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From: Tim Printy <tprinty.nul>
To: Herb Taylor <herbufo.nul>
Sent: Sun, Sep 1, 2013 7:29 pm
Subject: Latest issue of SUNlite available

It is available for download.

http://home.comcast.net/~tprinty/UFO/SUNlite5_5.pdf

I am sorry that Roswell seems to dominate again but that seems to be the way of things.

Enjoy

Tim

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I hope you're getting paid for this, Herb.

Jerry Clark

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Taylor's rank hero worship of any debunker that comes along has poisoned Project 47, something that could easily happen on this list. His outright claims of who is and isn't worthy and what and who we should be reading is tiring. He simpers at the feet of those who seek only to raise barriers and do little to actually investigate this phenomenon.

Taylor claims this is a MUST read as if he has any business telling the serious community of investigators what is a MUST read. He hasn't got the shoes for it.

Roswell notwithstanding as to its veracity; the fact is that Printy spent a couple pages on Mogul when Mogul has been proven not to have been launched or in the vicinity that day. Despite what the witnesses claimed of the wreckage Printy and those

before him still claim that a collection of weather balloons, tinfoil and Sitka Spruce confounded base personnel at Roswell.

But the myth is worth fostering if only to advance the likes of Printy and Taylor.

Taylor's last paragraph is typical of his approach. He pretends to be a serious researcher when in fact he does little himself and is angered when others do not do his work for him. He prefers to hang on the coattails of the likes of Printy.

Printy, BTW, must only have a half dozen supporters out there who could readily be named but he puts out his e-mag upon which he does a great deal of work. It has to be a labour of love for him and his admission to a clique that has some agenda that is unclear. It certainly is not a publication that will convince those who have been investigating these same cases for years.

Printy always falls short on proving his suppositions except on cases most of us could care less about. Most researchers are more than capable of tossing out the nonsensical cases or even the mundane cases with no detail worthy of inspection. Printy's intention of course is to raise doubts while failing to reveal that his point has been gone over many times before and makes it look like his thinking is a fresh approach. Taylor on the other hand is mired in some need to control what we should be thinking, who we should believe and what cases should be excluded from the record; never BTW what cases should be retained and examined. Not once have I seen the latter position from Taylor.

Don Ledger

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Malmstrom AFB Sightings Occur In July & August '13

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Tue, 03 Sep 2013 09:28:43 -0400
Archived: Tue, 03 Sep 2013 09:28:43 -0400
Subject: Malmstrom AFB Sightings Occur In July & August '13

Source: Robert Hastings' UFOs And Nukes

<http://tinyurl.com/mjgog2l>

September 2, 2013

UFOs Reported By Civilians Living Within Malmstrom AFB's Nuclear
Missile Field
Sightings Occurred In July And August 2013

Malmstrom Air Force Base, located east of Great Falls, Montana, is the command and control center for 150 Minuteman-III nuclear missiles operated by the 341st Missile Wing. The ICBMs themselves are scattered across the north-central part of the state, organized into groups of ten called "flights", and deployed in underground steel and concrete silos, known as Launch Facilities (LFs)=97each one connected by an electrical cable to a central launch-control site, known as a Missile Alert Facility (MAF).

In mid-October 2012, I traveled to Montana after learning of multiple, independent UFO sightings a few weeks earlier by civilians living within the huge Malmstrom missile field. Upon arriving at the Fergus County Sheriffs=92 Office, in Lewistown, I was allowed to review their "blotter", a chronological summary of law enforcement-related activity. Sure enough, I quickly discovered a number of UFO reports from around the county, beginning in mid-September.

The most dramatic sighting had been phoned in by Jennifer Styer, who lives east of the small town of Roy, which is located at the center of Oscar Flight, a mile or so northwest of the Oscar MAF. On the evening of September 19th, she reported seeing two V-shaped craft, silently flying wingtip-to-wingtip, coming from the direction of the Oscar-03 Launch Facility.

Styer told me,

[More at site...]

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Important 1961 NICAP Report Solved

From: **Herb Taylor** <herbufo.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Sep 2013 09:08:57 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Tue, 03 Sep 2013 09:34:15 -0400
Subject: Important 1961 NICAP Report Solved

To All,

"TWO JET AIRLINERS ENCOUNTER UFO FLYING DISC"!

This emblazoned headline can be found on the right-hand side of p. 1 of NICAP's THE U.F.O. Investigator, issue of Oct., 1961.

The article refers to a seemingly-dramatic sighting of a purported 'UFO' by the crews of two jet airliners on Sept. 21, 1961, over the Pacific Ocean.

Among other things, the article states, "The object was not an ICBM missile." The obvious importance that NICAP attached to this report is further evidenced by the space allotted to it in their 1964 document, THE UFO EVIDENCE. (See p. 125-126.) Here, we also learn that in addition to the two jet airliners, the purported 'UFO' was also seen by a U.S. ship at sea.

The account does refer to a possible rocket that was fired by the Soviet Union, but then goes on to dismiss this possibility.

Unfortunately for NICAP, the 'UFO' sighted by these various observers was indeed a Soviet ICBM rocket launch.

This almost certainly correct explanation is described in detail in SUNlite, issue # 5-5. (See p. 19-23).

NICAP was dead wrong in dismissing the Soviet ICBM rocket launch explanation, and this report should be removed from the various UFO databases that currently exist in ufology.

Herb Taylor

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Sep 2013 13:38:45 -0300
Archived: Tue, 03 Sep 2013 17:13:36 -0400
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Sorry Herb, the conclusion states; "Unfortunately, we can't
solve this one conclusively because we don't have a launch
time."

Something else required is common sense. The "ICBM" would have
been travelling at about 8,000-9,000 per hour and clearly
recorded by American radar. One aircraft had it in sight for 10
minutes.

If you do the math-splitting the speed at 8,500mph - that means
that the crew would have seen the UFO arching across the sky for
a distance of 1,417 miles which at their altitude was just too
far for them to see over the horizon.

This object was travelling too slowly to be an ICBM.

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Date: Wed, 4 Sep 2013 10:09:31 +0100
Archived: Wed, 04 Sep 2013 09:05:26 -0400
Subject: Seager's New 'Drake Equation'

Hello List,

An article in the Wednesday 4 September Guardian:

<http://tinyurl.com/oekaedp>

"The new equation for estimating alien life across the universe"

covers Sara Seager (M.I.T) and her re-jigging of the Drake Equation, but, as the writer makes clear, although the new equation is maybe a bit more immediately objective, in fact both old and new equations consist mainly of unquantifiable factors.

The piece ends with a reminder that a new satellite (TESS) designed to look for exo-planets should be launched around 2017.

Cheers

Ray D

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Also, everything about this sighting cries out IFO, and the descriptions given basically conform to that of a rocket launch. Printy spent several pages in SUNlite 5-5 showing precisely why a Soviet ICBM rocket launch was almost certainly the correct explanation for this report.

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Your chest-thumping sermons, invariably based on the teachings of some debunker who had won your current affections, were a major reason I left the P-47 list. I hope I'm not forced to do the same at Updates. So far, I'm not hopeful.

On UpDates, like many regular contributors, I don't agree with some other Listfolk and am happy to engage in vigorous exchanges with them. The difference between them and you is that they're thinking for themselves and arriving at their own conclusions (however erroneous they may be in my opinion), and I respect them for that. You, on the other hand, are just a messenger boy.

Then again, maybe I'm wrong. Maybe you can surprise us all by making as the subject of your next post a scorching examination of how the mighty Tim Printy completely blew it when he attempted to dismiss this or that puzzling UFO case.

Consider that a challenge, Herb.

Jerry Clark

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 4 Sep 2013 13:04:41 -0300
Archived: Thu, 05 Sep 2013 10:14:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Important 1961 NICAP Report Solved

>From: Herb Taylor <herbufo.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 4 Sep 2013 08:08:30 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Important 1961 NICAP Report Solved

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 3 Sep 2013 13:38:45 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Important 1961 NICAP Report Solved

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>of ten minutes. This is grossly in error. The teletype says that the
>pilot sightings were for a period of six minutes.

>Also, everything about this sighting cries out IFO, and the
>descriptions given basically conform to that of a rocket launch.
>Printy spent several pages in SUNlite 5-5 showing precisely why
>a Soviet ICBM rocket launch was almost certainly the correct
>explanation for this report.

>Your comments did little to dispel them, and failed to prove
>otherwise.

I read ten minutes but if Printy wants to defend himself then
let him do it without a shill. Nothing cries out an IFO. What
are you writing about. Use your head. And in ICBM terms a half
hour is the time it takes to get from launch to target. So that
mission would have been over with before the pilots had a chance
to get a visual.

For a pilot to have an ICBM in sight for ten (or seven) minutes
is absurd as is this whole solve of Printy's.

Think for yourself.

Don Ledger

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From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Sep 2013 14:33:15 +0000
Archived: Thu, 05 Sep 2013 12:18:11 -0400
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Who, heavens to Murgatroyd and suffering zots, would quote Tim Printy (a believer in flying lighthouses vis a vis Rendlesham), about anything?

Verily, you quoting Printy to me should be like me quoting Sean David Morton to you. Laughable shite beneath concern, consideration and contempt, eh?

Find a new Klasskurtxian hero, STAT!

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As I shall show below, never, ever trust anything Printy has to
say without examining it carefully yourself with a critical eye.

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Yes, dead on Jerry. Debunkers often uncritically cite Printy's
work as the last word when it is usually totally unscientific
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Printy knows how to sound authoritative, but when you look at his arguments in detail, they are often totally erroneous, irrelevant, all over the place and self-contradictory. (He also employs the other usual tools of debunkers, such as denial, cherry-picking of evidence, ridicule, making up his facts, and when all else fails, lying.)

Here's one very clear example of total scientific cluelessness by Printy, where he attacked points I made on my website concerning the Kecksburg case. (Very ironically, he titles it "Science Fiction vs. Science Facts" where I am the one supposedly guilty of the "science fiction".)

I had noted there were serious problems with an astronomy paper that supposedly proved a fireball associated with the 1965 Kecksburg case had a trajectory at right angles to one that would have taken it to Kecksburg. Printy (like many fellow pseudo-skeptics), however, accepts this paper as religious gospel, immune to criticism, and therefore uses it as one of his lynchpin arguments against the Kecksburg UFO crash scenario. This uncritical acceptance of "science" in the abstract is very typical of wannabee junior scientists like Printy, who love the idea of science but don't really understand it, i.e., scientists do make mistakes all the time and criticism of assumptions, methods and results is the norm. That is ultimately how science can self-correct and progress. Else we would still be teaching alchemy and Platonic astronomy.

Among my key criticisms was that the paper contained zero error analysis, virtually unheard of for a supposedly quantitative paper in a peer-reviewed science journal. As it turns out, even very small and easily made errors in field measurements of two photo sets used for triangulation could completely change the trajectory to one compatible with Kecksburg (also witness testimony recorded at the time).

Printy's response to this was that the paper's analysis was 110% perfect, no questions, no errors, and it was my responsibility to demonstrate there were any errors. This alone shows how totally ignorant Printy is about the scientific method. Anyone trained in rigorous science or engineering courses has it drummed into their heads that there are ALWAYS multiple sources of error in any measurement. Thus the real question is not whether there is error, but whether it is serious enough to cast the conclusion into doubt. Therefore the need for error analysis to demonstrate that the conclusion remains statistically significant even after all potential sources of error are accounted for.

It is always the responsibility of the authors of a paper to include such an analysis; it is not the responsibility of the readers of the paper. That the paper failed to include the required error analysis only demonstrated a badly written paper and a deeply flawed peer review process that should have demanded it, not that my criticism was invalid or the paper's result was necessarily correct, as Printy apparently religiously believes.

Another indication of scientific cluelessness on Printy's part were three different times when he stated that an explosion point associated with the photographed trail was totally "consistent" with the computed trajectory of the paper. Printy apparently also played hooky from his high school geometry class, where he would have learned that a single point does not define a line or trajectory.

My favorite Printy bungle, however, was his counter to another point that I made. I noted that the photos used in the paper showed the fireball trail thinning as it progressed, which would be geometrically consistent with the object moving away from the two cameras (and roughly in the direction of Kecksburg) instead of sideways to them, according to the paper's computed trajectory (in which case you would expect the trail to remain of relatively constant average thickness).

Printy's supposedly triumphant counter was to cite a photo of a very well studied fireball from 2000 up in the Yukon, which he claimed showed the trail thinning as it approached the camera. Yet when I examined his linked source material, it was quickly apparent he hadn't bothered to read it with a semi-critical eye, if he read it at all. Plotting out the fireball trajectory on a map along with the camera position, it was blatantly obvious that Printy had the direction of travel on the photo 180 degrees reversed. So the trail was indeed growing larger as it approached the camera, exactly as one would expect from simple geometrical perspective.

Anyone interested in the sordid details, including much more Printy "skeptical" "scientific" nonsense:

www.roswellproof.com/Kecksburg_Printy_rebuttal.html
www.roswellproof.com/Kecksburg_triangulation_error.html

Incidentally, I wasn't the only one to note serious flaws in this paper. So did a photographer named Rand McNatt doing a retrospective for Kecksburg's 40th anniversary.

<http://tinyurl.com/kl6nwms>

McNatt is a self-described skeptic, who noted, like I did, the paper had a number of serious problems. Unlike science fawners like Printy, McNatt appears to be a true skeptic capable of independent critical thought, who doesn't hold science papers as sacrosanct and immune from criticism as does Printy. McNatt himself comments: "Even though there was a glaring typographical error in the article, and several questionable assumptions, it has been gleefully cited by UFO sceptics as a perfect example of science over superstition (even though it seems none of them actually checked the figures independently, because the originally published coordinates had the object shooting UPWARD at Mach 45." Indeed!

He also thought the authors had force-fit a meteor fireball explanation by massaging the time-of-observation data of dozens of eyewitnesses, cutting it in half to make the speed of the object consistent with a meteor instead of an object entering from orbit at half the speed. McNatt's theory was a re-entering U.S. ICBM, which I don't necessarily agree with, but which I think is at least more consistent with the available data.

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Top 10 Cases Include CEs From Seven States

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Date: Fri, 06 Sep 2013 06:22:07 -0400
Archived: Fri, 06 Sep 2013 06:22:07 -0400
Subject: Top 10 Cases Include CEs From Seven States

Source: HuffingtonPost.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/mgo9dgx>

09/05/2013

Top 10 UFO Cases Includes Close Encounters From Seven States
Roger Marsh

The Science Review Board from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) recently released their top 10 cases from 2012. Here's a quick summary of these cases:

Case 36293: 2 p.m., February 18, 2012; near Chase City, Virginia

A father and son, both pilots, were flying in an Ovation II propeller-driven aircraft from Charlotte, NC, to Richmond, VA. They witnessed a bright, orb-like UFO hovering next to their plane. They described the UFO as a bright, circular sphere about 30 feet in diameter. As the object approached their right wing, the plane temporarily lost power. The engine sputtered and all of the electrical equipment including the computers turned off. The pilots estimate that the object came within 50 feet of their right wing. A few seconds later, the plane regained all systems as the UFO swiftly shot away at an incredible speed.

Case 36765: 3 a.m., March 25, 2012; at a correctional facility near Cleburne, Texas

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Hello David and All,

With all due respect, I am a bit surprised by the assumption
that one has to be annointed by some scientist degree to have a
credible opinion about UFOs.

This is a treaturous path as it lends to believe that we should

bow to Bill Nye's opinion on the subject.

The attitude of so-called _science_ towards UFOs is all but scientific. and Ufology has been in a ghetto precisely because a bunch of academics maintain it there.

The guys with the degrees mostly refuse to even look at the evidence, by fear not only that it would change their opinion, but that the said opinion would have them rejected by their _scientific_ peers.

Skepticism is half part peer pressure, half part ignorance and half part "you have been trained to shutt up".

I guess you can add another half of volutary blindness.

If the halves dont add add up, it is all the same: there is no science in that by people who are allegedly trained to think scientific.

I understand that it is only fair game to kick in the nuts people who wave the scientific flag to back up non-scientific claims.

You can play this game when a guy does not have the academic chops, but what if poor Printy had the academics to back him?

In a sense, he has, you know: the silence by science on the subject of UFOs is deafening.

Vincent Boudreau

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1960 IA BB/NICAP Report Solved

From: Herb Taylor <herbufo.nul>
Date: Fri, 6 Sep 2013 15:19:20 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sat, 07 Sep 2013 19:15:31 -0400
Subject: 1960 IA BB/NICAP Report Solved

To all,

One of the more interesting UFO reports for 1960 occurred on March 4th at Dubuque, IA. 5:55 P.M. Multiple witnesses in various locations, including flight instructor Charles R. Morris, sighted three elliptical objects flying in an in-line formation. Duration of four minutes. This report was a Blue Book "UNIDENTIFIED", and is also cited in "THE UFO EVIDENCE" (notably on p. 40).

I brought this seemingly puzzling report to the attention of UFO researcher Tim Printy, and we both took a close look at it, which included going through the lengthy BB file on the matter. Much to our surprise (and to some extent, our consternation as well), we found that the apparent explanation for this report was to actually be found in these files, hidden in plain sight for all these years. It turns out that the purported "UFOs" in this report were almost certainly a flight of three B-52 bombers!

The evidence in the BB file supporting this probable answer is both compelling and persuasive. Both BB and NICAP failed to grasp the true nature of this report, and let the real answer slip through their fingers. This is a classic example of how a seemingly puzzling report, when subjected to a careful and comprehensive review (even many years later), can be found to have been caused by something conventional. Another Cautionary Tale, and a particularly notable one at that.

The whole story is dealt with at length in SUNlite 5-3, pp. 18-22. There's no good reason why this long-ago event shouldn't be removed from the listing of still unexplained UFO reports.

Herb Taylor

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What. The. Hell.

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Fri, 6 Sep 2013 21:53:23 +0000
Archived: Sat, 07 Sep 2013 19:17:57 -0400
Subject: What. The. Hell.

What. The. hell? First Half! Must this man be stopped before something horrible happens?

<http://tinyurl.com/l5agync>

alienview.nul

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Gullible Sceptics

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Mon, 9 Sep 2013 10:15:13 +0100
Archived: Mon, 09 Sep 2013 19:23:26 -0400
Subject: Gullible Sceptics

Hello List

Have to beat this drum again, because recent posts show that some gullible folk are still repeating the MSM mantra that "there's no firm evidence of sightings".

I'm willing to pass over or even discount all the ancient historic reports, because such folk would say "They spoke a language of metaphors in those days, and most are probably hear-say myths anyway".

But there are many reports from a more recent time when well educated folk were already doubting superstition (including religion) but still they saw things they couldn't explain.

Here's one from Casanova, in the mid 1700s (his memoirs are adjudged "the most authentic sources of the customs and norms of European social life during the 18th century"). At the time he was rather broke and so walked overnight from Castel-Nuovo to Rome (maybe 15+ miles on the Via Flaminia).

[Quotation Begins]

"I must not forget to mention here a rather peculiar circumstance, which, however ridiculous it may be in reality, will please many of my readers. An hour after I had left Castel-Nuovo, the atmosphere being calm and the sky clear, I perceived on my right, and within ten paces of me, a pyramidal flame about two feet long and four or five feet above the ground. This apparition surprised me, because it seemed to accompany me.

Anxious to examine it, I endeavoured to get nearer to it, but the more I advanced towards it the further it went from me. It would stop when I stood still, and when the road along which I was travelling happened to be lined with trees, I no longer saw it, but it was sure to reappear as soon as I reached a portion of the road without trees.

I several times retraced my steps purposely, but, every time I did so, the flame disappeared, and would not shew itself again until I proceeded towards Rome. This extraordinary beacon left me when daylight chased darkness from the sky. ...

I must candidly confess that, although somewhat versed in physics, the sight of that small meteor gave me singular ideas. But I was prudent enough not to mention the circumstance to any one."

[Quotation Ends]

Full extract and references at:

www.perceptions.couk.com/casanova-sighting.txt

And an even more informative sightings report was made in 1883 by Jose Arbol y Bonilla, Director of the Observatory of Zacatecas, Mexico, of what happened when he was attempting to

record sunspots.

[Quotation Begins]

"On August 12, 1883, at 08:00 am, I began to draw sunspots when I suddenly saw a small light entering the field of the lens, seen on the paper that I used to reproduce sunspots, and, crossing the solar-disc, it then looked like a shadow almost circular.

I had not recovered from my amazement when the same phenomenon was reproduced again, and then again, so often that in a space of two hours I could count up to 283 bodies across the solar disk."

[Quotation Ends]

Full report and references (and a photo) at:

www.perceptions.couk.com/bonilla.html

Those reports are from a time when there were no UFO cults and no motivation - financial or otherwise - to make-up such stories. Most importantly there was no Government censorship of science.

Samples of other sighting reports from scientists and other educated observers are at:

www.perceptions.couk.com/fortrel1883.html

which also has links to more extensive data.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Martian Origins Of Life On Earth?

From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <bert.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Sep 2013 01:00:38 +0200
Archived: Wed, 11 Sep 2013 19:30:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Martian Origins Of Life On Earth?

>From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 29 Aug 2013 15:16:53 +0200
>Subject: Martian Origins Of Life On Earth?

>The Daily Beast

><http://tinyurl.com/gguadnz>

>August 29, 2013

>Earth Life Began On Mars

>Earth Life Began on Mars If this study's right, you're a
>Martian: it shows that chemical elements involved in the early
>formations of life were available on Mars long before Earth, and
>were possibly brought to our planet by a meteorite. Three
>billion years ago the Earth was covered with water, and didn't
>have enough oxygen to form molybdenum. "It's yet another piece
>of evidence which makes it more likely life came to Earth on a
>Martian meteorite, rather than starting on this planet", said
>Florida biochemist Steve Benner, who is presenting the finding
>at a conference in Florence, Italy.

>Read it at Yahoo News:

><http://tinyurl.com/ped39pf>

There was oxygen enough on Earth where life started:

<http://tinyurl.com/m68mw3r>

Earthquakes are not particularly welcome by those who experience them (and Reasons To Believe would respond in a different manner in the event of a catastrophic event), nevertheless there are a number of very important benefits the planet derives from the processes that result in temblors.

<snip>

Oxygen becomes bound up in various oxides which are then drawn into the Earth's interior, where various processes result in its being incorporated into an exotic mineral called majorite. The results reported in this letter established that majorite functions as a kind of "reservoir" for oxygen, and when the majorite ascends nearer to the surface of the Earth it breaks down and releases its oxygen. Some of this oxygen also binds with hydrogen released from the interior of the Earth to form water. The authors have referred to the whole process as an "oxygen elevator."

They go on to say that "without the 'oxygen elevator' in its mantle the Earth would probably be a barren planet hostile to life. According to our findings, planets below a certain size hardly have any chance of forming a stable atmosphere with a high water content."

Re: Martian Origins Of Life On Earth?

This research confirms the existence of one more finely tuned mechanism that depends on plate tectonics and contributes to an environment that can support life. It also gives humans one more reason to be appreciative rather than dismayed when we experience an earthquake that breaks some precious possessions beyond repair.

--

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(Adres op website)
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Twitter: awrvbnl

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New Catalogue At Project 1947

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Sep 2013 17:08:45 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Archived: Fri, 13 Sep 2013 07:33:03 -0400
Subject: New Catalogue At Project 1947

Project 1947 announces a new catalogue.

UNITED STATES NAVY, MARINE CORPS, COAST GUARD AND OTHER
GOVERNMENT SEAGOING SERVICES UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO)
AND UNIDENTIFIED SUBMERGED OBJECT(USO) SIGHTING REPORTS

<http://www.project1947.com/47cats/usnavyintro.htm>

This a work in progress which list 190 cases from various sources official, media, UFO organizations and personal accounts. It is not yet complete, but represents the most comprehensive listing to date. It complement both Tony Rullan's "Blue Book UFO Reports at Sea by Ships" and Carl Feindt's Water UFO website. In addition to ships at sea, this list includes reports from aircraft, ground personal and reports from bases and anchored and moored ships.

The history of Navy involvement in the UFO problem is sketchy at best, with few records available directly from the Service itself. This list is offered as a basis for further research.

Both retired Marine Major Donald E. Keyhoe, a Naval Academy graduate, and Dr. James McDonald, who had scientific research contracts from the Navy attempted to gain information and reports, but were many times stymied by official silence or the unwillingness of Navy witnesses talk for the record.

The purpose in constructing this catalogue here is three fold: to update the previous listing in the 1964 National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) listing, to initiate a task proposed to the Sign Historical Groups' list of historical research to the Coalition on Freedom of Information (CFI) and to extend the topic of Navy involvement in the UFO problem in the recent historical publication "UFOs and Government: A Historical Inquiry."

Project 1947 has not produce a finalized item, but a work in progress which will also examine a number of cases catalogued here in greater detail in the future, and there will be additions of many more cases. The current work represents about 60 per cent of the cases collected to date. Updates will be published from time to time. Information, comments and criticisms, as always, are welcome at:

project1947.nul

Also, more material has been added to the 1952 page

<http://www.project1947.com/fig/1952a.htm>

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Re: What. The. Hell.

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Sep 2013 08:41:47 -0400
Archived: Fri, 13 Sep 2013 09:54:59 -0400
Subject: Re: What. The. Hell.

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Fri, 6 Sep 2013 21:53:23 +0000
>Subject: What. The. Hell.

>What. The. hell? First Half! Must this man be stopped before something
>horrible happens?

><http://tinyurl.com/l5agync>

There are some who might argue that those who attend a Greer event should be locked up, but probably not at one of his presentations. But tease regarding the melding of human brain cells with digital devices is also a problem for the genre in many ways.

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Re: 1960 IA BB/NICAP Report Solved

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Sep 2013 07:54:15 -0500
Archived: Fri, 13 Sep 2013 09:56:50 -0400
Subject: Re: 1960 IA BB/NICAP Report Solved

>From: Herb Taylor <herbufo.nul>
>To: post.nul
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>The evidence in the BB file supporting this probable answer is
>both compelling and persuasive. Both BB and NICAP failed to
>grasp the true nature of this report, and let the real answer
>slip through their fingers. This is a classic example of how a
>seemingly puzzling report, when subjected to a careful and
>comprehensive review (even many years later), can be found to
>have been caused by something conventional. Another Cautionary
>Tale, and a particularly notable one at that.

>The whole story is dealt with at length in SUNlite 5-3, pp.
>18-22. There's no good reason why this long-ago event shouldn't
>be removed from the listing of still unexplained UFO reports.

Further evidence - really, is any needed? - that nothing emerges
anymore from Herb Taylor's keyboard without worshipful mention
of Tim Printy.

I fear that the rest of us will be driven into a coma before
Herb is through.

Jerry Clark

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Date: Fri, 13 Sep 2013 15:09:07 +0100
Archived: Fri, 13 Sep 2013 11:36:55 -0400
Subject: Re: 1960 IA BB/NICAP Report Solved

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Date: Fri, 13 Sep 2013 09:37:34 -0500
Archived: Fri, 13 Sep 2013 11:38:47 -0400
Subject: Minnesota Science Teacher's Photo, Sept 2 '13

<http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/412053/>

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Introduction To ET Science

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Sep 2013 12:28:49 -0400
Archived: Sat, 14 Sep 2013 06:40:49 -0400
Subject: Introduction To ET Science

Dear List,

I mentioned previously on the list that I've had the opportunity to interview beings of an extraterrestrial race via a medium who I respect. I was particularly interested in learning about how the ETs view reality. It turns out that their science places our physical universe in a larger context.

My understanding of their cosmology is summarized in the article, "An introduction to extraterrestrial science". It includes the view that consciousness has energy, and all aspects of creation are distortions of a consciousness existing in frequency space. I modeled the creative process they described using the analogy of a hologram.

<http://www.treurniet.ca/psi/etscience.htm>

Regards,

William

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Re: Minnesota Science Teacher's Photo, Sept 2 '13

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Sep 2013 12:42:54 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sat, 14 Sep 2013 06:43:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Minnesota Science Teacher's Photo, Sept 2 '13

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 13 Sep 2013 09:37:34 -0500
>Subject: Minnesota science teacher's photo, September 2

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Interesting. Need high resolution copy for evaluation.

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From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Sep 2013 12:45:11 -0500
Archived: Sat, 14 Sep 2013 06:46:43 -0400
Subject: Re: 1960 IA BB/NICAP Report Solved

>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 13 Sep 2013 15:09:07 +0100
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Hi, Gerald,

Wow, the things a guy learns while reading UpDates.

All along, I'd fallen victim to the widespread misunderstanding
that it was fleets of B-52s that dropped all those bombs on
Southeast Asia in the Vietnam War era.

From my college years, I vividly recall protests that - naively,
as it turns out - held the U.S. government responsible. And now,
decades later, we find that B-52s and UFOs being
indistinguishable, it may not have been Washington and the
Pentagon after all, but aliens. Do we owe Presidents Johnson and
Nixon (posthumous) apologies?

Once again, Tim Printy and Herb Taylor remove the scales
from our eyes.

Thanks, guys.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Minnesota Science Teacher's Photo, Sept 2 '13

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Sep 2013 11:50:06 -0700
Archived: Sat, 14 Sep 2013 06:48:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Minnesota Science Teacher's Photo, Sept 2 '13

>From: Jerome Clark<jkclark.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto<post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 13 Sep 2013 09:37:34 -0500
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>The sighting took place on the Leech Lake Indian Reservation in northern Minnesota.

"Barta was taking pictures of pelicans outside her rural Cass Lake home..."

Well, there you have it. Case closed.

Seriously though, I do get the impression of a lens flare-like artifact at ~4:00 from the object, specifically a pair of linear streaks that seem to be aligned almost precisely with the major axis of the elliptical object. Not sure what significance that may have... presumably none, if, as the witness insists, the object was also visible with the naked eye.

Mike

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Re: Minnesota science teacher's photo, September 2

From: **Albert Baier** <albertgbaier.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Sep 2013 16:12:32 -0500
Archived: Sat, 14 Sep 2013 06:50:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Minnesota science teacher's photo, September 2

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So there is a connection between pelicans and UFOs after all!
Behold, ye of little faith! 'Tis the Second Coming of the Pelicans!

TTFN,
Albert

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<http://www.saatchionline.com/gacoc>

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 14 Sep 2013 14:29:04 -0300
Archived: Sun, 15 Sep 2013 10:44:57 -0400
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With eight burning dirty and hanging out there, and a some 2,500 square feet of flying and stabilizing surfaces at all angles it is easy to confuse a B-52 with a smooth, elliptical surface.

These multiple witnesses must have seen the objects from different viewpoints. The ungainly appearance of B-52 would have been evident from most of them.

Note the dirty exhaust from the early B-52 engines. It made it easy to track them once they were visually sighted/targeted.

What's really puzzling is how the Taylors and Printys of the world seem to have no ability to discern the difference. Both of them threw elliptical right out the window.

BTW, B-52s do not fly in in-line formations. I could explain why but maybe for once Herb could do the research on his own.

Don Ledger

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Re: 1960 IA BB/NICAP Report Solved

From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
Date: Sun, 15 Sep 2013 21:20:06 -0500
Archived: Mon, 16 Sep 2013 05:42:54 -0400
Subject: Re: 1960 IA BB/NICAP Report Solved

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 13 Sep 2013 12:45:11 -0500
>Subject: Re: 1960 IA BB/NICAP Report Solved

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 13 Sep 2013 15:09:07 +0100
>>Subject: Re: 1960 IA BB/NICAP Report Solved

>>>From: Herb Taylor <herbufo.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 6 Sep 2013 15:19:20 -0400 (EDT)
>>>Subject: 1960 IA BB/NICAP Report Solved

>>>To all,

>>>One of the more interesting UFO reports for 1960 occurred on
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I must say Jerry that your post brought joyous tears of laughter
to my eyes. I shared it with the gang at Mike's and it really
livened us all up!

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From: Carol Maltby <carolmaltby.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Sep 2013 15:34:17 -0400
Archived: Tue, 17 Sep 2013 06:23:16 -0400
Subject: Re: The New Search For Alien Civilizations

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Oh Well Whatever Nevermind - Cox

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Date: Tue, 17 Sep 2013 06:29:33 -0400
Archived: Tue, 17 Sep 2013 06:29:33 -0400
Subject: Oh Well Whatever Nevermind - Cox

Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void

<http://tinyurl.com/mdqwf84>

Monday, September 16, 2013

Oh Well Whatever Nevermind
By Billy Cox

Last week, NPR hosted a conversation about the '90s music revival apparently underway in growing circles, and how kids who grew up listening to Dr. Dre's "The Chronic" and Nirvana's "In Utero" are now incorporating 20-year-old tunes into TV shows. Music critic Ann Powers described that era as "the last gasp of the conventional music industry before the Web changed everything. There's a certain wistfulness about the '90s revivalism in music - why can't we have the monoculture back, this idea of mass culture that unites millions of people, not only in terms of what they're consuming, but in terms of what gives meaning to their cultural lives?"

The Web changed more than music, and that certain wistfulness might also explain the anticipation behind the return of Art Bell to the late-night airwaves, beginning on Sirius XM tonight. What a gloriously freaky era, that stage for Bell's theater. Was there ever, in the history of radio, a three-word reaction - didn't matter to what, a time-traveler phone-in from the year 2036, maybe, an imminent Y2K computer catastrophe, messages left on the anti-Christ hotline - delivered with more melodrama than Art Bell's signature "Oh." Pause. Tick-tick-tick-tick-tick. "My." Milk curdling loudly in the lower tract. "God." And you could hear a pin drop in slow-motion, even amid the atmospheric static sweeping the AM band.

"I think the difficulty with the 90s revival," said NPR's Powers, "is no one can agree on what the most important landmarks are." That's probably true. But for a generation of insomniacs, Bell's "Coast to Coast AM" show rocked the third shift like nothing ever will again. At the peak of the craze, some 500 stations and 15 million listeners were invested in every hushed revelation. The conspiracy-addled Bell curve flourished amid the perfect storm of Ruby Ridge and Branch Davidians and Timothy McVeigh, at a moment "The X-Files" UFO-chasing FBI agents leaped from cult hit to mainstream branding: Trust No One. Deny Everything. The Truth Is Out There. But who could tell The Truth from the script?

In real life, a New Mexico congressman

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Date: Tue, 17 Sep 2013 16:18:03 +0100
Archived: Tue, 17 Sep 2013 15:47:10 -0400
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Hi Carol

While I accepted the article's slant, it crossed my mind (again)
that mainstream science has a history of making complacent
assumptions and over-valuing modern human achievements; causing
misapprehensions which sometimes persist for generations.

Maybe some large or small phenomena now classed as 'natural' -
even big stuff like quasars, magnetars etc. - might be higher
Kardashev civilizations' engineering or power generation works?

Cheers

Ray D

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Science "Generally Gets The Wrong Answer"

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Sep 2013 13:39:20 +0100
Archived: Thu, 19 Sep 2013 17:57:20 -0400
Subject: Science "Generally Gets The Wrong Answer"

Hello List

Nice article in The Guardian today, by a senior editor of 'Nature' - top science journal:

<http://tinyurl.com/nha9lx8>

Here's a snippet:

"Scientific research gets trapped in more box canyons than the Lone Ranger; does more U-turns than the average government; falls to certain death more often than Wile E Coyote; has more women in it than you might at first imagine (though probably not nearly enough); and generally gets the wrong answer."

I find that re-assuring, having arrived at the same conclusion quite a while ago (as you might recall).

Here's references - some facts, some mysteries:

Facts at:

www.perceptions.couk.com/science-today.html

Mysteries at:

www.perceptions.couk.com/subindex.html#mysts

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Brazil's Revista UFO To Finance Research

From: **Thiago Luiz Ticchetti** <tlticchetti.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Sep 2013 13:46:07 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Thu, 19 Sep 2013 18:05:57 -0400
Subject: Brazil's Revista UFO To Finance Research

This is how we do our ufology!

UFO Magazine To Finance Brazilian Ufologist's Research.

Support Group for the Advancement of Cosmic Consciousness (GAACC), the magazine provides sponsorship for research anomalies on Mars and creating the first course of Ufology in the country.

In February 2013, Brazilian UFO Magazine launched a new initiative to promote the growth of the Ufology in Brazil.

Dubbed Support Group for Advancement of Cosmic Consciousness (GAACC), the initiative aims to increase the quality and quantity of UFO research, promote and encourage the training of ufologists, expand the dissemination of the reality of flying saucers in the country, aiming to further strengthen the actions of Brazilian Committee of UFO researchers (CBU).

Thus, the GAACC is organized as a cooperative, raising funds from the ufological national community in order to invest in research projects of the alien presence on Earth.

Read more:

<http://tinyurl.com/gf5tb3v>

Thiago Luiz Ticchetti
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Alien Life Been Found In Earth's Atmosphere?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Sat, 21 Sep 2013 23:54:49 -0400
Archived: Sat, 21 Sep 2013 23:54:49 -0400
Subject: Alien Life Been Found In Earth's Atmosphere?

Source: sLate.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/mdhtljv>

Friday, Sept. 20, 2013

Has Alien Life Been Found In Earth's Atmosphere? I'm Gonna Go
With "No".
By Phil Plait

So, a team of scientists in the UK claims they've found evidence for alien life coming to Earth. According to their paper, published in the Journal of Cosmology (more on that in a moment) they lofted a balloon to a height of 22-27 kilometers (13-17 miles). When they retrieved it, they found a single particle that appears to be part of a diatom, a microscopic plant. This, they claim, is evidence of life coming from space.

Um, yeah. Except really not so much.

[More at site... Thanks to Diana Cammack for the lead]

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The Conspiracy Of Conspiracy Theorizing

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Date: Sun, 22 Sep 2013 12:06:07 -0400
Archived: Sun, 22 Sep 2013 12:06:07 -0400
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Source: 21st Century Spirituality Blog

<http://tinyurl.com/mt6gx2d>

September 18, 2013

The Conspiracy Of Conspiracy Theorizing
by Derek Beres

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The Conspiracy of Conspiracy Theorizing

I learned about last week's fire in Seaside Park through a conspiracy theory. It read simply: 'And I'm sure this was an accident.' Given Jersey's long history of questionable accidents—just that week I had witnessed Nucky Thompson unemotionally torch his childhood home—the sentiment wasn't shocking.

Then I reflected on the sizable percentage of my Facebook feed that is fueled by such theories. There is no dearth of questioned occurrences, from Obama's=85well, everything Obama does to the many identities of Aaron Alexis, the never-ending barrage of climate change 'hoaxes' and Area 51's dirty and finally (almost) revealed secrets. The world is fueled by secrets, or, at the very least, social media is.

Sander van der Linden's article, 'Why People Believe in Conspiracy Theories,' offers some disturbing statistics: 37% of Americans believe global warming is the product of Al Gore's imagination - ok, a hoax; 21% that the US government really is in cahoots with Alf and friends; 28% that the Illuminati is running the show.

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The Phobos Mystery Object

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Sep 2013 18:45:08 +0700 (GMT+07:00)
Archived: Tue, 24 Sep 2013 08:46:13 -0400
Subject: The Phobos Mystery Object

From Science Frontiers #82, JUL-AUG 1992.
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On March 28, 1989, Russian ground controllers suddenly and unexpectedly lost contact with their spacecraft that was shadowing the Martian moon Phobos. The last close-up photo of Phobos snapped by the spacecraft contained "an object which shouldn't have been there."

Naturally, this Phobos Mystery Object (PMO) was quickly dubbed a UFO by some. It was even speculated that the Russian mission had been deliberately terminated by aliens! Such a scenario dovetailed neatly with the old speculations that Phobos is actually an artificial satellite of Mars, which is being used as a base of operations by

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someone or something.

<http://www.science-frontiers.com/sf082/p082-04.gif>

The Phobos Mystery Object

The final photo of Phobos, taken in infrared light just three days before the communication failure, reveals the outlines of both Phobos and the PMO. All surface detail is washed out, as is common in infrared photographs. If the PMO was at the same distance as Phobos itself, it would be about 2 kilometers wide and 20 long. Its surface brightness is the same as that of Phobos. The sides of the PMO are perfectly parallel; it is rounded at both ends; the end towards Phobos narrows slightly; the other end seems to have a slight protrusion.

Since the PMO does not appear to have a metallic surface and displays no antennas or other indicators of artificiality, it is reasonable to ask whether it might be some natural phenomenon. One possibility is that the PMO image is only a "trailed moonlet;" that is, the smeared image of a small piece of debris also in orbit

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about Mars but moving at a slightly different velocity from that of the spacecraft and Phobos. Since the exposure time of the last photo was 8 seconds, a smeared image due to the PMO's relative motion is reasonable.

(Anonymous; "Mystery Object Encountered by Russian Phobos Spacecraft," Meta Research Bulletin, 1:1, March 15, 1992. This new newsletter, edited by astronomer T. Van Flandern, focusses on astronomical anomalies. Address: P.O. Box 15186, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.)

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UFO Sightings In Havana Cuba 22-09-13

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Date: Tue, 24 Sep 2013 14:21:33 +0000 (UTC)
Archived: Tue, 24 Sep 2013 15:53:13 -0400
Subject: UFO Sightings In Havana Cuba 22-09-13

I just received this e-mail from Cuban Ufologists:

On approximately 00:23 hours on 22 September 2013, our friend Hector Osvaldo Gonzales, of a UFO group in Alamar and a radio broadcaster, while waiting for his entrance to the radio station with friends, decided to go down from street 23 to Malecon Avenue.

To his surprise, reaching Malecon, he saw a group of 7 saucers fly, into the sea, close to the coastal boardwalk strip.

These objects displayed on their bottom, a bright red orange light.

The objects were traveling from east to west in formation, in 2 groups of 3, with one behind. Passing through the area where he was, phone cell were interrupted, began to ring, and even the time display changed constantly.

Some witness took photos, and this threw more curious. When the UFOs 'realized' the public's presence, I saw one turn off its lights.

It was a clear night, and we kept seeing the objects.

One of my friends had problems with their phone battery, when suddenly function was restored.

Some comments, contrary to Hector, convinced they were UFOs, assured him that he was crazy Some said they were flares, others balloons, etc..

Finally, Hector decided to leave, when he notice the little education, regarding this issue that were around him. He believes that many saw these ships come from the Havana seafront wall; even many of these people probably have taken photos.

NOTE:

This is Hector seventh sighting; on three of them he took pictures.

I should clarify that these objects were observed for 10 minutes and then lost behind the FOCSA building locate in Vedado.

From Cuba, your colleagues;

Jose Luis Pulido Downey and Felipe Pulido

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Thursday, September 26, 2013

The Roswell "Dream Team" Nightmare

On August 28th, I received an unsolicited e-mail from my friend Kevin Randle, in response to a note I had sent him thanking him for appearing on my podcast and offering my condolences on the death of Jesse Marcel, Jr. I am publishing it here in full, with no additions or alterations of any kind. I do so with great regret, because I value confidence highly and I had agreed after receiving it to keep this communication between Kevin and I private, even though I had not asked to receive the information and was therefore under no obligation to do so. But now, when to keep that confidence requires me to stand by and say nothing about subsequent statements that I know to be untrue, then the ethical balance as I see it has shifted, and I have a duty to set the record straight, even on a matter as inconsequential to me in the grand scheme of things as the Roswell Incident.

There has been, for several months now, speculation at the UFO Iconoclasts blog about rumoured "new evidence" that could break the Roswell case wide open. Some of the statements have come from Rich Reynolds, the man who runs the blog - others have come from various commenters at the blog, including Anthony Bragalia, one of the members of the self-proclaimed "Dream Team" that came together ostensibly to examine the Roswell case with a fresh outlook. That "team" also includes Kevin, his former research partner Donald Schmitt, Schmitt's current partner Tom Carey, longtime Roswell-as-ET proponent David Rudiak, and Canadian UFO researcher Chris Rutkowski, whom I had recommended to Kevin for the spot as "team skeptic" when I turned down his invitation to join. For the full history of all this, I recommend readers go to the UFO Iconoclasts blog and look through the archives.

Things reached a head this week when Mr. Reynolds published an article titled "The Rumored 'New Roswell Evidence' by Anonymous", the central claim of which centered on the question of whether or not the "new evidence" which is the focus of the investigation by members of the "Dream Team" was photographic slides purportedly from 1947 showing alien bodies (there were other peripheral claims made, but those are beside the point). Previously, Mr. Reynolds had published claims that the slides existed but were subject to a non-disclosure agreement, among other things.

[More at site... Thanks to Ross Evans for the lead]

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Source: Orlando Paranormal Examiner

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September 25, 2013

Kevin Randle: Not Involved In Investigation Of Slides
Jack Brewer

UFO researcher and Roswell Dream Team member Kevin Randle told 'Orlando Paranormal Examiner' Wednesday that he has not been involved in the investigation of photographic slides of alleged aliens as recently described by blogger Rich Reynolds. "I have seen no photographs, slides, or pictures of alien creatures associated with the Roswell crash," Randle explained. "I have participated in no investigations of such slides."

Reynolds made several posts in recent months suggesting the Dream Team had access to slides containing images of bodies possibly associated with the Roswell event of 1947. Public opinion has been mixed on how any such slides should be handled, as well as their potential relevance.

Some suspect the slides may depict bodies of alien visitors. Others suspect the bodies may provide evidence that supports theories related to experiments involving diseased humans as put forth by such researchers as Nick Redfern. Yet others argue the origin and authenticity of such photos would have to be established before their content could be relevant.

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Friday, September 27, 2013

The Roswell Slides: My Perspective
by Nick Redfern

Well, I had to go out of town a couple of days ago, but got finished early and came back to see that the new Roswell controversy has reached stratospheric proportions! Since my name has been referenced in relation to all this, it's only right that I set the record straight.

First and foremost, I should stress that I have not done any investigations into this angle of Roswell - at all. Nor have I seen the slides - or even copies of them - that everyone is talking about. I have, however, shared with various parties involved in this the data that was provided to me. And, having done so, I had it confirmed that it gelled with the data they had already uncovered.

Basically, it goes like this:

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Here's a quote from Adam Smith's Wealth of Nations - "People of the same trade seldom meet together, even for merriment and diversion, but the conversation ends in a conspiracy against the public, or in some contrivance to raise prices."

Cheers

Ray D

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It often seems as if the nation is devolving into a Third World backwater. Certainly the collective national IQ is not a shadow of what it was, alas. The only persons who think this is a good and logical development are the hucksters who are selling the product and the gulls who are consuming it.

An illuminating book on real misconduct vs. the conspiratorial mentality is Kathryn S. Olmsted's Real Enemies: Conspiracy Theories and American Democracy, World War I to 9/11, published by Oxford University Press in 2009. The classic essay is the late Richard Hofstadter's The Paranoid Style In American Politics, written in 1964 and available on-line to those who wish to acquaint themselves with its many influential observations.

I think, however, that the writer of the current piece should have made the distinction between paranoid imaginings by outsiders and the reality of official secrecy. To argue that the relevant official agencies haven't been forthcoming about the

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Roswell incident is not in itself sufficient to make one a conspiracy theorist. Roswell-related conspiracy theories do exist - a whole Dark Side mythology grew up around the event - but Roswell itself is not a synonym in and of itself for a conspiracy theory.

Jerry Clark

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The problem with the notion of "conspiracy theory" is that it
has become a device used to prevent any further discussion about
facts that do not fit the official explanation.

A good example of this is the 911 incident. Some facts
definitely don't add up: Building 11 went down, flight 93
yielded no significant debris and the hole in the Pentagon does
not fit the plane that allegedly hit it.

This will not be addressed because some point their index
uttering the ultimate accusation: "conspiracy theory",
ultimately filibustering the debate with two words.

The "conspiracy theory" insult has been spit in the face of
whistleblowers for such a long time. History of governmental

crimes is replete with what would have been deemed "conspiracy theory" stuff, had not the perpetrators been caught red handed.

Syphilis experiments on human subject in Guatemala, the US (lasted 40 years!), Canadian psychiatrists working with the CIA to experiment on unknowing subjects, CIA experiments with LSD on unknowing American Soldiers, the Gulf of Tonkin lie to get the US into the Vietnam War, Irak's non-existent WMDs to get US to war, the NSA unlawful activities.

These are just very few examples that the powers that be conspire to lie to their citizens and to commit crimes against them.

And of course, we are not talking about the "Story of the Millennium". Surely the governments wouldn't be hiding any truth about the reality of those things to concerned citizens?

"Conspiracy theory" is in the same boat as "Little green men" or "Homo" (in the days).

They are devices used to prevent addressing the facts, the precise definition of "Ad Hominem Argument":

"Also, "personal attack," "poisoning the well." The fallacy of attempting to refute an argument by attacking the opposition's personal character or reputation, using a corrupted negative argument from ethos. E.g., "He's so evil that you can't believe anything he says." See also Guilt by Association. Also applies to cases where potential opposing arguments are brushed aside without comment or consideration, as simply not worth arguing about."

(<http://utminers.utep.edu/omwilliamson/ENGL1311/fallacies.htm>

"Master List of Logical Fallacies")

Me think accusing some one of "conspiracy theory" is in itself a conspiracy against the pursuit of truth.

Let's just address the facts, shall we?

Vincent Boudreau

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Agreed Jerry, and it's not just America. The Internet has created a high-speed digital rumour-mill where vanity publishing cranks can promulgate any crap they wish to a global audience of uncritical credulous zombies who feed off each other's grotesque superstitions.

It's a Marcusian spectacle of epidemic proportions and epic stupidity. Trouble is, this doesn't mean that there aren't conspiracies, and it is easier than ever it was for the truth to be drowned by noise and then hidden in plain sight.

To dismiss a theory just because it is a 'conspiracy theory' is plain dumb. Critical judgement is essential, and there are no substitutes for evidence and logical analysis. If a theory stands up to such scrutiny, then it is worth taking seriously whether it involves an element of conspiracy or not.

Gerald O'Connell
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week and gave him a complete pass on his past, although to be
fair they just happen to be the most recent example of a long
list of people who have given Schmitt a pass).

It's amazing how quickly people involved in UFO "research"
forget and forgive transgressions that would sink a career in
any self-respecting field of research. Schmitt has been back on
the lecture and radio circuit for years, and has published
several books with his current research partner Tom Carey... and
when the "Dream Team" was formed he re-united with his original
partner, Kevin Randle.

I'm not going to revisit the long and sordid Schmitt story in
its entirety here - that's what Google searches are for. But
here's Kevin Randle's summary of Schmitt in an open letter
published in 1995 that summarizes it succinctly:

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48 Percent Of Americans Believe UFOs Could Be ET Visitations
Lee Spiegel

Nearly half the population believes UFOs could be a sign of extraterrestrial visitation.

A HuffPost/YouGov poll reveals that 48 percent of adults in the United States are open to the idea that alien spacecraft are observing our planet -- and just 35 percent outright reject the idea.

The poll was seen as vindication from the community of UFO researchers who often feel they are laughed off by government officials.

"It's always been intriguing to me how we act as though only kooks and quacks and little old ladies in tennis shoes believe in flying saucers. And it's never been true, at least for 30 or 40 years," said former nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman, who was the original civilian investigator of the events surrounding the legendary Roswell, NM, UFO crash of 1947.

Friedman is very outspoken on the idea that some UFOs are intelligently controlled extraterrestrial vehicles.

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Well, at least one prominent ufologist thinks that Don Schmitt
is a wonderful person and brilliant UFO researcher. In his
Biggest Study blog posting for January 14 2013, Michael Swords
writes:

"Don Schmitt. Every time I see Don I smile. Can't help it; I just
automatically like him. But there is a lot more to Don Schmitt
that just being a likable personality, and a lot more that
Ufology owes him."

This is followed by another two paragraphs extolling Schmitt's
virtues and ufological achievements. Any comments, anyone?

John Harney

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>>that conspiracy theories are concocted for that very reason and,
>>in the fashion of the breed, I could chase my tail throughout
>>eternity.

>>America these days is awash in the most extreme and absurd
>>conspiracy theories, crippling rational discourse and debate.

><snip>

>The problem with the notion of "conspiracy theory" is that it
>has become a device used to prevent any further discussion about
>facts that do not fit the official explanation.

>A good example of this is the 911 incident. Some facts
>definitely don't add up: Building 11 went down, flight 93
>yielded no significant debris and the hole in the Pentagon does
>not fit the plane that allegedly hit it.

>This will not be addressed because some point their index
>uttering the ultimate accusation: "conspiracy theory",
>ultimately filibustering the debate with two words.

>The "conspiracy theory" insult has been spit in the face of
>whistleblowers for such a long time. History of governmental
>crimes is replete with what would have been deemed "conspiracy
>theory" stuff, had not the perpetrators been caught red handed.

>Syphilis experiments on human subject in Guatemala, the US
>(lasted 40 years!), Canadian psychiatrists working with the CIA
>to experiment on unknowing subjects, CIA experiments with LSD on
>unknowing American Soldiers, the Gulf of Tonkin lie to get the
>US into the Vietnam War, Irak's non-existent WMDs to get US to
>war, the NSA unlawful activities.

>These are just very few examples that the powers that be
>conspire to lie to their citizens and to cimmit crimes against
>them.

>And of course, we are not talking about the "Story of the
>Millennium". Surely the governments wouldn't be hiding any truth
>about the reality of those things to concerned citizens?

>"Conspiracy theory" is in the same boat as "Little green men" or
>"Homo" (in the days).

>They are devices used to prevent addressing the facts, the
>precise definition of "Ad Hominem Argument":

>"Also, "personal attack," "poisoning the well." The fallacy of
>attempting to refute an argument by attacking the opposition's
>personal character or reputation, using a corrupted negative
>argument from ethos. E.g., "He's so evil that you can't believe
>anything he says." See also Guilt by Association. Also applies
>to cases where potential opposing arguments are brushed aside
>without comment or consideration, as simply not worth arguing
>about."

>(<http://utminers.utep.edu/omwilliamson/ENGL1311/fallacies.htm>

>"Master List of Logical Fallacies")

>Me think accusing some one of "conspiracy theory" is in itself a
>conspiracy against the pursuit of truth.

>Let's just address the facts, shall we?

>Vincent Boudreau

The problem with an argument like this is that in effect it
denies the existence of the psychological/social/political
phenomenon of conspiracy theories, in other words paranoia-
based, empirically unjustified allegations about public misdeeds
and their causes, of the sort that been documented all through
history (or that you can hear from any barstool ranter). In this
formulation, in which ordinary thinking is turned on its head,
one idea must be judged as good as another. The crime is not
spreading falsehoods but calling the falsehood spreader by name,
in this case conspiracy theorist.

And while you're making that argument, call the conspiracy-
theory nonbeliever a bigot and liken him to a homophobe. Next
thing, you can declare that critics of conspiracy theories are
akin to anti-Semites and racists. In fact, something is
fundamentally wrong with the argument if you have to resort to
such bizarre tropes.

Yes, it is true that, for but one example, Watergate, an abuse
of power of historic dimensions, occurred. No, it does not
follow that it is equally true that Jews control the world
economy, that President Eisenhower was a Soviet agent, that the
U.S. government is in collusion with evil aliens, or that
President Obama, whose foreign birth sinister conspirators have
concealed, secretly directs an international jihadist network.
Or that the last Bush administration was behind 9/11, as our
correspondent seems to believe may be the case.

Again, indulging in this sort of unhinged thinking only serves
to divert us from the detection of real scandals and abuses
which deserve to be exposed and and which do not require us to
make fantastic leaps of faith and good sense to credit.
Conspiracy theorists have the paradoxical function of serving

those in power by trivializing issues, just as UFO crackpots and extremists have diminished the impact of serious investigators seeking to document genuinely puzzling sightings. Reality is complex and confusing, but ultimately it does not have the texture, or the plot, of a cheesy paperback thriller, the true home of the conspiracy theory.

Here's a conspiracy theorist in action:

<http://tinyurl.com/os8z7md>

It's good - necessary - to be skeptical about what official authority tells you. (All of us who were deeply suspicious of what we were told in the lead-up to the Iraq War have been fully vindicated.) It's also wise to be skeptical about what conspiracy theorists peddle. There is plenty of high-level deception and skulduggery to go around, but you're not going to learn about it from Alex Jones, the John Birch Society, and their frightened faithful.. There's a reason - and not a conspiratorial one, as our correspondent implies - that conspiracy theories are held in such disrepute. One idea is not as good as another. In the end, facts matter.

Jerry Clark

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Ever met Don Schmitt, John?

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For the record, we dealt with this issue on Schmitt's first
appearance on The Paracast several years ago. We didn't see the
need to cover old ground.

Here's the link:

<http://tinyurl.com/mxllwj5>

Peace,

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So are we all just going to ignore Kimball's duplicitous betrayal? Just wondering.

-Jason Gammon

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John, perhaps you should refrain from extracting statements from
Mike Sword's blog to somehow stir up an argument. If you have an
issue with Don Schmitt then make your own arguments and points.
Surely you can find more to life than stirring up arguments
amongst others.

John Harney

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