "That photo has nothing to do with the Stephenville incident."

A truck driver took the photo using his cellphone camera on Jan. 8 on Interstate 20 near Cisco.

A sun dog is a little-known atmospheric phenomenon caused by ice crystals hanging in the air, reflecting sunlight through high clouds, DiIulio said. Cloud movements appear to make the sun dog move, too.

"You nearly always see them 22 degrees -- or 'two fists' -- on either side of the sun," he said. It usually happens near sunset.

DiIulio said American Indians used to report sun dogs.

"It's almost like a rainbow," DiIulio said. "It's pretty neat. Some people don't see the color, just the bright light."

He and Hibbs said they want to work with witnesses by going back to where the witnesses saw the lights. DiIulio and Hibbs will also look at the descriptions from Saturday's event in Dublin. And they're not scoffing.

"This is really exciting," Hibbs said. "Who would have guessed this would happen in Stephenville, Texas?"

Stop, look, take notes

Ron DiIulio, director of astronomy lab programs for the University of North Texas, offers these tips on what to do if you spot a UFO. DiIulio is also Jet Propulsion Laboratories-NASA's solar system ambassador, helping interpret science for the public.

Note immediate changes, such as if the object suddenly reverses or turns 90 degrees.

Know your compass points, and note the direction you are looking.

Count how far from north the object is using "fists." Stretch out your arm and level your fist on the horizon. Bring up your other fist. Cross your first arm over the second, keeping your arms together, and count how many fists left or right of north the object is. Nine fists left of north is northwest, etc.

In a similar way, find out how high the object is. Stretch out one arm and level a fist on the horizon. Then put the other fist on top of the first fist. Continue to stack fists until they reach the object. Two fists equal 20 degrees, nine fists equal 90 degrees, etc.

E-mail questions to DiIulio at [starman.nul](mailto:starman.nul)

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## Re: Does 'Superior Mirage' Explain Texas UFO

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 19 Jan 2008 07:20:41 -0800  
Archived: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 17:03:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: Does 'Superior Mirage' Explain Texas UFO

>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 17:31:41 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Does 'Superior Mirage' Explain Texas UFO Reports?

>>Source: National Public Radio - Washington, DC, USA

>><http://tinyurl.com/22kn6u>

>>January 17, 2008

>>All Things Considered Series

>>Does 'Superior Mirage' Explain Texas UFO Reports?

>>Many listeners wrote in about Wade Goodwyn's story on UFO  
>>sightings in Texas, and one pointed out that we missed a  
>>teaching opportunity about superior mirage phenomenon. Robert  
>>Siegel talks with Christine Pulliam, a spokeswoman for the  
>>Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, to find out more.

>>Click to Listen:

>><http://tinyurl.com/2oknth>

>Why is it that every picture I've seen of a Superior Mirage (SM)  
>is associated with a large body of water and only seems to  
>extend to about 5=B0 above the horizon.

Because to get a large enough temperature contrast between the surface and the air above, in the daytime, over a long enough path length, with the surface being colder than the air, and in order to have an elevated image of distant hills/mountains/islands show up, a large flat expanse is needed. That's best provided by warm air moving over cold water. The temperature inversion near the surface with warm air above cold surface is not nearly as strong as for cooler air above a solar heated surface. The latter case, of inferior mirage, can therefore occur over just a short section of a hot highway.

Jim

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## Re: UFO Viewing Tips

From: **Eleanor White** <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 16:24:57 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 17:08:06 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Viewing Tips

>Source: MSNBC - USA

><http://cosmiclog.msnbc.msn.com/archive/2008/01/18/589552.aspx>

>Friday, January 18, 2008

>UFO Viewing Tips  
>Alan Boyle

<snip>

>On Saturday, he and other witnesses are gathering to pool their  
>accounts for a national UFO organization - but there=B4s always a  
>chance the Texas sightings will fade into the distance, just  
>like the O=B4Hare UFO sighting over a year ago.

Grrrrr!!! It didn't "fade", it was covered up, for  
God's sake!

Eleanor White

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## Giant UFO Over Guanica Puerto Rico

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 19 Jan 2008 16:28:34 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 17:11:00 -0500  
Subject: Giant UFO Over Guanica Puerto Rico

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
January 19 2008

Source: Project Argus - Puerto Rican Experimental Research Group

Date: January 19, 2008

PUERTO RICO: Giant UFO Over Guanica

A report from Jose A. Martinez

Last night, January 18 2008 at 10:15 p.m. on the coastal sector of Guanica (southwestern Puerto Rico) an enormous classic "flying saucer" object was reported, with hundreds of rows of red lights surrounding it. Before the sighting, the witnesses alleged - and I confirm what they said - having heard an airplane flying overhead at exactly that time, as I was watching television at that hour. The witnesses were more numerous in the upper area of Vivones when they observed the transit of the airplane, followed by this round, enormous flying artifact with red lights.

The object rested for several minutes on a nearby hill, at very low altitude, nearly treetop level, blinding witnesses with its red lights. Among them were Roberto Garcia and wife Patricia, who tried to photograph the object with their cell phone but didn't manage to obtain an image. Other local residents were frightened and unable to sleep that night after the object took off toward Lajas at high speed. The witnesses told me that this is not the first case that they've seen in the at this hour of the night.

The object made no sound whatsoever, the night was clear and full of stars, and the aerostat could be seen at low altitude and in the distance. It is impossible to mistake the Lajas Aerostat with the object reported by the witnesses.

We will be on the lookout for more witnesses to this interesting event.

Sincerely,

Jose Martinez

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## Re: Blimp Source Of Texas UFO Sightings?

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 17:26:37 -0400  
Archived: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 17:12:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: Blimp Source Of Texas UFO Sightings?

UFO UpDates - Toronto posted:

>Source: KLTV - 7 - Tyler, Texas, USA

><http://www.kltv.com/Global/story.asp?S=7744206&nav=1TjD>

>01/18/08

>Woman Believes Blimp Source Of UFO Sightings

>Bob Hallmark, Reporting  
>[bhallmark.nul](mailto:bhallmark.nul)

>An East Texas woman says she captured pictures of what she  
>believes everyone is mistaking for a UFO sighting. Cherika  
>Johnson of Longview snapped shots of a blimp that was flying  
>over Louisiana on Saturday. Johnson believes this is what many  
>have seen and incorrectly identified as a UFO.

>"When I saw the one from Louisiana the photo from last night I  
>thought that maybe they were mistaking the UFO for what I saw as  
>a blimp because it kind of had the same similarities and shape"  
>says Johnson.

>We reported earlier this week that according to an AP poll, 14  
>percent of Americans say they have seen a UFO.

The media must be desperate to print this. Everyone is an  
expert.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Mobile Phone Images?

From: Sean Jones <[tedric.nul](mailto:tedric.nul)>  
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Please excuse if I say something that has already been said, but my laptop died last week and my best working backup was a month old, so I have lost a fair few emails!

Back to the thread.

When positing my question I was querying the distinct lack of sightings caught on mobile/cell phones, regardless of the quality of the picture.

\_If\_ UFOs are as numerous as some would have you believe then surely there must be an increase of photographic evidence with the proliferation of mobile/cell phones with camera's surely there should an increase of pictures?

I humbly suggest that perhaps there isn't as many genuine sightings as some would have you believe, and/or people are less bothered about them, and/or can't be bothered to get pictures.

Either way, what ever the reason, I personally am surprised that we (that's the royal collective we) haven't seen an increase in photographic evidence, courtesy of mobile/cell phones.

All the best,

Sean

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## Dogon Alien Mystery Demystified

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I thought some of you might be interested in my article Dogon Alien 'Mystery' Demystified, which can be found (with proper formatting and various hyperlinks) at the link below:

<http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread326227/pg1>

I was provoked into writing about this subject by an article promoting the Dogon mystery which was distributed by abovetopsecret.com (ATS) via its email newsletter to its 60,000 members.

Since I thought that the relevant article only gave one side of the story (a point which the author of that article has since accepted), I drafted a fairly lengthy article in response.

My article (Dogon Alien 'Mystery' Demystified) was not accepted for distribution via the abovetopsecret.com email newsletter, so I simply posted it on their forum at the link above.

I'm happy for my article to be displayed elsewhere (although, for formatting reasons, some hyperlinks may disappear if displayed other than on the ATS forums).

Kind Regards,

Isaac

Dogon Alien 'Mystery' Demystified  
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Synopsis

On 12 October 2007, the ATS email newsletter contained a provocative article by NGC2736 entitled How Could They Know That? The Dogon Mystery at the link below:

<http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread308383/pg1>

That article related to astronomical knowledge (particularly relating to the Sirius solar system) attributed to the Dogon people of the Republic of Mali in Western Africa.

By the time the Dogon people were questioned by two French anthropologists Marcel Griaule and Germaine Dieterlen, between 1931 and 1950, the Dogon supposedly had knowledge of various astronomical matters (particularly relating to the Sirius solar system) that could not have been discovered using the technology available to them.

Various researchers have stated, or implied, that the relative knowledge derived from alien visitors to the Earth.

The article by NGC2736 claimed that

The things told [by the Dogon] to these two outsiders back in

the 1930s were astounding, especially for that day and age, and from that remote a people. Their oral history told of the correct motion of the near planets, and of the moons of Jupiter. They spoke of the rings of Saturn, and of the star Sirius. How could they know that it had an invisible companion, a fact scarcely known to most Europeans even then? How could they know its true orbital length of 50 years? And how could they have all this in their thousands year old oral history?

NGC2736's article is a concise and well-written account of one side of the debate regarding the Dogon. But it only presented one side.

This article seeks to present some of the alternative answers to the question raised by NGC2736, i.e. How Could They Know That?.

Numerous sceptics, notably popular astronomer Carl Sagan, have suggested that the knowledge attributed to the Dogon may have been obtained from Europeans prior to questioning by Griaule and Dieterlen.

This article is split into the following sections:

Section 1: Introduction  
Section 2: Alleged Knowledge  
Section 3: Contamination  
Section 4: Out-dated Knowledge  
Section 5: What about Sirius C?  
Section 6: Did the Dogon even say anything about Sirius B and Sirius C?  
Section 7: Conclusion  
Section 8: References

I shall discuss the claim by the leading proponent of the The Sirius Mystery that the alleged discovery in 1995 of a third star in the Sirius solar system has rendered most criticism obsolete, and give several compelling reasons for considering that claim to be severely flawed. (See Section 5: What about Sirius C?).

## SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

Although not mentioned in NGC2736's article, the Dogon mystery gained widespread publicity when Robert Temple wrote a book in 1976 entitled The Sirius Mystery. Since 1976, numerous researchers have pointed out serious problems with the content of that book. Indeed, the Sirius Mystery has probably received more detailed attention from scientists than almost any story relating to UFOs and alien visitors.

The claims made in Temple's book about the content of the Dogon myths are based on work by Marcel Griaule and Germaine Dieterlen, two French anthropologists. They published an article in French about their research in 1950. The research was carried out in the 1930s and 1940s.

Erich Von Daniken, the famous (infamous?) author of several popular books on ancient astronauts has written that Robert Temple's book confirmed my theories (Von Daniken, 1977, pages 81-82).

Several more recent authors have given relatively uncritical presentations of Temple's views (e.g. Coomer, 1999, pages 13-14) and/or of Temple's suggestions that his theories have resulted in the CIA showing an interest in him (e.g. Hansen, 2000, pages 191-192).

Books by several popular scientists have included lengthy discussions of Robert Temple's claims about the Dogon, including Carl Sagan (a 16 page discussion) and James Oberg (an 11 page discussion).

The Dogon mystery's claims to fame include the following:

\* Carl Sagan has commented that at first glance the Sirius legend of the Dogon seems to be the best candidate evidence available today for past contact with an advanced extraterrestrial civilization (Sagan, 1979, page 87).

\* Ian Ridpath (a British author and broadcaster on astronomy and space) has suggested that the Dogon claims are perhaps the most puzzling of all ancient astronaut stories (Ridpath, 1978a, page 189).

\* E C Krupp has said taken at face value the Dogon beliefs are quite amazing (Krupp, 1981, page 291).

\* The Dogon mystery is one of the few stories relating to alien visitors that has been discussed in the prestigious science journal Nature, in an article by Michael Ovenden in 1976 (Ovenden, 1976, pages 617-618).

\* Respected ufologist Thomas E Bullard has written in relation to the Dogon people's lore that here alone is anything close to evidence that some external source may have provided people of earth with advanced knowledge (Bullard, 1998, page 135).

\* In relation to the Dogon's alleged knowledge of Sirius B, famous British astronomer Patrick Moore commented It seems surprising (Moore, 1976, page 115).

The Sirius mystery has been the subject of several previous threads on the ATS forums, including the following:

\* The Dogon Tribe Research Project:

<http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread26808/pg1>

\* The Sirius Mystery - book by Robert Temple claims aquatic aliens have been to Earth and will return:

<http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread306088/pg1>

\* ATS Premium: How Could They Know That? The Dogon Mystery.:

<http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread308383/pg1>

\* The Dogon People and the Sirius Mystery:

<http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread10246/pg1>

\* The Dogon tribe...:

<http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread68396/pg1>

For additional information (particularly photographs) relating to the Dogon, see a relevant entry on Wikipedia:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dogon>

and the website of Martin Clutt.

<http://www.geocities.com/martinclutt/>

Several researchers have suggested that the Sirius star system is a very unlikely place for intelligent life to have evolved. For example, Ashpole has suggested that the Sirius star system is not a likely home for life (Ashpole, 1989, page 151) while Ian Ridpath has referred to its extreme unlikelihood of supporting life (Ridpath, 1978a, page 199).

There are several reasons for this.

Firstly, the stars in Sirius solar system are relatively young. In relation to Sirius A, Ashpole, 1989, page 152 Sirius A is a very young star: only about 500 million years old. This star will end its life-cycle long before advanced life could evolve on any suitable planet there (Ashpole, 1989, page 152). Similarly, Ian Ridpath has suggested that Sirius B has a life-span of no more than about 1000 million years, which does not seem to be long enough for advanced life to develop (Ridpath, 1978a, page 191).

Secondly, Robert S. Harrington of the U.S. Naval Observatory published information indicating that planetary orbits in the habitable zone around Sirius, defined as the region in which water would be liquid, are unstable (Ridpath, 1978a, page 193).

Ian Ridpath has concluded astronomical evidence argues strongly against Temple's ancient astronaut theory (Ridpath, 1978a, page 193).

However, the force of these arguments is considerably undermined by the fact that the relevant planet supposedly orbits Sirius C, not Sirius A or Sirius B.

On the other hand, it is possible to come up with one or two arguments supporting the plausibility of alien visitors coming from Sirius. In particular, Sirius is (in astronomical terms) basically a near neighbour. It is barely 8 light-years from Earth. This is only twice as far away as the nearest solar system to our own.

So, no clear prove emerges from these points. It is therefore necessary to consider the evidence as to:

- (a) What the Dogon allegedly knew about the Sirius system;
- (b) How the Dogon could have gained that knowledge.

I shall also give below details of an article written by an anthropologist in 1991 which casts considerable doubt upon the entire basis upon which the debate about The Sirius Mystery had proceeded during the previous couple of decades. (See the discussion in Section 3 (Contamination) and Section 6 (Did the Dogon even say anything about Sirius B and Sirius C?) of the article written in 1991 by Walter E. A. Van Beek).

## SECTION 2: ALLEGED KNOWLEDGE

What did the Dogon allegedly know about the Sirius system?

Alleged Knowledge: Sirius B and its period of rotation

Sirius A is the brightest star in the sky. Sirius B, on the other hand, much dimmer. It is not visible to the naked eye. Yet the Dogon reportedly discussed Sirius B with Marcel Griaule and Germaine Dieterlen between 1931 and 1950,

Not only that, but Robert Temple claims the Dogon know the actual orbital period of this invisible star, which is fifty years.

The statement actually attributed to the Dogon is slightly more ambiguous: The period of the orbit is counted double, that is, one hundred years, because the Siguis are convened in pairs of 'twins', so as to insist on the principle of twin-ness (Temple, 1976, page 24; Temple, 1998, page 100).

However, the Dogon statements about the existence of Sirius B and its orbital period reflected information known in the West for nearly a century prior to the visits by Griaule and Dieterlen. The German astronomer F W Bessel suggested that long-term motion of Sirius A was affected by the gravitational influence of a dark companion with a fifty-year period (Bessel, 1844). Sirius B was discovered by a direct visual observation eighteen years later by Alvan G Clark (Flammarion, 1877; Sagan, 1979, pages 90-91).

Could some early visitor to the Dogon people have been aware of that information? Yes. MIT physicist Dr Kenneth Brecher wrote an article in 1977 that reported that Sirius B was important and widely disseminated news in the 1920s and stated that he had found references in the 1920s to Sirius B in 'Le Monde', 'The New York Times', and 'Scientific American' (Story, 1980, page 119). Robert Temple's own book mentions in passing an article by a Dr P. Baize which appeared in the September 1931 issue of *Astronomie* concerned the discovery, orbit, period and density of Sirius B (Temple, 1976, page 27; Temple, 1998, page 103).

Alleged Knowledge: Density of Sirius B

One of the most remarkable facts the Dogon are supposed to have known relates to the density of Sirius B.

Sirius B is a white dwarf star. White dwarfs have mass comparable to that of the Sun, but a relatively small volume - comparable to that of something only the size of the Earth (see the Wikipedia page relating to white dwarfs at the link below).

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White\\_dwarf](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_dwarf)

Robert Temple quotes Marcel Griaule and Germaine Dieterlen as reporting the following about the Dogon's views: the star which is considered to be the smallest thing in the sky is also the heaviest: 'Digitaria is the smallest thing there is. It is the heaviest star:' It consists of a metal called sagala, which is a little brighter than iron and so heavy 'that all earthly beings combined cannot lift it'. In effect the star weighs the equivalent of 480 donkey-loads (about 38,000 kg. =3D 85,000 lb.), the equivalent of all seeds, or of all the iron on earth,' although, in theory, it is the size of a stretched ox-skin or a mortar. (Griaule and Dieterlen, 1950, at Temple, 1976, page 42-44; Temple, 1998, page 492).

Temple suggests that the statement that The star which is considered to be the smallest thing in the sky is also the heaviest is the most amazing of all the Dogon statements (Temple, 1976, page 24; Temple, 1998, pages 100 and 102).

While the Dogon did not have the technology to find out for themselves that Sirius B had a high density, they could have learnt this from others (not necessarily aliens) prior to the 1930s.

Europeans had thought that Sirius B had a high density since the late nineteenth century, i.e. long before Griaule visited the Dogon. Knowledge of the relative motion of Sirius A and Sirius B permitted estimates of their masses. Both Sirius A and Sirius B have masses about the same as the Sun. But Sirius B is about ten thousand times fainter. Either it is much smaller or has a much lower temperature. But in the late nineteenth century it was believed that stars of the same mass had approximately the same temperature. Carl Sagan has stated, therefore, by the turn of the [nineteenth] century it was widely held that the temperature of Sirius B was not remarkably low. Accordingly, the concept of Sirius B as an extremely dense star was widely held in the first few decades of this century (Sagan, 1979, page 91).

Indeed, while Temple suggests that the Dogon knowledge of Sirius B's high density was amazing, even the background information of his book indicates that this knowledge was available to humans prior to the 1930s. Somewhat buried in a footnote in Temple's book is the following information: In 1915 Dr W. S. Adams of Mt Wilson Observatory made the necessary observations to learn the temperature of Sirius B, which is 80000, half as much again as our sun's. It then began to be realized that Sirius B was an intensely hot star which radiated three to four times more heat and light per square foot than our sun. It then became possible to calculate the size of Sirius B, which is only three times the radius of the Earth, yet its mass was just a little less than that of our sun. A theory of white dwarfs then developed to account for Sirius B, and other white dwarfs were later discovered (Temple, 1976, pages 33-34, footnote 4; Temple, 1998, page 115, footnote 4):.

Was information about Sirius B's high density only reported in some obscure technical journal, unlikely to be conveyed to the Dogon by any Western visitors? No, it wasn't limited in this way. Carl Sagan has reported that the peculiar nature of the companion of Sirius was extensively reported in books and in the press (Sagan, 1979, page 91). He quotes a discussion of white dwarfs, including the Companion of Sirius, in Sir Arthur Stanley Eddington's book The Nature of the Physical World. That book was published in 1928 and was translated into many languages, including French (Sagan, 1979, page 92).

So, the Dogon's knowledge was not that amazing. It was already information known to those in the West (and, according to various sceptics, the Dogon may have got that information from the West).

### SECTION 3: CONTAMINATION

Contamination: Introduction As discussed in more detail below, numerous sceptics (including Carl Sagan) have suggested that the astronomical knowledge attributed to the Dogon may have been obtained from Europeans prior to questioning by Griaule and Dieterlen.

Sirius A is the brightest star in the sky. It's appearance in the dawn sky marked the beginning of the Egyptian calendar - and warned of the impending summer's heat and Nile floods (Oberg, 1982, page 122). Thus, it is not improbable that the Dogon already had some myths about that star and/or may have wished to discuss Sirius with any Western contacts.

Carl Sagan is one of many sceptical researchers that have suggested that the Dogon may have regaled a visitor with their Sirius lore and asks a Western visitor what his Sirius myths may be (Sagan, 1979, page 92).

Many of the discussions of the Dogon mystery give examples of the problems that can arise in anthropological investigations as a consequence of prior contact between the subjects of the study and other cultures. The subjects of the study may be contaminated by such prior contact.

One rather extreme and amusing example is given by Carl Sagan. He recounts a tale about an (apocryphal?) anthropologist that visited an elderly member of a tribe of Native Americans in the first decade of the twentieth century. After each question, the old man retreated into the darkened depths of the hogan. In each case, he emerged quarter of an hour later with a rich set of answers. Eventually the anthropologist asked his informant what he did each time he retreated into the Hogan. The old man smiled, withdrew, and returned with a well-thumbed copy of the Dictionary of American Ethnography, compiled by anthropologists in the previous decade (Sagan, 1979, pages 92-93).

Carl Sagan also recounts two stories which show how such contamination can arise. Both were told by the physician Dr D Carleton Gajdusek. In the more amusing of those stories, Dr Gajdusek visited a village in New Guinea in which there remained a tradition of cannibalism. While they, the visitors sang several Russian songs, including Otchi chornye. Some years later, Dr Gajdusek discussed traditional songs with young men elsewhere in the same region. They produced a clearly recognizable version of Otchi chornye. Many of the singers apparently thought the song traditional (Sagan, 1979, pages 94-96).

What about the Dogon themselves? Has such contamination occurred with them in relation to matters other than Sirius? Yes, it has. Van Beek has referred to many instances in which foreign elements (including Christian and Muslim traditions) were adopted and in a single generation became 'traditional'. [The Dogon] see no particular reason for any fundamental distinction between things learned from their Dogon forefathers and from newcomers (van Beek, 1991, pages 152-153).

Contamination: Relevant dates

The Dogon people were questioned Marcel Griaule and Germaine Dieterlen between 1931 and 1950.

Thus, the issue of potential contamination of the information by Western sources of astronomical knowledge have focused on possible contamination prior to 1931.

However, it should not be assumed that all the relevant information was obtained in 1931. Some of the information may only have been obtained much later. Indeed, Griaule and Germaine Dieterlen themselves stated that the main investigation was carried out among the Dogon between 1946 and 1950 (Griaule and Dieterlen, 1950, at Temple, 1976, page 35; Temple, 1998, pages 476-477).

More fundamental is the issue of whether there is any evidence that the knowledge attributed to the Dogon had been held by them

prior to its communication to Marcel Griaule and Germaine Dieterlen between 1931 and 1950. Some of the proponents of the Sirius Mystery claim there is such evidence. For example, in response to criticisms of his theory by Carl Sagan, Robert Temple has suggested that the Dogon have had the relevant knowledge for hundreds of years, referring hundreds or thousands of objects, symbols, woven blankets, carved statues, etc., etc., which exist in those cultures relating to the 'Sirius Mystery' and stated that he is baffled by how these hundreds or thousands of objects are meant to have been expertly fabricated fakes purporting to be centuries old, fooling all dating experts (Temple, 1981).

However, few details of such hundreds of thousands of pieces of evidence have been supplied by Robert Temple or anyone else.

Obvious questions about the hundreds or thousands pieces of evidence mentioned by Robert Temple are: (1) What specific objects are relied upon? (2) How do those specific objects prove that the alleged knowledge of the Dogon is centuries old?

If such objects and symbols did indeed exist, then the alternative explanation put forward by sceptics (i.e. contamination with Western knowledge) would be completely undermined.

Temple has written a lengthy book on the Sirius Mystery. He also substantially added to that book, after two decades of attacks by sceptics largely based upon the theory that the relevant knowledge is the result of recent contamination. So, why hasn't Temple answered the two basic questions posed above about the hundreds or thousands of objects and symbols?

The obvious inference is that he is unable to provide compelling answers to these questions.

#### Contamination - Possible Routes

How could astronomical knowledge from the West have been communicated to the Dogon people prior to them being questioned by Marcel Griaule and Germaine Dieterlen between 1931 and 1950?

What possible routes of contamination existed?

Well, there are quite a few.

It is important to realise at the outset that the Dogon were not extremely isolated. Supporters of the mystery have sometimes implied that this is the case. For example, Temple has referred to the implausibility of supposing a group of Western amateur astronomers had rushed out to the desolate hinterland of Mali to implant this knowledge in the presumably pliant minds of the Dogon priests (Temple, 1981).

However, the truth is somewhat different.

In fact, the Dogon were not isolated (Oberg, 1982, page 124). Ian Ridpath has pointed out that the Dogon live near an overland trade route, as well as close to the southern banks of the Niger river, which is another channel of trade (Ridpath, 1978a, page 199). More details has been provided by E C Krupp: The Dogon have, in fact, long been a relatively cosmopolitan, adaptive people. They live in the general vicinity of Timbuctu, which for centuries has been a major market city and a center for schools and scholars in west Africa. The Dogon have enjoyed regular communication with other cultures because they live so near a major trade route linking North Africa and Egypt with the sub-Saharan. In fact, French schools existed in the Dogon territory as early as 1907 and well before the 1920s, when there was considerable European interest in Sirius and research on its companion (Krupp, 1981, page 292)

Carl Sagan summarised the position by stating Perhaps the Western contact came from a European visitor to Africa, or from the local French schools, or perhaps from contacts in Europe by West Africans inducted to fight for the French in World War I (Sagan, 1979, page 90).

When looked at in detail, it is clear that there were several

possible routes of contamination. I outline some of the evidence in relation to such routes below.

#### Routes of contamination - White Fathers Missionaries

One of the various specific routes of contamination been suggested by various sceptics relates to missionaries (e.g. by Sagan and Ridpath). James Oberg has suggested that many missionaries are avid astronomers (Oberg, 1982, page 124).

In an apparent attempt to rebut this criticism of the Dogon mystery, in a revised edition of his book published in 1998, Robert Temple has stated that the White Fathers, a group of missionaries, confirmed to him in correspondence that none of their missionaries visited the Dogon until after 1931 (Temple, 1998, page 97). On his website, Mr Temple gives the following additional details: I wrote to the Father Superior of the White Fathers Mission in Mali and asked when the first missionaries were sent to the Dogon areas. He replied that the earliest missionaries arrived in 1949. By that time anthropologists had already obtained the Dogon Sirius information. See:

<http://www.robert-temple.com/papers/Sirius-AnswerCritics.html>

Ignoring for the moment the fact that Temple's assertion only relates to missionaries related to the White Fathers' organisation (i.e. not all sources of potential missionaries to the Dogon), it is noteworthy that apparently conflicting statements have been made by various researchers on this point. Science journalist Ian Ridpath has written that I confirmed with the London headquarters of the White Fathers, a Catholic group who have been very active in this part of Africa, that missionaries from their sect had made contact with the Dogon in the 1920s. (Ridpath, 1978a, page 200).

So, Robert Temple claims the White Fathers have confirmed their first visit to the Dogon areas was in 1949 (and this claim is repeated on several websites), while Ian Ridpath claims to have been told by the White Fathers that first contact had been made in the 1920s.

Neither researcher mentions the apparent conflict of evidence on this point.

As part of the process of drafting this article, during October 2007, I sent various queries to the White Fathers after obtaining contact details from the UK website of the White Fathers and from the international website of the White Fathers.

My queries were forwarded to Father Ivan Page, the Archivist for the White Fathers. He kindly took the time to respond on 29 October 2007 (Page, 2007). While he modestly stated that unfortunately he could not help very much, stating that a quick look in published sources does not answer my question.

Father Page was, however, able to provide some information on relevant ecclesiastical administration. He stated that the Dogon country originally came under the Apostolic Prefecture of Gao, a post founded in 1945. The name, and the residence of the superior, were changed to Mopti - now a diocese - when that post was founded in 1953. The three missions in the Dogon country proper were founded: Pel in 1953, Bandiagara in 1954, and Barapirelli in 1947 (Page, 2007).

Father Page ventured the opinion that almost certainly there would have been some contact between our missionaries and the Dogons long before that.

However, to find traces of this contact would involve spending of much time trawling through unpublished sources, namely the correspondance of missionaries in what was originally called 'le Soudan fran=E7ais' before being narrowed down to Mali, and the reports of regional superiors and Vicars Apostolic (Page, 2007).

Perfectly understandably, Father Page did not have time to do this for me, nor did I ask him to do so - I am sure that the White Fathers have higher priorities than resolving apparent conflicts of evidence on such points. (I note that the relevant archive is in Rome if any other researcher has a desire to

follow this point up).

Fortunately, during further research I think I found the answer in a book published during 1961. Mud and Mosaics by Father Gerard Rathe gives details of a journey across parts of Africa from 1957. In Chapter 7 of that book, Father Rathe gives detailed information about contact between the White Fathers and the Dogon people. The information below appears in that chapter 7 and is attributed by Father Rathe to a Monsignor Landru during discussions at Mopti:

The first news the White Fathers had about the Dogon people came to them at Bamako, two hundred miles away, when, in 1927, a French Administrator at Bandiagara wrote to the Bishop telling him that he had discovered a people, pagan and fetishist, who seemed a promising field for the sowing of the Gospel. Nothing could be done at that time from Bamako, and it was not until 1945 that the first direct contact was made with the Dogons.

Prima facie, this account is credible and consistent with the limited information supplied to me by the White Fathers. The level of detail in the account is impressive and difficult to reconcile with mere misunderstanding. It also possibly explains a considerable amount of the apparent conflict between the dates given by Ian Ridpath and Robert Temple respectively, with there being reference to the Dogon in records of the White Fathers from the 1920s but with no direct contact until the 1940s.

I raised the conflict in evidence with Ian Ridpath, who helpfully replied with several comments. He indicated that he could not throw any light on the first contact between the White Fathers and the Dogon, commenting that I simply reported what I was told (Ridpath, 2007). He further commented: As you point out, first contact would occur long before the setting up of any official missions in the area so the dates quoted by Robert Temple and myself could both be right, in their own way (Ridpath, 2007).

While the above information may seem to cast considerable doubt on suggestions that information about Sirius B was obtained from missionaries prior to the visits of Marcel Griaule and Germaine Dieterlen, it is vital to note that:

(a) Missionaries are merely one category of Westeners that may have been the source of contamination;

(b) The White Fathers are merely one group of missionaries.

#### Routes of contamination - Other missionaries

Most discussions of the Sirius Mystery refer to missionaries in passing (if at all), with few specifics being given. Robert Temple and Ian Ridpath are exceptions, since they have discussed missionaries belonging to the White Fathers in some detail. However, even these two researchers have not referred to any other specific group of missionaries that was, or may have been, active in the area.

Various websites paraphrase Robert Temple's information about the White Fathers in ways which imply (or expressly state) that the Dogon had no contact with any missionaries at all until the 1940s.

However, the White Fathers did not have a monopoly on sending missionaries to Africa prior to the 1940s.

The White Fathers are a Catholic group of missionaries - what about other Catholic group, or groups representing other denominations?

Given that the burden of proof lies upon Robert Temple and his supporters to provide evidence to support their claims, the failure to provide any information about the dates upon which other missionary groups became active in the area in itself is a significant failure. In my view, sceptics are entitled to point to the mere possibility that other missionary groups may have been active in the region. However, there is actually evidence on this point which supports the contamination theory.

In an article written in 1991 by van Beek (considered in more detail below), there is mention in passing of the fact that one individual (named Ambara) had frequented the Protestant mission (Sudan Evangelical Mission, predominantly Baptist) since his early youth (van Beek, 1991, page 157).

The article does not give details of the Sudan Evangelical Mission that Ambara allegedly frequented, e.g. the article does not expressly state where the mission was located or when it opened. However, the contents of the article strongly imply that the mission was frequented by members of the Dogon (or at least one member, Ambara) prior to the visits of Marcel Griaule and Germaine Dieterlen.

How is this date implied?

Well, according to van Beek, Ambara was first recruited to work with Griaule in 1931 (van Beek, 1991, page 155 citing page 209 of Griaule's *Le Renard Pale*) and in the period 1950-1955 Ambara was established as a mature Dogon elder (van Beek, 1991, page 155).

Thus, it appears that not only did at least one of the Dogon have contact with a mission prior to the visits of Marcel Griaule and Germaine Dieterlen but further that individual subsequently had direct contact with Marcel Griaule.

#### Routes of contamination - French schools

Missionaries are not the only route by which information from Western scientists may have reached the Dogon. All the talk about missionaries risks reinforcing the few of the Dogon as some remote jungle tribe, only visited by the occasional brace white man on a mission from God.

In fact, there were French schools in the area prior to the visits of Marcel Griaule and Germaine Dieterlen.

Peter and Roland Pesch of the Warner and Swasey Observatory have referred to the existence of French schools in the Dogon area since 1907 - see Pesch and Pesch, page 27 - citing M P Marti's book *Les Dogon* (1957) at page 92). Pesch and Pesch also mention Islamic schools in the area (Pesch and Pesch, page 27 - again citing M P Marti's book *Les Dogon* (1957) at page 92).

Temple has clearly read the article by Peter and Roland Pesch. He has discussed it in an article on his website entitled *Distorted Evidence From E C Krupp* (1977). Somewhat disingenuously, Temple points to one (irrelevant) error in a footnote to the Pesch article to supposedly demonstrate the superficial nature of their familiarity with the subject. He completely fails to acknowledge, or attempt to address, the substantive points made by Pesch and Pesch and the sources they cite. In particular, Temple has ignored the evidence of existence of French schools in the Dogon area since 1907.

Thus, Temple's discussion about the alleged lack of White Father missionaries in the area until the 1940s must be viewed, at the very least, as rather disingenuous and potentially misleading.

But is there any evidence that those interviewed by Marcel Griaule and Germaine Dieterlen had been to one of the French (or Islamic) schools in the region? Two points arise:

(1) The question is strictly irrelevant. The information may have been communicated to other members of the Dogon, and then been passed on to Marcel Griaule and Germaine Dieterlen.

(2) In fact, there is evidence that at least one of those interviewed by Marcel Griaule and Germaine Dieterlen had been to a French school. The details of the relevant individual provide yet further indication of the contact between the Dogon and the Western world prior to the visits of Marcel Griaule and Germaine Dieterlen. The relevant individual is, once again, Ambara (referred to above in the

context of the presence of other missionaries in the region). The article written by van Beek in 1991 refers to Ambara having spent considerable time outside Dogon country and to Ambara's French education - his study abroad as well as his schooling in Sanga (van Beek, 1991, page 156).

#### Routes of contamination - World War I

One of the specific means by which it has been suggested by sceptics that the relevant astronomical knowledge may have been obtained was from contacts in Europe by West Africans inducted to fight for the French in World War I (by Carl Sagan in his *Broca's Brain* (1979) at page 90 (in Chapter 6) of the Coronet paperback edition). Various other sceptics have referred to the participation of Dogon tribesmen in World War I, particularly in the French army. For example, James Oberg has stated that many [Dogon] served in the French army in World War I (Oberg, 1982, page 124).

However, Robert Temple states on his website that: I do not believe it is true that any Dogon tribesmen fought in any trenches in Europe in the First World War.

In an attempt to resolve this issue, I attempted to find an embassy of the Republic of Mali in England. Unfortunately, it does not have one here. I therefore contacted the Washington embassy of the Republic of Mali. I also contacted a university in the Republic of Mali. Unfortunately, I did not receive any response from the embassy or from that university.

#### Routes of contamination - Griaule himself

It appears that certain aspects of the Dogon culture render it particularly susceptible to cultural contamination.

It further appears that Griaule's personality and techniques were particularly prone to obtaining results that had been contaminated by his own knowledge and views.

Taking the Dogon culture first, Van Beek has reported that Dogon culture is oriented towards overt harmony and are very slow to correct each other, more senior individuals are the ones who know and consequently should not be contradicted (van Beek, 1991, page 152).

Similar comments are made in a passage provided by Father Page of the White Fathers. Father Page helpfully provided an extract from the book *Le Mali* by his confrere [fellow-member], Joseph Roger de Benoist. That book is in French (see Endnote 1 for relevant original text), but the gist of the passage is that:

(1) the Dogon did not say no to Europeans, which they viewed as sent by God.

(2) If it was felt that the European came with an obsession and that the European wanted to find something, one helped the European to find what he came to seek. One invents an answer, one improvises a legend.

Turning next to Griaule's personality and techniques, it can be seen (in the light of knowledge of the Dogon culture) that the risks of obtained contaminated data were particularly high.

Van Beek reports that Griaule confronted his informants with items, be they artifacts, plants, animals, or stars, and expected them to provide adequate information immediately. Van Beek quotes one of Griaule's informants as saying Griaule thought each keke (cricket) had its own Dogon name, and he did not stop (van Beek, 1991, page 154).

Van Beek pokes fun of Griaule's belief that the Dogon had names for 24 different species of dung beetles, including a beetle wallowing only in the dung of grey horses, referring to an inability to take no for an answer and an unwillingness on the part of the informants to disappoint the researcher. Van Beek suggests the Dogon engaged in harmless games in which information was produced that did not exist beforehand, all the

while clearly conforming to the white man's wishes.

Van Beek suggests many Dogon see Griaule even now as a forceful personality, in a situation of undisputed power, with a clearly expressed preference for specific information and his own ways of getting at it (van Beek, 1991, page 153). The Dogon reportedly viewed Griaule as the white man, endowed with power and prestige, ranked high in Dogon eyes, and Griaule allegedly capitalized on it. Van Beek has suggested that Griaule asked leading questions and that Dogon that worked with him (or should one say 'for' him?) still comment on his impatience.

When considering the Sirius Mystery it is significant to note that Van Beek specifically states that Griaule had studied astronomy in Paris and that Griaule deployed star maps to investigate Dogon knowledge about astronomy (van Beek, 1991, page 154). While these specific allegations appear as statements of fact on several websites on the Internet, they are in fact somewhat controversial. Griaule's daughter, Geneviève Calame-Griaule, has responded to some of these allegations.

She has further denied that her father studied astronomy, writing that As for his alleged training in astronomy, I can report that his training was in literature; he had no notion at all of astronomy. (Calame-Griaule, 1991, page 577). Unfortunately, van Beek failed to provide any supporting reference for his allegation that Griaule studied astronomy, so it is not easy to resolve this dispute. I note, however, that Calame-Griaule may have had in mind only his latter education. In the 1920s, Griaule had studied a languages degree. However, prior to World War I (in which Griaule served as a pilot), Griaule had been preparing to become an engineer. I wonder whether van Beek's reference to Griaule studying astronomy relates to that earlier period of his education.

Indeed, Geneviève Calame-Griaule has written that Griaule was completely ignorant of existence of the satellite of Sirius until the Dogon told him of a companion (Calame-Griaule, 1991, page 577).

In relation to the use of star-maps, however, there is no outright denial. She has merely written that If he later displayed charts of the heavens, it was for his own use and not to instruct the Dogon (Calame-Griaule, 1991, page 577). The purpose of displaying star-charts is irrelevant - the concern relates to the effects of his alleged display of star-charts.

#### SECTION 4: OUT-DATED KNOWLEDGE

Is there any evidence that the Dogon knowledge came from the West?

Yes.

Probably the most compelling evidence that the Dogon knowledge originated in the West is that the information they reportedly gave Griaule represented the state of knowledge in the West at that time.

The Dogon did not anticipate any subsequent discoveries.

Indeed, subsequent discoveries have falsified some of the views held in the West

Three examples have been highlighted by sceptics, relating to statements reportedly by the Dogon in relation to:

- (a) the density of Sirius B;
- (b) Rings around other planets;
- (c) Jupiter's moons;
- (d) Our solar system's outermost planets.

Out-dated knowledge: (a) the density of Sirius B

Ok, let's ignore the fact that the Dogon rather under-estimated the mass of Sirius B if they stated (as reported by Griaule and Dieterlen) that the star weighs the equivalent of 480 donkey-

loads (about 38,000 kg. =3D 85,000 lb.) (Griaule and Dieterlen, 1950, at Temple, 1976, page 42-44; Temple, 1998, page 492).

Such remarks can (if we are fairly generous) be written off on the basis of some cultural idiosyncrasy. Perhaps 480 donkey-loads is the greatest weight the culture of the Dogon has.

On the same basis, let's be generous and also ignore the reported comment that Sirius B is the size of a stretched ox-skin or a mortar (Griaule and Dieterlen, 1950, at Temple, 1976, page 42-44; Temple, 1998, page 492).

A rather more substantive difficulty arises in relation to the lack of mention by the Dogon of any heavenly objects smaller and heavier than Sirius B.

Marcel Griaule and Germaine Dieterlen state that the Dogon consider Sirius B to be the smallest thing there is. It is the heaviest star Temple, 1976, page 42-44; Temple, 1998, page 492).

Several researchers have pointed out that, in fact, since the 1930s it has been discovered that there are in fact smaller and heavier objects in the universe.

James Oberg has commented that, while in the late 1920s, Europeans too believed that the 'white dwarf' Sirius-B star was the heaviest thing in the universe, in later years astronomers were to find thousands of similar objects along with even heavier and denser objects such as neutron stars and black holes (Oberg, 1982, page 123).

Similarly, Ronald Story has commented that white dwarf stars are no longer believed to be the smallest and heaviest bodies in the universe. Rapidly rotating neutron stars called pulsars (about 100 million times as dense) and the incredible 'black holes' are the new candidates for such honours (Story, 1980, page 119). The same point has been made by Ian Ridpath (Ridpath, 1978a, page 196).

Out-dated knowledge: (b) Rings around other planets

Robert Temple, and several of his researchers, have trumpeted alleged Dogon knowledge of Saturn's rings. For example, Robert Temple has stated Their drawing of the planet Saturn has a ring around it (Temple, 1976, pages 27 and 29; Temple, 1998, pages 104 and 106-107).

However, the Dogon did not talk about any planet beyond Saturn with rings.

This reflected European knowledge of the 1920s-1930s.

Since the 1930s:

- A Cornell University research team led by James Elliot discovered in 1977 that the planet Uranus is surrounded by rings (Sagan, 1979, page 90).

- Jupiter was subsequently discovered to have rings as well (Oberg, 1982, page 130).

Out-dated knowledge: (c) Jupiter's moons

Robert Temple refers to Dogon knowledge of 4 moons of Jupiter. The other moons of Jupiter are small and insignificant, having formerly been asteroids which were captured by Jupiter's gravitation at some unknown time in the past (Temple, 1976, pages 27-28; Temple, 1998, pages 105-106):

Four moons of Jupiter were first observed by Galileo in 1610.

However, those are merely the largest (by far) of Jupiter's moons.

Writing in 1982, James Oberg wrote that Jupiter has at least twelve moons (Oberg, 1982, page 124). In November 2007, Wikipedia states Sixty-three moons orbiting Jupiter have been discovered:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moons\\_of\\_Jupiter](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moons_of_Jupiter) .

Thus, James Oberg and other sceptics have suggested that any visiting spaceman would have known that Jupiter has more than four moons (e.g. Ridpath, 1978a, page 196).

Temple, and one or two other researchers, have responded that the smaller moons of Jupiter are relatively insignificant and/or are not really moons at all (e.g. Spencer, 1997, page 59). However, this really does smack of seeking to explain away a fairly damning point (particularly when taken in conjunction with similar points made in relation to the Dogon's outdated knowledge of rings around other planets, no to mention their knowledge of Saturn and Sirius B).

Out-dated knowledge: (d) Our solar system's outermost planets

Robert Temple's book states that Saturn is the outermost planet which the Dogon mention (Temple, 1976, page 29; Temple, 1998, page 107).

However, we now know that Saturn is not the outermost planet in our solar system:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solar\\_system](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solar_system)

If the Dogon had access to information provided by alien visitors to Earth, why didn't they appear to know this?

To be fair to Robert Temple and his supporters I must say that some sceptics have somewhat overstated this point. For example, James Oberg has stated that the Dogon insist that Saturn is the outermost planet (Oberg, 1982, page 124). This isn't strictly accurate. The relevant records of alleged statements by the Dogon do not record them as insisting that Saturn is the outermost planet.

However, Temple does state that the Dogon as referring to Saturn as the star of limiting the place in association somehow with the Milky Way (Temple, 1976, page 29; Temple, 1998, page 107).

In my view, this (rather ambiguous) statement does imply that Saturn was regarded as the outermost planet in our solar system, particularly given the lack of any reference to any planet beyond Saturn.

#### SECTION 5: WHAT ABOUT SIRIUS C?

But Digitaria is not Sirius's only companion: the star emme ya, Sorghum-Female, is larger than it, four times as light (in weight), and travels along a greater trajectory in the same direction and in the same time as it (fifty years). Their respective positions are such that the angle of the radii is at right angles. (Griaule and Dieterlen, 1950, at Temple, 1976, page 42-44; Temple, 1998, page 492). Back in 1978, Ian Ridpath suggested that the true test of a good extraterrestrial story is that it should tell us something we don't already know (Ridpath, 1978a, page 199). A similar comment was made by Edward Ashpole in 1989. He said Like all such stories we need information unknown to us, predictions that we can check. The Dogons provided just one piece of information that we did not already know: that in the Sirius system, there is a third star, four times the size of Sirius B, but this astronomers have not found (Ashpole, 1989, page 152).

Robert Temple has claimed that a third star, Sirius C, has been discovered relying upon an article by Daniel Benest and J L Duvent published in 1995.

Robert Temple has made some fairly grand claims about this purported discovery. The revised and expanded version of his book (published in 1998) only refers in passing to his various critics, on the basis of a contention that the discovery of Sirius C has rendered most criticism obsolete (Temple, 1998, page 23). Robert Temple has said that the hypothesis of 'The Sirius Mystery' has now been verified in a dramatic fashion. This verification is a highly specific astrophysical prediction which has now been confirmed (Temple, 1998, pages 3-4).

The claims about the significance of the purported discovery of Sirius C have been echoed by others in various articles and on

various webpages.

For example, in a discussion on the AboveTopSecret forums, NGC2736 wrote that: Even if the Dogon were 'contaminated' by the original contact, we're still left with the third star idea to ponder. How could even Temple himself have such information so long before this new research and the publication of it in the journal 'Astronomy and Astrophysics' in 1995?.

However:

(1) The article by Daniel Benest and J L Duvent published in 1995 does not, in fact, claim that Sirius C has been discovered. The relevant article discusses a 6 year perturbation in the motion of Sirius A-B, which may indicate the existence of Sirius C. The article concludes that stable orbits with 6-year periods exist around Sirius A, but does not claim that there is definitely a star (i.e. Sirius C) within any of those orbits. The article provides information which may assist in the search for Sirius C, if it exists (Benest and Duvent, 1995, page 627).

(2) Far more importantly, the discovery of Sirius C would not be very significant to any proper assessment of the Sirius Mystery. Given the crucial significance of this point, I consider it in some detail below.

There is a simple reason for the latter point - there were reports of sightings of Sirius C in the 1920s.

In fact, Sirius C was observed about twenty times between 1920 and 1930 (Benest and Duvent, 1995, page 621).

American astronomer Philip Fox believed he had seen a close companion of Sirius B in 1921 (Ridpath, 1978a, page 194). Various other authors also refer to reported sightings of, or speculation about, Sirius C in the 1920s (e.g. Oberg, 1982, page 123; Spencer, 1997, page 59)

While the new introduction to Robert Temple's revised book trumpets the importance of the purported discovery of Sirius C, much later in the same book is buried the following information in relation to Sirius C: Fox claimed to see it in 1920, and in 1926, 1928, and 1929 it was supposedly seen by van den Bos, Finsen, and others at the Union Observatory (Temple, 1976, page 12 - citing Aitken, R. G., The Binary Stars, Dover Publications, New York, 1964, pp. 240-1; Temple, 1998, page 81).

Indeed, Sirius C was suspected to exist prior to the various reported observations during the 1920s. From 1894, there have been suggestions of irregularities in the motion of Sirius B which have resulted in suggestions that Sirius C may exist (Benest and Duvent, 1995, page 621).

The views held by astronomers regarding the existence of Sirius C have changed like fashions during the last century. After the 1920s and 1930s, Sirius C went out of fashion. It was rarely observed by astronomers and considerable doubt existed by the 1970s regarding its existence. Those doubts increased considerably in 1973, when Irving W Lindenblad reported that a series of photographic observations showed no evidence of a close companion to either Sirius A or Sirius B. In 2000, scientists suggested that the sightings in the 1920s were probably due to an unrelated background star but the existence of a long-period companion cannot definitely be ruled out (Bonnet-Bidaud, Colas and Lecacheux, 2000). Thus, the earlier reported observations of Sirius C were widely regarded as observational errors. Irving W Lindenblad informed Ian Ridpath during the 1970s that the possibility of a very distant third body cannot be ruled out theoretically (Ridpath, 1978a, page 194). Thus, at the time Robert Temple's book was published in 1976 few astronomers considered it probable that Sirius C existed.

So, the possible existence of Sirius C currently remains in doubt.

However, even if the claims attributed to the Dogon people regarding the existence of Sirius C turn out to have been correct, this would NOT demonstrate that the Dogon had any knowledge beyond that of the rest of the human race.

Such views are perfectly consistent with the theory that the views attributed to the Dogon people was, in fact, the result of cultural contamination in, or prior to, the 1930s.

The existence of Sirius C had been made in the West (based on reported observations) prior to the Dogon's claims.

Sirius C's orbital period

While the mere suggestion that Sirius C exists does not provide tells us anything that was not known (or at least believed) prior to the 1930s, what about other details supposedly provided by the Dogon to Griaule about Sirius C?

Robert Temple indicates that the Dogon supposedly stated that Sirius C travels along a greater trajectory in the same direction and in the same time as [Sirius B] (fifty years). (Temple, 1976, 26; Temple, 1998, page 102).

Is that statement about Sirius C's orbit correct?

According to the known laws of physics, no. As Ian Ridpath has stated: This is a physical impossibility. According to Kepler's laws, the larger an orbit, the longer an object takes to go around it (Ridpath, 1978a, page 195). Similarly, Krupp has commented that the information which the Dogon supposedly provide on the orbit of Sirius C is inconsistent with itself as well as with Kepler's laws (Krupp, 1981, page 292).

Le Renard Pale states that the orbital period of Sirius C is 32 years (i.e. not the same as Sirius B), which would make its orbit smaller than that of Sirius B (Ridpath, 1978a, page 195). It is notable that this is considerably different to the orbit suggested in the article by Daniel Benest and J L Duvent published in 1995 heavily relied upon by Robert Temple in the revised edition of his book. As noted above, that article indicates the possible existence of a third star in the Sirius system which orbits Sirius A with an orbital period of about six years.

It is interesting to note that Robert Temple's discussion of the article published in 1995 by Benest and Duvent fails to discuss the fact that the orbital period for Sirius C is different from the various figures which had been supposedly been put forward by the Dogon.

#### SECTION 6: DID THE DOGON EVEN SAY ANYTHING ABOUT SIRIUS B AND SIRIUS C?

Following the publication of Robert Temple's *The Sirius Mystery* in 1976, points made by sceptics focused strongly on whether the knowledge attributed to the Dogon could be explained on the basis of possible gaining of knowledge from the West. Most of the relevant discussion either assumed that the Dogon had the knowledge attributed to them, or at most briefly mentioned the possibility of inaccurate reporting of that alleged knowledge.

In 1991, the position changed.

As a result of an article published in 1991, the following fundamental question arises: Did the Dogon even say anything about Sirius B and Sirius C to Griaule?

The relevant article was written by anthropologist Walter E. A. Van Beek and was entitled *Dogon Restudied -- A Field Evaluation of the Work of Marcel Griaule* (van Beek, 1991). Van Beek stated that he could not replicate despite systematic attempts to do so findings reported by Griaule regarding Dogon knowledge of Sirius.

Contrary to the results reported by Griaule, Van Beek reported following his own investigation of the Dogon: (1) That Sirius is a double star is unknown (van Beek, 1991, page 148) and (2) the purported knowledge of the mass of Sirius B or the orbiting time was absent (van Beek, 1991, pages 149-150).

Van Beek's article included the following: The Dogon, of course, know Sirius as a star (it is after all the brightest in

the sky), calling it dana tolo, the hunter's star . Knowledge of the stars is not important either in daily life or in ritual . no one, even within the circle of Griaule informants, had ever heard or understood that Sirius was a double star . Consequently, the purported knowledge of the mass of Sirius B or the orbiting time was absent (van Beek, 1991, pages 149-150).

Some of the various articles on the Internet which discuss van Beek's article suggest that Griaule had managed to unearth secret knowledge known to only a few within the Dogon people, and that van Beek had failed to ask the right people and/or had not had the secret knowledge revealed to him. Such suggestions are supported by an article written by Griaule's daughter. She has suggested that van Beek has not gone through the appropriate steps for acquiring knowledge (Calame-Griaule, 1991, page 575).

However, van Beek actually includes a reasonably detailed discussion of Griaule's clear statement that the deeper Dogon knowledge belongs to a class of secrets hidden from the majority of the population, as well as outsiders. He refers to an estimate by Griaule that 15% of the population had this secret knowledge (citing Griaule, 1952 pages 32-33). Van Beek commented that rediscovering this knowledge will not be easy; yet it must be possible (van Beek, 1991, page 143). Thus, van Beek clearly had in mind the suggestion that the relevant knowledge was confined to a certain part of the Dogon population. He discusses this suggestion in considerable depth in his article.

Following his study of the the Dogon, van Beek reported that they have various myths, many of which are conveyed by song texts. However, he reports that neither the myths nor the song text . are secret, commenting that every Dogon knows the myths and parts of the songs, though not everyone can tell or sing them in full. Some individuals are trained to recite the myths without fault or hesitation, but their knowledge does not go beyond the public knowledge.

Van Beek concluded: Thus, the secrets of Dogon society are not at all of the initiatory kind. The knowledge defined by the Dogon as secret is, in fact, of the 'skeleton in the cupboard' variety. The best-guarded secrets in Dogon society pertain to facts that shame them as members of their families or lineages, such as divisive past quarrels, or to the mechanisms and trappings of witchcraft and sorcery (van Beek, 1991, page 150).

The article by Griaule's daughter which comments upon Van Beek's work repeatedly refers to many misreadings and errors in van Beek's article, but does a remarkably poor job of coming up with specific examples of material errors (Calame-Griaule, 1991, page 576).

On the other hand, another academic has referred to spending 10 years working among the Dogon and has confirmed the validity van Beek's finding regarding lack of knowledge of Sirius (Bouju, 1991). Importantly, Bouju also commented that the domain of secrecy is indeed not that of esoteric knowledge revealed only to a few great initiates but that of historical or current events that are considered shameful - instance of conflict, past (serious transgressions, betrayals, wars, massacres) or present (over land, women, or sorcery) (Bouju, 1991, page 159).

Thus, the suggestion that the Dogon do not in fact have knowledge of the Sirius solar system is not confined to van Beek alone.

In one related, but separate, respect van Beek's article goes further. He provides one account of discussions between Ambara and Griaule. Van Beek reports that According to Amadingue. Ambara never spoke in terms of a double-star system. What he did speak about always. were stars of different generations (togu; the French translation is his), meaning (and pointing out) two adjacent stars in the sky, which were to be considered as father and son to Sirius as a grandfather. These stars, as Amadingue pointed them out to me [van Beek], were the two other stars of the Dog constellation. If this is so, then Griaule must have interpreted the information given by Ambara and Yebene in a different fashion, as a system of double and triple stars (van Beek, 1991, page 157).

Thus, it seems that the debate regarding Dogon knowledge of the Sirius solar system may have provided on a rather faulty basis

during the period 1976-1991.

Indeed, it is notable that many of the discussions of The Sirius Mystery on the Internet today do not refer to van Beek's article (or comments from individuals confirming the facts within that article, e.g. by Bouju).

What did Robert Temple say about van Beek's 1991 article when Temple revised his book in 1998?

Nothing.

Nothing at all.

Temple did not even refer to van Beek.

A Google search of Robert Temple's website during December 2007 failed to find any reference to van Beek, although I have read (and referred above) to some of Robert Temple's comments on some of the other points made by sceptics since 1976.

## SECTION 7: CONCLUSION

Articles continue to be written on the Internet and in print about the Dogon mystery which ignore various criticisms and facts which have been raised by numerous sceptics since the publication of Robert Temple's book The Sirius Mystery in 1976.

Robert Temple revised his book in 1998, but the expanded text of that book fails to deal with many of the points that have been made.

Ufologists will never be taken seriously if the arguments put forward by scientists are simply ignored. It is important to acknowledge and consider the points made by prominent authors such as Carl Sagan. Failing to acknowledge counter-arguments will result in ufologists appearing ignorant of, or unable to consider, the evidence against their claims.

Of course, some sceptics have also written material which fails to accurately reflect the debate regarding the Dogon. For example, Philip Coppens has written a sceptical article entitled Dogon Shame which asserts that Robert Temple's book's reputation was first dented in 1999, when Lynn Picknett and Clive Prince published The Stargate Conspiracy.

As can be seen from the discussion above, Robert Temple's book had been subjected to detailed and forceful criticism much earlier than 1999. (Coppens concise articles about the Dogon are, however, well worth reading for details of a suggestion that Temple had been highly influenced in his thinking by Arthur M. Young).

Has the Dogon mystery been resolved?

Well, as with many questions in relation to UFOs and aliens, it depends upon your views regarding the burden of proof and the appropriate standard of proof. The Dogon mystery can therefore usefully be considered in the context of a wider debate about Ancient Astronauts and UFOs.

During the debate regarding the Dogon, several ufologists and sceptics have expressly raised these issues.

For example, ufologist Randall Fitzgerald has written that dispelling [the] bias against the prospect of visitation by ancient astronauts will require nothing less than extraordinary, irrefutable evidence. (Fitzgerald, 1998, Page 15).

Such remarks echo the statement popularised by Carl Sagan that extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence.

I note in passing that the suggestion that extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence actually reflects English law in relation to proving matters on the balance of probabilities. In the leading House of Lords case of Re H [1996] AC 563, Lord

Nicholls said: the more serious the allegation the less likely it is that the event occurred and hence, the stronger should be the evidence before the court concludes that the allegation is established on the balance of probability .. The more improbable the event, the stronger must be the evidence that it did occur before, on the balance of probability, its occurrence will be established (emphasis added).

Most sceptics do not claim that the Dogon mystery has been conclusively shown to have any one particular solution. For example, James Oberg has commented that the evidence for the recent acquisition of the knowledge is still entirely circumstantial . it seems likely that we will never know for sure (Oberg, 1982, page 131). However, there are various plausible explanations for each part of the mystery.

In these circumstances, several sceptics have made remarks along the lines of the following comment by Carl Sagan:

There are too many loopholes, too many alternative explanations for such a myth to provide reliable evidence of past extraterrestrial contact (Sagan, 1979, page 99).

In comments helpfully provided by Ian Ridpath, he noted the following: Looking at the case again in the light of criticisms from anthropologists, I was forced to conclude that the main contaminator was Griaule himself and that all the emphasis on earlier contact may have been irrelevant. As I am fond of saying in relation to UFO cases, before you try to explain something, first establish what it is that needs to be explained! (Ridpath, 2007).

Ian Ridpath concluded In this case, in particular, it seems that there really wasn't much to explain after all (Ridpath, 2007).

#### ENDNOTES:

##### Endnote 1:

Le Mali by Joseph Roger de Benoist, Paris, L'Harmattab, 1998, page 204: Amadou Hampate Ba nous a dit un jour: Dans la tradition africaine, il y a quatre personnes auxquelles on ne dit pas 'non': on ne dit pas 'non' au roi, on ne dit pas 'non' aux personnes plus agees, qu'on appelle les engendeurs, on ne dit pas 'non' au ma=Etre initiateur, on ne dit pas 'non' a l'etranger que Dieu vous envoie. A tous ceux-la, on leur sert un 'oui' de politesse et pas un 'oui' de verite. L'Europeen, quand il arrive, est un hote envoye par Dieu. On ne lui dit pas 'non'. On le laisse demander ce qu'il veut. Si l'on sent qu'il est venu avec une idee fixe et qu'il veut trouver quelque chose, on l'aide a trouver ce qu'il est venu chercher, et cela en inventant des legendes qui correspondent. On le laisse d'abord poser des questions, puis, vite, on invente une reponse, on improvise une legende. On appelle cela: 'mettre dans la paille', ce qui signifie 'econduire poliment'. Les Dogon se sont defendus ainsi, ils se sont forges des traditions extraordinaires.

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## Texas UFO Report Science Or Psychology?

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 18:23:22 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 21 Jan 2008 07:28:45 -0500  
Subject: Texas UFO Report Science Or Psychology?

>Source: The Daily Galaxy - New York, USA

<snip>

>Military officials, however, were terse about the reports,  
>saying that they were all "letting their imaginations run wild".  
>Military officials also claimed that what all of them saw from  
>various angles all across town was actually an "optical  
>illusion".

<snipped>

What "military officials" were these. Was it the entertainment officer, or the supply officer, or the recreation officer or the psych-eval officer or was it the officer with 20 years experience in the field of UFO studies that made the comment.

Ah perhaps the all-knowledgeable Media Relations Officer. This would be like the weather expert at the FAA for the O'Hare case, I presume.

In this case it amazes me that these military officials can make the call claiming that those actually on the scene were, "letting their imaginations run wild".

They must think a lot of themselves.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Mobile Phone Images?

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 22:39:28 -0000  
Archived: Mon, 21 Jan 2008 07:29:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mobile Phone Images?

>From: Sean Jones <[tedric.nul](mailto:tedric.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 21:40:04 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Mobile Phone Images?

>Either way, what ever the reason, I personally am surprised that  
>we (that's the royal collective we) haven't seen an increase in  
>photographic evidence, courtesy of mobile/cell phones.

Hi Sean,

Don't think it's really surprising: cell phone cameras won't  
give you anything worth reporting in most cases: just a dot in  
the sky.

And if an 'object' suddenly appeared at a useful distance, like  
within fifty yards or so - then most folk would probably be  
paralyzed.

We shouldn't forget that 'strangeness is inversely proportional  
to distance' rule.

Cheers

Ray D

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## SDI #453 -- Twenty Questions

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 20:35:57 -0600  
Archived: Mon, 21 Jan 2008 07:37:49 -0500  
Subject: SDI #453 -- Twenty Questions

SDI #453

Twenty Questions

20 Questions assiduously addressed with no small perspicaciousness by Dave Furlotte, Stuart Miller, Katharina Wilson, and Alfred Lehmborg while anchor Errol Bruce-Knapp provides for meaningful sequencing and inspired orchestration:

1. Is the UFO UpDates Archive List, a searchable repository comprising tens of thousands of observations, discussions, and items of reportage as regards UFOs - an eighth wonder of the Ufological world?
2. Are you a person of "obviously lesser intelligence" who feels there is a singular relevancy to UFOs ?
3. Given the massive amount of data on the UFO UpDates server who is it remains so steadfast with regard to the maintenance of their abject and fulsome clueless-ness on the subject of UFOs?
4. Do the statistical figures quoted regularly by the ufological opposition even add up?
5. Does Dave Furlotte think and wait?
6. Does a reflex klasskurtxian of the James McGaha school return to the decades old canard of a ufology extant upon the misled, the misleading, and the mentally ill as the only explanation regarding UFOs?
7. Do UFOs, in some highly strange and interactive way, exist beyond question, doubt, suspicion, and reservation in the Cartesian world?
8. As to the problem Brad Sparks has with the effort of Chris Rutkowski: could it be a moot point considering the ultimate message transmitted by effort aforementioned? Especially, as recorded so very assiduously over a period of years?  
  
Resolved: highly strange UFOs exist and interact on a discussible level with quality persons reporting them? If he's off... is he off enough to really matter? Don't the Greeks still get a lot of credit for getting the circumference of the Earth correct - less about 20% or so?
9. If Chris Rutkowski errs can it be said he likely errs on the cautious side? That even erring the wrong way can be trusted to have committed as small an error as he could?
10. Whither the mystery of the "missing fourth wall"?
11. What dictates the performance of a "really good UFO magazine"?
12. What's the feeling in Errol's hoary old bones regarding the preceding?

13. Is a magazine that does not restrict itself to UFOs a really good UFO magazine?

14. With Dr. David Clarke contributing to Stuart Miller's Alien Worlds Magazine can Andy Roberts be far behind?

15. What career diplomat is "obsessed" with UFOs and ET protocols?

16. Given the 'other' considered extant - on site at our planet - does beaming messages to aliens amount to the same kind of foolishness as trying to receive messages from aliens vis a vis SETI?

17. Asbestos covered UFO files of yesteryear are cleaned up and released finally, if not surprisingly, by the MOD?

18. Are seagulls regularly mistaken for sea gulls?

19. How expert are the photo experts?

20. Why are Fate & UFO magazines giving themselves away?

Great Caesar's Ghost but Stuart continues to dazzle, Ms. Wilson intrigues, and Lehmborg channels the usual leaping gnomes of hyperspace with 52 minutes remaining...

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## I Believe I Just Saw A Flying Saucer

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 21 Jan 2008 07:50:56 -0500  
Archived: Mon, 21 Jan 2008 07:50:56 -0500  
Subject: I Believe I Just Saw A Flying Saucer

Source: The Houston Chronicle - Texas, USA

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/chronicle/5470887.html>

Jan. 20, 2008

No kidding, but I believe I just saw a flying saucer  
Despite ridicule, more people are reporting UFO sightings

By Lana Berkowitz  
The Houston Chronicle  
[lane.berkowitz.nul](mailto:lane.berkowitz.nul)

Would You Laugh If I Said I Had Seen A UFO?

A pilot, county constable and business owners were listed as the witnesses for the recent UFO sighting in Stephenville. These credible, upstanding people reported seeing a large silent object with bright lights flying low and fast. The size has been estimated as a mile long and half-a-mile wide.

When you report something like that, people are going to talk.

However, Ken Cherry, Texas state director of the Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network, said the reports coming out of Stephenville indicate people are becoming more comfortable admitting they've seen a UFO.

"In terms of the number of witnesses, this is an unusual event," Cherry said.

He noted that the Stephenville area is the heart of the Bible Belt, and MUFON held its fact-finding forum Saturday in Dublin, which is a dry county. "These people are church-going, sober hard-working individuals and probably the last thing in the world that they think about is sitting down and watching an episode of Star Trek or some sci-fi program, yet they've managed to find us," Cherry said. "I'd say a very small percentage of people who see things actually report (it), and yet we've just received a flood of reports.

"Scores and scores of people have seen it, and they are pretty vocal about it. They don't mind talking to me about it at length."

Jim Sparks, author of *The Keepers: An Alien Message for the Human Race* (Granite Publishing, \$24), said when you see a UFO, you believe. Plus, people are more apt to come forward when there are several witnesses.

Sparks' alien abduction experiences began in 1988 while he was living in Sugar Land, and he knew he faced ridicule when he told his story.

"I can't blame people. A lot of people are just plain scared," he said.

It's human nature to fear rejection, Sparks said, and he said a culture of government disinformation labels anyone who claims to see a UFO to be a liar or crazy.

Gail Brittain of Pasadena is president of the Houston UFO Club, which was organized to support abductees. She said she doesn't worry about ridicule.

"To hell with them. I don't care what people think about me. I know what my world is like. I'm sane," Brittain said. "There are so many kooks, but our club isn't kooky."

John Greenwald Jr., author of *Beyond UFO Secrecy (The Black Vault, \$34)* said there are UFO sightings all the time, and he wonders if the media has discovered that UFO news draws big numbers to their Web sites, which in turn leads to more coverage of reports.

Richard Dolan, author of *UFOs and the National Security State (Hampton Roads Publishing, \$18.95)*, is not convinced that UFO reports are getting more mainstream acceptance.

"I think people in general are afraid of ridicule very much to this day," Dolan said. "Think about how Dennis Kucinich has handled the UFO thing. He got outed by Shirley MacLaine (in her book *Sage-Ing While Age-Ing*) and would not talk about it at all until he was pressed against the wall.

"And poor Bill Richardson got reamed by (MSNBC's) Chris Matthews on television when he came out. Matthews really, really tore him to pieces."

When NBC News' Tim Russert asked the Ohio representative during October's Democratic presidential debate in Philadelphia about the sighting, Kucinich said, "It was an unidentified flying object, OK? It's, like, it's unidentified. I saw something." Afterward Internet buzz went crazy calling Kucinich crazy.

Richardson, who is governor of New Mexico and a former Democratic presidential candidate, told Matthews that he promotes Roswell, N.M., as a UFO tourist attraction. He said he hasn't seen a UFO, but he wants the federal government to declassify all the information about the infamous 1947 Roswell crash.

There always will be ridicule, said Dolan, who hasn't seen a UFO but has received some jabs since he was bitten by the UFO bug about 15 years ago. "Fortunately for me that's really never been an issue that's affected me. I'm pretty secure in what I'm about, and if people want to laugh, they can laugh."

Dolan said he has interviewed 500 to 700 witnesses. "All I can do is ask people to be as explicit as they can be. In most of these cases they don't seem like they are hoaxing. They seem like they are rational," he said. "So you're really left with a situation where a really rational, clear-thinking person is describing something that is not supposed to exist. That's what the UFO mystery is.

"What I'm more interested in is the amazing, well-plugged-in people that I have had the privilege to meet as a result of this research.

"They may not be shouting their interest in this topic from the rooftop, but at a private level they are very deeply interested, and some of them claim to have been briefed on the topic," Dolan said. "The thing is, if it is a topic of national security implications, then you would assume that people are not just going to start blabbing around."

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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## Texas UFO Taken Seriously Enough

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 22:37:16 EST  
Archived: Mon, 21 Jan 2008 07:58:48 -0500  
Subject: Texas UFO Taken Seriously Enough

It's nice to see this Stephenville, Texas UFO sighting taken seriously enough by the press.

Texans aren't letting the news teams rest.

I've relatives in the area and they aren't tolerating any giggle factor or condescending comments.

Texans are like that, you set one off, expect a fight.

MUFON is there doin' the due diligence, folks are calling kinfolk, I was shocked to even see CBS Evening news cover the story as a lead!

No one is getting overzealous and we can all sit here and wait for the data to be collected, processed, and presented.

That's how things should be.

The ready-made debunkers came off looking like saps as the general public isn't buying the usual fare and the new dreamed up excuses.

Perhaps we as a culture are just getting better and better at handling these types of events considering our government won't.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com

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## Intruders Foundation Atlantic UFO Conference

From: Peter Robbins <[Ifinfo1.nul](mailto:Ifinfo1.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 23:12:26 EST  
Archived: Mon, 21 Jan 2008 08:05:17 -0500  
Subject: Intruders Foundation Atlantic UFO Conference

Dear Members and Friends of The Intruders Foundation,

Its been some years since the Northeast hosted a major UFO conference, but next month will see a an effort to fill that void.

The Atlantic UFO Conference is, as is often the case, the result of a small group of people working very hard to create a quality venue, and hopefully, an annual conference. Its scheduled to take place in Atlantic City, NY the weekend of February 15-17.

Budd Hopkins will be the featured speaker, along with Rich Dolan, myself, and a roster of others.

First efforts are always the toughest and this is an event worth supporting. Please visit their website at:

<http://www.atlanticcoastufos.com/speakers.html>

and consider joining us there.

Hoping to see you next month in Atlantic City, and at future IF seminars in New York City.

With best wishes for a happy, healthy new year,

Peter Robbins  
Advisory Board Member  
Intruders Foundation

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## Re: Dubious Footage From Turkey?

From: Steve Sawyer <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 23:15:25 -0800  
Archived: Mon, 21 Jan 2008 08:06:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Dubious Footage From Turkey?

>From: Franklin Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 19 Jan 2008 23:57:40 -0500 (EST)  
>Subject: Dubious Footage From Turkey?

>Any comments on this video??

>Source: Pravda - Moscow, Russia

><http://tinyurl.com/28j48a>

>18.01.2008

>[Caution - latter-day Pravda can be compared to trashy-tabloids  
>and normally their 'stories' are not posted to the List --ebk]

>Extraterrestrial beings caught on tape for the first time ever

>Extraterrestrial beings have finally been taped on video, the  
>head of the Turkish UFO Center, Haktan Agdogan said.

>The ufologist said at a special press conference in Istanbul  
>that a local resident, a watchman from one of cottage townships,  
>managed to film an extraterrestrial spaceship and two aliens.  
>The lucky man, named as Yalcin Yalman, presented his 22-minute  
>video to reporters. The video can be found on YouTube (click to  
>watch the video).

><http://youtube.com/watch?v=Zes6pA58M04>

Any comments on this video? Yeah, it's absolute garbage. It's  
such a badly done hoaxed "ufo" video, it's hard to know where to  
begin, so I won't even try. Simply ridiculous in so many ways.

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## Re: Maybe It Came From The Dog Star

From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 21 Jan 2008 09:46:07 -0000  
Archived: Mon, 21 Jan 2008 08:09:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: Maybe It Came From The Dog Star

>Source: The Star-Telegram - Fort Worth, Texas, USA

>[http://www.star-telegram.com/metro\\_news/story/421400.html](http://www.star-telegram.com/metro_news/story/421400.html)

>Sun, Jan. 20, 2008

>Michael Hibbs, associate professor of math and physics at  
>Tarleton State University in Stephenville, and Ron DiIulio,  
>director of astronomy lab programs for the University of North  
>Texas in Denton, said Saturday that they will gather data and  
>interview witnesses to try to figure out what people saw.

<snip>

>"We need more data," DiIulio said. "We want either an  
>identified object or an unidentified one, but not a  
>misidentified flying object."

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nutshell.

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## UFO Over Santa Fe Argentina

From: **Scott Corrales** <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 21 Jan 2008 07:00:02 -0500  
Archived: Mon, 21 Jan 2008 08:11:12 -0500  
Subject: UFO Over Santa Fe Argentina

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
January 21, 2008

Source: <http://www.ufoinfo.com/sightings/argentina/080115.shtml>

Date: 01.15.2008

January 15th 2008 : Santa Fe, Santa Fe Provincia

UFOINFO Sighting Form Report

Location: Santa Fe, Santa Fe Provincia, Argentina

Date: 15/01/2008

Time: 00:25 Morning

Number of witnesses: 2

Number of objects: 1

Shape of objects: 3 amber lights in a triangle shape

Weather Conditions: warm & clear

Description: A friend and I were sitting on the roof/terrace of my house in the city center when we saw 3 amber lights in a perfect triangle shape moving rapidly in the sky (from the north toward south). The lights did not seem to flash and remain in perfect triangle shape the whole time. The sighting lasted 10/15 sec before the lights disappeared in the distance. In comparason to a plane that flew across the sky 20min later, the lights seem to be much lower than the plane and about 5 time faster.

TV/Radio: n/a

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## Re: SDI #453 -- Twenty Questions

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
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Archived: Tue, 22 Jan 2008 06:49:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: SDI #453 -- Twenty Questions

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 20:35:57 -0600  
>Subject: SDI #453 -- Twenty Questions

<snip>

>13. Is a magazine that does not restrict itself to UFOs a really  
>good UFO magazine?

Until far more of the cards are on the table to infer to what or  
to what not, UFOs are linked, is an unjustified presumption.  
Such purism is like trying to observe Jupiter, not through a  
telescope, but a microscope.

So, yes, such a magazine could be "a really good UFO magazine"  
more so for the simple virtue of not overly delineating, and by  
keeping options open.

JCH

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### 'Stephenville' Investigator's Report

From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 21 Jan 2008 12:20:45 -0600  
Archived: Tue, 22 Jan 2008 06:58:38 -0500  
Subject: 'Stephenville' Investigator's Report

Dear Listerians,

It was sheer madness in Dublin, Texas on Saturday.

A team of MUFON investigators met with approximately 40 witnesses amid the circus that was the hottest thing to hit Dublin, Texas since they opened the oldest Dr. Pepper Bottling Plant in the world in 1891. (They still use the original formula)

Our team consists of:

Ken Cherry - Texas State Director  
Robert Powell - Director of Research, Field Investigator (FI)  
David Keel - State Section Director (SSD), FI  
Mike DeGroff - SSD, FI  
Steve Hudgeons - Assistant State Director (ASD), Sr. FI  
James Shatley - ASD  
Myself - FI  
Gary Neitzel - FI  
Paula Schermerhorn - FI

(Gary Neitzel was unable to go to Dublin but will be employed on subsequent interviews)

I rode down to Dublin with ASD James Shatley. We could tell we were approaching Stephenville with the myriad of business marquees saying things like "Aliens Welcome" and "ET prefers Purple Tacos", We saw no such signs in Dublin but I'm sure they were there.

We arrived shortly before noon and it seemed relatively quiet. The meeting was hosted by the local Rotary Club who graciously offered their hall for our use.

We walked in and there were only a handful of people there including our team. I thought to myself that perhaps this might be easier than we first thought. There was media there including NBC and FOX but there wasn't a crush of curiosity seekers... yet.

Just before 1:00 pm the madness began. Ultimately there would be around 500 people filling the hall designed for 200 people. We had the usual suspects that we quickly put in their place, particularly anyone who attempted to come in wearing tin foil hats. They were instantly told to remove them.

I was truly worried that the media would scare away many witnesses and I was right. Many did leave or never showed up because they were afraid of over-exposure. Yet, many did stay and we interviewed around 40 witnesses from all walks of life and age ranges. I personally interviewed a Grade School Teacher, an Anesthesiologist, a College Instructor, a Rancher, an Escrow Closer, a Day Care Worker and a retired Agronomist.

After a brief introduction of our team we began the interview process. We secured a separate room but it was far from secluded. We didn't allow the media in the room with a couple of exceptions, but the room was still exposed through the open

double doors and there were constant cameras poking through the door to get their shots. I did see my face on the evening news in Dallas.

I noticed that this event drew people out that otherwise would not have reported what they saw, mainly because they didn't know how or to whom. Oddly, none of the witnesses I interviewed were witness to the event(s) of January 8th - all were from December '07 - none of which correlated with the others. My witness' reports consisted of a Black Triangle, Neon Green Orbs, repeating orange explosions and one CE3 in the witness' bedroom. This witness also stated that they had been being abducted for years but it had been more than 10 years since the last.

This investigation is ongoing and our intention is to return to Dublin in about a month to do more interviews in which the media will not be invited nor allowed to attend. We plan to publish our results in the April issue of The MUFON UFO Journal.

I will try and keep the List informed.

Peace

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## Re: Mobile Phone Images?

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Subject: Re: Mobile Phone Images?

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 21:40:04 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Mobile Phone Images?

<snip>

>Either way, what ever the reason, I personally am surprised that  
>we (that's the royal collective we) haven't seen an increase in  
>photographic evidence, courtesy of mobile/cell phones.

Doesn't surprise me a bit. These craft obviously (to me anyway)  
have the ability to pop in and out of the 3D+t we live in. That  
suggests they may have the ability to be seen by a person but  
not on camera, or, vice versa.

There are some mysterious lights cases that have that same  
property. Maybe a "half way between" state. That could also  
explain hypersonic flight without any sound or shock waves.

Just shows that there is one Hell of a lot of science yet to  
be released to the public. (And that "public" includes  
scientists who pontificate nonsensical "explanations" for UFOs.)

My guess is the craft pilots can choose whether to be visible or  
not, or whether to show up on film or not.

Eleanor White

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## Larry King Needs A New Format

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Subject: Larry King Needs A New Format

Source: Billy Cox's Blog | De Void - Sarasota, Florida, USA

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20080121/BLOG32/996238330&start=1>

Monday, Jan. 21 2008

Larry King Needs A New Format  
By Billy Cox

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Friday night, for the third time in six months, Larry King went to the formula again on CNN: nutty graphics, a panel of non-government experts, eyewitnesses being dismissed by a designated skeptic, and a silly logo that asks something like, "Do You Believe in UFOs?" As if belief were a prerequisite to legitimacy.

This is fun entertainment, maybe, but it's not news. News is stuff like this: Last summer, Jimmy Carter told a podcast called The Skeptics Guide to the Universe that he had never heard stories about his efforts to gain access to classified UFO data being blocked by former CIA director George H.W. Bush. But California attorney Danny Sheehan has gone around the country arguing that this is exactly what he was told by Marcia Smith of the Congressional Research Service.

Somebody's lying. Get Carter, Sheehan and Smith to figure it out on the show. That's news.

Get a real live Air Force spokesman to explain what Brig. Gen. C.H. Bolender, USAF deputy director of development, meant in 1969 when he wrote: "Reports of unidentified flying objects which could affect national security are made in accordance with JANAP 146 or Air Force Manual 55-11, and are not part of the Blue Book system."

Get that person to explain why, if the USAF isn't investigating UFOs anymore, they're itemized as potential national security threats under Communication Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings. In the 1995 edition of Manual 10-206, for instance, you can find references in Chapter 5.7.3 of the Air Force Operational Reporting System.

That'd be news.

Get CIA historian Gerald Haines to explain his 1997 analysis - A Die-Hard Issue: CIA's Role in the Study of UFOs, 1947-90 - which ascribed more than half of all UFO reports in the late 1950s and early 1960s to U.S. spy planes. Ask him why his conclusions don't mesh with Air Force data to the contrary. Haines doesn't return phone calls.

Veteran UFO researcher/author Stan Friedman, who was featured on King's Friday night panel, has a few suggestions for CNN, too. Invite a representative of the National Security Agency to the

show. Ask him or her why 156 of its UFO documents generated between 1958 and 1979 remain largely redacted after years of legal wrangling.

"They say it protects sources and methods, and that may be true," Friedman says from his home in New Brunswick, Canada. "But it always amazes me when I run into people who still can't conceive of the idea that government secrets can't be kept."

If his mental and physical abilities are still intact, why not invite former Secretary of Defense and USAF Secretary Harold Brown on the show? "Here's somebody," says Friedman, "with an extraordinary career, who got a Ph.D. in physics, became director of Livermore Lab, and as a scientist became secretary of defense. He's a policy guy, and I'd love to hear what he has to say."

The list goes on and on. On the other hand, it's a lot easier and safer for CNN to stick with the format. Even though it doesn't make much sense.

"I don't know why they have to keep wasting airtime with a skeptic who knows nothing about the event in question," Friedman says. "If you have a show about a new treatment for heart disease, why would you put somebody on who says, 'I don't believe in it'?"

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## Death & Rebirth Of Official French UFO Studies

From: Robert Morningstar <[robert\\_morningstar.nul](mailto:robert_morningstar.nul)>  
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UFO Digest welcomes renowned French ufologist, Gildas Bordais, to its notable list of UFO writers and contributors.

On the Death & Rebirth of Official French UFO Studies  
By Gildas Bourdais

<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0108/ufostudies.html>

Regards,

Robert Morningstar  
Editor, UFO Digest

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## Asking UFO Question Produces Some Anxiety

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Source: The Bay City Tribune - Bay City, Texas

<http://baycitytribune.com/story.lasso?ewcd=3Dc83f47fb273be2ea>

January 21, 2008

Asking UFO Question Produces Some Anxiety  
By Mike Reddell  
Bay City Tribune =09

There's probably few topics that people struggle for an answer more than UFOs.

I polled several members of the Tribune staff Friday, asking them whether they believed in UFOs.

Based on a margin of error of plus or minus 90 percent, the staff overwhelmingly him hawed over a basic =91no' answer.

I asked the question after reading Judy Triplett's article on a Bay City woman who said she saw an object over our skies in October that was similar to the recent UFO sighting in Stephenville.

One staff member noted correctly that the UFO acronym for unidentified flying object can mean anything in the skies that cannot be readily identified.

Comets, for examples, don't always look the same when they enter our atmosphere.

But, my staff member continued, =93there's a difference between asking about UFOs and aliens.=94

Does she believe in aliens?

No.

That blew my highly unscientific poll.

Once I recast the question about belief in aliens, those leaning toward believing in UFOs didn't want to be known as an alien acknowledger.

There have been innumerable reports of UFOs over the past several decades. Some have been easily explained =97 others haven't.

And, while I've known friends over the years who've claimed to have seen an extra-terrestrial or its mode of transportation, I suspect few of them would readily admit as much if there were more people listening than just me.

Unless something out of this world landed on the front lawn in the middle of the day with scores of people observing, most of

us would be loath to face the public by saying you believe in UFOs.

Discussing UFOs and aliens also tends to make people feel like they're crossing a forbidden theological topic.

And, finally, some folks would rather say no to UFOs and avoid giving the subject much thought.

Unless the aforementioned example of the front-lawn spacecraft landing applies, UFOs are out of sight and out of mind for many.

I've written in this column years ago that I accompanied my dad, also a newspaper editor and publisher, when he investigated a police officer's account of encountering a butane tank-shaped object and two humanoids outside of Socorro, New Mexico, in 1964.

There was little to be seen in the bottom of that arroyo where the sighting was made.

But the officer's long years on the police force gave him credibility that made his account hard to dismiss.

The incident was duly investigated by the U.S. Air Force, which long ago quit looking into those claims, and some notable authorities in that particular genre.

Socorro, by the way, is like a lot of New Mexico =97 there's always U.S. government property nearby. The town is in the same county where the first atomic bomb was detonated.

I watched the Today Show do a piece on the Stephenville sighting, wondering if they make some clever remarks about Texans or UFOs.

They did, in a way, and the reporter handled the coverage mostly in a tongue-in-cheek manner. Still, there was a sense of whistling past the graveyard from the cast on the show's New York set.

Do I believe in UFOs and/or aliens?

I don't know. I do know I don't dismiss those who do believe or who have seen something out there.

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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## UFO Sighting In Hill County

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Source: KXXV-TV 25 - Waco, Texas, USA

<http://www.kxxv.com/Global/story.asp?S=7749165>

Jan 20, 2008

UFO Sighting In Hill County  
By Eric Gemmell

HILL COUNTY - After a week of unexplained objects floating in Central Texas skies, one Hill County resident has captured the mysterious lights on tape.

It was shortly after seven Saturday night when Cory Cox saw a series of mysterious lights above the horizon near his Penelope home.

"It looked nothing like an airplane. It looked nothing like I'd ever seen before. It was weird. Really weird."

Cox can't say for sure whether he saw a UFO.

"I don't want to walk around and people think I'm crazy."

To prove his point, he's recorded nearly a hour and half of lights fluttering the sky. At first they appeared out of thin air, changing size, color and even positions.

News Channel 25 wanted to know whether the tape was a hoax.

"I barely know how to work that thing much less try to pull something off on somebody," Cox said.

In fact, Cox added, he and his brothers reportedly saw the same set of lights about a week ago.

News Channel 25 did contact the Hill County Sheriff's Department about the alleged sighting. They too saw the lights but could not explain them. They are investigating.

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## Denton UFO Flyby

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Source: NowPublic.Com - Vancouver, British Columbia, Caanada

<http://www.nowpublic.com/technology/denton-ufo-flyby>

January 21, 2008

Denton UFO Flyby  
by Lance Oliver

Driving home, going SE on McKinney Rd here in Denton, my wife, Mary, and I saw a fast moving object flyby overhead, in the same direction we were travelling. The sighting happened at 11:55 PM, January 20th.

Through the front windshield we both saw an amber colored, chevron shaped object. The object glowed, but appeared too low and big to be a shooting star. We barely had enough time to look up and remark on it, approximately 2 seconds, before it disappeared.

The height and size of the object is impossible for us to properly determine. However, a rough estimate would make it about the size of an aspirin at arm's length, and 1,500 ft in altitude.

The weather conditions are as follows:

Temp 41. Wind Chill 32. Partly cloudy. SSE Wind 20mph. Gusts 30. Visibility 10 miles. Humidity 44%. Barometric pressure steady. Moon near full.

No noise was heard by either of us.

Sadly, I was without camera or video so I couldn't document it, other than posting it here and at MUFON.com as a case file.

As founder of the Denton Area Paranormal Society, I encourage people to share their own reports. The time for living in fear and secrecy is coming to an end. Please contact me directly. Your confidentiality is assured.

Thanks,

Lance Oliver, Founder  
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## If Aliens Ever Visit Midland

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Source: Midland Reporter-Telegram - Midland, Texas, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2xodyb>

01/22/2008

If Aliens Ever Visit Midland, Let's Hope It's A Slow News Day

by Shanna Sissom  
Midland Reporter-Telegram

When I think of people reporting UFOs, images of individuals who drink beer all day in remote areas come to mind.

But that certainly wasn't the case recently in the Texas town of Stephenville, population 15,000, as those who described the unexplained were by all accounts credible.

When news of possible UFO sightings first posted on The Associated Press wire, I grinned and directed my Web browser to the Stephenville Empire-Tribune, figuring a hometown paper like that would surely have the scoop. It certainly did with careful, honest and dare I say brave reporting by Angelia Joiner.

That's when I started wondering about conversations going on in that newsroom.

A few days after the story published, news trucks started rolling into town, among them CNN's Larry King Live Show. International interest sparked as other mass media outlets converged upon the town and I faithfully visited the Empire-Tribune Web site daily.

Then the paper's editor, Sara Vanden Berge, wrote a priceless column with an online headline that read:

"UFOs, camera crews and a skeptical editor."

I laughed out loud and immediately liked this woman.

Berge went on to describe her newsroom predicament, in a column for their Jan. 18 edition.

"Those of us who work for the newspaper are still in shock from all the hoopla the story has created - especially me - who had a hard time even agreeing to do it in the first place."

She would later tell me it was a "slow news day" in Stephenville.

In her column, Berge explained she wasn't excited about running the initial story of the mysterious sightings and was even "less excited" when she opened the paper the next day and saw the word "UFO" in a headline after having left early the day before.

Upon seeing that headline, the editor in fact "came unglued," she told me while recalling the whole ordeal over the telephone.

She immediately worried her paper would be laughed at and look like a tabloid, as she confessed to readers of her column.

But people didn't laugh, she said, and instead bought every single paper printed that day.

And no one is laughing at those who saw whatever it was they saw.

Most of the good people of Stephenville are having fun with the story, even capitalizing on it like some high school science club students who are selling T-shirts in their dairy town, with an image of a cow being beamed up to a flying saucer. "They're here for the milk," the design says.

Wearing foil hats, residents at a nursing home were all smiles when recently photographed.

As the paper tried to go about its business of reporting daily civic events and such, news organizations from all over the country kept calling, as did people from far away wanting to report their own UFO sightings. It was difficult for anyone to get anything done, Berge explained.

But as of late Monday, things were perhaps slowly getting back to normal in Stephenville.

If you ask Berge, it comes not a moment too soon.

"We've got a paper to put out," she said as we both chuckled.

Thanks Empire-Tribune for reporting the story so many of us loved, even those of us who share your editor's skepticism.

And if aliens ever decide to visit Midland, let's hope they do so on a slow news day.

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Source: The Yorkshire Post - Leeds, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/2fg3gv>

22 January 2008

Truth Is Out There... And It's A Bit Of A Letdown  
By Sarah Freeman

The Ministry of Defence is about to open its UFO files, but the contents threaten to reveal more about Cold War blunders than extraterrestrials.

The truth often has a habit of disappointing.

When the Ministry of Defence announced it was going to parcel up all the reports it had ever made on UFOs and send them to the National Archive it created a wave of excited chatter in chat rooms and web blogs devoted to all things paranormal.

Interest was understandable - 96 the MoD has had an office dedicated to UFO sightings since 1950 and while it's more likely to have been a dingy broom cupboard, with no natural sunlight, and few home comforts than any kind of Men in Black headquarters, details of its activities have always appeared shrouded in secrecy.

According to the conspiracy theorists its staff have been too busy covering up alien landings to hold press conferences and publish books, their filing cabinets overflowing with documents containing precise co-ordinates of extra-terrestrial visits to planet Earth. However, those who've had an early glimpse of what's on offer insist that those wanting photographic evidence of little green men will remain disappointed.

One of those responsible for the MoD decision to go public is David Clarke, a man who has spent the last few years using the Freedom of Information Act to bombard the Government with requests to release details of various incidents up and down the country.

As pastimes go, it's hardly conventional. While some would describe him as an obsessive and others as just another player in the great cover-up machine, the Sheffield Hallam University lecturer insists he's neither.

"Whenever anyone asks me whether I believe in UFOs I quietly groan," he says. "I am interested in unidentified flying objects, but it's something which comes with a whole lot of other connotations.

"Originally the term was coined by the Americans in an effort to get away from flying saucers, but it doesn't seem to have worked. For me these sightings are a part of social history and I've always been intrigued by how they were viewed by intelligence sources."

David has been nothing if not committed and one can only imagine the MoD switchboard staff must let out a small sigh whenever they hear his voice on the other end of the phone. His mission began in 1999 when he applied for the release of files relating to a UFO sighting in Rendlesham, Suffolk =96 an incident dubbed Britain's answer to Roswell =96 but in 2005 a new piece of legislation came into force which was manna from heaven.

The Freedom of Information Act compelled public bodies to release information on request within a one-month time limit and with the law behind him David's assault on the MoD and in particular intelligence branch DI55 intensified.

"In the end, I think they decided it was costing them a lot of time and money to reply to every individual request, so they would be better off handing over everything they had to a national archive," he says. "Over the past 30 years there have been 7,000 sightings and because there is so much paperwork the release is going to be staggered over a number of years."

David is now trying to secure a grant which would pay for an in-depth audit of the papers, which he says will tell us as much about military intelligence, or the lack of it, during the Cold War than they do about alien life-form.

"Clearly the MoD never believed we were visited by little green men," says David. "However, DI55 was supposed to investigate UFO sightings in case it was evidence a foreign government was developing missiles and satellites or testing prototype aircraft.

"It's work was shrouded in secrecy, because they new if it came out they were spending public money tracing UFOs it would be taken out of context, but it was, or at least should have been, considered vital intelligence work. What's interesting is just how scant most of the reports are."

The opening of the Government's X-Files is bound to renew interest in cases such as the Rendlesham Forest incident in 1980 when several witnesses reported an apparent UFO landing outside the perimeter fence of a military base in Suffolk. One of the witnesses, Colonel Charles Hunt, sent a detailed report to Whitehall, but the files show he was never interviewed and the subsequent investigation was fatally flawed due to a confusion over dates.

"Bearing in mind this was a military base, you might have thought the MoD would have taken more interest in the witness statements of respected officers," says David. "In reality they did nothing and when Col Hart's report landed on their desk some three weeks later it still failed to kick them into life. "They concluded that there was nothing especially noteworthy about what happened at Rendlesham. However, it turned out Col Hart had included the wrong dates for the sighting and because the MoD failed to cross reference the report with police logs unsurprisingly the investigation came to nothing.

"It's easy to forget, but in the 1980s we were in the height of the Cold War, night and day there were protesters outside Greenham Common, but when it came to sightings of what could have been Russian satellites or aircraft there was no sense of urgency.

"In truth, 90 per cent of sightings can be easily explained whether it be a 9.45pm flight into Manchester or even an unusual cloud formation which is picked up on radar, but it's that five per cent which no one can explain which is interesting."

While most of the papers won't set the paranormal world on fire, their release almost didn't happen when some 63,000 files running to 12 million pages, apparently contaminated by asbestos, were earmarked for destruction. However, when news of their intentions became known the MoD, confounding accusations of a cover-up, spent =A33m making digital copies of the files.

"While we managed to save these papers a lot has already been lost or destroyed," says David. "Pretty much everything before 1950 has gone and it wasn't until 1967 that they stopped routinely destroying things at five-yearly intervals. It is a victory for freedom of information, but there are always going

to be some who will consider it a whitewash. The truth is that these papers show they were incompetent at keeping proper files and tracking information on UFOs, so if we had ever been visited by aliens I'm sure we would have heard by now."

The Sightings:

1977

Broad Haven, Wales

There were several reported UFO sightings in the area during the 1970s, but the most widely publicised was the strange visitation to a field near to Broad Haven Primary School in February 1977. Fourteen primary children witnessed a silvery yellow cigar shaped UFO and some said they had seen a figure in a silver suit.

Following this report there were adult witnesses to a dome shaped UFO in the same area.

1989

Bonnybridge, Scotland

A fire crew were attending a blaze when they saw what appeared to be a red object hovering in the distance. A second object then appeared above a loch about 20ft from the witnesses, followed by a third which passed overhead. After a further spate of sightings the area was dubbed the UFO Capital of Scotland.

1987

Ilkley Moor

A former police officer was walking over moorland when he claimed he saw a small green creature about 4ft tall with overlong arms running towards a hollow in the hillside. He shouted at the creature, which waved its arms at him, and he managed to snap a picture. The resulting photograph, which experts later said had not been tampered with, did show a strange figure, but sadly he was never seen again.

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## Could Life Be Older Than Stars & Planets?

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Subject: Could Life Be Older Than Stars & Planets?

Hello List,

Folk trying to work out probabilities of life in our galaxy (or in the universe) often refer to the Drake Equation, which uses the numbers (and ages) of planets in the Milky Way as basic factors.

Why only look at planets? Because, as Gribbin et al show, life needs an energy gradient - from hot to cold say, to power the 'work' of living. Being close to a star, organic molecules on a planet can use the star's radiation to start 'self-organizing' to greater complexity and 'life'. So on Earth we can find a chain: starting with photo-synthesis > plants > herbivores > carnivores & omnivores (us).

Is there an energy source other than stars? Yes. The Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB), sometimes called the relic radiation from a putative 'big bang'. Yet it doesn't seem promising, for two reasons - i) it's only about 3 degrees above absolute zero and ii) it's all around, so where's the gradient?

i) The temperature is only 3 degrees now. But going back in time, it was hotter and hotter.

ii) And the gradient? In deep space we find huge clouds of molecules, many of them organic molecules. The bigger the cloud the colder its interior will be, because outer layers will absorb the radiation - so there's your gradient. And it's an enclosed system - the energy gradient is internal to the cloud.

Therefore clouds of molecules have had the energy input to do the 'work' of self-organizing. We could say that's obvious because some clouds' molecules are very complex - nucleic acids (predecessors of DNA) have been detected. And the further back you go, the more energy such clouds were receiving.

How far back? Mainstream scientists who subscribe to the 'redshift hypothesis' say the visible universe is only 15-20 billion yrs old - although other scientists (Arp et al) say it could be much older (and bigger). That mainstream posits an evolution from primitive stars in galactic clouds of dust to regular stars (several main 'generations') in regular galaxies. Their problem is: as far as they can see, even 13 to 14 billion light-years away (that's distance and time), there's only 'regular' galaxies to be seen.

So, if you believe the mainstream anyway, life could have evolved in deep space as far back as c. 14 - 19 billion years ago. If you examine other evidence (maybe check Halton Arp's 'Seeing Red') then first life in the universe could be much, much older.

Interstellar or deep-space forms of life, amorphous yet energetic, would certainly seem to match up with some of the things - "high pulsers" - that we see in NASA satellite and shuttle footages. Try 'video NASA UFO' in Google.

Cheers

Ray D

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## Transcript Stephenville Witnesses On O'Reilly

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Witnesses Describe Seeing UFOs Over Small Texas Town

FOX News

This is a rush transcript from The O'Reilly Factor, January 21, 2008. This copy may not be in its final form and may be updated.

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Bill O'Reilly, Host: In the "Unresolved Problem" segment tonight: A recent AP poll says 34 percent of Americans do believe in UFOs; 63 percent do not.

But in Stephenville, Texas, 100 miles southwest of Dallas, they do believe. About 40 residents there saw UFOs or say they saw them a few weeks ago. Joining us now from Dallas are two witnesses, Steve Allen and James Hughes.

Mr. Allen, begin with you. Tell us exactly what you saw.

Steve Allen, UFO Witness: Yes, sir. Thanks for having us.

Back in January, the 8th, we was at a friend of mine's house and burning some debris and looked off to the east and saw several sets of lights coming towards us. Thought it might have been several aircraft approaching us in some sort of formation. And the lights was more intense and very bright. And they all seemed to be moving at the same speed and altitude and everything, about 3,000 foot above the ground coming at us very fast.

O'Reilly: All right. So you see this thing and, you know, it could be anything. Could be a reflection. Could be anything. But then I understand that you saw military, U.S. military aircraft in proximity to the UFOs?

Allen: After it already came by us and did a little flame-job over Stephenville and disappeared, it came back by. And that's when it had the military craft in pursuit, probably four or five seconds behind. But...

O'Reilly: Now you know the military denies that any military aircraft were in the proximity of Stephenville that evening.

Allen: Yes, of course.

O'Reilly: Well, you know, it sounds like you might be a conspiratorialist here. Are you positive that U.S. military planes were hovering around or flying around these UFOs?

Allen: Yes, absolutely sure. Quite a few people saw the UFO itself, and then many more people saw the jets come past in pursuit. The constable saw it. One of the managers of the airport saw the jets. Quite a people saw that. Several other pilots, also.

O'Reilly: Now Mr. Hughes, you were =97 you didn't know Mr. Allen, Mr. Hughes, right?

James Hughes, UFO Witness: Correct. I didn't know him at all.

O'Reilly: But you were in the area, too. Mr. Allen was visiting friends. He lives in Glen Rose, I understand. But you're a hometown Stephenville guy.

Hughes: That's correct.

O'Reilly: What did you see?

Hughes: Well, you say hometown Stephenville. I was actually two blocks from the center of town, actually, from the courthouse. And I had just walked out of the house, walking a couple of friends to their car, when I looked up. And there was two very large, glowing =97 I'd call them glowing, burning kind of looking objects, globe-like-looking objects that were just barely moving in the sky and hovering in the sky over my house. And it was pretty startling. It absolutely was.

O'Reilly: Now, when they went away, and then Mr. Allen says they came back, did you see the military aircraft around?

Hughes: No, I didn't see the military aircraft. And I actually didn't hear any noise at all. These were real low in the sky and very close. And they weren't making any noise at all at that time.

O'Reilly: Were you scared?

Hughes: I didn't hear any =97 no, I was actually very curious. I was fascinated, really. I'm used to trying to figure out most things that I see. And when I saw these, and it was something I couldn't explain. And I'm not used to seeing something that I can't explain. So I was fascinated. That's what I was. I was just...

O'Reilly: I believe you guys. I believe you guys saw stuff. I'm not sure about the military. If it's 3,000 feet, sometimes it's hard to identify that, Mr. Allen, you know, what they are.

But I believe you guys saw something. I don't know, obviously, what it is. I can't possibly know that. But do you guys get angry when people go, "Oh, this is a bunch of bologna?" Does that bother you, Mr. Allen?

Allen: No, we expected that. And of course, it was up close and personal. The visibility was unlimited and still plenty of sunlight the first time we saw it. So, no, I know what we saw, and lots of other folks saw it.

O'Reilly: All right. Well, we hope that someday it's explained in some context. And gentlemen, we appreciate you coming on and telling everybody what happened down there in Stephenville, Texas. Thanks very much.

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## Re: Truth Is Out There And It's A Bit Of A Letdown

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>To: "- UFO UpDates Subscribers - <[UFO-UpDates.nul](mailto:UFO-UpDates.nul)>  
>Date: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 1:09 PM  
>Subject: Truth Is Out There And It's A Bit Of A Letdown

<http://tinyurl.com/2fq3gv>

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>"While we managed to save these papers a lot has already been  
>lost or destroyed," says David. "Pretty much everything before  
>1950 has gone and it wasn't until 1967 that they stopped  
>routinely destroying things at five-yearly intervals.

Just recently heard mention of 'Operation Main Brace', first  
full scale naval and air exercise involving USA, UK, Danish and  
other NATO forces, in 1952. Interestingly there were sightings,  
from 13th to 21st Sept, during the exercise, by Danish, UK and  
US personnel, some of them in patrolling aircraft.

The logs and records of such a large exercise should still  
exist. Also, Wallace Litwin, a US journalist aboard a warship,  
is said to have taken photographs.

Cheers

Ray D

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## Re: Mobile Phone Images?

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>Date: Mon, 21 Jan 2008 16:31:38 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Mobile Phone Images?

>>From: Sean Jones <[tedric.nul](mailto:tedric.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 20 Jan 2008 21:40:04 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Mobile Phone Images?

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>>Either way, what ever the reason, I personally am surprised that  
>>we (that's the royal collective we) haven't seen an increase in  
>>photographic evidence, courtesy of mobile/cell phones.

>Doesn't surprise me a bit. These craft obviously (to me anyway)  
>have the ability to pop in and out of the 3D+t we live in. That  
>suggests they may have the ability to be seen by a person but  
>not on camera, or, vice versa.

>Just shows that there is one Hell of a lot of science yet to  
>be released to the public. (And that "public" includes  
>scientists who pontificate nonsensical "explanations" for UFOs.)

>My guess is the craft pilots can choose whether to be visible or  
>not, or whether to show up on film or not.

And to show up on radar or not. Yes, it's more than a guess.

Years of frequent sightings of all types should have told  
mainstream ufology all this long ago. Fear of ridicule from  
academia and from conservative ufologists - that UFO aliens  
shouldn't be able to do anything that we can't imagine ourselves  
doing within a century or so - helps keep us from better  
publicizing cases of high strangeness.

Jim

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## Re: Death & Rebirth Of Official French UFO Studies

From: Steve Sawyer <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
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Archived: Wed, 23 Jan 2008 06:38:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Death & Rebirth Of Official French UFO Studies

>From: Robert Morningstar <[robert\\_morningstar.nul](mailto:robert_morningstar.nul)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>,  
>Date: Mon, 21 Jan 2008 17:21:33 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Death & Rebirth Of Official French UFO Studies

>UFO Digest welcomes renowned French ufologist, Gildas Bordais,  
>to its notable list of UFO writers and contributors.

>On the Death & Rebirth of Official French UFO Studies  
>By Gildas Bourdais

><http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0108/ufostudies.html>

Hi, Robert & List

This article by Gildas Bourdais is an excellent 10-page summary of past and current UFO research in France that I would recommend all here interested in overseas government research in the UFO field read.

Well done, Gildas!

Steve

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## Re: 'Stephenville' Investigator's Report

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Archived: Wed, 23 Jan 2008 06:39:56 -0500  
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>Subject: 'Stephenville' Investigator's Report

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### Re: Denton UFO Flyby

From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
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Subject: Re: Denton UFO Flyby

>Source: NowPublic.Com - Vancouver, British Columbia, Caanada

><http://www.nowpublic.com/technology/denton-ufo-flyby>

>January 21, 2008

>Denton UFO Flyby  
>by Lance Oliver

>Driving home, going SE on McKinney Rd here in Denton, my wife,  
>Mary, and I saw a fast moving object flyby overhead, in the same  
>direction we were travelling. The sighting happened at 11:55 PM,  
>January 20th.

>Through the front windshield we both saw an amber colored,  
>chevron shaped object. The object glowed, but appeared too low  
>and big to be a shooting star. We barely had enough time to look  
>up an remark on it, aproximately 2 seconds, before it  
>disappeared.

>The height and size of the object is impossible for us to  
>properly determine. However, a rough estimate would make it  
>about the size of an asprin at arm's length, and 1,500 ft in  
>altitude.

>The weather conditions are as follows:

>Temp 41. Wind Chill 32. Partly cloudy. SSE Wind 20mph. Gusts 30.  
>Visibility 10 miles. Humidity 44%. Barometric pressure steady.  
>Moon near full.

>No noise was heard by either of us.

<snip>

Hi Everyone!

With the great interest and continuing media coverage of the large UFO sighted by multiple witnesses in Stephenville, Texas, this has encouraged many others to report their own sightings of unusual or unexplained things in the sky which they would otherwise not report. This "UFO flyby" in Denton, Texas is just one such example.

Although there were two witnesses making this UFO report more credible and useful to researchers, there are contradictions and interpretations that make this case difficult to evaluate. For example, the witness (Lance Oliver) writes "...my wife, Mary, and I saw a fast moving object flyby OVERHEAD..." and then writes "...but appeared too low and big to be a shooting star...".

Although no noise was heard by the witnesses, not unexpected considering they saw the UFO from inside their car, considering the duration, size (about the same angular size of the Moon) and colour of the sighting, this UFO can easily be explained as a fireball.

Since this UFO was reported on January 21 just one day after it

was sighted, there are no reports yet of bright fireballs seen in the sky over Texas by the North American Meteor Network.

Of course, there are other possible explanations too for this very brief and unexpected UFO sighting. Considering the shape and colour of the UFO seen from their car moving in the same direction as the UFO, it could have been have been a startled bird flying in the car's headlights.

Another possibility is that the UFO as depicted in the drawing that accompanied this article which makes it seem more saucer shaped than a chevron, was produced by a moving spotlight. There are currently four very bright moving searchlights in downtown Toronto whose beams are not visible but which do produce such saucer shapes on the cloud layer above the city (similar to the "UFO" I saw over New York City that was created by the very bright searchlights located at the WTC site after 9/11). The short duration of the UFO sighting in Denton, Texas can thus be easily explained by the "...partly cloudy..." sky conditions mentioned by the witness since a moving "UFO" would indeed seem to disappear when it entered a region of clear sky.

What do we do with UFO reports such as the one above that have contradictory and insufficient information and which have many very likely prosaic explanations too? These should be added to a UFO database but I don't think they should be promoted in the media as further good examples that UFOs are real and not of this world (at least some of them) as many ufologists such as Stan Friedman, and myself, know they are.

Too many very dubious and insignificant UFO incidents do little to arouse interest among the public or even encourage renewed scientific inquiry in order to finally come up with answers to this ongoing mystery but only serve to create doubts and cast further ridicule on all those involved, from witnesses to researchers, in this important field.

Nick Balaskas

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## Bill O'Reilly In 'No Spin' Twilight Zone

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Bill O'Reilly & Colleagues in the 'No Spin' Twilight Zone

The full dimensions and level of media ignorance, laziness, plain stupidity, in reporting what has been going on in Texas skies is difficult to describe and fully catalogue without using hyperbole mixed with obscenities. If ever there was a legitimate excuse for scathing imprecation, and hot rhetoric, this is it.

There are wondrous awesome powers in our skies. Powers that frolic freely, from ocean to earth orbit. From UK coast channels, to Arizona night skies. Power that was seen in awe by a commercial airline captain at 39,000 ft. wondering why whole cities of light were being blotted out by dark ominous forms, going south.

Power that sailed in silence over a New Mexico test site, an object that could swallow an aircraft carrier blotted out the skies as it was filmed years ago, the results rushed into vaulted blackness.

And in Texas skies massive gray shapes pocked with immaculate precision hung as if by colossal magic in ominous immensity and witnessed by enough tough clear eyed hunters, former pilots, and other sober observers to form a jury that could convict a lying government if subject to Jurisprudence.

These same Texas citizens, witnessed what thousands have worried and wondered about, why are we seeing our military assets caught with hands in the intercept cookie jar, over and over as pilots are ordered to chase these lightning quick flying gray mountains?

Are the great mass of cable and network editors, news managers, staff reporters and talking heads irredeemably half witted? Is there a real shred of fire and spark of plain anger or curiosity about what is going on? Where is the raw real curiosity, and a basic reporters sense that Texas size whoppers of lies and deception are being used to in effect to call the good citizens of Texas fools and idiots?

How just plain stupid, and intimidated are our reportorial classes? If the barriers are at the editorial level, where are the angry resignations, impromptu press conferences, and tell all books? Why isn't there, symbolically speaking, loud rumbling and muffled sounds of struggle from behind closed editorial doors, and thin trickle of blood leaking from under the door, as enormous suppressive force from on high meets irresistible journalistic honest truth seeking ethos?

An sad example was the 'tissue thin' almost child like approach Bill O'reilly took on his Monday Jan 21st on his 'No Spin' Fox News report. Shame on you Bill ! Utter flunk out of Journalism school crap. Sorry, but this is what you did when you spoke with two eyewitnesses. Instead of a thoughtful methodical orderly reconstruction of what these individuals saw, the astounding massive detail, color equivalent, large cone shaped surface array, the lighting details and changes, that many have contributed to describing this Leviathan, there was 'spin' that was almost dizzying in its gross implicit accusation. An 'are

you sure you really saw something - at all'!

There was a stupidity and utter refusal to examine and ask further questions about the military aircraft seen repeatedly in that area of the sightings. The military denied having any aircraft in the area therefore, but Mr. 'No Spun' spun like a top himself by in effect saying only 'conspiracy mongers' would believe such nonsense. He all but called them liars for insisting there were such military aircraft.

His, Bill O'Reilly's analysis, and aired segment on the Texas sightings Monday Jan 21 deserves heaping invective and reflect the broad abject failure of media to grasp what is in our skies. How much effort, how often are the defense, white house, intelligence, or chief investigative resources used to find answers to this question? Precious little, if ever.

A few minutes of search engine work will reveal real journalistic practice, with detailed image reconstruction pooled from the many who saw this monolithic metallic monster. The independent few journalists who crossed a reportorial taboo line, in some cases, decades ago, do not appear on the 'entertainment' news, which much of cable and network news has devolved to, with the 'criminal of the week' news agenda.

When UFOs come into the news room, brains fly out the window, It seems to be written on mainstream stone tablets, a set of commandments of how to always destroy journalistic integrity on this subject.

- 1) Begin with an incredulous smirk, blatant or subtle, raised eyebrow or terms as 'enthusiasts'' or 'believers'.
- 2) Never ever do any real research on the subject, begin from zero Act as if 60 years of activity had never taken place-- every time.
- 3) Put witnesses to withering skeptical question, with ad hominem calling into doubt sanity, sobriety, background while leaving out basic detail about what was actually seen.
- 4) Never take on the government, demand with any real systematic rigor and vigor answers from military PR sources. Never show shadowed anonymous military sources that contradict official pronouncements, or demand explanations from the platoons of Belt way bandits working for all those think tanks and consulting entities. Never ambush them on camera for what they know about this subject.
- 5) Never, in short, take this with real journalistic integrity, due diligence and genuine allocation of resources and staff, continue a cowardly cringing risk averse near total failure to practice real journalism. Treat the subject with the superficial puerile analysis that Mr. 'No Spin' displayed shamelessly on his O'Reilly spin free zone.

This failure that mocks the self congratulatory label the 'No Spin' zone. A failure that someday will have Mr. O'Reilly, in a tearful profuse mea culpa apology. if still in the 'No Spin' zone. The tears of apology will join thousands more, until a flood of apologies wash away the blot and stain of this mass professional failure.

Vince White

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>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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>It was sheer madness in Dublin, Texas on Saturday.

>A team of MUFON investigators met with approximately 40  
>witnesses amid the circus that was the hottest thing to hit  
>Dublin, Texas since they opened the oldest Dr. Pepper Bottling  
>Plant in the world in 1891. (They still use the original  
>formula)

<snip>

>We walked in and there were only a handful of people there  
>including our team. I thought to myself that perhaps this might  
>be easier than we first thought. There was media there including  
>NBC and FOX but there wasn't a crush of curiosity seekers...  
>yet.

>Just before 1:00 pm the madness began. Ultimately there would be  
>around 500 people filling the hall designed for 200 people. We  
>had the usual suspects that we quickly put in their place,  
>particularly anyone who attempted to come in wearing tin foil  
>hats. They were instantly told to remove them.  
snip

>I noticed that this event drew people out that otherwise would  
>not have reported what they saw, mainly because they didn't know  
>how or to whom.

This reminds me of what happened in Brewster, New York in 1983  
or 85 or so (can't recall the date) after the massive sightings  
along the Taconic River Parkway north of New York City  
("explained" as a group of ultralight aircraft).

Peter Gersten and others invited witnesses to be at an old  
school building - I forget what the building was - to make  
reports. They were expecting maybe a few dozen. As I recall  
Gersten said something like 1000 people showed up.

Perhaps someone recalls the details better than I and I don't  
have at hand copy of Night Seige by Hynek and Imbrogno to  
refresh my memory.

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><http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20080121/BLOG32/996238330&start=1>

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>[billy.cox.nul](mailto:billy.cox.nul)

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excuse was the same as for most historians:

"I only write what others tell me", (and don't think for myself).

Re: Larry King Needs A New Format

Because I had read his article in the spring of 1997 before it was formally published, after some declassification, I was ready with an immediate response: I wrote a paper with a title that pulled no punches: The CIA's UFO Explanation Is Preposterous.

It is posted on my web site.

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Archived: Wed, 23 Jan 2008 07:02:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: Asking UFO Question Produces Some Anxiety

>Source: The Bay City Tribune - Bay City, Texas>

><http://baycitytribune.com/story.lasso?ewcd=c83f47fb273be2ea>

>January 21, 2008

>Asking UFO Question Produces Some Anxiety  
>By Mike Reddell  
>Bay City Tribune

>There's probably few topics that people struggle for an answer  
>more than UFOs.

>I polled several members of the Tribune staff Friday, asking  
>them whether they believed in UFOs.

>Based on a margin of error of plus or minus 90 percent, the  
>staff overwhelmingly him hawed over a basic no' answer.

>I asked the question after reading Judy Triplett's article on a  
>Bay City woman who said she saw an object over our skies in  
>October that was similar to the recent UFO sighting in  
>Stephenville.

>One staff member noted correctly that the UFO acronym for  
>unidentified flying object can mean anything in the skies that  
>cannot be readily identified.

>Comets, for examples, don't always look the same when they enter  
>our atmosphere.

Obviously he means meteors. We hope that comets don't get close  
enough to enter the atmosphere!

<snip>

>I've written in this column years ago that I accompanied my dad,  
>also a newspaper editor and publisher, when he investigated a  
>police officer's account of encountering a butane tank-shaped  
>object and two humanoids outside of Socorro, New Mexico, in  
>1964.

The Lonnie Zamora case pops up again.

>There was little to be seen in the bottom of that arroyo where  
>the sighting was made.

>But the officer's long years on the police force gave him  
>credibility that made his account hard to dismiss.

>The incident was duly investigated by the U.S. Air Force, which  
>long ago quit looking into those claims, and some notable  
>authorities in that particular genre.

>Socorro, by the way, is like a lot of New Mexico there's  
>always U.S. government property nearby. The town is in the same  
>county where the first atomic bomb was detonated.

Implication? Some military vehicle? Obviously the guy does not know that none other than the head of Blue Book at the time, Hector Quintinella, searched for any reasonable explanation - including the lunar-lander - and found none.

The case remains unexplained.

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## Brazilian Crop Circle

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Date: Wed, 23 Jan 2008 08:31:57 -0200 (BRST)  
Archived: Wed, 23 Jan 2008 07:17:31 -0500  
Subject: Brazilian Crop Circle

Hi Everybody,

In Tanabi, Sao Paulo State in Brazil, a witness who lives in a small hotel near a sugar cane field, heard a noise like the cane was breaking. He went to see what it was and told Globo TV that he saw a big UFO and found a big crop circle in the cane.

All the sugar cane where the UFO was seen was flattened. Some laid to the right side and some to the left.

A Geography professor analyzed the area and explained it was impossible for the circle to be formed by wind action.

An Agronomic Engineer also had been in the place and told Globo TV that field machines couldn't make the circle.

As there is one witness that saw an UFO, people believe that this crop circle was made by a UFO.

A this website:

<http://tinyurl.com/293vqc>

you can see the video that Brazil's Globo TV aired about this case. A pity its in Portuguese, but will give you an idea of what happened in Tanabi yesterday.

Milton Dino Frank Junior  
Brazilian Ufology Center President

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## Yreka UFO Sighting Reported

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Archived: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 08:41:03 -0500  
Subject: Yreka UFO Sighting Reported

Source: Siskiyou Daily News - Yreka, California

<http://www.siskiyoudaily.com/articles/2008/01/22/news/5912208news2.txt>

Tuesday, January 22, 2008

### Possible UFO Sighting Reported

By Brad Smith  
Daily News Staff Writer

YREKA -- Stephenville, Tex., residents aren't the only ones reporting unidentified flying objects above their community. A few weeks ago, Yreka resident Mary Hay reportedly saw a strange aircraft fly above her while she was at the Valero gas station on South Main Street.

According to Hay, she was purchasing some kerosene and saw something moving across the sky. It happened on Jan. 8, sometime around 8 p.m., she said.

Describing the object as 'slightly wedge-shaped,' Hay said it had three rows of lights underneath it, the middle row longer than the others. The object flew from east to west, 'then disappeared very quickly,' she said.

This is the first time that something like this has happened to Hay.

Since her sighting, she has told some of her family, friends and co-workers. While some have scoffed at the notion of UFOs and aliens, others have told her that they have seen the same thing and that she shouldn't feel "weird" talking about it.

'I didn't even know about the (Stephenville) Texas UFOs until a few days ago,' she said.

According to the Associated Press, several people have reported seeing UFOs since Jan. 8. The sightings have made national news, even causing CNN's Larry King to do a show about them.

Ruben Uriate, director for Northern California's Mutual UFO Network, said that Hay's sighting is 'one of many.'

'There's been a spike in reports,' he said. He speculates that the Stephenville sightings have raised awareness and that 'people are looking up at the skies, paying more attention.'

Uriate said that Hay shouldn't feel uneasy talking about her claim. Many pilots, law enforcement and military personnel have stepped forward, he stated, reporting their experiences.

For more information on reporting a possible UFO, check the Mutual UFO Network ([www.mufon.com](http://www.mufon.com)) and the National UFO Reporting Center ([www.nuforc.org](http://www.nuforc.org)) Web sites.

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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Archived: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 08:44:04 -0500  
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>From: Robert Morningstar <[robert\\_morningstar.nul](mailto:robert_morningstar.nul)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>,  
>Date: Mon, 21 Jan 2008 17:21:33 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Death & Rebirth Of Official French UFO Studies

>UFO Digest welcomes renowned French ufologist, Gildas Bordais,  
>to its notable list of UFO writers and contributors.

>On the Death & Rebirth of Official French UFO Studies  
>By Gildas Bourdais

><http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0108/ufostudies.html>

Thank you to Robert Morningstar for welcoming to the website.

Please note just one little correction: Ariane 5 is not a purely French rocket. It's the product of the European consortium ESA.

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Subject: Web Searching For UFOs

Source: The Fort Worth Star Telegram - Fort Worth, Texas, USA

[http://www.star-telegram.com/state\\_news/story/426612.html](http://www.star-telegram.com/state_news/story/426612.html)

Wed, Jan. 23, 2008

Searching For UFOs  
By Bryon Okada  
Star-Telegram Staff Writer

Seems a lot of people went UFO-crazy last week.

OK, it didn't top the Hannah Montana-to-Miley Cyrus midconcert switcheroo involving a body double, or the death of actor Brad Renfro, but the Erath County UFO craze topped everything else on the Internet last week.

In the week ending Saturday, "UFO photos" was the No. 3 fastest-moving search term used on all Web sites, according to New York-based Hitwise, an online measurement company that ranks search terms based on relative change.

Among news and media sites, "UFO sightings" was No. 4 of all searches in the U.S. "Texas UFO" was No. 5 and "UFO and Texas" was No. 9.

"Obviously, search term behavior is a good indicator of what's on people's minds," said Matt Tatham, Hitwise media relations manager.

And, of course, it was one of the most-read stories at [www.star-telegram.com](http://www.star-telegram.com) last week, too.

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Imagine if he'd written a false history of the Iraq war - press coverage might not affect a policy change, but publicity would at least discredit the crap.

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>>Date: Mon, 21 Jan 2008 12:20:45 -0600  
>>Subject: 'Stephenville' Investigator's Report

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>>I noticed that this event drew people out that otherwise would  
>>not have reported what they saw, mainly because they didn't  
>>know how or to whom.

>This reminds me of what happened in Brewster, New York in 1983  
>or 85 or so (can't recall the date) after the massive sightings  
>along the Taconic River Parkway north of New York City  
>("explained" as a group of ultralight aircraft).

>Peter Gersten and others invited witnesses to be at an old  
>school building - I forget what the building was - to make  
>reports. They were expecting maybe a few dozen. As I recall  
>Gersten said something like 1000 people showed up.

>Perhaps someone recalls the details better than I and I don't  
>have at hand copy of Night Seige by Hynek and Imbrogno to  
>refresh my memory.

According to "Night Siege: The Hudson Valley UFO Sightings", by  
Hynek, Imbrogno and Pratt, the meeting was held at the Henry  
Wells Middle School, Brewster, New York, on 25 August 1984.

As the auditorium at the school could seat 500, the organisers  
thought there would be more than enough seats for everybody.  
However, about 1,500 turned up. Of these about 900 filled out  
witness report forms with details of their sightings.

John Harney

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## Re: Bill O'Reilly In 'No Spin' Twilight Zone

From: Erik Landahl <[landahl1.nul](mailto:landahl1.nul)>  
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Archived: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 09:02:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: Bill O'Reilly In 'No Spin' Twilight Zone

>From: Vince White <[Vinceomni.nul](mailto:Vinceomni.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 22 Jan 2008 15:50:58 EST  
>Subject: Bill O'Reilly In 'No Spin' Twilight Zone

>Bill O'Reilly & Colleagues in the 'No Spin' Twilight Zone

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>5) Never, in short, take this with real journalistic integrity,  
>due diligence and genuine allocation of resources and staff,  
>continue a cowardly cringing risk aversive near total failure to  
>practice real journalism. Treat the subject with the  
>superficial puerile analysis that Mr. 'No Spin' displayed  
>shamelessly on his O'Reilly spin free zone.

>This failure that mocks the self congratulatory label the 'No  
>Spin' zone. A failure that someday will have Mr. O'Reilly, in a  
>tearful profuse mea culpa apology. if still in the 'No Spin'  
>zone. The tears of apology will join thousands more, until a  
>flood of apologies wash away the blot and stain of this mass  
>professional failure.

Hello Vince,

Extrapolating your comments about Bill O'Reilly to the larger universe of his show in totality would perhaps be accurate. I am a critic of his personal behavior and his show. But in fairness to O'Reilly, he treated the witnesses politely and with restraint.

He certainly did not begin a Carl Bernstein-style inquiry into the truth. It would be extremely difficult to find any serious journalist who would do so, let alone anyone hosting a Fox News infotainment show.

O'Reilly's questions were shallow and the witness answers were brief. But O'Reilly himself was patient with the witnesses. In this particular instance O'Reilly doesn't deserve the hit you are giving him. By O'Reilly standards, he gave the men and the Stephenville sightings a slight whiff of credibility.

Kind regards,

Erik Landahl

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## Re: Truth Is Out There And It's A Bit Of A Letdown

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>>Date: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 1:09 PM  
>>Subject: Truth Is Out There And It's A Bit Of A Letdown

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>>"While we managed to save these papers a lot has already been  
>>lost or destroyed," says David. "Pretty much everything before  
>>1950 has gone and it wasn't until 1967 that they stopped  
>>routinely destroying things at five-yearly intervals.

>Just recently heard mention of 'Operation Main Brace', first  
>full scale naval and air exercise involving USA, UK, Danish and  
>other NATO forces, in 1952. Interestingly there were sightings,  
>from 13th to 21st Sept, during the exercise, by Danish, UK and  
>US personnel, some of them in patrolling aircraft.

>The logs and records of such a large exercise should still  
>exist. Also, Wallace Litwin, a US journalist aboard a warship,  
>is said to have taken photographs.

Hello List,

With permission (today's emails) from Dave Clarke, here's  
corrections to that press release:

"I actually said 'many of the papers from the 1950s' have been  
lost, not that most of the material before 1950 had been  
destroyed. In fact, there are some papers, released at the  
National Archives 10-15 years ago, that deal with some of the  
sightings during Operation Mainbrace in 1952, including the  
famous incident at RAF Topcliffe, involving a saucer-shaped  
object falling like a leaf etc. However, the intelligence files  
on the exercise, and whatever was done to investigate further,  
has not survived and is presumed lost or destroyed."

As discussed with Dave, Operation Main Brace (or Mainbrace) is  
one of the few cases where investigators should be able to  
cross-reference records from different NATO countries - so if  
one line of inquiry - say in UK - is blocked you can try France,  
Denmark, US Etc.

Dave's got some stuff on the available UK traces of 'mainbrace'  
At:

<http://tinyurl.com/ytkxzf>

The Little Rissington Incident

Cheers

Ray D

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[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080123/ap\\_on\\_re\\_us/ufo\\_sightings\\_1](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080123/ap_on_re_us/ufo_sightings_1)

Wed Jan 23, 2008

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By Angela K. Brown,  
Associated Press Writer

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Steve Allen, a pilot and freight company owner, said Wednesday.

The planes' training area in the Brownwood Military Operating Area includes Stephenville's Erath County, but Allen said it does not include the airspace where he saw the object. Also, Jan. 8 was not the only day sightings were reported.

Anne Frazor, who owns a fabric store in Stephenville, about 70 miles southwest of Fort Worth, said many in town have seen military aircraft zoom overhead from time to time as part of training operations. But she said that wasn't what she saw Jan. 8.

"I couldn't begin to say what it was, but to me it wasn't planes," Frazor said.

Since the reported sightings two weeks ago, the 17,000-resident city is having fun with the international publicity. Some high-schoolers made T-shirts depicting a flying saucer beaming up a cow with the messages: "Stephenville: the new Roswell" and "They're here for the milk!" Several stores put new messages on their marquees, including "Aliens welcome."

This week Tarleton State University is even hosting a lecture by a UFO researcher on the U.S. government's secret response to UFOs, based on previously classified documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act.

The U.S. Air Force says it has not investigated UFO sightings since 1969 when it ended Project Blue Book, which examined more than 12,600 reported UFO sightings =97 including 700 that were never explained. That program started a few months after the 1947 crash near Roswell, N.M., of an aircraft the government said was a top-secret weather balloon but others have claimed was an alien spacecraft.

"What we want is the government to admit there are UFOs and what they know about them," Cherry said.

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Archived: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 14:37:25 -0500  
Subject: A Letter To My Congressman

Below is a letter I sent to congress in hopes that some might draft a similar letter. I borrowed some verbiage so feel free to grab what may be useful.

Relevant parts of my letter to congress:

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Honorable Member of Congress

As an elected official I want to draw your attention to a subject that can no longer be ignored. Remarkable evidence is available proving that extraterrestrial (ET) crafts have visited our planet. I know this information sounds unbelievable but please keep an open mind.

Solid testimony from over 460 corporate and military witnesses has been accumulated by two disclosure initiatives. These 460 disclosure witnesses have openly stated they are willing to testify, under oath and before Congress about their direct encounters with crash site investigations, secret documents, photographic evidence, radar reports and recovered crashed ET vehicles.

As an Attorney, I can attest that the jurisprudential evidence of this quality does not get any better, especially when witnesses possess the ranks of Brigadier Generals, Commander of ICBM Launch facilities, Senior FAA Crash Site Investigators, astronauts, pilots and officers with above top secret clearance. This testimony is only the tip of the iceberg.

Other governments have started releasing previously classified data on ETs and UFOs. France was the first, in March 2007 the French National Space Agency placed 1600 previously classified UFO sighting reports into the public domain for examination; beginning the process of full disclosure of non-Earth origin craft. Similarly, the United Kingdom in May 2007 began a disclosure initiative. Other countries have started to follow suit. It is time for the United States to do the same.

The United Nations General Assembly voted to inviting U.N. Member States "to take appropriate steps to coordinate on a national level scientific research and investigation into extraterrestrial life, including unidentified flying objects, and to inform the Secretary-General.=94

The Honorable Paul Hellyer, a former Canada's Defense Minister and Deputy Prime, stated publicly in September 2005 at the University of Toronto=92s Convocation Hall before the press and over 500 people, "UFOs, are as real as the airplanes that fly over your head."

Colonel Phillip J. Corso, a highly decorated retired U.S. Army Intelligence officer, who had direct contact with, and was in charge of material from crashed extraterrestrial vehicles. Colonel Corso=92s documentation is supported by a retired American four star General as being, =93true and even more=85=94

In my personal experience, I was a U.S. Army Major and held a

top secret clearance. I was trained as an Army Computer Scientist and am a graduate of the U.S. Army Computer Science School. My awards include the Bronze Star Medal for leadership in combat as well as many others. As a result of my positions other officers have confided in me and I have no doubt that ETs have visited our planet.

Please conduct your own investigation into this matter and help end the governmental and media secrecy. It is imperative that this issue receive elected official oversight. This massive cover-up has been going on far too long. Please feel free to contact me and I would be happy to provide you additional information and contacts more versed than I.

Truly yours,

Franklin D. Fields, Jr. Esquire  
Attorney at Law

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## Man Claims To Have Video Of Alleged UFO

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<http://cbs11tv.com/local/stephenville.ufo.photos.2.636658.html>

Jan 23, 2008

[Image & Video at site]

Man Claims To Have Video Of Alleged UFO

Carol Cavazos DUBLIN, Texas (CBS 11 News)--The military now says it was training over Stephenville the night dozens of people reported seeing UFOs.

But now, a video has surfaced of the so-called sighting.

Some UFO spotters in Stephenville think it's the real deal.

Steve Allen is a private pilot who thinks he captured the UFO.

In response to the military's explanation, he said, "It's terrible they can't keep track of ten F-16s better than that. I can tell you where my dog is at the moment."

Allen says the UFO changed shaped right before his eye. "It probably has the ability to do what it pleases," he said.

The Mutual UFO Network looked at pictures of the video and said there was nothing remarkable about them.

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## UFOs Beyond Reason?

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UFOs: Beyond Reason?

Will the world ever know the truth about UFOs? A West Linn ufologist, Keith Rowell, hopes so - he'd also like to know

By Nicole DeCosta  
The West Linn Tidings

It was a sunny day in 2006.

No clouds.

A light wind peaked at 10 mph.

West Linn resident Keith Rowell stepped outside his house to find a strange luminescent blue, white and red spherical object drifting through the sky. Sensing that this cluster wasn't just an escapee batch of party balloons, he ran inside to grab his video camera, zoomed in and hit "record." Six seconds later, the battery died.

Ten years prior, Rowell witnessed golden yellow and cobalt blue spheres in the sky above him while visiting a friend in Lake Oswego.

UFOs?

Rowell is an investigator of sorts - a ufologist, boots on the ground, visiting people's houses, asking questions and taking measurements.

"I've always had an interest in mysteries of the real world - not so much interested in the fictional mysteries," Rowell said.

But that was before discovering books on unidentified flying objects while working for Portland Public Schools in 1974.

"I was an open minded skeptic," Rowell said.

So, he started reading.

Three decades later, Rowell's basement is out of this world - in size and subject matter.

Hundreds of books about UFOs, sorted by author, line the perimeter of the room, with overflow space and alien memorabilia in the adjoining den, where he updates his Web site for MUFON - Mutual UFO Network, Inc. Rowell serves as the assistant state director for Oregon MUFON. He retired from technical writing about three years ago.

"I wrote computer manuals that everybody hates to read," he said.

Now, he updates the Oregon MUFON Web site, "to give people a reasoned voice of how to look into and study UFOs. It's a jungle out there," he said.

When asked about the recent UFO sightings in Texas which the Texas chapter of MUFON is investigating, Rowell just shrugged his shoulders.

MUFON is a national organization with an emphasis on scientific investigation and analysis of UFO events, while promoting knowledge for the public about what is currently known about UFOs, according Rowell. Rowell is certified to investigate these phenomena that both mesmerize and scare the public.

Rowell said that the subjects of UFOs is controversial and emotional. When investigating paranormal activity - crop circles, cattle mutilations, UFO claims and other bizarre happenings - he said many people don't understand what happened but want an answer. And many feel relieved to hear it may be a meteor that caught their eye in the sky.

Hoaxes happen every so often with the increase of Internet use and ability to quickly report things, he said.

"The 'keystroke hoax' is common now in Oregon because we have one person who is doing this from downstate Oregon," he said, meaning someone is repeatedly reporting false UFO sightings.

But debunkers, Rowell said, are destructive.

"Alternative medicine, UFOs, religious beliefs - this kind of person never accepts any amount of evidence," he said.

Rowell earned a degree in philosophy and librarianship. He now acts like a live history reporter, speaking nonchalantly in public and private about Project Blue book - the Air Force's official investigation of UFOs in the 1950s and 1960s.

He suggests that others read about John Mack, M.D., a psychiatrist and professor at Harvard who is considered to be a leading authority on the transformational effects of alleged alien encounter experiences.

Rowell said that there are two obstacles holding the public from understanding UFOs - national security and the paranormal world.

"We live in a national security state since 1947 when the National Security Act created the CIA," he said.

U.S. Government forces protect the interests of its people. Thus, the UFO subject is very hush, hush, he said.

"The fear of public panic about the reality of little alien bodies on ice and parts of saucers in storage gives our national security state pause about revealing the truth about UFOs," Rowell said.

He continued, "They are also trying to 'back engineer' the artifacts that they have to turn these engineering insights into human designed military weapons."

The Roswell UFO incident - involving the recovery of materials near Roswell, N.M. in 1947 - is still under speculation. Were the remains really that of an alien craft or a secret research balloon, such as the U.S. military said?

Small, round flying objects referred to as Foo Fighters followed allied bombers over Germany during WWII. Sometimes they would appear in clusters. Witnesses often assume that they were weapons employed by the enemy. Later it was found out that neither side had anything to do with them and the case remains unexplained, according to Wikipedia.org.

Delving further back in time, the 1939 fictional adaptation of the science fiction novel "The War of the Worlds" radio broadcast fooled listeners of a Martian invasion on earth and caused mass panic.

"UFOs are bound up with the paranormal world - psychic stuff: ghosts, telepathy, near death experiences, Big Foot, the Lock Ness Monster," Rowell said.

He said that those at MUFON hope to help others deepen their understanding of UFOs by working through the various sides of, "the UFO question."

Rowell said that sophisticated business people and common folk have reported seeing UFOs.

According to the UFOCAT Web site and Rowell, more than 1,000 potential UFO sightings occurred in Oregon between 1947 and 1980.

MUFON operates off donations, from people like Rowell who donate \$50 a year.

"You cannot get funds from foundations, the U.S. government and other sources of ordinary funding because it's a 'non-subject,' meaning 'not real' so it doesn't get time, money or expertise," he said. "It's frustrating."

Rowell hopes that someday MUFON gets some serious money to aid with investigations and informing the public.

"Millions and millions of dollars," he said. "We just want to get the word out. 'It concerns me that our society as a whole doesn't know what I believe to be the truth.'"

The Oregon MUFON Web site invites opinions because opinions are, "stronger than an impression and less strong than positive knowledge."

Rowell's wife, Jan Rowell, seems to have a typical American viewpoint on the concept of UFOs.

"Who knows," she said. "It's just one of those things. Ask Keith, he's the expert."

Rowell said that sometime he'd like the public to lighten their grip dubbing UFOs as a crazy idea and irrelevant and have the government reveal their secrets.

"Right now I," Rowell said, "unfortunately, am your expert."

For more information about Keith Rowell and MUFON, visit <http://oregonmufon.com>

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[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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Is There Really Extraterrestrial Life Or A Man on Mars?

By Leveling Truth

The media world is buzzing about whether or not we are really alone in the universe after recent images from Mars surface give the appearance of a figure walking on the Red Planet.

The photographs, which were taken four years ago, by NASA's Mars Explorer Spirit are sketchy and blurred images at best. Some outlets claim the figure looks like a woman with an outstretched arm, others say it resembles Bigfoot. Others claim it looks like a man walking, sitting, or pointing and some descriptions dismiss it entirely as just an oddly misshapen rock.

Since the Rorschach Test for Extraterrestrial Life on Mars has already been so widely discussed, perhaps we can put our opinions aside and look at the real issues these photographs present:

What is the real likelihood that there really is extraterrestrial life on Mars?

Why is the possibility of life on Mars so important, right now?

The possibility of life on Mars is not entirely a new concept as it has received a sizeable amount of news and press coverage, particularly in the last two decades.

A press release date August 7, 1996 from NASA reported that a NASA research team discovered the first organic molecules thought to be of Martian origin within a meteorite, called ALH84001. The meteorite, found in Antarctica in 1984, supplied indirect evidence for the existence of microbial life found in several mineral features and possible microscopic fossils of primitive, bacteria-like organisms.

Within the press release from NASA, planetary scientist Dr. David McKay, is quoted. "There is not any one finding that leads us to believe that this is evidence of past life on Mars. Rather, it is a combination of many things that we have found," said McKay. McKay later adds that, "The relationship of all of these things in terms of location - within a few hundred thousandths of an inch of one another - is the most compelling evidence."

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## Larry King F-16s Rebuttal Tonight

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I am advised that Larry King Live tonight will have a rebuttal of the F-16 explanation and some new film footage tonight. I hope it's convincing footage.

-Dick

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>Wed Jan 23, 2008

>F-16s Were In Area Where UFO Reported

>By Angela K. Brown,  
>Associated Press Writer

>FORT WORTH, Texas - Fighter jets were training nearby the night  
>dozens of Stephenville-area residents reported seeing a UFO this  
>month, Air Force Reserve officials said Wednesday, backtracking  
>on earlier statements.

Listers:

Quote from "Exempt from Disclosure" by Robert Collins with  
Richard Doty, page 35, note # 5:

"The term "U.F.O." as defined by Air Force intelligence  
directives is used to reflect unconventional aircraft and  
missiles and not interplanetary spacecraft."

Perhaps, the general public needs to know this official  
definition.

Seeing something in the sky that you cannot identify doesn't  
mean that there isn't someone who can readily identify what you  
are seeing. And, that doesn't necessarily mean an interplanetary  
spacecraft from somewhere "out there."

KK

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January 24, 2008

CNN LARRY KING LIVE

Suze Orman's Survival Guide; UFOs In Texas

Aired January 24, 2008 - 21:00 ET

This is a rush transcript. this copy may not be in its final form and may be updated.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)  
UNIDENTIFIED MALE: A close encounter for the third kind.  
(END VIDEO CLIP)

LARRY KING, HOST: Tonight, the UFO controversy.

Did a spaceship visit Texas two weeks ago?

First denial. Now official acknowledgement that something lit up the sky.

What was it?

But before we go out of this world we get down to earth with Suze Orman. She'll help you stay grounded in these rocky economic sometimes. Suze Orman -- she's money and she's taking your calls and she's next on LARRY KING LIVE.

Good evening.

<snip>

Was there a UFO sighting in Texas or not?

People saw something, but what?

Lots of controversy, lots of talking a cover-up next on LARRY KING LIVE.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: There was no even trail of any kind of flare behind it. It was a solid object with lights.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: All of a sudden, at one time, they all just shot off in this direction over here.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I can't explain it. We couldn't explain it. But it was real.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

KING: We're back. Earlier this month, several people witnessed mysterious lights in the Texas skies, and we sent our cameras to Stephenville, Texas to check out their claims. This is what we learned. (BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Look off this way, we have some lights approaching us at a high rate of speed. Came within probably a mile of us, about 3,000 foot over the ground, very unusual lights, not from around here. It went past us towards Stephenville.

The lights reconfigured, turned into flames, and then it disappeared.

It came back by this way, and it had two military jets in pursuit.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I looked back to the Southwest and there was a very bright light. A couple of seconds later, the second light came on. The next day, a friend of mine calls, and tells me about a UFO sighting that had come over my house. I'm not saying I saw a UFO, but with all the reports from everybody else, apparently that's what I saw.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: They came right across the sky, across the northern edge of Stephenville, Texas, which I'm two blocks from the courthouse right here. They were quite large, and moved quite slowly. They were at low altitude and made absolutely no noise at all.

They were glowing red. The lights were moving together as though they were in formation, or attached together in some way, invisibly or something, I don't know. We don't know what they were.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

KING: Originally, the Air Force said nothing was going on in the area, but now they claim they were training that night. Is that true or is this a cover up? Let's meet our panel to see what they make of this information.

Here in Los Angeles, Captain Robert Salas, the United States Air Force, retired. Back in 1967, Bob was a missile launch officer at Maelstrom Air Force Base in Montana. He says a UFO hovered over his nuclear missile sight and disabled all the missiles. He wrote a book about it called "Faded Giant." In Washington, James Fox, the documentary filmmaker of "Out of the Blue." and in San Francisco, Michael Shermer, the publisher of "Skeptic Magazine," author of a new book titled "The Mind of the Market."

I know you weren't involved in this, captain, but does this story surprise you?

CAPT. ROBERT SALAS (RET), UNITED STATES AIR FORCE: It does not surprise me at all. Seems like every time there's a credible UFO story out there that involves the Air Force, the Air Force has some kind of reason to discredit it. Certainly, that was the case in my story, also.

KING: We're now also joined by Sergeant Jim Penniston, United States Air Force, retired, as is Captain Salas. He was a Woodbridge security supervisor at the Brentwaters Woodbridge Base. He said he sat with a UFO on the ground for 45 minutes before it hovered over him and shot into the air. Why weren't you taken seriously, sergeant?

SGT. JIM PENNISTON (RET), UNITED STATES AIR FORCE: Well, I believe that at the time, we were taken very seriously, just that I think the Air Force wanted to go ahead and make sure that they had a handle on the situation.

KING: James Fox, I know you have been probing this for a long time. We have never got an answer to this. Why do you think the Air Force doesn't want this out?

JAMES FOX, AUTHOR, "OUT OF THE BLUE": What are they going to

say? We don't know what's flying around with impunity?

KING: Why can't they say that?

FOX: I wish they would. If the Air Force is listening tonight, why don't you tell us the truth?

KING: Why do you think they don't?

FOX: I think to admit that there are objects of unknown origin flying around in our airspace with impunity, that can fly rings around our fastest jets, they probably are fearful of releasing that information. I want to say something --

KING: Hold on, Jim. Michael, now that they have said that there were objects flying in the sky, do you think this is a cover up here or this is a cop out? What do you make of it?

MICHAEL SHERMER, "SKEPTIC MAGAZINE": I think before we assume that there's some sort of conspiratorial cover up, we have to remember that, you know, bureaucratic agencies are not always going to be swift to give a proper answer until they check with channels on what can be given to the American public in the interest of national security.

Remember, we're at war, so we are not likely going to be told about top secret aircraft and so on. Somebody has to check with somebody, has to check with somebody up top before they leak it to the press what was actually going on. We should expect that kind of thing, not a cover up, just national security interest.

KING: Do you think Captain Salas is lying? Do you think --

SHERMER: No, not at all. I think we're not always reliable observers. It's hard to say. We misunderstand, honestly misunderstand or misperceive things. I think before we say something is out of this world, let's first make sure that it's not in it. And just because we can't explain something doesn't mean it's, you know, extraterrestrial.

KING: I have to get a break, let me pick up with that and more on the comments of Michael right after this.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP) UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Bunch of BS. If you all want to believe it, that's fine with me.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: There was something that just came straight across our house and then just zoomed right on off. And I don't know what it was, so --

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I think it was just low flying airplane.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Do you think your wife's crazy --

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: No, it was not. I guarantee you it was not.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: OK.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

KING: Captain Salas, Michael is saying that you're not corrupt or anything, you just didn't see what you saw.

SALAS: I said I didn't even see a UFO. I was in a capsule, 60 feet under ground, and the UFO was reported by my topside guard. A bright red oval object hovering outside the front gate.

KING: He told you?

SALAS: He told me in very -- he was very agitated, frightened when he told me this over the phone. Now, the reason I believe that what he told me was true is because they had no access to our missile system. They had no way to control it. While this object was up there, my missiles shut down. And, these Minuteman Missiles are very reliable, as you might imagine. Nuclear weapons we're talking about here.

KING: Shut down.

SALAS: They shut down one after the other. I remember losing all of them. And not only that, but ten more missiles were shut down under similar circumstances; UFOs were observed at another launch control facility. So, this is 20 missiles in 1967 were shut down with UFOs.

KING: And sergeant, you sat with a UFO on the ground?

PENNISTON: Yes, I fully investigated it, myself and my team. We went around and checked the parameter of the craft out. We measured it. We took temperature readings. We took photographs. We did a complete examination, thorough examination of the craft on the ground.

FOX: Penniston, talk about the symbols that you saw on the craft. I find that remarkable.

PENNISTON: Well, the symbols -- if it wasn't astonishing enough just to have a craft like that in front of you, then, looking for crew compartments and things like that, and intakes, we find -- measuring about three feet, we find symbols that were etched into the side of the craft, that to this day, I have no idea what they are, but it's amazing.

KING: Where did the craft go?

PENNISTON: Well, after the 45 minutes, Larry, it went up -- it lifted off. It started emulating a very bright light. And it started to raise to tree top level, and then it momentarily sat there above the tree line and then took off at incredible rate of speed.

KING: Did it make a lot of sound?

FOX: No sound.

KING: No sound. James, you weren't there. Let him tell me.

FOX: Sorry.

KING: It made no sound, Jim?

PENNISTON: No sound, Larry. And the most interesting part that I found about it is that there was no air displacement. I mean, something leaving that fast has to have sonic booms. It was literally gone in a blink of an eye. It had to have air disturbance.

KING: James, we have asked you this before; why wasn't the Sergeant Penniston and the Captain Salas story front page news?

FOX: I don't know. You are forcing me to speculate, Larry.

KING: That's all we can do.

FOX: I think the lack of an explanation -- clearly, the Air Force feels compelled to come up with a conventional explanation, when clearly there just isn't one. We were in Stephenville for the last three with a whole camera crew, interviewing witnesses, and whatever it was, it certainly wasn't military jets, because, you know, a silent flight, 90 degree angle turns.

KING: I will go back to this. So, the -- let's forget the Air Force. The "New York Times" doesn't believe you? They don't believe Captain Salas. They don't believe Sergeant Penniston. They don't believe you. Right? Is that what our guess is? They don't believe you?

FOX: I think the tables are turning, don't you, Jim?

SALAS: Well, you know what, here is what I find. Let's talk about Texas, if you don't mind, about the Air Force in Texas. Here is a public relations officers, right, they release a statement from the 301st, saying that they made an error. I'm going to tell you right now, 21 years in the service, the Air Force don't release statements that say they made an error.

What they are doing is covering their tracks. If they said there were ten aircraft out there, out there in the area --

KING: Jim, I got to get a break. We'll come back to you. I want to get Michael's response to this. We are close on time.

Anderson Cooper will host "AC 360" at the top of the hour. What's up, Anderson?

ANDERSON COOPER, CNN ANCHOR: We have breaking news from the campaign trail. A major endorsement that could have a major impact on two Republican -- one Republican and one Democratic candidate.

Also, Senator Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama in South Carolina today with the important primary less than 48 hours today. Senator Clinton returning to the state with a revised strategy, one her husband, President Clinton, talked about today. We will examine that closely.

We'll also take a closer look at accusations about Senator Obama, charges that he worked for a slum lord in Chicago. There's, of course, much more to it. We will keep them honest.

And searching for the Fountain of Youth some people think they found it. It's called Human Growth Hormone, HGH. A lot of celebrities in Hollywood are using it. How it can help and how it can hurt, tonight on 360.

KING: That's Anderson Cooper, "AC 360," 10:00, 7:00 Pacific. Tomorrow night, Ringo Starr is our special guest. We'll be right back.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Moved through the forest, bobbing and avoiding trees. Something broke into other objects. I definitely saw something under intelligent control that could do things that I don't think any human can do. I went out to disprove what I had heard had taken place, and was thinking at the time, why did I ever get involved in this? Nobody's going to believe me.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: You can't deny it. It did happen. It's proven that it did happen. I can't explain it. We couldn't explain it. But it was real.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

KING: Michael Shermer, do these accounts seem ill-founded to you?

SHERMER: Well, not ill-founded. We're not perfect observers, and I think it's important to remember that the general public, all of us, and most people in government are way behind the curve of whatever experimental technologies the Air Force may be working on. And, you know, we didn't find out about the U-2 Spy Plane until one was shot down. We didn't find out about the Stealth Bomber until many years after it had been flying over the Mojave desert.

In fact, it flies over my house in Pasadena every January 1st over the New Years Rose Parade. And it's really spooky looking. It's quiet. It's black like a hole in the sky. You don't hear it. Imagine that it was dusk and we didn't know about it, it would easily be interpreted as a UFO.

KING: Why do you disbelieve it, though?

SHERMER: I don't. I need to make a distinction between are there extraterrestrial out there somewhere and have they come here. Science, by nature, is skeptical. I publish "Skeptic Magazine," that's what we do. Because there are so many strange ideas out there, usually that don't turn out to be true, it's -- the default option is skepticism until you prove otherwise.

KING: Michael, would you have laughed, for example, at the Wright Brothers?

SHERMER: But we actually have the plane, and --

FOX: I want to say something really quickly.

SHERMER: -- Actual physical evidence.

FOX: We need to make the distinction. We're not talking about extraterrestrial. We're not talking about aliens. A UFO is exactly that. It's an unidentified flying object. A lot of these citations defy conventional explanations. Why can't we just say we don't know what it was?

SHERMER: Of course we can.

FOX: We're not talking about aliens. You are the only one talking about aliens. We're not talking about aliens.

SHERMER: Your film is based on aliens.

(CROSS TALK)

KING: Captain?

SALAS: The point I want to make is, my incident happened in 1967. We have an object that hovered over our launch control facility, not only ours, but another launch control facility, disabled ten nuclear missiles. So, if the question is, was that a U.S. experimental aircraft 40 years ago, why haven't we seen that aircraft today.

SHERMER: Well, there were hover aircraft in the late '50s.

SALAS: This was not an aircraft, sir.

SHERMER: It's hard to say. You are the only eye witness to that. The difference between constructing an entire new world view based on fragments of evidence, you can't really do that. FOX: Fragments of evidence? There's not fragments of evidence. Go to the archives, Mr Shermer, and look into it, and you can easily establish beyond a shadow of a doubt that flying saucers have been whizzing around our air space since the '40s.

(CROSSTALK)

FOX: You agree with me that 95 percent of those are explained.

(CROSSTALK)

KING: We are going to take a break and be right back with some more moments. Don't go away.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

KING: We're back. James Fox, why not a Congressional hearing into all of this?

FOX: we had congressional hearings back in '66, I believe in '68. It's time we had more Congressional hearings. People have to get together and put pressure from their constituents to your representative, and we need to get this thing over with. This is ridiculous.

KING: Sergeant Penniston, does it bug you that while the polls say 80 percent of the public believes there have been Unidentified Flying Objects, you tend -- people like you are not believed.

PENNINGTON: You know, I -- it doesn't really bother me if they don't believe. I think the evidence is overwhelming. And, it's also compelling to believe that if these are unexplainable events, which the military clearly has demonstrated, then I would think that there would be higher numbers than that, as far as people believing in some type of the extraterrestrial craft. I would believe that.

KING: You think, Captain Salas, we're ever going to get the whole story?

SALAS: That's a good question, but I think we need to have the hearings. We need -- there's a preponderance of good witnesses out there that are ready, willing, able to testify. All my witnesses that I outline in my book, most of them are still alive, and would be more than willing to testify.

KING: In all honesty, I just recently ran into someone who, very

logical person, who saw the Texas incident. He said, they were moving fast. They were making no sound. They were not airplanes. He wasn't crazy, Michael.

FOX: Can I say one thing really quickly?

KING: Hold it, James. Go ahead, Michael.

SHERMER: In science, there is the residue problem. In any given field, there's a residue of unexplained anomalies that no theory can account for every single one. So, James and I, for example, agree that 90 to 95 percent of all these thousands of sightings are explainable.

FOX: I agree.

SHERMER: What we're talking about is just that extra five or ten percent we can't explain. So, why not investigate, sure. But let's not construct a whole new world view around that.

FOX: We're not constructing a whole new world view. But I want to say really quickly, I met with a gentleman in Stephenville who unfortunately is not willing to go on the record right now because he's being harassed by the military. He's asked the military to stop harassing him. Their response is, stop talking about what you saw. And it's the most unambiguous -- he didn't see lights. He saw the craft.

SHERMER: Well --

FOX: And it was huge.

KING: They don't want him to talk about it?

FOX: He said, stop harassing me. They said, you stop talking about what you saw. I believe this guy. From the core of his being, he was being honest with me. There are being people harassed right now by the military, telling them to shut up.

SHERMER: What if it is a top secret military aircraft we don't want --

FOX: We should know about that technology. If they have technology that can fly around without making any sound without disturbing the wind, talking off in the flash of an eye -- it's obviously not getting here on Jet A fuel. With climate change and all these other issues, we should know about this technology. We paid for it.

SHERMER: In part, that's true. Except, on a need to know basis, there are certain national security reasons that people --

FOX: Then they've been hiding these craft for 60 years now. And I don't believe that.

KING: What are they afraid of, Michael?

SHERMER: Well, because if we have technologies, we don't want our enemies to know about. Naturally, we're not going to share it.

KING: Wait a minute. Iran is going to say, you -- we're going to do more on this. You never run out of stuff. Thanks for coming. Captain Salas' book is "Faded Giant."

Before we go, Fran Lewin, a pioneering journalist and CNN veteran was laid to rest yesterday. She died Saturday, one day short of her 87th birthday. Fran spent nearly three decades working for this network as an assignment editor, and producing. Before that, she covered the White House for AP during six presidential administrations. She was a trail blazer, a role model. She loved to work and said it gave her a front row seat to history. Fran will be deeply missed by her friends and colleagues at CNN and by anybody who cares about journalism.

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I am very sorry to have to report that Georgina Bruni died at the weekend, following a long illness which she fought with great courage and dignity.

She led an extraordinary life and tried her hand at a wide variety of jobs, working variously as a dancer, fashion designer and nightclub manager. She travelled extensively and at various times lived in Jersey, Italy, Hong Kong and America, before settling in London in 1992. She wrote poetry, designed a positive thinking course and founded Hot Gossip, an online magazine. She was a former director of the Yacht Club, where she was involved in hosting social events for MPs, diplomats and MoD officials. Later on she became a PR consultant and ran a social club, Le Club 2000.

Georgina is best known to this List for her research into the Rendlesham Forest incident. She consulted on and contributed to various TV documentaries on the subject and her book on the case, You Can't Tell The People, won her praise not just from the UFO community but from former Chief of the Defence Staff Lord Hill-Norton and from Gordon Williams, who had been Commanding Officer of the twin bases of Bentwaters and Woodbridge when the incident occurred.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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>By Angela K. Brown,  
>Associated Press Writer

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>dozens of Stephenville-area residents reported seeing a UFO this  
>month, Air Force Reserve officials said Wednesday, backtracking  
>on earlier statements.

>The announcement did little to satisfy residents of Texas dairy  
>country who swear that what they saw in the sky Jan. 8 was no  
>airplane. Some said it even bolstered their claims, because  
>several people reported seeing at least two fighter jets chasing  
>an object.

>"This supports our story that there was UFO activity in that  
>area," said Kenneth Cherry, the Texas director of the Mutual UFO  
>Network, which took more than 50 reports from locals at a  
>meeting last weekend. "I find it curious that it took them two  
>weeks to 'fess up. I think they're feeling the heat from the  
>publicity."

>Officials at the Joint Reserve Base Naval Air Station in Fort  
>Worth initially said none of their planes had been in the area,  
>but on Wednesday they said 10 F-16s were there that day. The  
>officials said they were mistaken and wanted to set the record  
>straight "in the interest of public awareness."

>Maj. Karl Lewis, a spokesman for the 301st Fighter Wing at the  
>base, declined to comment on the nature of the military training  
>or say whether it took place on other days.

I am beginning to suspect that the reason for the jets being in  
the area was due to concerns about these anomalies being within  
20 miles of the restricted airspace surrounding the Bush ranch.

The edge of the restricted zone designated as Class D airspace is  
only about 16 miles southeast of the center of Stephenville.  
Pilot Davis's sighting was about halfway between Stephenville and  
the northwestern arc of the Class D airspace in Selden. In the  
center of that circular airspace is a 4-5 nautical mile circle  
designated prohibited airspace. The outer circle is 60 nautical  
miles [69 statute miles] in diameter centered on the ranch.  
In effect this prohibited area is scant minutes away from the  
sightings areas.

Earlier today, Joel Carpenter sent me a copy of a 1:500,000  
scale of an aviation chart for that area and he clearly  
indicates the ranch on that copy. See:

[www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/ufoupdates/images/brnwd\\_moa.jpg](http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/ufoupdates/images/brnwd_moa.jpg)

I have since located the airchart for Dallas-Fort worth on the internet.

The launching of F-16s into the areas outside the MOA Military Operational Area] southwest of Stephenville now makes sense as do the hamfisted attempts to cover up the presence of F-16s in the area. I would be surprised if military assets were not tasked to that area if they suddenly had unknowns showing up on their radar and near such a sensitive area. This need not be because of a UFO event but some unknown "aircraft" suspected of - and being treated as - terrorist in nature.

What puzzles me is this. It is no secret that the Bush ranch is close-by, how come the press never picked up on this? I had no idea that this was the case until I saw it on Joel's scan of the air chart. I can be excused living 4,000 miles away in Nova Scotia but where are the local newspapers in this from Dallas for example. Dallas-Fort Worth Air Traffic Control (Dallas TRACON) would have been well aware of the F-16s since they came from that field and which should have been squawking military Transponder Codes southwest of their field for safety's sake.

Anyway It has me wondering if the reason for the fibbing about the F-16 presence wasn't more to do about concerns about the anomalies violating the airspaces I mentioned above.

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## Re: Truth Is Out There And It's A Bit Of A Letdown

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 12:23:41 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 07:37:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: Truth Is Out There And It's A Bit Of A Letdown

>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 23 Jan 2008 20:20:45 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Truth Is Out There And It's A Bit Of A Letdown

>>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 22 Jan 2008 13:26:23 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Truth Is Out There And It's A Bit Of A Letdown

<snip>

>>Just recently heard mention of 'Operation Main Brace', first  
>>full scale naval and air exercise involving USA, UK, Danish and  
>>other NATO forces, in 1952. Interestingly there were sightings,  
>>from 13th to 21st Sept, during the exercise, by Danish, UK and  
>>US personnel, some of them in patrolling aircraft.

>>The logs and records of such a large exercise should still  
>>exist. Also, Wallace Litwin, a US journalist aboard a warship,  
>>is said to have taken photographs.

>With permission (today's emails) from Dave Clarke, here's  
>corrections to that press release:

>"I actually said 'many of the papers from the 1950s' have been  
>lost, not that most of the material before 1950 had been  
>destroyed. In fact, there are some papers, released at the  
>National Archives 10-15 years ago, that deal with some of the  
>sightings during Operation Mainbrace in 1952, including the  
>famous incident at RAF Topcliffe, involving a saucer-shaped  
>object falling like a leaf etc. However, the intelligence files  
>on the exercise, and whatever was done to investigate further,

>As discussed with Dave, Operation Main Brace (or Mainbrace) is  
>one of the few cases where investigators should be able to  
>cross-reference records from different NATO countries - so if  
>one line of inquiry - say in UK - is blocked you can try France,  
>Denmark, US Etc.

Hi Ray,

France was not part of NATO.

Don Ledger

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## E-Mail To KDFW-TV Dallas Fort Worth

From: **Franklin Fields** <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 12:09:25 -0500 (EST)  
Archived: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 07:43:51 -0500  
Subject: E-Mail To KDFW-TV Dallas Fort Worth

Below is my original email to KDFW-TV Fox 4 on their news article along with their response.

Best,

Frank

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From: [fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)  
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2008 11:08pm  
To: [website.nul](mailto:website.nul)  
Subject: Article titled "UFO Sighting Was Military Exercise, Officials Admit"

Name: Franklin D. Fields

Address 1:  
Address 2:  
City:  
State: FL  
Zip code: 32666  
Phone Number:

Topic: Website

Comments:

The subject article was inaccurate and deceptive. The article makes it look like the UFO was military jets when that has not been proved. The military has just changed its story and now said jets were in the area. Witnesses have said all along jets were chasing the UFO. This type of inaccuracy looks like a case intentional misleading in order to influence public opinion. Please try to be more accurate. Thanks.

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Subject: RE: Article titled "UFO Sighting Was Military Exercise, Officials Admit"  
From: [website.nul](mailto:website.nul)  
Date: Thu, January 24, 2008 11:36 am  
To: [fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)

Thanks for your e-mail. We actually did a follow-up story that addresses your valid point. You can find it here:

<http://www.myfoxdfw.com/myfox/pages/ContentDetail?contentId=5571565>

Thanks again for your feedback and for visiting myfoxdfw.com

Kevin Boie  
Sr. Web Producer

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## Area 51 Re-named 'Homey Airport'

From: Jay Nelson <[jnelson.nul](mailto:jnelson.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 12:38:57 -0700  
Archived: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 08:06:54 -0500  
Subject: Area 51 Re-named 'Homey Airport'

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Source: The Airforce Times - Reno, Nevada, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2qbd2t>

Jan 23, 2008

Area 51 Designated With A New Name

By Philip Ewing - Staff writer

The Air Force's classified test range at Groom Lake, Nev., has never lacked for evocative nicknames - it and its restricted airspace have been called Dreamland, Paradise Ranch, The Box and, most famously, Area 51. Now there's a less romantic moniker to throw on the pile: Homey Airport, according to a few civilian aviation journals.

"Homey Airport" now appears as the official name for a certain air base near a certain dry lake bed in Nevada, according to reports in the Web site of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, as well as the Daily Aviator blog and others. New editions of flight planning software and civilian aviators' GPS gear lists the name and the official designation KXTA - which online wags have speculated stands for 'extraterrestrial airport'. (The 'k' designation indicates only that the field is in the U.S., according to the Federal Aviation Administration.)

Capt. Jessica Martin, a spokeswoman for Nellis Air Force Base, which sits 85 miles south of Homey Airport and is responsible for the airspace and any ground facilities, said that "we already know about the designation, but it doesn't have any effect on operations at the base."

Martin said she didn't know the origin of the name Homey Airport.

Featured in movies, TV shows and video games, Area 51 is likely the most famous top-secret facility in the world and a favorite component of UFO and military conspiracy theories.

The Department of Defense didn't even acknowledge the base existed until 1994, when former base employees sued the government and claimed they'd been poisoned by hazardous materials used at the base for research into stealth technology.

Although the base and its work have long been highly classified, many of the aircraft tested there through the years are publicly familiar: the U2 and SR-71 Blackbird spy planes and the F-117 Nighthawk stealth fighter all flew first off the long runways and dry lakebeds at Groom Lake.

Some enthusiasts believe that work continues there today on advanced aircraft - including unmanned aerial vehicles, high-speed reconnaissance craft and even high-altitude blimps - though alien conspiracy buffs also speculate that Area 51's high profile has forced officials to move much of the top-secret stuff to the Army's Dugway Proving Ground in Utah.

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No doubt this will work wonderfully. Who would ever associate 'Homey Airport' with saucers?

Actually, this sort of thing causes me to wonder sometimes if the Air Farce is \*trying\* to look so stupid that no one would ever think them capable of hiding extraterrestrials. If so, they're doing a great job. ;->

Jay

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### Re: A Letter To My Congressman

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 15:25:19 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 08:18:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: A Letter To My Congressman

>From: Franklin Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 23 Jan 2008 21:54:18 -0500 (EST)  
>Subject: A Letter To My Congressman

>Below is a letter I sent to congress in hopes that some might  
>draft a similar letter. I borrowed some verbiage so feel free to  
>grab what may be useful.

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<snip>

This is an effort that I applaud, with an understanding that it's similar to shouting into the wind. I work at the U.S. House, and have held positions both with a Member (in DC and the District), and also with Committees, and letters such as this are often ignored.

Part of the issue is the volume of mail that received, with most serious mail efforts resulting in thousands of letters per day per Member. These are often National in nature, and usually trigger a "buck", or generic, response written by a legislative aide. A few letters, no matter how well written or logical, won't be noticed if they don't deal with an issue of importance on that day. UFOs, or unknown craft in the skies, don't even hit the radar screen (so to speak).

There was only on Congressman that I'm aware of who was able to use the UFO genre as a positive for his campaign, and that New Mexico Congressman passed away a few years ago of cancer. While some Members and Staff privately have a curiosity about the subject, the issues of the day prevail over all others and it's a never ending series of crisis moments for most of those in Washington these days.

Politicians would get involved if thousands of letters are received monthly on this subject, but it would also have to outweigh the letters against the Iraq war or supporting some economic bail out. You have to also understand that there is a percentage of letters from people that are labeled as "kooks" by the staff, because of the content or format, or perhaps because they've met them in the District and know of them first hand. A Member of Congress rarely actually sees any mail sent in, and often it is answered in his name by Staff.

If you really want to get your Congressman involved, you may have to meet with them when they come to the District and personally express your interest and concern.

And just to add one more point... email is sometimes used to send message to your Member of Congress, but a hand written letter shows that you took time to compose it and will cause them to write back. That takes a little more time on their part than simply hitting the "Reply" button or adding your email address to a list being sent a response.

Steve

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## Re: ET Life Or A Man On Mars?

From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 15:22:52 -0600  
Archived: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 10:01:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: ET Life Or A Man On Mars?

>From: Franklin D. Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 09:23:33 -0500 (EST)  
>Subject: ET Life Or A Man On Mars?

>Source:

><http://tinyurl.com/269cuo>

>Jan 23, 2008

>[Image here:

><http://tinyurl.com/2df9mm> ]

>Is There Really Extraterrestrial Life Or A Man on Mars?

I've been looking at that pic and I have an idea but it is difficult to determine from the image.

I'd really like to see the NASA copy.

We could be seeing two separate objects whose juxtaposition makes them look like one object.

If you follow the figure from the "head", down the right side, to the "arm", there is a slight change in the arm color. It has a slightly different hue then the body.

It a nutshell, the "body" could be a rock formation and the "arm" a background shadow or another rock.

Of course this is all based on a blow-up of a blow-up. I'd really like to see the original.

Terry Groff  
The Dallas - Fort Worth Mutual UFO Network  
<http://mufondfw.org>  
[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)

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## Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 21:26:31 +0000  
Archived: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 10:03:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>From: Kentaro Mori <[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 22:17:23 -0300  
>Subject: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>Posted, thanks to the work of the Brazilian researcher and  
>historian Rodolpho Gauthier, is the article Um Disco Voador  
>esteve em minha casa...", "A Flying Saucer Has Been In My  
>House... published first in Mundo Ilustrado magazine in 1954.

>The article was written by Vinicius Lima, showing "how to make a  
>Martian spaceship", and this is the catch, the photo trickery  
>was done by Almiro Barauna.

>Less than four years later, the very same Barauna allegedly took  
>photos of a real flying saucer while aboard a ship near the  
>Trindade Island, on what would become a classic and to some, one  
>of the best UFO cases ever.

>Continue reading for the full translation and additional  
>commentary:

><http://tinyurl.com/34zuyr>

As this was such a contentious issue on the List some time back,  
I'm surprised none of the defenders of this case have replied to  
this.

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John Rimmer  
<[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>

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## Re: 'F-16s Were In Area' Where UFO Reported

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 17:29:05 EST  
Archived: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 10:04:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'F-16s Were In Area' Where UFO Reported

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 18:39:45 +0000  
>Subject: Re: 'F-16s Were In Area' Where UFO Reported

>>Source: Yahoo News.Com - USA

>>[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080123/ap\\_on\\_re\\_us/ufo\\_sightings\\_1](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080123/ap_on_re_us/ufo_sightings_1)

>>Wed Jan 23, 2008

>>F-16s Were In Area Where UFO Reported

>>By Angela K. Brown,  
>>Associated Press Writer

>>FORT WORTH, Texas - Fighter jets were training nearby the night  
>>dozens of Stephenville-area residents reported seeing a UFO this  
>>month, Air Force Reserve officials said Wednesday, backtracking  
>>on earlier statements.

>Listers:

>Quote from "Exempt from Disclosure" by Robert Collins with  
>Richard Doty, page 35, note # 5:

>"The term "U.F.O." as defined by Air Force intelligence  
>directives is used to reflect unconventional aircraft and  
>missiles and not interplanetary spacecraft."

>Perhaps, the general public needs to know this official  
>definition.

>Seeing something in the sky that you cannot identify doesn't  
>mean that there isn't someone who can readily identify what you  
>are seeing. And, that doesn't necessarily mean an interplanetary  
>spacecraft from somewhere "out there."

>KK

I've said this I don't know how many times that the government  
stopped using UFO or ET or Flying Saucer as terms long ago  
because of the FOIA.

We - our news service Gannett and AP - at the time were  
searching for documents and were told straight up that not to go  
looking for files under UFO or ET etc. because the good stuff  
would be renamed to anything like 'Uncle Walter's Mustache' or  
'Judy's Summer Pics'.

After this Stephenville incident it doesn't take much to finally  
have convinced the public that the government isn't going to  
cooperate regarding this matter. Not only is the U.S. not going  
to cooperate, even our enemies won't cooperate which tells us  
all we need to know right there.

Several people on this list have predicted as many times that

screw ups like the Stephenville incident would occur and ever since O'Hare in 2006, we now have Stephenville. We can go all the way back to Phoenix 1997 as well.

This F-16 admission is so absurd and idiotic that it should be fodder for the talk show circuit for days to come.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com/blog

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## Asteroid To Buzz Earth

From: Sheryl Gottschall <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 09:43:05 +1000  
Archived: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 14:38:57 -0500  
Subject: Asteroid To Buzz Earth

Source: The Courier Mail - Australia

<http://tinyurl.com/2mhzpv>

Thursday, January 24, 2008

Asteroid To Buzz Earth

A huge asteroid will zoom past Earth next week and will be so close that amateur astronomers should be able to spot it, experts say. Measuring between 150m and 600m across, asteroid 2007 TU24 would inflict devastating regional damage were it to hit Earth, but there is no risk of any collision, they said.

It will pass on Tuesday and come to within 534,000km of the Earth at its closest point at 6.34pm Queensland time according to a Near Earth Object database compiled by the University of Pisa in Italy.

"For a brief time the asteroid will be observable in dark and clear skies with amateur telescopes of three inches (7.5cm) or larger," NASA said on its NEO site.

Asteroid 2007 TU24 will make the closest approach of any known potentially hazardous asteroid of this size or larger until 2027, NASA said, adding that objects of this size come close to Earth about every five years or so on average.

The rock was discovered only last October under a surveillance program run by the University of Arizona.

According to the Minor Planet Centre of the Paris-based International Astronomical Union (IAU), the closest detected approach by an asteroid was on March 31, 2004, by 2004 FU162, which came within 6500km of Earth.

The day after 2007 TU24's terrestrial flyby, asteroid 2007 WD5 is expected to come within 26,000km of Mars, a distance that is less than a whisker in space terms.

Asteroid 2007 WD5 ignited a brief surge of excitement among astronomers after it was discovered in November. Initial computations of its orbit gave a roughly 1-in-25 chance that it might whack into Mars on January 30, providing a celestial show that could be monitored by US and European scoutcraft there.

Measuring about 50m across, it would have delivered an impact equivalent to a three-megaton nuclear weapon.

A rock of this size exploded in the atmosphere over Tunguska, Siberia, in 1908, felling around 80 million trees over 2200 sq km. But further calculation showed that the big splat would be a big miss. "It's highly unlikely that it's going to hit," said NEO expert Benny Peiser of Liverpool John Moores University in northwestern England, as the odds of a collision by 2007 WD5 fell to around 0.01 per cent, or one in 10,000.

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## Re: ET Life Or A Man On Mars?

From: Paul Scott Anderson <[paulscottanderson.nul](mailto:paulscottanderson.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 22:13:15 -0800  
Archived: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 14:47:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: ET Life Or A Man On Mars?

>From: Franklin Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 09:23:33 -0500 (EST)  
>Subject: ET Life Or A Man On Mars?

>Is There Really Extraterrestrial Life Or A Man on Mars?

>By Leveling Truth

>The media world is buzzing about whether or not we are really  
>alone in the universe after recent images from Mars surface give  
>the appearance of a figure walking on the Red Planet.

As noted by, among others, Emily Lakdawalla of The Planetary Society, the 'figure' is actually very small, just a few centimetres tall, and most likely just an oddly eroded rock - just one of many in this area that the Spirit rover landed in:

<http://www.planetary.org/blog/article/00001305>

A similar thing was seen when the Opportunity rover first landed and showed the nearby light-coloured bedrock for the first time. Those rocks initially appeared larger until analysis and further imagery showed them to be much smaller in scale.

The initial images on the internet did not show the object in context of the overall panoramic image. All of those rocks in the foreground area are only a matter of feet from the rover, because the rover is looking out over the eastern edge of the Home Plate mesa (which this panorama was taken on and can be clearly seen), and is quite close to the rover.

Paul

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The Meridiani Journal  
[web.mac.com/meridianijournal](http://web.mac.com/meridianijournal)

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## Follow-Up On Guanica Puerto Rico UFO

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 05:59:47 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 14:51:02 -0500  
Subject: Follow-Up On Guanica Puerto Rico UFO

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
January 25, 2008

Source: Argus-PR  
Date: Saturday, January 19, 2008

PUERTO RICO: FOLLOW-UP on the Gu=Elnica UFO

A Report from Jose A. Martinez

We are continuing our report on the sightings of strange lights over the town of Guanica which have been taking place since last Friday. The sightings are ongoing. The day after having reported on the huge, classical saucer-shaped UFO, more detailed information was received from another district near the previous one (Vivones). This time the report came from Puig, near the town of Guanica. Behind this district we find the notorious Lajas Valley. Several witnesses reported seeing a strange light, bright orange in color, appear out of nowhere at low altitude close to them. This luminous phenomenon did not make any noise or perceptible sounds. This incident took place at an early time - 8:10 p.m. - and the objects maneuvers were a zig-zag in the same location very low altitude before taking off toward Lajas at an incredible speed. Jose Hernandez is not a believer in UFOs and says that he had never seen one in his life until that evening, and cannot explain what he saw with his own eyes. His brother in law added that he had never seen anything like it either, and that he was impressed to see this object such a short distance away from them.

Two Police Officers from Guanica Report UFO on Guanica Back Road Toward Lajas

Source: Argus PR  
Date: Sunday, January 20, 2008

Two municipal policemen on their day off were spending time with their families at La Parguera, Lajas. (The officers' names will not be disclosed at their request). When both families departed the La Parguera district, they made ready to return to Guanica using a back road known as Los Hornos, a lonely road that runs from Ensenada de Guanica to Parguera - deserted and without electric lighting except for some intersections and the odd house.

Taking advantage of the darkness, one of the officer pulled over to urinate. When this physiological imperative was nearly over, he noticed that there was an object nearby - hovering at low altitude and perfectly dark. Frightened, he ran back to his car. The object suddenly turned on its lights and followed them all the way back to Ensenada de Guanica. The object stopped following them once they reached the area that has good public lighting.

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## Re: A Letter To My Congressman

From: **Franklin Fields** <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 10:23:42 -0500 (EST)  
Archived: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 14:56:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: A Letter To My Congressman

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 15:25:19 -0500  
>Subject: Re: A Letter To My Congressman

>>From: Franklin Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 23 Jan 2008 21:54:18 -0500 (EST)  
>>Subject: A Letter To My Congressman

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>>grab what may be useful.

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><snip>

>This is an effort that I applaud, with an understanding that  
>it's similar to shouting into the wind. I work at the U.S.  
>House, and have held positions both with a Member (in DC and the  
>District), and also with Committees, and letters such as this  
>are often ignored.

I agree with what you are saying. I have not received a response  
from any of my elected officials. I know my efforts are just a  
drop in the bucket. However, I will keep following up with them.

I don't think it is hopeless. If we don't keep trying it will  
certainly never change. I do remain optimistic. Times are  
changing and now is the time to get a second wind.

The population is better informed. The Internet is making a big  
difference. More people have cameras. The rest of the world is  
putting pressure on the United States. More Stephenville's will  
occur. I honestly believe we are in the home stretch and it is  
time to step up the pressure.

Even with all that is going on and with what I know, I was  
shaking when I called my Senator's office and when I sent the  
letters. It was a 'coming out of the closet' so to speak.

My legal practice and my reputation will be hurt. But how can I  
not act. This issue is the single most important issue facing  
mankind. I know what I did was small when compared to the  
contributions of others and I am ashamed for not acting sooner.

Frank

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## Re: Georgina Bruni 1947 - 2008

From: **Raymond Boeche** <[rayboeche.nul](mailto:rayboeche.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 09:39:46 -0600  
Archived: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 14:58:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: Georgina Bruni 1947 - 2008

>From: Nick Pope <[contact.nul](mailto:contact.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 05:34:32 -0000  
>Subject: Georgina Bruni 1947 - 2008

>I am very sorry to have to report that Georgina Bruni died at  
>the weekend, following a long illness which she fought with  
>great courage and dignity.

I came to know Georgina while she was researching You Can't Tell  
the People, and over the course of many, many months of  
correspondence and telephone calls regarding the Bentwaters  
incident, I came to appreciate her intelligence, diligence,  
gracious spirit, keen sense of humor, and great personal  
warmth.

My deepest sympathy and most sincere condolences to her family  
and friends.

She will be missed.

Ray Boeche

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## Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 07:58:20 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 14:59:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 21:26:31 +0000  
>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>From: Kentaro Mori <[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 22:17:23 -0300  
>>Subject: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

<snip>

>>...and this is the catch, the photo trickery  
>>was done by Almiro Barauna.

>>Less than four years later, the very same Barauna allegedly took  
>>photos of a real flying saucer while aboard a ship near the  
>>Trindade Island, on what would become a classic and to some, one  
>>of the best UFO cases ever.

<snip>

>As this was such a contentious issue on the List some time back,  
>I'm surprised none of the defenders of this case have replied to  
>this.

Easily said. But, one thing seldom brought up, when such suspicions are aroused, witness tampering/intimidation. As a recent post concerning disclosures on the recent Dublin/Stephenville event of sightings, one witness is reported as being approached and threatened by the military. There are documented cases where this kind of tampering included threats of homicide and prejudice to the family of a witness.

There is no doubt enough leverage can be exercised to persuade a witness to follow a self-discrediting script or to participate in activity that can ultimately be used to discredit his/her accounts.

But is this ever a consideration? It damn sure should be.

JCH

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## Re: ET Life Or A Man On Mars?

From: Tom DeMary <[t.demary.nul](mailto:t.demary.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 11:03:23 -0500 (EST)  
Archived: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 15:01:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: ET Life Or A Man On Mars?

>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 15:22:52 -0600  
>Subject: Re: ET Life Or A Man On Mars?

>>From: Franklin D. Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 09:23:33 -0500 (EST)  
>>Subject: ET Life Or A Man On Mars?

>>Source:

>><http://tinyurl.com/269cuo>

>>Jan 23, 2008

>>[Image here:

>><http://tinyurl.com/2df9mm> ]

>>Is There Really Extraterrestrial Life Or A Man on Mars?

>I've been looking at that pic and I have an idea but it is  
>difficult to determine from the image.

>I'd really like to see the NASA copy.

The rock figure was apparently found in images in a NASA press  
release from earlier this month.

<http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov/gallery/press/spirit/20080103a.html>

The rock figure is easy to spot at the far left of any of the  
images on the near edge of the shelf, once you zoom in a few  
times. If you don't have a fast Internet connection, don't  
choose the 130 Megabyte tiffs.

Tom DeMary

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## Re: Truth Is Out There And It's A Bit Of A Letdown

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 11:08:17 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 15:03:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: Truth Is Out There And It's A Bit Of A Letdown

>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 23 Jan 2008 20:20:45 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Truth Is Out There And It's A Bit Of A Letdown

<snip>

>As discussed with Dave, Operation Main Brace (or Mainbrace) is  
>one of the few cases where investigators should be able to  
>cross-reference records from different NATO countries - so if  
>one line of inquiry - say in UK - is blocked you can try France,  
>Denmark, US Etc.

>Dave's got some stuff on the available UK traces of 'mainbrace'  
>At:

><http://tinyurl.com/ytkxzf>

>The Little Rissington Incident

Nice report and interesting incident.'

Has nothing to do with Mainbrace.

Too bad that, once again, official paperwork that would confirm  
multiple radar and visual contact has been - conveniently? - lost.

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## Re: A Letter To My Congressman

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 11:12:45 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 15:04:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: A Letter To My Congressman

>From: Franklin Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 23 Jan 2008 21:54:18 -0500 (EST)  
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>Relevant parts of my letter to congress:

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>Honorable Member of Congress

>As an elected official I want to draw your attention to a  
>subject that can no longer be ignored. Remarkable evidence is  
>available proving that extraterrestrial (ET) crafts have visited  
>our planet. I know this information sounds unbelievable but  
>please keep an open mind.  
snip

>Please conduct your own investigation into this matter and help  
>end the governmental and media secrecy. It is imperative that  
>this issue receive elected official oversight. This massive  
>cover-up has been going on far too long. Please feel free to  
>contact me and I would be happy to provide you additional  
>information and contacts more versed than I.

>Truly yours,

>Franklin D. Fields, Jr. Esquire  
>Attorney at Law

Lawsuit pending?

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## Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 11:26:39 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
Archived: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 15:05:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 21:26:31 +0000  
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>>From: Kentaro Mori <[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 22:17:23 -0300  
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>>Posted, thanks to the work of the Brazilian researcher and  
>>historian Rodolpho Gauthier, is the article Um Disco Voador  
>>esteve em minha casa...", A Flying Saucer Has Been In My  
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>><http://tinyurl.com/34zuyr>

>As this was such a contentious issue on the List some time back,  
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>this.

Hi John!

Of the many thousands of images of UFOs in the public domain,  
with hundreds more images being added every year thanks partly  
to the wide use of cell phones with cameras, most ufologists  
still consider the Trindade Island images to be among the top  
five examples of physical evidence that support the very popular  
belief that some UFOs are indeed structured ("nuts and bolts")  
objects very different to the known aerial craft manufactured  
here on Earth and thus must be of extraterrestrial origin.

If there is now reasonable doubt, not necessarily proof, that  
these UFO pictures taken by Almiro Barauna are fakes, this alone  
could be enough to sway the ufological jury to reconsider all  
other credible photographic/video evidence we as our basis for  
the popular belief that one of the explanations for UFOs are ET  
craft. This reason alone can explain why none of the defenders  
of this case chose to remain silent about this very important  
revelation by Brazilian researcher Rodolpho Gauthier and even to  
my post on the UFO Updates list (Re: Mobile Phone Images?, Sat.,  
19 January 2008) where I made mention of the Trinidad (sic)  
Island UFO pictures when discussing the actual but unknowable  
percentage of UFO pictures that are faked.

The very large number of hoaxed UFO pictures and fake/dubious

UFO reports is an inconvenient truth that many ufologists simply dismiss as insignificant, even to our peril and at the risk of not being taken seriously by the public or as rational and critical researchers by fellow scientists.

Nick Balaskas

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## Re: Georgina Bruni 1947 - 2008

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 11:46:25 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 08:35:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: Georgina Bruni 1947 - 2008

>From: Nick Pope <[contact.nul](mailto:contact.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 05:34:32 -0000  
>Subject: Georgina Bruni 1947 - 2008

>I am very sorry to have to report that Georgina Bruni died at  
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Sorry to learn about that.

Thanks to Nick for informing us.

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From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 17:35:01 -0000  
Archived: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 08:36:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

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Hello John & List

I don't know when the contents of the Mundo Illustrado article were in contention here. Not, as far as I recall, during my own List exchanges with Mori and others, but perhaps at some other time? Well, for my own part I have corresponded with Mori off-List about it, but it's actually very hard to get focused, substantive discussion on nitty-gritty case details going on-List, as my recent largely-futile attempts with Rendlesham have proved, so I left it alone. Now that you've raised it again, however, let's have a go.

I think I'm representing Mori correctly thus: The content revealed, particularly the images, is new circumstantial evidence of a hoax by Barauna, significant new evidence, because the "classic inclined Saturn shape" (or repeated variations on this phrase) of the model used, and the resemblance of a beach scene to the Trindade photos ("very similar"), constitute a "cosmic coincidence" or an "extraordinary coincidence". So "extremely similar" is the Trindade object to this "classic (roughly) Saturn-shaped flying saucer inclined" that, Mori suggests, "It's actually possible, with some distortion, that this model could have created the image of the Trindade saucer."

Now I should say that the work of Mori and Rodolpho Gauthier is laudable in getting this famous Lima article copied and publicised. It is very interesting and valuable to finally see it in all its glory, even though the text and general nature of the photos have been well known for many years. The photos are in fact very much as they were described to me by another researcher (well-known on this List) a couple of years ago, who had seen a copy but was unwillingly constrained from distributing it by associates who felt they owned the right to control that copy. They never have published it, and Mori is absolutely in the right to be critical of them. So I am interested at last to see the model "UFO" which was described to me as looking rather like "tap washers" hanging on a thread. This turns out to have been pretty accurate.

In case anyone is in any doubt, we should explain that this little 1954 article is not news. The text of it has been a subject of discussion for years. I myself have corresponded with Mori in pedantic detail about the meaning of words and phrases in it. It has been known since 1958. It was discussed in the Brazilian press in 1958. No one, including Barauna, has ever made any secret of it so far as I am aware (except perhaps the ufologists mentioned above). US Naval Attache Capt Sunderland's 1958 report alludes to it by title and content. It wasn't the only thing either - Barauna had published other "fun" features demonstrating "trick" photography such as treasure chests under the sea and so on. He obviously enjoyed such stuff - as would most photographers, which is why the professional-quality Rolliflex he used was manufactured deliberately with the facility to make double exposures for exactly that reason. He was rather well known for it.

So we knew that Barauna had made some spoof double-exposure UFO photos for Mundo Illustrado four years before. We knew that he'd used (or, strictly speaking, he and Lima had used - at Lima's house, and demonstrated apparently by Lima's wife) a little suspended model made of "chips of the Carioca fleet" which we were able to infer (but not prove, despite Mori's local knowledge) must have been some sort of local transport token. We also knew (a fact not made explicit in the article incidentally) that at least part of the motivation was to debunk the famous Barra da Tijuca hoax of 1952 involving Joao Martins (who was to have a part to play in Barauna's Trindade photos of 1958 as an interviewing reporter!). We knew all this. What more, then, do we know now?

We now have a slightly better idea of what the famous "chips of the Carioca Fleet" looked like. The article does not make their nature any clearer (as far as I can tell) but it is clear that they have one flat face, and apparently a flat raised boss on the other face around a central hole. Looking at the "close-up" of the assembled UFO with two flat faces glued together, the shape of each chip appears to be like a large washer with a smaller washer glued on one side. This is quite a strange construction for a bus token, but is simple and presumably cheap to produce. It would be surprising if such a thing had a still more complicated shape than this, such as having a curved dome on one side. Why would it? And the photo does not show any sign of such a thing. The double Carioca chip is not actually "Saturn shaped". It is effectively a stack of four flat discs.

So I certainly do not see a model that could have been used for the Trindade photos, with or without "distortion". There is a resemblance to the flat object with flat annular bosses top and bottom in the 1952 Keffel photos (Barra da Tijuca).

But anyway, it is true that the glued Carioca chips do make a disc with a raised central area top and bottom so that (neglecting the knot of the thread) there is symmetry on the rotational axis normal to the plane of the disc. One can certainly argue that this is a coincidence with the Trindade object, but it is a coincidence shared by numerous other claimed lenticular saucer types with symmetry on that axis. There is no direct connection with the Trindade object, and IMO to try and inflate the inaccurate claim that this evidently washer-like object is "Saturn shaped" by further claiming significance for the fact that it is tilted away from the horizontal ("classic inclined Saturn shape") is reaching a little far.

So what do we know that we did not know years ago? Honestly, nothing. The existence of this article and its spoof UFO photos, and the fact that Barauna had published trick photos of various other kinds, were well known since 1958. If some real direct connection could have been made with the Trindade photos then that would have been very interesting indeed. But in all conscience I could see no such connection, and said so to Mori.

Mori's reply conceded that we did indeed already know these things, that there was nothing conclusive in the Lima article, but still claimed that it "adds to the circumstantial evidence of hoax. One must admit it's quite an extraordinary coincidence that Barauna hoaxed these photos, which also feature a model of a classic (roughly) Saturn-shaped flying saucer inclined."

I still didn't follow this reasoning. We knew there were photos

of a model saucer made of "Carioca chips", we knew therefore that it would be a disc(oid), and we knew that it was photographed hanging on a thread. I wonder what shape, consistent with this, it would need to have had in order for us to have said "Well, that doesn't support the hoax theory"? Would a flat disc with a proper dome on one side (potentially transformable into a true Trindade "Saturn" by glueing two together) have been a less significant find than what we have - a flat disc with smaller flat discs on both sides, which is not transformable into a domed shape by any operation?

I suspect that almost any likely saucer shape we had found in these photos could be connected with Trindade by an equally inconclusive argument.

And if the "inclined" angle the Lima model happens to be hanging at is significant because it is similar to one of the Trindade photos (a suggestion repeatedly made by Mori and illustrated on his webpage by a comparison enlargement with the 3rd Trindade image), then it must be the case - surely? - that there are other inclinations that would not have been significant. But what angle would it have to have been inclined at for us to conclude "The inclinations of the two discs are significantly different and argue against a hoax"? I can't imagine Mori or anyone saying such a thing, because this is an arbitrary variable on any theory whatever, including both suspended models and flying machines.

And in fact in three of the four Trindade photos the inclination is much nearer the horizontal. If the Lima model had been hanging almost horizontally we would have been able to say, with more force, "Look, the inclination is similar in 75% of the photos!" But of course the inclination in the Lima photos depends on the fact that the suspension point is not central, owing to the Polo-holes in the Carioca chips. The shape of the Trindade object, which clearly is not made of holey Carioca chips, does not appear to have this constraint, and the point of attachment of a hypothetical thread is again a free variable. There is no necessary or even likely causal connection in the two cases.

What about Mori's argument that one of the Lima photos showing a beach is very similar to the Trindade ones?

I'm afraid I can't see this either. At least two of the three photos (possibly all three) are taken over the coast. Barauna lived and worked on the coast, Niteroi if I remember rightly. He was interested in the sea, sea photography, subaqua. Most of the landscape photos of his that I have seen are taken on the coast. This is not surprising, I suppose most of the population of Brazil lives and travels near the coast. But Mori claims that one of these three photos is "very similar" to the Trindade ones in some more significant way. Beyond the fact that one photo is taken in daylight I am unable to see what Mori means and I believe he would have difficulty justifying this impression objectively. That photo shows a fat smudge of light trailing across the sky (simple double exposure of the torch-lit Carioca UFO swinging on a thread) above a rural coastal scene.

So I think that in respect of the shape, and the orientation, and the location, Mori is seeing things that resonate satisfyingly with his pre-conception (honourably arrived at, I do not dispute) of hoax. But I don't think that seeing these photos offers any truly new evidence of anything. They do of course illustrate graphically what we already knew textually and by repute: That Barauna was a well-known and practiced semi-professional photographer who knew his way around an expensive Rolleiflex and a darkroom. The Trindade photos, whatever their explanation, are (as I can attest from having closely examined some excellent scans) remarkably rich in detail and information that give us quite a bit to chew on. A couple of blurred snaps by a poorly-equipped photographic novice wouldn't have kept us all interested for so long.

Martin Shough

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## Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lflaming5.nul](mailto:lflaming5.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 13:14:42 -0600  
Archived: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 08:38:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 21:26:31 +0000  
>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>From: Kentaro Mori <[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 22:17:23 -0300  
>>Subject: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>Posted, thanks to the work of the Brazilian researcher and  
>>historian Rodolpho Gauthier, is the article Um Disco Voador  
>>esteve em minha casa...", A Flying Saucer Has Been In My  
>>House... published first in Mundo Ilustrado magazine in 1954.

>>The article was written by Vinicius Lima, showing "how to make a  
>>Martian spaceship", and this is the catch, the photo trickery  
>>was done by Almiro Barauna.

>>Less than four years later, the very same Barauna allegedly took  
>>photos of a real flying saucer while aboard a ship near the  
>>Trindade Island, on what would become a classic and to some, one  
>>of the best UFO cases ever.

<snip>

>As this was such a contentious issue on the List some time back,  
>I'm surprised none of the defenders of this case have replied to  
>this.

After the recent nasty and largely pointless rehashing of old  
arguments that Rendlesham witnesses were dishonest, maybe nobody  
wants to waste any more time doing the same with this case. Why  
bother?

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## Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

From: Milton Frank <[mfrank.nul](mailto:mfrank.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 17:37:42 -0200 (BRST)  
Archived: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 08:40:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 21:26:31 +0000  
>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>From: Kentaro Mori <[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 22:17:23 -0300  
>>Subject: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

I didn't answer to defend this case because it's not necessary.

What is true doesn't need to be defended.

Everybody who had the chance to see the originals negatives cannot contest this case.

It's hard to talk about this case with people who never had the chance to see the original negatives. I had the chance to see it and I'm sure about it.

So, that's it.

This is a case that a Brazilian President said out loud: This is true!

That's all.

All the best,

Milton Frank

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## Re: A Letter To My Congressman

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 19:44:47 +0000  
Archived: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 08:42:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: A Letter To My Congressman

>From: Franklin Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 23 Jan 2008 21:54:18 -0500 (EST)  
>Subject: A Letter To My Congressman

>Below is a letter I sent to congress in hopes that some might  
>draft a similar letter. I borrowed some verbiage so feel free to  
>grab what may be useful.

>Relevant parts of my letter to congress:

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<snips>

Not to put to fine a point on it, but what the hell would people  
do with the information about the reality of being visited by  
entities from elsewhere?

Three out of five observers of UFOs quit their jobs and go  
into real estate sales. A world over run with real estate agents  
is not going to solve problems.

There is no real motive or impulse to get the information  
because the 'community' hasn't a clue as to where to go  
after that. I don't believe "I told you so" is going to get it.

KK

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## Re: ET Life Or A Man On Mars?

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 16:06:01 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 08:44:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: ET Life Or A Man On Mars?

>From: Tom DeMary <[t.demary.nul](mailto:t.demary.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 11:03:23 -0500 (EST)  
>Subject: Re: ET Life Or A Man On Mars?

>>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 15:22:52 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: ET Life Or A Man On Mars?

>>>From: Franklin D. Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 09:23:33 -0500 (EST)  
>>>Subject: ET Life Or A Man On Mars?

>>>Source:

>>><http://tinyurl.com/269cuo>

>>>Jan 23, 2008

>>>[Image here:

>>><http://tinyurl.com/2df9mm> ]

>>>Is There Really Extraterrestrial Life Or A Man on Mars?

>>I've been looking at that pic and I have an idea but it is  
>>difficult to determine from the image.

>>I'd really like to see the NASA copy.

>The rock figure was apparently found in images in a NASA press  
>release from earlier this month.

><http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov/gallery/press/spirit/20080103a.html>

>The rock figure is easy to spot at the far left of any of the  
>images on the near edge of the shelf, once you zoom in a few  
>times. If you don't have a fast Internet connection, don't  
>choose the 130 Megabyte tiffs.

Well that would rule me out with my dial-up connection. I was  
downloading my latest AVG update the other day and it was  
rolling in at a leisurely 1.4kbs. Took 1.3 hours to download a  
7MB file. Oh for hi-speed.

Don

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## Re: Truth Is Out There And It's A Bit Of A Letdown

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 23:04:16 -0000  
Archived: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 12:59:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: Truth Is Out There And It's A Bit Of A Letdown

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 12:23:41 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Truth Is Out There And It's A Bit Of A Letdown

>France was not part of NATO.

Hi Don,

Like Robert Morningstar says - "I think France was a member of NATO in those early years (1950s) but DeGaulle left NATO" - and on the ground the situation was more complicated and pragmatic: so a good friend and colleague (in Italy in the late '70's) was Christian Au-Petit, a serving officer in the French Air Force - and working as a fellow NATO instructor.

And remember NATO communications planning and trouble-shooting meetings/conferences in Luxembourg, Belgium or Germany (actually, all of them I think) in the '80's, where French members attended some (or all).

Also, having great respect for French Intelligence services, I suspect they have good records of most "Euro" sightings, including the UK ones - but think they're pretty good at keeping secrets.

Cheers

Ray D

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## Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 18:52:46 -0700  
Archived: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 19:12:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 11:26:39 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

<snip>

>If there is now reasonable doubt, not necessarily proof, that  
>these UFO pictures taken by Almiro Barauna are fakes, this alone  
>could be enough to sway the ufological jury to reconsider all  
>other credible photographic/video evidence we as our basis for  
>the popular belief that one of the explanations for UFOs are ET  
>craft. This reason alone can explain why none of the defenders  
>of this case chose to remain silent about this very important  
>revelation by Brazilian researcher Rodolpho Gauthier and even to  
>my post on the UFO UpDates list (Re: Mobile Phone Images?, Sat.,  
>19 January 2008) where I made mention of the Trinidad (sic)  
>Island UFO pictures when discussing the actual but unknowable  
>percentage of UFO pictures that are faked.

>The very large number of hoaxed UFO pictures and fake/dubious  
>UFO reports is an inconvenient truth that many ufologists simply  
>dismiss as insignificant, even to our peril and at the risk of  
>not being taken seriously by the public or as rational and  
>critical researchers by fellow scientists.

Nick,

I am having difficulty grasping your point. How do photographic images, hoaxed or not, form the basis of the nuts-and-bolts interpretation of UFOs? How do they form the basis of the ET craft interpretation?

If all the classic saucer photos are ultimately proven to be hoaxes, are these interpretations thereby rendered invalid? Would that moreover establish that the underlying phenomenon is hallucinatory?

Mike

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## Re: Truth Is Out There And It's A Bit Of A Letdown

From: Terry Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 19:56:01 -0700 (GMT-07:00)  
Archived: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 19:15:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: Truth Is Out There And It's A Bit Of A Letdown

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 12:23:41 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Truth Is Out There And It's A Bit Of A Letdown

>>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 23 Jan 2008 20:20:45 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Truth Is Out There And It's A Bit Of A Letdown

<snip>

>>As discussed with Dave, Operation Main Brace (or Mainbrace) is  
>>one of the few cases where investigators should be able to  
>>cross-reference records from different NATO countries - so if  
>>one line of inquiry - say in UK - is blocked you can try France,  
>>Denmark, US Etc.

>France was not part of NATO.

Don,

France has always been a quasi-member of NATO/OTAN. Their military participation ended when France's government kicked out the NATO Headquarters in 1967. The source below points out that the French military is not integrated with the NATO chain of command.

See:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NATO>

My personal observation comes from my assignment to Allied Forces South (AFSOUTH) in Naples, Italy from January 1977 to January 1980. One of our customers in the communications center was the FMM (French Military Mission). I had almost daily contact with FMM staff including the French admiral in charge.

The FMM by NATO agreement were to use only our communications center; however, one day we received a service message from a French Navy base, I think Marseilles, requesting status on a specific communications circuit or channel. I didn't read French very well but recognized this service message would be of interest to Admiral Shear's staff. I wrote a short note on the service message and sent it to the command center. Bottom line: the French admiral and staff were chastised and admonished for establishing a communications circuit through the Italian postal and telegraph service.

I remember sending and receiving messages to several French military commands and activities including the French aircraft carrier, FS FOCH.

Terry

Terry W. Colvin  
Sierra Vista, Arizona

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## History & Sci Fi Channels Debut Dueling 'UFO

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 19:19:23 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 19:19:23 -0500  
Subject: History & Sci Fi Channels Debut Dueling 'UFO

Source: Reality TV World - Mansfield, Massachusetts, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/3dsxat>

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History & Sci Fi Channels Debut Dueling 'UFO Hunters' Feb 6.  
By Christopher Rocchio and Steve Rogers

In what appears to be an unprecedented scenario, both networks are currently planning to premiere different reality programs with the same name and the same subject matter on the same night in the same time period.

The History Channel's UFO Hunters will follow a team from UFO Magazine as they investigate UFO cases in North America and Europe while Sci Fi Channel's UFO Hunters will follow a team from the New York Strange Phenomena Investigators organization investigating their own set of UFO cases. Both shows are currently scheduled to premiere Wednesday, February 6 at 10PM ET/PT.

F. Jay Dougherty, a professor of law at Loyola Law School Los Angeles who spoke with Reality TV World on Friday, said television program titles aren't copyrightable but can obtain trademark protection -- a move that, rather than just selecting an alternative name, both shows are attempting.

"Normally, the competitive process would have weeded it out," said Dougherty. "You tend to work these things out through changing names, or changing release dates. Normally they kind of work out in the process of relationships in the commercial world. I'm a little surprised that they're butting heads like this."

The History Channel, which is billing its program as a "a spinoff from the network's hit program 'UFO Hunters' which premiered in 2005," filed a United States Patent and Trademark Office application to trademark the use of the term "UFO Hunters" in "entertainment services, including an on-going television series featuring stories about the paranormal, aliens, and unusual phenomena" as well as "pre-recorded audio and video tapes and discs" on October 31, 2007.

The application, formally filed by A&E Television Networks, The History Channel's corporate parent, was filed under the "use in commerce" basis -- a status used in cases in which the filer is claiming to have already used the term they are attempting to trademark.

The History Channel's UFO Hunters series is being produced by Motion Picture Production, Inc., the same production company that produced UFO Files, an anthology documentary television series that premiered on the network in 2004.

In July 2005, The History Channel premiered a UFO Files episode

entitled "UFO Hunters." The DVD edition of the one-hour episode, listed as "UFO Files: UFO Hunters DVD," is currently available for purchase on A&E's website. Schedule information available on The History Channel's website also lists an upcoming February 2 rebroadcast of the program as UFO Files: UFO Hunters and shows "UFO Files" as the show's title and "UFO Hunters" as the episode's title.

Sci Fi Channel, which originally announced it had ordered a new UFO Hunters reality series produced by the producers of its popular Ghost Hunters reality series last July, filed its trademark application less than a week after The History Channel's filing.

The application, filed on November 5, 2007 by Pilgrim Films and Television, the production company behind both Ghost Hunters and UFO Hunters, attempts to trademark the use of the term "UFO Hunters" with regard to "entertainment services in the nature of an on-going reality-based television program," as well as in websites and fan clubs. Since it isn't claiming any prior use of the term, Pilgrim's "UFO Hunters" request was filed under the "intent to use" basis.

So far, neither trademark application has been assigned an examiner or advanced beyond the initial filing stage -- an unsurprising development given the approval process can take several years.

At first glance, its earlier filing status and (albeit potentially questionable) history of previous use might appear to give The History Channel a stronger case, but that doesn't necessarily mean the network's claim will eventually be granted.

According to Dougherty, it could be difficult for either The History Channel or Sci Fi Channel to obtain trademark rights since the UFO Hunters title is a "fairly weak" trademark due to it's "descriptive" title.

"UFO Hunters is a more imaginative title for a work," said Dougherty. "In other words, it's kind of descriptive what the show's about. I think courts are a little bit reluctant to make it difficult to use words in a descriptive way. When you use words that are descriptive, it makes it harder for you to get exclusive trademark rights in those words."

Nor is the fact that The History Channel is already displaying a "TM" mark alongside its UFO Hunters title an indication of any already-granted rights.

"Anybody can put a 'TM' next to anything that they intend to trademark," Dougherty explained. "[It just indicates] that you are intending to use the title as a trademark."

When contacted by Reality TV World earlier this week, both networks acknowledged being aware of the other network's program but stated they were not aware of any plans to change their own program's title. However according to a Sci Fi Channel spokesperson reached Friday, the network has not currently scheduled any additional UFO Hunters broadcasts beyond the February 6 broadcast of the show's pilot episode.

Somewhat ironically, both the Sci Fi Channel and The History Channel share some common corporate ownership. Sci Fi Channel is owned by NBC Universal while A&E Television Networks is a joint venture between The Hearst Corporation, ABC Inc., and NBC Universal.

While UFO Hunters doesn't represent the first time networks have duelled with similar reality show concepts, it is certainly the most extreme case.

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## Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

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Archived: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 19:26:56 -0500  
Subject: Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

Source: AXcess News - Georgetown, Kentucky, USA

<http://axcessnews.com/index.php/articles/show/id/13827>

Saturday, 26 January 2008

Australian UFO Photo Exclusive  
By Armando Duke

(AXcess News) Houston - An alert reader in Australia captured these photos of UFOs less than two weeks after the host of unidentified flying objects were seen over Texas - taken from Google Earth showing the UFOs in a triangle pattern, whose shape itself expands the imagination after claims of aliens first visited the earth when only aborigines inhabited the area known as Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.

The complex Aboriginal system of law and beliefs known as Tjukurpa is referred to in the national park plan of management.

The plan refers in part to the creation stories represented in rock art.

"According to Tjukurpa, there was a time when ancestral beings in the form of humans, animals, and plants traveled widely across the land and performed remarkable feats of creation and destruction," it says.

"The journeys of these beings are remembered and celebrated and the record of their activities exists today in aspects and features of the land."

The UFO Area website also carries a story claiming there are three triangular "ancient structures" in the desert near Uluru that may not be natural.

"What is the purpose of these ancient structures and why are they aligned in the same direction?" the website says.

But UFO Area isn't the only site exposing weird triangular shapes near Uluru, Ayer's Rock Australia.

<http://tinyurl.com/2exwnc>

Now, thanks to an alert reader in our series of UFO Phenomena stories, we're bringing you some exclusive photos of UFOs in Australia that were snapped off of Google Earth on Thursday.

The Australian UFO photos can be seen by click here:

<http://axcessnews.com/index.php/articles/show/id/13828>

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## Re: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 03:54:41 -0000  
Archived: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 19:28:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 02:46:20 -0400  
>Subject: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

>>[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080123/ap\\_on\\_re\\_us/ufo\\_sightings\\_1](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080123/ap_on_re_us/ufo_sightings_1)

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>What puzzles me is this. It is no secret that the Bush ranch is  
>close-by, how come the press never picked up on this?

Ha! It's not the first time Don - here's a direct quote:

"Sightings - UK 08 Mar '97, near Lympne, Kent, UK. Two fire-officers reported seeing a triangular UFO hover over palace of UK's 'Home Secretary' - in charge of Police, Courts, Security.

That was Michael Howard: seen as 'Cruello d'Evil' by UK liberals. But, strangely, the sighting wasn't truthfully reported. The Press lied, saying the UFO was seen miles away, at Romney, far away from Cruello's lair."

I won't speculate about reasons for UFOs being near 'leaders' hide-outs, or for Press being under permanent orders to lie about certain UFO sightings.

Cheers

Ray D

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## Buried Memories?

From: John Dowler <[jdowler.nul](mailto:jdowler.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 22:16:55 -0800  
Archived: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 19:37:15 -0500  
Subject: Buried Memories?

In the early nineties I interviewed several abductees and contactees who were traumatized by experiences with UFO phenomena. Several asked me to arrange hypnotic regression to access hidden memories. More than a couple found it very difficult to cope.

In the same period stories were coming forward of people discovering incest and other abuse in their past through a similar technique. Some brought charges against their parents and destroyed their reputations, and people went to jail. Later it emerged that in some of these cases, the victims later changed their minds or new evidence came out rendering their testimony under hypnosis highly suspect. There was never an answer to why they had experienced these intense new memories so strongly that their families were destroyed if they 'simply weren't true'.

I resisted getting involved with hypnosis. I felt and still do that it's a very effective way to pry up the rock, but not necessarily to deal with the creatures that crawl out, whether real or false.

This was about a decade ago, and I drifted away from the subject. Now I'm wondering about those victims who decided they'd suffered the ultimate betrayal, then the realization that they were wrong about their parents. I don't know why it never occurred to me before because I actually had a friend who discovered buried memories of what she took to be incest and humiliating 'sharing with friends' as a child.

Has anyone investigated whether the intense sexual trauma the victims reported was not from their parents but from pearheads in saucers? So not incest, but possibly a family affair?

Of course after all they've been through, they might not want to pry up the rock again.

John Dowler

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## Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 07:50:17 +0000  
Archived: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 19:40:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 07:58:20 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 21:26:31 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

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>>As [Trindade] was such a contentious issue on the List some time back,  
>>I'm surprised none of the defenders of this case have replied to  
>>this.

>Easily said. But, one thing seldom brought up, when such  
>suspicious are aroused, witness tampering/intimidation. As a  
>recent post concerning disclosures on the recent  
>Dublin/Stephenville event of sightings, one witness is reported  
>as being approached and threatened by the military. There are  
>documented cases where this kind of tampering included threats  
>of homicide and prejudice to the family of a witness.

>There is no doubt enough leverage can be exercised to persuade  
>a witness to follow a self-discrediting script or to participate in  
>activity that can ultimately be used to discredit his/her accounts.

>But is this ever a consideration? It damn sure should be.

It is certainly not a consideration in this case. For one thing,  
Barauna's admitted photo trickery took place before the  
alleged sighting, and far from being threatened by the military,  
he was given a remarkable degree of latitude by the Brazilian  
authorities.

There may be arguments in favour of this case and they have  
been rehearsed ad-nauseam on this forum, but none of them  
involve allegations of MIB-type activities.

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John Rimmer  
<[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>

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## 1970 UFO Sighting By Spanish Military Pilots

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <[ballesterolmos.nul](mailto:ballesterolmos.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 10:10:57 +0100 (CET)  
Archived: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 19:45:38 -0500  
Subject: 1970 UFO Sighting By Spanish Military Pilots

Dear Colleagues:

A fully illustrated report on a UFO observation occurred in November 4, 1970 and witnessed by Spanish Air Force pilots Captain S=Elez-Benito and Lieutenant Carbayo, has been just placed online in the following link:

<http://www.anomalia.org/redeye.pdf>

The report is in Spanish.

The dossier also contains the correspondence held and questionnaires received from the main source (Captain Saez-Benito). It discloses some recent findings and official correspondence from the Balloon Service of the French CNES (Space Studies National Center) and the Spanish MACOM (Air Combat Command) as well.

I hope you find it of interest.

Sincerely,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

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## Re: A Letter To My Congressman

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 06:19:49 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 19:50:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: A Letter To My Congressman

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 19:44:47 +0000  
>Subject: Re: A Letter To My Congressman

>>From: Franklin Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 23 Jan 2008 21:54:18 -0500 (EST)  
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>>Relevant parts of my letter to congress:

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>Not to put to fine a point on it, but what the hell would people  
>do with the information about the reality of being visited by  
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>Three out of five observers of UFOs quit their jobs and go  
>into real estate sales. A world over run with real estate agents  
>is not going to solve problems.

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>because the 'community' hasn't a clue as to where to go  
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This is the most asanine post I've seen to any forum since I've  
been online. If one is to attribute any logic or sense to it at  
all, it is that truth seeking has no point, pursuit of man's  
origins has no point, scientific endeavor has no point  
collective to any community of thought, etc., etc., etc., ad  
infinitum.

All who have spent time and effort on any research regarding  
most anything, should take issue with this.

JCH

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## Re: Georgina Bruni 1947 - 2008

From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 14:43:28 -0000  
Archived: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 19:53:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: Georgina Bruni 1947 - 2008

List,

I am profoundly sad to hear about the death of Georgina, I wish to extend my heartfelt sympathies to her family and close friends, on hearing about this news.

I met Georgina several times whilst she was in the height of her respected documented book on Rendelsham Forest UFO Incident, You Can't Tell The People. Her sheer desire to get to the bottom of such a case, which is like an enigma wrapped in a puzzle, was something I admired immensely, and I feel no matter what side of the fence you sat on in UK Ufology, she was always given the respect of a person who did carry out a great deal of research into this area ( amongst others) and was always full of facts, this was perhaps the journo side of Georgina, and I was aware of this from the first meeting I had with her, when she gave her lecture at the LUFOS ( London UFO Studies - Roy lake ) in Walthamstow, London ,Unity Hall lecture on the Rendlesham Incident in the late 90s, which was packed to the rafters as we English would say.

I feel her book will go down in UFO history as one that shook UK Ufology scene to its bones, after the facts she had uncovered and the ongoing debates that were made on forums, lists like UFO Updates that still carry on to this day, I would say that Georgina's contribution to this area of UK UFO research has placed her name in UFO Research per say, and rightly so, as it challenged the well known orthodox view on the case, and in my view rattled quite a few well known UFO researchers who had been sitting quite conformably on their own research as the only answer to such an amazing series of events on those nights they occurred.

If you ahve not had the chance to read it yourself, then get your copy here:

<http://tinyurl.com/395mcx>

I corresponded with Georgina many a time, and can only say that the World has lost a great person, a great thoughtful person and one who was dedicated to her task she had chosen at any particular time.

May you continue to write great books Georgina whilst discussing the World situation with the big guy upstairs!

Roy Hale

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>Not to put to fine a point on it, but what the hell would people  
>do with the information about the reality of being visited by  
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It would be the greatest worldwide paradigm shift since it was  
learned that our planet was not the center of the universe. It  
would spur us on to more aggressive exploration in space travel.  
It could spur our kids to get a better education to learn what's  
really going on in our universe. The religiouso of the world  
would be frantic trying to reconcile their beliefs with fact.

It is unseen the total effect it would have on our planet, as  
was the Airplane, Automobiles, Radio, Television or the  
Computer.

>Three out of five observers of UFOs quit their jobs and go  
>into real estate sales. A world over run with real estate agents  
>is not going to solve problems.

Three out of five? Where did you get that info from? I've met  
many observers. Zero out of a hundred have become real estate  
agents.

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>because the 'community' hasn't a clue as to where to go  
>after that. I don't believe "I told you so" is going to get it.

The community never knows, immediately what to do with new  
discoveries.

It would feel very good to say "I told you so." though, whether  
it "gets" it or not.

Terry Groff

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## 'Demons In The Dark'

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Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 19:57:39 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 19:57:39 -0500  
Subject: 'Demons In The Dark'

Source: Newsweek Magazine - New York, USA

<http://www.newsweek.com/id/96014/>

Jan 18, 2008

'Demons In The Dark'

How scientists talk about UFO sightings.  
Newsweek Web Exclusive

On an otherwise unremarkable January night in Stephenville, Texas, dozens of people looked to the sky and saw a vast vessel with a combination of red, white and yellow lights flying fast over the area's farms. One observer said the vessel was a mile long. Several said they saw fighter jets chasing it. One said he feared the object's appearance might mean "the end of times."

A pilot, a cop and some businessmen, housewives, and children all say they saw a UFO on Jan. 8. The spaceship moved over the area for several seconds, witnesses said, and then zoomed away 300 times faster than a Cessna jet can travel.

UFO sightings make the news several times a year. In 2007 eight such episodes attracted headlines. Most sightings take place in the South and West.

UFO spotters endure endless jokes about their experiences. But even people who debunk the very notion of UFOs take them seriously. "No one should make fun" of Stephenville's UFO spotters, says Theodore Schick of Muhlenberg College, a liberal arts school in Allentown, Pa. They "had a real experience that's out of the ordinary." But Schick and experts in physics and human psychology say the experiences have scientific explanations. Scientists now probe the most microscopic aspects of the brain and the farthest reaches of the galaxy.

Evolution provides a good starting place for explaining why people have paranormal experiences.

For all but the last 10,000 years of human history, man survived by hunting and gathering plants. To interpret a mysterious world, man projected his own fears and understandings onto his environment. In the "enchanted" view of the world, every part of nature=97rocks, trees, hills, water=97was alive and filled with spirit. Even in the age of science, the human brain still projects ideas and images on the world.

"People have been seeing things long before they ever had any ideas about UFOs," says Robert Park, a physicist at the University of Maryland. "In the Middle Ages we saw demons in the dark. At other times we see angels in the things we can't explain."

When people see something they cannot explain=97which might happen

more frequently in a "noisy environment," Park says=97they use images stored in the brain to complete the picture and make sense of it. Because culture is full of images from "The Twilight Zone," "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," "The Matrix," and UFO documentaries on the Discovery Channel, people project those sci-fi images.

People seeing images also make precise assessments that defy easy explanation. A Stephenville businessman's estimate that a milelong spaceship was traveling 120,000 miles an hour=97he says the ship moved as fast in four seconds as his Cessna jet travels in 20 minutes=97exceeds the average person's ability to judge distances and speed.

The Austrian philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein used the image of the "duck-rabbit" to explain how people construct ideas and images according to the language of their culture. The image could be viewed as either a duck or a rabbit. Studies show that some people are able to see one of the figures while others can see both. How each person interprets the image depends on both psychological and social factors.

Michael Persinger, a behavioral neuroscientist at Laurentian University, takes the analysis of brainwork even deeper. Working with 2,000 research subjects, Persinger has shown how magnetic stimulation of different parts of the brain can activate different feelings and emotions=97such as oneness with God, feelings of love and lust, anger and anxiety, and even the feeling of being in the presence of a UFO.

Many UFO sightings come during a period of earthquakes, when shifts in the earth's plates alter the atmosphere's magnetic charges. So it's not surprising that people's brains could vividly experience what seems to be a UFO sighting or even an alien abduction.

(In one famous encounter, Persinger tried to induce a religious experience in the mind of atheist Richard Dawkins. Alas, Dawkins apparently has a low level of temporal-lobe sensitivity, so his brain did not react as much as others=92) to the magnetic stimulation.

Simple physics, scientists say, makes intergalactic space travel close to impossible. An international research team studied whether teleporting people=97that is, transporting them by transmitting information about their composition, like sending a fax=97is possible. The answer is yes, but it would require 100 million centuries to transfer the data of 100,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 bits. "It would be easier to walk," cracks Samuel Braunstein, a computer science professor at the University of York.

Proving the absence of something is always harder than proving the presence of something, so the UFO sightings continue. "You cannot disprove a negative," says Park, the author of "Voodoo Science: The Road From Foolishness to Fraud," a tour of various forms of questionable "scientific" beliefs. "You can't prove that there wasn't a UFO." The best anyone can do, says Schick, is gather facts and see what theory best fits those facts. "You have to compare the UFO explanation to other explanations," he says.

The mirror image of the belief in UFOs is disbelief in historic events, like the moon landing. Carl Everett, a one-time All-Star baseball player with the Boston Red Sox, evoked hoots in 2000 when he told Sports Illustrated, "Yeah, that could have happened. It's possible. That is something you could prove. You can't prove dinosaurs ever existed. I feel it's far-fetched."

Scientists defend UFO believers against charges that they're psychologically deranged. People who report UFO sightings and abductions, a 1993 study in the Journal of Abnormal Psychology concluded, are just as intelligent, psychologically healthy, and free of fantasies as people without such experiences. People with UFO experiences differed on only one known measure: sleep deprivation.

The problem is not that UFO sighters are imbalanced, some scientists say, but rather that they do not scrutinize their experiences adequately=97which is often hard to do, because the environment is filled with mysterious phenomena. "How many

people know about stealth bombers being escorted by fighter jets?" asks Michael Shermer, the author of "Why People Believe Weird Things." "I have to say, it's the spookiest thing I've ever seen. Maybe that's what they saw [in Stephenville]."

Shermer briefly believed in UFOs himself. While cycling on the 3,000-mile Race Across America in 1983, he thought he was about to be abducted. "I went hours without sleep and thought my crew members were aliens trying to abduct me and [the support vehicle] was a spaceship," he says. "That made me realize that when people had an experience, they really had something meaningful happen. The question is, what does that mean?"

The University of Maryland's Park recalls a more mundane experience more than 50 years ago. Stationed in Roswell, N.M., in 1954, he was driving home on a desolate road one night after visiting his parents in Texas. He saw a streak of green-blue light, which he recognized as the glow of an ice meteorite. Then, subconsciously primed for a paranormal experience, he believed for a few seconds that he witnessed a UFO.

"I saw a brilliant light going across the sky on a road," he says. "It looked like a disc to me. When I accelerated, the thing sped up with me. I thought something was going on. I slammed on the brakes and it was the reflection of my headlights on the telephone lines."

With that, Park learned the ultimate lesson for a scientist: humility.

Euchner, a lecturer in English at Yale University, is completing a book about suicide at the Golden Gate Bridge.

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Archived: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 09:12:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5.nul](mailto:lfleming5.nul)>  
>To: UFOUpdates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 13:14:42 -0600  
>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 21:26:31 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

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>bother?

Absolutely right, Lan. I just reviewed the eyewitness testimony  
(which I won't repeat here because it would be a waste of time),  
but it boils down to this. Brauana would have to be the  
cleverest man in the world. Not only did he fake the photos  
within minutes in the improvised darkroom on board ship, but  
also he hypnotized the many witnesses on deck into imagining  
that they saw the Saturn-shaped object.in the sky.

Very clever man indeed. The article under discussion is, once  
again, old news that was known at the time and taken into  
consideration among all the relevant factors by those of us who  
actually investigated the case in 1958. The revisionists, of  
course, assume that we were incompetent fools. Ask the folks at  
CUFOS about the thoroughness of case investigations that I  
supervised and/or led. They have the NICAP case files.

Dick

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From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 16:25:29 -0000  
Archived: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 09:14:16 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>From: Milton Frank <[mfrank.nul](mailto:mfrank.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 17:37:42 -0200 (BRST)  
>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 21:26:31 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>>From: Kentaro Mori <[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2008 22:17:23 -0300  
>>>Subject: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>I didn't answer to defend this case because it's not  
>necessary.

>What is true doesn't need to be defended.

>Everybody who had the chance to see the originals negatives  
>cannot contest this case.

>It's hard to talk about this case with people who never had the  
>chance to see the original negatives. I had the chance to see  
>it and I'm sure about it.

Very interesting, Milton. I have never previously heard of anyone who has seen the negatives since 1958. I would like to ask how you were able to satisfy yourself that they were Barauna's original negatives, when and where you were able to examine them, in what circumstances, with what equipment, and with what results?

Thank you,

Martin Shough

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From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 12:56:31 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 09:16:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 17:35:01 -0000  
>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 21:26:31 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>>Continue reading for the full translation and additional  
>>>commentary:

>>><http://tinyurl.com/34zuyr>

>>As this was such a contentious issue on the List some time back,  
>>I'm surprised none of the defenders of this case have replied  
>>to this.

>Hello John & List

>I don't know when the contents of the Mundo Illustrado article  
>were in contention here. Not, as far as I recall, during my own  
>List exchanges with Mori and others, but perhaps at some other  
>time? Well, for my own part I have corresponded with Mori off-  
>List about it, but it's actually very hard to get focused,  
>substantive discussion on nitty-gritty case details going on-  
>List, as my recent largely-futile attempts with Rendlesham have  
>proved, so I left it alone. Now that you've raised it again,  
>however, let's have a go.

<snip>

>in some more significant way. Beyond the fact that one photo is  
>taken in daylight I am unable to see what Mori means and I  
>believe he would have difficulty justifying this impression  
>objectively. That photo shows a fat smudge of light trailing  
>across the sky (simple double exposure of the torch-lit Carioca  
>UFO swinging on a thread) above a rural coastal scene.

>So I think that in respect of the shape, and the orientation,  
>and the location, Mori is seeing things that resonate  
>satisfyingly with his pre-conception (honourably arrived at, I  
>do not dispute) of hoax. But I don't think that seeing these  
>photos offers any truly new evidence of anything. They do of  
>course illustrate graphically what we already knew textually and  
>by repute: That Barauna was a well-known and practiced semi-  
>professional photographer who knew his way around an expensive  
>Rolleiflex and a darkroom. The Trindade photos, whatever their  
>explanation, are (as I can attest from having closely examined  
>some excellent scans) remarkably rich in detail and information  
>that give us quite a bit to chew on. A couple of blurred snaps  
>by a poorly-equipped photographic novice wouldn't have kept us  
>all interested for so long.

Indeed!

But if this is again going to be the subject of discussion in  
which witness testimony is thrown out, at least in part, then I

wish the skeptics would outline

A) the witness testimony that is in dispute - what should be thrown out and what, if any, should be retained

and

B) describe with some precision the technique(s) used by Baruna to create the photos.

Please include a statement as to whether or not it is assumed at the start that the photos were created while Baruna was on the ship or before or after the sighting date while Baruna was on land (and presumably had access to a "real" darkroom and all sorts of photo gear and models).

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Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 18:32:04 +0000  
Archived: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 09:24:05 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5.nul](mailto:lfleming5.nul)>  
>To: UFOUpdates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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>bother?

Because according to many people - including contributors to this  
List - these are some of the most important UFO photographs ever,  
with about 30 witnesses, 150 according to some claims, present  
when Barauna took them.

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John Rimmer  
<[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>

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From: **Franklin Fields** <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 13:41:51 -0500 (EST)  
Archived: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 09:25:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: A Letter To My Congressman

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 19:44:47 +0000  
>Subject: Re: A Letter To My Congressman

>Not to put to fine a point on it, but what the hell would people  
>do with the information about the reality of being visited by  
>entities from elsewhere?

Well if all we got was a clear unequivocal understanding that  
ETs are out there than most might not do much. But many would  
get a truly profound new and improved understanding of reality.  
That might have real meaning in their life. For example, they  
might support space and science research or rethink their  
religious beliefs or just open their mind.

More importantly I would hope that full disclosure meant more  
than just knowledge that saucers are flying around in our  
atmosphere but would also come with open ET contact and the  
understanding of their agendas.

And don't tell me I might not want to know. I should be able to  
take the pill I want. Give me the red pill every time.

In the very least, the release of technologies being withheld  
would be available. I am talking about technology retrieved from  
crashed ET vehicles. This stuff might be used to help with  
global warming??

>Three out of five observers of UFOs quit their jobs and go  
>into real estate sales. A world over run with real estate agents  
>is not going to solve problems.

I like real estate. What is wrong with real estate agents?  
Observations don't mean real change. Integration and  
understanding might.

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From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
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Archived: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 09:27:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: A Letter To My Congressman

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 19:44:47 +0000  
>Subject: Re: A Letter To My Congressman

>>From: Franklin Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 23 Jan 2008 21:54:18 -0500 (EST)  
>>Subject: A Letter To My Congressman

>>Below is a letter I sent to congress in hopes that some might  
>>draft a similar letter. I borrowed some verbiage so feel free to  
>>grab what may be useful.

>>Relevant parts of my letter to congress:

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><snip>

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There may be something to the Real Estate agent percentage. I use  
to be one but went the other way. But consider this if we weren't  
warned about things the world would be in chaos. Maybe moreso if  
they were warned in thsi case; but consider these warnings-some  
posted some oral.

Slippery when wet.

Smoking may be hazardous to your health.

High Voltage.

Assure this hatch is closed when submerging.

Never take off with frost on your wings.

Remove before flight.

This medication may cause itching, rash, diarrhea, constipation,  
facial hair or death.

Bridge washed out.

And probably the most important:

Put the seat back down when you are finished.

So having a sign that warns, "Aliens may be present-may cause itching, rash, diarrhea, constipation, facial hair or death." makes sense to me.

I just like to know is all.

Don Ledger

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Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 16:08:43 EST  
Archived: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 10:46:19 -0500  
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[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080126/ap\\_on\\_go\\_ot/dead\\_satellite\\_4](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080126/ap_on_go_ot/dead_satellite_4)

This so sucks!

Not only is the darned thing out of control but it contains hazardous materials and the eggheads don't know where this bird is going to crash land.

Doomsday is late February or early March.

I figure it'll be on my old girlfriend's birthday.

She'll have a party.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com

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From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 16:35:21 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 10:48:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: A Letter To My Congressman

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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As a member of our species, I really want to know the truth.  
I don't need to have any specific plans as to where to go after  
that. I just want to know.

When important new information comes to light, people will  
then formulate their own plans as to 'where to go with it'.

Because people haven't already made plans about what to do when  
informed of ET presence is not justification, in my view, for  
withholding the information. I want the option to decide, based  
on the full truth.

And there's the fact that the ordinary citizens pay for  
government. Government does not own the information.

Eleanor White

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From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 14:49:42 -0700  
Archived: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 10:50:25 -0500  
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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 17:35:01 -0000  
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>In case anyone is in any doubt, we should explain that this  
>little 1954 article is not news. The text of it has been a  
>subject of discussion for years. I myself have corresponded with  
>Mori in pedantic detail about the meaning of words and phrases  
>in it. It has been known since 1958. It was discussed in the  
>Brazilian press in 1958. No one, including Barauna, has ever  
>made any secret of it so far as I am aware (except perhaps the  
>ufologists mentioned above). US Naval Attache Capt Sunderland's  
>1958 report alludes to it by title and content. It wasn't the  
>only thing either - Barauna had published other "fun" features  
>demonstrating "trick" photography such as treasure chests under  
>the sea and so on. He obviously enjoyed such stuff - as would  
>most photographers, which is why the professional-quality  
>Rollieflex he used was manufactured deliberately with the  
>facility to make double exposures for exactly that reason. He  
>was rather well known for it.

<snip>

>So what do we know that we did not know years ago? Honestly,  
>nothing. The existence of this article and its spoof UFO photos,  
>and the fact that Barauna had published trick photos of various  
>other kinds, were well known since 1958. If some real direct  
>connection could have been made with the Trindade photos then  
>that would have been very interesting indeed. But in all  
>conscience I could see no such connection, and said so to Mori.

Martin, Mori,

Both of you have generated an admirable body of work on this case, all of which (or at least all I have found) I have read with great interest.

With regard to this latest resurrection of the Mundo Illustrado affair, I must agree with Martin that the 'similarities' and 'coincidences' vis-a-vis the Trindade photos are rather strained and trivial, and contribute no weight at all to the hoax theory.

Nevertheless, I must concede that the Trindade photos are indelibly stained by the fact that Barauna was not only capable of a well-crafted hoax photo, but that he publicly demonstrated this capability, with specific application to UFOs. At that point, the similarity, or lack of same, regarding the type, orientation and background scenery for the models becomes quite superfluous.

Clearly this is fundamentally unfair, and tragically so in the case that the Trindade photos are genuine. It is rather like a computer graphics expert, or even a friend of one, submitting a digital video clip of a true UFO. No matter how astonishingly realistic and irreproducible it may be, it's going to have a red

flag the size of a bed sheet stuck to it forever. Had this person moreover been previously associated with a known hoax, or even an innocent demonstration of how to hoax, so much the worse.

This situation is particularly irritating in the Trindade Island case, because this guilt-by-history issue is vastly more damning than all of the 'objective' arguments for a hoax combined. The degree of planning, collaboration, skill, luck, and sheer audaciousness involved would have been extreme, far more so than for, say, Heflin or Trent. Now picture yourself on Larry King Live arguing this case with Michael Shermer, who need say nothing at all, but merely smirk, as he holds up the relevant issue of Mundo Ilustrado. Break for commercial.

So, some words of advice to budding hoaxers, as well as any legitimate witnesses, hoping to someday present the smoking UFO gun without remaining anonymous:

(1) If your evidence involves, or worse, can be reproduced within, your field of expertise, don't bother. Better yet, don't even have a field of expertise, and don't associate with others that do.

(2) Be circumspect in choosing your hobbies; avoid those with suggestive accessories (e.g., model train wheels).

(3) At all costs, avoid or eliminate any past association you may have had with the subject of UFOs, however innocuous or indirect. Corollary: posters to the UpDates List, forget about it.

Mike

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## Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
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Subject: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

Hello List,

For folks newly interested and for those who might've forgotten some of the basic facts, here's quotes from an interview with Dr. Jacques Vallee from 1993:

<http://www.21stcenturyradio.com/ForbiddenScience.htm>

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Plato Hieronimus: When did Dr. Hynek come to the realization that he was being used by the Air Force?

Dr. Jacques Vallee: I think the turning point was the time when there was a particular case that I heard about that we discussed, he knew that the Air Force had a report on it and they wouldn't show it to him. Then he just went through the roof. Another time was, and I relayed this in the diary, I was in touch, I was contacted by someone from the Italian Intelligence Service, who had been for many years compiling reports and statistics and actual investigations about UFOs and had communicated with the Air Force and project Blue Book had never been informed on that, and again, Dr. Hynek just went through the roof on that one.

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and

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...using pulsed microwaves, it's possible to create some of these effects. Using the full range of electromagnetic radiation, you certainly can cause physiological effects that can go from paralysis to death.

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Vallee also commented on his view that many 'flaps' were actually created for experimental, psychological and and maybe even political purposes - maybe Google for... 'if a "UFO flap" is arranged pre-election'.

Cheers

Ray D

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## Local UFO Group Looks To Skies

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<http://www.limaohio.com/story.php?IDnum=3D48265>

Jan. 27th, 2008

Local UFO Group Looks To Skies  
Kate Lohnes

LIMA =97 Crop circles. The age of extraterrestrials.  
Electromagnetic fields. Alien abductions.

For one local UFO group, no subject is taboo, no discussion outside the realm of possibility. Through these discussions, members say reach their constant goal: to bring themselves closer and closer to "the truth."

The Local Area UFO Research Association (known affectionately to its members as LAURA) has been meeting in Lima since the spring of 2004, said founder John P. Timmerman. Timmerman, 84, is known locally, nationally and in some cases internationally as an expert in 'ufology', with almost 60 years of research and advocacy for the subject under his belt.

As part of his passion for ufology, Timmerman formed the group (which is an off-shoot of the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago) primarily a teaching tool for the local community. The people who belong to LAURA, as well as casual observers who don't pay dues to the organization, come from a wide variety of backgrounds, experience and personal beliefs. The diversity serves the club's purpose, he said, of teaching people more about the subject.

"It tends to spread the evidence that is available", the Indian Lake resident said. "They exchange information. It's an educational project. That's what it's about, to inform the public about the reality of the phenomenon."

For LAURA members, "the reality" is the complexity, science and wonder behind the study of UFOs. At the organization's regular monthly meetings (held in the basement of Market Street Presbyterian Church), members and new arrivals discuss a wide range of topics pertaining to UFOs. While most people at the group are firm believers that UFOs and extraterrestrials exist, the organization welcomes doubters and believers alike, said Lima resident and regular member Dick Knowles, who works as a transmitter engineer for a local television station.

"We would open our doors to skeptics just as quickly as we would to passionate believers", said Knowles, 70. "We believe that dialogue is very important, both pro and con. It's almost always useful to help people gain a better understanding of what is really going on if they discuss it with people who don't necessarily believe that something is going on."

The levels of interest in the club are as varied as the member's

backgrounds. McComb resident Jim Haddox, 83, said he has been with the group for most of its existence: He carries the bright yellow membership card with him in his wallet. UFOs have fascinated Haddox since he first heard reports of them in the mid 1940s, he said.

"It's a hobby (for me), because I'm not a scientist", said Haddox, who works for a lumber company in McComb. "It's not from a scientific standpoint. We've had a number of very interesting programs. The people themselves have brought so much into the meetings. You learn new things."

LAURA's president Mike Krick and his wife Peggy have dedicated a good portion of their time to learning more about UFOs. Krick, who reads meters for American Electric Power, takes his camcorder with him when he's working, occasionally filming objects in the sky he thinks are suspicious. To date, he has recorded seven different objects he believes could be UFOs. The Lima residents also subscribe to UFO magazines and watch movies on the subject.

"This stuff is here", Mike Krick said. "Somebody should be checking it out. We've got a refinery here in Lima, we've got a tank plant here in Lima. You would think that the national security people would be interested in what this stuff is."

Talking about UFOs in public, however, may not always be an easy feat. Krick said his friends and family know about his interest in UFOs, but he's not apt to speak about his passion with just anyone.

"I don't talk to too many people about it, because you don't want people to think you're crazy", he said. "Unless they see it for themselves, they're always going to have the doubt in their mind. They just have to see it to believe it."

Belonging to LAURA gives local UFO enthusiasts a place to talk without feeling ridiculed, Knowles said. The stigma attached to ufology continues to dog the subject, he said, making public discussion difficult.

"You'll find there will be one person every now and then that jumps up and down and says, 'Come talk to me,'" he said. "There are social ramifications. Even beyond social, you could be ostracized by other groups, churches. This stuff flies in the face of an awful lot of religious beliefs, so people are reluctant to talk about it. I don't really care what people think about me in that sense. I'm not going to sugarcoat what I believe for anybody."

The biggest challenge facing groups like LAURA is membership: the number of people who attend group meetings fluctuates widely, Knowles said, depending on weather and other factors (January's meeting drew approximately a dozen people to the church).

"I've seen 35 and I've seen four", he said. "It has been John's dream of (the organization) spreading, so that instead of the Lima Area UFO Research Association, it could become the Local Area UFO Research Association."

What's more, many of the group's members are a little bit older: Krick said at 61 and 66, he and his wife are considered two of LAURA's younger members. Peggy Krick said she thinks it will take younger generations' interest in UFOs to keep LAURA and organizations like it running.

"I think younger people will probably accept aliens and UFOs before our age", she said. "They're brought up (that way)."

With more and more programs, press and media available on UFOs, Knowles and others said they think ufology will become more universally accepted as more information becomes public.

"I feel (LAURA) will continue to expand as people come to understand what is truly taking place with UFOs", he said. "If there's anything that happens locally, like crop circles, that boosts interests quite a lot. It piques people's curiosity, and they start wanting some answers again."

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## Call Out The Debunkers!

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Source: The Columbus Dispatch - Ohio, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/36ofcn>

Saturday, January 26, 2008

UFO? Life On Mars? Call Out The Debunkers!

Space phenomena can be explained, scientists insist  
By Spencer Hunt & Kevin Mayhood  
The Columbus Dispatch

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UFOs over Texas? Bigfoot on Mars?

It's been quite a week in space news as the government has been trying to calm a growing Internet buzz over alien phenomena.

On Jan. 8, dozens of witnesses in Stephenville, Texas, reported seeing a large, quiet, low-flying, fast-moving UFO. Then there is the photo taken by one of NASA's Mars rovers and released Jan. 3. Some observers see among the rocks a walking man. Or Bigfoot. Or the Danish statue of the Little Mermaid.

Both reports sparked worldwide interest and speculation.

Ken Cherry, Texas director of the Mutual UFO Network, said he's taken about 200 reports from individuals who've reported seeing these objects and others.

The most recent sightings are "giving courage for other people to come forward," Cherry said. "People said they were concerned about ridicule in the past."

Adding fuel to the fire are Air Force Reserve officials who first denied having any airplanes over Stephenville on Jan. 8. This week they changed their story and now say F-16 fighter jets were flying over the area in a training exercise that night.

Ken Hicks, an Ohio University professor of astronomy and physics, said the usual suspects -- bright Venus low on the horizon or a meteor -- don't fit the description of the reported sighting.

"Venus doesn't move, and a meteor is one light with a long tail," Hicks said.

Still, he said its doubtful that anyone saw a spaceship from a distant galaxy.

"If they have the technology to come so far, they wouldn't do something as obvious as that," Hick said. "I'd bet my money on (it being) the military."

Then there is the Mars photo and the possibility of a man, girl, beast or mermaid living on the Red Planet.

"I think it's pretty cool the way it looks, but =85 these are rocks, obviously sculpted by wind erosion, similar to what you see in the American Southwest," said Douglas Green, an Ohio University geophysics professor who studies the Martian crust.

Green said this image reminds him of the hoopla over the humanlike face spotted in a Viking I photograph of Mars taken in 1976. Better images later showed the "face" is really a mound with crevices, holes and shadows.

Ralph P. Harvey, a planetary geologist at Case Western Reserve, said in this new image, size is everything.

"That's a teeny little Bigfoot, probably 3 to 4 inches."

The image, he explained, is a greatly enlarged slice of a panoramic photograph made by the rover Spirit.

Harvey and other scientists said this is an example of pareidolia, when the mind sees patterns where there really are none.

"Others have taken close-up looks at other rocks in the panoramic and found Kermit the Frog, a polar bear, Jabba the Hut and what looks like a turtle that had been going 100 miles per hour and hit the brakes," Harvey said.

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## Re: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

From: **Franklin Fields** <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 09:51:33 -0500 (EST)  
Archived: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 13:28:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 03:54:41 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 02:46:20 -0400  
>>Subject: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

>>>[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080123/ap\\_on\\_re\\_us/ufo\\_sightings\\_1](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080123/ap_on_re_us/ufo_sightings_1)

><snip>

>>What puzzles me is this. It is no secret that the Bush ranch is  
>>close-by, how come the press never picked up on this?

>Ha! It's not the first time Don - here's a direct quote:

>"Sightings - UK 08 Mar '97, near Lympne, Kent, UK. Two fire-  
>officers reported seeing a triangular UFO hover over palace of  
>UK's 'Home Secretary' - in charge of Police, Courts, Security.

>That was Michael Howard: seen as 'Cruello d'Evil' by UK  
>liberals. But, strangely, the sighting wasn't truthfully  
>reported. The Press lied, saying the UFO was seen miles away, at  
>Romney, far away from Cruello's lair."

>I won't speculate about reasons for UFOs being near 'leaders'  
>hide-outs, or for Press being under permanent orders to lie  
>about certain UFO sightings.

I'll speculate these craft are part of the secret government. I  
wonder what direction the Stephenville UFO was traveling in  
relation to Bush's ranch. Was it leaving or going to the ranch?  
Did it have technical difficulties as it was leaving and loose  
its cloak?

Maybe it included ET meetings on the ranch or the object was  
actually ET reverse engineered or ET technology provided to the  
U.S. and used in support of the President?

Frank

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## Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 07:06:02 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 13:30:16 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 12:56:31 -0500  
>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>Indeed!

>But if this is again going to be the subject of discussion in  
>which witness testimony is thrown out, at least in part, then I  
>wish the skeptics would outline

>A) the witness testimony that is in dispute - what should be  
>thrown out and what, if any, should be retained

>and

>B) describe with some precision the technique(s) used by  
>Baruna to create the photos.

>Please include a statement as to whether or not it is assumed at  
>the start that the photos were created while Baruna was on the  
>ship or before or after the sighting date while Baruna was on  
>land (and presumably had access to a "real" darkroom and all  
>sorts of photo gear and models).

Why, Mr. Maccabee, how mean of you to require anything of  
authority for unhealthy skeptics, debunkers and detractors-in-  
general, for them to apply their dubious trade!

Don't you realize all the burdens of that incredibly transient  
notion of proof they like to blurt out (as if it had meaning)  
are to be a roadblock for others... not themselves?

We all are dealing with surmising, all of us. Acknowledging that  
is prerequisite. It is not for anyone to limit the scope of  
another when we've yet to determine so little.

It is understandable when leaps are taken that defy common  
sense. But not the common sense of ignorance, fear, ethno-  
centricity and/or agenda driving.

So we speculate. Some want to focus on what a thing is not as  
opposed to what it might be. And, I repeat, that is a bigger  
presumption than considering remarkable possibility.

What ties in the most dangling of the otherwise incoherent  
facts/observations known, to some kind of projected overview or  
resolution? What scope incorporates all factors?

I am certain, once we are in possession of answers we've  
acquired from reputable sources, answers that bring some  
resolution, there won't be the smoking gun thought to tie-in  
everything, there won't be an accoradance with nay-sayer  
debunkers, there won't be an understandable excuse from the  
liars and deceivers that have suppressed truth.

At best, there will be less and less reluctance to utilize our  
already vast acquired data base for something other than to  
satisfy personal and topical contentions. So we can then have

faith in an overview existing and we can start developing patterns and associations, submitting them to probability and refining our own ability to see beyond mindset.

The truth, as it has always been shown to be, contains manifestations we've yet to think about. This is historically supportable and is what tends to be forgotten, not just by some ufologists, but by, sometimes, whole schools of thought.

The future holds mind-expanding potentials for all of us. Of that I am certain.

JCH

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## Re: Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

From: **Mario A. P. de Barros** <[marioweb.nul](mailto:marioweb.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 10:49:37 -0200  
Archived: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 06:56:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

>Source: AXcess News - Georgetown, Kentucky, USA

><http://axcessnews.com/index.php/articles/show/id/13827>

>Saturday, 26 January 2008

>Australian UFO Photo Exclusive  
>By Armando Duke

>(AXcess News) Houston - An alert reader in Australia captured  
>these photos of UFOs less than two weeks after the host of  
>unidentified flying objects were seen over Texas - taken from  
>Google Earth showing the UFOs in a triangle pattern, whose shape  
>itself expands the imagination after claims of aliens first  
>visited the earth when only aborigines inhabited the area known  
>as Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.

<snip>

These Google Earth images already have been discussed in some  
ufology forums and we came to the conclusion that it is just  
some type of tower with lights attached to sustentation cables  
in its base.

[See:

<http://tinyurl.com/22vktv>

not so "exclusive" --ebk]

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## Libyan Abduction?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 07:02:39 -0500  
Archived: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 07:02:39 -0500  
Subject: Libyan Abduction?

Would any UK researcher care to pick-up on this one?

I have the e-mail address...

ebk

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From: TC <[xxxxxx.nul](mailto:xxxxxx.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 15:07:39 +0000 (GMT)  
Subject: Request for help from Libya

Dear Sir/Madam

In October of last year my brother went out on a Gazelle hunting trip into the Acucus Mountains in southern Libya. This area has the highest concentration of prehistoric frescos on the African Continent. On separating from his friends to explore an area he thought would be better hunting grounds he and his vehicle disappeared for 11 days.

We have had two of the best psychiatrists in Libya examine him, both stated if they actually believed in extra terrestrials, they might be inclined to believe him.

He claims to have been abducted, he was not prodded, just bright yellow laser beams scanned his body, he was suspended in mid air but unable to move, he has no recollection of time, he never saw anyone or anything, the area he was suspended in was dark, other than the yellow laser beams circling up and down his body, when he awoke it was on a rock, his clothes next to him, his pen knife, lighter, watch and belt were gone, his vehicle has not yet been found.

I contact you not because I need this product of yours, but maybe through this Field of yours you maybe able to assist me to find some answers, even though I personally do not believe in extra terrestrials but now find myself stuck between two worlds.

All I ask is a name of some one who may be able to assist in his treatment, shed some light on all this, anything absolutely anything that maybe of help to him.

Many thanks.

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## Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
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>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 18:32:04 +0000  
>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5.nul](mailto:lfleming5.nul)>  
>>To: UFOUpdates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 13:14:42 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 21:26:31 +0000  
>>>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>>As this was such a contentious issue on the List some time back,  
>>>I'm surprised none of the defenders of this case have replied to  
>>>this.

>>After the recent nasty and largely pointless rehashing of old  
>>arguments that Rendlesham witnesses were dishonest, maybe nobody  
>>wants to waste any more time doing the same with this case. Why  
>>bother?

>Because according to many people - including contributors to this  
>List - these are some of the most important UFO photographs ever,  
>with about 30 witnesses, 150 according to some claims, present  
>when Barauna took them.

What profound hubris is this, too, a mark of the disrespect you  
have for your reader - an entity you must believe without memory  
and sans any aspect. It's gobsmacking that you'd try to raise  
this fatuous Titanic - again!

Moreover, you once again fish for a bit of cloth in a gym locker  
you'd rupture seemingly just for the sport of it. You remember:  
your usual tactic of attempting discredit of the microcosm to  
invalidate a macrocosm... that won't do tricks for you, respect  
your superiority, validate your paradigm, qualify your  
lifestyle, or justify your faith. That's just not in its job  
discription, you know?

Retreat in failure once again before this has to get all steamy  
and contentious, one of us has a another stroke, or I'm provoked  
to epic poetry.

So, how ya' been?

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## Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 10:42:19 -0600  
Archived: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 07:06:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 18:32:04 +0000  
>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5.nul](mailto:lfleming5.nul)>  
>>To: UFOUpdates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 13:14:42 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 21:26:31 +0000  
>>>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>After the recent nasty and largely pointless rehashing of old  
>>arguments that Rendlesham witnesses were dishonest, maybe nobody  
>>wants to waste any more time doing the same with this case. Why  
>>bother?

>Because according to many people - including contributors to this  
>List - these are some of the most important UFO photographs ever,  
>with about 30 witnesses, 150 according to some claims, present  
>when Barauna took them.

As John knows, I am, and remain, in that number, having seen no  
evidence whatever that would cause me to change my mind. Rather,  
we get lots of frantic arm-waving, or shall we say wing-  
flapping?

The likelihood that such evidence can be demonstrated at this  
stage seems diminishingly small, but because of the importance  
of the photos - not to mention the threat they pose to  
reductionist views of the UFO phenomenon - I imagine the  
discussion will continue. Not necessarily a bad thing, though  
perhaps approaching pointlessness at some juncture, when all  
else having failed debunkers will be reduced to the argument  
that since it happened half a century ago, who cares?

Jerry Clark

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## Re: The Psychology of Scepticism

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <[gac.nul](mailto:gac.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 16:49:03 +0000  
Archived: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 07:08:22 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Psychology of Scepticism

>Source: Newsweek Magazine - New York, USA

><http://www.newsweek.com/id/96014/>

>Jan 18, 2008

>'Demons In The Dark'

>How scientists talk about UFO sightings.  
>Newsweek Web Exclusive

<snip>

>The problem is not that UFO sighters are imbalanced, some  
>scientists say, but rather that they do not scrutinize their  
>experiences adequately=E2=80=94which is often hard to do, because the  
>environment is filled with mysterious phenomena. "How many  
>people know about stealth bombers being escorted by fighter  
>jets?" asks Michael Shermer, the author of "Why People Believe  
>Weird Things." "I have to say, it's the spookiest thing I've  
>ever seen. Maybe that's what they saw [in Stephenville]."

>Shermer briefly believed in UFOs himself. While cycling on the  
>3,000-mile Race Across America in 1983, he thought he was about  
>to be abducted. "I went hours without sleep and thought my crew  
>members were aliens trying to abduct me and [the support  
>vehicle] was a spaceship," he says. "That made me realize that  
>when people had an experience, they really had something  
>meaningful happen. The question is, what does that mean?"

<snip>

We hear a lot about the psychology of 'belief' from the  
sceptical side, but sceptics have brains/minds too. We don't  
hear so much about the psychology of scepticism, almost as  
though it were a cultural given that sceptics, by definition,  
are not subject to any irrational impulses in forming their  
world-view.

How interesting, therefore, that this particular high-profile  
professional sceptic should give us such a revealing insight  
into his own inner thought processes.

Why should mere exhaustion and sleep deprivation (assuming that  
the RAA's physical challenge was not being met with assistance  
from substances having psychotropic side-effects, something  
that would never occur in the field of competitive endurance  
cycling, of course...) trigger such an elaborate and specific  
fantasy. Could it be that the possibility of life's comfortable  
certainties being shattered by the validity of the ETH bears  
down with an intolerable weight on Shermer's subconscious? Could  
this, in turn, have driven him to adopt an aggressively  
sceptical stance on such matters in a desperate bid to convince  
himself that there is no scientific substance to his own darkest  
fears?

'Demons in the Dark' indeed. Perhaps the psychological driving  
force behind Shermer's brand of scepticism ultimately comes down  
to no more than this: sublimated whistling in the dark.

Which, of course, leads inevitably to a further question: of how many other sceptics, debunkers and scoffers might the same be true?

As no more than a moderately well-informed layman, I am in no position to make a professional judgement on such matters. I merely raise the questions. I am however, grateful to Mr Shermer for his candour in sharing with us this fascinating little insight into the inner mental life of the sceptic.

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Gerald O'Connell

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## Re: Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 12:58:29 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 07:10:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

>Source: AXcess News - Georgetown, Kentucky, USA

><http://axcessnews.com/index.php/articles/show/id/13827>

>Saturday, 26 January 2008

>Australian UFO Photo Exclusive  
>By Armando Duke

>(AXcess News) Houston - An alert reader in Australia captured  
>these photos of UFOs less than two weeks after the host of  
>unidentified flying objects were seen over Texas - taken from  
>Google Earth showing the UFOs in a triangle pattern, whose shape  
>itself expands the imagination after claims of aliens first  
>visited the earth when only aborigines inhabited the area known  
>as Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.

<snip>

>The Australian UFO photos can be seen by click here:

><http://axcessnews.com/index.php/articles/show/id/13828>

This site has been photographed before or maybe this is the same set of photos.

It is a tower site - you can see the mast - and even at the low-rez of the image make out ground details in the blackened area.

Don Ledger

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### Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 09:05:38 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 07:22:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 03:06:27 -0000  
>Subject: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

<snip>

>...using pulsed microwaves, it's possible to create some of these  
>effects. Using the full range of electromagnetic radiation, you  
>certainly can cause physiological effects that can go from  
>paralysis to death.

<snip>

As I've mentioned before, in years passed, the psycho-tronics industry was quite candid about its offerings and what they could do. Today that is not the case and, as they once did, no longer advertise products online. Here is but one reason they do not.

There is a paper written based on non-lethal weaponry, that has the title, Use And Implementation Of Power Grids In The Pacification Of Potential Insurrection Episode.

It outlines the ability of a technology to scenario a purely fabricated experience directly into the mind.

In reference to this, while I was on friendly terms with several hypnotherapists, including Richard Boylan, I one day sent the same email to each. It asked one question, how many and what percentage of abductees you have, had their experience within X number of feet of a power line?

Receiving no answer, I was soon to find out I had become persona non grata as well, when I tried at other times to contact them.

This has had something to do with a proposition I introduced before on this forum that when abductees find someone to treat them professionally, there is a strong potential there for them to be approached as part of a follow-up.

If you take this into consideration, it's only a step away from acknowledging a greater likelihood that witnesses are a grave concern to such people and might be approached and intimidated.

I contend that the ET phenomena is real but that the control of both revelation and potential knowledge involved is the concern of military/intel establishment. How ET is to be interpreted is the primary imperative.

Only when and if that control is implemented will the access to anything official, beyond confused denial, be allowed.

JCH

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## Re: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 13:31:41 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 07:29:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 03:54:41 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 02:46:20 -0400  
>>Subject: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

>>>[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080123/ap\\_on\\_re\\_us/ufo\\_sightings\\_1](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080123/ap_on_re_us/ufo_sightings_1)

><snip>

>>What puzzles me is this. It is no secret that the Bush ranch is  
>>close-by, how come the press never picked up on this?

>Ha! It's not the first time Don - here's a direct quote:

>"Sightings - UK 08 Mar '97, near Lympne, Kent, UK. Two fire-  
>officers reported seeing a triangular UFO hover over palace of  
>UK's 'Home Secretary' - in charge of Police, Courts, Security.

>That was Michael Howard: seen as 'Cruello d'Evil' by UK  
>liberals. But, strangely, the sighting wasn't truthfully  
>reported. The Press lied, saying the UFO was seen miles away, at  
>Romney, far away from Cruello's lair."

>I won't speculate about reasons for UFOs being near 'leaders'  
>hide-outs, or for Press being under permanent orders to lie  
>about certain UFO sightings.

Hi Ray,

Let me just say this, I hold no starry-eyed conviction that any  
phenomenon/craft were in that area because of Bush's ranch.

If there's anything to the proximity of the mass of sightings to  
the ranch it is most likely pure coincidence. I don't think they  
dropped by for coffee, found out Bush wasn't home and left.

However the proximity to the Bush ranch - if these were tracked  
somehow - would have set off alarm bells and a kneejerk response  
by the Air Force.

It is their job.

Obviously then the Air Force had a problem on their hands.

1. They surely wouldn't want to admit that they were chasing  
UFOs after denying for years any interest in them, nor would  
they want to admit the alarming possibility that these objects  
could operate with impunity near or over one of the nations most  
sensitive areas.

2. The Air Forces of the United States, Canada and the United  
Kingdom are on record stating that they do not investigate these  
things because they pose no threat to national security. So why

would they pursue them?

They would not admit to that but rather float a scenario where 10 F-16s were doing an exercise in a relatively small Military Operations Area (MOA) with little elbow room and populated with hundreds of civilians and some 14 uncontrolled airports and private air fields. It is not a deserted area.

That many jets 'training' in such a small area is dangerous to say the least and un-productive.

If my scenario flies at all and gets reported somewhere then there should be a brief flurry of denial and maybe even an explanation for the Air Force's latest response to the reports and their presence during that time frame of either several hours or several days.

I would like to dispel any speculation that for my part I think the "objects" were in that area because of Bush's ranch but that rather they blundered into the area for whatever reason. The Air Force responded as they should and now have been trying to explain why without implicating themselves in an F-16s chasing/interdicting some unidentified anomalous phenomenon often referred to as UFOs for the reasons stated above.

Time will tell.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Call Out The Debunkers!

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 13:31:44 EST  
Archived: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 07:55:55 -0500  
Subject: Re: Call Out The Debunkers!

>Source: The Columbus Dispatch - Ohio, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/36ofcn>

>Saturday, January 26, 2008

>UFO? Life On Mars? Call Out The Debunkers!

>Space phenomena can be explained, scientists insist  
>By Spencer Hunt & Kevin Mayhood  
>The Columbus Dispatch

>[shunt.nul](mailto:shunt.nul)  
>[kmayhood.nul](mailto:kmayhood.nul)

>UFOs over Texas? Bigfoot on Mars?

<snip>

Well as usual as soon as a credible UFO sighting occurs the monkeyshines show up from the press and/or government.

NASA didn't have anything better to do than toss around a Mars Bigfoot pic right after the Air Force made idiots of themselves in this latest debunkery regarding Stephenville, Texas?

Now we know why Sisyphus had such a hard time.

Best,

Greg

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## Book Review Atlantis Rising

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 13:40:52 -0500  
Archived: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 17:03:33 -0500  
Subject: Book Review Atlantis Rising

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology

January 27, 2008

Atlantis Rising

By Brad Steiger  
Galde Press, 2007  
193 pages, \$14.95

Inexplicata gives this book five stars (\* \* \* \* \*)

About thirty years ago, a schoolboy walked into a local bookstore and noticed a misplaced book: a paperback with a Frank Frazetta cover had been inadvertently placed in the science fiction section when it should have been in the esoterica aisle (as it was called back then). Intrigued, he leafed through it and found himself spending at least half an hour reading at the store, too irresistible to put down. After buying it, he continued perusing its contents on the bus back home; the next day, the book accompanied him to school, where he read it during class time, keeping it from the watchful, restless eyes of Sister Lewis Marie.

The book with the Frazetta cover was called Atlantis Rising, its author was Brad Steiger, and the inquisitive schoolboy was me.

Atlantis was always a name to charm anyone with an interest in antiquity, real or legendary. Comic books like Korg: 70,000 BC pitted cavemen against red-tunicked Atlanteans with high technology, Robert E. Howard's Conan The Barbarian was set in the centuries after the fall of Atlantis. Movies about Atlantis and its lethal death rays filled the afternoon hours: Captain Nemo found Atlantis; James Bond destroyed it in The Spy Who Loved Me. In the 19th century, supporters of the lost continent rioted in the streets for love of their idealized paradise. But all of these references were clearly framed in the realm of fiction. Atlantis Rising was the first book in paperback form to reach an audience who knew about Atlantis, but not nearly enough. A book that reach deep into the bag of mystery to give its readers a feel for the multiple and marvelous theories regarding the lost continent in what we tentatively refer to as the real world.

It took Brad Steiger's gift of making the arcane accessible to the unspecialized reader, supporting his texts with facts, figures and dates, to make the drowned continent emerge from its watery grave on paper. A reader who might have heard of Ignatius Donnelly's Atlantis: The Antediluvian World was now treated to the prophecies of Edgar Cayce, the underwater research of Dr. Manson Valentine, the possibility of Atlantis still surviving in our day and age as an undersea civilization responsible for UFO phenomena, and the possibility that certain mystics among us were in touch through what later became known as channeling with entities from the lost continent. No longer was Atlantis confined to the sword-and-sandal world of Harryhausen's Atlantis: The Lost Continent (and its convincing ray gun) but a place, or at least a concept, approached by these multiple

theories.

Particularly stunning was a chapter whose title still carries a distinctive ring in later years =96 =93An Inner Earth Empire of Masters and Monsters.=94 It is quite possible that to many readers, this was their first taste of the writings of Richard Shaver and theories involving the Elder Race and their descendants: the Apollonian Teros and the insanely Dionysian Deros, misguidedly using the =93mech=94 of the Elder Race to cause mayhem among surface dwellers and further debase themselves. No concept or image could be further from the concept of a pseudo-Grecian Atlantis whose towers, brave warriors and fair ladies slipped into the drink after a storm that forever changed the world and made the Atlantic Ocean supposedly unnavigable for generations.

It=92s difficult to render an objective opinion on a work that has meant so much to so many over the past three decades, and is now available to a whole new readership thanks to Galde Press. My own reading of Atlantis Rising was set against the background of Puerto Rico=92s nearly constant UFO activity in the 1970s and the belief that the island was one of the remnants of the lost continent, a notion bolstered by the presence of the enigmatic mountain rainforest of El Yunque and the affirmations of many sensitives and mystics of its affiliation to the sunken continent. Human disappearances at this site, and the reports of impish beings, could easily feed into a belief of Dero mischief. The contemporary reader will be treated to theories and cases that go beyond the routine paranormal fare of ghosts and Roswell, and those who read it in the past may find themselves remembering concepts that faded from memory over the years under the weight of new information and insights.

The bottom line: if you are a student of the paranormal, read Atlantis Rising. If you are interested in the possibility of a pre-human civilization whose legacy surrounds us in the shape of inexplicable works of architecture and strange artifacts, read Atlantis Rising. If you are an enthusiast of the Atlantis of fiction, expand your horizons by reading this book and you may never think about comics, movies or boardgames the same way again. I can only hope that thirty years from now, some other young person sets aside whatever electronic entertainment the future has in store for them and comes across a copy of this seminal work. Read it and be enlightened!

-- Scott Corrales, INEXPLICATA

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### Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

From: Milton Frank <[mfrank.nul](mailto:mfrank.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 18:28:00 -0200 (BRST)  
Archived: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 17:05:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

Dear All,

There is something that everybody must know about Trindade Case.

In the Seventies Globo TV had a weekly program called Amaral Neto Report.

Mr. Amaral Neto was a Brazilian Federal Deputy. He was a very serious man and he also was a great journalist.

Once he made a program where He presented the Trindade Case to all Brazil via GLOBO TV.

Mr. Amaral Neto said to Mr. Almiro Barauna that He was going to publish the program on the TV station if He got the chance to see the originals negatives of Trindade Pictures.

Amaral Neto was a friend of my family here in Brazil. First because my grandfather Mr. Arno Frank was the first Maracana General Manager (Maracana is the Soccer Stadium in Rio de Janeiro City). My grandfather also helped to organize the Soccer World Cup in 1950 here in Brazil. Second because my father and Mr. Amaral Neto used to work together. They were friends and they were together all the time.

Mr. Amaral Neto invited us to see his program record. Mainly because he knew that I had an UFO library in Rio de Janeiro, and because all my family always loved ufology.

So in this day it was clear in the TV studio that Mr. Almiro Barauna showed the original negatives to Amaral Neto team. The deputy analyzed it and there was no contest about those negatives.

The people who really did the job to analyze it was Amaral Neto TV team.

All the best,

Milton Frank

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## UFOs And The Politics Of Reality

From: Michael Woods <[mike.woods.nul](mailto:mike.woods.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 16:55:58 -0500  
Archived: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 17:13:04 -0500  
Subject: UFOs And The Politics Of Reality

Hello Listers,

While you're watching the skies, keep one eye on the TV Guide. The History Channel - Canada - has commissioned a UFO documentary that is tentatively scheduled for broadcast this coming Fall... and after being granted the privilege of seeing an almost-final cut of UFOs And The Politics Of Reality yesterday, I have the feeling this could shake the apathetic public. A little. Not like if Britney Spears turned Mormon..but a little.

First, a personal opinion. I have never enjoyed a UFO documentary as much as I did this one.

UFOs And The Politics Of Reality is a three year project by award-winning documentary film-maker Cherniack. The narration is a clear and unexaggerated review of the last 60 years of UFO history, from Kenneth Arnold's first sighting to Dr. David Jacob & Budd Hopkins latest work on hybrids. He presents the evidence of the key UFO events over the years and the government's response in each case, revealing who and how the UFO field was marginalized with the public and more importantly, within the scientific and military communities. Skeptics are treated with the same thinly and not-so-thinly disguised contempt they direct at the UFO community.

There are frightening implications in this documentary - indications of a sinister, next-phase in the Human-Other experience that sees hybrids, not humans, in ascendancy.

I've never enjoyed a UFO documentary more, or had one that has given me so much food for troubled thought. UFOs And The Politics Of Reality is so well-done it has the potential to resonate with the public the way Fahrenheit 9-11 and An Inconvenient Truth did. And unlike them, UFOs And The Politics Of Reality is both real and true.

So that's two things to look forward to this fall - the Bye, Bye Bush U.S. election and UFOs And The Politics Of Reality by David Cherniack on the History Channel.

Mike Woods  
freelance film critic... I also do Bar Mitzvahs

Pray there's intelligent life somewhere out in space;  
There's bugger all down here on Earth.

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## Re: A Letter To My Congressman

From: John Dowler <[jdowler.nul](mailto:jdowler.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 15:27:32 -0800  
Archived: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 17:14:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: A Letter To My Congressman

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 19:44:47 +0000  
>Subject: Re: A Letter To My Congressman

>Not to put to fine a point on it, but what the hell would people  
>do with the information about the reality of being visited by  
>entities from elsewhere?

I support the demand for full UFO disclosure from governments,  
especially US and NATO countries. But there is a flip side we'd  
be naive to ignore.

Let's say the disclosure left no room for doubt that UFOs carry  
intelligent entities that can run rings around all our  
technologies, can neutralize people with some form of mind  
control, and indeed may have infiltrated our society. Wouldn't  
governments use this the same way they used Communism in the  
20th Century and Terrorism today? Sure, they might get  
interested in real estate, but more in terms of places that  
could be invaded under the pretext of strategic defense from  
aliens. Remember, it doesn't have to make sense, otherwise the  
US wouldn't be in Iraq today.

When a handful of representatives of a relatively weak visible  
minority killed 3,000 in New York, they did in fact panic people  
around the world. If it's revealed that uncountable numbers of  
an enormously advanced invisible minority have abducted and  
abused tens of thousands of people, would the main effect be  
merely philosophical? People would demand that we root out  
hybrid infiltrators, which might set off a medieval witch hunt.  
What would a revised U.S. Patriot Act and its Canadian  
equivalent include this time? Citizen militias might grow,  
probably having no effect whatsoever on aliens but a profound  
effect on the hapless innocents they target.

Weapons manufacturers would be spilling champagne all over  
themselves. Current weapons are relatively useless against UFOs,  
so the pressure would be on to prepare for the war of tomorrow  
and more billions of dollars would flow.

One positive effect would be that Science might shake off its  
intellectual fog and really try to answer some of the profound  
questions that UFO-related phenomena raise. But that doesn't  
necessarily mean that the answers would be any easier to find.  
No-one is supposing that after disclosure the aliens would say  
'oops - you caught us' and reveal their secrets.

So real disclosure? I'm still for it, but if it comes be  
prepared to fight for your civil rights.

John Dowler

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## Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lfl Fleming5.nul](mailto:lfl Fleming5.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 21:47:51 -0600  
Archived: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 17:17:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>From: Richard Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 10:46:51 -0500  
>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>From: Lan Fleming <[lfl Fleming5.nul](mailto:lfl Fleming5.nul)>  
>>To: UFOUpdates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 13:14:42 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 21:26:31 +0000  
>>>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

><snip>

>>>As this was such a contentious issue on the List some time back,  
>>>I'm surprised none of the defenders of this case have replied to  
>>>this.

>>After the recent nasty and largely pointless rehashing of old  
>>arguments that Rendlesham witnesses were dishonest, maybe nobody  
>>wants to waste any more time doing the same with this case. Why  
>>bother?

>Absolutely right, Lan. I just reviewed the eyewitness testimony  
>(which I won't repeat here because it would be a waste of time),  
>but it boils down to this. Brauna would have to be the  
>cleverest man in the world. Not only did he fake the photos  
>within minutes in the improvised darkroom on board ship, but  
>also he hypnotized the many witnesses on deck into imagining  
>that they saw the Saturn-shaped object.in the sky.

>Very clever man indeed. The article under discussion is, once  
>again, old news that was known at the time and taken into  
>consideration among all the relevant factors by those of us who  
>actually investigated the case in 1958. The revisionists, of  
>course, assume that we were incompetent fools. Ask the folks at  
>CUFOS about the thoroughness of case investigations that I  
>supervised and/or led. They have the NICAP case files.

Some people find it deeply suspicious that a camera enthusiast  
would be interested in trick photography. I'd find it strange  
that someone with an interest in photography and who had an ounce  
of creativity would not try his hand at trick photography. And  
of course, in other cases like the McMinnville photos, the fact  
that the photographer was a rank amateur with not much  
imagination and no history of faking anything doesn't cause "UFO  
skeptics" to hesitate for a moment before voicing the deepest,  
darkest suspicions of hoaxes and conspiracies. Heads they win,  
tails you lose.

I noticed that the author of this latest article on Barauna's  
well-known trick photography also makes a point of the fact that  
he took the Trindade photos "less than four years" after the  
article in which his faked photos were published. Now let's  
see... "less than four years" is the same thing as "more than

three years" if I'm not mistaken. The fact that a "mere" three years passed between the fake photos and the Trindade photos is, apparently, another reason to doubt Barauna's honesty. How many years would have had to pass for the shortness of the elapsed time to have not been suspicious?

Barauna contributed fake UFO photos, clearly identified as such, to a skeptical article on UFOs (and skeptical in a healthy sense in educating the public that photographs of UFOs cannot be considered proof of their existence). This is radically different from the case of someone with a history of deception. There's no point in arguing with people who can't or won't see this as a significant difference.

That's all I've got to say on this particular aspect of the Trindade photos. If someone thinks they can "win" in these discussions by repeating the same stuff over and over until people get tired of responding, that's OK with me.

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### Re: 'Demons In The Dark'

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 22:48:40 -0500  
Archived: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 17:22:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Demons In The Dark'

>Source: Newsweek Magazine - New York, USA

><http://www.newsweek.com/id/96014/>

>Jan 18, 2008

>'Demons In The Dark'

>How scientists talk about UFO sightings.  
>Newsweek Web Exclusive

>On an otherwise unremarkable January night in Stephenville,  
>Texas, dozens of people looked to the sky and saw a vast vessel  
>with a combination of red, white and yellow lights flying fast  
>over the area's farms. One observer said the vessel was a mile  
>long. Several said they saw fighter jets chasing it. One said he  
>feared the object's appearance might mean "the end of times."

>A pilot, a cop and some businessmen, housewives, and children  
>all say they saw a UFO on Jan. 8. The spaceship moved over the  
>area for several seconds, witnesses said, and then zoomed away  
>300 times faster than a Cessna jet can travel.

>UFO sightings make the news several times a year. In 2007 eight  
>such episodes attracted headlines. Most sightings take place in  
>the South and West.

Hmmmmmm... Guess they forgot about O'Hare.

<snip>

>Proving the absence of something is always harder than proving  
>the presence of something, so the UFO sightings continue. "You  
>cannot disprove a negative," says Park, the author of "Voodoo  
>Science: The Road From Foolishness to Fraud," a tour of various  
>forms of questionable "scientific" beliefs. "You can't prove  
>that there wasn't a UFO." The best anyone can do, says Schick,  
>is gather facts and see what theory best fits those facts. "You  
>have to compare the UFO explanation to other explanations," he  
>.says.

So, what is the theory? Any theory can be tested against the  
reported evidence to see if it makes sense. So, Bob Park... what  
is your theory?

<snip>

>Euchner, a lecturer in English at Yale University, is completing  
>a book about suicide at the Golden Gate Bridge.

Figures! They get an English major to discuss UFOs. Well, at  
least he writes well.

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## Re: Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

From: James Molesworth <[jtmoll.nul](mailto:jtmoll.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 18:33:48 +1100  
Archived: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 17:24:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

>Source: AXcess News - Georgetown, Kentucky, USA

><http://axcessnews.com/index.php/articles/show/id/13827>

>Saturday, 26 January 2008

>Australian UFO Photo Exclusive  
>By Armando Duke

>(AXcess News) Houston - An alert reader in Australia captured  
>these photos of UFOs less than two weeks after the host of  
>unidentified flying objects were seen over Texas - taken from  
>Google Earth showing the UFOs in a triangle pattern, whose shape  
>itself expands the imagination after claims of aliens first  
>visited the earth when only aborigines inhabited the area known  
>as Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.

<snip>

>Now, thanks to an alert reader in our series of UFO Phenomena  
>stories, we're bringing you some exclusive photos of UFOs in  
>Australia that were snapped off of Google Earth on Thursday.

<snip>

Exclusive! This image has been appearing in e-mails and UFO  
related articles for many months!

>The Australian UFO photos can be seen by click here:

><http://axcessnews.com/index.php/articles/show/id/13828>

<snip>

Heck. This is just ridiculous. This image from GoogleEarth was  
first brought to my attention 12 months or more ago - it  
certainly has not just been discovered. The 'lights' look  
startling against the dark background (longer vegetation?), but  
actually appear, by comparison with adjacent areas, to represent  
the colour of the earth in the area, further demonstrated in the  
appearance of the path passing by the lower right-hand corner of  
the feature. This path, and the others surrounding the  
triangular feature, which all clearly divert to avoid entering  
the boundaries of the darker, fenced area are more than enough  
to clearly demonstrate that this is not any UFO, but a  
triangular field of some type, with bare patches of earth in the  
corners and a strip in the centre.

The images appearing with the article seem to have been altered  
slightly to make these lighter areas appear far more contrasted  
than they actually are.

To see the feature more clearly, look at it for yourself at:

<http://maps.google.com.au/>

type in the coordinates: 30 30'36.50S 115 22'52.00E

That anyone would respond to this image in such a way as the

above article defies explanation far more than any ufological phenomenon. Any group that genuinely endorses this image as representing, even as a serious possibility, a UFO, deserves to be entirely written-off as a legitimate source of useful information, and should be publicly censured by serious ufologists to ensure they are not perceived as crediting such claims.

This is a complete waste of time and serves no further purpose than to confirm the credulousness of UFOcranks and further discredit the field at large.

James Molesworth

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## Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 09:59:20 +0000  
Archived: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 06:42:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>From: Milton Frank <[mfrank.nul](mailto:mfrank.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 17:37:42 -0200 (BRST)  
>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 21:26:31 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>This is a case that a Brazilian President said out loud: This is  
>>true!

Where? When? What did he say?

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John Rimmer  
<[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>

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## Re: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 10:03:19 +0000  
Archived: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 06:44:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 03:54:41 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

>Ha! It's not the first time Don - here's a direct quote:

>"Sightings - UK 08 Mar '97, near Lympne, Kent, UK. Two fire-  
>officers reported seeing a triangular UFO hover over palace of  
>UK's 'Home Secretary' - in charge of Police, Courts, Security.

I love the idea that the British Home secretary has a 'palace'.  
Presumably the aliens were checking him out before his party  
lost the General election a few months later by a huge margin.

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John Rimmer  
<[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>

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From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 10:21:54 -0000  
Archived: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 06:46:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 12:56:31 -0500  
>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 17:35:01 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>But if this is again going to be the subject of discussion in  
>which witness testimony is thrown out, at least in part, then I  
>wish the skeptics would outline

>A) the witness testimony that is in dispute - what should be  
>thrown out and what, if any, should be retained

>and

>B) describe with some precision the technique(s) used by  
>Baruna to create the photos.

>Please include a statement as to whether or not it is assumed at  
>the start that the photos were created while Baruna was on the  
>ship or before or after the sighting date while Baruna was on  
>land (and presumably had access to a "real" darkroom and all  
>sorts of photo gear and models).

You can find quite a bit of discussion of all the issue at:

<http://www.geocities.com/parcellular/ufo/trindex.htm>

The bottom line in answer to your questions is that there is a  
method, conceived by Tim Printy, which I try to assess  
objectively here

<http://www.geocities.com/parcellular/ufo/intermask.htm>

and here (scroll down to "Motive and Opportunity")

<http://www.geocities.com/parcellular/ufo/printy-details.htm>

It seems technically possible. But the greatest difficulties lie  
in the practicalities of getting it to work in the circumstances  
on board, and the time constraint on setting it up prior to  
voyage.

Remember that a "Saturn-shaped" UFO seen on Trindade was first  
reported to the Navy High Command in radiogram #00012/312335  
from the garrison Commanding Officer, Capt. Bacellar, on  
December 31 1957, and the journey time to Trindade by Jan 14  
means that the Almirante Saldanha sailed from Rio a maximum of  
about one week after that radiogram was sent. Barauna knew  
people. He might also have been waiting for just such an  
opportunity. But my feeling is that it's asking a lot for this  
information to have leaked to Barauna in time for him to plan a  
hoax based on the Trindade flap, photograph a copycat model and  
prepare the necessary doctored film canister.

I think realistically we would have to assume that Capt. Bacellar and others (e.g. at least the garrison medical officer First-Lieutenant MD Ignaclo Carlos Moreira Murta who was chief witness to the Dec 31 "double-domed" disc) were in on the hoax with Barauna & co from well before this date and that the earlier UFO flap was faked to provide a back-story for Barauna's photos. Clever stuff. Possible, but quite hard to believe IMO.

Martin Shough

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## Re: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 05:13:16 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 07:58:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 13:31:41 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

<snip>

>However the proximity to the Bush ranch - if these were tracked  
>somehow - would have set off alarm bells and a kneejerk response  
>by the Air Force.

Absolutely.

<snip>

>They would not admit to that but rather float a scenario where  
>10 F-16s were doing an exercise in a relatively small Military  
>Operations Area (MOA).....

Assuredly.

<snip>

>I would like to dispel any speculation that for my part I think  
>the "objects" were in that area because of Bush's ranch but that  
>rather they blundered into the area for whatever reason.

<snip>

Understood.

>Don Ledger

Clear thinking.

JCH

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## Almiro Barauna

From: A. J. Gevaerd <[aj.nul](mailto:aj.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 11:30:15 -0300  
Archived: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 08:26:52 -0500  
Subject: Almiro Barauna

Dear Listers:

It seems that Almiro Barauna is a favorite target for skeptics and debunkers. How sad. The man must be rolling in his grave. Definitely, he didn't deserve this.

I had decided not to take part in this discussion, but changed my mind just to add some input to this story since I met Barauna and ran several articles on him and his photos, and a long interview with him in the Brazilian UFO Magazine, of which I am the editor for 25 years. Also because lots of people outside Brazil don't realise a few basic things about this man, his story and photos. Although a few do.

Not only was Almiro Barauna a very honest and respected man as his sincerity and credibility was largely known and recognized in many Brazilian segments and offices. He was endorsed by a number of people, in Brazil and abroad. Even the Brazilian President Juscelino Kubitschek and a top ranking group of Brazilian military (Army, Air Force and specially Navy) considered him a serious and responsible person, the kind you can trust. I believe that these men words are accountable.

Barauna's photos... Oh boy. How come they are still attacked by skeptics and debunkers? They have been many times fully, deeply and detailedly analyzed by some of the most experienced image experts in this planet, not only in Brazil, and also by several international, governmental and nongovernmental, committees assembled to deal with top UFO evidences. And they passed with honors!

About the article How To Fake UFO Photos, commented here... Come on, it was no secret at all, to no one and at no time, that Barauna was a photographic expert who had knowledge of how to make or fake any kind of photo. He himself never made any secret of this. The man invented new methods of underwater photography and many other devices to serve mankind to better know its environment. Thanks, Barauna!

And so what about the article? I know a number of people who know how to make nice fake UFO photos that have, at some point in their lives, photographed real UFOs. To my view, Rodolpho Gauthier, presented as an historian in a previous message, acted more like a clipping collector in this issue, as most Brazilian UFO researchers keep in their files the many articles on UFOs printed by O Cruzeiro magazine back in the 50's and 60's, in the warmth of the beginning of the UFO era. We have dozens of them in our files.

Gauthier could at least have offered another article from that magazine, that very special one from the March 08, 1958 edition, that carries a lot of first-hand info on the Trindade Case. This is the classic article about Barauna's photos, with lots of info and images of the many civilian and military personnel on board Almirante Saldanha ship, including the clear statement that most of them saw the object over the island. I have scanned the article and you see it here:

<http://www.ufo.com.br/public/barauna/>

I am sorry I don't have time to translate. Scans of Barauna's first-generation prints are also in this FTP folder.

The idea presented in the past on this List that the Barauna's photos are of a model is simply reprehensible. Or that it was an airplane flying over the Trindade Island, which is about 1000 km from the shore, back in 1958. Please!

The Almirante Saldanha vessel was a very important Brazilian Navy ship at that time, a ship that was in an official mission in Trindade Island, packed with civilians, scientists, marines and officers, lots of them were on the deck exactly when the UFO was photographed. Most of them gave their testimonies about it, although most of them are still kept secret by Brazilian Navy.

That same O Cruzeiro magazine published lots of valuable details in several further articles. It is also well known that Barauna suffered some pressure from the officers and especially from the ship's commander to develop the negative on board, just a few hours after the people on the ship saw the UFO. A dark room had to be improvised for that. It is all old news...

Just after development, the pictures were examined by the Navy officers on-board. How could they be faked if the officers who saw the object recognized it in the photos? If they were fake, it is very curious that an experienced man like Barauna would choose to fabricate them on that particular ship, with all those scientists and military on board, under pressure and in such tough conditions...

Well, I met the man in 1983. We both attended an international UFO congress in Brasilia. A lot of great names in Ufology were present, such as Dr. J. A. Hynek, Dr. Richard Haines, Dr. Leo Sprinkle, Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo etc, to name a few. Note that it was some 25 years after Barauna did the photos, and yet he still kept his story absolutely unchanged and presented many people in that congress with sets of first-generation prints. He gave me one as well, and also slides, which I still have somewhere. I still remember how happy Dr. Hynek was to get his set.

Again, at that international UFO congress in Brasilia, Barauna was largely recognized by everyone, Brazilian or not, as a serious person. I met him several times and my partner and co-editor Marco Petit conducted many hours of video interviews with him, just before he passed away. I published them in full in the Brazilian UFO Magazine. He kept his story entirely unchanged on that occasion as well. All this material is available to anyone on this List, and I urge that at least the Brazilians involved in this discussion here see and examine the material before making any claims.

Barauna was very well known in Brazil, especially in Rio, and I know dozens of people who met the man or were his friends in the last decades. I can tell you that no one has ever caught him in any kind of dishonesty or even in a small lie. On the contrary, he is still remembered by everyone as a serious, reputable and decent person.

Those who discredit Almiro Barauna's words and try to debunk his photos have absolutely no clue of what kind of man he was and his character. Sure, they never met him and never tried to know more about him from the people who did. It is very sad that every now and then someone pops up here and there to suggest that he was a liar and a dishonest man, who could fake and keep a faked story for decades. He deserves more respect.

I would strongly suggest that, before attacking someone's achievements, such as Almiro Barauna's photos, skeptics and debunkers try to know a little bit more about someone's life and character.

Those of you interested in the video interview with Barauna, the printed interview and everything the Brazilian UFO Magazine has about Barauna and his photos, please contact me privately.

A. J. Gevaerd

Editor, Brazilian UFO Magazine

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>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 13:31:41 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

>>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 03:54:41 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

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>>>Subject: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

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>the ranch it is most likely pure coincidence. I don't think they  
>dropped by for coffee, found out Bush wasn't home and left.

Your line of inquiry is most likely correct and your reasoning  
flawless along that line. However, a second line must also be  
examined. I don't think one can afford to believe in  
coincidence when looking into a subject that is surrounded by so  
much secrecy.

Of course they did not drop in for coffee. It may have been tea?  
The point is that if one can believe in UFOs and can also  
believe the government is hiding facts about UFOs it is not a  
stretch or speculation to conclude that the two might be  
connected when occurring in such close proximity.

After all it is more than speculation that H.W. Bush as head of

the CIA would not release UFO information to President Carter. See testimony from Daniel Sheehan a Harvard PhD and respected Attorney at [www.disclosureproject.org](http://www.disclosureproject.org) among others.

What I am saying is that the Bush family is wrapped up in this about as tight as any other family on the planet. If someone was getting visited by a space ship (ET or black budget) it would probably a Bush.

>However the proximity to the Bush ranch - if these were tracked >somehow - would have set off alarm bells and a kneejerk response >by the Air Force.

Again I think you deduction is correct. The F16' were most likely not privy to the craft's true nature and responded accordingly.

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Something to remember; since 911, NORAD as well as the newly  
created U.S. Northern Command monitors everything that moves in  
our airspace as well as 500 nautical miles off our shore, not to  
mention space; that said, any UFO pervious to RADAR, would be  
monitored at the very least, and one would think that a response

would be at the ready from any and all logical geographic locations.

With that in mind, now throw in the fact that the UFO was in close proximity to the Bush ranch, and I might add heading southeast from Stephenville, back through Linden where witness, Steve Allen and his two friends were watching. If you take a ruler, and lay it on Stephenville, and Selden, it's almost a straight shot to Crawford!

This is the direction that the craft was headed with two F-16s in pursuit.

Steve Allen, being a pilot (for over 30 years), as well as being raised in the area couldn't have been a better witness! He, as well as another witness verify that the F-16s came from the west, he feels that they came from Dyes AFB in Abilene!

That day was clear with about 30 miles visibility (Crawford is under 70 miles from Selden as the crow flies). Allen estimated the crafts speed at 2-3k mph; moreover he told me that the craft was toying with the pursuit planes maintaining a constant distance!

Usually, when planes violate the restricted airspace over the Bush ranch (which has happened a number of times), and of course it becomes a temporary flight restriction (TFR) when he's there which increases the protected area, interceptors are launched from Waco, presumably, James Connally AFB.

In conclusion, it's no surprise that F-16s were launched, and given today's protocols, in a post 911 world, the Air Force would have been negligent in not doing so.

Another important note, is that Allen states that the next day there was a heavy Air Force presence over the Selden/Stephenville area; he said. if you flew a kite you would have hit an aircraft, e.g., F-16, helicopter etc.

Cheers,

Frank

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Archived: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 13:56:30 -0500  
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>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 10:42:19 -0600  
>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 18:32:04 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5.nul](mailto:lfleming5.nul)>  
>>>To: UFOUpdates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 13:14:42 -0600  
>>>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>>After the recent nasty and largely pointless rehashing of old  
>>>arguments that Rendlesham witnesses were dishonest, maybe  
>>>nobody wants to waste any more time doing the same with this  
>>>case. Why bother?

>>Because according to many people - including contributors to this  
>>List - these are some of the most important UFO photographs  
>>>ever, with about 30 witnesses, 150 according to some claims,  
>>>present when Barauna took them.

>The likelihood that such evidence can be demonstrated at this  
>stage seems diminishingly small, but because of the importance  
>of the photos - not to mention the threat they pose to  
>reductionist views of the UFO phenomenon - I imagine the  
>discussion will continue. Not necessarily a bad thing, though  
>perhaps approaching pointlessness at some juncture, when all  
>else having failed debunkers will be reduced to the argument  
>that since it happened half a century ago, who cares?

The photos do not constitute serious evidence of an  
extraordinary event for the simple reason that investigators  
have only sets of prints, of varying quality, and have not seen  
the negatives. As the negatives have not been made available for  
examination by photographic experts, these photos should not be  
taken too seriously.

We also have the problem, previously discussed at some length on  
this List, of the lack of descriptions of the alleged UFO by  
anyone on the ship other than Barauna and friends.

This is not a simple case but the evidence, such as it is,  
points to a hoax rather than some exotic aerial craft as the  
true explanation - at least to anyone with a grain of common  
sense.

John Harney

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## Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 16:19:29 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 13:57:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 09:05:38 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

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>In reference to this, while I was on friendly terms with several  
>hypnotherapists, including Richard Boylan, I one day sent the  
>same email to each. It asked one question, how many and what  
>percentage of abductees you have, had their experience within X  
>number of feet of a power line?

I have a different question: Did I read or hear somewhere that  
abductions only occur within the United States? If yes, why  
would ET operate that way, I wonder.

Eleanor White

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## Black Objects Surround Japanese Airliner Over

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
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Archived: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 13:59:25 -0500  
Subject: Black Objects Surround Japanese Airliner Over

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology

January 28, 2008

Source: [www.analuisacid.com](http://www.analuisacid.com)  
Date: 01.28.08

Mexico: Black Objects Surround Japanese Airliner

A report from Ana Luisa Cid

An Japan Airlines Boeing 747-400 was surrounded by 20 spherical objects in the San Mateo Air Corridor in the vicinity of the Satellite Towers in the state of Mexico. This report was provided to researcher Alfonso Salazar by technical personnel of the MCIA who had direct access to crew information. The airliner's registration number is JA-880.

The sighting took place on January 24, 2008 at 6:30 in the evening, when the Japanese airliner flew the Vancouver-Mexico City route.

The witnesses specified that the flying objects were black-colored and divided into two groups.

It should be noted multiple encounters between UFOs and airliners have been reported in this air corridor.

MCIA - Mexico City International Airport

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## Larry King Live Texas Video On-Line

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Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 22:15:46 +0000 (GMT)  
Archived: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 14:02:12 -0500  
Subject: Larry King Live Texas Video On-Line

Dear Colleagues,

Recently, Larry King covered the Texas UFO sightings. That second show was broadcast January 24, 2008 and is now available online.

Part 1

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFBmICZNSbE>

Part 2

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LuD1LkneKc>

Best regards

Giuliano

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## 7 UFOs Reported Over Cundinamarca Colombia

From: **Scott Corrales** <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
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Subject: 7 UFOs Reported Over Cundinamarca Colombia

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Source: Caracol  
Date: 01.28.2008

Colombia: Seven UFOs Reported over Cundinamarca

Colombian ufologist William Chavez, during an interview with Caracol Radio, noted that several UFO sightings had been reported in the municipalities of Tabio and Tenjo

The expert explained that a total of seven objects were seen in the sky. "Truly, they have been appearing constantly since the beginning of January."

Chavez explained that between 50 and 60 people were camped out on Saturday night and were able to see the first object. "We were there with our video cameras when a craft landed very near a farm. The image was so clear that it was even possible to see the portholes."

According to the specialist, six other objects came into view. "For example, one of them was octopus-shaped. It spun and was blue in color. And as if to confirm that we weren't insane, one of them flew directly over us and people started screaming."

To William Chavez, the constant presence of Unidentified Flying Objects is related to the concern exhibited by other intelligences over global warming, and over the reactivation of volcanic activity in Colombia, as these vehicles reportedly avail themselves of the energy released from silicon found in the craters of these geological formations.

For more information:

<http://www.caracol.com.co/noticias/540175.asp>

and

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 18:28:00 -0200 (BRST)  
>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>Dear All,

>There is something that everybody must know about Trindade Case.

>In the Seventies Globo TV had a weekly program called Amaral  
>Neto Report.

>Mr. Amaral Neto was a Brazilian Federal Deputy. He was a very  
>serious man and he also was a great journalist.

>Once he made a program where He presented the Trindade Case to  
>all Brazil via GLOBO TV.

>Mr. Amaral Neto said to Mr. Almiro Barauna that He was going to  
>publish the program on the TV station if He got the chance to  
>see the originals negatives of Trindade Pictures.

>Amaral Neto was a friend of my family here in Brazil. First  
>because my grandfather Mr. Arno Frank was the first Maracana  
>General Manager (Maracana is the Soccer Stadium in Rio de  
>Janeiro City). My grandfather also helped to organize the  
>Soccer World Cup in 1950 here in Brazil. Second because my  
>father and Mr. Amaral Neto used to work together. They were  
>friends and they were together all the time.

>Mr. Amaral Neto invited us to see his program record. Mainly  
>because he knew that I had an UFO library in Rio de Janeiro, and  
>because all my family always loved ufology.

>So in this day it was clear in the TV studio that Mr. Almiro  
>Barauna showed the original negatives to Amaral Neto team. The  
>deputy analyzed it and there was no contest about those  
>negatives.

>The people who really did the job to analyze it was Amaral Neto  
>TV team.

>All the best,

>Milton Frank

Hi Milton,

What you report is interesting. But it leads immediately to a  
serious question: Why haven't the supposedly 700 or so UFO  
researchers in Brazil taken a little time off from chasing  
chupacabras and tried to locate some of the Brazilian Navy  
crewmembers who saw the Saturn-shaped UFO and interview them?

I have been trying to get Brazilian researchers to do this for  
years but to no avail. Unless it sucks goat blood it doesn't get  
jack in terms of attention and research. A simple thing like  
compiling all the major and significant Brazilian newspaper and  
magazine articles on the Almira Saldanha UFO incident in 1958

has never been done. The next best thing is on the CUFOS website where Mary Castner had to do it from long-distance and at great effort, practically single-handedly, when on-site local Brazilian researchers could do this more easily, don't have a language barrier, and should have done it decades ago.

Several Navy officers and crew told the Brazilian media in Feb 1958 they saw the UFO that Barauna photographed, but it would be nice to get more of a sampling and some in-depth interviews.

Do you have any contacts in the Brazilian media and military who could track down the Navy crew? Even a list of names would at least be a start (though I expect numerous Brazilian versions of "John Smith" which will be impossible to trace).

Brad

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## Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 15:23:24 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 14:07:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>From: Richard Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 10:46:51 -0500  
>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5.nul](mailto:lfleming5.nul)>  
>>To: UFOUpdates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 13:14:42 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 21:26:31 +0000  
>>>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

><snip>

>>>As this was such a contentious issue on the List some time back,  
>>>I'm surprised none of the defenders of this case have replied to  
>>>this.

>>After the recent nasty and largely pointless rehashing of old  
>>arguments that Rendlesham witnesses were dishonest, maybe nobody  
>>wants to waste any more time doing the same with this case. Why  
>>bother?

>Absolutely right, Lan. I just reviewed the eyewitness testimony  
>(which I won't repeat here because it would be a waste of time),  
>but it boils down to this. Brauana would have to be the  
>cleverest man in the world. Not only did he fake the photos  
>within minutes in the improvised darkroom on board ship, but  
>also he hypnotized the many witnesses on deck into imagining  
>that they saw the Saturn-shaped object in the sky.

>Very clever man indeed. The article under discussion is, once  
>again, old news that was known at the time and taken into  
>consideration among all the relevant factors by those of us who  
>actually investigated the case in 1958. The revisionists, of  
>course, assume that we were incompetent fools. Ask the folks at  
>CUFOS about the thoroughness of case investigations that I  
>supervised and/or led. They have the NICAP case files.

Some people find it deeply suspicious that a camera enthusiast  
would be interested in trick photography. I'd find it strange  
that someone with an interest in photography and who had an ounce  
of creativity would not try his hand at trick photography. And  
of course, in other cases like the McMinnville photos, the fact  
that the photographer was a rank amateur with not much  
imagination and no history of faking anything doesn't cause "UFO  
skeptics" to hesitate for a moment before voicing the deepest,  
darkest suspicions of hoaxes and conspiracies. Heads they win,  
tails you lose.

I noticed that the author of this latest article on Barauna's  
well-known trick photography also makes a point of the fact that  
he took the Trindade photos "less than four years" after the  
article in which his faked photos were published. Now let's  
see... "less than four years" is the same thing as "more than  
three years" if I'm not mistaken. The fact that a "mere" three

years passed between the fake photos and the Trindade photos is, apparently, another reason to doubt Barauna's honesty. How many years would have had to pass for the shortness of the elapsed time to have not been suspicious?

Barauna contributed fake UFO photos, clearly identified as such, to a skeptical article on UFOs (and skeptical in a healthy sense in educating the public that photographs of UFOs cannot be considered proof of their existence). This is radically different from the case of someone with a history of deception. There's no point in arguing with people who can't or won't see this as a significant difference.

That's all I've got to say on this particular aspect of the Trindade photos. If someone thinks they can "win" in these discussions by repeating the same stuff over and over until people get tired of responding, that's OK with me.

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From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 15:32:57 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 14:09:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5.nul](mailto:lfleming5.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 21:47:51 -0600  
>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>Some people find it deeply suspicious that a camera enthusiast  
>would be interested in trick photography. I'd find it strange  
>that someone with an interest in photography and who had an ounce  
>of creativity would not try his hand at trick photography.

Mr. Fleming, I would like very much to applaud your powers of  
discernment. Indeed, any competent artist, photographer wants to  
know everything about his genre. Ultimately to know the genuine  
is to know how faking art and photography is done.

A poker player that plays with his money had best know how a  
mechanic operates, knowing what locating, placement, hold-out,  
and cue, are. But that doesn't make him a cheat...just better  
protected from cheats.

JCH

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## Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

From: **Rodolpho Gauthier** <[palidopontoazul.nul](mailto:palidopontoazul.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 21:55:22 -0300 (ART)  
Archived: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 14:13:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

There is another suspicious aspect of the Trindade case: Almiro Barauna received 60 thousands of Cruzeiros - old Brazilian currency - for the photos. I have no idea of how much this amount means in US dollars, but Barauna himself said that with all that money he could almost buy an apartment.

The payer was O Cruzeiro magazine, the same magazine that promoted faked photos taken by your reporters in Barra da Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro, 1952.

You can watch him talking about the money in the interview that he gave to the Brazilian ufologist Marco Petit - at minute 31.

The DVD can be bought here:

<http://marcopetit.com/>)

Of course, this does not prove the photos are faked. I believe that a new analysis of the original negatives is much more important than the information about the money he received.

Best wishes,

Rodolpho Gauthier

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## Re: A Letter To My Congressman

From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 18:43:22 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 14:14:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: A Letter To My Congressman

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 19:44:47 +0000  
>Subject: Re: A Letter To My Congressman

<snip>

>Not to put to fine a point on it, but what the hell would people  
>do with the information about the reality of being visited by  
>entities from elsewhere?

<snip>

>There is no real motive or impulse to get the information  
>because the 'community' hasn't a clue as to where to go  
>after that. I don't believe "I told you so" is going to get it.

Great comments KK! So what can be done?

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## Re: 'Demons In The Dark'

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 03:36:28 +0000  
Archived: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 14:16:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Demons In The Dark'

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 22:48:40 -0500  
>Subject: Re: 'Demons In The Dark'

>>'Demons In The Dark'

>>On an otherwise unremarkable January night in Stephenville,  
>>Texas, dozens of people looked to the sky and saw a vast vessel  
>>with a combination of red, white and yellow lights flying fast  
>>over the area's farms. One observer said the vessel was a mile  
>>long. Several said they saw fighter jets chasing it. One said he  
>>feared the object's appearance might mean "the end of times."

<snip>

>>Euchner, a lecturer in English at Yale University, is completing  
>>a book about suicide at the Golden Gate Bridge.

>Figures! They get an English major to discuss UFOs. Well, at  
>least he writes well.

Listers:

I have been waiting for someone to talk about plasmas and the fact that there has been development of controlled plasmas being tested to take down armed missiles and/or disarm missiles in their silos. No wonder the U.S. Air Force doesn't want to talk about the event in Texas.

Me? I hope the Chinese and North Koreans are taking note of the event. Hopefully, America can still defend itself against our enemies.

As for the 'observers'? What great news. Nobody knew what they were watching. So, the technology is still secret to the clueless American public. My concern is what will be the health effects on the Texans. Will there be an increase in radiation disease? Could that be the 'end times' psychic effect on the people of Texas where the testing took place?

KK

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## Re: Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

From: Diane Frola <[auform06.nul](mailto:auform06.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 14:51:04 +1000  
Archived: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 14:19:16 -0500  
Subject: Re: Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

>From: James Molesworth <[jtmoll.nul](mailto:jtmoll.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 18:33:48 +1100  
>Subject: Re: Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

>>Source: AXcess News - Georgetown, Kentucky, USA

>><http://axcessnews.com/index.php/articles/show/id/13827>

>>Saturday, 26 January 2008

>>Australian UFO Photo Exclusive  
>>By Armando Duke

>>(AXcess News) Houston - An alert reader in Australia captured  
>>these photos of UFOs less than two weeks after the host of  
>>unidentified flying objects were seen over Texas - taken from  
>>Google Earth showing the UFOs in a triangle pattern, whose shape  
>>itself expands the imagination after claims of aliens first  
>>visited the earth when only aborigines inhabited the area known  
>>as Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.

><snip>

>>Now, thanks to an alert reader in our series of UFO Phenomena  
>>stories, we're bringing you some exclusive photos of UFOs in  
>>Australia that were snapped off of Google Earth on Thursday.

><snip>

>Exclusive! This image has been appearing in e-mails and UFO  
>related articles for many months!

>>The Australian UFO photos can be seen by click here:

>><http://axcessnews.com/index.php/articles/show/id/13828>

><snip>

>Heck. This is just ridiculous. This image from GoogleEarth was  
>first brought to my attention 12 months or more ago - it  
>certainly has not just been discovered. The 'lights' look  
>startling against the dark background (longer vegetation?), but  
>actually appear, by comparison with adjacent areas, to represent  
>the colour of the earth in the area, further demonstrated in the  
>appearance of the path passing by the lower right-hand corner of  
>the feature. This path, and the others surrounding the  
>triangular feature, which all clearly divert to avoid entering  
>the boundaries of the darker, fenced area are more than enough  
>to clearly demonstrate that this is not any UFO, but a  
>triangular field of some type, with bare patches of earth in the  
>corners and a strip in the centre.

>The images appearing with the article seem to have been altered  
>slightly to make these lighter areas appear far more contrasted  
>than they actually are.

>To see the feature more clearly, look at it for yourself at:

><http://maps.google.com.au/>

>type in the coordinates: 30 30'36.50S 115 22'52.00E

>That anyone would respond to this image in such a way as the  
>above article defies explanation far more than any ufological  
>phenomenon. Any group that genuinely endorses this image as  
>representing, even as a serious possibility, a UFO, deserves to  
>be entirely written-off as a legitimate source of useful  
>information, and should be publicly censured by serious  
>ufologists to ensure they are not perceived as crediting such  
>claims.

>This is a complete waste of time and serves no further purpose  
>than to confirm the credulousness of UFOcranks and further  
>discredit the field at large.

James hi how's Victoria?

These articles are nothing more than bait ads for the soul  
purpose of attracting internet traffic.

The writer needs no prior knowledge of any subject as the  
writers only interest is writing an article that attract  
internet traffic... this is a smart way of Internet marketing.

With 53,800,000 UFO google items on the internet with each  
having its own audience the seller/writer is guaranteed of  
attracting some kind of interest or a sale.

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from 92 cities across the USA to target the markets you want.  
Get value from your advertising dollars by working with AXcess  
News marketing specialists who understand our network of news  
web sites.)

James

I take a look then press delete.

I agree the above article is a complete waste of time the same  
goes with the triangle blobs/images around Uluru... just  
rubbish.

Diane Frola

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## SCI FI Channel Premieres UFO Hunters Tomorrow

From: **The Intruders Foundation** <[ifinfo1.nul](mailto:ifinfo1.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 00:57:18 EST  
Archived: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 14:22:25 -0500  
Subject: SCI FI Channel Premieres UFO Hunters Tomorrow

UFO Hunters premieres on SCI FI Channel on Wednesday, January 30 at 10 p.m. ET (9 p.m. CT). This hour-long special episode sets out to investigate actual reports of UFO sightings and otherworldly experiences. The show involves a team of experienced, longtime researchers from the Intruders Foundation Advisory Committee in New York City, who have branched out to form a new, cutting-edge UFO investigation group called NY-SPI.

We hope you tune in and ask that you spread the word.

Please go to [www.scifi.com/ufohunters/](http://www.scifi.com/ufohunters/) to read about the show.

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## UFO Reported In Mexico's Huasteca Region

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 06:18:40 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 18:56:05 -0500  
Subject: UFO Reported In Mexico's Huasteca Region

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
January 29, 2008

Source: Diaro El Manana de Valles (newspaper)  
Date: 01.28.08

Mexico: UFO Reported in the Huasteca Region

[And before anyone asks - No, the copy of the photo in question has not been provided to us- Ed.]

According to a news article by reporter Dario Almazan, three technicians witnessed the descent of a UFO in the hills of Tepemiche in the early hours of Friday, January 25. The witnesses are Esau Zuniga, Omar Jair Zavala and Efrain Martinez.

They said that attended a party in Tanquian de Escobedo and upon their return to San Martin in a pickup truck, they saw a very bright light that crossed the heavens at high speed.

"It was a large object with a powerful light. We first thought it was a shooting star, but halted over the hills of Tepemiche, where we saw it descend," explained Esau Zuniga.

He added that all three shouted in unison that it was a UFO and approached the site along a breach in the ground. When they came to within 300 meters of it, they clearly saw that it was a rather large object.

"We saw a very strange flying artifact. As we got closer, we could see it was round, like a highly polished metal ball, with three potent lights in its lower section. It was still suspended only a few meters over the ground, very still. Some small porthole-like openings could be seen in the upper section, emitting light," he added.

He explained that no engine sounds could be heard. It was suspended in the air and turned its lights on and off intermittently. It suddenly took off at an impressive speed toward the Gulf of Mexico.

He added that this was the first time that he and his friends saw a UFO. They allegedly shouted: "We're friendly, take us with you!". Esau even managed to take photos of it with his cell phone, in which the object can be seen.

"Look, UFOs are real. The three of us here have seen one, so we have no question about it," the interviewee concluded.

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## Interesting 1927 Mexican Photo

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 06:29:07 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 19:01:56 -0500  
Subject: Interesting 1927 Mexican Photo

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
January 28, 2008

A curious synchronicity - Prof. Cid provides us with this photo just as we're looking into reports of possible 'airship' activity in Puerto Rico in the early 20th century.

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Source: <http://www.analuisacid.com/acatlan.htm>  
Date: 01.28.08

Mexico: Interesting Photo from 1927  
By Ana Luisa Cid

Mr. Jesus Martinez Castro sent me this photo taken in the year 1927,

It was given to him by Santiago Barrios, who told him that the image was taken at the entrance to Acatlan de Juarez in the state of Guerrero, near a cave containing Olmec remains.

Mr. Barrios visits the town of Chilapa frequently and in last december, found this photo (which is on exhibit in a local restaurant).

According to the restaurant's owner, the photo was taken by her grandfather and she said that 10 years later, in 1937, it was learned that an unknown object had landed near Preparatoria 26, adding that a burned surface area was even found.

The woman does not want her name disclosed. However, she authorized Santiago Barrios to take photos of it for subsequent enlargement and dissemination.

Jesus Martinez Castro and Santiago Barrios work at the Instituto de Investigaci=F3n Cient=EDfica of the Universidad Aut=F3noma de Guerrero.

Note: A whitish area can be seen over the object. It is unknown if it is a spot on the photo or if it has a different origin. The Guerrero-based researchers dismiss the possibility of a photographic fraud.

<http://www.analuisacid.com/acatlan.htm>

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UFO Theories Fly Again  
Recent 'sightings' raise questions

By Trish Choate

WASHINGTON =97 Put the alien theories on hold and get the men in black a cup of coffee. You know how they like it.

Instead of beings from outer space visiting Big Country skies, the Air Force could be secretly working out the kinks in the next U-2 spy plane or B-2 stealth bomber in the skies over the Big Country.

U.S. military pilots might have been at the helm of Unidentified Flying Objects decked out with secret technology, accounting for reports from Erath, Brown and Comanche counties the past two months.

After all, the military possesses experimental technologies the public might not know about until decades after development.

"For national security reasons, of course, they're disinclined to tell us about it," Michael Shermer, executive director of the Skeptics Society and editor of Skeptic magazine, said.

Besides Shermer, an author of more than 20 books on secret and stealth technology, a think-tank expert and a former "Skunk Works" chief weighed in.

Among the possibilities: The government is conducting a campaign of disinformation, spreading UFO stories to cover up the truth, which is out there.

Or eyewitnesses surprised by fast-moving spheres and a gigantic "mother ship" simply saw jets from a nearby military base.

That includes the UFO sighting Jan. 8 around Stephenville, Texas, the day the Air Force said it had jets on a training mission in the area.

Either way, Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas, isn't involved in black =97 classified =97 aircraft programs.

"We strictly deal with B-1s and C-130s here," 1st Lt. William Powell, Dyess spokesman, said. "If it didn't come from this base, which it didn't, then I wouldn't know what kind of aircraft was flying in that area on that date."

John Pike, a defense and intelligence expert, said he believes the government has thrown up a smokescreen before, like with

Area 51 in Nevada, to discredit witnesses.

"If they get people seeing lights all the time, and they don't know what it is, one way of making the whole thing seem silly is to have people recall flying saucers," Pike, director of GlobalSecurity.org, said. "And that way the whole story just kind of goes away."

Area 51 has played a role in modern American mythology about everything from secret military technologies to alien spacecraft. Beliefs vary as to the truth about the southern Nevada location.

Back in the 1950s, the Air Force exploited the UFO scenario to divert attention from the U-2 being tested at a secret base in Nevada, said Bill Sweetman, who's written extensively on stealth and black technology.

The U-2 was the only aircraft that could fly at such a high altitude for as long as it could, Sweetman, editor of Defense Technology International magazine, said.

"Airline pilots who didn't know that a secret airplane was out there would see this object way up above them, and they would report it as a UFO," he said.

Those sightings led to "Project Bluebook," efforts to make people think they'd seen a natural phenomenon or something unexplainable =97 not a secret airplane, Sweetman said.

He didn't want to hazard a guess about whether West Texans have spotted secret aircraft, but he was doubtful.

"Why would you fly it near a populated area at all?" he said.

And it's impossible to speculate whether the Big Country UFOs were a sign of a secret program, said retired Air Force Col. Tom Ehrhardt, a former Pentagon chief of the "Skunk Works" or the Strategy, Concepts and Doctrine Division.

"That particular location for it seems improbable because, usually, we have more secure sites to do that sort of thing in than there," said Ehrhardt, now of the nonprofit Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments in Washington.

Sites such as Area 51, he said.

"But you never want to say this isn't one of those because I don't have that knowledge," Ehrhardt said.

Theories to the contrary, the UFO story hasn't gone away yet.

"Our initial analysis is that we have at least two very promising pieces of evidence," Ken Cherry, state director for the nonprofit Mutual UFO Network, said.

Video and still images show spheres in incredible maneuvers at high speed in the Big Country, Cherry said. Others have told MUFON of "a mother ship" a mile long and a half mile wide.

Eyewitnesses are ranchers, farmers, oilfield workers, shop owners, defense workers and others who talk of activity as far back as 30 years ago in the area, he said.

But could fast-moving spheres simply be the afterburners of 10 F-16s?

In an about face, the military said 10 F-16s from the 301st Fighter Wing at Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base were on a training mission Jan. 8 in an area including Erath County.

Maj. Karl Lewis, a fighter wing spokesman, said it was just a mistake when he first told reporters the base had no planes in the sky that day.

"I did my best to correct it as soon as possible," Lewis said.

But the story has wings.

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Did You See This UFO?  
By Clare Wall

Outside his Newport home, a former RAF technician could not help but see a low-flying aeroplane =97 or was it?

Frank Webb, 69, of Terrace Road, watched as the brightly-lit craft moved from west to east across the clear night sky at around 8.20pm last night (Sunday).

But then he noticed the craft had no navigation lights and made no sound.

Mr Webb claims the craft was an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO).

"I would call it a UFO, but only because it was, to me, unidentified," he said.

"I was in the RAF for 22 years as an engine technician, so I thought if I could hear it I could work out what it was. But there was no sound whatsoever. It was weird."

Mr Webb said the craft, around the size of a medium-size aeroplane, was flying at between 400-500ft altitude and covered in yellow lights.

In case it was an aircraft in trouble, he contacted both the police and Southampton Airport.

Mr Webb=92s wife Valerie also saw the craft.

"Valerie was with me at the time and all she can say about it is that it is weird. She came with me around the world because of my RAF career, so she knows a fair bit.

"I just wonder if anyone else saw it," he added.

Did you see the UFO flying across Newport on Sunday night? Did you get a picture of it? If so, contact us by e-mail:

[editor.nul](mailto:editor.nul)

or by calling the County Press newsdesk  
on 01983 522210.

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From: **Richard Hall** <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 07:33:49 -0500  
Archived: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 07:47:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 09:59:20 +0000  
>Subject: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>From: Milton Frank <[mfrank.nul](mailto:mfrank.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 17:37:42 -0200 (BRST)  
>>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>This is a case that a Brazilian President said out loud: This is  
>>>true!

>Where? When? What did he say?

John,

If you weren't aware of that well-known fact, it seems doubtful that you have ever seriously studied this case. He made a public announcement at the time.

Dick

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From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 16:28:50 -0000  
Archived: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 08:00:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 10:03:19 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

>>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 03:54:41 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

>>"Sightings - UK 08 Mar '97, near Lympne, Kent, UK. Two fire-  
>>officers reported seeing a triangular UFO hover over palace of  
>>UK's 'Home Secretary' - in charge of Police, Courts, Security.

>>I love the idea that the British Home secretary has a 'palace'.  
>>Presumably the aliens were checking him out before his party  
>>lost the General election a few months later by a huge margin.

Ha! Confidentially John, it was written after return from  
Arabia, where every jack-in-office lives (or 'works') in what is  
called a 'palace'.

There was even a 'Palace of Spies' standing in isolation on a  
big traffic roundabout on the edge of Riyadh - civilian cars  
didn't linger going round there, probably due to the rumors of  
underground torture chambers beneath it.

And what makes you think an election result changes UK's (or  
US's) 'actualities' in any way?

Cheers

Ray D

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## Re: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 12:30:31 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 08:01:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 03:54:41 -0000  
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>>Ha! It's not the first time Don - here's a direct quote:

>>"Sightings - UK 08 Mar '97, near Lympne, Kent, UK. Two fire-  
>>officers reported seeing a triangular UFO hover over palace of  
>>UK's 'Home Secretary' - in charge of Police, Courts, Security.

>I love the idea that the British Home secretary has a 'palace'.  
>Presumably the aliens were checking him out before his party  
>lost the General election a few months later by a huge margin.

Straw dogs, John. Did the firemen report a triangular UFO over  
the Home Secretary's office on March 8, 1997?

Don Ledger

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## Re: A Letter To My Congressman

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 11:39:06 -0500  
Archived: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 08:03:55 -0500  
Subject: Re: A Letter To My Congressman

>From: John Dowler <[jdowler.nul](mailto:jdowler.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 15:27:32 -0800  
>Subject: Re: A Letter To My Congressman

>>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 19:44:47 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: A Letter To My Congressman

>>Not to put to fine a point on it, but what the hell would people  
>>do with the information about the reality of being visited by  
>>entities from elsewhere?

>I support the demand for full UFO disclosure from governments,  
>especially US and NATO countries. But there is a flip side we'd  
>be naive to ignore.

<snip>

>One positive effect would be that Science might shake off its  
>intellectual fog and really try to answer some of the profound  
>questions that UFO-related phenomena raise. But that doesn't  
>necessarily mean that the answers would be any easier to find.  
>No-one is supposing that after disclosure the aliens would say  
>'oops - you caught us' and reveal their secrets.

>So real disclosure? I'm still for it, but if it comes be  
>prepared to fight for your civil rights.

And that's not all. Be prepared to fight for your sanity in an  
insane world. Perhaps the greatest favor of the UFOonauts toward  
us has been to avoid direct overt, undeniable contact.

Sometimes you get what you wish for... and then wish you hadn't.

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## Re: Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

From: James Smith <[lunartravel.nul](mailto:lunartravel.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 12:56:13 -0500 (GMT-05:00)  
Archived: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 08:05:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 12:58:29 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

>>Australian UFO Photo Exclusive

>>(AXcess News) Houston - An alert reader in Australia captured  
>>these photos of UFOs less than two weeks after the host of  
>>unidentified flying objects were seen over Texas - taken from  
>>Google Earth showing the UFOs in a triangle pattern, whose shape  
>>itself expands the imagination after claims of aliens first  
>>visited the earth when only aborigines inhabited the area known  
>>as Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.

>This site has been photographed before or maybe this is the same  
>set of photos.

>It is a tower site - you can see the mast - and even at the low-  
>rez of the image make out ground details in the blackened area.

Its a good idea that it is a radio tower site. But unfortunately no such  
site it listed by the Australian FCC equivalent:

[http://web.acma.gov.au/pls/radcom/site\\_proximity.main\\_page](http://web.acma.gov.au/pls/radcom/site_proximity.main_page)

which seems to cover TV, radio and other broadcast towers.

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From: Lan Fleming <[lffleming5.nul](mailto:lffleming5.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 12:45:39 -0600  
Archived: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 08:08:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>From: Richard Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 26 Jan 2008 10:46:51 -0500  
>Archived: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 09:12:45 -0500  
>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>From: Lan Fleming <[lffleming5.nul](mailto:lffleming5.nul)>  
>>To: UFOUpdates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 13:14:42 -0600  
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<snip>

>>After the recent nasty and largely pointless rehashing of old  
>>arguments that Rendlesham witnesses were dishonest, maybe nobody  
>>wants to waste any more time doing the same with this case. Why  
>>bother?

>Absolutely right, Lan. I just reviewed the eyewitness testimony  
>(which I won't repeat here because it would be a waste of time),  
>but it boils down to this. Barauna would have to be the  
>cleverest man in the world. Not only did he fake the photos  
>within minutes in the improvised darkroom on board ship, but  
>also he hypnotized the many witnesses on deck into imagining  
>that they saw the Saturn-shaped object in the sky.

>Very clever man indeed. The article under discussion is, once  
>again, old news that was known at the time and taken into  
>consideration among all the relevant factors by those of us who  
>actually investigated the case in 1958. The revisionists, of  
>course, assume that we were incompetent fools. Ask the folks at  
>CUFOS about the thoroughness of case investigations that I  
>supervised and/or led. They have the NICAP case files.

I don't see why it should be considered all that suspicious  
that a photography enthusiast would be interested in trick  
photography. I'd find it rather strange if someone with an  
interest in photography and who had an ounce of creativity would  
\_not\_ try his hand at trick photography. And of course, in other  
cases like the McMinnville photos, the fact that the  
photographer was a rank amateur with not much imagination and no  
history of faking anything doesn't cause "UFO skeptics" to  
hesitate for a moment before voicing the deepest, darkest  
suspicions of hoaxes and conspiracies. Heads they win, tails  
you lose.

I noticed that the author of this latest article on Barauna's  
well-known trick photography also makes a point of the fact that  
he took the Trindade photos "less than four years" after the  
article in which his faked photos were published.

Now, let's see... "less than four years" is the same thing as  
"more than three years" if I'm not mistaken. The fact that a  
"mere" three years passed between the fake photos and the  
Trindade photos is, apparently, another reason to doubt  
Barauna's honesty. How many years would have had to pass for the  
shortness of the elapsed time to have not been suspicious?

Barauna contributed fake UFO photos, clearly identified as such,

to a skeptical article on UFOs (and skeptical in a healthy sense in educating the public that photographs of UFOs cannot be considered proof of their existence). This is radically different from the case of someone with a history of using deception for self promotion. There's no point in arguing with people who can't or won't see this as a significant difference.

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>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 21:26:31 +0000  
>>>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>This is a case that a Brazilian President said out loud: This is  
>>>true!

>Where? When? What did he say?

This was published in Cruzeiro Magazine in 1954 and is an  
approximate translation:

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Barauna was interrogated by a group of officials regarding  
photographic tricks, aerial pictures and many other things. He  
was there from 08:00 to 16:00, because the military ones wanted  
to have certainty of the authenticity of the pictures.

They asked to borrow the negatives from Barauna, who gave them,  
and they took them to the Cruzeiro do Sul Company laboratory.  
Then, they sent them to Kodak, in Rochester, New York, for  
larger analyses. Electronic equipment tested the negatives and  
chemical processes, not finding any fraud in them.

With the authorisation of Brazilian Ppresident Juscelino  
Kubitschek, Barauna's pictures of released for distribution by  
the Admiralty of the time, after one month, on on Ash Wednesday.

Radio stations announced that the newspaper Correio da Manha  
would publish a photograph that the whole world would see.

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So it was in the Ash Wednesday in 1954 that the Brazilian President  
Jucelino Kubitschek said that those pictures were real!

All the best,

Milton Frank  
[www.cubbrasil.net](http://www.cubbrasil.net)

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Subject: Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

>From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 16:19:29 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

>>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 09:05:38 -0800 (PST)  
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>would ET operate that way, I wonder.

The format for the abduction scenario run in the US seems to be  
unique to the US, Eleanor. Contact elsewhere seems to vary  
greatly in detail.

This suggests to my mind, some kind of interplay between  
abductors and those in authority within the US sharing in some  
kind of common agenda. Or that the operation today has become  
under the auspice of earth-based humans entirely with the alien  
cover as a facade.

JCH

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## Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

From: Richard Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
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Archived: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 08:24:22 -0500  
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>would ET operate that way, I wonder.

Eleanor,

You need to read up on the basic abduction case literature. Of course abductions have been reported from all over the world. During the Abduction Conference at M.I.T. a number of years ago I participated in an international panel and we compared the reports from different countries. My book The UFO Evidence, Vol. II, presents cases from all over the world.

Dick

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## Cruzeiro Magazine Date Correction

From: Milton Frank <[mfrank.nul](mailto:mfrank.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 17:49:08 -0200 (BRST)  
Archived: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 08:28:24 -0500  
Subject: Cruzeiro Magazine Date Correction

Dear All,

This was published by Cruzeiro Magazine in \_1958\_ not '54

Milton Frank  
[www.cubbrasil.net](http://www.cubbrasil.net)

[See:

<http://tinyurl.com/39q85o>

--ebk]

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## Re: Larry King Live Texas Video On-Line

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 15:08:25 EST  
Archived: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 08:31:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: Larry King Live Texas Video On-Line

>From: Giuliano 'Jimmy' Marinkovic <[giuliano.marinkovic.nul](mailto:giuliano.marinkovic.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 22:15:46 +0000 (GMT)  
>Subject: Larry King Live Texas Video On-Line

>Dear Colleagues,

>Recently, Larry King covered the Texas UFO sightings. That  
>second show was broadcast January 24, 2008 and is now  
>available online.

>Part 1

><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFBmICZNSbE>

>Part 2

><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LuD1LkneKc>

Thanks Giuliano.

This time out I was more disappointed in King's format than anything else. Sometimes he rises above and sometimes he sinks below but at least he has the guts to do something.

This became more of a tease than hard look at the Stephenville incident.

Jim Penniston, retired Air Force Sgt. brought up the most significant point in regard to Air Force protocol and admitting errors. The entire segment should have been about how the Air Force did a double take instead of if 'ufos are out there' or some other such tag line the show used as well as that useless archive montage ufo footage that show uses everytime the guests are discussing the issue. The usual flying saucer graphics don't lend any credibility either. It's the one thing that irks me about this issue and the press that covers it and that is UFOs are nice spice to network ratings but even within our own community do we focus on the topic without meandering into wicca and ghosts and every other paranormal subject? Believe you me, ride this bronco long enough and it'll break but then ratings would go down too.

I was surprised but Mr. Schermer did very well! He wasn't condescending nor irrational, and made some of the more brilliant comments during the segment. Too bad it was so short and didn't focus on the aftermath of the Stephenville incident although it was very good to see that CNN actually went there and asked the witnesses. We need more of that.

King knows what he's doing but I don't think his producers do. I noticed a graphic that said the people in Stephenville saw a, and in quotes, "flying saucer", when no mention of a saucer was made. Seems like the editors didn't know the difference between UFO and saucer.

I've argued so many decades now with journalists about putting

together a booklet that gives them all a nice platform to work from but no soap.

Anything with science in it and they run for the hills.

All in all a good segment but not great and I'd like to see more military analysis.

James Fox told the story of a witness he'd talked to who stated he'd been threatened by the military. This is the only area of UFOlogy that I'm primarily concerned with because no branch of government nor a subcontractor has the authority to threaten a citizen under any circumstances unless that citizen is non compliant with a matter of national security. Since the government claims it has no interest in UFOs then there are no branches of the government that may tread on the birthrights of the citizen under the color of such.

I'd be the first to put a bullet and something else in the butt of some mug who showed up at my door making a threat. Heck, I'd show up at the guy making the threat's door and he'd have an army of me to deal with.

I just mentioned this to Jeff Rense not too long ago as I'd run into witnesses who were threatened but not by our government. That's another story but obviously the UFO community must be making headway because the opposition is pushing it's luck.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com/blog

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## Re: Almiro Barauna

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 15:15:37 EST  
Archived: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 08:45:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: Almiro Barauna

>From: A. J. Gevaerd <[aj.nul](mailto:aj.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 11:30:15 -0300  
>Subject: Almiro Barauna

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>The Almirante Saldanha vessel was a very important Brazilian  
>Navy ship at that time, a ship that was in an official mission  
>in Trindade Island, packed with civilians, scientists, marines  
>and officers, lots of them were on the deck exactly when the UFO  
>was photographed. Most of them gave their testimonies about it,  
>although most of them are still kept secret by Brazilian Navy.

A.J.,

Well what has been done and is being done to get the Brazilian Navy to release the interviews of the Almirante Saldanha crew? It has been 50 years this month! Supposedly there are 700 UFO researchers in Brazil. How about say, 70 of them in and around Rio, get together and push the Navy to release its files?

How about lobbying the Brazilian Congress to pass a Freedom of Information Act or FOIA law, like many countries around the world have done including in Latin America, and press the Navy Ministry to release its Trindade files as a show of good faith?

Didn't the Brazilian AF make a show of "good faith" disclosure of UFO files a few years ago?? At the time I emailed you pleading with you to try the same thing with the Trindade files, which the Brazilian AF certainly had files on (we could go over Olavo Fontes' AF Intelligence friends and prove that the BAF was collecting data on the Trindade case). But you sloughed me off, saying the Navy wasn't the AF!

Testimonials about Barauna's character don't cut it with me. Joao Martins was a "serious" news reporter (fill in all your words about Barauna here) yet he faked the Barra da Tijuca photos in 1952! Was Barauna trying to one-up Martins' hoax? These questions will never go away until all the relevant Brazilian Navy evidence is released.

Where are the two Barauna photos that 'missed' the UFO? These would be extremely helpful in scientific analysis and stereo triangulation of the location of features on the island and locating the exact position of the ship, etc. Why aren't these photos available? Let's also see the photos of the ship winching operation before the UFO and any photos afterwards.

Brad

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## Re: 'Demons In The Dark'

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 16:54:32 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 09:42:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Demons In The Dark'

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 03:36:28 +0000  
>Subject: Re: 'Demons In The Dark'

<snip>

>Listers:

>I have been waiting for someone to talk about plasmas and the  
>fact that there has been development of controlled plasmas being  
>tested to take down armed missiles and/or disarm missiles in  
>their silos. No wonder the U.S. Air Force doesn't want to talk  
>about the event in Texas.

>Me? I hope the Chinese and North Koreans are taking note of the  
>event. Hopefully, America can still defend itself against our  
>enemies.

>As for the 'observers'? What great news. Nobody knew what they  
>were watching. So, the technology is still secret to the  
>clueless American public. My concern is what will be the health  
>effects on the Texans. Will there be an increase in radiation  
>disease? Could that be the 'end times' psychic effect on the  
>people of Texas where the testing took place?

Square peg, round hole, Kathy with a hammer.

Keep trying.

Don

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## Cox 'Nodding Off At NewsWeak'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 09:49:48 -0500  
Archived: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 09:49:48 -0500  
Subject: Cox 'Nodding Off At NewsWeak'

Source: Billy Cox's Blog | De Void - Sarasota, Floriday, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2rnncck>

Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008 at 2:15 p.m.

Nodding Off At NewsWeak  
By Billy Cox  
[billy.cox.nul](mailto:billy.cox.nul)

On Jan. 18, Newsweek published a "Web Exclusive" about the Stephenville, Texas, UFO titled Demons in the Dark. A "Web Exclusive" means it's a little too ghetto for a spot on the printed page.

This particular "Web Exclusive" was a riff of psychobabble on the dozens of eyewitnesses who reported seeing a massive craft drifting overhead in the early evening of Jan. 8. Some of them also reported jet fighters went thundering off in hot pursuit.

Commentary of this sort is the growing default mode for corporate MSM outlets whose news budgets are imploding in the face of declining ad revenues. Last year, the Project for Excellence in Journalism's State Of The News Media profiled the declining fortunes of America's leading weeklies, Time and Newsweek. As of 2006, Newsweek's staff was nearly one-third of what it was in 1983, and the study suggested Time's graphics-driven reformatting was "an elegant way of dressing up cost cutting".

Actually, it's more cluttered than elegant. More and more of less and less. But you already know this.

Anyhow, Newsweek farmed out the Texas UFO thing to a freelancer whose bio identified him as "a lecturer in English at Yale University". Without mentioning the eyewitnesses who had also seen military aircraft, this 'citizen journalist' meandered into temporal lobe sensitivities, an exposition on Austrian philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein and behavioral neuroscience, and found the apparent solution to Stephenville in the 1993 Journal of Abnormal Psychology: People who see UFOs probably suffer from sleep deprivation.

Four days after Newsweek's expose cracked the case, the military reversed its earlier contention that it had no planes in the air that night, and 'fessed up to dispatching 10 F-16 fighters on a coincidental "routine training mission".

Back in the good old days, when magazines like Newsweek used real reporters, they might've been more curious about the Air Force's confusion. They would've picked up the phone and called witnesses like Steve Allen, a pilot whose work number is still listed in the original local newspaper report.

And Allen would probably have repeated his original story, about how weird it was to see the UFO making its initial approach from

the southeast, pass out of sight, then reverse course back toward the southeast - while being chased by two jet fighters. And then the reporter would look at the map and wonder if the jets were scrambled because the UFO was on a direct line toward restricted airspace around President Bush's Crawford ranch.

Back in the good old days.

For Newsweek's readers, there's no mystery at all, just another lifestyle story: A good night's sleep goes a long way.

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### A Response From Senator Bill Nelson

From: **Franklin Fields** <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 17:41:01 -0500 (EST)  
Archived: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 10:01:53 -0500  
Subject: A Response From Senator Bill Nelson

A response to the previously posted A Letter To My Congressman

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From: [Bill.nul](mailto:Bill.nul)  
To: [fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)  
Date: Tue, January 29, 2008 5:29 pm  
Subject: Your Response From Senator Bill Nelson

Dear Mr. Fields:

Thank you for contacting me to express your concerns about extraterrestrials and unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

I agree with you that space research is one of the most fascinating areas of scientific pursuit. For this reason, I continue to be a strong supporter of funding for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the National Science Foundation. I believe that future technologies developed by these agencies will allow us to understand even more about our own solar system and the universe.

You provide an interesting perspective on these issues. I will take your views into account should relevant legislation come before the Senate.

Thank you again for contacting me. Please feel free to do so in the future.

P.S. From time to time, I compile electronic news briefs highlighting key issues and hot topics of particular importance to Floridians. If you'd like to receive these e-briefs, visit my Web site and sign up for them at:

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## Pilots Dispute Air Force Statement

From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <[sergejsh.nul](mailto:sergejsh.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 18:22:33 -0500 (EST)  
Archived: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 10:06:12 -0500  
Subject: Pilots Dispute Air Force Statement

Source: Stephenville Empire-Tribune - Texas, USA

<http://www.empiretribune.com/articles/2008/01/27/news/news02.txt>

Sunday, January 27, 2008 6:23 PM CST

Pilots dispute military statement  
By Angelia Joiner Staff Writer

At least three pilots in Stephenville disagree with the military's press release issued Wednesday.

Steve Allen, Don 'Doc' Stewart and Todd Downs all say if Stephenville and the Selden area are in the Brownwood Military Operating Area, it's news to them.

A press release issued by Major Karl Lewis of the 301st Fighter Wing Public Affairs at the NAS Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, stated:

"Ten F-16s from the 457th Fighter Squadron were performing training operations from 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday January 8, 2008 in the Brownwood Military Operating Area (MOA), which includes the air space above Erath County."

All three pilots say that space does not include all of Erath County. It only includes a small portion of Dublin and does not include Stephenville or the Selden area at all.

"Stephenville is 11 miles from the MOA", Stewart said, as he pointed out the area on an aeronautical sectional map.

Downs, who is an employee at Clark Field in Stephenville, said there is a GPS fixed point located on the airport grounds that the military uses and while it's not unusual for the jets to be in the area, he believes the press release leads people to believe that all of Erath County air space is included in the MOA and that's incorrect. He said jets fly through on the way to the MOA.

Downs said he does not understand why the military would issue such a release two weeks after repeatedly denying the base had any planes in the area.

"I don't understand why they would do that at all", Downs said. "They're not hard to know that they are there. It doesn't make sense. I've seen them come by me before. They are real loud and it's not hard to know that they are there."

Ken Cherry, state director of Mutual UFO Network, said he thinks the military "came clean for several reasons."

Allen and friends reported early on that F-16s were "chasing" the mysterious lights when they saw them for the second time at Selden on the evening of Jan. 8.

"We have filed freedom of information acts and that may have prompted them to make the statement", Cherry said. "This only

proves our witnesses are more reliable than the Air Force."

Another witness, Leroy Gaitan said what he saw that night could not have been jets.

"There's no way F-16s can maneuver like that", Gaitan said. "I really think it's some kind of military project or experiment. Too many people have seen things.

"I have spoken to at least one person (witness) the military has contacted", Gaitan said.

On Thursday evening's Larry King Live episode, James Fox, documentary filmmaker, seemed to confirm Gaitan's information with his statement. Fox said when visiting Stephenville he spoke to one man "who, unfortunately, was not willing to go on the record", and who claimed he was being harassed by the military.

Allen has said videos and photos are pouring in from everywhere and Cherry said his organization is analyzing many of them.

"We've seen a lot of pictures but they have been lens flares or odd cloud formations", Cherry said.

When asked about the recent footage in Allen's possession aired by Channel 11 News he said, "The video is interesting and merits further analysis. All others have been eliminated that have come to us so far."

Steve Hudgeons, senior field investigator with MUFON, met with Allen Saturday to view the entire 14-minute video captured by a person not wishing to be identified.

Allen said a Japanese source is interested in purchasing the video.

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## Point Of Contact Ken Cherry

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Archived: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 10:33:37 -0500  
Subject: Point Of Contact Ken Cherry

Source: The Dallas Morning News - Texas, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2ul859>

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Point Of Contact: Ken Cherry

Our Q&A with Ken Cherry, Texas State Director of the Mutual UFO Network ([mufon.com](http://mufon.com)).

What do you think of the military's explanation of the multiple UFO reports in Stephenville =96 that there were 10 F-16s training in the area?

Initially [when they denied any involvement], I think they were trying to discredit the witnesses by saying that what they had viewed was an optical illusion. We had witnesses who had accurately described F-16s in the area that were chasing a UFO. I think the new military explanation only reinforces the credibility of our witnesses, proved to be more reliable than the Air Force, frankly.

The idea that they forgot they had an exercise in the area just doesn't hold water. So it appears to have been a cover-up.

How much UFO activity does Texas have?

Normally, we get 15 to 20 reports a month, which puts us among the top two or three in the country. With the high number of reporting results we have had in the Stephenville-Brownsville area, this is very significant =96 over 150 reports. But these aren't all related to an individual sighting at a specific time. These took place at different hours of the day and night, and some even over the last several years.

What we've uncovered is a pattern of UFO sightings at the area. They appear to be related to the same phenomenon. But they're not all at the same time. We consider this to be even more significant because so many people have reported incidents.

What do you think it all means?

So far, it means that there is something that is taking place out there. We've eliminated a lot of the known possibilities. Early on in the investigation, we could see that something important was happening, or we wouldn't be devoting so many resources to this event.

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## Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 19:06:16 -0600  
Archived: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 10:35:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 20:03:45 -0000  
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>>>>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>>>After the recent nasty and largely pointless rehashing of old  
>>>>arguments that Rendlesham witnesses were dishonest, maybe  
>>>>nobody wants to waste any more time doing the same with this  
>>>>case. Why bother?

>This is not a simple case but the evidence, such as it is,  
>points to a hoax rather than some exotic aerial craft as the  
>>true explanation - at least to anyone with a grain of common  
>sense.

Sigh. Nice try, John, but you'll have to buy your own cigar.

In reality, all else aside, the circumstances under which the  
photos were taken are such that a hoax would be the easiest  
thing in the world to expose. ("I was there. Nothing happened. I  
didn't see anything, and neither did anybody else.")

Yet after half a century of massive publicity for the case in  
Brazil and elsewhere, the failure of any - not even one -  
knowledgeable crew member or other supposed witness to come  
forward to expose a silly, transparent hoax should speak volumes  
to all but those desperate unfortunates who cannot claim even a  
grain of common sense.

Jerry Clark

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>Subject: Almiro Barauna

>It seems that Almiro Barauna is a favorite target for skeptics  
>and debunkers. How sad. The man must be rolling in his grave.  
>Definitely, he didn't deserve this.

<snip>

I agree 100% with A.J. Gevaerd. We met in person with Almiro Barauna during the Second Ufological Congress in Brasilia, in April, 1983. We interviewed him for more than an hour, during a dinner at our hotel restaurant. In ufology it is very important to meet face to face with witnesses. Barauna give us the impresion of a very honest, sincere man.

It is curious how some cases occurring many years ago have apparently been immune to the attacks of the self-appointed debunkers, remaining to this day unexplained. But it is more curious when those sightings are hardly ever mentioned in the modern literature, in spite of their potential probatory value for the reality of the UFO phenomenon. The photographs taken at Trindade Island in 1958 are one such case.

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## Secret Air Force Tests Could Explain Texas UFO

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Secret Air Force Tests Could Explain Texas UFO Sightings  
By Trish Choate  
Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON - Put the alien theories on hold and get the men in black a cup of coffee. You know how they like it.

Some experts say it's possible that instead of little green men at the helm of Unidentified Flying Objects sighted in Texas skies the past two months, Air Force pilots could be secretly working out the kinks in the next U-2 spy plane or B-2 stealth bomber.

Secret technology could be giving house-size spheres the power to zoom around in incredible maneuvers or allowing mother ships a mile long and a half mile wide to hover over central and west Texas.

After all, the military has experimental technologies the public might not know about until decades after development.

"For national security reasons, of course, they're disinclined to tell us about it," said Michael Shermer, executive director of the Skeptics Society and editor of Skeptic magazine.

In addition to Shermer, an author of more than 20 books on secret and stealth technology, other think-tank experts and a former "Skunk Works" chief are among those weighing in.

Some of the possibilities:

- The government is conducting a campaign of disinformation, spreading UFO stories to cover up the truth, which could involve something like the F-117.

- Eyewitnesses surprised by fast-moving spheres and gigantic space ships saw jets from the 301st Fighter Wing at the nearby Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base.

The UFO sighting in the news was at 6:15 p.m. Jan. 8 around Stephenville, Texas, in Erath County, was on the same day military officials say the 301st had F-16s on a training mission in the area.

But residents in Brown, Erath and Comanche counties have spoken of UFO incidents going back 30 years, said Ken Cherry, owner of a small financial services company who volunteers as Texas state director for the nonprofit Mutual UFO Network.

During the last two months, a cluster of UFOs cropped up in the area about a 77-mile drive from Fort Worth, Cherry said. Commercial and ex-military pilots, oilfield workers, ranchers, farmers and others reported sightings to the organization devoted to seriously researching UFOs.

"Out of the small number of cases that we have been unable to solve, we've determined that UFOs do exist," he said. "The two leading theories are that these UFOs are either our secret technology or they're extraterrestrial technology."

Defense analysts are frank about the certainty the military is working on something secret but aren't ready to believe central Texas is where.

John Pike, a defense and intelligence expert, said the government has thrown up smokescreens before, like with Area 51 in Nevada, to discredit witnesses.

"If they get people seeing lights all the time, and they don't know what it is, one way of making the whole thing seem silly is to have people recall flying saucers," Pike, director of GlobalSecurity.org, said. "And that way the whole story just kind of goes away."

Area 51 has played a role in modern American mythology about everything from secret military technologies to alien spacecraft. Beliefs vary as to the truth about the southern Nevada location although it's widely thought the military has black - classified - programs there.

The U-2, for instance, was tested at a secret base in Nevada, said Bill Sweetman, who's written extensively on stealth and black technology.

In the 1950s, the Air Force exploited the UFO scenario to divert attention from the U-2, said Sweetman, editor of Defense Technology International magazine.

"Airline pilots who didn't know that a secret airplane was out there would see this object way up above them, and they would report it as a UFO," he said.

Those sightings led to "Project Blue Book," Sweetman said.

The Air Force research project on UFOs was actually designed to throw people off the track, making them think they'd seen a natural phenomenon or something unexplainable - not a secret airplane, he said.

Sweetman didn't want to hazard a guess about whether Texans have spotted secret aircraft in development, but he was doubtful.

"Why would you fly it near a populated area at all?" he said.

Sweetman also didn't think the sightings had anything to do with the debut of the first F-35B Lightning II in Fort Worth.

Lockheed Martin touts the fighter as the first one to combine stealth, short takeoff/vertical landing capability and supersonic speed.

And it's impossible to speculate whether the UFOs in central Texas were signs of a secret program, said retired Air Force Col. Tom Ehrhardt, a former Pentagon chief of the "Skunk Works" or the Strategy, Concepts and Doctrine Division.

In an about face, the military said 10 F-16s based at the Fort Worth reserve base were on a training mission from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Jan. 8 in airspace including that over Erath County.

Maj. Karl Lewis, a fighter wing spokesman, said it was just a mistake when he first told reporters the base had no planes in the sky that day.

"I did my best to correct it as soon as possible," Lewis said.

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>Subject: Almiro Barauna

>Barauna's photos... Oh boy. How come they are still attacked by  
>skeptics and debunkers? They have been many times fully, deeply  
>and detailedly analyzed by some of the most experienced image  
>experts in this planet, not only in Brazil, and also by several  
>international, governmental and nongovernmental, committees  
>assembled to deal with top UFO evidences. And they passed with  
>honors!

What "international, governmenta and nongovernmental"  
committees? Name them. Where can we read their reports

>The Almirante Saldanha vessel was a very important Brazilian  
>Navy ship at that time, a ship that was in an official mission  
>in Trindade Island, packed with civilians, scientists, marines  
>and officers, lots of them were on the deck exactly when the UFO  
>was photographed. Most of them gave their testimonies about it,  
>although most of them are still kept secret by Brazilian Navy.

This is fantasy. What evidence do you have for this claim?

>Barauna was very well known in Brazil, especially in Rio, and I  
>know dozens of people who met the man or were his friends in the  
>last decades. I can tell you that no one has ever caught him in  
>any kind of dishonesty or even in a small lie. On the contrary,  
>he is still remembered by everyone as a serious, reputable and  
>decent person.

So Barauna was a nice guy. All the UFO hoaxers I know are nice  
guys, kind to animals, buy their round in the pub, etc., etc.,  
etc. This is simply the opposite of an ad-hominem attack - ad-  
hominem praise - and proves nothing.

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John Rimmer  
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## Shermer's Sceptic 'Logic'

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I happened to catch the last half-hour of C2C in the small hours of this morning - a replay from 1/23/06 featuring a debate between Michael Shermer and Dean Radin.

Noory asked Shermer for his thoughts on Edgar Casey's accuracy.

Shermer replied:

"Casey did 40,000 readings - some of them are bound to be right."

Which prompted my response to the un-listening radio, "Ah so out of many, many more thousands of UFO sighting reports a whole bunch of them are bound to be right?"

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## UFO Fuss: Seeing Is Believing

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Subject: UFO Fuss: Seeing Is Believing

Source: The Post Chronicle - Denville, New Jersey, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2z2by9>

Jan 29, 2008

UFO Fuss: Seeing Is Believing  
by Alan Burkhart

Can't help but wonder about all the fuss in Stephenville, Texas. It seems that a number of residents witnessed a large, brightly lit floating object in the night sky back on January Eighth. A few people also claim to have seen military jets in pursuit. Witnesses claim the object was in excess of a mile long.

Predictably, the military concocted a fish story in an attempt to quell speculation on what people might have seen. Of all the many things our military does well, insulting the intelligence of Americans may be what it does best:

Maj. Karl Lewis, a spokesman for the 301st Fighter Wing at the Joint Reserve Base Naval Air Station in Fort Worth, said no F-16s or other aircraft from his base were in the area the night of January 8, when most people reported the sighting.

Lewis said the object may have been an illusion caused by two commercial airplanes. Lights from the aircraft would seem unusually bright and may appear orange from the setting sun.

"I'm 90 percent sure this was an airliner," Lewis said. "With the sun's angle, it can play tricks on you."

Officials at the region's two Air Force bases - Dyess in Abilene and Sheppard in Wichita Falls - also said none of their aircraft were in the area last week. -- CNN

I'm fifty years old and I've seen my share of aircraft and sunsets. Don't recall any of them "playing tricks" on me.

Witnesses of the mysterious floating object insisted that what they saw was not a pair of commercial aircraft, and the story began to draw nationwide attention. Just as predictably, the military changed its story to fit the situation:

"In the interest of public awareness, Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs realized an error was made regarding the reported training activity of military aircraft. Ten F-16s from the 457th Fighter Squadron were performing training operations from 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday January 8, 2008, in the Brownwood Military Operating Area (MOA), which includes the airspace above Erath County." -- Dallas Morning News

I have questions regarding this matter specifically and on the subject of UFOs in general.

First, given all of the similar sightings by credible people (including law enforcement and professional pilots) around the world, do we truly believe all of those incidents to be false alarms? How many stories of malfunctioning experimental weather balloons, errant flares or bouts of mass hysteria are we to believe?

How is it that so many different people in so many different parts of the world have seen these unexplained phenomena? Are we to believe that they're all hoaxers in some worldwide conspiracy to make fools of the rest of us? Or, are they all just a bunch of hayseeds, drunk in their front yards and being "tricked" by a pair of passenger jets at sunset?

If we are not alone in the universe, and I do not believe we are, where is the benefit in keeping the populace ignorant of such knowledge?

And, if indeed these are extraterrestrial visitors then why are they buzzing around the planet? If they have the technology to fly across the void to our world, why do they not just land and have a chat (maybe they're afraid of those F-16's)? And why all the lights? Obviously, they don't care to travel with any degree of stealth. They wish to be seen. But why announce one's presence so dramatically and then just speed away?

So many questions.

Some time back, I wrote that there cannot be a massive government conspiracy to keep a lid on knowledge of UFOs because our government cannot keep a secret. I'll admit to having changed my mind. While the bulk of the supposed sightings across the globe are probably either false alarms or hoaxes, too many of them have the ring of believability to be false. Too many people with nothing to gain by fabricating a UFO story have reported sightings in good faith. Far too many of these stories describe one or more of the same types of objects - either cigar-shaped or spherical, and either glowing from within or illuminated by banks of colorful lights.

And, the lies produced by our government are getting sillier by the day. Steve Martin, a pilot who saw the object near Stephenville said, "A bunch of stuff is bubbling up. They may have to tell us the truth."

Don't count on it, Steve.

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Wednesday, January 30, 2008

Are We The Aliens?  
By Keith Gebers

While many mainstream space experts feel the Face on Mars, first noticed in 1976, is an optical illusion, more efforts will be undertaken by NASA to study the structure. Not much has been done since 2001 to determine if the Face was formed by natural erosion of the Martian surface, or whether a living creature created it. And now Mars observers say they have even found the figure of a man engraved on the Martian surface.

Some years back enhanced photographs of the Face were released by NASA analysts who said it showed the object was created through the work of nature. I was looking at the photographs with a colleague, and to us it still looked like it could have been carved, or constructed by an intelligent creature.

Actually, I am somewhat neutral, however not a skeptic, in my viewpoints on the Face on Mars, just as I am on flying saucers. Recently, I read a book called "The Case for the Face," published by Adventures Unlimited Press (\$17.95). While first published in the late 1990s, the arguments and analysis are still quite valid. Several scientists and anthropologists, including quantum physicist Dr. Horace Crater, image scientist Dr. Mark J. Carlotto and Plasma physicist Dr. John E. Brandenburg, take various viewpoints. The late Dr. Carl Sagan is also quoted throughout the book.

Throughout the study, some observers claim there are other objects on Mars that indicate creation by intelligent subjects, and mentioned are another possible face, a city, a fortress and various other formations, all located in the Cydonia region of the Red Planet. Various parts of the book are quite technical, however many of the essays will cover sociological subjects, such as what will happen if it is finally determined that intelligent subjects created the Face and other objects. Dr. Brandenburg, a Christian, points out that "the world" as mentioned in the Bible meant the universe or a Kosmos and not just the world we live in, so it's no big deal if it is finally determined that intelligent beings rather than nature created the interesting objects on the Martian surface in the region of Cydonia.

Throughout the past 100 years there have been numerous science fiction stories written about interplanetary invasion, Buck Rogers of the comic strips and Edgar Rice Burroughs's John Carter adventures, among them. In the late 1930s Orson Wells, broadcast of "The War of the Worlds" caused a virtual nationwide panic, when people mistakenly thought aliens were attacking earth. Yes, the aliens seem to be always at fault. Even flying

saucer interest includes numerous tales of people being abducted by aliens who subject earthlings to torture and even sexual abuse. The aliens are always at fault. This probably harks back to earth conquests, such as Cortez invading the Aztecs and the defeat of Montezuma, even the United States taking over the land inhabited by the Native Americans.

The Face on Mars remains a very interesting subject. Some say it is something like creating another "Man in the Moon." If it is eventually determined that it was created by intelligent beings we will have to realize that life existed in the planetary universe in the past and earth's humanity was not alone in the past and perhaps not alone today. Yes, there will be ramifications. But perhaps we should also consider the so-called alien aspect. After all, we, as earthlings, are the ones searching other planets. Ah, perhaps we are the aliens of twice told tales.

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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>>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

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>>>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 17:37:42 -0200 (BRST)  
>>>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>John,

>If you weren't aware of that well-known fact, it seems doubtful  
>that you have ever seriously studied this case. He made a public  
>announcement at the time.

Regards, Mr. Hall,

He did indeed.

It is important we demonstrate to Mr. Frank and other very  
diligent minded Brazilian UFologists our more adept researchers  
can respect their work. As you just did.

JCH

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## Re: A Letter To My Congressman

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>>>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 19:44:47 +0000  
>>>Subject: Re: A Letter To My Congressman

>>>Not to put to fine a point on it, but what the hell would people  
>>>do with the information about the reality of being visited by  
>>>entities from elsewhere?

>>I support the demand for full UFO disclosure from governments,  
>>especially US and NATO countries. But there is a flip side we'd  
>>be naive to ignore.

><snip>

>>One positive effect would be that Science might shake off its  
>>intellectual fog and really try to answer some of the profound  
>>questions that UFO-related phenomena raise. But that doesn't  
>>necessarily mean that the answers would be any easier to find.  
>>No-one is supposing that after disclosure the aliens would say  
>>'oops - you caught us' and reveal their secrets.

>>So real disclosure? I'm still for it, but if it comes be  
>>prepared to fight for your civil rights.

>And that's not all. Be prepared to fight for your sanity in an  
>insane world. Perhaps the greatest favor of the UFO-nauts toward  
>us has been to avoid direct overt, undeniable contact.

>Sometimes you get what you wish for... and then wish you hadn't.

What would people do? What would happen to our civil rights?  
Maybe their doing us a favor? Very important questions and of  
course we cannot answer them. Yet.

If they are here to enslave or eat us than I think the  
discussion is moot. They inevitability will come and all we can  
do is fight. So I think for your questions we have to assume a  
benevolent or indifferent ET.

Given that view it would not be fair to the discussion to forget  
the glass half full questions.

Like what would people do with an extended life of say 50 years?  
Would they spend 20 years on a newly discovered planet and chart  
a continent? Would they study a new species?

What kind of technology do they have? Would it be able to stop  
global warming? Could it end starvation?

What kind of culture do they have? What can we learn from them?  
How old is their civilization? Did they watch or help humans  
develop? What was our real history? Do they have videos of the  
Columbus landing?

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## Re: A Letter To My Congressman

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 07:06:38 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 06:10:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: A Letter To My Congressman

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 11:39:06 -0500  
>Subject: Re: A Letter To My Congressman

>And that's not all. Be prepared to fight for your sanity in an  
>insane world. Perhaps the greatest favor of the UFOnuts toward  
>us has been to avoid direct overt, undeniable contact.

Or, perhaps, Bruce, our UFOnuts have, in their close examination  
of our own data bases, fathomed what most influences the policy-  
making at the highest levels. For instance that which influences our  
Air Force, namely its think tank, the Brookings Institute.

And how are their leading concerns regarding contact expressed?

"Anthropological files contain many examples of societies, sure  
of their place in the universe, which have disintegrated when  
they had to associate with previously unfamiliar societies  
espousing different ideas and different life ways; others that  
survived such an experience usually did so by paying the price of  
changes in values and attitudes and behavior"

It's called growth, Bruce, and that anyone would clamor over  
fears of it, suggests more a pathology than any valid concern. I  
live in a nation that undermines its own stability constantly by  
its fear to face the need for change. Let's not forget we need  
new options more than we need protection from them.

JCH

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## Re: Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 15:14:56 -0000  
Archived: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 06:12:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

>From: James Smith <[lunartravel.nul](mailto:lunartravel.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 12:56:13 -0500 (GMT-05:00)  
>Subject: Re: Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 12:58:29 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

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>which seems to cover TV, radio and other broadcast towers.

We've discussed this site on List a year or two ago. I think  
it's pretty conclusively a mast, probably communications, but  
probably not public broadcast. If it's defence-related I don't  
suppose the ACMA is obliged to list it.

Martin Shough

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## Re: Almiro Barauna

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 10:25:25 -0600  
Archived: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 06:16:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: Almiro Barauna

>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 08:25:06 +0000  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Subject: Re: Almiro Barauna

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd <[aj.nul](mailto:aj.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 11:30:15 -0300  
>>Subject: Almiro Barauna

>So Barauna was a nice guy. All the UFO hoaxers I know are nice  
>guys, kind to animals, buy their round in the pub, etc., etc.,  
>etc. This is simply the opposite of an ad-hominem attack - ad-  
>hominem praise - and proves nothing.

Nor, John, do words like yours.

As any sensible observer easily discerns, you are resorting to a  
meaningless anecdote which no non-pelicanist need take  
seriously. All you're doing is expressing an affirmation of  
faith in a momentarily convenient and unfalsifiable hypothesis  
about the personalities of hoaxers.

To see how the unfalsifiability works here, let's propose the  
following:

"UFO hoaxers are miserable human beings, cruel to other living  
creatures, and they refuse to pay for their drinks at the  
bar..."

Just what you'd expect of a hoaxer, and - needless to say -  
you'd expect, too, of the exact opposite constellation of  
personality traits. Either one clinches the case that the  
claimant is a bald-faced, possibly sociopathic liar. And  
anybody, declares the pelicanist, who thinks otherwise lacks a  
grain of common sense.

The true pelicanist definition of a hoaxer:

Anybody who produces evidence that threatens to invalidate our  
rigid belief, to which we have devoted our lives, our fortunes,  
and our sacred honor, that UFOs are nothing to cause grief to  
orthodoxy. And of course, we take our belief very, very, very  
seriously, and woe to anybody - whoever he or she is, whatever  
his or her character and personal history - who gets in the way  
of it. When all else fails, when no "explanation" based on  
mistaken observation can be conjectured without triggering horse  
laughs all around, there are always smears and slanders to  
retrieve from the bag of evidence-untainted rhetoric.

The rest of us, alas, require better evidence one way or  
another, in contrast to broad, sweeping charges which any more  
measured observer would so dilute with qualifications as to  
render them ultimately useless. But then, that's just us.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: A Response From Senator Bill Nelson

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 12:50:14 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 06:17:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: A Response From Senator Bill Nelson

>From: Franklin Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 17:41:01 -0500 (EST)  
>Subject: A Response From Senator Bill Nelson

>A response to the previously posted A Letter To My Congressman

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>From: [Bill.nul](mailto:Bill.nul)  
>To: [fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)  
>Date: Tue, January 29, 2008 5:29 pm  
>Subject: Your Response From Senator Bill Nelson

>Dear Mr. Fields:

>Thank you for contacting me to express your concerns about  
>extraterrestrials and unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

<snip>

Well that and a \$1.50 will get you a cup of coffee.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Call Out The Debunkers!

From: Paul Scott Anderson <[paulscottanderson.nul](mailto:paulscottanderson.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 09:22:43 -0800  
Archived: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 06:18:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: Call Out The Debunkers!

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 13:31:44 EST  
>Subject: Re: Call Out The Debunkers!

>Well as usual as soon as a credible UFO sighting occurs the  
>monkeyshines show up from the press and/or government.

>NASA didn't have anything better to do than toss around a Mars  
>Bigfoot pic right after the Air Force made idiots of themselves  
>in this latest debunkery regarding Stephenville, Texas?

>Now we know why Sisyphus had such a hard time.

Well, NASA didn't release it, it was just found by others in the most recent panorama image taken by the Spirit rover. The British media then ran with it and others after that. Maybe a red herring, but I think it was probably just a coincidence.

Paul

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The Meridiani Journal  
a chronicle of planetary exploration  
[web.mac.com/meridianijournal](http://web.mac.com/meridianijournal)

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## Re: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 21:01:43 -0000  
Archived: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 06:22:35 -0500  
Subject: Re: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 12:30:31 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Bush Ranch Moments From Stephenville For F-16s

>Straw dogs, John. Did the firemen report a triangular UFO over  
>the Home Secretary's office on March 8, 1997?

Hi Don, from these:

<http://www.users.waitrose.com/~magonia/ms13.htm>

<http://www.thewhyfiles.net/burmarsh.html>

<http://londonnet.co.uk/ln/talk/news/feature-ufo.html>

the answers seems to be 'Yes' - the last one has this quote

"Mark Watts, Member of European Parliament for East Kent, has  
demanded an investigation into UFO sightings in the Hythe area.

He said that were many independent sightings of strange flying  
objects in the weeks leading up to the General Election last May.  
[1997] They all occurred close to the home of former Home  
Secretary Michael Howard."

Cheers

Ray D

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## Re: Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 15:18:50 -0600  
Archived: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 06:24:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

>From: James Smith <[lunartravel.nul](mailto:lunartravel.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 12:56:13 -0500 (GMT-05:00)  
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>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>which seems to cover TV, radio and other broadcast towers.

This being old news, has any of our Australian compatriots  
visited this site to lay to rest whatever it is?

It's located at 30d 30' 38'' S 115d 22' 56'' E about 11 miles  
NE of Nambung and 11 miles SW of Badgingarra

It measures approx. 350 ft. per side according to my  
calculations.

To me, it looks like it could be an agricultural site, perhaps  
experimental. The lights at the corners look like flames.

Let's get this one over with.

Terry Groff  
The Dallas - Fort Worth Mutual UFO Network  
<http://mufondfw.org>  
[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)

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## Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 16:15:45 -0600  
Archived: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 06:27:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 11:37:22 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

>>From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 16:19:29 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

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>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Sun, 27 Jan 2008 09:05:38 -0800 (PST)  
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<snip>

>>>In reference to this, while I was on friendly terms with several  
>>>hypnotherapists, including Richard Boylan, I one day sent the  
>>>same email to each. It asked one question, how many and what  
>>>percentage of abductees you have, had their experience within X  
>>>number of feet of a power line?

>>I have a different question: Did I read or hear somewhere that  
>>abductions only occur within the United States? If yes, why  
>>would ET operate that way, I wonder.

>The format for the abduction scenario run in the US seems to be  
>unique to the US, Eleanor. Contact elsewhere seems to vary  
>greatly in detail.

>This suggests to my mind, some kind of interplay between  
>abductors and those in authority within the US sharing in some  
>kind of common agenda. Or that the operation today has become  
>under the auspice of earth-based humans entirely with the alien  
>cover as a facade.

I have to respectfully disagree regarding abductions by ETs  
alone. However, you may be correct when it comes to the subject  
of MILABS, an acronym for 'military abductions.'

For information concerning abductions in Europe please see "UFO  
Abductions in Germany, Austria and Switzerland" by Johannes  
Fiebag, Ph.D.

<http://www.alienjigsaw.com/yk2/ufo-abdu.html>

For more on MILABS check out "Project Open Mind/MILABS"

[http://www.alienjigsaw.com/yk2/pom\\_toc.html](http://www.alienjigsaw.com/yk2/pom_toc.html)

Helmut Lammer's article titled "MILABS" Part I and II

[http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Part\\_IV/newmib.html](http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Part_IV/newmib.html)

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K. Wilson  
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## Classic UFO documentaries From 70s

From: Giuliano 'Jimmy' Marinkovic <[giuliano.marinkovic.nul](mailto:giuliano.marinkovic.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 23:33:21 +0100  
Archived: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 06:35:01 -0500  
Subject: Classic UFO documentaries From 70s

Dear colleagues.

Two classic UFO documentaries from 70s are available online.

Links and decription in the text below:

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UFOs Are Here - 1977

1 hr 24 min 29 sec

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-4182905293548090350&hl=en>

Description:

Featuring: Steven Spielberg, Stan Deyo, Jacques Vallee, Prof. Allen Hynek, Stanton Friedman, Margaret Mead, Ken Arnold, Betty Hill, Rev. William Gill, Klaus Nobel, RAAF Sqdn Ldr White, Ray Palmer and Colin Cameron. This amazing UFO documentary film was produced in 1977. It was way ahead of its time. Sadly, the master copies of this film and the two which followed it have been lost to the ravages of time. Only one VHS copy of it survived; so Channel 9 gave us permission to convert it to digital video in an effort to preserve it as an archive for the use of posterity. This film inspired Stan Deyo to write "The Cosmic Conspiracy" book which is the sequel to the shows. The man-made, flying saucer programs are exposed in the book and the film.

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UFOs Are Real - 1979

1 hr 32 min 36 sec

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=703985870906635810>

Description:

Classic 1979 documentary film for theater release, providing undeniably strong evidence that many UFOs are extraterrestrial spacecraft. Includes interviews with Wendelle Stevens, Stanton Friedman, Travis Walton, Betty Hill and more.

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Best regards

Giuliano Marinkovic

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>>The Australian UFO photos can be seen by click here:  
>><http://accessnews.com/index.php/articles/show/id/13828>

>This site has been photographed before or maybe this is the same  
>set of photos.

I forgot to mention. For some reason people seem to feel that  
Google Earth has continuously updated satellite photos. This is  
not the case. You can select from the menu an option to examine  
the date of each image. The one in question is from Feb 8, 2004.  
No other image is available from another date.

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>>From: A. J. Gevaerd <[aj.nul](mailto:aj.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 11:30:15 -0300  
>>Subject: Almiro Barauna

>>Barauna's photos... Oh boy. How come they are still attacked by  
>>skeptics and debunkers? They have been many times fully, deeply  
>>and detailedly analyzed by some of the most experienced image  
>>experts in this planet, not only in Brazil, and also by several  
>>international, governmental and nongovernmental, committees  
>>assembled to deal with top UFO evidences. And they passed with  
>>honors!

>What "international, governmenta and nongovernmental"  
>committees? Name them. Where can we read their reports

>>The Almirante Saldanha vessel was a very important Brazilian  
>>Navy ship at that time, a ship that was in an official mission  
>>in Trindade Island, packed with civilians, scientists, marines  
>>and officers, lots of them were on the deck exactly when the UFO  
>>was photographed. Most of them gave their testimonies about it,  
>>although most of them are still kept secret by Brazilian Navy.

>This is fantasy. What evidence do you have for this claim?

>>Barauna was very well known in Brazil, especially in Rio, and I  
>>know dozens of people who met the man or were his friends in the  
>>last decades. I can tell you that no one has ever caught him in  
>>any kind of dishonesty or even in a small lie. On the contrary,  
>>he is still remembered by everyone as a serious, reputable and  
>>decent person.

>So Barauna was a nice guy. All the UFO hoaxers I know are nice  
>guys, kind to animals, buy their round in the pub, etc., etc.,  
>etc. This is simply the opposite of an ad-hominem attack - ad-  
>hominem praise - and proves nothing.

Hi Everybody,

Everyone has the right to believe in what they want to.

If the magazine published that those negatives were analyzed by  
Kodak in USA and by the military, I have to trust it. I was not  
born at that time to check into it.

Mr. Jucelino, a Brazilian President, in one Ash Wednesday said,  
"Go ahead and publish those pictures, they are real!" - I never  
hard a nation's President saying that about any other UFO  
picture. Have you?

If those pictures remained true all these years and no one could  
debunk them yet, what more do you want to prove?

Do you want to say they are not real? OK, go ahead, everybody has the right to say what think.

But, there are a lot of very important people in Brazil like militaries, Professors, Pop singers, PhD people who believe in those pictures. I do believe in them. Why? Because no one has given me proof that those pictures aren't real.

Don't forget that for anyone to debunk those pictures they will need the negatives. So go find them and then show why those pictures aren't real.

Until now they are real and they will continuous to be real.

That's all.

With respect,

Milton Frank

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## The Stephenville UFO?

From: William Bolt <[ab5sy.nul](mailto:ab5sy.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 16:11:10 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 06:50:30 -0500  
Subject: The Stephenville UFO?

The article below is about a scaled down model, but could NASA now have the real deal?

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Source & Photos:

[http://www.nasa.gov/vision/earth/improvingflight/skyray\\_48.html](http://www.nasa.gov/vision/earth/improvingflight/skyray_48.html)

09.11.07

Skyray 48 Takes Flight

Calm excitement filled the ground control station. Engineers stared intently at their computer screens as the pilot, sitting next to them, flexed his fingers on the controls. Ground crew tending the aircraft finished putting away their equipment. Preparations for the first flight of the unmanned X-48B Blended Wing Body research aircraft were complete.

Years of research, design, construction, wind tunnel and ground tests coalesced into this one moment of time.

Radios crackled. "Tower, Skyray 48 in position, lakebed runway 23, request clearance for takeoff..."

"Skyray 48 roger, main base winds 220 at 6, report airborne, lakebed 23..."

Image left: The X-48B Blended Wing Body aircraft flies over Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. NASA photo by Carla Thomas.

"Wilco"

"Five, four, three, two, one, brakes..."

Quickly, the manta ray-shaped aircraft rolled down the dry lakebed runway trailing a plume of dust as it picked up speed, its three small jet engines whining.

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## Cronkite/Heinlein Moon Walk?

From: Michael Woods <[mike.woods.nul](mailto:mike.woods.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 19:45:59 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 06:53:07 -0500  
Subject: Cronkite/Heinlein Moon Walk?

Hey Listers,

A strange request here. During the CBS coverage of the first landing on the moon in 1969, Sci-Fi master Robert A. Heinlein was a guest commentator with Walter Cronkite. I'm a life-long Heinlein fan who didn't see him with Uncle Walt... I was standing in the fountain at Nathan Phillips Square at Toronto City Hall, watching the moon landing on an enormous projection TV screen, hung between the two towers that make up the city hall clamshell.

Does anyone have a copy of Heinlein with Cronkite or know where I might acquire a copy of same?

Thanks, regardless,

Michael J. Woods

Pray there's intelligent life somewhere out in space;  
There's bugger all down here on Earth.

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## Re: UFO Fuss Seeing Is Believing

From: **Brad Sparks** <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 01:20:37 EST  
Archived: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 06:54:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Fuss Seeing Is Believing

>Source: The Post Chronicle - Denville, New Jersey, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2z2by9>

>Jan 29, 2008

>UFO Fuss: Seeing Is Believing  
>by Alan Burkhart

>Maj. Karl Lewis, a spokesman for the 301st Fighter Wing at the  
>Joint Reserve Base Naval Air Station in Fort Worth, said no F-  
>16s or other aircraft from his base were in the area the night  
>of January 8, when most people reported the sighting.

>Lewis said the object may have been an illusion caused by two  
>commercial airplanes. Lights from the aircraft would seem  
>unusually bright and may appear orange from the setting sun.

>"I'm 90 percent sure this was an airliner," Lewis said. "With  
>the sun's angle, it can play tricks on you."

This is cute. Airliners at 120,000 feet catching the sun. Because  
that's how high they would have had to be at 6:15 PM CST in  
central Texas on Jan 8, 2008, to be visible at Stephenville.

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## Cox Cato Caves On UFOs

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 07:37:50 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 07:37:50 -0500  
Subject: Cox Cato Caves On UFOs

Source: Billy Cox's Blog | De Void - Sarasota, Florida, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/yo9l8c>

Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008

Cato Caves On UFOs  
By Billy Cox

[billy.cox.nul](mailto:billy.cox.nul)

Free-market economist and commentator Dom Armentano never considered his occasional reflections on America's UFO conundrum to be particularly gutsy. After all, this stuff's on Larry King now. But his Jan. 8 op-ed piece in the Vero Beach Press-Journal advocating government declassification was evidently too much for his bosses at the libertarian Cato Institute.

A few days after his column appeared, the Vero Beach resident got a letter informing him Cato was in the "process of overhauling" its adjunct scholars program. More to the point, it was canning Armentano as an adjunct scholar.

Incredulous, the man whose recent ruminations on UFOs neither appeared on Cato's Web site nor implied its sanction zipped off an e-mail requesting clarification from Cato Executive Vice President David Boaz. In reply, Boaz wrote, "I won't deny that this latest op-ed played a role in our decision. Some day we may look back and wish we'd listened to you. But for now this strikes us as not an issue that we want to have as part of Cato's research agenda."

Long espousing a political philosophy whose pillars include government transparency and free speech, Cato's decision to sever Armentano's tongue would seem a violation of its own principles. But Boaz's squeamishness exposes the Washington think tank for what it is - just another garden-variety Beltway box turtle beholden to cash infusions of institutional thinking.

"You asked if I had been warned away from certain topics. Never," Armentano wrote in his e-mail to De Void. "Indeed, when I did the PBS radio show Byline many, many years ago, I recall doing a commentary on UFOs. No one said anything."

Boaz did not respond to a request for an interview. The best that Boaz surrogate Jamie Dettmer could muster was this: "We never publicly comment on personnel matters." The Cato rep also declined to comment on Cato's objections to UFOs as a policy issue. "That would be sliding back into personnel matters," Dettmer said.

So much for Cato's aversion to status-quo politics.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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## Big Country's UFO Story Keeps Going And Going

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 07:49:32 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 07:49:32 -0500  
Subject: Big Country's UFO Story Keeps Going And Going

Source: The Abilene Reporter News - Texas, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/3ay6da>

Wednesday, January 30, 2008

It's The Big Country's UFO Story That Keeps Going And Going And...  
Foreign media, travel tours reportedly coming

By Jane Pratt  
Special to the Reporter-News

STEPHENVILLE -- More than three weeks after sightings of UFOs were first reported in Erath County, rumors continue to spread about international media companies coming to the area to cover the events.

July Danley, president and chief executive officer of the Stephenville Chamber of Commerce, said she has heard that media companies from Brazil and Japan are coming to Stephenville, but she has not received any information regarding their arrival.

"We have had lots of calls and e-mails from people who are curious about the sightings. I even had a phone call from a travel agency saying people wanted to come here for a tour," Danley said. "We are having a board meeting this week and will discuss what the Chamber can do."

Danley said business owners have shown a good sense of humor about the sightings and have used them as a marketing tool. Signs at local businesses and restaurants indicate that UFOs are welcome and that UFO parking is available.

Barefoot Athletics has produced two different T-shirt designs commemorating the sightings and have sold about 6,000 shirts, said Joaquin Cortez, designer of the shirts. He said the shirts are still selling, and the store has about 600 in stock.

Dublin Dr Pepper has also sold T-shirts depicting Dr Pepper being beamed up to a flying saucer. The caption on the Dr Pepper T-shirt says, "We all know why they're here."

Kenny Horton, assistant manager of Old Doc's Soda Shop in Dublin, said the first batch of 132 shirts sold out the day the MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) group met in Dublin with area residents who said they spotted unidentified flying objects. Horton said the soda shop is now on its fourth batch of T-shirts and selling 30 to 40 shirts a day on the Internet at [dublindrpepper.com](http://dublindrpepper.com).

"We are glad to be making money off of this deal, and it has been a lot of fun," Horton said. "We have enjoyed being a part of the whole deal. The UFOs came to Dublin for Dr Pepper and to Stephenville for the milk."

Dublin Dr Pepper is donating \$5 of every sale to the Relay for

Life. So far, Horton said, more than \$2,000 has been donated to that organization.

Sandy Reed, executive director of the Dublin Economic Development Corporation, said the publicity has been good for Dublin and Dublin Dr Pepper.

"It is hard to calculate the economic benefit of the number of people who attended the MUFON meeting on Jan. 19," Reed said. "It has been a fun thing for us, and we have no complaints."

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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## Mysterious Light Puzzles Albany Man

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 08:00:00 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 08:00:00 -0500  
Subject: Mysterious Light Puzzles Albany Man

Source: The Oregonian - Portland, Oregon, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/37njrs>

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

[Image at site]

Mysterious Light Puzzles Albany Man  
By Cathy Ingalls  
Albany Democrat-Herald

Brian Wright of Albany saw a circular, bright light in the eastern sky about a year ago, and he's wondered about it ever since.

He said he called the military and cable news organizations right after he saw the object, but no one seemed to be interested, and he couldn't find anyone else who had seen it. Then with recent reports of UFOs spotted elsewhere in the country, he contacted the Democrat-Herald.

Wright, 30, a stay-at-home dad who attended both South and West Albany high schools, said he'd shot a video and wanted us to view it and run a photograph of the thing in the newspaper.

He said it happened about 10 p.m. Feb. 5, 2007, and he and a friend, Joal Traynor, were talking outside of Wright's townhouse on Queen Avenue near Hill Street.

"Out of the blue, something came up out of the eastern sky toward Lebanon," he said. "It was a bright light that looked like fire."

When it moved toward Albany, Wright dashed into his apartment to get his camcorder so he could record the event. The video is jerky, as Wright said he was trying to find the object through his lens and then had trouble focusing because it was moving so fast.

Just as quickly as it appeared in the sky, the object made a sharp turn toward the southeast and disappeared, he said.

"I know it wasn't a plane, a helicopter or a hot air balloon. That was obvious," he said. "It also wasn't a flare or a shooting star because it left no trail."

Wright said he called the Albany police but was told no one else had reported seeing anything unusual in the sky.

"My friends are skeptical even though they've seen the picture, but they can't explain what it is," he said.

Wright's father, Brian Wright Sr., is visiting from California and has a more open mind.

"I believe there are other things out there," he said.

Brian Wright would like to hear from anyone who has an idea about what he saw.

He can be reached at 926-5054.

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## Re: Classic UFO documentaries From 70s

From: **Stanton T Friedman** <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 08:36:31 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 11:30:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: Classic UFO documentaries From 70s

From: Giuliano 'Jimmy' Marinkovic <[giuliano.marinkovic.nul](mailto:giuliano.marinkovic.nul)>  
To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 23:33:21 +0100  
Subject: Classic UFO documentaries From 70s

>Two classic UFO documentaries from 70s are available online.

>Links and decription in the text below;

<snip>

>UFOs Are Real - 1979

>1 hr 32 min 36 sec

><http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=703985870906635810>

>Description:

>Classic 1979 documentary film for theater release, providing  
>undeniably strong evidence that many UFOs are extraterrestrial  
>spacecraft. Includes interviews with Wendelle Stevens, Stanton  
>Friedman, Travis Walton, Betty Hill and more.

VHS copies are available from my website at:

<http://www.stantonfriedman.com>

\$15.

Also In the film are Dr. Bruce Maccabee, Dr. James Harder, Dr. Richard Haines, Dr. George Mitchell, Marjorie Fish, Jesse Marcel Sr, Colonel Larry Coyne... and footage of an electromagnetic Submarine and Nuclear Rocket... in operation. ++++

Stan Friedman  
Tech advisor & Co-scriptwriter.

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## Re: Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

From: **Bill Chalker** <[bill\\_c.nul](mailto:bill_c.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 23:40:40 +1100  
Archived: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 11:34:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 15:18:50 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

>This being old news, has any of our Australian compatriots  
>visited this site to lay to rest whatever it is?

>Let's get this one over with.

Hi List,

This photo near Cervantes Western Australia keeps coming up.

I was asked about this early in 2007 and local parties looked into it. I was advised by Denise Bazek in April 2007 that it was verified as a mineral sandmining operation near a wind farm. She advised that the buildings on the ground belonging to the site are in a triangular arrangement.

Has the phenomenon of scanning Google Earth photos added to our knowledge base on UFOs or has it just muddied the water? I think more of the latter.

Probably time to look into more interesting topics.

[See next post --ebk

Regards,

Bill Chalker  
[www.theozfiles.blogspot.com](http://www.theozfiles.blogspot.com)

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## Westall 1966 & Australian UFO Info On News.Com.Au

From: **Bill Chalker** <[bill\\_c.nul](mailto:bill_c.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 23:40:40 +1100  
Archived: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 11:35:54 -0500  
Subject: Westall 1966 & Australian UFO Info On News.Com.Au

There is some interesting coverage particularly of a classic Australia UFO case - the 1966 Westall school case - at the news.com.au site:

<http://www.news.com.au/feature/1,,5015786,00.html>

Some comments:

1. The story identifies me as a biochemist - lost in translation it seems - I identified myself as an inorganic chemist (physical chemist) who worked with biochemists on the Peter Khoury "alien hair" evidence.

2. In the skeptics segment, while Dr. Nick Lomb is an expert on astronomy, he is clearly uninformed about serious UFO research when he makes a comment along the lines that no serious observer, particularly astronomers or even amateur astronomers, has ever seen a UFO! Anyone seriously acquainted with the UFO subject would dispute this statement. eg. Clyde Tombaugh, Dr. Hynek's early 1950s survey, Peter Sturrock's survey of astronomers etc etc.

Regards,

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## Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 04:57:00 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 11:37:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

>From: Katharina Wilson <[K\\_Wilson.nul](mailto:K_Wilson.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 16:15:45 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

>>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 11:37:22 -0800 (PST)  
>>Subject: Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

<snip>

>>This suggests to my mind, some kind of interplay between  
>>abductors and those in authority within the US sharing in some  
>>kind of common agenda. Or that the operation today has become  
>>under the auspice of earth-based humans entirely with the alien  
>>cover as a facade.

<snip>

>For information concerning abductions in Europe please see "UFO  
>Abductions in Germany, Austria and Switzerland" by Johannes  
>Fiebag, Ph.D.  
>snip

>Helmut Lammer's article titled "MILABS" Part I and II

[http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Part\\_IV/newmib.html](http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Part_IV/newmib.html)

I prefer the Lammers' book, MILABS: Military Mind Control & Alien Abduction. In it, on page 134 (the 1999 edition) is this extract:

"The California Institute of Technology has developed an energy efficient computer chip which emulates the analog thinking of the human brain. It is specifically modeled on the construction of the cerebral cortex. In the future, this chip could provide the baseline for a human implant hooked to all sensory segments of the brain, not just the eye.

It is also interesting that the brain implants used for the propagated cyber-situation will disintegrate if the im- planted soldier is captured or killed by the enemy. The chip disintegrates and cannot be extracted by the enemy for reverse engineering..."... end of extract

Two questions come to mind. 1) are the abductions the laboratory for this kind of research? 2) does this explain why more information is not obtained from implants removed from abductees, they degrade upon surgical removal, being designed to do so?

Very good suggestions, Katharina.

JCH

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Mike Conley's Tales Of The Weird: More On The Texas UFOs

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A couple of weeks ago, this column took a look at the strange UFO sightings in Stephenville, Texas. At first, a military spokesman said that the weird objects in the sky people in Stephenville were seeing could just be an optical illusion. He added that no fighter jets were in the area on Tuesday, Jan. 8, when most of the sightings occurred.

Now, it seems the military is telling a different story.

Earlier this month, folks in Stephenville reported seeing a massive silent object with bright lights flying low and fast in the sky. Many of the sightings happened on the night of Tuesday, Jan. 8, according to the story by the Associated Press.

One person who reported seeing the UFO was Steve Allen, a freight company owner and pilot in Stephenville. He said the object he saw was a mile long and half a mile wide. "It was positively, absolutely nothing from these parts," he said in the AP story.

Others reported that the object's lights changed configuration, unlike those on an airplane. Several reported seeing at least two fighter jets chasing the UFO.

A spokesman for the 301st Fighter Wing at the Joint Reserve Base Naval Air Station in Fort Worth at first said what these people were seeing could have been an illusion caused by two commercial airplanes. He also said no F-16s or other aircraft were in that area the night of Tuesday, Jan. 8.

But last week, Air Force Reserve officials backtracked from their earlier statements and said fighter jets were training nearby after all that night.

Meanwhile, members of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) traveled to Stephenville to look into the situation. MUFON is a non-profit organization dedicated to the scientific study of UFOs. It has chapters all over the United States, including North Carolina.

The director of the Texas chapter of MUFON took more than 50 reports from folks in Stephenville. He said the Air Force Reserve's latest statement supports the theory that there was indeed some strange activity in that area.

"I find it curious that it took them two weeks to fess up," said Kenneth Cherry, director of the Texas MUFON chapter. "I think they're feeling the heat from the publicity."

Officials at the Joint Reserve Base Naval Air Station in Fort Worth first said none of their planes had been in the area. But later they said 10 F-16s were there that day. The officials stated they were mistaken and wanted to set the record straight "in the interest of public awareness," according to the AP story.

Maj. Karl Lewis, a spokesman for the 301st Fighter Wing, declined to comment further on the sightings.

But folks in Stephenville said they know what military aircraft looks like and what they saw on Jan. 8 was completely different.

"I couldn't begin to say what it was, but to me it wasn't planes," said Anne Frazor, who owns a fabric store in the city.

Since the sightings were first reported, residents of Stephenville have been making the most of the phenomenon. Some high school students created T-shirts depicting a flying saucer and the slogan "Stephenville: the new Roswell." Several stores put up messages on their marquees, including one that says "Aliens welcome," according to the AP story.

Members of the Mutual UFO Network simply want the government to quit making evasive statements and talk straight to the American public.

"What we want is the government to admit there are UFOs and what they know about them," Cherry said to the AP.

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>The article below is about a scaled down model, but could NASA  
>now have the real deal?

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>Skyray 48 Takes Flight

They flew the model you refer to in July 2007. It was smaller than a Cessna 150 and remote controlled with a wingspan of about 18 feet. It's eventual design- give it ten years or more [maybe] - would be of a commercial airliner.

The composite-skinned, 8.5 percent scale vehicle can fly up to 10,000 feet and 120 knots in its low-speed configuration. The aircraft is flown remotely from a ground control station by a pilot using conventional aircraft controls and instrumentation, while looking at a monitor fed by a forward-looking camera on the aircraft. Just like a UAV-nothing new there.

It was built in England by the way for Boeing under contract. It is not a secret design.

KK tried to float this one last year as the solve for the triangular UFO.

Do you really think this experimental toy or its non-existent 10 year in the future, yet to be built craft explains the sightings in Texas?

Don Ledger

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