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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 30 Apr 2011 19:23:37 +0100
Archived: Sun, 01 May 2011 07:26:13 -0400
Subject: Part-Good Article [Was: News Links - 29-04-11]

>News Links - 29-04-11

>UFOs And Aviation - A Closer Look
>FlyAwaySimulation.Com
><http://tinyurl.com/6jfxe2z>

Thanks Errol.

The article gives false prestige to un-named 'research' and to at least two individuals:

i) Astronomer Shostak. If he has any knowledge of UFOs it's from sighting(s) he's not telling about. His qualifications are as an astronomer, and he doesn't seem sure of the implications of basic physics. Analyzed, his comments are meaningless - because no-one knows if his assumptions are true. So why ask him about UFOs?

ii) Bureaucrat (clerk) Pope. Similarly, if he has any knowledge of UFOs it's from sighting(s) he's not telling about. He doesn't seem qualified to even talk about basic physics. Analyzed, his comments are meaningless - because no-one knows if his assumptions are true. So why ask him about UFOs?

iii) 'Several studies' are quoted as saying that "the majority of UFOs are observations of some real but common and normal objects". Who says so? And based on what secret knowledge? Analyzed, the claim is meaningless - because no-one knows if its assumptions are true. So why accept those anonymous opinions about UFOs?

The only person worth quoting was Dr. Richard Haines; not for his knowledge of physics, or his work on human perceptions in flight conditions but for his extensive studies of many well-documented UFO sightings by aircrew - capable observers (with no axe to grind) who personally gave Haines a wealth of information which had a profound effect on his views. Haines approached his studies with no assumptions, as you can gather from his reports on video.

I.e. he now says "We are not dealing with mental projections or hallucinations on the part of the witness, but with the real physical phenomenon".

Having seen some of Dr Haines' presentations on video, I think that's the only part of the article worth reading, the rest is more or less spurious - routine misleading media waffle.

Cheers

Ray D

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Archived: Sun, 01 May 2011 07:29:07 -0400
Subject: Re: SETI Summary

>Date: Sat, 30 Apr 2011 07:41:13 -0400
>To: ufo-updates-list.nul
>From: post.nul
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: SETI Summary

>From: Peter Davenport <director.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 29 Apr 2011 10:24:51 -0700
>Subject: Re: SETI Summary

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 29 Apr 2011 16:27:23 +0000
>>Subject: Re: SETI Summary

<snip>

>Kathy, Eleanor, et al,

<snip>

>I corresponded with the Paul G. Allen Foundation on three
>occasions, the first time in April 1995, pointing out that we
>could end the debate over UFO's, once and for all, by building
>such a system. The foundation responded to my first request for
>funding, but did not do so to subsequent missives. In fact, the
>only way that foundation will even consider proposals in the
>arena of science is if the foundation first requests the
>proposal. They do not even consider unsolicited proposals.

>If you have not read my paper, published in the 2004 MUFON
>Symposium proceedings, I invite you to do so. I believe what I
>have proposed, if constructed, would obviate the need for
>"disclosure," and, for the first time, would allow us ufologists
>to show, definitively, that UFO's visit our planet, and that
>they are solid objects, which reflect electromagnetic energy.

>Here is a link to my paper:

><http://www.nuforc.org/MUFONPresentation.pdf>

>If anyone has a suggestion as to potential sources of funding, I
>am all ears. I have approached Allen, Gates, Rockefeller,
>Bigelow, MUFON, and the Rolex Awards for Enterprise, in addition
>to many others. To date, I have nary a penny of support... or
>even encouragement.

>Peter
>NUFORC

Peter:

I have always respected your approach and response to the
phenomena.

- 1) I have downloaded a hard copy of your paper.
- 2) One never knows who I will meet in the area.

Within the Sonoran Society Astronomy Club, I have got the reputation of having an open mind about the subject of whether there is contact with other ET civilizations. It used to be a joke, but I noticed that more and more our speakers seem to be siding with me.

I have no idea at this point if Paul Allen has ever shown up at one of our meetings, but I have met his Head Wrangler - who is interested in astronomy. The Allen ranch is located off the road to the Whipple Observatory. His free-range cows sometimes wandered the access road and block traffic to the observatory.

Have you tried approaching the Catholic mission at Graham Observatory with your proposal? The brothers and I have shared opinions about ET civilizations while sitting next to each other. (As I stated, everybody knows my opinion.) Especially, Brother Coyne - who teaches at the UofA.

KK

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ETs Might Live Off Black Holes

From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 May 2011 17:51:08 +0200
Archived: Mon, 02 May 2011 18:23:43 -0400
Subject: ETs Might Live Off Black Holes

Super Civilizations Might Live Off Black Holes

It's time to think far outside of the box regarding our preconceptions of how to find extraterrestrial civilizations.

Read More:

<http://tinyurl.com/44mcgrw>

Diana Cammack, Ph.D

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 May 2011 13:27:41 -0300
Archived: Mon, 02 May 2011 18:26:51 -0400
Subject: Re: More On Battle Of L.A. Photo

>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 1 May 2011 19:27:40 -0300
>Subject: More On Battle Of L.A. Photo

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><https://addons.mozilla.org/en-us/firefox/addon/tinyurl-creator/>

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><http://tinyurl.com/3mfeuv7>

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><http://tinyurl.com/3vfe39f>

><http://tinyurl.com/3vjdd83>

><http://tinyurl.com/3sg5m97>

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

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>made my own comments at my site:

><http://tinyurl.com/3ebb9bv>

>Kentaro

Odd isn't it that the searchlights were all focusing in the same
point of the sky and firing thousands of rounds of triple-A and
machine gun fire; at nothing?

This wasn't a harmless event. Property was damaged and someone
was killed.

Add to that the artists chose to paint in a blob that resembles
something that they had absolutely no knowledge of or even
suspected in 1942; but is now a familiar icon to us .

What a bloody coincidence.

There is a mystery here that has not been solved. Objectrs were
inching along through the sky (apparently flying) caught in
searchlights and Tripple-A. No one knew what they or 'it' was
and remained unidentified.

Isn't that what they refer to as a UFO these days?

Don Ledger

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Date: Mon, 2 May 2011 13:33:44 -0400 (EDT)
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><http://tinyurl.com/3vfe39f>

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I was amused to see in a letter to the newspaper a person who was a witness said that it seemed to him that there were reflections from metal surfaces (he assumed from wings of planes).

I also noted one observer who pointed out that the convergence point of the beams moved slowly and steadily as if the individual beams were tracking a moving object. The suggestion that the beams were tracking "a cloud" seems unsatisfying. Supposedly it was a clear night.

If a cloud of smoke only, why didn't it just dissipate instead of traveling as if it were an object? I have pointed out that the beams did not seem to penetrate the convergence region (except for one beam that seems to travel upward from the convergence region). That was a feature of the originally analyzed version and is also a feature of the "new" version. Photos of other antiaircraft-searchlight operations show beams largely penetrating the convergence region despite smoke from the exploding shells.

It is to be noted that the TV show (SyFy channel) Fact or Faked did experiments with modern spotlights that showed beam convergence of a number of searchlights. They actually flew a large balloon and then shot it down with a 50 calibre machine gun (50 cal antiaircraft rounds were fired during the "BOLA"). They did not duplicate the actual situation (altitude too low; searchlight beams were not broad enough, being maybe a foot in diameter whereas the WWII searchlights were about 5 ft in diameter - thus the volume of the illuminated region was much larger during the BOLA) but they did demonstrate how a balloon reacts to being fired at - and hit! It falls... fast.

Since we can't even begin to reconstruct the actual circumstances that night, and given that numerous witnesses were certain that some moving object was at the convergence region but what it might have been is certainly unclear from the photo, this case is likely to remain unresolved and people can "believe" what they like.

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<snip>

The above Daily Mirror article starts out with a preconceived idea and, surprise, it ends up at the same place. There are presentations of multiple versions of retouched photos, and this functions very well as a smoke screen for someone intent on concluding that there was nothing there. However, the article does make clear that the official view of the military was that there was an object there.

The article ends with a supposed authentic version of the image. The author insists that the image shows "nothing but a convergence of light beams with some randomly clustered dots of light". However, in my opinion, the central blob has a shape like a disk or a toy top, and is considerably larger than the adjacent blobs said to be shell explosions. See the putative original image at the following page.

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

This disk-shaped form could be taken as confirmation of the presence of a saucer craft at the convergence point of the light beams. It is hidden in plain sight.

Some people might call seeing a saucer shape in the photo wishful thinking, but then so is the title of the piece, "Another Good Story Ruined...". Certainly, the appearance of a possible saucer in the image is consistent with the conclusion by the military that there were craft in the sky at the time.

William

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Re: More On Battle Of L.A. Photo

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 May 2011 18:06:32 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Tue, 03 May 2011 09:42:47 -0400
Subject: Re: More On Battle Of L.A. Photo

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 2 May 2011 13:33:44 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: More On Battle Of L.A. Photo

>>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sun, 1 May 2011 19:27:40 -0300
>>Subject: More On Battle Of L.A. Photo

>>Besides Scott Harrison's article with the new un-doctored Battle
>>Of LA photo - which has been discussed here on the List - Larry
>>Harnisch, in The Daily Mirror also wrote several articles
>>documenting all the context of the Battle Of LA, including
>>(mostly in the last part) closer images with higher clarity, of
>>the famous photograph:

>>The Daily Mirror:

>><http://tinyurl.com/62cbsbk>

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The core problem remains, as Bruce M. has pointed out on his website, the multiple beams converge and then seem to stop, with little or no penetration beyond the point of convergence. Something is blocking the multiple light beams. This key point has not changed between the original retouched LA Times photo and the current image from the negative.

The "Fact or Faked" show did a number of experiments trying to reasonably recreate the scene, including testing the hypotheses of whether beam convergence alone could create the illusion of a solid object with no beam penetration beyond (emphatic NO! - nowhere close), whether smoke from shell/AK-AK fire might block the beams (better, some blockage, but still nowhere near close, and the smoke cloud is very obviously diffusely illuminated, not discrete/solid looking, and dissipates rapidly), or whether an actual somewhat solid object like a weather balloon would work (much better, but not perfect, and, of course, incredibly easy to shoot down).

Throw in something being tracked by radar approaching LA for an hour before, eyewitnesses to something solid or multiple objects actually being up there, no less than Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Marshall backing up the Army's contention of something actually being up there, the total implausibility of something like a weather balloon triggering the whole affair and never being shot down, and it still remains a total mystery as to exactly what happened that night.

Incidentally, here is a 1952 article from eyewitness Bill Henry, a well-known columnist for the LA Times, writing a little about about the Battle of LA and the recent arming of airports with anti-aircraft batteries. In 1952, Henry attributes the Battle of LA to a "weather balloon," but back in 1942 he instead wrote that he would be willing to bet a few shekels that he saw a number of AA shells appear to score direct hits on whatever was up there.

<http://www.roswellproof.com/Shootdown LATimes 52-08-01.gif>

David Rudiak

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From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 May 2011 20:59:40 -0300
Archived: Tue, 03 May 2011 10:13:34 -0400
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There were many conflicting reports as to what was or was not
seen that night. As you know, the Navy, the 4th Air Force and
the Western Defense Command, from all the conflicting reports,
more or less agreed it was a false alarm and no actual target
flew over LA. Only the Army disagreed.

In any event, relying solely and mainly on testimonial accounts,
especially when it is contradictory, is a very fragile
foundation.

>The suggestion
>that the beams were tracking "a cloud" seems unsatisfying.
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I agree, simply replacing this hypothetical huge flying saucer
with a single cloud in movement is unsatisfying. However,
instead of a single cloud, a thin *layer of clouds*, combined
with several different searchlights, of which the convergence
point would move (akin to the ideomotor effect) and anti-aircraft
shell bursts would be a more plausible hypothesis.

Quoting William Goss, "The Army Air Forces in WWII - Vol. I",
Office of Air Force History (apud SUNlite vol3n1):

"Probably much of the confusion came from the fact that
anti-aircraft shell bursts, caught by the searchlights, were
themselves mistaken for enemy planes. ... The next three hours
produced some of the most imaginative reporting of the war:
'swarms' of planes (or, sometimes, balloons) of all possible
sizes, numbering from one to several hundred, traveling at
altitudes which ranged from a few thousand feet to more than
10,000 and flying at speed which were said to have varied from
'very slow' to over 200 miles per hour, were observed to parade
across the skies."

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Again, I agree it would indeed be unlikely that all commotion could be explained by a single cloud, as if this single cloud replaced an hypothetical flying saucer. However, several different effects at different times could have collaborated to generate the perception of several different flying objects. And the discrepancies between the reports lead to that conclusion -- even if there was an hypothetical flying saucer, it's certain that people saw, or thought they saw, many other things at different times and locations.

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I would like to see supporting analysis for this, Bruce, if possible. I can see at least more than one beam going past the convergence region.

<http://tinyurl.com/3um4t3v>

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Depending on meteorological conditions.

<http://tinyurl.com/3kxf8nl>

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Tim Printy's latest SUNlite exposes the many problems with SyFy's experiment. "The actual documents written state that a majority of the shells fired that night were of the 3" variety", not .50. Printy also noted that no one, not skeptics, not the Army, not debunkers, seem to suggest all the commotion was caused by a single or even two weather balloons being mistaken for all the many different things people thought they saw. The weather balloons were singled out as what may have started the firing, but if the balloon was subsequently shot down or not is of little relevance, since, once again, no single object could have accounted for all that people described in the sky that night. And that includes a single interplanetary spaceship.

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I agree. I would emphasize, however, that the better quality scans of the unretouched photo makes it even more unclear that any actual, unusual object flew that night. In other words, it lends support to the psychosocial interpretation of the case.

Kentaro

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MUFON HQ?

From: **Eustaquio Andrea Patounas** <socex.ufobras.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 May 2011 13:37:10 -0300
Archived: Tue, 03 May 2011 13:13:18 -0400
Subject: MUFON HQ?

Dear Colleagues,

Have you the physical address of MUFON headquarters?

Thanks

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Re: MUFON HQ?

From: **Terry Groff** <terry.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 May 2011 12:22:17 -0500
Archived: Tue, 03 May 2011 13:38:06 -0400
Subject: Re: MUFON HQ?

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex.ufobras.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
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Re: ETs Might Live Off Black Holes

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 May 2011 18:09:51 +0000
Archived: Wed, 04 May 2011 06:53:47 -0400
Subject: Re: ETs Might Live Off Black Holes

>From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 2 May 2011 17:51:08 +0200
>Subject: ETs Might Live Off Black Holes

>Super Civilizations Might Live Off Black Holes

>It's time to think far outside of the box regarding our
>preconceptions of how to find extraterrestrial civilizations.

>Read More:

><http://tinyurl.com/44mqnrw>

Diana:

The last phrase of the article had me laughing out loud. The known galaxy is some super intelligence's science project! Wow! And, now, for something completely different (as the Monty Python people used to say).

KK

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Time For CUFOS To Release Abductee Home Data?

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 May 2011 15:21:34 -0400
Archived: Wed, 04 May 2011 06:55:07 -0400
Subject: Time For CUFOS To Release Abductee Home Data?

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Fred Bell's Background?

From: **Eleanor White** <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 May 2011 16:09:02 -0400
Archived: Wed, 04 May 2011 06:56:54 -0400
Subject: Fred Bell's Background?

Does anyone know if Fred Bell, a self-claimed 'Pleiadean contactee', has a PhD degree, and if so, what university and what year?

Mr. Bell has begun to claim he knows all about the advanced electronic harassment some people experience, and the less critical members of our group seem to have been taken in.

Having heard him a couple of times on the radio, and seen his web site, I have serious doubts.

Thanks,

Eleanor White

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News Links - 03-05-11

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Wed, 04 May 2011 08:08:59 -0400
Archived: Wed, 04 May 2011 08:08:59 -0400
Subject: News Links - 03-05-11

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California Witness Reports 'Brilliant Lights Appeared Out Of Nowhere'

Examiner.com

<http://tinyurl.com/6yj6mlf>

'Huge Fireball' Rises From Illinois Farmland

Examiner.com

<http://tinyurl.com/44wus9f>

Indiana UFO 'Jumps' From One Cloud To The Next

Examiner.com

<http://tinyurl.com/6e4zp6h>

Michigan Witness 'Terrified' During Two UFO Encounters

Examiner.com

<http://tinyurl.com/6b5l98u>

Triangle UFO Followed Oregon Man Along Lonely Stretch Of Road

Examiner.com

<http://tinyurl.com/5tx2pwt>

Series Of Orange Lights Spotted Over Charlotte, North Carolina

Examiner.com

<http://tinyurl.com/6fzucub>

National UFO Alert Rating: California, Texas Top Sightings List

Examiner.com

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

Eastlake Resident Claims To Have Captured Video Of UFO

WSBT-TV

<http://tinyurl.com/3hbg6e7>

UFO Fan Hails Clearest Video Yet

Daily Mail

<http://tinyurl.com/3n78rbb>

That Wasn't A UFO Over Lake Erie, Sorry

Cleveland Scene Weekly

<http://tinyurl.com/3ufc4o2>

From The Heartland: Hometown UFO

The Epoch Times

<http://tinyurl.com/3mznlq9>

Kingman, Site Of Reported Landing, Hosts UFO Conference

Kingman Daily Miner

<http://tinyurl.com/43boapd>

The Kinross Incident: RSR UFO Files

ringsidereport.com

<http://tinyurl.com/43vz39m>

Human Progress, Earth's Future Could Be Related To UFOs

Joint Reconnaissance Study Group
<http://tinyurl.com/3gs5non>

From 'The Norm':

Seeing What We Want To See - Including UFOs
by Benjamin Radford
<http://tinyurl.com/5vmmwjin>

Project Mogul, UFOs And Soviet Nuclear Detonations
Kevin Randle
<http://tinyurl.com/6jvdhx4>

Posted April 27, 2011
The Disclosure And UFOs Poll
<http://tinyurl.com/6299grl>

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Re: Time For CUFOS To Release Abductee Home Data?

From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
Date: Wed, 4 May 2011 13:45:29 +0200
Archived: Wed, 04 May 2011 08:10:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Time For CUFOS To Release Abductee Home Data?

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
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Re: Time For CUFOS To Release Abductee Home Data?

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 4 May 2011 09:07:55 -0500
Archived: Wed, 04 May 2011 13:39:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Time For CUFOS To Release Abductee Home Data?

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I've been a CUFOS board member and co-editor of its
International UFO Reporter since the 1980s. I was not involved
in the project but was told about it by CUFOS director Mark
Rodeghier as it was going on.

Basically, there are no data, "hidden" - note the conspiratorial
touch - or otherwise. The project was thoughtfully designed but
was plagued with financial, operational, and other problems from
the outset. Some cameras were installed but came up with nothing
of significance.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Time For CUFOS To Release Abductee Home Data

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Wed, 4 May 2011 09:03:31 -0400
Archived: Thu, 05 May 2011 09:04:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Time For CUFOS To Release Abductee Home Data

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>environmental data'?

I believe the data being referred to is actually under the control of the UFO Research Coalition, of which CUFOS, MUFON, and the Fund for UFO Research are a part. It was collected in the late 90's as part of the Abduction Monitoring Project, and was funded by an external source only if the three groups would work together on it. I believe the problem is that the data really has no meaning without proper analysis and initial reviews of the results don't seem to justify the expenditure of funds to complete a full review of the information gathered. We're talking about raw data points that would have to be graphed and analyzed along with other graphs, which is no easy task. To my knowledge, there was no "blip" in the data to zero in on as an anomalous event.

A couple of years ago this was brought up and there was a collection started to actually obtain the funding needed (which is substantial), but that seemed to fade into obscurity. It's a shame that this kind of effort becomes lost to funding needs, but I think it would merely fill-in historical gaps and not lead to a resolution of the questions at hand.

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Re: News Links - 03-05-11

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Wed, 4 May 2011 18:29:14 +0000
Archived: Thu, 05 May 2011 09:10:00 -0400
Subject: Re: News Links - 03-05-11

>From: post.nul
>To: ufo-updates-list.nul
>Date: Wed, 4 May 2011 08:08:59 -0400
>Subject: UFO UpDate: News Links - 03-05-11

<snip>

>Project Mogul, UFOs And Soviet Nuclear Detonations
>Kevin Randle
><http://tinyurl.com/6jvdhx4>

Kevin:

In response to your question in your blog (basically, what else could it have been?), please see a section of my manuscript:

The AEC's Medical Section was established in 1947 as part of the transition of Manhattan Engineer District into the AEC. It means Groves had a hand in establishing a laboratory whose primary purpose would be long range monitoring of nuclear air borne particles. At this point in time, the head of the AEC, David Lillienthal, was barely on speaking terms with Groves. Maybe it had something to do with the fact that Groves' organization had the one and only American atomic bomb in 1947.

Groves had started a couple of different long range monitoring projects. Some of them had nothing to do with atmospheric sound channels. The name of the project we are interested in? Unknown.

It is not even possible to guess. Miller and Larsen (Spying without Spies) name some of the more modern systems. For example, AUTORAMP and CINDERELLA.STUK. Both systems developed by private companies (The Development of Field-Based Measurement Methods for Radioactive Fallout Assessment," Health Physics, May 2002, Volume 82, No. 5) using specifications supplied by EML. But the authors do provide names for the older projects.

Eventually, the EML would be the agency charged with the sampling needs for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT). Nuclear particle monitoring is still being done as part of CTBT. Whether that still involves aerosol sampling using equipment mounted on a gondola for balloon-borne high altitude sampling is not known. As recently as May, 2007, the work of EML, after decades, was split and transferred between Los Alamos National Laboratory and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory on the recommendation of Department of Homeland Security. What this means to the investigative researcher - like myself - is that there is no avenue available to interview the authors of the cited article. Therefore, because this author does not have a doctorate in nuclear science, nor worked on any monitoring project, speculation will replace documentation. Although the speculation will be based on the documentation available. Which brings us to the aerosol sampling equipment used in high altitude monitoring.

The following information was contained in an article I wrote for Paranoia magazine. The article included a photo of the device.

The aerosol sampler is a very strange looking assembly. (A photo of the aerosol sampler is shown as Figure 8 in the article cited above.) I am going to quote a section describing the balloon samplers: "Since large-volume filter samplers for high-altitude balloons were nonexistent, General Mills engineers had to design the original filter sampler. The sampler utilized a Torrington 403 blower to pull air through a five square foot filter of low background, low-pressure drop IPC paper manufactured by the Institute of Paper Chemistry. Air flow was based on the telemetered blower rpm and altitude."

It would seem the early sampling assemblies were patched together using off the shelf and design specific technology.

"Deficiencies (poor filtering efficiency) in the original sampler due to low face velocities resulted in the development of the direct flow filter sampler (DF). The filter area was reduced to 0.093 m² (1 ft²) to increase the flow rate and the Torrington 704 blower was powered by a 388 W (0.52 hp) Westinghouse aircraft motor. An intercomparison between the DF filter sampler and the original design indicated two to three times more activity per thousand standard cubic feet were obtained by the DF sampler. As a result the DF replaced the original sampler in 1960."

The Figure 8 photo shows what looks like two long tail pipes attached to a round metal scaffolding to keep the air ejectors upright and in place. The power unit is on its own scaffolding, but attached between the two air ejectors. "Samples at the higher altitudes (>32km) were more effectively collected by an air ejector pump. The air ejector acts as a pump by aspirating large quantities of N₂ gas. The N₂ used by the air ejector was carried on the balloon in large titanium spheres. A larger model air eject system, identified as HV3K, used 0.74 m² (8ft²) of IPC filter paper, and filters about 50% more air than the original air eject system unit. A balloon sampling package featuring an air eject system is shown in Fig. 8."

The DF for high altitude air ejection systems was much larger than for ground filter systems. The DF insert in the larger system could have been called "Big Sucker" or "Pete." Could this filter have been material that was packed into a light weight box and transported by a special flight to Washington, D.C. after partial retrieval from FRE (Foster Ranch Event - my term)?

The labeling under Figure 8: "Aerosol sampling equipment mounted on a gondala(sp?) for balloon-borne high-altitude sampling. The long vertical tube was the inlet of the Air Ejector which acted as a pump by aspirating large quantities of N₂ gas stored in the large sphere." Would any of the soil samples or bits or pieces from the Roswell Dig suggest the solution to the crash was an EML gondola?

Actually, there are two spheres containing nitrogen. Some forms of nitrogen are very stable and other compounds are not. Think ammonium nitrate fertilizer and how it has been used as an explosive ingredient. Therefore, under certain specific conditions, it can explode. Perhaps, if a sphere filled with N₂ is hit by lightning. As long as we are postulating that something crashed at FRE, let's speculate even further. What if the above described assembly exploded and fragmented. It would not looked like anything NYU would have been testing. How would the imagination of the individual coming across the pieces put them together. Obviously, not a weather balloon. Of course, there is a balloon involved. A very large balloon array because the payload must have weighed at least 500 pounds. Maybe more. We are trying to account for a very large debris field. There is no way to know what the payload would have weighed because anybody who could have answered that question has disappeared/is not available/transferred to Los Alamos or Pacific Northwest Lab. So we have to guess. Judging from the photograph, the air ejectors look to be at least 20 to 30 feet high; this is using the loading dock roll-up door in the photo. We're guessing here, but there would be much more material than a weather balloon. And, what about those two strange looking spheres? Would they

have survived impact? In what condition? Could someone have imagined tail pipes of some strange vehicle attached to the spheres was an ET vehicle? In the debris field, the discoverer's imagination could have thought the smashed material of the spheres look like parts of a space craft. The scaffolding imagined to form the body? Did anyone from the retrieval team think to take a photo of the debris field? Or, have those photos now been transferred to either the archives at Los Alamos or Pacific Northwest Lab. Just in case someone thought they had some value. Or maybe, to the project leader, it was just another crash. No need to take photos. Just collect the recording/monitoring equipment - if it was still in tact - and analyze whatever was left of the test flight.

There is more where this came from. Of course, the reference is to KK, the author.

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From: **Mary Castner** <m.castner.nul>
Date: Wed, 4 May 2011 14:51:40 -0500
Archived: Thu, 05 May 2011 09:12:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Time For CUFOS To Release Abductee Home Data?

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 4 May 2011 09:07:55 -0500
>Subject: Re: Time For CUFOS To Release Abductee Home Data?

>>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 3 May 2011 15:21:34 -0400
>>Subject: Time For CUFOS To Release Abductee Home Data?

>>It's been a long time now. Maybe CUFOS would consider releasing
>>its in-abductee-home recorded environmental data so the world
>>can see it and draw some conclusions?

>>It would be a shame for that data to remain hidden away
>>forever.

>I've been a CUFOS board member and co-editor of its
>International UFO Reporter since the 1980s. I was not involved
>in the project but was told about it by CUFOS director Mark
>Rodeghier as it was going on.

>Basically, there are no data, "hidden" - note the conspiratorial
>touch - or otherwise. The project was thoughtfully designed but
>was plagued with financial, operational, and other problems
>from the outset. Some cameras were installed but came up with
>nothing of significance.

Same thing I heard. The guy hired to do the statistical analysis
decided there was a lot more work then expect and just never did
it. Far as I know it's still hanging in limbo and nothing
unusual happened or recorded.

Mary

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Archived: Thu, 05 May 2011 09:13:22 -0400
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Please reread my paragraph above.

Jerry Clark

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Re: News Links - 03-05-11

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
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Archived: Fri, 06 May 2011 06:50:49 -0400
Subject: Re: News Links - 03-05-11

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 4 May 2011 18:29:14 +0000
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>conditions, it can explode. Perhaps, if a sphere filled with N2
>is hit by lightning.

Molecular nitrogen (N2) is quite chemically inert, and cannot be
made to 'explode' via lightning or other energy input. Indeed,
N2 is a product of the detonation of nitrogen-bearing
explosives, effectively recovering the energy required to break
the strong triple bond in N2.

Mike

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Featured Links At The Alien Jigsaw - 06-05-11

From: **Kay Wilson** <kaywilson.nul>
Date: Thu, 05 May 2011 13:19:00 -0500
Archived: Fri, 06 May 2011 06:54:56 -0400
Subject: Featured Links At The Alien Jigsaw - 06-05-11

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Resource Links

<http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Resources/Resources.html>

Other Researcher's Featured Links

Two New Interviews Published by Journalist Sean Casteel

Art, Life and UFOs: Budd Hopkins Remembers

<http://www.seancasteel.com/Art,Life,UFO-BuddHopkinsRemembers.htm>

Leslie Kean Q and A

<http://www.seancasteel.com/Leslie%20Kean%20Q&A.htm>

The Starchild Project: New DNA Data Revealed

TAJ Featured Links

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Re: SETI Summary

From: Peter Davenport <director.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 May 2011 12:41:18 -0700
Archived: Fri, 06 May 2011 06:57:29 -0400
Subject: Re: SETI Summary

>From: Albert Baier <albertgbaier.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 29 Apr 2011 15:00:33 -0500
>Subject: Re: SETI Summary

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 29 Apr 2011 16:27:23 +0000
>>Archived: Fri, 29 Apr 2011 12:37:47 -0400
>>Subject: Re: SETI Summary

>>Here's the deal, plain and simple. One of the primary funders of
>>SETI was businessman Paul Allen. It was obvious that SETI was
>>not fulfilling its mission statement - i.e., finding signals
>>from other civilizations. To a business man like Allen, he was
>>cutting his loses with SETI and putting his money where there is
>>a promise of a healthy return for his investment.

>Paul Allen's Foundation contributed ~\$25M (coffee money for him)
>for the initial construction of the telescope array. He's not a
>trustee, and he's not involved with day-to-day operations,
>AFAIK.

>He's moved on. Besides, most of the \$18M/year budget comes from
>the government. Once seti.org is gone, I'll bet the ATA will be
>running again.

>I'm sure a university could operate it for a mere fraction of
>what the entrenched SETI bureaucracy costs, and they won't be
>using it to find ET radio signals. Once I read the tax return, I
>know I won't be contributing.

Albert, Kathy, et al,

I suspect that detection of UFO's has been occurring for a long time, probably since the early 1960's, when the U. S. Navy first began operating the "Fence," their "passive" radar system for detecting and tracking orbiting craft and space debris. If UFO's are a real phenomenon, it seems highly unlikely that the Navy's system would NOT have detected them, over some 50 years of its continuous operation.

For details on the U. S. Naval Space Surveillance system, please read my paper (2004) on the subject, or visit the USNACSPASUR website:

http://www.fas.org/spp/military/program/track/nsss_fs_2002-09.pdf

In addition, the University of Western Ontario also operates a "passive" radar system, ostensibly to detect meteors. The system registers and analyzes radio signals bounced off the ionized trail behind the meteor, and is able to calculate the altitude, flight path, velocity, and perhaps the size of the meteor. The system is funded by MIT and NASA, I am led to believe, a fact which, in my opinion, may "cloud" its real purpose. All I know for certain is that the administrator of the project, Professor Peter W. Brown, Ph.D. (physics) apparently did not want to either talk, or correspond, with me about the technical aspects of that detection system. He chose to ignore my first 6-8

attempts to communicate with him, and finally had one of his graduate students communicate, in his stead. Very unusual behavior, in my opinion!

Operating a "passive" radar system is little more expensive than operating a car radio. It generates no signal of its own, it only "listens" for reflected signals, which are broadcast from afar, and which bounce off a target, usually located at high altitude.

I get more than a bit miffed and fed up with all the discussion about "disclosure," when, in fact, we ufologists, for the first time in man's history, have the ability to detect directly the presence of UFO's. Frankly, I have come to question how much serious thought occurs in the UFO community. I first proposed the use of "passive" in a November 1999 (30th Anniversary) issue of the MUFON Journal, and it was nine weeks (!!!) before I received my first response to the article! I credit Richard Vitello, an experienced ham radio operator (Call sign: W1RV), as the first one through the door. He apparently understood the power of what I had described in the article.

Folks, it is within the grasp of the UFO community to build a "passive" radar system for detecting UFO's, possibly out to a distance of some 250,000 (statute) miles from Earth. Once that is done, we will no longer have to sit, twiddling our thumbs, bickering among ourselves, and waiting for the top bureaucrats to deign to share with us what they know about the visitation of our planet that appears to be occurring.

SETI sat listening for 61 years, and heard nothing. What I wonder is whether anyone in the UFO community is even paying attention...

Peter
NUFORC

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Archived: Fri, 06 May 2011 06:58:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Time For CUFOS To Release Abductee Home Data

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <post.nul>,
>Date: Wed, 4 May 2011 09:03:31 -0400
>Subject: Re: Time For CUFOS To Release Abductee Home Data?

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>To my knowledge, there was no "blip" in the data to zero
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Here's the key question: Were there any abductions during the
time the recording was active? (Or, did abductions cease during
the times recording was active?)

Eleanor White

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US Military Alien Reproduction Vehicles

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Thu, 05 May 2011 16:48:36 -0400
Archived: Fri, 06 May 2011 07:01:36 -0400
Subject: US Military Alien Reproduction Vehicles

Details Of US Military Alien Reproduction Vehicles

See Filer's Files #19 2011 - at:

<http://tinyurl.com/6jygp3k>

WASHINGTON D.C. -- Mark McCandlish gave his Disclosure Project Press Conference testimony at the National Press Club reveals data on the alien reproduction vehicles or ARVs. "

The presentation in the above link gives a considerable amount of detail about the construction of an ARV, and some hints about the theory of operation. There is a reference to the Biefeld-Brown effect, the motion induced in a capacitor by a very high applied voltage, a reference to zero-point energy (ZPE) extraction, and a reference to a mass-canceling effect when the system is running.

The discussion about ZPE extraction refers to interfering with the spin of electrons and somehow using the ZPE that rushes in to maintain their motions. This sounds a lot like the effect produced by the Heterodyne Resonance Method discussed by Dr. Stoyan Sarg in his book "Field propulsion by control of gravity - theory and experiments". How this method may be used for spacecraft propulsion is discussed in a chapter entitled "Method and apparatus for spacecraft propulsion with a field shield protection".

One or two people on this list no doubt will say that the ARV described by McCandlish is a complete fantasy. But given Sarg's experiments supporting his unconventional theory and his proposal of a similar propulsion system for spacecraft, it seems quite possible that the ARVs are a reality. In all likelihood, some heavily funded black project has been able to do something similar and had the resources to complete the engineering phase.

William

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>>OK, so can the rest of us see the data?

>Please reread my paragraph above.

There must be data, because otherwise, there would have been no
initiative to have the data analyzed, as took place a while
back.

What I'm asking is, since there is data, can the rest of us see
it now?

Eleanor White

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Date: Fri, 6 May 2011 07:26:00 -0400
Archived: Fri, 06 May 2011 07:38:01 -0400
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>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 5 May 2011 16:48:25 -0400
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>>Date: Wed, 4 May 2011 09:03:31 -0400
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>>To my knowledge, there was no "blip" in the data to zero in on as an
>>anomalous event.

>Here's the key question: Were there any abductions during the time the
>recording was active? (Or, did abductions cease during the times recording
>was active?)

My understanding, third hand, is that no correlations were found. But, part of the problem is that someone has to go through the mountains of data to see if there are any correlations, and all that has been done is a cursory review. As noted, one person that was about to take on the task realized the scope of it and backed out.

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Most have no idea of the thousands of man-hours that went into this project over more than five years, so there are no people more disappointed in this end to the study than those who took part.

Steve

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From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
Date: Fri, 6 May 2011 15:39:37 +0200
Archived: Fri, 06 May 2011 12:42:49 -0400
Subject: Alien Numbers

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My suspicion after many years - I was investigating abduction
reports as long ago as the early 1970s - is that by their nature
and as a broad principle abduction experiences probably are not
filmable. They aren't filmable or otherwise recordable because
they are not taking place in the world as we ordinarily
understand it. Which is to say I think the questions raised in
your paragraph are too limiting.

In common with experience anomalies generally, abductions need
be neither products of imagination nor event phenomena, but
something of both; they occur, apparently, in liminal space,
where the subjective and the objective merge in ways human
beings can experience - vividly - but frustrate those who try to
document them as we would, say, the appearance of a rare animal.

The phenomenon may well represent a greater challenge to
existing knowledge than most have even considered. And it's not
a product solely of the UFO age; it has precedents in countless
centuries of extraordinary occurrences which, if they differ in
details and surface manifestations, are alike at their core. For
example, the 13th-C. ballad "Thomas the Rhymer" (about a real
human being, a Scotsman, and his alleged supernatural encounter)
- see pp. 195-98 of my book Hidden Realms, Lost Civilizations,
and Beings from Other Worlds - may recount how what we now call

"abductions" were experienced centuries ago in a very different cultural context.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Alien Numbers

From: **Stanton Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Fri, 6 May 2011 10:13:03 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Fri, 06 May 2011 14:57:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Numbers

>From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
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Frankly, the Drake Equation tells us nothing about how many
aliens there are. It totally ignores interstellar travel,
migration, colonization, terraforming. It ignores all the
evidence that aliens are visiting.

A key term is the time a civilization lasts. We have no data
whatsoever on how long any civilization lasts...

It ignores the simple fact that technological progress comes
from doing things differently whether travel or communication.

One would think the fast rate of change over the past 100 years
in energy production, travel, communications would have taught
us something..Admittedly asronomers have had little to do with
any of these developments.

Stan Friedman

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From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Fri, 6 May 2011 17:48:45 +0000
Archived: Fri, 06 May 2011 14:59:04 -0400
Subject: Re: News Links - 03-05-11

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 05 May 2011 09:45:40 -0600
>Subject: Re: News Links - 03-05-11

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
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Date: Fri, 6 May 2011 14:37:48 -0400
Archived: Sat, 07 May 2011 07:37:12 -0400
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>To: <post.nul>
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I certainly agree that the Project was worth the effort. Let me clarify for some who aren't aware of details, this was not a "filming" effort, per se. It was an effort to monitor environmental levels, and not to get a picture. There have been a few cases where video cameras were set up to monitor potential abductions, but the AMP project was attempting to add measurable data to the anecdotal landscape. To avoid the issue of having someone tamper with the system, the variables being monitored were not disclosed beyond a few people, and the data was automatically phoned to a central location daily, where it was gathered for later analysis when the daily logs were obtained.

The concern that I would have in releasing the raw data (if that was permissible under privacy requirements) is that it doesn't appear to show anything clearly and it would give a lot of data for everyone to draw their own conclusions as they pick and choose among the data points in question. The validity of this project rested in the fact that a disinterested third party would perform the analysis, and not someone involved in the

genre.

To be honest, it was very difficult trying to find subjects for this study, which caused it to drag out and cost more than it should have. Of course, there were also equipment failures and other issues that delayed completion. The individual who was funding the UFO Research Coalition (primarily for this project) became less and less interested as time wore on, and in the end he decided enough was enough.

Steve

While I helped set up the detection system and take initial measurements for one subject, I have not been intimately involved in it.

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Date: Fri, 6 May 2011 12:29:54 -0700
Archived: Sat, 07 May 2011 07:44:27 -0400
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Mike and Kathy,

I agree with the comments that both of you have made, regarding
nitrogen.

However, it is well established in the field of biology that the
principal source of nitrogen for plant growth is nitrogen-
containing molecules, which are created by lightning. Molecular
nitrogen (N subscript 2) is generally very chemically stable.
However, the temperatures that occur in proximity to a bolt of
lightning is sufficient to separate the atoms of nitrogen,
making them available as free radicals for combination with
atoms of other elements, e.g. oxygen.

Peter
NUFORC

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>From: Peter Davenport <director.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
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>Subject: Re: SETI Summary

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>bickering among ourselves, and waiting for the top bureaucrats
>to deign to share with us what they know about the visitation of
>our planet that appears to be occurring.

Sadly, I've seen no response from Gene Steinberg or Chris
O'Brien about the status of Chris O'Brien's San Luis Valley
automated camcorder UFO detection system.

I've emailed Gene directly as well as here.

Eleanor White

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I didn't mean to suggest that lightning couldn't have caused a
breakup of the device, just that it wouldn't induce a
chemically-driven explosion of the N2.

Clearly, any gas under high pressure can produce an explosion if
its containment vessel fails, and it's not unreasonable to
suppose that a lightning strike could have caused such failure.
However, a point failure in a pressurized metal tank would be
unlikely to shatter it (or nearby metallic structures) into
numerous small fragments/shards, even at very high pressures. I
would expect the balloon skin material to remain relatively
contiguous as well.

On the other hand, per a previous (Apr 2007) post to David
Rudiak in a similar discussion, I think it's conceivable that a
lightning strike on a rubbery balloon material with a metallic
paint/coating could produce extremely high loading rates via
catastrophic resistive heating and thereby induce brittle
failure (shattering), sufficient to produce a widespread debris
field. But again, even assuming simultaneous bursting of the N2

tanks, the debris would almost certainly include recognizable remnants of the structure/payload.

Mike

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Birmingham UFO Group Malcolm Robinson Lecture

From: Philip Mantle <philip.mantle.nul>
Date: Sat, 07 May 2011 10:19:05 +0100
Archived: Sun, 08 May 2011 05:58:01 -0400
Subject: Birmingham UFO Group Malcolm Robinson Lecture

From: Dave Hodrien
To: davehodrien.nul
Subject: Birmingham UFO Group Malcolm Robinson Lecture

Birmingham UFO Group Lecture

Malcolm Robinson - The Weird And The Wonderful

Date: Saturday 25th May 2011

Time: 7.30-11.30pm

Venue: Hot Shots Snooker Club,
100 Crosswells Road,
Oldbury,
Birmingham,
B688HH

Price: =A34.50 members, =A35.00 non-members (All welcome)

For a map and photo of venue see BUFOG website:

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We live in strange times; indeed we have always lived in strange times! In this new and in part updated lecture, UFO & Paranormal researcher Malcolm Robinson will take a look at a whole range of weird and wonderful enigmas.

- Firstly Malcolm will discuss how he got involved in these subjects.
- We then take a look at how the human eye can be deceived!
- Malcolm will discuss his daughter's own ghostly experience at the Schooner Hotel in Northumberland.
- And did you know about the curse of James Dean's car? Well its all here, be prepared to be stunned.
- Malcolm will discuss his UFO sighting at Loch Ness (of all places!)
- Malcolm will show you his invention of which he believes would capture the Loch Ness Monster, something which movie mogul Steven Spielberg was going to fund!
- Malcolm then goes on to discuss one of his own UFO sightings.
- We then discuss a puzzling case of what claims to show a strange being which was photographed in Chile. Is it real or faked?
- Malcolm then discusses a UFO Incident when a commercial airline was buzzed by a UFO of which was then chased away by two military jets. This has never ever been publically presented before!

- Malcolm then discusses the Reading Incident in which one of Malcolm's friends saw a person shape shift into a grey alien being!! Sounds crazy, but it did happen.
- Malcolm then discusses the NEW THEORY being proposed to explain the Livingston UFO Incident, one of Scotland's biggest UFO cases. What is it? Well be there to find out!
- Another new UFO case of Malcolm's is the M.V. Barron Inchcape case where a seaman observed a UFO hovering above the Indian Ocean.
- He then discusses the strange case of a car that had an encounter with an invisible barrier!
- Malcolm then sums up what he believes is going on with the UFO Phenomenon and experiences of the paranormal.

This lecture is 'heavily' illustrated by the use of power point slides to add that visual impact. Your eyes will never be the same again!!

Malcolm has been interested in the strange world of UFOs and the paranormal for as long as he can remember and in 1979 he formed his own research society entitled Strange Phenomena Investigations, (SPI) Malcolm (originally from Tullibody in Central Scotland) now lives in the small town of Hastings in East Sussex. The aims of SPI are basically to collect, research, and publish, accounts relating to most aspects of strange phenomena, and to purposely endeavour to try and come up with some answers to account for what at present eludes us.

Articles by Malcolm have appeared in many of the world's UFO and paranormal magazines. Malcolm has assisted many of the U.K's National and Regional newspapers in connection with stories concerning ghosts, poltergeists and UFOs and has been interviewed by many of the U.K's major (and minor) radio stations regarding the above mentioned subjects.

This should be a truly fascinating evening, I hope you can make it! If you need to stop overnight or have any other questions about the event contact Dave on davehodrien.nul

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UFO Gold Coast Captured On Video

From: **Eustaquio Andrea Patounas** <socex.ufobras.nul>
Date: Sat, 7 May 2011 10:36:47 -0300
Archived: Sun, 08 May 2011 06:00:19 -0400
Subject: UFO Gold Coast Captured On Video

Source: Asian News International/DailyIndia.com

<http://www.dailyindia.com/show/438235.php>

Washington, May 5 2011

From ANI

A UFO that was sighted in the Gold Coast of Australia has been captured on a 10-minute video.

Brisbane man Sean Coulter was winding down from a night of partying at Tallai with 10 mates on February 6 when he spotted the strange light.

The friends had hired an isolated property for a 21st birthday party and, after their big night, thought they were seeing things.

After watching the strange light moving about for 15 minutes, they decided to film it, capturing 10 minutes of footage.

"It was ... in front of the clouds and there wasn't a star to be seen, just this bright white light," the Courier Mail quoted Coulter as saying.

"It was moving left to right and was only a couple of hundred metres away. The whole thing was really eerie. It was like it was watching us," he said.

Coulter said the light appeared to slowly move away from them and draw clouds towards it, followed by a flash electrical storm, and when the clouds cleared, he said the object was gone.

"I've never seen anything like it before. It was out of this world. Some of my mates that saw it are the biggest sceptics you've ever met but after seeing it they believe in UFOs," he explained.

"I work as a traffic controller so I spend a lot of time outside at night and see lots of things in the sky. This was like nothing else," he added.

UFO Research Queensland is examining Coulter's footage.

A spokesman from the Civil Aviation Safety Authority said he was not aware of recent UFO reports on the Coast.

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Subject: Re: News Links - 03-05-11

>From: Peter Davenport <director.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 6 May 2011 12:29:54 -0700
>Subject: Re: News Links - 03-05-11

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 6 May 2011 17:48:45 +0000
>>Subject: Re: News Links - 03-05-11

>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 05 May 2011 09:45:40 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: News Links - 03-05-11

>>>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>>Date: Wed, 4 May 2011 18:29:14 +0000
>>>>Subject: Re: News Links - 03-05-11

>>>>>Project Mogul, UFOs And Soviet Nuclear Detonations
>>>>>Kevin Randle
>>>>><http://tinyurl.com/6jvdhx4>

>>>><snip>

>>>>>Actually, there are two spheres containing nitrogen. Some forms
>>>>>of nitrogen are very stable and other compounds are not. Think
>>>>>ammonium nitrate fertilizer and how it has been used as an
>>>>>explosive ingredient. Therefore, under certain specific
>>>>>conditions, it can explode. Perhaps, if a sphere filled with N2
>>>>>is hit by lightning.

>>>>Molecular nitrogen (N2) is quite chemically inert, and cannot be
>>>>made to 'explode' via lightning or other energy input. Indeed,
>>>>N2 is a product of the detonation of nitrogen-bearing
>>>>explosives, effectively recovering the energy required to break
>>>>the strong triple bond in N2.

>>>Thanks for correcting my suggestion of lightening strike causing
>>>breakup of device. Could there be another reason it would have
>>>exploded? To me, N2 under pressure seemed a bit unstable. Are
>>>you saying that it is not?

>Mike and Kathy,

>I agree with the comments that both of you have made, regarding
>nitrogen.

>However, it is well established in the field of biology that the
>principal source of nitrogen for plant growth is nitrogen-
>containing molecules, which are created by lightning. Molecular
>nitrogen (N subscript 2) is generally very chemically stable.
>However, the temperatures that occur in proximity to a bolt of
>lightning is sufficient to separate the atoms of nitrogen,
>making them available as free radicals for combination with
>atoms of other elements, e.g. oxygen.

The mechanism for the failure was the static electric field of

lightening, not the N2 under pressure. Have you ever been out in the field in New Mexico, especially in Lincoln County, when a thunder storm arrived? It is fast, furious and intense. Over in a few minutes, but the environmental conditions are charged with almost continuous pulses of lightening lighting up the sky. And, yes, it is possible for airborne objects to be struck by lightening. So, no, I was not focused on the gas content of the metal containers necessarily, but there was a metal structure that could have easily attracted lightening. If you are really interested, I am sure there are copies of the Paranoia Magazine still available so you can view the platform monitoring device.

Or, go to the library and ask them to get you a copy of the article I cite.

I understand the resistance to contemplating something other than a preconceived idea of what crashed at the Foster Ranch/Lincoln County. But as long as there is no physical evidence indicating what might have crashed, we can all jump into the fray and suggest whatever seems feasible. To my mind, balloon trains with atmospheric monitoring devices is the most feasible.

KK

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Re: Alien Numbers

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Sun, 8 May 2011 07:21:04 -0500
Archived: Sun, 08 May 2011 11:17:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Numbers

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 6 May 2011 10:13:03 -0700 (PDT)
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>One would think the fast rate of change over the past 100 years
>in energy production, travel, communications would have taught
>us something..Admittedly asronomers have had little to do with
>any of these developments.

"...Admittedly astronomers have had little to do with any of
these developments."

Bwaaaauuuuuhahahahaha! Sorry, had to let you know that got a
laugh!

Not thought about, I think: the Drake equation is a model only
to give a person ballpark speculations regarding who might be
out there, but with every variable weighed and sifted for values
of their own, variables that are themselves solutions to
equations with wide scopes provoked by more variables still, eh?
Any estimate for 'real' accuracy valueless?

Seems Amir Aczel nailed it down in his Probability_One, I
suspect, when he pointed out mathematically that there is, not-
so-roughly, 'one' chance in 'one' that we are not alone. Put
that together with the contention that we are our own proof
that we're not alone: we are a race of self-aware beings
satisfying the formality of actual occurrence in the corporeal,
once. That's enough, actually. What 'can,' 'will.'

...And not just once, see, but over and over in a manner
seemingly fractal in nature, involving an all but infinite
existential of space/time and surface area. We are such
fatuously meager beasts bereft of all humility and unaware that
the bigger fire illuminates greater darkness. Why then grow the
fire at all? ...Because it's light where darkness was and a
mountain to climb... we need no other excuses.

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Dear List

Kentaro Mori alerted me to this very important recent discovery, details of which have been posted by Alexandre Borges in the last few days. Links to pdf downloads of several documents, or parts thereof, can be found at:

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together with some background, discussion and opinions by Borges.

I'd like to personally thank Alexandre Borges for his hard work locating these documents, and especially for making them promptly and freely available for other researchers to study.

Lots of interesting stuff here!

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Britain's X Files Tonight On PBS/WETA

From: Larry W Bryant <overtci.nul>
Date: Mon, 9 May 2011 03:07:10 -0400
Archived: Mon, 09 May 2011 06:43:44 -0400
Subject: Britain's X Files Tonight On PBS/WETA

From: Paul Nahay <pnahay.nul>
To: Paul Nahay <pnahay.nul>
Date: Sun, May 8, 2011 at 10:07 PM
Subject: Tomorrow Night (Monday) on PBS/WETA: Britain's X Files

Britain's X Files

A series of UFO sightings inspire the creation of Britain's UFO Investigation Unit.

9:00 - 10:00 PMWETA

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ET Phones Thailand Picks Up Tab

From: Rich Heiden <rwheidenu.nul>
Date: Sat, 7 May 2011 12:42:56 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Mon, 09 May 2011 06:52:43 -0400
Subject: ET Phones Thailand Picks Up Tab

Wall Street Journal, Friday, May 6, 2011
pp. One and A12

E.T. Phones Thailand And Picks Up The Tab For The Call

Alien Sightings in Asia Go Into Hyperdrive; It's Mars on the
Line, Dr. Debnanom

by James Hookway,
datelined Kao Kala, Thailand.

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Cigar UFO Photographed Over New Hampshire
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<http://tinyurl.com/3tq79fy>

UFOs Frequently Low Over California's Bear River Area
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/3ultosj>

Second Report Of Orange Lights Over North Carolina
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/3dlwfu8>

Uniontown, Pennsylvania, UFO 'Lifted Object From Ground'
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/3l76a56>

Saucer-Shaped UFO Descends And Submerges Into Lake St. Clair
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/3vdvhvs>

Witness Reports 'Something' Lowered Itself Down Out Of Cloud
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/3plhoq6>

UFO Emerges From Indiana Cornfield: Gone 'In Seconds'
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/6kqmvgy>

Controversial Kingman UFO Crash Site Sparks New Interest
Associated Content
<http://tinyurl.com/42ztgvm>

Do Alien Spacecraft Exist? KGUN 9 Examines The Mystery
KGUN-TV
<http://tinyurl.com/6fmfwck>

UFO Battles Captured on Video? Not Likely, Expert Says
Benjamin Radford
LiveScience.com
<http://tinyurl.com/3mkpkt3>

UFO Enthusiast In Ontario Claims That Aliens Mimic Planes - Video
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/3vzmfbm>

Project Humanbeingsfirst Responds: Aliens And UFOs - Head In The
Ass!
Salem-News.Com
<http://tinyurl.com/6j9xmek>

From 'The Norm':

Salta Argentina Resident Photographs UFO Over Cachi During

Easter Week
Inexplicata
<http://tinyurl.com/42chmgh>

Another Vigil For The Ocular Proof
Billy Cox
<http://tinyurl.com/5rbgycz>

Painting The Ceiling With Coffee
Billy Cox
<http://tinyurl.com/3fgf8yx>

GrassRoots UFOs: Case Reports From The Center For UFO Studies
(Re-published)
by Michael D. Swords
<http://tinyurl.com/6xu3pag>

Review Of Above Book - PDF
<http://tinyurl.com/3wod8nj>

When photo images masquerade as reality
The Globe & Mail - Toronto
<http://tinyurl.com/42tr5z5>

DARPA Sets Out To Build Futuristic Space Exploration Organization
<http://tinyurl.com/3wzc8po>

Falling Brains Dept:

On Earth, Alien Visits Follow The Money
Death And Taxes
<http://tinyurl.com/6kjd7oy>

Video Of UFO Over Australia's Gold Coast: Giggles From
Newcasters, Inept 'UFO Researcher'
DBKP - Death By 1000 Papercuts
<http://tinyurl.com/4ytvwz7>

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Thanks for the thought, Kathy, but my health has deteriorated significantly since first joining this forum, and I'm in no shape to volunteer. I just thought shared processing might be a way around the cost.

Of course, if none of the data occurred during a date/time when the test subject reported an abduction experience, maybe it isn't worth doing.

Also - if only a couple of abduction experiences occurred during a data recording, then perhaps only a day or two on either side of the experiences would need to be analyzed, at least for a sort of summary look at what happened. That would be a cost saving too.

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Thanks for the notice Martin. This is a lot to digest before
commenting in detail... I'm relying on marginally effective
Google Translate. cursory review: it strengthens the (genuine
anomaly) case more than it weakens it.

Question to anyone: Who actually invited Barauna and the diving
club onboard, and when? If it was Bacellar himself, the plot
would thicken considerably.

Mike

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>From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 2 May 2011 17:51:08 +0200
>Subject: ETs Might Live Off Black Holes

>Super Civilizations Might Live Off Black Holes

>It's time to think far outside of the box regarding our
>preconceptions of how to find extraterrestrial civilizations.

>Read More:

><http://tinyurl.com/44mqnrw>

Diana:

The last phrase of the article had me laughing out loud. The known galaxy is some super intelligence's science project! Wow! And, now, for something completely different (as the Monty Python people used to say).

KK

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Then again, maybe not.

Jerry Clark

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>>Kentaro Mori alerted me to this very important recent
>>discovery,
>>details of which have been posted by Alexandre Borges in the
>>last few days. Links to pdf downloads of several documents, or
>>parts thereof, can be found at:

>><http://tinyurl.com/6ztubtv>

>Thanks for the notice Martin. This is a lot to digest before
>commenting in detail... I'm relying on marginally effective
>Google Translate. cursory review: it strengthens the (genuine
>anomaly) case more than it weakens it.

I tend to agree at the moment.

>Question to anyone: Who actually invited Barauna and the diving
>club onboard, and when? If it was Bacellar himself, the plot
>would thicken considerably.

The consensus of belief seems to be that the Icarai Club divers were invited on the trip by the Navy, and Barauna went as one of them. Similar invitations to other civilians had been the practice on earlier trips to the island (last one in Sept 1957). It appears to have been expected that the civilian invitees would assist the Navy and/or IGY scientists in various ways. But I haven't seen any official record of their status as it was understood by the Navy, and I don't find any indication of the date the Club was first invited (presumably via its chairman, Amilar Vieira).

Here are some references:

"This Ministry sees no reason to forbid the publication of pictures of said object, taken by Mr. Almiro Barauna- who was at the Island of Trindade as a Navy guest..." (Fontes translation from Rio de Janeiro CORREIO DA MANH=C3, ULTIMA HORA, February 23; O GLOBO, February 24, etc. Sao Paulo O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO, February 23, 1958)

The version of the above statement cited by US Naval Attache Capt Sunderland (ONI Information Report, March 11 1958) has "Almiro Barauna, who was at Trindade Island at the invitation of the Navy".

"Q. Mr. Barauna, what were the reasons for your presence aboard the NE 'Almirante Saldanha'?"

"A. The Navy has invited several teams specialized in submarine hunting to visit the Island of Trindade. I am a member of the

Icarai Club for Submarine Hunting, and our group was invited for the last trip... We were going to try to beat some records on submarine hunting. Personally, I was going to take underwater photographs for the Navy, and also to write some articles about the Island and the activities of the scientists working for the IGY." (O Cruzeiro, March 8 1958)

"Several civilians were aboard the ship this time, invited officially to collaborate with the Navy Ministry in the scientific studies which were underway at the Island. One man was Almiro Barauna, a photographer and former newspaperman now working as a 'free lancer.' He was also an expert in submarine photography and had been invited to work in the field for the Navy." (Fontes, The UAO Sightings at the Island of Trindade, APRO Bulletin)

"We can say the story began on January 14, when the Brazilian Navy's vessel Almirante Saldanha was nearing Trindade Island, bringing along with its regular crew a group of skin-divers, as it had been doing on its latest trips. One of the members of that team was Barauna, who would eventually become the major protagonist in the case. 1958 was the International Geophysical Year, and the Brazilian Navy was actively participating in the researches being conducted, which included Trindade.

"Thus, the presence of the skin-divers was associated to such activities. The team was supposed to collect rare fish specimens that were not usually found on the coast. Barauna was invited to photograph the bottom of the sea, and a watertight box had been built to allow for such images to be taken."

("New facts on the Trindade incident - Unpublished statements from the author of the famous photographs taken aboard Almirante Saldanha", Marco Antonio Petit, Brazilian UFO Magazine, 1997)

"The year of 1958 was the 'International Geophysical Year'. The Navy used to invite teams that embarked at the old school ship 'Almirante Saldanha', to the scientists' service. On that day, we were on board with the team of the Icarai Underwater Hunt Club, composed of five people: Amilar V. Filho that directed the group. Jose Teobaldo Viegas, retired Brazilian Air Force captain, industrial and director of Niteroi Aero-club; Mauro Andrade, employee of the Bank of London; Aloisio and me, that participated in the group as specialist in underwater pictures."

(Aurelio Zaluar, The Trndade Island Case, UFO/OVNI Documento, Oct/Dec 1979; trans. Kentaro Mori)

"In reality, people saw something there. There was something, a cloud formation, another thing. He [Bara=FAna] was doing underwater pictures for the Navy." -- Barauna's nephew, Marcello Ribeiro, in interview with Alexandre Borges

Martin Shough

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Certainly not for those who weren't paying much attention anyway.

The material I've seen thus far leads me to think that the best
(if slim) hope for the hoax theory is with Bacellar as
instigator, with Barauna as accomplice. Hence my question.

Mike

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Re: Time For CUFOS To Release Abductee Home Data

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
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>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
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>Date: Mon, 9 May 2011 17:30:27 -0400
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>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
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>>Date: Sun, 8 May 2011 20:19:20 +0000
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>>Are you offering to do the analysis - pro bono?

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>Thanks for the thought, Kathy, but my health has deteriorated
>significantly since first joining this forum, and I'm in no shape
>to volunteer. I just thought shared processing might be a way
>around the cost.

>Of course, if none of the data occurred during a date/time when
>the test subject reported an abduction experience, maybe it isn't
>worth doing.

>Also - if only a couple of abduction experiences occurred during
>a data recording, then perhaps only a day or two on either side
>of the experiences would need to be analyzed, at least for a sort
>of summary look at what happened. That would be a cost saving too.

Eleanor:

you had already done some preliminary thinking about the
parameters of a project such as this.

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Dear Listers:

The latest issue of the Planetary Society's magazine includes the following (in a perverse way Curiosity's configuration looks like a face):

Having some fun with Curiosity's pretty face (plus, a conversation about Curiosity with a 4-year-old):

<http://planetary.org/blog/article/00002994/>

Through the Mars Rover projects, humans have now become the aliens. Landing on other planets for the purpose of exploration.

The updates on Opportunity and the attempts to revive Spirit were written as if the rovers were the mechanical children of humans. They were sent by their parents - us - to go a roving through the planetary system and landed on Mars.

Think about it... The proverbial shoe, in this case, is on the other foot. Are we sending the message that we come in peace, simply to explore? Or, is the four year old expressing how we really feel?

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Gildas, you make some good points, so I reread the article. It turns out that McCandlish did not see the ARV himself. He got his information from Brad Sorenson, a colleague. Sorenson was the one who claimed that he saw the craft hovering inside the hanger. Further, Sorenson did not see the insides of the craft. Instead he was shown a video that described it inside and out. So McCandlish's information about the hovering craft was at least second hand, as was the existence of the video and all it contained.

We don't know if the craft was displayed casually, since there was no mention of security or the lack of it.

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I'm no expert on disinformation techniques, but the release of any information by the military is probably not done unless there is a pressing reason. So you could well be right. But we are often told that the best disinformation is that which holds some elements of truth. I think that is what attracted me to this story. That is, the description of the technology and how it works is loosely consistent with some new research that is in the public domain.

The Heterodyne Resonance Mechanism described by Sarg requires a plasma in which electron spins are manipulated to access energy in the aether. Such a process is also described by McCandlish when he talks about tapping zero-point energy by interfering with the electron spin. Other technical aspects he discusses may well be hog-wash, such as the big capacitors, etc that suggest that the Biefeld-Brown effect is being used. This may be capitalizing on what little we think we already know about the B-B effect to facilitate misdirection.

A difficulty I have is that Sorenson passed along to McCandlish what seems to be an excessive amount of technical detail if he was shown the video only once. He must have a photographic memory or he took copious notes while watching the video - perhaps several times. This is another reason to think that some technically aware person may have helped Sorenson make up a good story for McCandlish. We have to judge for ourselves if he could have remembered all the details, if someone could have helped him recall, or if much or all of it is fiction.

William

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It would be one thing if we could place Capt Bacellar and
Barauna in some bar a week before sailing, potentially cooking
up a scam. That would be neat.

But we need to remember that Capt Bacellar was 700 miles away on
the island at the time the Almirante Saldanha was preparing for
this voyage, and had been there for over 2 months. Personal
communication in those days was not simple, probably limited to
official channels. There were no telephone landlines. No mobile
phones. No satellite. No postal deliveries except when the
resupply ship arrived from Rio at the end of each operational
tour. Too far for carrier pigeons.

The evidence is that Bacellar reported nothing through Navy
channels about any UFOs until 31 Dec 1957, and there's no
evidence that the Navy Command made any response until Jan 6
1958 instructing Bacellar to provide further information. This
was the start of the Navy Investigation. These communications
(note) were encrypted radiograms.

So if we are considering a prior set-up arranged between
Bacellar and Barauna then we have to suppose some very advanced
planning to ensure that the Icarai Club would be the subject of
the next Navy Invitation and to ensure that a "UFO flap" started
during his tour of duty, culminating in the convenient arrival
of Barauna on board the ship. And this flap has to include a
fabricated sighting on Dec 31 of a steel-coloured, high-speed
"flattened ellipsoid of revolution" overflying the island at
1600 m sighted by multiple witnesses including a doctor and Navy
officer and others as described in Bacellar's report to Capt
Brandao and in his own official written report (thanks,
Alexandre Borges).

Notice also that in this written report Bacellar refers to
Barauna in terms that do not indicate particular familiarity,
referring to "this person" etc. Of course he would, wouldn't he,

if was really in cahoots in some long-standing elaborate hoax (and I think "elaborate" is an appropriate adjective for once). But I personally find this scenario incredible.

I think we have to assume one of five scenarios:

1) Barauna was somehow tipped off shortly before the trip, in the first week of January 1958, through some other source in the Navy High Command, and before embarking on Jan 07 managed to prepare a bi-pack film roll hoax that he gambled would survive inspection, either on board or (which was more likely, a priori) after confiscation. He then staged the "sighting" himself.

2) Barauna proceeded as per 1) and enlisted Capt Bacellar into his scheme when he arrived at to the island to ensure on-the-spot validation and allow him to take the negatives home. He then staged the "sighting" himself.

3) Barauna learned about the island sightings only when he arrived at Trindade (or from rumour during the trip) and had no prepared hoax, but enlisted Capt Bacellar on the spot to ensure a bogus validation of some empty negatives. He then staged the "sighting" himself.

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I can see why something like #4 is appealing, because after all the realistic alternative is a bit of a shocker:

5) It all happened much as the principals said it did.

I remain in the position of being far from certain that 5) is true, and cognizant of certain problems (in particular the cloud displacements, and the - shall we say - unfortunate colourfulness of some of Barauna's past history and character); but at the same time I am sceptical of a great deal of the sceptical argumentation, which IMO does not do the advertised job of making scenarios 1) to 4) very attractive.

Martin Shough

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I received a private email from someone who had read my comments about the CUFOS abductee home monitoring project. I'm repeating my reply to that email because in my private reply, I outline some experiences and possibilities for future abductee monitoring experiments.

Here is my reply:

Abductee home monitoring is especially interesting to me, because it seems to parallel our electronic harassment community's attempts to even just video targets as they sleep or attempt to.

With us, one of these things inevitably happens, as best I'm aware:

- The remote electronic assaults cease as long as a camcorder or other type of recorder is running.
- The camcorder or recorder is remotely shut off. This includes physically moving slide or toggle switches remotely.
- The camcorder or recorder is blasted with loud static, (or electrically noisy signal if an audio channel isn't in use) causing snow on the video track.
- The camcorder or recorder will simply be blanked and record nothing, even though it is running.
- Occasionally, the camcorder or recorder is remotely made to totally fail and cannot be re-started. But curiously, if the failed item is put on the shelf for a few months, it suddenly "fixes itself" and works perfectly again. This happens, too, to all manner of electronic/electrical equipment which is not used for recording.

Clearly, the 'entities' responsible for the e-harassment do not want recorded evidence to be obtained.

I don't know about the details of how the abductee home recording equipment failed, of course, but it does sound very familiar.

The ultimate is that 'Skinwalker Ranch' pair of remote camcorders watching one another, in which the total physical destruction of one was not picked up by the other. (Not sure if the observing camera stopped or was blanked.)

I do think this kind of research is worth pursuing, but to be affordable, the prototype setup should probably be done with just one abductee, until a system is developed which is reliable.

In our group, because ordinary electromagnetic test equipment will often pick up nothing even during periods of very aggressive assault, we theorize that only a recording EEG unit, ideally a medical grade unit, might at least show substantial

excursions from normal brain signal during these assaults.

Such a recorded EEG trace, together with an audio recording by the target in which the target announces date and exact time of the event, and a description of the assault would at least provide skeptical officials with an inkling that some real event was happening.

If the recorder was stopped, blanked out, or blasted with static during the noted assault, that too would be evidence for our purposes.

The hope would be that some sort of further investigation might be offered by the skeptical officials as a result.

[We haven't tried this because part of the harassment is sleep deprivation and character assassination, resulting in poverty.]

I'm wondering if that might be useful for abduction events?

Since Cleve Backster's experiments with his philodendron plants connected to his polygraph showed apparent 'bonding' between plant and owner, even over significant distances, another experiment which might be useful for abductions is to have the abductee care for a plant for a while, and a philodendron might be a good starting point.

Then, an EEG machine has electrodes bonded to the upper and lower sides of a [healthy] leaf with agar (used by Cleve Backster).

During an abduction event, it might be very interesting to see what the previously bonded _plant_ might show on its EEG trace.

I tried this with a simple, single channel EEG unit connected to a philodendron, next to my bed. The harassers either blasted the unit with static, or the plant flatlined. I could not get a single night where the plant EEG was normal, when I was trying to get some confirmation that a remote assault of some type was happening.

According to Cleve Backster (in the book "Secret Life of Plants") plants do flat line when extremely stressful things are happening, particularly when someone who has been cruel to plants was present. So I don't know if the flatlining was electronic, or the plant was picking up something stressful.

I did duplicate Backster's experiment when he took a lighter and threatened to burn the plant, and the plant responded with wildly exaggerated EEG traces. My unit only has a meter, and a geiger-counter like speaker as output, but it was plain that plant was 'terrified.'

One thing I wonder about is if there are now small enough recording GPS units which an abductee might wear around a wrist or ankle, using a sturdy strap of some sort.

That recording GPS on the boat did work, after all.

So I think there may be experiments with abductees well worth doing and maybe with newer equipment, the experiments might be more affordable.

Eleanor White

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Overlooked ET Movie

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Subject: Overlooked ET Movie

I had fun watching a classic 1952 extraterrestrial movie Red Planet Mars.

<http://ufomafia.com/blog/1952-movie-red-planet-mars>

I'd seen it way back in the late 60's or early 70's on television and remembered being disappointed as there were no monsters and spaceships in it. I also remembered it had a spiritual theme to it.

I got a chance to see it today with a different set of viewpoints and found it very powerful, bitterly funny, and inspiring.

What got me more was that the effects of ET contact portrayed in the movie not only mirrors the fears of some reported government sponsored studies but also much of what some theorize today.

Great performances and a real good drama.

Best,

Greg
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The Alien Deception eBook

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My book The Alien Deception Has Been 'Kindled'

After being briefly published as a paperback messed around by or ignored by publishers The Alien Deception is now available for a mere \$6.89 as an ebook on Kindle. It covers the history of the alien abduction phenomenon using the Betty and Barney Hill case as a stepping stone and the Magonian frame of reference as the guiding light. To US readers this means Lit. Crit. armchair ufology, to the rest of us it attempts to provide a finely tuned sociopsychological perspective on this 50-year-old enigma.

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My initial inclination was to dismiss Trindade outright, on the
basis of nothing more than the Barauna's prior history, as one

might similarly (if more immediately) dismiss the Maury Island case after learning about Fred Crisman.

My position on Trindade is actually less logically consistent than, say, Kentaro Mori's, in that he is (apparently genuinely) convinced that he has reviewed/collected sufficient objective evidence to indicate a hoax, whereas I find his arguments and evidence unconvincing, but nevertheless suspect a hoax.

Unlike Kentaro, however, I find this conclusion becoming increasingly far-fetched, to the point where I no longer give serious consideration to the 'Barauna-as-lone-gunman' scenario. But after examination of the evidence in its broader context, it becomes clear that Barauna's photos are only the most visible component of a larger story, one in which Bacellar figures quite prominently. As such, I think early communication between Bacellar and Barauna would be significant indeed, and it is worthwhile to determine whether such was plausible (or even possible).

Mike

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Missouri witnesses report aircraft 'shooting at' UFOs
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<http://tinyurl.com/63luntm>

Two UFOs 'Size Of A Car' Low Over Cheviot, Ohio
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/65gejwa>

California UFO Reports Lead Nation In Numbers
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/62y9ln8>

Unidentified Flying Object Spotted Over Melrose
Border Telegraph
<http://tinyurl.com/6zpeogv>

UFO Sightings On The Rise In Finland
YLE News
<http://tinyurl.com/3faro7g>

More UFOs Reported In Sierra De La Ventana, Argentina
Inexplicata
<http://tinyurl.com/665mkdu>

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Leighton Buzzard Today
<http://tinyurl.com/5sh86rb>

UFOs And Ghosts Among 'Paranormal Activity' Investigated By
Police Force
stv.tv
<http://tinyurl.com/62gap7q>

Was Strange Light Over Shropshire A UFO? - Video
The Shropshire Star
<http://tinyurl.com/433dhzc>

Friends Baffled By 'UFO' Sightings In Skies Over Burton
Burton Mail
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Professor To Discuss ET Encounters
Greeley Tribune
<http://tinyurl.com/3gnbyd3>

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Nova News Now

<http://tinyurl.com/5syrdk8>

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Kevin Randle

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Kenny Young Archives

<http://tinyurl.com/3l4uuc2>

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My own views on matters like these have evolved over the years
and grown ever more nuanced.

Basically, I beg to differ with the sentiment expressed above. I
consider "skepticism" - of which assumption of the worst is an
operating principle - as much a psychosocial construct as its
opposite. Consequently, in my observation, old ways of thinking,
con as much as pro, have serious pitfalls, prominent among them
unexamined beliefs and presumptions, which have short-circuited
progress in addressing the thorny questions raised by anomalous-
experience claims. We need to seek out approaches that are at
once more modest and more creative.

One of these days, when I've thought my way through this (and, moreover, have finished the book I'm currently writing), I'll endeavor to lay out my conclusions in a fully argued essay. In the meantime, this is a discussion for another time.

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Hello All,

I agree, Ms. White, that monitoring individuals such as self-described alien abductees and victims of electronic harassment are worthy courses of investigation. I was very disappointed in the manner the Ambient Monitoring Project, or AMP, was ultimately handled. I would like to offer the following info in an effort to help answer some very relevant questions about the project that have been brought up by various people in recent emails.

The project evolved over several years and was once titled the Abductee Monitoring Project. The following presentation demonstrates that abductions were indeed reported during data-gathering phases of the project and that the equipment did not malfunction (see page 13):

<http://tinyurl.com/3jedr7j>

A thorough explanation of the AMP methodology, as presented by project director Tom Deuley, was published in the July, 2008, MUFON Journal:

<http://tinyurl.com/3o355uw>

Public availability and disclosure of the data is indeed in order. Actually, it is long overdue.

Regards,

Jack Brewer

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Radar Detection Of UFOs [was: SETI Summary]

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>From: Peter Davenport <director.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 5 May 2011 12:41:18 -0700
>Subject: Re: SETI Summary

>Albert, Kathy, et al,

>I suspect that detection of UFOs has been occurring for a long
>time, probably since the early 1960's, when the U. S. Navy first
>began operating the "Fence," their "passive" radar system for
>detecting and tracking orbiting craft and space debris. If UFO's
>are a real phenomenon, it seems highly unlikely that the
>Navy's system would NOT have detected them, over some 50
>years of its continuous operation.

>For details on the U. S. Naval Space Surveillance system,
>please read my paper (2004) on the subject, or visit the
>USNACSPASUR website:

>http://www.fas.org/spp/military/program/track/nsss_fs_2002-09.pdf

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>"passive" radar system, ostensibly to detect meteors. The
>system registers and analyzes radio signals bounced off the
>ionized trail behind the meteor, and is able to calculate the
>altitude, flight path, velocity, and perhaps the size of the meteor.
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>know for certain is that the administrator of the project,
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>want to either talk, or correspond, with me about the technical
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Read or scroll down to about halfway to above the graphics and you'll see mention of returns "moving towards the approximate north at about 14 knots" and on down, one where the "velocity is towards the radar at a uniform 13.6 kts <snip> this one behaves more like an aircraft than a meteorite fall." What is any object doing at above-jetliner heights moving at 13 or 14 knots (15 or 16 mph)?

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I'm not a radar expert and may be misunderstanding what's being said here. And I'm sure the vast majority of the detected events are just well-witnessed fireballs, meteor or space-junk entries/re-entries and so on. But still, keeping up with this website makes a lot of sense, because of the potential for NEXRAD recording something anomalous.

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From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 12 May 2011 19:38:34 -0400
Archived: Fri, 13 May 2011 04:38:51 -0400
Subject: Re: More On Abductee Home Monitoring

>From: Jack Brewer <brewer.jack.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 12 May 2011 08:05:54 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: More On Abductee Home Monitoring

>>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Tue, 10 May 2011 17:43:07 -0400
>>Subject: More On Abductee Home Monitoring

>>I received a private email from someone who had read my comments
>>about the CUFOS abductee home monitoring project. I'm repeating
>>my reply to that email because in my private reply, I outline
>>some experiences and possibilities for future abductee
>>monitoring experiments.

>Here is my reply:

><snip>

>Hello All,

>I agree, Ms. White, that monitoring individuals such as self-
>described alien abductees and victims of electronic harassment
>are worthy courses of investigation. I was very disappointed in
>the manner the Ambient Monitoring Project, or AMP, was
>ultimately handled. I would like to offer the following info in
>an effort to help answer some very relevant questions about the
>project that have been brought up by various people in recent
>emails.

>The project evolved over several years and was once titled the
>Abductee Monitoring Project. The following presentation
>demonstrates that abductions were indeed reported during data-
>gathering phases of the project and that the equipment did not
>malfunction (see page 13):

><http://tinyurl.com/3jedr7j>

>A thorough explanation of the AMP methodology, as presented by
>project director Tom Deuley, was published in the July, 2008,
>MUFON Journal:

><http://tinyurl.com/3o355uw>

>Public availability and disclosure of the data is indeed in
>order. Actually, it is long overdue.

You should make your case with the UFO Research Coalition and see if they can release the actual diaries kept by the subjects. It was extremely difficult to find any subjects willing to open up their lives to the equipment. Somehow, I think that to release details of their sleep periods for public scrutiny, would perhaps cause problems for future efforts and cooperation from abduction researchers. There seems to be some idea that abductees really want this kind of research to validate their situation, but I've certainly not found that to be true. Finding willing subjects was probably the most difficult part of this effort, and not the technical aspect that Tom worked on. Without the diaries, the environmental readings

don't mean much . . . and I think it's pretty clear that there was no "WOW" event to spark curiosity.

I would agree that this type of project could be of value, but not if it takes so long to complete that that technology advances to the point where it becomes meaningless. This will take deep pockets to pay for it, and make radical changes in the scope of the Project as deemed necessary due to changing circumstances. As we've learned, those who come to the genre with deep pockets often have their own agenda that needs to be taken into account. If they begin to lose interest, a Project can be left high and dry, with no future.

Steve

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The Abduction Portfolio

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 May 2011 08:35:34 +0100
Archived: Fri, 13 May 2011 04:40:55 -0400
Subject: The Abduction Portfolio

Confession: I have a mental block against all 'abduction evidence' - the whole portfolio. And I think most people who pride themselves on their pragmatism and logic probably share my failing.

Here's the most likely underlying fear or phobia. If even part of the abduction portfolio is correct, then we humans are not in control of our perceptions of 'reality' - but someone else might be.

What got me thinking this way was recently re-reading a quote from the Brookings Report, which is really talking about folk like me and many others on this list -

"It has been speculated that of all groups, scientists and engineers might be the most devastated by the discovery of relatively superior creatures, since these professions are most clearly associated with the mastery of nature rather than with the understanding and expression of man" ... "Advanced understanding of nature might vitiate all our theories at the very least, if not also require a culture and perhaps a brain inaccessible to earth scientists"

For the first time I fully understand its meaning. Not that it helps very much.

Cheers

Ray D

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Date: Fri, 13 May 2011 09:38:33 +0100
Archived: Fri, 13 May 2011 05:23:11 -0400
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From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Thu, 12 May 2011 20:04:36 +0000
Archived: Fri, 13 May 2011 08:04:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Radar Detection Of UFOs

>From: Ralph Howard <rhjr.nul>
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Thanks, Ralph, for the link and potential speaker for the
Sonoran Astronomy Society. We have had many speakers from the
Planetary Science Institute come and regale us with their
expertise in one way or other. And, by the way, they are just as
excited to find life on other planets and try to figure out
how/whether it is possible to interact with us Earthlings. I
have never found any of them stuffy and closed-minded about
'contact'.

At this past Tuesday dinner meeting, I sat at the same table
with Ken Graun - author of at least two books on astronomy - and
discussed distant mental influence, paranormal phenomena,
possible life above the microbiotic level, etc. - along Brother
Anderson from the Graham Observatory who joined in the
discussion regarding life in other systems.

I have never gotten ufo researchers/investigators need to
categorize astronomers as having an anti-ufo/extraterrestrial
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>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 09 May 2011 19:39:08 -0600
>Subject: Re: Trindade Navy Documents Discovered

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 9 May 2011 10:37:21 +0100
>>Subject: Trindade Navy Documents Discovered

>>Kentaro Mori alerted me to this very important recent
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>><http://tinyurl.com/6ztubtv>

<snip>

>Question to anyone: Who actually invited Barauna and the diving
>club onboard, and when? If it was Bacellar himself, the plot
>would thicken considerably.

Mike

For completeness I can add another source I missed. In his 1967
typed and signed statement Baruna wrote:

"Comvem esclarecer, que o grupo de civis se encontrava a bordo
a convite de Marinha para fazerem pesquisas submarinas e tirar
fotografias de fauna submarina da Ilha."

"It should be made clear that the group of civilians was on
board at the Navy's invitation for submarine research and to
take photographs of underwater fauna of the island."

I expect there are other relevant statements in the contemporary
press coverage in addition to the few I quoted, but until
someone publishes scans and/or transcripts of all this stuff in
an accessible form (preferably in the original Portuguese) it's
hard to excavate.

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OK, you got me, Gerald. In fact now that you mention it I recall the ship's dentist was Lt Homero, nicknamed "Homer" by our whistleblowing sailor Sr Brito. Perhaps this came from his hobby as a pigeon fancier?

MS

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Ralph and Martin,

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The principal shortcoming of that type of "active" radar for detecting short-lived, and high-velocity, targets is as Martin describes... the system might not detect them at all. Therein lies the advantage of using a "passive" radar system, which detects targets in all directions simultaneously, and does so on a virtually continuous basis. An "active" radar radiates a thin "pencil" of electromagnetic radiation, which "sweeps" a target intermittently, which can be defeated easily; a "passive" system radiates in all directions, and does so as long as the signal of choice is being transmitted. For details of such a system, I would recommend a search of the web for the "Naval Space Surveillance System," which uses a 742,000 watt "passive" system, based in Lake Kickapoo, Texas.

I believe that the "passive" system I describe in my paper proposes a system that sidesteps the shortcomings of an "active" system, for reasons that Martin correctly identifies in his comments above.

I am just leaving for the McMinnville, Oregon, conference, but will respond to any comments, upon my return.

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Re: The Abduction Portfolio

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 May 2011 16:55:46 +0000
Archived: Sat, 14 May 2011 05:26:53 -0400
Subject: Re: The Abduction Portfolio

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 13 May 2011 08:35:34 +0100
>Subject: The Abduction Portfolio

>Confession: I have a mental block against all 'abduction
>evidence' - the whole portfolio. And I think most people who
>pride themselves on their pragmatism and logic probably share my
>failing.

>Here's the most likely underlying fear or phobia. If even part
>of the abduction portfolio is correct, then we humans are not in
>control of our perceptions of 'reality' - but someone else might
>be.

>What got me thinking this way was recently re-reading a quote
>from the Brookings Report, which is really talking about folk
>like me and many others on this list -

>"It has been speculated that of all groups, scientists and
>engineers might be the most devastated by the discovery of
>relatively superior creatures, since these professions are most
>clearly associated with the mastery of nature rather than with
>the understanding and expression of man" ... "Advanced
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FINDS Exo-Earths 2 Appeal From Planetary Society

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 May 2011 17:06:46 +0000
Archived: Sat, 14 May 2011 05:29:49 -0400
Subject: FINDS Exo-Earths 2 Appeal From Planetary Society

Attached is an appeal I received from the Planetary Society:

Dear Kathy Kasten,

Have you ever wondered if we're alone in the universe?

If you answered "yes," you know there is so much to learn about the universe we live in. And today I'm writing you about a special opportunity that will help us learn so much more.

Two years ago, we gave the premier planet-hunting team on Earth - Debra Fischer (Yale University) and Geoff Marcy (University of California, Berkeley)- a \$40,000 grant for FINDS Exo-Earths-Fiber-optic Improved Next-generation Doppler Search for Exo-Earths.

The goal was to build an innovative new set of hardware for the telescope at California's Lick Observatory to improve its ability to find smaller extra-solar planets that may support life.

The FINDS Exo-Earths hardware improved the Lick system and is now being used to hunt planets. But this system can only take us so far. To detect Earth-sized planets, we must take what we learned with FINDS Exo-Earths and apply those lessons to a larger, better located telescope. We need FINDS Exo-Earths 2!

That's where you and I come in. We've been asked to help the team raise funds to assemble this much bigger and better telescope that will run on the more powerful 10-meter Keck Telescope in Hawaii!

So today I'm asking you to make the most generous donation possible to help build FINDS Exo-Earths 2 and perform other crucial scientific exploration that will aid in the search for Earth-like exoplanets.

We need to raise \$30,000 to build the new system that will lead Fischer and Marcy's team to fascinating discoveries of Earth-like planets in deep space. And to thank you for your support of FINDS Exo-Earths 2, Dr. Fischer will add your name to a donor recognition display!

Please help move FINDS Exo-Earths technology into its next phase. It's the next step to learning if we're alone out there, and I need your help to take it.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Bill Nye
Executive Director

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Re: Trindade Navy Documents Discovered

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 May 2011 12:21:24 -0600
Archived: Sat, 14 May 2011 05:34:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Trindade Navy Documents Discovered

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 10 May 2011 22:18:46 +0100
>Subject: Re: Trindade Navy Documents Discovered

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 10 May 2011 08:37:05 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Navy Documents Discovered

>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 09 May 2011 19:39:08 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Trindade Navy Documents Discovered

>>>Question to anyone: Who actually invited Barauna and the diving
>>>club onboard, and when? If it was Bacellar himself, the plot
>>>would thicken considerably.

>>Then again, maybe not.

Martin,

I will consolidate my delayed replies here, including your post this morning with the additional reference to Barauna's Jan 1967 written statement, of which I was aware. Some of the references in your reply to my 09 May post were new to me, and appreciated. I had gathered previously, primarily from Fontes' material, that the Navy (generically) had issued the invitation to the Icarai diving club. Like yourself, I find no indication of from whom or when.

Bacellar had a solid technical background, in addition to being commanding officer of the post itself. I think he could well have been personally responsible for issuing solicitations for civilian technical support for IGY activities at Trindade, but that is only speculation at this point.

<snip>

>But we need to remember that Capt Bacellar was 700 miles away on
>the island at the time the Almirante Saldanha was preparing for
>this voyage, and had been there for over 2 months. Personal
>communication in those days was not simple, probably limited to
>official channels. There were no telephone landlines. No mobile
>phones. No satellite. No postal deliveries except when the
>resupply ship arrived from Rio at the end of each operational
>tour. Too far for carrier pigeons.

>
>The evidence is that Bacellar reported nothing through Navy
>channels about any UFOs until 31 Dec 1957, and there's no
>evidence that the Navy Command made any response until Jan 6
>1958 instructing Bacellar to provide further information. This
>was the start of the Navy Investigation. These communications
>(note) were encrypted radiograms.

If we are to accord any credence to Fontes' material in the APRO Bulletins of early 1960, we should at least note his contention

that in late November 1957, Bacellar witnessed, and communicated to the Navy, a UFO sighting of his own that occurred during a meteorological balloon launch. Fontes makes clear distinction between this and later incidents.

In any case, the general issue of encrypted communication is important to discuss. I wouldn't dispute that communications from Bacellar to Naval superiors regarding UFOs would likely have been classified and encrypted as a matter of course, but I question whether all communications from Trindade were encrypted. This was not wartime, and as far as I know, the post had no sensitive/covert military or intelligence function.

While strong encryption is taken for granted in modern times, it would not have been nearly so straightforward at Trindade, and any meaningful level of security would likely have involved significant overhead activity (access to secure rooms/containers, generation/destruction of cipher keys, logging of sessions, etc).

It seems unreasonable that there would have been no provision for routine unclassified radio communication between Trindade and the mainland, e.g., for contact with civilian contractors/vendors and family members, even if it required a naval intermediary on the mainland. But admittedly, I have no familiarity with 1950's Brazilian naval security or communication protocols. I should think that records in the Trindade Documentation Service utilized by Borges would clear this up readily.

>So if we are considering a prior set-up arranged between
>Bacellar and Barauna then we have to suppose some very advanced
>planning to ensure that the Icarai Club would be the subject of
>the next Navy Invitation... <snip>

Which of course would be straightforward if Bacellar himself were coordinating these invitations (or at least the ones associated with Trindade).

Paraphrasing your five scenarios:

>1) Barauna was tipped off shortly before the trip, and before
>embarking managed to prepare a hoax. He then staged the
>"sighting" himself.

>2) Barauna proceeded as per 1) and enlisted Capt Bacellar into
>his scheme...

>3) Barauna learned about the island sightings only when he
>arrived at Trindade or during the trip, and had no prepared
>hoax, but enlisted Capt Bacellar on the spot...

>4) Barauna arrived at Trindade innocently, did not stage the
>sighting, and photographed "something" real, maybe a seagull.

>5) It all happened much as the principals said it did.

<snip>

>...I am sceptical of a great deal of the sceptical
>argumentation, which IMO does not do the advertised job of
>making scenarios 1) to 4) very attractive.

Agreed, and I am considering an equally (if not more) unattractive Scenario 0): Bacellar was the actual instigator, starting the ball rolling in Nov 1957, and, perhaps aware of Bacellar's talent and earlier exploits, recruiting him into the scheme under cover of support for the IGY expedition.

Absurd as such a scenario sounds, I see it as a loophole that needs to be closed. If it can be shown that timely communication (say, before January 1958) between Bacellar and Barauna was extremely unlikely or even impossible, I think it would not only serve to absolve Bacellar, but noticeably undercut the hoax allegations against Barauna as well.

Mike

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Date: Fri, 13 May 2011 19:23:41 +0100
Archived: Sat, 14 May 2011 05:35:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Trindade Navy Documents Discovered

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 13 May 2011 14:27:29 +0100
>Subject: Re: Trindade Navy Documents Discovered

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Fri, 13 May 2011 09:38:33 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Navy Documents Discovered

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
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>>>Too far for carrier pigeons.

>>Not necessarily, Martin:

>>'A pigeon was in the headlines in 1998 when its owner gave her
>>to a friend in Algeciras, southern Spain, after retiring from
>>breeding racing pigeons. The bird named Boomerang promptly flew
>>the 1,200 miles back home. The bird was given away again but
>>kept returning home. Recently after ten years away the bird
>>returned once again.' -

>>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Racing_Homer

>OK, you got me, Gerald.

On the contrary Martin, mark it down as a personal success.
Influenced by your forensic example, I now check more facts than
I once did.

>In fact now that you mention it I recall
>the ship's dentist was Lt Homero, nicknamed "Homer" by our
>whistleblowing sailor Sr Brito. Perhaps this came from his hobby
>as a pigeon fancier?

I think that may be regarded as a 'fanciful notion'.

In the best interests of serious research and discussion I
promise to make no further contributions to this fascinating
thread.

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Gerald O'Connell
<http://www.onlyport.com>

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Fringe-ology

From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 May 2011 15:23:10 -0500
Archived: Sat, 14 May 2011 05:43:14 -0400
Subject: Fringe-ology

Below is information on a new book by Steve Volk that covers UFOs as well as paranormal events. I have not read a copy yet so I have no idea of the author's take on the subjects other than to say that his trailer looks interesting.

<http://stevevolk.com/fringeology/excerpt-2>

His book can be found at:

<http://stevevolk.com/fringeology>

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Crop Circles St Francis & Animals

From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Sat, 14 May 2011 09:37:53 +0100
Archived: Sat, 14 May 2011 05:47:23 -0400
Subject: Crop Circles St Francis & Animals

More weird happenings here reported by Nancy Talbott from Dutch medium Robbert van den Broeke.

<http://www.bltresearch.com/robbert/easter2011.php>

Anyone following this story will know that Robbert - a controversial figure in the psychic scene - produces all manner of paranormal photos of dead people, aliens, UFOs and now it seems, animals linked to St Francis of Assisi!

A full report on Nancy's site about Robbert is here:

<http://www.bltresearch.com/robbert.php>.

Nancy tells me that a scientific team has been studying Robbert and a report will be out soon with findings.

Dave Haith

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Date: Sat, 14 May 2011 12:43:28 +0100
Archived: Sat, 14 May 2011 08:20:36 -0400
Subject: Re: The Abduction Portfolio

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 13 May 2011 16:55:46 +0000
>Subject: Re: The Abduction Portfolio

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 13 May 2011 08:35:34 +0100
>>Subject: The Abduction Portfolio

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>I think you are serious in your "confession", but I ended up
>laughing at the line about the requirement of a culture and
>perhaps a brain inaccessible to earth scientists. Very funny.

Ha! Tragic really Kathy - Anyone reading the Brookings
Institution's 'plan for meeting ETs' might, taking it at face
value, see it as concern that there could be a 'collapse of
civilization' (i.e. - elites' loss of control & power).

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brookings_Report#Description

That's fairly explicit, as are the recommendations for 'studies',
which are clearly meant to decide on the presentations or
cover-ups needed in the West or East (a 'third-world' wasn't
being considered in 1961).

However the tragedy is that the Institute didn't seem to grasp
the implications of its experts' advice, simplistically thinking
only that humans might not be able to understand ETs' science.

Whereas the danger is that humans - whose physical brain is
mostly lizard plus chimpanzee, with a thin veneer of 'ape-man' -
might not be able to understand 'reality'.

Cheers

Ray D

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Date: Sat, 14 May 2011 17:00:28 +0000
Archived: Sun, 15 May 2011 09:27:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Radar Detection Of UFOs

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 13 May 2011 12:50:00 -0300
>Subject: Re: Radar Detection Of UFOs

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 12 May 2011 20:04:36 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Radar Detection Of UFOs

>>>From: Ralph Howard <rhjr.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 12 May 2011 08:55:27 -0700 (PDT)
>>>Subject: Radar Detection Of UFOs [was: SETI Summary]

>>>>From: Peter Davenport <director.nul>
>>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>>Date: Thu, 5 May 2011 12:41:18 -0700
>>>>Subject: Re: SETI Summary

>>>>Albert, Kathy, et al,

>><snip>

>>>Concerning radar detection, just an FYI for everyone's use... In
>>>looking into the potential for use of NEXRAD weather radar data
>>>in UFO sighting investigations, I recently found that there is a
>>>"scientist and meteorite hobbyist", a Ph.D. fellow at the
>>>Planetary Science Institute in Tucson AZ, who runs a
>>>blog/website devoted to providing NEXRAD weather radar data as a
>>>resource for finding meteorites. Additional quotes from Dr. Marc
>>>Fries' blog:

>>>><http://radarmeteorites.wordpress.com/>

>>Thanks, Ralph, for the link and potential speaker for the
>>Sonoran Astronomy Society. We have had many speakers from the
>>Planetary Science Institute come and regale us with their
>>expertise in one way or other. And, by the way, they are just as
>>excited to find life on other planets and try to figure out
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>extraterrestrial stance.

>Your sentence in fact makes no sense; so no great wonder that
>you have never gotten it. Your talent for mixing apples and
>barbells is truly astonishing.

>Don Ledger

Don:

You are so funny. If you thought the sentence didn't make any sense, I wonder how you could respond. More, that you thought it was an attack on UFO researchers/investigators. Now, I wonder when UFO researchers/investigators will decide to give up forever pretending everybody is against them.

BTW, you would be surprised how much many astronomers know about UFOs. And, no, they can't recite verbatim chapter and verse from a specific case. On that point, you are correct.

KK

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Archived: Sun, 15 May 2011 09:32:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Radar Detection Of UFOs

>From: Peter Davenport <director.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 13 May 2011 06:37:06 -0700
>Subject: Re: Radar Detection Of UFOs

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 12 May 2011 18:37:21 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Radar Detection Of UFOs

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<snip>

>>>... keeping up with this website makes a lot of
>>>sense, because of the potential for NEXRAD recording something
>>>anomalous.

>>It is intriguing. I want to take a closer look. Thanks for the
>>tip.

>>Martin Shough

>Ralph and Martin,

>Thank you both for your informed and edifying comments about the
>NEXRAD radar system. I learned a great deal about that system
>from what the two of you have written above.

>The principal shortcoming of that type of "active" radar for
>detecting short-lived, and high-velocity, targets is as Martin
>describes... the system might not detect them at all. Therein
>lies the advantage of using a "passive" radar system, which
>detects targets in all directions simultaneously, and does so on
>a virtually continuous basis. An "active" radar radiates a thin
>"pencil" of electromagnetic radiation, which "sweeps" a target
>intermittently, which can be defeated easily; a "passive" system
>radiates in all directions, and does so as long as the signal of
>choice is being transmitted. For details of such a system, I
>would recommend a search of the web for the "Naval Space
>Surveillance System," which uses a 742,000 watt "passive"
>system, based in Lake Kickapoo, Texas.

>I believe that the "passive" system I describe in my paper
>proposes a system that sidesteps the shortcomings of an "active"
>system, for reasons that Martin correctly identifies in his
>comments above.

>I am just leaving for the McMinnville, Oregon, conference, but
>will respond to any comments, upon my return.

Thanks Martin and you also Peter for bringing out these points.
One thing to each of you - Peter, I've read about your idea for
a passive system and for what little it's worth I agree 100% it
would do the job. Martin, the first time I saw some of your

posts here in recent years, I looked through my 200+ UFO books and grabbed my copy of UFOs 1947-1987 and saw that "Yep, it's that Martin Shough!" I remembered your article (Radar And The UFO I think), and I'm honored to converse with you. (That is you, right?) The wonders of the Internet age...

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I'm travelling next week on business and likely can't reply, but I'd be delighted to hear what you think on these points. You also, Peter...

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Re: More On Abductee Home Monitoring

From: Jack Brewer <brewer.jack.nul>
Date: Sun, 15 May 2011 05:46:09 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sun, 15 May 2011 09:36:51 -0400
Subject: Re: More On Abductee Home Monitoring

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>Date: Thu, 12 May 2011 19:38:34 -0400
>Archived: Fri, 13 May 2011 04:38:51 -0400
>Subject: Re: More On Abductee Home Monitoring

Hello Steve:

>There seems to be some idea that abductees really want this
>kind of research to validate their situation, but I've certainly not
>found that to be true.

I agree that is the case in a majority of circumstances. Not all, but a majority. Whether the topic at hand is alleged alien abduction or some other paranormal subject matter, many self-described witnesses indeed prefer the thrill of a chronic mystery to the closure and perceived disappointment of solutions.

Members of the UFO community are notorious for claiming they seek truth while turning their collective heads from it when actually presented. You get no debate here, Mr. Kaeser, that a big part of the problem in ufology is perpetuating nebulous mysteries, while a big part of the solution is competently identifying and accepting accurate information.

>Finding willing subjects was probably the most difficult part of
>this effort, and not the technical aspect that Tom worked on.

In and of itself, that seems to be one of the many interesting dynamics of the Ambient Monitoring Project (AMP). In his book *Hair of the Alien*, researcher/author Bill Chalker quoted AMP project director Tom Deuley (pp 200-201):

"Finding subjects was our biggest problem. We at first wanted 60 - in the end we only found 13... There is something very wrong here. With an estimated 3 million or more claimed abductees in the US we could not find 15. Our requirements were high, but not that high. Nearly any medical study can find 1%; we could not find 1/1000%. This may say more than (the results of) our study."

For one thing, Mr. Deuley might choose to consider that if the results he refers to are never released, it would indeed be quite difficult for any of the rest of us to comment. Also, I highly dispute the accuracy of the supposed surveys that resulted in estimations of millions of alien abductees in the U.S., but I suppose that is a whole 'nother subject for another time.

>I think it's pretty clear that there was no "WOW" event to
>spark curiosity.

If you are referring to no "WOW" event was reported during the data-gathering phases of the project, I disagree. As previously cited, the following journal entry was apparently submitted (see page 13):

<http://www.amstat.org/chapters/austin/Meetings/Powell.pdf>

Also, I have located an AMP volunteer who informs me they indeed reported what would be described as a dramatic event, consisting of entities, while a monitoring box was located in their home. This individual further informs me they have made repeated unsuccessful attempts through MUFON to receive information about the results of their involvement in the project. At this point, the disappointed volunteer would very much like to locate other volunteers and discuss their experiences related to the project. Previous AMP volunteers are encouraged to contact me in order to interact with the individual and I will explain further in another email with a different title.

There are many potentially useful and interesting items that could come out of a review of the AMP data. One possibility is that no changes were recorded in the ambient environment during reported abductions. Personally, I would be just as interested in knowing this was the case as I would be in discovering if there were, in fact, anomalous changes in electromagnetic frequencies or similar such activity during reported abductions. One way or the other, I think the data should be made available for public review even if those who hold the data choose to invest no more funding in its analysis or dissemination.

>You should make your case with the UFO Research Coalition
>and see if they can release the actual diaries kept by the
>subjects.

Would you be willing to assist me with this process? I would be very grateful for any help you would offer, including both contacting UFORC and providing me information about specifically who I should contact. My past efforts have received minimal results, so I would very much appreciate any help you or anyone else could provide.

Regards,

Jack Brewer

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Ambient/Abduction Monitoring Project Volunteers

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Date: Sun, 15 May 2011 05:55:30 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sun, 15 May 2011 09:40:18 -0400
Subject: Ambient/Abduction Monitoring Project Volunteers

Hello:

I have located one of the volunteers of the Ambient Monitoring Project, or AMP, and the individual would very much like to interact with other project volunteers. They would like to discuss how others feel about their participation in the project.

Please contact me if you were an AMP volunteer and I will gladly coordinate exchanging contact information. If you are aware of AMP volunteers, please kindly forward this email.

An explanation of the AMP was written by project director Tom Deuley and published in the July, 2008, MUFON Journal:

<http://tinyurl.com/3o355uw>

Thank you,

Jack Brewer

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From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 May 2011 13:48:35 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sun, 15 May 2011 09:42:45 -0400
Subject: Project Blue Book Files Now At Footnote.com

Footnote.com has just added digitized scans of Project Blue Book files, which can be searched by keywords with their search engine:

<http://tinyurl.com/5r2svnz>

They claim they have about 130,000 pages of material. Consider it complementary to

<http://www.bluebookarchive.org>

with about 56,000 pages and a search engine with probably different capabilities.

David Rudiak

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From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sun, 15 May 2011 09:12:05 -0500
Archived: Mon, 16 May 2011 06:39:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Radar Detection Of UFOs

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 14 May 2011 17:00:28 +0000
>Subject: Re: Radar Detection Of UFOs

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 13 May 2011 12:50:00 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Radar Detection Of UFOs

>>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 12 May 2011 20:04:36 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Radar Detection Of UFOs

>>>>From: Ralph Howard <rhjr.nul>
>>>>To: post.nul
>>>>Date: Thu, 12 May 2011 08:55:27 -0700 (PDT)
>>>>Subject: Radar Detection Of UFOs [was: SETI Summary]

>>>>>From: Peter Davenport <director.nul>
>>>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>>>Date: Thu, 5 May 2011 12:41:18 -0700
>>>>>Subject: Re: SETI Summary

>BTW, you would be surprised how much many astronomers know about
>UFOs. And, no, they can't recite verbatim chapter and verse from
>a specific case.

Kathy,

These two sentences characterize what a lot of people, not just
astronomers, know and - more specifically - don't know about
UFOs. If they "can't recite verbatim chapter and verse from a
specific case," they don't know much that's relevant or worth
knowin. Their pronouncements should be judged accordingly.

The proper answer from an astronomer who hasn't educated himself
on the particulars of the UFO evidence is, "I don't know. I
haven't studied the matter." Which would be, for example, what
most of us non-astronomers would answer if asked about the
particulars of some controversy within astronomy.

Jerry Clark

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>>As for the extraterrestrial stance; as far as I know the majority
>>of astronomers believe that there is probably life elsewhere in
>>the universe. I can't remember seeing any investigators in
>>recent years claiming that astronomers had a negative
>>extraterrestrial stance.

>>Your sentence in fact makes no sense; so no great wonder that
>>you have never gotten it. Your talent for mixing apples and
>>barbells is truly astonishing.

>>Don Ledger

>Don:

>You are so funny. If you thought the sentence didn't make any
>sense, I wonder how you could respond. More, that you thought it
>was an attack on UFO researchers/investigators. Now, I wonder
>when UFO researchers/investigators will decide to give up
>forever pretending everybody is against them.

>BTW, you would be surprised how much many astronomers know about
>UFOs. And, no, they can't recite verbatim chapter and verse from
>a specific case. On that point, you are correct.

Why would I be surprised? Stop shifting around to suit your
argument. And the fact is; for the most part many astronomers
when asked as an "expert", will expound on a phenomenon about
which they know little or nothing.

Kathy, you must be an absolute neophyte to think that UFO
researchers and investigators think everybody is against them.
And "pretending"? What the hell does that mean?

Don Ledger

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>To: <post.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Radar Detection Of UFOs

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>>>>sense, because of the potential for NEXRAD recording
>>>>something
>>>>anomalous.

>>>It is intriguing. I want to take a closer look. Thanks for the
>>>tip.

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>Thanks Martin and you also Peter for bringing out these points.
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>you, right?) The wonders of the Internet age...

Hi Ralph

Yes, that's me. Now a lot older and perhaps a little wiser. A
quarter-century on it still rankles that I was never shown
proofs of that piece and that my text came out mangled!

>So - these shortcomings you point out, Martin. I guess a
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I looked further at what Fries and others are doing, with the 3D renderings and so on, and was impressed. But I think their results show why I was sceptical about the idea at first blush. Context is all. What's impressive is how, with a lot of technology and human expertise, they can infer at least something from almost no data!

As you can see, what they are doing is taking reports from eyewitnesses or video or other sources, using trigonometry and photogrammetry to calculate likely meteor tracks, and then going to the NEXRAD coverage to look for possible confirmation. Sometimes they find a few scattered pixels of echo in the likely area. Without the triangulated sighting reports and videos these would be nothing but a few specks of noise in the radar picture. There's a good deal of guess work. I suspect that if these radar plots were analysed raw it would be very hard to show any significance, but with the knowledge that something probably did fall there they are sometimes able to infer a trend from just a few pixels, which they think might help refine a predicted impact point. So this is not much use for real-time "UFO detecting" but could be useful after the fact.

I have tried using weather radar in this way in a couple of cases, both times with at best ambiguous results. One was the Nov 2006 Chicago O'Hare sighting where I looked at NEXRAD. You can read about that in the NARCAP report. The other was in the April 2007 Channel Islands case. You can find the reports on that at my website. In fact you can get the NARCAP report there as well.

But even with relatively long-duration sightings like these where observers describe a thing staying basically put for some time, experience suggests that you end up interpolating between a very few data points and using guesswork and cunning, because the total dwell-time in the radar coverage is so very short, the effective resolution cell is so big (data block are about a square km) and there are always ambiguities. In the Channel Islands case there was only one weather radar anywhere in the area, on Jersey. And even where there is overlapping NEXRAD cover part of the problem will be that in these UFO cases we're dealing with very low targets. A target at about 1000ft, say, is going to be below the horizon for radars a few tens of miles away, so in practice you may not have the chance of more than one single pixel of echo on just one altitude cut of one radar during a many-minute sighting. The multiple long range cover of overlapping radars will tend to become more useful for targets at higher altitudes.

I didn't have those neat 3D visualisations - that's a great tool Fries is using. I don't know if it's a NEXRAD product or if he's importing the data into something like Radarbox? But i'd like one!

It might be worth quoting (below) my conclusion on the NEXRAD data from the Chicago case to illustrate how I hoped to use it and what the uncertainties were. No doubt Fries & co would be able to make a better job of it.

Martin Shough

The NEXRAD weather radar data (Section 4) are not inconsistent with the presence of a radar-reflective target close to the 1900 ft cloud base within several minutes of the time of the visual report2, but this is not probative evidence given the spatial size of the resolution cell, the slow update rate, and the

distribution of stochastic echo evident in the several screenshots shown in Fig. 8.

Some comments on these factors are appropriate.

The radar was operating in mode VCP-32, which is one of two Clear Air modes usually used for routine monitoring in periods of quiet weather. The scan pattern (see Fig.9) takes over 10 minutes beginning with the low 0.5 deg cut. Two types of data are collected, the base reflectivity data (or simple echo intensity) and the doppler velocity data (measuring radial precipitation droplet velocity relative to the radar). The antenna then proceeds to scan several slices at higher elevations to build up the whole coverage volume. The data of interest here are for the 0.5 deg base reflectivity, obtained during the first 1-minute rotation of the scan pattern. (Neither the 0.5 deg doppler velocity product nor the higher cuts showed any data in the relevant area.)

The NEXRAD software generates automatic labels on the screen image. Referring to Fig.12, we can see that the elevation angle of the nominal 0.5 degree cut is actually 0.53 deg, and that the calculated height AGL of the beam at the relevant range $z = 0.518$ km, or about 1700 ft. This represents the boresight elevation, so the vertical coverage of the ~1 deg cross-range pencil beam will be from about 450 ft to 2950 ft. This will be calculated for a standard atmosphere, however, and given moderate superrefractivity (Section 4) these figures probably tend to overestimate the true heights. In any case, the reported object height clearly not only lies within the coverage zone but is quite close to the main gain. Note also that the WSR-88D employs horizontal linear polarisation to optimise reflectivity from the flattened lenticular profiles of falling water droplets. This would also tend to maximise echo from an object having the type of horizontal ellipsoidal symmetry reported.

In this Clear Air mode the radar is extremely "alert" to faint echo (it automatically switches to a less sensitive Precipitation Mode when significant weather is detected). The reflectivity shown is an average over the whole resolution cell (Fig.10) and could be echo either from very weak sources dispersed over a large area, or from a localised region of much higher reflectivity somewhere inside that footprint. Surface weather reports state "no precipitation", and the 1635 echo is probably too faint for an area of precipitation anyway. However there is the possibility of transient surface clutter echoes. The splash of colour we see around the antenna in the small-scale area image is clearly ground clutter in this case. The echo we are interested in is not constant, i.e. doesn't appear on successive scans, so this might normally suggest it isn't ground echo. But it may be that AP conditions (for which there is evidence, see Section 4) fluctuate over time, allowing the radar to pick out faint ground echoes intermittently.

The radar can also image flocks of birds, or even insects and small airborne particulates, in addition to the summed reflectivity of one or more aircraft on approach or take-off that may be passing through that elevation slice at that time. The data block concerned (Fig. 10) seems to cover mostly apron and taxiways, but conceivably aircraft airborne at a few hundred feet near the SE and W ends respectively of runways 32L/14R or 9R/27L could be detected. Another conceivable source of intermittent faint echo in AP conditions might be airport buildings themselves, in particular the tall traffic control tower buildings. The ground-control tower appears to be within the radar cell footprint, although the new 250 ft AGL tower building falls just outside it.

In summary, the NEXRAD VCP-32 radar mode is very sensitive and there are several possible sources of faint echo. Echo is found in the relevant cell timed at 1635 CST. However each of the four scans investigated, sampling roughly 10% of the total coverage period between 1616 and 1645, shows a certain amount of intermittent echo of this type in the general area. In fact there is echo more than twice (~ 4dB) as strong in the same cell in the 1616 CST scan at a time when, apparently, no UFO was being seen. It can reasonably be argued that finding some echo within about a square km of the site within a few minutes of the sighting time is not too improbable. So whilst the height and location of the echo is not inconsistent with the presence of an object as reported, caution is recommended in drawing any

conclusions.

From Report on Radar Coverage and Propagation Conditions in the area of Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Nov 7, 2006, Section 6, Report of an Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon and its Safety Implications at O'Hare International Airport on November 7, 2006Case 18

http://www.narcap.org/reports/010/TR10_Case_18a.pdf

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>different capabilities.

Thank you for those two links, David. I didn't know about the
Blue Book Archive.

About two years I began going through the PBB files at
Footnote.com. I'm remembering about 230,000 images when I began
extracting documents for our virtual teletype circuit. Do these
digitized files have missing images?

Terry W. Colvin
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>>>Subject: Re: Trindade Navy Documents Discovered

>>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>>To: post.nul
>>>>Date: Mon, 09 May 2011 19:39:08 -0600
>>>>Subject: Re: Trindade Navy Documents Discovered

>>>>Question to anyone: Who actually invited Barauna and the
>>>>diving
>>>>club onboard, and when? If it was Bacellar himself, the plot
>>>>would thicken considerably.

>>>Then again, maybe not.

>Martin,

>I will consolidate my delayed replies here, including your post
>this morning with the additional reference to Barauna's Jan 1967
>written statement, of which I was aware. Some of the references
>in your reply to my 09 May post were new to me, and appreciated.
>I had gathered previously, primarily from Fontes' material, that
>the Navy (generically) had issued the invitation to the Icarai
>diving club. Like yourself, I find no indication of from whom
>or when.

>Bacellar had a solid technical background, in addition to being
>commanding officer of the post itself. I think he could well
>have been personally responsible for issuing solicitations for
>civilian technical support for IGY activities at Trindade, but
>that is only speculation at this point.

I agree it's possible, issues of opportunity notwithstanding.

><snip>

>>But we need to remember that Capt Bacellar was 700 miles away on
>>the island at the time the Almirante Saldanha was preparing for
>>this voyage, and had been there for over 2 months. Personal
>>communication in those days was not simple, probably limited to
>>official channels. There were no telephone landlines. No mobile
>>phones. No satellite. No postal deliveries except when the
>>resupply ship arrived from Rio at the end of each operational
>>tour. Too far for carrier pigeons.

>>The evidence is that Bacellar reported nothing through Navy
>>channels about any UFOs until 31 Dec 1957, and there's no

>>evidence that the Navy Command made any response until Jan 6
>>1958 instructing Bacellar to provide further information. This
>>was the start of the Navy Investigation. These communications
>>(note) were encrypted radiograms.

>If we are to accord any credence to Fontes' material in the
>APRO
>Bulletins of early 1960, we should at least note his contention
>that in late November 1957, Bacellar witnessed, and
>communicated
>to the Navy, a UFO sighting of his own that occurred during a
>meteorological balloon launch. Fontes makes clear distinction
>between this and later incidents.

Yes, we need to go back to this. I said previously that this is the one point on which I'd had serious doubts about Fontes' account. I suspected that he had somehow multiplied one event into two by attaching different versions of it to different dates. This would make Fontes' report of a Nov 1957 radio message about a UFO unreliable. I explained my reasons for thinking this, and then retracted the idea. I'm now having third thoughts.

In my previous post (29.04.11) I said ' . . . several details associated to the "first" (late Nov) incident by Fontes are associated to Bacellar's "second [undated] observation" in the intelligence report (given as Jan 6 by Fontes) - for example, the 3 hour period, a motion "with the same angular velocity as the sun", the check on planetary positions - whilst the intelligence report's version of this "second observation" also contains some features - for example the temporary disappearance of a balloon into a cloud etc - which read like more sober versions of dramatic features in Fontes' account of the "first" sighting.

'This overlap was the main reason why I initially concluded there were two confused account of one balloon incident. But Brandao does seem to record two similar incidents :- "a phenomenon he had personally observed, over the Island, two times on different occasions, with the help of a high-precision theodolite and in daylight. His second observation was the following".

'I don't really know what to make of this and I'm not satisfied that Fontes' November date is in this instance necessarily reliable, but I concede it's less clear than I thought and it is possible that Bacellar reported something on an earlier date than the radio message that started the Navy ball rolling on Dec 31 1957.'

The first point to make is that the version of the Navy report I quoted there - probably the one most familiar to everybody from the APRO article and many websites - is not the only one in circulation. There is a different translation. I have this in the form of scans of what appear to be photocopies of 12 typed or printed pages with some pen annotations in an unknown hand and the typed/printed date 3/2/58, presumably Feb 3 1958, three days before the Subchief of Intelligence is known to have forwarded the report to the Vice-Chief of the Navy High Command. This version does not have the phrases "two times on different occasions" and "second observation". Instead the only indication in it that Bacellar had two similar observations is the single word "twice". Compare:

* "CC Bacellar also reported a phenomenon he had personally observed, over the Island, two times on different occasions, with the help of a high-precision theodolite and in daylight. His second observation was the following".

* "The CC Bacellar related a phenomenon observed by him personally during his stay on the island, twice, with the aid of a precision theodolite, during the day and witnessed by other persons, in the following terms"

Thanks to documents and information provided by Mary Castner of CUFOS I think we can confirm that the first version is in a translation typed up by Coral Lorenzen of APRO in 1965. It's probable but not certain that Lorenzen did the translation herself (the whistleblower demanded that the original Portuguese document be destroyed - I wonder if it really was? We may never know...).

The second version's origin is uncertain. A copy of it was provided to J A Hynek and ended up in CUFOS files. In my opinion it reads as though it was translated by a person very competent in English whose first language was not English. It could merely be a re-translation back into English from a foreign source. But I wonder, too, about the possibility that in addition to making her own translation Coral Lorenzen had a translation made by a trusted Brazilian/Portuguese associate - someone like Dr Fontes would have been an obvious choice.

The second point is this: The new discovery of Bacellar's written Trip Report throws this question back into sharp focus, because, as Borges tells us (and as I think I can verify from ham-fisted attempts at translation), Bacellar's personal report does describe only one incident of this type and dates it to Jan 8 1958, eight days after his radiogram to Rio about the steel ellipsoid on Dec 31 1957:

"although I could not measure the zenith distance, the balloon was still visible when the receiver had indicated the fall of the radiosonde. The object that was assumed to be the balloon was still seen up to 15:10 (GMT) when it disappeared behind the clouds. In the theodolite it appeared white and the shape of the new moon."

So I'm now back to thinking that Fontes could have confused things, possibly getting slightly skewed stories from multiple sources relating to the same event.

We know that Fontes saw Brandao's report at the Navy High Command on Feb 14 1958 and met with several officers connected with it (probably including Brandao). If Fontes' own interpretation of events was encouraged by reading Brandao's account then Brandao's "twice" or "two times on different occasions" is not an independent source of corroboration.

If Bacellar's own written report is assumed to be definitive, then the question of where Brandao got the idea that Bacellar witnessed two balloon-UFO incidents rather than one remains a mystery. As for Fontes: he is generally very reliable, but note that he records a couple of stories he heard from anonymous Navy sources about events on the island which he says Bacellar dismissed as nonsense, so his sources were not necessarily always reliable.

So I think once again there is some doubt about Fontes account of a balloon incident on Jan 6 (which according to Bacellar's report was actually Jan 8) and a near-identical event in late November 1957; and therefore there is also doubt about his claim that Bacellar made his first radio report of a UFO to Rio in Nov 1957.

As I pointed out before, the evidence of Brandao - and now of Bacellar - indicates a weak and even quite trivial incident where an astronomical cause was suspected, although not proven.* Even if the same or a similar event did happen in late November, being the first event of any kind I'm not convinced it would have been considered significant enough to merit contacting Rio - certainly it seems nothing like as impressive as the Dec 31 event which (according to Brandao and Bacellar) did persuade Bacellar to make a report.

(* The speck of light seen at an elevation of 30 deg, moving "at same angular rate as the sun" and showing a planetary phase in the theodolite probably was Venus. Brandao records observation for 3.5 hrs; Bacellar says it was visible until cloud obscured it at 15:10 GMT, so that gives us a start time of about 11:40 GMT. At 11:40 GMT [10:40 local] Venus was at about 30 deg elevation almost due East showing a crescent phase of 0.12. It isn't clear why Brandao says astronomical checks did not explain it.)

<snip>

>It seems unreasonable that there would have been no provision
>for routine unclassified radio communication between Trindade
>and the mainland, e.g., for contact with civilian
>contractors/vendors and family members, even if it required a
>naval intermediary on the mainland. But admittedly, I have no
>familiarity with 1950's Brazilian naval security or

>communication protocols. I should think that records in the
>Trindade Documentation Service utilized by Borges would clear
>this up readily.

Good point. I agree. This would be a good job to do. Perhaps
Kentaro or another of our Brazilian colleagues will be able to
shed some light?

<snip>

>Agreed, and I am considering an equally (if not more)
>unattractive Scenario 0): Bacellar was the actual instigator,
>starting the ball rolling in Nov 1957, and, perhaps aware of
>Bacellar's talent and earlier exploits, recruiting him into the
>scheme under cover of support for the IGY expedition.

>Absurd as such a scenario sounds, I see it as a loophole that
>needs to be closed. If it can be shown that timely communication
>(say, before January 1958) between Bacellar and Barauna was
>extremely unlikely or even impossible, I think it would not only
>serve to absolve Bacellar, but noticeably undercut the hoax
>allegations against Barauna as well.

I doubt it will be possible to close the loophole. It will
probably remain a question of judgment and likelihood. But I
agree this should be pursued.

Martin

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Mass UFO Hoax Planned For May 22

From: **Shepherd Johnson** <shepherd.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 May 2011 14:22:19 -0400
Archived: Mon, 16 May 2011 15:47:30 -0400
Subject: Mass UFO Hoax Planned For May 22

A mass UFO sighting hoax is being planned for May 22nd at 8 p.m. EST by the hackers groups known as 'Anonymous'. Here is the post:

<http://i.imgur.com/2f4eu.png>

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Re: Radar Detection Of UFOs

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 May 2011 19:43:25 +0000
Archived: Tue, 17 May 2011 07:25:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Radar Detection Of UFOs

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 15 May 2011 09:12:05 -0500
>Subject: Re: Radar Detection Of UFOs

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 14 May 2011 17:00:28 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Radar Detection Of UFOs

<snip>

>>BTW, you would be surprised how much many astronomers know about
>>UFOs. And, no, they can't recite verbatim chapter and verse from
>>a specific case.

>Kathy,

>These two sentences characterize what a lot of people, not just
>astronomers, know and - more specifically - don't know about
>UFOs. If they "can't recite verbatim chapter and verse from a
>specific case," they don't know much that's relevant or worth
>knowin. Their pronouncements should be judged accordingly.

>The proper answer from an astronomer who hasn't educated himself
>on the particulars of the UFO evidence is, "I don't know. I
>haven't studied the matter." Which would be, for example, what
>most of us non-astronomers would answer if asked about the
>particulars of some controversy within astronomy.

Jerry:

What I have found in chatting with fellow astronomers about
extra/off planet life is sometimes just opinions - you know,
like the general public.

I have never met and talked with other astronomers who pretend
to be experts in case reports. Rather, it is usually general
chatter over a few beers in a very casual atmosphere.

I just have read many more books on the subject - written by ufo
researchers - than other astronomers I meet up with.

However, their expertise on the subject will be grounded in
planetary science and exobiology. Opinions on those subjects are
well founded and beyond most ufo researchers' knowledge of the
subject.

KK

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The 'Russian Roswell' Story Plot Thickens

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Tue, 17 May 2011 16:45:46 +0000
Archived: Thu, 19 May 2011 06:25:03 -0400
Subject: The 'Russian Roswell' Story Plot Thickens

From Nick Redfern, comments on Annie Jacobsen's book about Area 51 and Roswell being a Russian hoax. KK

Date: Tue, 17 May 2011 08:29:48 -0700
From: nick.redfern.nul
Subject: The "Russian Roswell" Story - The Plot Thickens..
To: nick.redfern.nul

For those in my address book who may be interested...

<http://tinyurl.com/66cwonv>

As always, feel free to link/circulate.

Best

Nick

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Re: More On Battle Of L.A. Photo

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 May 2011 11:55:36 -0400
Archived: Thu, 19 May 2011 06:26:18 -0400
Subject: Re: More On Battle Of L.A. Photo

>From: William Treurniet<wtreurniet.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 02 May 2011 15:32:50 -0400
>Subject: Re: More On Battle Of L.A. Photo

The following report is new to me, and I thought it worth sharing.

In this quite detailed News of the World radio report of the event near LA in 1942, the reporter gives a good impression of the movements of the object. It went southward at about a mile a minute while being tracked by the spotlights, disappeared and reappeared again heading north before disappearing a second time over the ocean. Army planes were launched, and these might account for reports that airplanes were seen.

<http://tinyurl.com/5ts94vs>

William

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Roswell Again - Redfern's Blog Post

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 May 2011 17:03:44 +0000
Archived: Thu, 19 May 2011 06:29:37 -0400
Subject: Roswell Again - Redfern's Blog Post

And the beat goes on. See attached blog post from Nick Redfern.

KK

From: nick.redfern.nul
To: nick.redfern.nul
Date: Tue, 17 May 2011 12:20:44 -0700
Subject: Re: Roswell - again!

One more from me on the Jacobsen/Stalin/Roswell story:

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

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When Aliens Attack

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 May 2011 14:34:53 -0400
Archived: Thu, 19 May 2011 06:31:09 -0400
Subject: When Aliens Attack

The National Geographic Channel is currently advertising a video that speculates on an alien attack on earth.

<http://tinyurl.com/5r9trra>

See the trailer at

<http://tinyurl.com/4753tg>

The overview reads "What if an extra-terrestrial force attacked Earth? What might that look like and how will the people of Earth respond? Consulting a cast of world-renowned scientists, survival experts and defense experts, this two-hour special, Alien Invasion explores this frightening scenario. Experts reveal what could motivate alien invaders to attack Earth, and speculate on how the attack might play out - the strategy alien invaders might use and the most effective ways for humans to respond. We'll turn to science and history to figure out what works. We'll show how humanity can survive this ultimate test."

It's very curious that National Geographic would enter into that kind of speculation in such a big way. My perception is that they do fact-based documentaries dealing with the world as it is or was. A special on an alien invasion is hardly consistent with that. Are they telling us between the lines that they know something factual the rest of us don't?

The site also presents a list of "Alien Facts", with UFO-related items merged with other data, astronomical and otherwise. For example, the list starts out by mentioning the release of UFO information by the British MoD, and says next that the best way to defend against ET invaders is to use nuclear missiles.

<http://tinyurl.com/3kvlad4>

On the overview page, there is a link to a discussion of the 1942 Battle of Los Angeles, which took place near the start of a war involving the US. Also on the same page is a link to an article on "Aliens over DC?", the story of UFOs passing over the White House and the US capital in 1952. An accompanying picture shows multiple objects passing behind the iconic Capital Building. Clearly, National Geographic wants to communicate that the earth is/was threatened by hostile aliens, and we need our experts to tell us how best to defend the earth.

Is National Geographic now producing a science fiction movie along the lines of Independence Day or War of the Worlds? I think not. It sounds more like they are dead serious. This production is either a propaganda piece or an effort to let us in on a big secret. Either way, there is a hidden agenda.

If there were a real threat, it would be rational first to tell the world the nature of the threat rather than what our response should be. That is why the video is more likely intended as propaganda to manipulate us to respond in a particular way to an expected event. That event might be as benign as the ever-expected disclosure, or as momentous as the appearance of actual ETs.

William

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Interesting Trip To Investigate UFOs In Amazon

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 May 2011 18:33:35 -0300
Archived: Thu, 19 May 2011 06:36:00 -0400
Subject: Interesting Trip To Investigate UFOs In Amazon

Dear Listers,

I though you would like to know this.

I have just returned from a new trip to the Amazon Rain Forest, where I spent several days at the Anavilhanas Islands, some 50 miles west of Manaus, collecting new UFO cases. I concentrated my work at a location called Acajatuba, a great lake formed by the Negro River. Some 30-40 families live there in two small villages =96 Sao Tome and Perpetuo Socorro =96 and in a bunch of humble shack by the rivers. An estimate of 200 people live in that vast area fishing and planting for own consumption.

I was invited by the owner of the jungle hotel Aria=FA Towers (www.ariau.tur.br) to go to that area and investigate the cases. 78 years old Francisco Ritta Bernardino was very impressed with the number of sightings of unusual objects in that area and asked me to look into the phenomena. He is also a witness of several interesting observations. In such a trip I was accompanied by Amazonian UFO author Umaia Farid Ismail.

I had already been at that same location investigating cases back in 2001, when I randomly interviewed dozens of people who live by the rivers, finding several interesting cases. At that time, it was easy to find some 7 or 8 UFO witnesses out of every 10 people you spoke to =96 and some 2 to 3 very significant cases among them. My emodus operandi" to do so couldn't be simpler than this: I just ride a boat all day long at the most remote places looking for residents, and interview everyone I find using the proper interview techniques to reach that kind of people. It is exhausting under severe sun light and the high humidity of the Amazon, but it is more that worth the trouble.

Among the cases I collected now and then are excellent examples of a very rich phenomena. Luminous and metallic artifacts are seen regularly by the people living in that area of the rain forest. Some are just balls of lights, but others are structured disk or cylinder shaped objects, all named the same way by the natives: "swamp gas". They don't know the difference when it is really swamp gas, a phenomena that is abundant in that area, and when it is not. For example, when the artifacts emerge from rivers and go high in the sky, or when they chase or seem to observe the maneuvers the little boats do, or when they are so bright that you can see the jungle as clear as during the day, or when they interfere with the boats engines etc.

It is very interesting to see how the natives, in their simplicity, refer to what they saw always in terms or known things to them. They compare the UFO observed with boxes, plates, ovens, cooking pans, etc. And if a particular sighting is significant and/or recurrent, it is absorbed by the people as part of their folkloric traditions. Curious names are given to different types of UFO and occupants seen, such as "Mother of Gold", "Big Worm", "Ghost Ships", "7-Meter Virgin", "Running Light", etc. So, "Swamp Gas" is just another folkloric name for UFOs.

About a thousand photos and 3 hours of footage were obtained from interviewing or talking to some 2 dozen people, many of

which gave me very serious reports of UFOs seen at very close range. Now, what is more interesting is that I found out a new area where the so called Suck-Suck phenomena (called there as Chupa-Chupa) also was regularly seen in the late 70s, while a big wave of this phenomena was being investigated in another Amazonian State, Par=E1, by the Brazilian Air Force's Operation Saucer. It has been fully discussed before.

However, due to the fact that such vast area of Acajatuba has much less residents, and even less in the 70s, there were fewer reports of the Suck-Suck phenomena, and very rare attacks to people could be retrieved. I will do some more trips to the region to collect more cases in the near future. The area was never under investigation of the Brazilian Air Force's Operation Saucer and that people have never spoken with a UFO investigator before, other than me.

There isn't anything as fascinating to a UFO researcher as the direct contact with people who had experiences with the phenomena that changed their lives. And doing field investigation in that area of the Amazon Rain Forest is simply the best thing one can do to really feel that. Now, the next important step is to evaluate properly the results of such work, because, of course, one is dependent to the other.

I have posted a few pictures of that adventure here:

www.ufo.com.br/public/amazonia. Enjoy!

Best regards!

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Annie Stick To The Declassified [Oxcart] Stories!

From: Robert Hastings <ufohastings.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 May 2011 02:09:20 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Thu, 19 May 2011 06:42:12 -0400
Subject: Annie Stick To The Declassified [Oxcart] Stories!

So, John Alexander is now masquerading as a former EG&G engineer?

From: Andre Skondras <andre.skondras.nul>
To: Andre Skondras <andre.skondras.nul>
Sent: Wed, May 18, 2011 11:35 pm
Subject: Annie, Stick To The Declassified [Oxcart] Stories!

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

<http://tinyurl.com/44btth8>

Roswell Martians May Have Been Deformed Nazi Kids Sent By Stalin: Review

Annie Jacobsen, author of "Area 51: An Uncensored History of America's Top Secret Military Base." Source: Hachette Book Group via Bloomberg

The cover jacket of "Area 51: An Uncensored History of America's Top Secret Military Base" by Annie Jacobsen. Source: Hachette Book Group via Bloomberg

Area 51, a U.S. military installation in the Nevada desert about 75 miles north of Las Vegas, has attracted rumor and speculation for decades, fed largely by the government's refusal to discuss exactly what goes on there.

In "Area 51: An Uncensored History of America's Top Secret Military Base," journalist Annie Jacobsen tries to get to the bottom of these secrets. What she comes up with is an informative history of Cold War spy planes sandwiched between an outrageous -- and thinly sourced -- tale involving Josef Mengele, Josef Stalin and flying saucers.

Area 51 was organized in the 1950s under the auspices of the Atomic Energy Commission, the successor to the Manhattan Project, which used the adjacent Nevada Test and Training Range to try out atomic bombs. Because of this relationship with the U.S. nuclear program, Jacobsen says, everything that happened at Area 51 was, by default, a secret -- "born classified."

"The essence of Area 51 was that everything that happened there happened big," Jacobsen says. "There was a deeply patriotic sense that the free world depended on the work being performed at Area 51."

She draws on declassified documents and interviews with the participants to paint a picture of "The Right Stuff" operating sub rosa.

U-2 Shoot-Down

The Central Intelligence Agency, Lockheed and the U.S. military developed the U-2 spy plane and its successor the A-12 "Oxcart" at Area 51, Jacobsen writes. She follows these remarkable

machines, and the pioneering men who built and flew them, from drawing board to death-defying flight, including Francis Gary Powers's ill-fated 1960 U-2 mission over the Soviet Union.

Area 51 engineers and pilots also reverse-engineered captured Soviet-made MiG fighter planes and developed the drones used over Afghanistan and Pakistan. And yes, conspiracy fans, the Apollo astronauts practiced moon-walking in the bomb craters of the testing range.

Which brings us to the Nazi-Soviet UFO. Citing interviews with a single unnamed former engineer from government contractor EG&G - - now part of URS Corp. (URS) -- Jacobsen purports to lift the veil on what really crashed near Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947 and what happened to the wreckage when it got to Nevada.

The craft, she writes, wasn't an alien spaceship, as many have since theorized, nor was it a weather balloon, as the U.S. military alleged in its clumsy cover story. It was, according to Jacobsen, a Nazi-inspired Soviet spy plane with Cyrillic letters embossed on the hull, crewed by malformed adolescents, two of whom survived the crash.

Nazi Aircraft

Stalin used captured Nazi aircraft designs to build the plane, according to Jacobsen. She says he had Mengele provide surgically altered "grotesque child-sized aviators" who were supposed to climb out of the aircraft and be mistaken for visitors from Mars -- to sow the kind of confusion in the U.S. created by Orson Welles's 1938 "War of the Worlds" radio broadcast.

The wreckage and the comatose survivors found their way to the Nevada test site, where Area 51 engineers may have experimented on them for decades, Jacobsen says.

This "revelation," such as it is, will no doubt gratify those who already suspected as much. Unfortunately, these chapters, which diverge so radically from the rest of the book in their journalistic rigor, may turn off readers who otherwise would enjoy learning about the creativity, political acumen and courage of the high-flying Cold Warriors who sought to protect the free world in the decades after World War II.

"Area 51: An Uncensored History of America's Top Secret Military Base" is published by Little, Brown (523 pages, \$27.99). To buy this book in North America [click here](#).

(Andrew Dunn writes for Bloomberg News. The opinions expressed are his own.)

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Archived: Fri, 20 May 2011 20:31:51 -0400
Subject: Re: The 'Russian Roswell' Story Plot Thickens

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 17 May 2011 16:45:46 +0000
>Subject: The 'Russian Roswell' Story Plot Thickens

>>From Nick Redfern, comments on Annie Jacobsen's book about Area
>51 and Roswell being a Russian hoax. KK

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>Date: Tue, 17 May 2011 08:29:48 -0700
>From: nick.redfern.nul
>Subject: The "Russian Roswell" Story - The Plot Thickens..
>To: nick.redfern.nul

>For those in my address book who may be interested...

><http://tinyurl.com/66cwovv>

>As always, feel free to link/circulate.

Beyond laughable.

Really, Nick...

Don Ledger

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Kiwi-Led Team Find Lonely Planets

From: **Geoff Blackmore** <geoff_184.nul>
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Archived: Sat, 21 May 2011 07:23:52 -0400
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Source: Stuff.Co.Nz

<http://tinyurl.com/3esbj3o>

19/05/2011

Kiwi-Led Team Find Lonely Planets
By Kiran Chug

Lonely Jupiter-sized planets, floating freely through our galaxy instead of orbiting stars, have been discovered by a Kiwi-led international team of scientists.

The discovery has been heralded in an international journal as having "profound" implications and opening a new chapter in the history of the Milky Way.

Orphan planets have been the subject of science fiction, appearing in Star Wars and Doctor Who, but although theorists have speculated on their existence, this is the first time their existence has been demonstrated.

The findings, published today in the international scientific journal Nature, were made using software developed by Massey University computer scientist and astrophysicist Ian Bond.

He led the team that discovered 10 giant free-floating gas planets believed not to be orbiting stars. "They're giant planets in our galaxy, around the size of Jupiter and somewhere between us and those distant background stars."

The planets are believed to be about two-thirds of the way to the centre of the galaxy, which is about 25,000 light years away.

"It's a big deal. It's like finding a needle in a haystack - the sense of discovery is hugely exciting," Dr Bond said.

The discovery raised the possibility that smaller, Earth-sized free-floating planets are yet to be detected and that such planets could support life.

If the planets could be viewed by the naked eye, Dr Bond said they would be pitch black, as they emitted no light.

The discovery has won plaudits from the international scientific community. Joachim Wambsganss, of Heidelberg University's Astronomy Research Institute, said the implications were profound and more research was needed.

Dr Bond and the team behind the discovery believe the orphan planets could have been ejected from a solar system because of close gravitational encounters with other planets or stars.

"Some might go into another orbit; some might get ejected out."

Alternatively, they could have grown from collapsing balls of gas and dust, but without the mass to ignite their nuclear fuel

and produce their own starlight.

The discovery team involved researchers from Massey, Auckland, Canterbury and Victoria universities, as well as from Japan and the United States.

The group is part of the Moa - microlensing observations in astrophysics - study, which uses a microlensing telescope at Mt John Observatory at Lake Tekapo.

Gravitational microlensing is an astronomical phenomenon that allows the study of planetary bodies that emit little or no light. It refers to the bending of light that happens when a distant star gets aligned with a massive foreground object.

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It just never ends, does it?

Sigh,

Jerry Clark

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Archived: Sat, 21 May 2011 09:55:46 -0400
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Hi Gildas,

It is what I termn, the 'Nick Cook' effect. remember that guy
(Hunt for Zero Point)? Touted as a Jane's defense specialist he
lost it when he came across the murky field of free energy and
included Schauberger.

The explanation is simple: while these writers with solid
credentials are perfectly at home in actual history on the
subjects they are experts in, the minute they travel abroad into
the fields of the speculative, esoteric and mystical, they get
lost as they have no grounding or tools to select wheat from
chaff, to properly evaluate sources and to have as cultural
baggage a full command and knowledge of the discours having
taken place in those fields.

Sincere regards,

Theo

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Is that the echo you are hearing?

KK

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Archived: Sun, 22 May 2011 13:18:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell Again - Redfern's Blog Post

Listers:

Redfern responds to comments here...

In my unpublished manuscript I cite the proto-type craft of Horten designed craft that was brought to the U.S. and tested in New Mexico. Plus, the possibility of emaciated Japanese-American prisoners who were offered freedom if they trained in Dr. Lovelace's astronaut program and volunteered to fly the Horten designed air craft. Oh yeah, Americans were incarcerated in secret at Fort Stanton because of their Japanese ancestry. The camp was an undisclosed secret of the American government until recently exposed.

KK

From: nick.redfern.nul
To: catraja.nul
Date: Sat, 21 May 2011 06:37:57 -0700
Subject: UFO UpDates Comments

Hey Kathy

I read with interest the new comments at UFO UpDates. For the record, I'm not supportive of Jacobsen's story. In my blog posts I use a particular word on several occasions. That word is "intriguing."

I am following this story because I fully admit that it does intrigue me. Here's why: (A) it has a human experiment angle as does my Body Snatchers book; and (B) the people I interviewed for my book near-unanimously described all the various craft tested in New Mexico in the summer of 47 as being either Horten-created or Horten-inspired (which is an integral part of Jacobsen's story).

That's why I'm following it and commenting on it. There's a big difference between (a) taking a deep interest in a breaking story, and commenting on it, because it contains certain interesting strands, and (b) being an outright champion of the story.

Feel free to post this to UU if you want.

Nick

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>drum made from an ash tree.

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Accompanied or not by an American Indian drum, moon-howling is
as good a characterization as any of the latest round of
evidence-untainted Roswell speculation. Even brief exposure to
same, however brief, may destroy brain cells.

Sigh,

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Just The Facts, Ma'am - Puhleez

From: **Robert Hastings** <ufohastings.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 May 2011 14:05:36 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sun, 22 May 2011 19:19:34 -0400
Subject: Just The Facts, Ma'am - Puhleez

Hey Y'all,

Here is reporter Billy Cox' piece on Annie Jacobsen's take on Roswell, courtesy of her, ahem, knowledgeable confidential source.

Methinks she has EG&G on her face.

Robert

Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void

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

May 17th, 2011

The Devil Spawn Of Dr. Mengele
by Billy Cox

The devil spawn of Dr. Mengele

OK, so now we know the UFO-nauts who plummeted into a desert ranch outside Roswell, N.M., in 1947 weren't USAF crash-test dummies from 1950s, as the Pentagon asserted in its "final report" in 1997. And no, they weren't experimental mutants from a secret World War II Japanese balloon project advocated in 2005 by Nick Redfern in *Body Snatchers in the Desert: The Horrible Truth at the Heart of the Roswell Story*.

They were child victims of Nazi quack doctor Joseph Mengele, who was in cahoots with Soviet dictator Josef Stalin.

Hey, yo, wait a minute. There's something I forgot to do. Hang on. Back in a blink.

So anyway. Yeah, when I heard about how Annie Jacobsen's *Area 51: An Uncensored History of America's Top Secret Military Base* had solved the riddle, it was definitely refreshing because it made perfect sense. Stalin and Mengele conspiring to trigger a "War of the Worlds"-like panic in the U.S. by stuffing surgically deformed children into a captured Nazi Horten flying wing disguised as an ET spacecraft =E2=80=93 that'd be just like something those two madcap yo-yos would do.

"Actung! Vee haff now allied mit Herr Stalin to strike UFO terror into zee heart uff zee Amerikan untermensch."/CREDIT: cinemastationblog.wordpress.com

Jacobsen's broader history of America's murky military base is drawing kudos from the MSM, like the *New York Times*, whose reviewer offered only a minor caveat. The UFO stuff, she wrote, "is only a hasty sounding addendum to an otherwise straightforward investigative book" that "is liable to become

best known for sci-fi provocation."

Ya think?

Jacobsen provides the Stalin/Mengele/freak-kid alien scenario courtesy of a single unnamed source, a retired EG&G engineer. Which naturally agitates a guy like Thomas Carey, co-author of Witness to Roswell with Don Schmitt. Over two decades, Carey reckons he and Schmitt interviewed 600 people in the witness pool =E2=80=94 military personnel involved with debris-recovery operations, civilians, and/or their survivors =E2=80=94 who testified to what they saw. Unlike Jacobsen, the authors named names when they went to press in 2007. But none of the media big boys reviewed Witness to Roswell, says the Pennsylvania businessman with an anthropology background.

"This whole Nazi thing, disfigured children =E2=80=94 that's not what people described to us," Carey says from his home in Huntington Valley, Pa. "I guess if you're a journalist, people tend to take your word more than if you're not. But there's just more crap that passes for journalism these days =E2=80=A6"

Jacobsen is a contributing editor at the Los Angeles Times Magazine. The first bio blurb that pops up on a Google search is a reference on the reality-check Web site Snopes.

In 2004, Jacobsen wrote a first-person piece called "Terror in the Skies =E2=80=94 Again?" stemming from her Detroit-to-LA flight in which 14 suspicious looking Middle Eastern men caused her to think maybe they were rehearsing for a skyjacking. Federal air marshals would identify the men as Syrian musicians bound for a legitimate gig in San Diego. No arrests were made. The feds said Jacobsen not only overreacted, but her behavior was "in danger of panicking other passengers and creating a larger problem on the plane." A review of Jacobsen's article by the online magazine Salon called it "six pages of the worst grade-school prose, spring-loaded with mindless hysterics and bigoted provocation."

Ahh whatever. The Stalin-Mengele-Roswell thing is cool.

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Annie Jacobsen's Area 51 - First Media Batch

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Date: Mon, 23 May 2011 00:02:36 +0200
Archived: Mon, 23 May 2011 06:59:24 -0400
Subject: Annie Jacobsen's Area 51 - First Media Batch

Dear Colleagues,

Here is the first media batch about the Annie Jacobsen's book Area 51 - links on previous re-hash of the Oxcart story and Bruce Maccabee's article on secret planes and Blue Book unknowns are at the bottom:

NPR - Area 51 'Uncensored': Was It UFOs Or The USSR?
May 17th, 2011

<http://tinyurl.com/43kyjf>

CNN - Inside Area 51
May 18th, 2011

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JD8MUCDaOgo>

MSNBC News - Inside Area 51
May 19th, 2011

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uDOfEV2W5bQ>

FOX NEWS - Conspiracy Theories Debunked
May 21st, 2011

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zWwyvH_M3bA

More on Fox's host Clayton Morris:

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2010/sep/m27-007.shtml>

Previous rehash of the Oxcart story:

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2010/sep/m27-007.shtml>

Bruce Maccabee on secret planes and unknowns:

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2010/oct/m06-004.shtml>

http://www.brumac.8k.com/cia_explanation.html

Robert Friend - Blue Block, spy flights and unknowns:

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2010/oct/m06-011.shtml>

Best Wishes

Giuliano

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Is The Sun Emitting A Mystery Particle?

From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 May 2011 08:13:05 +0100
Archived: Mon, 23 May 2011 07:04:21 -0400
Subject: Is The Sun Emitting A Mystery Particle?

Source: Discovery.Com

<http://news.discovery.com/space/is-the-sun-emitting-a-mystery-particle.html>

Wed Aug 25, 2010

Is The Sun Emitting A Mystery Particle?

When probing the deepest reaches of the Cosmos or magnifying our understanding of the quantum world, a whole host of mysteries present themselves. This is to be expected when pushing our knowledge of the Universe to the limit.

But what if a well-known - and apparently constant - characteristic of matter starts behaving mysteriously?

This is exactly what has been noticed in recent years; the decay rates of radioactive elements are changing. This is especially mysterious as we are talking about elements with "constant" decay rates - these values aren't supposed to change. School textbooks teach us this from an early age.

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Many fields of science depend on measuring constant decay rates. For example, to accurately date ancient artifacts, archaeologists measure the quantity of carbon-14 found inside organic samples at dig sites. This is a technique known as carbon dating.

Carbon-14 has a very defined half-life of 5730 years; i.e. it takes 5,730 years for half of a sample of carbon-14 to radioactively decay into stable nitrogen-14. Through spectroscopic analysis of the ancient organic sample, by finding out what proportion of carbon-14 remains, we can accurately calculate how old it is.

But as you can see, carbon dating makes one huge assumption: radioactive decay rates remain constant and always have been constant. If this new finding is proven to be correct, even if the impact is small, it will throw the science community into a spin.

Interestingly, researchers at Purdue first noticed something awry when they were using radioactive samples for random number generation. Each decay event occurs randomly (hence the white noise you'd hear from a Geiger counter), so radioactive samples provide a non-biased random number generator.

However, when they compared their measurements with other scientists' work, the values of the published decay rates were not the same. In fact, after further research they found that

not only were they not constant, but they'd vary with the seasons. Decay rates would slightly decrease during the summer and increase during the winter.

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Experimental error and environmental conditions have all been ruled out - the decay rates are changing throughout the year in a predictable pattern. And there seems to be only one answer.

As the Earth is closer to the sun during the winter months in the Northern Hemisphere (our planet's orbit is slightly eccentric, or elongated), could the sun be influencing decay rates?

In another moment of weirdness, Purdue nuclear engineer Jere Jenkins noticed an inexplicable drop in the decay rate of manganese-54 when he was testing it one night in 2006. It so happened that this drop occurred just over a day before a large flare erupted on the sun.

Did the sun somehow communicate with the manganese-54 sample? If it did, something from the sun would have had to travel through the Earth (as the sample was on the far side of our planet from the sun at the time) unhindered.

The sun link was made even stronger when Peter Sturrock, Stanford professor emeritus of applied physics, suggested that the Purdue scientists look for other recurring patterns in decay rates. As an expert of the inner workings of the sun, Sturrock had a hunch that solar neutrinos might hold the key to this mystery.

Sure enough, the researchers noticed the decay rates vary repeatedly every 33 days - a period of time that matches the rotational period of the core of the sun. The solar core is the source of solar neutrinos.

It may all sound rather circumstantial, but these threads of evidence appear to lead to a common source of the radioactive decay rate variation. But there's a huge problem with speculation that solar neutrinos could impact decay rates on Earth: neutrinos aren't supposed to work like that.

Neutrinos, born from the nuclear processes in the core of the sun, are ghostly particles. They can literally pass through the Earth unhindered as they so weakly interact. How could such a quantum welterweight have any measurable impact on radioactive samples in the lab?

In short, nobody knows.

If neutrinos are the culprits, it means we are falling terribly short of understanding the true nature of these subatomic particles. But if (and this is a big if) neutrinos aren't to blame, is the sun generating an as-yet-to-be-discovered particle?

If either case is true, we'll have to go back and re-write those textbooks.

Source: Stanford University

Email address: visions1.nul

All is One rap: <http://tinyurl.com/2x22y>

'If you keep a green bough in your heart the singing bird will come' --Chinese proverb

'You must be the change you wish to see in the world' --Gandhi

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>Source: Discovery.Com

><http://news.discovery.com/space/is-the-sun-emitting-a-mystery-particle.html>

>Wed Aug 25, 2010

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>When probing the deepest reaches of the Cosmos or magnifying our
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It would also imply that our current age estimates for
meteoritic/cometary material, at least those based on isotopic
ratios, are too low.

Mike

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Book - Grassroots UFOs

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 May 2011 07:35:03 +0100
Archived: Tue, 24 May 2011 12:50:39 -0400
Subject: Book - Grassroots UFOs

Hello List,

Just followed a link (from Terry Colvin iirc) and found mention of an interesting sounding book:

<http://www.anomalistbooks.com/swords.html>

Grassroots UFOs - Case Reports From The Center For UFO Studies
Michael D Swords

Over a period of a dozen years, John Timmerman ran a traveling UFO exhibit for the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) that appeared in malls from Seattle to Dallas to Nova Scotia, and from Guam to Puerto Rico. In the process he spoke to hundreds of people from around the world who came in off the street and described their own UFO sightings and experiences. Timmerman ended up with nearly 1,200 taped interviews, firsthand testimony with the lingering taste of truth.

Their stories present the UFO phenomenon in all its raw glory, describing lights, disks, cigars, boomerangs, and objects where the structure was well. indescribable; close encounters of all kinds, landing traces, physiological effects, vehicle interference, entities, radar cases, jet scrambles, crashed disks, morphing objects; and cases of such concentrated weirdness they'll just make you shake your head, leaving you puzzled and uncomfortable - if not totally floored. A mighty strange universe is providing this entertainment.

JOHN TIMMERMAN graduated from Cornell University in Sociology and had a long and successful career in business. He was intrigued almost immediately by the UFO phenomenon when sightings began, and in the 1950s he was one of the volunteers for Project A at Ohio Northern University in a long-forgotten chapter in UFO history. In 1978, after attending a lecture by astronomer J. Allen Hynek, he volunteered with CUFOS, taking on a variety of responsibilities, ranging from case investigation to Treasurer. He was editor of the CUFOS Associate Newsletter and developed and manned the CUFOS display, allowing him to record the many reports detailed in this book.

About the author...

MICHAEL D. SWORDS graduated from the University of Notre Dame in Chemistry, Iowa State University in Biochemistry, and Case Western Reserve in the History of Science and Technology. He was a professor of Natural Science at Western Michigan University for 30 years and spent 20 years of scholarship and service with CUFOS, including editing the peer-reviewed Journal of UFO Studies. He now writes a blog called The Big Study.

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And apologies if already posted.

Cheers

Ray D

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The Big Study

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 May 2011 15:38:55 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
Archived: Tue, 24 May 2011 12:55:20 -0400
Subject: The Big Study

The last paragraph below is excerpted from an e-mail sent by R. Powell during a review of radar reports in the Project Blue Book files. I was not aware of Michael Swords having a blog. It deals in part with the SITU library.

"I've promised that when possible I'll try to respond to questions of interest, so this will be another of those times. In the comments a couple of weeks back, I was asked if Sanderson had anything to say about the European cryptobeast, the Tatzelwurm. Somewhat surprisingly, the answer so far has been "no". When you look at Ivan's files, it is overwhelmingly obvious that he was an ABSM man. He is "crazy" interested in the concept, and his files on it double any other subject. He's interested in water monsters, UFOs, and lots else, but no Tatzelwurm so far. Still, we may as yet uncover material on it, and the SITU magazine covered the Tatzelwurm twice in the Warth era. More on that later."

Terry

[Begin Quote]

By the way, when I just noticed the "fortean" in your email address, it made me think of my friend Mike Swords. He has a neat blog that you might enjoy to read while on vacation.

It's located at <http://thebiggeststudy.blogspot.com>

[End Quote]

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Review Of Jacobsen's Area 51 Book

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 May 2011 20:17:54 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
Archived: Tue, 24 May 2011 12:59:09 -0400
Subject: Review Of Jacobsen's Area 51 Book

Date: Mon, 23 May 2011 11:50:05 -0500
From: Jay Miller <aerofax.nul>
Subject: Some Interesting Links Including A-12 At Area 51

To all,

Did a review of the new Area 51 book by Annie Jacobsen for ABC News.

In summary, it's a golden opportunity missed.

Annie is not an airplane person and she is not in the least aviation savvy. She has no depth, no understanding, and no background that would give her the tools necessary to write about this most complex of subjects. She refers to "jet fighter rockets" and "destroyer battleships" and other such crap with far too much regularity. She gives virtually no credit to Kelly Johnson for anything that went on at Area 51 during the 1950s and 1960s - and conversely claims that Dick Bissell did everything. Tony LeVier's name is mentioned only once (that I recall), and for those of you who didn't know, the CIA did everything but build the A-12/F-12/SR-71 and D-21. One of Lockheed's U-2's crashed (during the mid-1950's flight test program) as a result of "overheating".

I am, to put it mildly, sorely disappointed in this book. Any "non-fiction" history of Area 51 that claims the Roswell, NM flying saucer crap as the site's raison d'etre and that the flying saucer itself was the end product of Russia's post-war collaboration with the Horton Brothers isn't worthy of being a door stop, much less an historical resource in my reference library.

Don't waste your money - not even the photos are fresh.

Jay

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G'Bye Mars Rover Spirit

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NASA CONCLUDES ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT MARS ROVER SPIRIT

WASHINGTON -- NASA is ending attempts to regain contact with the long-lived Mars Exploration Rover Spirit, which last communicated on March 22, 2010.

A transmission that will end on Wednesday, May 25, will be the last in a series of attempts. Extensive communications activities during the past 10 months also have explored the possibility that Spirit might reawaken as the solar energy available to it increased after a stressful Martian winter without much sunlight. With inadequate energy to run its survival heaters, the rover likely experienced colder internal temperatures last year than in any of its prior six years on Mars. Many critical components and connections would have been susceptible to damage from the cold.

Engineers' assessments in recent months have shown a very low probability for recovering communications with Spirit. Communications assets that have been used by the Spirit mission in the past, including NASA's Deep Space Network of antennas on Earth, plus two NASA Mars orbiters that can relay communications, now are needed to prepare for NASA's Mars Science Laboratory mission. MSL is scheduled to launch later this year.

"We're now transitioning assets to support the November launch of our next generation Mars rover, Curiosity," said Dave Lavery, program executive for solar system exploration. "However, while we no longer believe there is a realistic probability of hearing from Spirit, the Deep Space Network may occasionally listen for any faint signals when the schedule permits."

Spirit landed on Mars on Jan. 3, 2004, for a mission designed to last three months. After accomplishing its prime-mission goals, Spirit worked to accomplish additional objectives. Its twin, Opportunity, continues active exploration of Mars.

For more information on the Mars rovers, visit:

<http://www.nasa.gov/rovers>

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Hi Dave & Michael,

When first seeing this, last August iirc,
news.stanford.edu/news/2010/august/sun-082310.html

had a discussion with pals where I put two points

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ii) In any case, it's probably been going on forever, they've only found the effect by checking fairly recent records.

Cheers

Ray D

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Hi Mike

First let's look at the total mass of the Sun and its probable
real rotation rate:

<http://solarscience.msfc.nasa.gov/surface.shtml>

"The photosphere ... the visible surface of the Sun ... rotates
on its axis once in about 27 days" [24 at the equator, 30 at the
poles]

<http://www.ualberta.ca/~dumberry/planets.htm>

"The Sun [has] 99.85% of the mass of the solar system but only 1%
of the angular momentum."

which means that the outermost surface of the Sun is being dragged around by the angular momentum of the planets. The inner mass of the Sun will be rotating more slowly, with the active core probably being 'static'. Which could mean the Sun's average mass is rotating (and deforming) at a 33 day rate.

To confirm that the planets are affecting the surface of the Sun, here's a quote from a largely overlooked piece of recent NASA research:

<http://gltrs.grc.nasa.gov/reports/2007/TM-2007-214817.pdf>

"despite the widely accepted thought that believes otherwise. Evidence of apparent relations between planet positions and solar activity was observed and presented"

Now let's see why 'mass' should be so important, and what science knows about the possible relationship between masses and half-lives. Here's a quote from Prof Ian Stewart (who, with Prof Jack Cohen, is known for helping-out sci-fi writers with their plots) - "There is no physical difference whatsoever between a uranium atom that is about to decay and one that is not about to decay. None. Absolutely none." I.e. science doesn't know how the atoms of a mass of plutonium conspire, in a synchronized way, to bring about its 'half-life'.

Which adds to our list of notable 'mysteries of science': half-life, inertia/momentum, mass/matter, gravity, gyroscopic effect, entanglement, two-slit phenomena, quantized redshift, non-decay of the proton (allied to mass/matter); - all unexplained by the 'standard model' of modern physics - although brave claims are sometimes made that the "imminent discovery" of the Higgs Boson might explain mass/matter (although that seems to me like exchanging one 'magic' for another, since magic particle exchanges do not satisfy my definition of a scientific explanation).

[BTW - News: it seems the creaky 'standard model' is to be abandoned. and not before time. Although plans to replace it with 'super-symmetry' have just (today) been squashed by the discovery that the electron is spherical - apparently super-symmetry demanded an ovoid electron. So the science establishment has now virtually admitted what many folk have been saying for years: "physics is stuck in a dead-end"

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2007/mar/m08-008.shtml>

And that all those 'political' pressures to force scientists to conform (to the now defunct 'standard model') have just made things worse - and made the science establishments look ridiculous and totalitarian.]

So you can see I'm not trying to add "a new 'auxiliary' effect" - far from it. What is suggested is merely a most economic explanation - not least because it might be the one demanded by a whole bunch of shamefully ignored 'mysteries' unexplained by the standard model.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Is The Sun Emitting A Mystery Particle?

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 May 2011 09:09:47 -0600
Archived: Thu, 26 May 2011 12:11:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Is The Sun Emitting A Mystery Particle?

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 25 May 2011 22:34:11 +0100
>Subject: Re: Is The Sun Emitting A Mystery Particle?

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 25 May 2011 10:50:13 -0600
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>>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
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>>>Date: Tue, 24 May 2011 21:17:25 +0100
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>>>i) The observed effects correlate with the (seasonal) distance
>>>to the Sun. As they don't know what force causes 'half-life'
>>>anyway, the most likely reason for that observed effect is that
>>>the Sun's mass affects (modulates) that basic cause/force. So,
>>>by Occam's Razor, there's no need for another mystery force or
>>>'particle'..

><snip>

>>I agree that proposing a new particle is unjustified at this
>>point, since we have already identified a class of weakly
>>interacting particle emitted by the sun, i.e., neutrinos.
>>However, I can't agree that Occam's Razor favors the Sun's mass
>>rather than its neutrino flux as the underlying mechanism of the
>>decay rate effect. Both essentially hypothesize --without a
>>shred of theoretical foundation-- a new 'auxiliary' effect of an
>>existing phenomenon.

>>Indeed, if you review the linked article again, you'll note that
>>the effect is cyclic with a period of 33 days, very similar to
>>the rotation period of the sun's surface (28 days). While it
>>implies a significant differential rotation in the sun's
>>interior, this is plausibly consistent with a rotating
>>'searchlight' effect, in which some asymmetry or occlusion of
>>the neutrino-producing core is periodically sweeping across the
>>line of sight to the Earth. On the other hand, I see no
>>mechanism whatever by which the mass of the sun would be
>>modulated at this rate, nor how we could possibly have failed to
>>detect the effect of such on planetary orbits.

<snip>

>So you can see I'm not trying to add "a new 'auxiliary' effect" -
>far from it. What is suggested is merely a most economic
>explanation - not least because it might be the one demanded by a
>whole bunch of shamefully ignored 'mysteries' unexplained by the
>standard model.

Ray,

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Mike

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Hi Mike

Must confess to preferring short and sweet responses myself, but
my last post was unavoidable.

So I'll refer you to a single-sentence posted in December 2010,
at www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/ansci8.html#sol when I saw that
same half-life variation article being quoted as a
doomsday/armageddon argument by folk who misunderstood the gist
of it.

And, talking of misunderstandings, your last question shows that
I seem to have somehow given the wrong impression:

The Sun has virtually no angular momentum and therefore can't
much affect the planets' motions (unless it blew up or
something), whereas the planets, with most of the system's
momentum, strongly affect the Sun's mass-rotation and its more
violent surface activities, as that NASA pdf implies.

So the 33-day ripple (in half-life results) is probably caused
by a 33-day rotation / deformation of the Sun's average mass -
and that is caused by the planets.

There's a clue in the Solar Cycle variations (in the sunspot
cycle) as evidenced in that NASA report - quoted at
www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/checkalign.html#nasa22 in October
2009.

Cheers
Ray D

BTW if you Google for "work of J H Nelson" there's references to
his original 'sunspots / planetary alignments' stuff c. 1940 -

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which was totally ignored by everyone (inc. NASA till recently)
because Nelson was an engineer and not a sanctified scientist.

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Skeptics Conference in New Orleans

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Date: Thu, 26 May 2011 23:13:42 +0100
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From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
To: post.nul
Date: Thu, 26 May 2011
Subject: Sceptics Conference 2011

The Committee for Skeptical Inquiry holds its conference "dedicated to scientific inquiry and critical thinking" in New Orleans on Oct 27-30.

<http://csiconference.org/>

I note the UFO subject is being covered by Stan Friedman's severely outmatched sparring partner James McGaha who will speak on "the Woodbridge and Rendlesham Lights - the Best Documented UFO in USAF History"

"McGaha will relate how lights in the sky, just off a USAF base in England, became one of the most famous UFO tales in history. The facts have been left behind in a fabricated story beyond credulity. Find out the real story"

Robert Sheaffer will address the Top Five Conspiracy Claims which include the Great Air Force UFO Cover-up" "the Roswell Crash Retrieval, Reverse Engineering, "EBE and J-Rod at Area 51 - chilling with ET" and "Secret Treaties with Extraterrestrials"

If you wish to decorate a dartboard with some photos for some summer fun, here is an impressive list of the usual suspects.

<http://csiconference.org/speakers>

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Alien Tattoo

From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 May 2011 23:45:40 +0100
Archived: Fri, 27 May 2011 06:38:44 -0400
Subject: Alien Tattoo

Was this a naked guy walking out my door or an alien coming in?

<http://tiny.cc/e2o1j>

Can the ET craze get any weirder?

Dave Haith

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The State Of Alien Affairs

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 18:34:00 +0000
Archived: Sat, 28 May 2011 18:50:01 -0400
Subject: The State Of Alien Affairs

I am only going to cite the last few paragraphs. The first two paragraphs discuss Denver's Extraterrestrial Affairs Ballot Initiative.

Sky & Telescope, June 27, 2011, page 18
Cosmic Relief section by David Grinspoon

<snip>

I don't find it impossible that intelligent extraterrestrials could travel to Earth. And I can easily imagine the possibility of long-lived intelligences with unpredictable intentions, behavior, or capabilities. Signs of contact, especially unintentional on their part, might seem very strange and difficult for humans to interpret. Certainly we should explore our solar system and remotely probe others, and we should remain on the lookout for alien artifacts and engineering.

So I try to keep an open mind. But whatever you think about the existence of intelligent extraterrestrials, it's also quite plausible that we haven't been visited, and most of what has been cited as evidence is the result of wishful thinking. We have to be wary of our biases here.

I have seen several things in the sky that I cannot explain. My interpretation of these sightings is not that I have witnessed alien activities. I don't have proof that reinforces that impression. I have a high level of confidence in my scientific intuition even while I recognize that it's not an infallible guide.

I have attended meetings of UFO enthusiasts, and I often agree with their opening statements, which usually involve an assertion of the immensity of the universe and the absurdity of positing that we are alone in this vastness. But they lose me when they start describing their evidence, which is often highly anecdotal or subject to less-exotic interpretations. The proponents of alien encounters very much want to believe. I think most of us do. Personally, I would love it if some wise aliens would show up and tell us the secret to long-term global survival with advanced, planet-shanging technology. I feel the lure of belief in my mind and heart, and I want to see as clearly as I can through that reality distortion field. Maybe we all want to believe, but for some of us that makes it harder, not easier.

Grinspoon's website: www.funkyscience.net

Have a nice weekend and I hope you enjoy reading an astronomer's approach to 'Alien Affairs'.

KK

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From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 18:57:10 +0000
Archived: Sat, 28 May 2011 18:52:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Review Of Jacobsen's Area 51 Book

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 23 May 2011 20:17:54 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>Subject: Review Of Jacobsen's Area 51 Book

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>Subject: Some Interesting Links Including A-12 At Area 51

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A Haunebu II Photo Feature

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 16:33:19 -0400
Archived: Sat, 28 May 2011 18:53:44 -0400
Subject: A Haunebu II Photo Feature

I took a closer look at a photo that is supposedly of a Nazi Haunebu II saucer craft first tested in 1942. The enhanced photo shows what appears to be a toroidal optical anomaly extending below the craft. To see the photo, go to

<http://www.treurniet.ca/tori/ufoindex.htm>

and click on 1942Haunebu II at the end of the index list.

I've been saying for some time that such a torus is a property of the saucer craft that appear in many photos of UFOs that are publicly available. My working hypothesis is that a toroidal field is generated by the craft's propulsion system. Under certain conditions, the field can affect the propagation of light so that it becomes visible to a camera.

I am not aware of any proof that the photo was taken in Germany by the Nazis. It may have been taken in 1942 or perhaps much later. Or it may equally well be a picture of a Russian or American design taken any time after the war ended. Or it may even be a photo of an ET craft that someone attributed to the Nazis for some reason.

In any case, the presence of the toroidal optical anomaly is good evidence, at least to me, that the photo is not a hoax. Further, it suggests that the craft likely used a novel technology for propulsion.

William

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Re: ABC's Nightline vs Jacobsen's Roswell Source

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 May 2011 00:51:32 +0200
Archived: Sun, 29 May 2011 06:56:31 -0400
Subject: Re: ABC's Nightline vs Jacobsen's Roswell Source

ABC's Nightline vs Annie Jacobsen's about her Roswell source
Video link:

<http://tinyurl.com/3jqw5yw>

and

Annie Jacobson on The Daily Show - May 17, 2011:

<http://tinyurl.com/4xa9xbk>

Best Wishes,

Giuliano

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From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 May 2011 05:56:31 -0500
Archived: Sun, 29 May 2011 07:28:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Review Of Jacobsen's Area 51 Book

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
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From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 May 2011 04:42:01 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sun, 29 May 2011 08:29:29 -0400
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Jerry,

That is an understatement. Major Jesse Marcel, Dr. Jesse Marcel,
William Brazel, Walter Haut, Retired General Thomas Jefferson
DuBose and many others are first-hand witnesses.

Try watching the DVD "Recollections of Roswell" Listed on my
website... Try reading the contemporary news accounts in many PM
newspapers from Chicago West on July 8, 1947.

Stan Friedman

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Here is a link to the Thursday night Nightline interview:

<http://abcnews.go.com/Nightline>

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Kathy,

There is one point of agreement between us: Annie Jacobsen has
been fed one of the craziest tales ever invented about Roswell.

Now, please note that it has been told to her by two former
engineers of Area 51, people who know quite well what it's
worth: A blatant pack of lies.

So this is a case of indubitable disinformation, directly from Area 51. It does not require a huge effort of imagination to grasp that they probably participate in an effort to hide certain things about Ufos, more precisely about the Roswell case.

The fact that a graduate from a prestigious university dares to write such baloney in a book, illustrates the deepness of the usual ignorance on the subject, even in well educated circles. And your conclusion that her tale is jut as good as any other on Roswell is exactly what those disinformation agents expect from you.

Gildas Bourdais

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Archived: Sun, 29 May 2011 15:58:53 -0400
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Jay Miller is an author who subscribes to a Skunk Works mail List Which I Read. He Is Not An Authority On Roswell; However, he has made worthwhile comments on various aspects of the UFO phenomena.

<http://tinyurl.com/3w6zr6g>

Terry

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Biorhythms Half-Lives Brains & ET

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Archived: Sun, 29 May 2011 17:37:30 -0400
Subject: Biorhythms Half-Lives Brains & ET

Hello List,

This might not relate directly to ETs, unless it's one of those Earthling peculiarities which they choose to study. However it does seem to have affected our human 'intellect' from times before we were human, and, as it still exists, continues to affect our ability to accurately observe, and to logically consider events, whether ET created or not. A final ET connection is made at foot of message.

As you might recall, a few days ago we considered that 'changing half-life' article which shows an annual variation, overlaid with a 33 day 'ripple':

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2011/may/m27-001.shtml>

Subsequently I was reminded by Lister Albert Baier that 33 days is one of the three primary biorhythm cycles. So went to Wiki and found "physical: $\sin(2d/23)$, emotional: $\sin(2d/28)$, intellectual: $\sin(2d/33)$ " which was almost immediately interesting, and for at least one reason which I couldn't recall at the time. Now, after more conversation with Albert, I have.

One can make a fairly strong case for the emotional cycle being linked to the lunar month, and for it being tied, until recently, to the ancient estrus/rut cycle which is now almost hidden in humans. Details at:

www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/fertility.html#change

That scenario says that humans (and maybe bonobos) have continued to evolve successfully and have kept in synch with the slowly extending lunar cycle. Whereas most mammals stopped evolving (reproductively at least) some millions of years ago when the month was only about 21 days long. [The (longer) exceptions to a 21 day cycle were probably constrained by physiological or seasonal conditions making giving birth viable only at specific times of the year.]

So we could posit the 'emotional cycle' in humans only very recently losing synch with the lunar month, leaving it at 28 days. Which can tempt us to think that the 'physical cycle' must have lost synchronism much earlier, when the month was 23 days (because the Moon is only vital for fertility reasons - see below).

That leaves us with the 33 day 'intellectual cycle' and the (theorized Solar) 33 day half-life ripple. Unlike the estrus/emotional cycle linkage to the Moon, by purely physical causes (fertility), we need another reason for the linkage between intellect and half-life.

And it's obvious! (when I finally realised).

Half-life is (must be) at least partly dictated by a combo of the strong nuclear force, the electromagnetic force and the weak nuclear force (which is anyway now combined with electro-magnetism). When that cats-cradle of forces twitches in any direction it's not just half-lives which change - every cell and

nerve linkage in our bodies must be affected, however slightly, and the most numerous and sensitive cells and linkages are in the brain!

So, although I've never been a fan or adherent of biorhythms, it now seems they're based on something more than legends or old-wives tales, and our thinking is affected by a 33 day cycle (and an annual one), as is half-life.

Also, recall speculating much earlier that humans coming too close to a propulsion system consisting of an 'inertial drive' (a change in inertia necessarily changes the momentum of the electron) would find their perceptions and 'intellect' radically interfered with, maybe permanently.

Cheers

Ray D

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I second that. I think the toroidal optica anomaly should be at
least noted in future analyses of UFO photos. We all seek
'evidence' - well, there it is, ripe for the taking.

Eleanor White

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Date: Sun, 29 May 2011 18:36:09 +0000
Archived: Sun, 29 May 2011 17:40:56 -0400
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>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
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Well, Jerry, what I gave up on was the simplistic approach to
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KK

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And it led you to those strange, borderline-cartoonish remarks
you made lately on this List? Frankly, that doesn't give me a
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Considering how much effort and expense have gone into the
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right to complain about somebody who seems to know nothing but
who in her ignorance - and, of course, desire to sell books, for
which I don't really blame her; writing is hard work, the
rewards mostly meager - promotes what even outside observers
(i.e., non-ufologists) view as a deeply suspect story. Is it
your view that people who know what they're talking about, such
as those who've devoted many years to the study of the Roswell
event (whatever it was), should just shut up? Or are they
obligated to have you vet their remarks before they air them?

Incidentally, lest I be misunderstood and to forestall the
inevitable, I am a Roswell agnostic of long standing. I am
willing to listen to and consider any point of view that, if it
is based in arguable evidence and discernible logic, does not

insult my intelligence. (Not wishing to stir anybody up, I will not here detail which views insult my intelligence.) It is my observation that reasonable people have arrived at different, even conflicting conclusions. Eventually, when all is at last sorted out, some will be proven wrong, which doesn't make them bad people, stupid people, or crazy people. Until every piece is put into place, disagreement about what the assembled puzzle will look like is only to be expected.

It helps me in my own thinking about this that as a lifelong student of history, I have some grasp of how historical investigations of poorly understood, inadequately documented events in the past are conducted. If you remove the toxic initials "UFO" - which seem to drive you nuts, or at least to rhetorical excess - from the equation, you'll find that whatever the ultimate answer is to this particular question (prosaic or extraordinary), Roswell is for now just one more historical mystery among many.

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A "totally new approach"? An anonymous informant tells her a fantastic story, with self-contradicting details which ought to raise a red flag to anybody who's paying attention, and that's a "totally new approach". I don't think so. It looks rather like an all-too-familiar, ordinarily dubious one to me. Just, in fact, still more noise around an already faint and receding signal.

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Hi Martin, I had not considered that the effect may be a lens
flare. To follow up on your comment, I'm going to change the
game slightly, and it may or may not affect your conclusion. The
photo I used initially turned out to be a crop of another photo.
This larger photo shows a large lens flare kitty-corner to the
sun in the image. I replaced the photo in my article with the
larger photo, and included the overlay that you drew on the
photo sent to me off-list. This overlay appears on the equalized

version of the photo in the addendum at the bottom of the page.

Following your procedure, I drew a diagonal line between the center of the flare and the center of the sun. You argued that any other lens flares in the photo should fall on this line. The two small whitish spots do fall close to this line as does a small circle over the tree trunk, but the area of interest under the craft clearly is almost entirely beside the line.

The lens flare at bottom left of the photo is a perfect circle and it has a yellow tint that corresponds to the color of the sun at the upper right. So this is clearly a lens flare. However, the area under the craft has a color that is more like the color of the field beneath. It should be much yellower if it were a lens flare caused by the sun. Further, its shape is not at all circular in the plane of the image.

I must, therefore, differ with your conclusion that the object beneath the craft is a lens flare. Its position, shape and color are not consistent with that conclusion.

I should also point out that I would not expect anyone to agree with my conclusion on the basis of just this one photo. A torus appears beneath a craft in a couple of other photos. In particular, look at the one labeled 'roof'. The enhanced version of this picture shows clearly a large toroidal shape between the craft and the rooftop. The photo labeled '1963Peralta1' also shows a torus just below the craft. In both cases, the craft is hovering near the ground. When it is higher up in the sky, most of the other photos show that the torus is still asymmetrically in contact with the craft, but it can extend from the craft at any angle.

William

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Colin Bennett has written several books, including The Entertainment Bomb, Looking for Orthon, and Politics of the Imagination, which won the Anomalist Award for Best Biography in 2002. Bennett also wrote an introduction to Ruppelt's book The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects (reissued 2011 from Cosimo Classics). After leaving school to become a professional musician, Bennett returned to college to study English at University of Oxford, Balliol College. He wrote several plays that were performed in London before reinventing himself as an electronics engineer and founding a consulting agency. Bennett currently resides in London where he continues to write and discover new interests.

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>>>>Don't waste your money - not even the photos are fresh.

>>>>Oh well, I never heard of Jay Miller. I have to wonder why Annie
>>>>Jacobsen have an opinion about Roswell. At least, because she
>>>>claims to be an investigative journalist, she documents her
>>>>sources and they are viable - people who were affiliated with
>>>>Area 51 and Lockheed.

>>>>Let's be real clear about the myth of Roswell: all opinions are
>>>>based on rumors, second, third, fourth hand testimonies, so-
>>>>called "death bed" confessions, etc., etc. BUT, there isn't a
>>>>shred of anything to support any theory. So, the tale is up for
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>>>>has gone before hers. She is just more created and very much
>>>>outside the box of the ufo orthodoxy.

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>the fact that she has rankled the UFO community. I like that she
>has shaken up 'the community'.

Kathy

You don't need to refer to Roswell researchers to make a quick evaluation of her story.

Let's see:

Flying saucers of the 1947 wave would be secret planes derived from nazi flying saucers. I challenge you to quote only one serious aviation historian or specialist who would believe that.

Children genetically altered by Dr Mengele to make them look like Grey aliens. I challenge you to find only one serious biologist who would believe that. In case you don't know, the structure of DNA was found in 1953 by Crick and Watson. In 1947, Dr Mengele was hiding in South America, and nobody was talking about Grey aliens yet.

As for Stalin, he had other matters to attend to, rather than playing a Flying saucer comedy near Roswell.

Conclusion: just another grotesque story.

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same axis which I neglected to mention before. You will see it
on the file I have sent you privately.

In addition, your expanded frame now shows a further two
apparent lens flares that fell outside the previous frame area.
One of them (bottom left) you acknowledge is a flare. Both of
them, again, fall on the same predicted axis as the features I
previously proposed were "flares", including your "toroid".

I consider these to satisfy a prediction of the flare
interpretation and to be (FAPP) a proof of it..

Your web page incorrectly characterises the lens flare theory as
predicting that centres of all flare images must fall
precisely on a single perfectly straight axis through the
source and the centre of the photo. I didn't say this, and it
isn't true.

I dare say it would be true as an idealised symmetrical case
with perfect optics. But in practice the number of different
internal reflections and refractions possible among slightly
misaligned lens elements is large and can cause slightly off-
axis flare images of the source and of the camera aperture.
Sometimes flares can be scattered all over the frame as though
at random, or multiple lens flares from the same source in the
same image can show on orthogonal axes and can be split into
different colours, distorted, displaced and even inverted. I
sent you some examples I photographed myself. You can find
numerous others on photography sites across the net. See for
example:

<http://tinyurl.com/cowdgh>

<http://tinyurl.com/4xtdy4f>

Regards

Martin Shough

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I was informed off-List that the above link did not work. It may be because the page uses frames. To get the page without the accompanying index, try the following.

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>>Well, Jerry, what I gave up on was the simplistic approach to
>>Roswell taken by all the known Roswell researchers.

>>On the contrary, I have an unpublished manuscript which cites
>>many documents not cited by Roswell researchers.

>>And it led you to those strange, borderline-cartoonish remarks
>>you made lately on this List? Frankly, that doesn't give me a
>>lot of hope for what you may have. In any event, unless you
>>produce it so that knowledgeable researchers can see, analyze,
>>and judge it, it's meaningless as evidence of anything.

>>I think I can
>>relate to Annie Jacobsen and the heat she is taking from ufo
>>investigators. It is like: "What? You didn't quote from my book,
>>so you don't know anything!"

>>Considering how much effort and expense have gone into the
>>Roswell investigation, responsible investigators have every
>>right to complain about somebody who seems to know nothing but
>>who in her ignorance - and, of course, desire to sell books, for
>>which I don't really blame her; writing is hard work, the
>>rewards mostly meager - promotes what even outside observers
>>(i.e., non-ufologists) view as a deeply suspect story. Is it
>>your view that people who know what they're talking about, such
>>as those who've devoted many years to the study of the Roswell
>>event (whatever it was), should just shut up? Or are they
>>obligated to have you vet their remarks before they air them?

>Incidentally, lest I be misunderstood and to forestall the
>inevitable, I am a Roswell agnostic of long standing. I am
>willing to listen to and consider any point of view that, if it
>is based in arguable evidence and discernible logic, does not
>insult my intelligence. (Not wishing to stir anybody up, I will
>not here detail which views insult my intelligence.) It is my
>observation that reasonable people have arrived at different,
>even conflicting conclusions. Eventually, when all is at last
>sorted out, some will be proven wrong, which doesn't make them
>bad people, stupid people, or crazy people. Until every piece is
>put into place, disagreement about what the assembled puzzle
>will look like is only to be expected.

>It helps me in my own thinking about this that as a lifelong
>student of history, I have some grasp of how historical
>investigations of poorly understood, inadequately documented
>events in the past are conducted. If you remove the toxic
>initials "UFO" - which seem to drive you nuts, or at least to
>rhetorical excess - from the equation, you'll find that whatever
>the ultimate answer is to this particular question (prosaic or
>extraordinary), Roswell is for now just one more historical
>mystery among many.

>>Please, Roswell orthodoxy is alive and well with 'the
>>community' ready to defend their anointed spokespersons. They
>>just plain bore me.

>Which explains, perhaps, why you're paying no attention to
>what's actually going on all around you. It would behoove you to
>follow what ufologists say about the case. In fact, the issue is
>so controversial and contentious that an important UFO List -
>not this one, obviously - bans any discussion of it because
>ufologists have such radically conflicting assessments that they
>tend to end up in flame wars. Since there is no ufological
>consensus on Roswell, there is no orthodoxy, just a range of
>strongly held opinions. Or perhaps you define orthodoxy as any
>opinion you disagree with.

>>Jacobsen presents a totally new approach.

>A "totally new approach"? An anonymous informant tells her a
>fantastic story, with self-contradicting details which ought to
>raise a red flag to anybody who's paying attention, and that's a
>"totally new approach". I don't think so. It looks rather like
>an all-too-familiar, ordinarily dubious one to me. Just, in
>fact, still more noise around an already faint and receding
>signal.

Jerry:

Bottomline? Another new approach to Roswell vents tonight on
Coast to Coast AM. I will be listening. Love it. My heart leaps
with joy.

After 30 years "the community" has been collecting cases and
testimonies. The analysis: the alien's did it. Absolving "the
community" of any responsibility to analyze. I heard a guy last
night - Richard Lang - project leader for MUFON. His job, as he
saw it, was to collect cases, make sure the info was accurate,
and pass a monthly report on to BASS(?sp) for \$56,000 a month.
After 4 months, MUFON was spending only \$26,000/mo and putting
the rest of the money in a savings account. This project manager
couldn't design a project that would have included analyzing the
cases using - oh I don't know - various types of equipment to
collect samples? No, as long as the answer was "the aliens did
it" the analyzing stopped. So, yes, "the community" response
bores me because it is simplistic. Real world possibilities only
intrude on "the community's" constructed orthodoxy. Give it up
fellas. Call it Mission Failure, step back and design a new
approach. One that moves things closer to a resolution. Is that
so hard? Well, I guess it might be. It is so much easier to say
"well, it's the way we have done it for the last 30 years."

And, please don't get me started on just how many people read
Dr. Dolan's Roswell Dig Report. Why no one did? The dig didn't
turn up pieces of a craft. However, there were real artifacts
that never got to the laboratory to be analyzed. I think I was
one of five people who read the report and thought about the
items listed in the report. "The community's" response? Well, it

wasn't what we wanted and, therefore, we are not interested.
Really, a truly boring response. My response to that response?
Yawn.

Logic informs me that Mission Failure is the reason to skim over the "documentation" of collected cases and testimonies. There is evidence of nothing tangible except lights in the sky. Alien Abductions? Well "the community" response is: "we all just don't want to deal with how the mind works, psychic impulses, neuropsychological possibilities. "The community's" response is: "oh, for gawd's sake, don't bother me."

As example, please read the responses to my post.

I support Annie Jacobsen's new twist on the tale. Can't wait to hear what the Japanese-American ex-librarian has to say tonight. Oh my gosh, I can't be accusing "the community" of being down on any one who isn't white and male. Good grief, I hope I haven't gone that far.

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<snip>

>And it's obvious! (when I finally realised).

>Half-life is (must be) at least partly dictated by a combo of
>the strong nuclear force, the electromagnetic force and the weak
>nuclear force (which is anyway now combined with electro-
>magnetism). When that cats-cradle of forces twitches in any
>direction it's not just half-lives which change - every cell and
>nerve linkage in our bodies must be affected, however slightly,
>and the most numerous and sensitive cells and linkages are in
>the brain!

>So, although I've never been a fan or adherent of biorhythms, it
>now seems they're based on something more than legends or old-
>wives tales, and our thinking is affected by a 33 day cycle (and
>an annual one), as is half-life.

>Also, recall speculating much earlier that humans coming too
>close to a propulsion system consisting of an 'inertial drive'
>(a change in inertia necessarily changes the momentum of the
>electron) would find their perceptions and 'intellect' radically
>interfered with, maybe permanently.

How refreshing. Some one who isn't afraid to go where angels
fear to tread. A truly interesting observation. Go, Ray D. Keep
it up. Toss it in our faces and make us sweat.

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>afraid they are consistent.

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>same axis which I neglected to mention before. You will see it
>on the file I have sent you privately.

>In addition, your expanded frame now shows a further two
>apparent lens flares that fell outside the previous frame area.
>One of them (bottom left) you acknowledge is a flare. Both of
>them, again, fall on the same predicted axis as the features I
>previously proposed were "flares", including your "toroid".

>I consider these to satisfy a prediction of the flare
>interpretation and to be (FAPP) a proof of it..

A number of spots in the photo can be construed to be lens
flares, but the number is not very relevant. That is, seeing
eight spots that appear to be flares does not mean that the
ninth one has to be a flare. I hope you were not drawing
attention to those eight spots just to minimize the importance
of that ninth spot.

What the presumed flares do show is that they are all pretty
much on the diagonal line and most have a yellow tinge
corresponding to the light source. The most deviant one is the
non-circular, bluish spot under the craft. You seem to be
minimizing the differences to make that spot conform to a
particular conclusion. That's fine if you want to do that, but I
object to your saying that that amounts to proof.

>Your web page incorrectly characterises the lens flare theory as
>predicting that centres of all flare images must fall
>_precisely_ on a single perfectly straight axis through the
>source and the centre of the photo. I didn't say this, and it
>isn't true.

You did say above that because the spot under the craft "is
aligned with three other obvious flares on a diagonal running
through the centre of the sun and the (approximate) centre of
the field of view", then it must be a flare. I think I might be
forgiven for paraphrasing the way I did. To nitpick a bit, the
web page does not say that the line passes through the center of
the photo.

>I dare say it would be true as an idealised symmetrical case
>with perfect optics. But in practice the number of different
>internal reflections and refractions possible among slightly

>misaligned lens elements is large and can cause slightly off-
>axis flare images of the source and of the camera aperture.
>Sometimes flares can be scattered all over the frame as though
>at random, or multiple lens flares from the same source in the
>same image can show on orthogonal axes and can be split into
>different colours, distorted, displaced and even inverted. I
>sent you some examples I photographed myself. You can find
>numerous others on photography sites across the net. See for
>example:

You do give yourself lots of wiggle room for interpreting what you see in a photo. If you think that's justified, then photo evidence is essentially useless as far as you are concerned. Maybe that is what you have been trying to say all along and it took this long to explain your position. So where do you draw the line in photo interpretation? Would you ever suggest that the craft in this photo is itself is a camera artifact?

At this stage of the game, it's probably better to express conclusions as more or less likely rather than proved. In a Bayesian sense, you have a higher prior probability that spots in photos are lens flares than I do. Or I have another model you don't share that gives a better match to this particular photo.

><http://tinyurl.com/cowdgh>

><http://tinyurl.com/4xtdy4f>

William

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From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 May 2011 09:29:54 -0400
Archived: Tue, 31 May 2011 09:44:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Review Of Jacobsen's Area 51 Book

Anyone can find evidence to support a contention if they look long enough to find it. That could include 'Experts' in various fields to quote from.

Such idiocy has been used in support of some Roswell contentions in the past, and it will continue into the future - I'm sure.

If Jacobsen's take on the tale entertains you, then enjoy it. This tangent will crash and burn as others have, and the tale will remain essentially unchanged for a majority of those who later research it.

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Re: Review Of Jacobsen's Area 51 Book

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 May 2011 09:30:00 -0500
Archived: Tue, 31 May 2011 11:32:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Review Of Jacobsen's Area 51 Book

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 30 May 2011 18:13:54 +0000
>Subject: Re: Review Of Jacobsen's Area 51 Book

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 29 May 2011 17:35:26 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Review Of Jacobsen's Area 51 Book

>>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 29 May 2011 18:36:09 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Review Of Jacobsen's Area 51 Book

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
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>>>>>Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 18:57:10 +0000
>>>>>Subject: Re: Review Of Jacobsen's Area 51 Book

>>>>>>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>>>>>>To: post.nul
>>>>>>Date: Mon, 23 May 2011 20:17:54 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>>>>>>Subject: Review Of Jacobsen's Area 51 Book

>>Considering how much effort and expense have gone into the
>>Roswell investigation, responsible investigators have every
>>right to complain about somebody who seems to know nothing but
>>who in her ignorance - and, of course, desire to sell books, for
>>which I don't really blame her; writing is hard work, the
>>rewards mostly meager - promotes what even outside observers
>>(i.e., non-ufologists) view as a deeply suspect story. Is it
>>your view that people who know what they're talking about, such
>>as those who've devoted many years to the study of the Roswell
>>event (whatever it was), should just shut up? Or are they
>>obligated to have you vet their remarks before they air them?

>>Incidentally, lest I be misunderstood and to forestall the
>>inevitable, I am a Roswell agnostic of long standing. I am
>>willing to listen to and consider any point of view that, if it
>>is based in arguable evidence and discernible logic, does not
>>insult my intelligence. (Not wishing to stir anybody up, I will
>>not here detail which views insult my intelligence.) It is my
>>observation that reasonable people have arrived at different,
>>even conflicting conclusions. Eventually, when all is at last
>>sorted out, some will be proven wrong, which doesn't make them
>>bad people, stupid people, or crazy people. Until every piece is
>>put into place, disagreement about what the assembled puzzle
>>will look like is only to be expected.

>>It helps me in my own thinking about this that as a lifelong
>>student of history, I have some grasp of how historical
>>investigations of poorly understood, inadequately documented
>>events in the past are conducted. If you remove the toxic

>>initials "UFO" - which seem to drive you nuts, or at least to
>>rhetorical excess - from the equation, you'll find that whatever
>>the ultimate answer is to this particular question (prosaic or
>>extraordinary), Roswell is for now just one more historical
>>mystery among many.

>>>Please, Roswell orthodoxy is alive and well with 'the
>>>community' ready to defend their anointed spokespersons. They
>>>just plain bore me.

>>Which explains, perhaps, why you're paying no attention to
>>what's actually going on all around you. It would behoove you to
>>follow what ufologists say about the case. In fact, the issue is
>>so controversial and contentious that an important UFO List -
>>not this one, obviously - bans any discussion of it because
>>ufologists have such radically conflicting assessments that they
>>tend to end up in flame wars. Since there is no ufological
>>consensus on Roswell, there is no orthodoxy, just a range of
>>strongly held opinions. Or perhaps you define orthodoxy as any
>>opinion you disagree with.

>>>Jacobsen presents a totally new approach.

>>A "totally new approach"? An anonymous informant tells her a
>>>fantastic story, with self-contradicting details which ought to
>>raise a red flag to anybody who's paying attention, and that's a
>>"totally new approach". I don't think so. It looks rather like
>>an all-too-familiar, ordinarily dubious one to me. Just, in
>>fact, still more noise around an already faint and receding
>>signal.

>After 30 years "the community" has been collecting cases and
>testimonies. The analysis: the alien's did it.

If one heeds a broad body of reasonably coherent testimony, the
notion that aliens - not "alien's" (sic) - did it would be
inescapable. Even the Air Force and Jacobsen's anonymous
informant were forced to acknowledge as much by conjuring up
counter-explanations, however flimsy, which conceded the
significance of the testimony to that effect.

In my own view, as I've written elsewhere (see my Fate review of
the Carey/Schmitt book Witness to Roswell earlier this year),
there are nonetheless significant unaddressed problems with the
alien explanation. They have nothing to do with silly claims
about runaway balloons or wild-eyed speculations about Stalin's
Cold War strategic experiments. The simple, or not so simple,
fact about Roswell is: something happened, but we still don't
know what it was. As with abduction experiences, every
explanation to date fails to resolve some significant issue.

>Absolving "the
>community" of any responsibility to analyze. I heard a guy last
>night - Richard Lang - project leader for MUFON. His job, as he
>saw it, was to collect cases, make sure the info was accurate,
>and pass a monthly report on to BASS(?sp) for \$56,000 a month.
>After 4 months, MUFON was spending only \$26,000/mo and putting
>the rest of the money in a savings account. This project manager
>couldn't design a project that would have included analyzing the
>cases using - oh I don't know - various types of equipment to
>collect samples? No, as long as the answer was "the aliens did
>it" the analyzing stopped. So, yes, "the community" response
>bore me because it is simplistic. Real world possibilities only
>intrude on "the community's" constructed orthodoxy. Give it up
>fellas. Call it Mission Failure, step back and design a new
>approach. One that moves things closer to a resolution. Is that
>so hard? Well, I guess it might be. It is so much easier to say
>"well, it's the way we have done it for the last 30 years."

I'm not sure what this has to do with much of anything. You keep
using the phrase "community" - virtually the only person I know
who thinks that characterizes an enterprise as fractured as
ufology. I guess that's how you can construct elaborate
fantasies of uniformity, the daily contrary evidence of Updates
postings notwithstanding, to suit your convenience. I can say, I
suppose, that my experience with CUFOS has exposed me to some of
the finest thinkers, analysts, and investigators in the field.
If there were a "community" as you imagine, I guess I'd know a
lot more about what MUFON is up to and thus would be answerable
for whatever you're talking about above.

>And, please don't get me started on just how many people read
>Dr. Dolan's Roswell Dig Report.

No, please get started. Tell me. I've never heard of it, never heard it mentioned by anybody till now. I'm sure a faction of people read this Dolan thing, but at least in the consensus world of word definition, "faction" and "community" are not synonyms.

>Why no one did? The dig didn't
>turn up pieces of a craft. However, there were real artifacts
>that never got to the laboratory to be analyzed. I think I was
>one of five people who read the report and thought about the
>items listed in the report. "The community's" response? Well, it
>wasn't what we wanted and, therefore, we are not interested.
>Really, a truly boring response. My response to that response?
>Yawn.

Are we to believe you read "the community's" mind? Seems so. If you have something to say and evidence to produce, it's up to you to do so, not up to us to try to read your own mind in search of same. Till then, your boasts of intellectual superiority - so far both undemonstrated and endless - are simply boring.

>Logic informs me that Mission Failure is the reason to skim over
>the "documentation" of collected cases and testimonies. There is
>evidence of nothing tangible except lights in the sky. Alien
>Abductions? Well "the community" response is: "we all just don't
>want to deal with how the mind works, psychic impulses,
>neuropsychological possibilities. "The community's" response is:
>"oh, for gawd's sake, don't bother me."

Oh, for crissake. You're posturing as usual, not to mention demonstrating amazing ignorance of readily available literature.

The "community" - which exists, alas, only in your mind - has no uniform view of the abduction phenomenon. Roswell advocate Kevin Randle even co-authored a book which purported to demonstrate that these reports are all of psychological origin. My own perspective isn't even hinted at in the paragraph-screed above. I'm sure you don't know what it is. As for the claim that the "community" hasn't considered your favored reductionist beliefs about the phenomenon's cause, I refer you to a considerable literature which has weighed - more objectively than you appear capable of - a range of proposed explanations and found them wanting.

Among the most valuable is academic psychologist Stuart Appelle's "The Abduction Experience: A Critical Evaluation of Theory and Evidence," JUFOS 6 (n.s., 1995/1996): 29-78. (Prof. Appelle is a member of the CUFOS board, as I shall assume you're learning for the first time.) See also "Alien Abduction Experiences," Stuart Appelle, Steven Jay Lynn, and Leonard Newman, in Carde=Fla et al., Varieties of Anomalous Experience: Examining the Scientific Evidence, pp. 253-82, Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association, 2000. See also folklorist (and fellow CUFOS board member) Thomas E. Bullard's voluminous writings on the nature of the phenomenon and his analyses of the many so far unsatisfactory attempts to account for it. You can start with his long essay on the subject in my UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd ed. In each of these cases, these scholars conclude that the phenomenon resists just about any sort of prosaic or even extraordinary explanation, prominently including the ones you mention. I gather that, having no visible tolerance for ambiguity, you can't handle the concept that some questions are yet unanswerable.

Rather than concede the obvious - that scholars who look at this with reasonable objectivity end up puzzled and conclude that the phenomenon, whatever its ultimate nature (in my own gut feeling, as opposed to [pretended] certain knowledge, unrelated to ET visitation), apparently exceeds current knowledge - you imagine it's a problem created by "the community" for the sole purpose of pissing you off.

Frankly, I'm bored with reading posts in which you brag of your superiority to enemies in "the community" real and imagined. It's time for you to start producing papers in which you do as the rest of us have to do: lay out your arguments and evidence in the proper forums (not Updates, which is here for informal

discussion) so that knowledgeable observers can judge what you have and a real conversation can ensue.

I'm not holding my breath.

Jerry Clark

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