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Ryan's Opponent Is Alien Conspiracy Theorist

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Sun, 01 Dec 2013 17:45:20 -0500
Archived: Sun, 01 Dec 2013 17:45:20 -0500
Subject: Ryan's Opponent Is Alien Conspiracy Theorist

Source: Mother Jones

<http://tinyurl.com/mo7kkmh>

Thu Oct. 31, 2013

Paul Ryan's Democratic Opponent Is Alien Conspiracy Theorist,
9/11 Truther

Amardeep Kaleka produced and directed a documentary that claims
September 11 was an inside job designed to distract the public
from ET revelations.

By Patrick Caldwell

When 35-year-old Amardeep Kaleka recently declared his intention
to run for the Democratic nomination to challenge Rep. Paul Ryan
(R-Wis.) in 2014, most news coverage focused on one facet of his
story: His father was one of the murder victims of the 2012
massacre at a Sikh temple in Oak Creek, Wisconsin. That murder
convinced Kaleka to run as a Democrat and advocate for enhanced
gun control.

But during a recent interview with the Madison Capital Times,
Kaleka, who is not the only Democrat looking to run against
Ryan, revealed another side of his biography: conspiracy
documentary filmmaker. Kaleka directed the 2013 film Sirius, a
documentary that purports to uncover evidence of
extraterrestrial life on Earth and suggests that the September
11 terrorist attacks were a "false flag" operation. Kaleka is
also listed as editor and director of photography and shares
credit for the documentary's "story idea." The film has slightly
better production values than your typical conspiracy diatribe,
but it hinges on some far-out concepts.

[More at site... Thanks to Rich Heiden for the lead]

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Re: Probing Extraterrestrial Abduction - NPR

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <a.j.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2013 19:33:19 -0200
Archived: Tue, 03 Dec 2013 17:00:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Probing Extraterrestrial Abduction - NPR

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <ufo-updates-list.nul>
>Date: Wed, 27 Nov 2013 07:51:53 -0500
>Subject: Probing Extraterrestrial Abduction - NPR

Source: National Public Radio

<http://tinyurl.com/ppd6gkb>

November 27, 2013

>Probing Extraterrestrial Abduction
>by Marcelo Gleiser

>In the United States the first story of abduction by
>extraterrestrials that received national attention was that of
>Betty and Barney Hill, a couple from New Hampshire who claimed
>to have been kidnapped in a UFO in 1961. There is, however,
>another, earlier, story of abduction. This one dates from 1957
>and centers around Ant=F4nio Villas Boas, a farmer from rural
>Brazil.

>According to Villas Boas, he was plowing fields with his tractor
>when he was taken against his will by a group of ETs measuring
>about 5 feet tall. On their spaceship he was put in a room where
>he saw some kind of gas come out of the walls, making him sick.

>Then a very attractive female, naked, with long platinum-blond
>hair, fire-red pubic hair and deep-blue cat eyes, came to him
>and forced him to have intercourse. (I imagine he didn't resist
>much.)

>[More at site...]

Brazilian celebrity astronomer Marcelo Gleiser is a known
skeptic towards UFOs in general, abductions and crop circles in
particular. His points of view about these both subjects, as he
expresses freely and regularly, couldn't be weaker and poorer.

Although a recognized scientist and university professor,
presumably a person who has access to quality data and knows
where to get it, he offers ideas against the UFO Phenomena that
are more like of a 16 y.o. high school student.

Several UFO researchers in Brazil, including myself, and many
times, have had to correct most of his mistaken, prejudicial and
outdated claims published in the largest newspaper in the
country. He is more a debunker than an intelligent contender.

It is just a shame how wrong he is about everything in Ufology.

A. J. Gevaerd
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UFO TODAY Magazine

From: Philip Mantle <philip.mantle.nul>
Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2013 10:14:07 +0000
Archived: Wed, 04 Dec 2013 17:51:38 -0500
Subject: UFO TODAY Magazine

If you ve not seen our new digital magazine UFO TODAY yet then why not treat yourself to a copy. The first bi-monthly issue came out on November 14th and it is packed full of UFO features, articles, news, reviews and sightings from many different parts of the world. It is available at:

www.ufotoday.net

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US House Committee Holds Hearing On Aliens

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2013 22:01:02 +0700 (GMT+07:00)
Archived: Thu, 05 Dec 2013 06:01:46 -0500
Subject: US House Committee Holds Hearing On Aliens

Source: HuffPo

<http://tinyurl.com/l2cvaw8>

Date: Dec 4, 2013 11:28 AM

With Seven Workdays Left, House Committee Holds Hearing On Space Aliens

With only seven workdays left between now and the end of the first session of the 113th Congress, a full House committee has found time to hold a hearing on extraterrestrial life.

The Committee on Science, Space and Technology, chaired by Rep. Lamar Smith (R-Texas), will meet for a hearing called "Astrobiology: Search for Biosignatures in our Solar System and Beyond for two hours Wednesday to "investigate what methods are being used to determine if any of these planets may harbor life", according to the hearing charter.

Republicans on the Science Committee may be open to the possibility of alien life on other planets, but Smith and many of his colleagues are much less convinced that global warming is happening on this one, or that it might be caused by humans.

Numerous sitting members of the Science committee -- all Republicans -- also maintain positions repeatedly rejected by the scientific community for decades. Paul Broun (Ga.), a member of the young Earth creationists, does not "believe that the Earth's but about 9,000 years old. I believe it was created in six days as we know them." In 2009, Smith accused scientists of advancing false claims of man-made global warming. And Rep. James Sensenbrenner (Wisc.) has called climate change a "massive international scientific fraud" and evidence of "scientific fascism".

Smith's hearing Wednesday appears to be a serious effort to educate Congress, and includes an expert from NASA. A recent HuffPost/YouGov poll found that half of Americans believe alien life exists.

Scott Peterson

Duct tape is like The Force. It has a light side, a dark side, and it holds the universe together...
(827 / 1118)

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Mantle Yorkshire Evening Post Interview

From: Philip Mantle <philip.mantle.nul>
Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2013 15:00:17 +0000
Archived: Thu, 05 Dec 2013 10:43:32 -0500
Subject: Mantle Yorkshire Evening Post Interview

This is an article from last nights Yorkshire Evening Post. I did the interview a couple of weeks ago. The pictures on the wall in the background are my autographed Close Encounter collection.

<http://tinyurl.com/kknpjx9>

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Re: US House Committee Holds Hearing On Aliens

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2013 08:49:11 -0500
Archived: Thu, 05 Dec 2013 10:46:18 -0500
Subject: Re: US House Committee Holds Hearing On Aliens

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>,
>Date: Wed, 4 Dec 2013 22:01:02 +0700 (GMT+07:00)
>Subject: US House Committee Holds Hearing On Aliens

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>less convinced that global warming is happening on this one, or that it
>might be caused by humans.

<snip>

I believe that the methods in use to search for "alien life" in
the solar system, are looking for microbes; and not cites or
artifacts created by some unknown alien race.

Republicans on the Science Committee in the House are not a
group of scientific leaders that I would pay a lot of attention
to at the moment, but each to their own.

Science transcends politics, but politicians continue to 'cherry
pick' the scientific proofs they like to support their political
agenda. Let's see if there is anything on the back end that
comes out of this hearing.

Steve

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Can They Go Home NOW Please? - Cox

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2013 18:30:25 -0500
Archived: Fri, 06 Dec 2013 18:30:25 -0500
Subject: Can They Go Home NOW Please? - Cox

Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void

<http://tinyurl.com/k7s9edp>

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Can They Go Home NOW Please?
By Billy Cox, Herald-Tribune

We don't need another example of how desperately partisan Capitol Hill has become. We really don't. But this week, even when the most futile and least popular Congress in American memory swerved off-script and managed to do something legitimately interesting, it all went in the ditch. And folks, this is a big reason scientists are reluctant to subject edgy new ideas to scrutiny from the Beltway hacks.

The occasion was Wednesday's House Science Committee hearing, called "Astrobiology: The Search for Biosignatures in Our Solar System and Beyond" and chaired by Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Tex. Truthfully, it wasn't all that edgy, either. Not anymore.

Considering the Exoplanet Data Explorer has confirmed the existence of 755 planets outside our solar system, with another 3,470 Kepler-identified candidates awaiting analysis, this one was actually a no-brainer. Especially given the fact that just one day before panelists convened, Hubble Space Telescope researchers announced the discovery of five exoplanets that emit "a very clear signal" for water.

[More at site...]

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UFO flaps In The U.S. & Allegedly In Vietnam

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Fri, 6 Dec 2013 00:57:14 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Sat, 07 Dec 2013 17:02:16 -0500
Subject: UFO flaps In The U.S. & Allegedly In Vietnam

Fortean Times 306, October 2013, Tales from the Vault, p. 80

October 1973

Forty years ago this month the USA was in the grip of one (of) its most intense media flaps over UFOs, during which there were reported sightings by the Governor of Ohio, Senator Barry Goldwater, the Governor of Georgia (Jimmy Carter), and Air Force Chief of Staff General George Brown - the latter claiming U.S. forces in Vietnam were being plagued by the things. We also have the famous abduction of two Mississippi fishermen - Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker - from the Pascagoula River. A day later, on the 12th, a part of witnesses, including several sheriff's deputies, claimed a sheriff's car was attacked. Where are the great flaps of yesteryear? FT2:18

Internet sources:

1. <http://tinyurl.com/lptmwsn>

& original link -

2. <http://www.ufoevidence.org/cases/case60.htm>

'enemy helicopters' and HMAS Hobart hit by friendly fire

3. http://www.nationalufocenter.com/artman/publish/article_335.php
repeat of link #1 with photo of General Brown

4. <http://tvufo.tripod.com/id128.html>

a laundry list of UFOs, some old, and most from the Second Indo-China War period

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John Ford On Future Theater Radio

From: **Richard Smith** <johnfordinitiative.nul>
Date: Fri, 6 Dec 2013 23:33:00 -0700
Archived: Sun, 08 Dec 2013 05:07:22 -0500
Subject: John Ford On Future Theater Radio

Dear Friends and Associates,

Here is the recent much anticipated and long awaited interview with John Ford on Future Theater Radio with Bill and Nancy Birnes.

I want you all to show your support for this interview as it is truly a fete of wonder that it ever got done in the first place under the circumstances. Many thanks to Bill and Nancy as they are the only ones who could have done this as effectively as they did.

Please make sure you support this endeavor by listening to the interview, leaving your feedback and comments in the discussion section and, most of all, spread this interview everywhere you can.

Use every resource at your disposal.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard Smith, Director
The John Ford Initiative
<http://ufoteacher.com/johnford>

John Ford | Future Theater | Show #167

Direct Link:

<http://futuretheater.com/archives/2013/1013/167future101213.html>

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Briefing Document To Canadian Parliament - NORAD

From: Victor Viggiani - ZlandCommunications <zland.nul>
Date: Sun, 8 Dec 2013 21:15:15 -0500
Archived: Mon, 09 Dec 2013 05:31:34 -0500
Subject: Briefing Document To Canadian Parliament - NORAD

URGENT:

Briefing Document to Parliament

A Briefing Document: NORAD Secret Status Events Report

2001and Related Canadian Documents

Dear Friends

The following individuals have signed onto the Briefing Document to Parliament (see below)

Victor Viggiani (Mississauga South ON)
The Hon. Paul T. Hellyer (Trinity-Spadina ON)
Stanton T. Friedman Nuclear Physicist UFO Researcher (Fredericton NB)
Grant Cameron UFO Researcher Lecturer (Winnipeg MB)
Richard Syrett Radio Journalist (Thornhill ON)

If you wish to be a co-signor - please let me know by noon tomorrow. I will be sending the document to Parliament tomorrow. Parliament recesses this week.

Read the press release that initiated this brief at:

<http://zlandcommunications.blogspot.ca> -

Canadian NORAD Jets Chase UFOs

If you wish to participate please:

- Review the attached draft
- decide if you wish to co-sign
- if so, send me your address i.e. Name - city and province only, and
- who your MP is. - finder at:

<http://tinyurl.com/6ky2xan>

Change can happen... as Canadians we need to know the truth.

Regards

Victor Viggiani
ZNN

A Briefing Document:
NORAD Secret Status Events Report
2001
and
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December 2013

NORAD Secret Status Events Report 2001 and Related Documents

To: The Hon. Rob Nicholson Minister of National Defence

The Hon. Thomas Mulcair Leader of the Official Opposition
Justin Trudeau - Leader Liberal Party of Canada

The Hon. Charles Sousa - Minister of Finance - MPP Ontario Liberal Party

CC: The Hon. Peter MacKay Minister of Justice

Stella Ambler MP Mississauga South

From: Victor Viggiani M.Ed.
News Director The ZlandCommunications NewsNetwork
Re: ZNN NORAD Press Release
Canadian NORAD Jets Chase UFOs

December 5 2013

Dear Honourable Ministers and Members of the House of Commons
and Provincial Legislative Assembly

The press release associated with this briefing document was posted on Tuesday Nov 19.2013. Since its distribution it has received over 2000 reads on various web sites and on Google and Yahoo search engines.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The documentation in the press release Canadian NORAD Jets Chase UFOs unequivocally indicates Canadian NORAD jets have pursued unknown tracks. The documentation in the NORAD log report attesting to this is irrefutable. As described in this brief and as shown in the NORAD log report - contact was made with an 'unknown' which subsequently eluded the CF-18s in question. The press release and this briefing document also reveal the existence of pertinent files indicating the Canadian government has assessed and attempted to sequester the UFO matter as well as suggest plans be discussed should a 'flying saucer' land on Canadian soil.

RATIONALE

We are providing this information to elected officials and members of the press in the interest of clarity and as an attempt to determine the nature of this specific NORAD incident and others similar to it. We also submit this information to establish how ancillary documents in the ZNN press release may relate to the NORAD incident in question and how this ancillary documentation indicates the Canadian government has dealt with craft of unknown origin in the past.

It must be assumed that scrambling jets by NORAD indicates there has been a possible breach of national security as a result of an unauthorized incursion into Canadian airspace. It also appears that elected officials are unaware of this matter.

In this context there appears to be growing concern and confusion about what scrambled NORAD jets are actually pursuing - as documented in the NORAD EVENTS STATUS REPORT obtained by ZNN through the AIA process.

There are a number of ambiguities and inconsistencies in the assessment and interpretation by the former Minister of Defence, the Hon. Peter Mackay to ZNN about this incident report - a report that he was unable to locate and thus unable to read. It is further disconcerting that - the former Minister of Defence, the Hon. Peter Mackay - unilaterally dismissed the possibility of NORAD jets encountering and making contact with 'unknown tracks' at 35,000 feet in a report that he neither could locate nor had read.

It becomes clear - upon reading the letter from Minister MacKay to ZNN that:

- a) He stated he was unable to locate the very same document sent to ZNN by the Department of National Defence in Ottawa, and
- b) Because of this inability to locate the NORAD STATUS EVENT

and without having read the document, the Minister then speculated, or was possibly advised, that what the CF-18 Hornets were pursuing was either an aircraft without a transponder or a non-functioning transponder, or a flock of birds. [NOTE: a CF-18 has a maximum speed of 1190 mph - Mach 1.8 up to 40,000 feet. Ducks and other migratory birds are capable of up to 50 mph. The Peregrine Falcon can achieve speeds of up to 200 mph in a full dive. None of these species can fly at 35,000 ft.]

One must call into question a management system that cannot provide the Minister with a verified government document within his own department that was easily obtained by a citizen using the AIA.

Regrettably - a reading of the entire NORAD document tells a very different story than that of the Minister's speculations. One finds a very evocative chronology of events and log entries that reveal a peculiar encounter between two NORAD jets and three craft of unknown origin flying at or near supersonic speeds in straight and level flight. As clearly indicated in the NORAD log, the unknown crafts (flight size of 3) were able to out pace an LR-35 jet as well as elude the CF-18s. Therefore it must be presumed that the unknowns possessed a similar if not more advanced capacity to fly near or above supersonic speeds.

If the Minister had taken the time to locate the NORAD report he would have discovered that, in this evocative chronology of events, the CF-18s did make contact with an unknown or unknowns. [Log Entry Ref: page three, date index 01/09/12 - time index 12:13:54 - <CADSMCC> "YQQ CF18s have contact at 350',=85wm" NOTE: The three digits 350' express flight levels above 18,000 feet. In this instance 350' means an aircraft is flying at 35,000 ft.]

If indeed contact was made, as stated by the pilots, these highly trained jet pilots would have been able to easily distinguish between a flock of birds and a standard aircraft of any kind with or without a transponder. Any observation as to what the craft were, once contacted by the NORAD jets, was not in the NORAD log - although the dozens of lines redacted in this report may shed light on that which the pilots actually made contact.

If the unknown was in fact, a standard aircraft, the pilots would have responded according to JANAP - CIRVIS and NORAD procedures. In the face of what pilots actually did report in the NORAD ATC log - i.e. 'have contact at 350 feet' with the 'unknown(s)'- procedure would dictate an interception in order to escort the craft. Since this did not occur, it can only be presumed the unknown craft eluded the CF-18s or simply - disappeared.

Most perplexing is that nowhere in the NORAD ATC log does the lead or trailing pilot state or describe what was actually seen. One would expect that once the pilot stated that - "YQQ CF-18s have contact=85", some type of description of the craft or its activity would have been made. That this did not occur appears peculiar. The CF-18s either made contact or they did not.

In addition - if the 'unknown(s)' were a flock of birds as blithely suggested by Minister MacKay, he is asking a member of the public to believe that a species of ornithoides is capable of flying at 35,000 feet and that this species of birds could somehow have eluded CF-18 Hornets - one of the most sophisticated jets in the NORAD arsenal.

This notion is completely irreconcilable and specious. For Minister MacKay to respond in this manner is either a hollow attempt to obfuscate facts, or it indicates he was/is totally out of the loop in gaining access to information from his deputy ministers, other officials within his own portfolio and from NORAD concerning craft of unknown origin entering Canadian airspace in an unauthorized manner.

Other matters to consider within the NORAD EVENTS STATUS REPORT

The most disconcerting aspect of this particular event seems to imply that NORAD, with the massive facilities, technologies and resources at its disposal, appears not to have been in control of Canadian airspace - at least in this particular instance. This also raises the questions - how often do these kinds of incidents occur that NORAD jets are scrambled to chase and

unsuccessfully pursue 'unknown tracks' and, does this incident and others like it mean that craft of unknown origin are able to enter Canadian airspace with impunity?

The language in the lines immediately following the astounding confirmation of contact by the pilot(s) with the 'unknown(s)' is indecipherable due to its technical jargon - making it impossible to determine what the pilots saw as they made contact. One would - as mentioned above - expect some category of description of the alleged 'contact'. Curiously this did not occur.

The line previous to the 'YQQ CF-18s have contact' statement by the pilot reads; "Time to target for CF-18s is 90 secs=85". This statement in the NORAD log clearly demonstrates the CF-18s were in fact pursuing and approaching something.

The following page in the NORAD log clearly indicates, in more clear language, that another aircraft - an LR-35 MEDEVAC jet made either visual or radar contact with the 'unknown(s)'. The LR-35 jet reported that their aircraft could not keep up with the 'unknown(s)'. This also implies straight and level flight. [NOTE: the LR-35 (Lear jet) has a maximum speed of 530 mph - Mach 0.81]

This portion of the event occurred at 35,000 feet. As one who has flown aircraft before, only pressurized aircraft are able to fly in this rarified flight environment - ruling out a small aircraft as well as birds. No foreign craft were identified.

The other associated documents obtained by ZlandCommunications from Library and Archives Canada, other AIA requests and other sources - provides absolute verification and proof that Canadian officials took the matter of unidentified flying objects very seriously. Meetings, discussions and other forms of exchange demonstrate government officials placed more than trivial priority on the matter of 'flying saucers'.

Together, with the 2001 NORAD SECRET Status Events Report, these pieces of verified documentation provide converging lines of evidence that the Canadian government considered and still considers the UFO phenomenon as real and of high interest - otherwise why would internal memoranda have been executed?

Furthermore it remains clear that these unknowns or as they are commonly called - UFOs - are elusive and possess flight capabilities enabling them to out maneuver and elude our most sophisticated aircraft.

The ZNN press release identifies documents obtained by ZlandCommunications that clearly indicate the following:

1. A NORAD SECRET Status Events Report reveals 2 NORAD CF-18 jets were scrambled to chase three 'UNKNOWN TRACKS' in 2001 out of COMOX AF Base BC. Contact by one or more of the NORAD CF-18s was confirmed.
2. In the same report an LR-35 MEDICAL EVACUATION jet out of Anchorage Alaska apparently indicated contact of some kind and that their aircraft could not keep up with the 'UNKNOWN TRACKS'. (See NORAD SECRET Status Events Report in press release.)
3. Ancillary Documentation: Three other specific documents obtained by ZNN clearly indicate that Canadian joint intelligence committees and a Senior Radio Engineer from Transport Canada openly exchanged memoranda and letters that discussed UFOs (flying saucers). Links to these documents are provided in the ZNN press release.

One memo from the Defense Research Board describes how plans were to be made should a UFO land on Canadian soil. Yet another to the Joint Intelligence Committee outlines how the RCAF would follow the lead of the US Air Force in keeping information about UFOs away from the public.

The third document outlines a visit to Washington DC by a Senior Radio Engineer in the Department of Transport. His inquiries and conclusions are summarized in a three-page letter. His meetings with Washington and Canadian Embassy officials, among other stunning and dramatic details, revealed the following:

"UFOs are real=85 and they are rated even higher than the H-bomb."
(See Wilbert Smith Memo in the ZNN press release)

Pursuant to the government's own documentation as revealed by ZNN, it is now incumbent upon elected representatives to review evidence residing within their own government archives and respond in a thorough manner to the unacknowledged issues raised by its own catalogued and certified data.

Therefore, we respectfully request the Minister of Defence to respond in writing to the questions below. We would also request a response from the Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Thomas Mulcair, the Leader of the Liberal Party Mr. Justin Trudeau, and as well, a response from the Hon. Charles Sousa whom I have previously briefed on matters related to this issue on February 9, 2009 at his constituency office in Mississauga Ontario Canada.

For the Minister of National Defence - The Hon. Rob Nicholson:

1. How often are you, as the Minister of Defence, informed or briefed by NORAD officials about Canadian jets being scrambled from any Canadian Air Force base or NORAD to pursue craft of unknown origin within Canadian airspace?
2. a) Have you and to your knowledge, have previous Ministers of Defence or the Prime Minister ever been briefed on the UFO matter? b) Have you or the Prime Minister ever been directed by anyone - including officials holding positions of authority in Canadian or American military or intelligence agencies - not to discuss or answer questions publicly or in the House of Commons on matters concerning unidentified flying objects/UFOs or the possibility of their extraterrestrial origins?
3. Has this matter ever been discussed in Cabinet, between you and the Prime Minister or with officials in the Canadian Armed Forces, CSIS, the RCMP or CSEC?
4. What total costs are involved in launching one or more jets on a sortie like the one described above to engage in the pursuit of 'unknown tracks' or targets that have entered Canadian air space and detected on radar?
6. What is your response to, and assessment of the memorandum penned by a representative of the Canadian Department of Transportation to his superiors; and specifically the statement - "UFOs are real=85 rated even higher than the H-bomb."? (See Wilbert Smith Memo in the ZNN press release).
7. Please provide ZlandCommunications with a yearly or monthly estimate of the regularity with which Canadian jets are scrambled to pursue 'unknown tracks' or non-correlated targets within Canadian airspace.
8. Will you make yourself available to answer questions from sitting members of the House of Commons and the press regarding this specific NORAD incident? Furthermore, will you respond to questions during Question Period about the NORAD protocols and policies that dictate the scrambling of Canadian jets?
9. ZNN respectfully requests that you forward to us a full assessment of your investigation of the NORAD SECRET Status Events Report in question. Please include any and all results you may obtain referring to log entries on page three, date index 01/09/12 - time index 12:13:54 - regarding CONTACT made by the scrambled jets [<CADSMCC> "YQQ CF18s have contact at 350',=85wm"] and, if there is any way of establishing if both or one of the CF-18s reported this CONTACT with the 'unknown(s)' and what they may have seen.
10. In the context of the documentation in this correspondence and the UFO files in the possession of the Canadian government - please state - in everyday language - the Canadian government's position and policies on the phenomenon of UFOs?

Thank you most sincerely for taking the time to respond in writing to our enquiries.

For The Hon. Thomas Mulcair - Leader of the Opposition

1. How often are you informed of, or briefed by NORAD or other

government officials about Canadian jets being scrambled from any Canadian Air Force base to pursue craft of unknown origin over Canadian airspace?

2. Are you prepared to raise these issues by asking the Min. of Defence and the Prime Minister the same and additional questions - as stated above to the Min. of Defence the Hon. Ron Nicholson, by ZNN, on the floor during Question Period? If, yes how will you proceed? If, no - why not? With due respect, will you inform ZlandCommunications, in advance, of the timing and scheduling of such questions?

3. After due consideration of the NORAD SECRET Status Events Report - what is your personal reaction and objective professional assessment, as a solicitor, to each of the following: a) The NORAD Secret Status report log, and b) The remaining documents contained in the ZNN press release?

4. Do you wish to be briefed further on the substantial documentation regarding the UFO issue both as catalogued among the 9500 files in the Library and Archives Canada repository, as well as those documents residing in international research files emanating from, and that have been released by France - Brazil - Peru - the UK, Denmark and other G20 countries? If, yes how shall we proceed? If, no - why not?

5. As a solicitor - we ask that you render your opinion on the following assertion that:

The level of secrecy employed by the Canadian government about the UFO matter, the redactions in the NORAD document 2001, as well as the evidence provided by the government's own memos and the 9500 files on the UFO matter contained in Library and Archives Canada; provide sufficient and legal grounds upon which to pursue this matter either through the Department of Justice or the courts or both.

6. Will you personally call for a Parliamentary committee or establish a committee within your own caucus - to investigate the historical and current involvement of the Canadian government - its military and intelligence agencies in the management of the matter of unidentified flying objects as portrayed by the 9500 UFO files and other documentation that can be provided by ZNN and other Canadian researchers?

ZNN would be pleased to answer and consult with you on any questions you may have on this very significant issue. Thank you most sincerely for taking the time to respond in writing to our enquiries.

For Justin Trudeau - Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada

1. What is your reaction and response to the NORAD SECRET Status Events Report and other memoranda and documents submitted in the ZNN press release?

2. Are you prepared to raise these issues by asking the Min. of Defence and the Prime Minister the same and additional questions - as stated above to the Min. of Defence, the Hon. Ron Nicholson, by ZNN, on the floor during Question Period? If, yes, how will you proceed? If, no - why not? With respect, will you inform ZlandCommunications in advance of the timing and scheduling of such questions?

3. After due consideration of the NORAD SECRET Status Events Report 2001 - what is your personal reaction to and objective professional assessment of each of the following: a) The NORAD Secret Status report, and b) The remaining documents contained in the ZNN press release?

4. Do you wish to be briefed further on the substantial documentation that is available regarding the UFO issue, both as catalogued among the 9500 files in the Library and Archives Canada repository, as well as those documents residing in international research files emanating from, and that have been released by, France - Brazil - Peru - the UK, Denmark and other G20 countries? If, yes how shall we proceed? If, no - why not?

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ZNN would be pleased to answer and consult with you on any questions you may have on this very significant issue. Thank you most sincerely for taking the time to respond to our enquiries.

For the Hon. Charles Sousa - Minister of Finance - MPP
Mississauga South

1. Will you share the briefing document with members of your caucus, the Minister of Energy in Ontario, Mr. Mulcair and the Min. of National Defence that I provided for you at our February 9, 2009 meeting at your constituency office, during which we discussed issues related to the matter in question?

2. After due consideration of the NORAD SECRET Status Events Report 2001 - what is your personal reaction to, and objective professional assessment of, each of the following: a) The NORAD Secret Status report, and b) The remaining documents contained in the ZNN press release?

I would be pleased to again meet with you regarding this unfolding matter. Thank you most sincerely for taking the time to respond in writing to our enquiries.

Note: ZlandCommunications has a large compendium of Canadian documentation, which demonstrates the involvement of the RCMP, other Ministers of Defence as well as other agencies and government departments in the matter of unidentified flying objects. This and other information, which is beyond the scope of this brief is available to all government officials and the press upon request to ZNN.

Summary and Comment

Notwithstanding the authority, influence and expertise of most elected officials, it is commonly known that, for the most part, those elected who represent citizens in Parliament are completely uninformed about, and prejudicially kept "out of the loop", concerning the matters discussed in this briefing document. Political figures are quite often the last to find out about, comprehend and internalize what the masses have known all along.

Secondly, the UFO phenomenon has been the target of a 65 year-old campaign of ridicule and disparagement by the US Air Force, the US government and US media. Canada - according to the documents in our press release - followed suit. Suffering from this well orchestrated derision - the UFO matter has never been taken seriously - until now.

Fear of the unknown nature of the UFO - Extraterrestrial hypothesis has driven this issue underground - morphing it into a conspiracy-laden subject with no credibility- one that has become the butt of yarns and jokes among an uninformed media and its indolent public.

Thirdly, government and media have always rejected and refused to discuss real data, real witness testimony and real documents on this matter as well as the ever-increasing number of UFO sightings throughout the planet. Yet this information exists and has gradually allowed the UFO issue to claim a certain notoriety. The NORAD log and the associated Canadian documents discussed in this brief are a only small part of an upsurge in expressions of what is occurring in our skies - strengthening the crescendo of indisputable evidence.

NUFORC - The National UFO Reporting Center in Washington State has catalogued over 5700 UFO sightings in 2013 alone. It is estimated by PSI that some 150 million people have seen a UFO since 1947. The Canadian UFO Report says Canadians reported just under 2000 UFO sightings in 2012. CNN reports that 80% of the American public believes the US government is hiding information on UFOs and their possible extraterrestrial origin. This data is a fraction of international records. Space constraints do not permit the vast military data to be included. As indicated above these documents are available upon request.

Finally - information on the UFO matter is a highly restricted commodity. Granted, some files have indeed been released by governments however - they are merely 'dumped' into the public domain with no clarification or comment by the government bureaucrats who issue them. Military and intelligence agencies see to that quite carefully. From 2008 to 2011 the UK released over 12,000 UFO files - none of which produced a scintilla of political effusion. An Internet buzz occurred for a while however there was no political reaction from the UK government.

To achieve an understanding of this aberration - you are invited to review the well recognized Edward Taus CIA document, entitled 'Flying Saucers' - item 3 - outlining how the CIA planned to manage any and all details of the UFO matter by keeping government interest and concern about UFOs out of the press and away from public scrutiny.

However - the current public expos=E9 and disclosure of these kinds of documents along with those included in this brief and the many thousands of others, runs counter to government obfuscation - documented evidence indicates UFOs do exist and they are of real concern - proving unrelentingly and absolutely that the UFO issue has indeed been discussed, analyze, politicized and sequestered at the highest levels of governance on the planet.

The many international encounters of UFOs cited by pilots, police, military personnel and citizens and the wide variety of documents and witness testimony involving unidentified flying objects - are moreover, ignored and relegated to the realm of myth, falsehoods, hoaxes and nonsense. Nothing could be farther from the truth, as demonstrated by the finest example possible - the country of France.

France ranks high among countries throughout the globe that seek more government transparency on the matter of unidentified flying objects. France has distinguished itself by publishing the remarkable COMETA REPORT (UFOs and Defense: What should we prepare for?)

Officials from the French Air Force, astronomers and ranking military and police officials made up the investigative committee. To date the COMETA REPORT is the most thorough international investigation into the UFO matter.

The over-all impact of this report and its findings have led the way for a more open dialogue on the matter of unidentified flying objects. For your consideration a brief overview of this report is available at:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DBCH4OX1PN14> The text of the report is available on line at:
<https://archive.org/details/TheCometaReport>

The COMETA report because of its scientific base has established a new standard of credibility and a renewed era of openness and transparency on the matter of unidentified flying objects. It would be essential in any investigation by Canada.

The time has long since passed for the media to speak out and examine this matter publicly. It is also time that the Canadian government and other governments come forward to provide the public with an authentic public examination of this issue.

It is of no surprise whatsoever that to some, if not all elected officials, the military and intelligence communities in Canada as well as in other G-20 countries are not responsive to, nor do they have any motivation to address, disclose or clarify this highly contentious political issue. This situation has unfolded because of wide spread obfuscation and the use of a tactic known as plausible deniability concerning the UFO matter among high ranking intelligence and government officials for over 65 years.

Little doubt exists as to why, you as an elected official or as a member of the press who may read this brief, may consider the UFO matter preposterous. Essentially the matter has been manipulated and disfigured beyond recognition by decades of ridicule. This brief is an attempt to reconcile this disfigurement and put our government and the fifth estate on the road to acknowledgement and action.

It is not necessarily the fault of elected officials that they possess little or no knowledge of what has been occurring in our skies. Most simply have not been attentive to the decades long investigations into the substantive documentation available by former military personnel, former government employees and independent researchers - most of whom during their careers may have been part of the machinery to keep this information from the public and elected officials.

While politicians and the media were consumed by planning how to manage WW II, the Cold War, the Korean and Vietnam Wars, the race to the Moon, the JFK assassination, the fall of Communism, the Berlin Wall, 9/11, Iraq and Iran and a myriad of financial and political crises between and among these events, a well orchestrated machinery that engineered and precluded any mention or possibility of the UFO issue emerging as the third rail of US or Canadian politics.

In the midst of global disasters, financial collapses and wars, craft of unknown origin have proliferated - seen by citizens and military pilots, tracked on radar and identified as unknowns - coming and going in our airspace with impunity for decades. NORAD has witnessed it, the Belgian government has witnessed it, US Air Force pilots have witnessed it. The major flaw in any statement by government officials that UFOs do not exist or they are not a threat to national security is that the matter has never been investigated. This is revealed in a statement by the highest-ranking intelligence official in the US - a Navy Admiral who was mindful and completely aware the UFO issue. No better example exists that indicates those who were behind the scenes. These high level politicians and military officials in the 1950s and 60s were keenly aware of the UFO problem. They in no way considered it as preposterous, but that it was a matter of grave trepidation and uncertainty - essentially because few understood what was actually occurring. Eventually, after years of internal examination, a few brave individuals began to speak out.

After several years of avoiding the UFO issue, the highest-ranking intelligence officer on the planet - the first director of the CIA, Navy Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter - broke his silence. He stated in the New York Times - Feb 27 1960:

"It is time for the truth to be brought out... Behind the scenes, high-ranking Air Force officers are soberly concerned about the UFOs. But through official secrecy and ridicule, many citizens are led to believe the unknown flying objects are nonsense... I urge immediate Congressional action to reduce the dangers from secrecy about Unidentified Flying Objects..."

Decades later John Podesta Chief of Staff under President Bill Clinton stated: "I think it's time to open the books on questions that have remained in the dark on the question of government investigations of UFOs. It's time to find out what the truth really is that's out there. We ought to do it because it's right, we ought to do it because the American people, quite frankly, can handle the truth and we ought to do it because it's the law."

=46rom a political, legal and journalistic perspective - little more needs to be said.

It is our hope that Canada - both its media and government can and will assume a responsive leadership role in North America with respect to the questions raised in this brief question - questions of substantial and unremitting global concern.

To Elected Representatives: We trust that this matter will be addressed and that you will respond responsibly to our questions in a serious and timely manner. We hope your authentic consideration of this matter will prompt the next stage in the process to determine what authentic steps may be forthcoming to bring about clarity and transparency to this matter - a matter that has historically been relegated to ridicule, secrecy and silence by both elected government officials and those in the military and intelligence communities. This must change.

To Members of the Press: It is time to take over the job that UFO researchers have been doing for you for over 65 years. Researchers have amassed enormous tomes of documentation that - in a court of law would produce a conviction - scilicet. This

documentation is readily available. The next step is yours.

We look forward to your timely response.

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National UFO Alert: Four States Report 139 November Cases
Roger Marsh

The National UFO ALERT Rating System has been updated for December 2013, with California, Texas, Pennsylvania and Florida moving to a UFO Alert 3 as the highest reporting states during the month of November 2013, filed with the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON).

California was the leading high-reporting state in November with 56 cases, down from 77 October cases, 70 September cases, 97 August cases, 91 July cases, 72 June cases, 67 May cases, 47 April cases, 59 March cases, 53 February cases and 63 January cases.

Those states in a UFO Alert 4 category with 13 or more reports include: New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Missouri, Michigan, Tennessee, Arizona, and New Jersey.

All other states move to a UFO Alert 5 category with lower numbers of UFO activity. The Watch States - with 10 or more cases - are Georgia, Washington and Wisconsin.

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[Via Grant Cameron on Facebook]

A message from Joanne Summerscales

Hello All,

I am writing to let you know, in case this news has not reached you, that the impeccable, inimitable Lloyd Pye left this plane on the same day as Nelson Mandela's funeral. He died at 6.15pm CT yesterday, with his family, in his mother's arms.

What an incredible legacy this gentleman has left for us, and I feel privileged to have known him, interviewed him, and to have spent some time with him more recently in the UK in September.

It seems that another amazing researcher and human being has had to leave, in my mind far too early, maybe he has very important work in other dimensions to do, or maybe he had just done what he had to.

Either way, I feel his leaving keenly, and hope that those in whose hands he left the stewardship of further development of the Starchild Project material, can keep it going... I am sure that is the smoking gun of evidence, if ever there was one.

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John Podesta -- Back With Barack

Toronto [ZNN] ZlandCommunications has learned that Barack Obama is bringing back former Clinton White House Chief of Staff -- solicitor and CEO -- John Podesta as an advisor. Podesta also served as Co-Chair of the White House Transition Team following Obama's election as President.

However there appear to be several areas of significant differences of opinion on major issues between Obama and Podesta. Among the areas of disagreement, as listed in an article posted by Time's Zeke J. Miller, are major issues such as:

Drone Secrecy, NSA Spying and yes -- you guessed it UFOs.

Even the most casual observer of the wild world of Washington politics would wonder why Obama would bring Podesta's brand of disenchantment on major tactical issues back into the White House squadron of minds. On the surface, this seems like Barack is leaning into a right hook.

Is Podesta sticking to his guns when he made public statements in 2002 at The National Press Club in Washington DC against the White House by stating: "It is time for the government to declassify records that are more than 25-years-old and to provide scientists with data that will assist in determining the real nature of this phenomenon." Watch video for the complete Podesta statement.

Podesta also wrote the foreword to UFOs -- Generals, Pilots, and Government Officials Go on the Record a book by Leslie Kean that rose to number 29 on the NY Times Bestseller list.

[More & links at site... Thanks to Victor Viggiani for the lead]

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The List Fades To Black

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2013 05:54:24 -0500
Archived: Mon, 23 Dec 2013 05:54:24 -0500
Subject: The List Fades To Black

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The Archive's addresses - depending on how you access it - should not change. Nor should the search facility. "Should", because until we actually move the Archive we won't know.

I'm grateful to all those who contributed 90,00+ posts to UFO UpDates over these many years, increasing the awareness and knowledge of the phenomena and my 'ufological' education.

My thanks to Glenn Campbell for his advice and support over the years and for taking over the Archive for the benefit of succeeding generations of the 'seriously interested'.

I've been retired for the past six years tho' there are still things on my bucket list to be completed, such as the digitising and uploading of several hundred hours of my Strange Days... Indeed radio program to virtuallystrange.net ...

Trusting that all will be revealed, eventually,

Errol Bruce-Knapp
Late-Moderator of UFO UpDates - Toronto

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: **Kathleen Marden** <Kmarden.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2013 06:13:08 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 05:35:10 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Very best wishes to you for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. You have made an important contribution to ufology over the years and we thank you for this.

Kathleen Marden

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Adam Lowe <subjectla27583.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2013 07:12:41 -0500
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 05:37:06 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Sad news, Errol,

Thank you for absolutely everything you've done. Though, mostly a silent reader, I was an avid reader and appreciate the time and effort you put into UpDates.

I've been greatly educated and, at times, somewhat bewildered by submissions but it has always been a pleasure to see the UpDates emails in my inbox.

Merry Christmas and enjoy the rest of your retirement.

Adam

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: **Stanton T. Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2013 08:41:21 -0400
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 05:38:51 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Errol:

Sorry to hear of the demise but wanted to thank you for all the hard work and effort you put in to it. May you have more time to enjoy life.

Happy Holidays

Stan Friedman

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2013 14:09:34 +0000
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 05:40:27 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

>Not, perhaps, the merriest Christmas news for some subscribers
>and readers to/of UFO UpDates, but the time has come...

<snip>

Errol Bruce-Knapp has ever been at the sensible taproot of everything I have been in a ufological sense, is a paragon of sense and sensibility about that which usually makes no sense, and has had the good sense to provide sense when sense was sans sense, so seemingly senseless ...or complete nonsense.

He entertained my hubris, helped me lose it, and was a model of literary consistency about a subject that has had little consistency lo these many years. I'm a better man for Errol Bruce-Knapp, who is part of the history we share, and I'm sure the aural and literary story he helped compose will outlast similar initiatives which lacked his organization, prioritization, management, and attention to detail. He was organized, objective, constructive, comprehensive, flexible, acceptable. specific, and thoughtful. These are attributes of teachers, leaders, and those who hold guiding lights.

I'd say that he will be missed, but that he is still here and continuing to contribute to the history. Still, thank you Errol, sincerely, for your UFO UpDates List.

Alfred Lehmborg
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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2013 09:26:50 -0500
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 05:42:22 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

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>take-back the Archive, by this coming New Year's Day, via his
>hosting company. Glenn wrote the script that made the Archive
>work and originally hosted it. The [post.nul](#) will
>also be retired at the end of the year.

And so UFO UpDates, and Strange Days... Indeed, pass into the
'classics' category!

Many thanks to Errol for the excellent resources and all the
work done to make them available!

Eleanor White

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2013 09:38:45 -0500
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 05:44:12 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Errol,

This is sad news, but I understand that the demand and times have changed with technology. Your efforts have been appreciated through the years, and I wish you well in your future endeavors.

Glenn,

It's been many years since the Desert Rat was a fixture in the genre. I'm glad to see familiar names come to the surface. Good luck to you in this endeavor.

Thanks,

Steve

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Michael J. Briggs <mbriggs.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2013 14:42:21 +0000
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 05:49:14 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Thanks for all the thought, care, and effort you put into this over the years, Errol. You should be very proud of that and we should be grateful for it. I am.

Best wishes for the holidays,

Michael

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Edward Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2013 08:32:27 -0800
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 05:51:21 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Good Morning EBK,

Yes, a sad day. I'll certainly miss the List and all the various posters and the varied subject matter. There isn't anything like UpDates on the web.

As the posts began to ebb these last months, I knew this might happen.

Thanks for all your effort. The truth has been revealed, but it will take some time to sort it all out.

If you're ever in the Quincy/Reno area, give me a call. I'd love to show you my garden.

Ed

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2013 17:36:38 +0000
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 05:53:19 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Sadly, all things come to an end. As the UFO UpDates list fades to black, I am excited that Errol's involvement in ufological research and education will continue through the archived UFO UpDates and his digitized 'Strange Days... Indeed' radio shows so that mankind's awareness and knowledge of the UFO phenomena does not fade away too in our increasingly hectic world with its many new distractions and explosion of information competing for our attention where it is too easy to overlook really important things such as UFOs which give us a better appreciation of who we are and to learn about our special and unique place in the Cosmos...

Nick Balaskas

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2013 13:08:41 -0500
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 05:55:22 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Errol,

From a purely selfish point of view,I will just say that, since the inception of the List in the 1990s, my _first_ ever move has been to check on the UpDates.

In a way, it was part of my life.

Let's hope we finally discover the big secret - keeping in mind one has to be careful what to wish for.

Well, thanks to _you_, Errol.

You take good care of yourself.

One can never evaluate the impact he/she has had on people.

Thanks for the journey.

Vincent Boudreau

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2013 18:16:47 -0000
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 05:58:08 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Sad news Errol but you gotta get a life!

Thanks _so_much_ for all your very hard work over the years.

History will one day realise how important your mission has been.

Thanks again and compliments of the season to you

Dave Haith

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2013 13:28:11 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 05:59:45 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

I'm so sad to hear the news. However, I understand your need to retire and move on.

Wishing many blessings to all,

-Jason Gammon

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2013 15:18:58 -0400
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 06:04:32 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Hello Errol,

This is a shock though not unexpected. It will be strange not to see the posts popping up in my daily emails.

I've been on your list almost from the beginning and will miss the List's functionality, its contact and investigative power; not to mention the many friends I have on UFO UpDates...

This List perhaps more than any other over the last 18 years or so has been responsible for most of the light shone on the phenomenon. We did some great work on cases over the years while exposing the phenomenon to countless thousands of investigators and the curious.

I'm very sad to see UFO UpDate's demise.

Let's not lose contact old friend.

Fondest regards,

Don Ledger
author, writer, journalist
www.donledger.com

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Peter Booth <peterbth2002.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2013 11:44:07 -0800 (PST)
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 06:06:20 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Many thanks Errol for all your dedicated work over the years in producing the List. I looked forward to the almost daily posts, many of which provided further education to this old time armchair English ufologist.

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Jon Kandinsky <kandinskys.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2013 22:19:24 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 06:09:39 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Dear Mr Bruce-Knapp and List,

Although I've held an interest in UFO phenomena for many years, I only became 'seriously interested' in 2007. It wasn't long thereafter when I discovered the excellent SDI archives and ploughed through them all. Naturally, they led on to reading the UFO UpDates List in, pretty much, its entirety. It's an outstanding resource that represents, in my opinion, the equivalent of a degree course in ufological matters; good and bad.

As such, speaking as one of the crowd, I'm not saddened by this uncertain future. On the contrary, it's been good to enjoy all the shows and contributions of the Listers over the years. EBK's influence on the historical record of ufology is immeasurable and a lot of people will be smiling at the idea of past shows becoming available; the battles, spats and discussions have earned their place in posterity.

I've only been a subscriber for a handful of years and never felt like I had anything to contribute - particularly so as the regulars tended to cover all the bases anyway. Nevertheless, it'd be regrettable to miss this opportunity to simply say thanks.

It's worth noting that someone or other has been affirming the 'death of ufology' for decades and they've consistently been premature, agenda-driven or plain wrong. However, in the past couple of years, it does appear that ufology is at its lowest ebb. Whether that's an accurate assessment, or not, hardly matters as long as the history and resources remain available and accessible for those who have yet to discover an interest in the field. A new chapter in the UFO Updates List seems to me a symptom of this low ebb.

As it's Christmas, it's too tempting to ignore a reference to 'It's a Wonderful Life'. Would ufology have enjoyed a similar platform and chance to network with diverse people without EBK's efforts? Who knows?

Let's raise a glass to new beginnings...

Best regards,

K

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Rich Heiden <rwheidenu.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2013 17:23:54 -0800 (PST)
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 06:11:39 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Errol,

I'm so sorry to see the List go, but you've earned a well-deserved rest from it.

Thank you for having performed this valuable service for all these years, and for allowing me to be a part of it.

Rich Heiden

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 13:42:00 +0700 (GMT+07:00)
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 06:14:11 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Hi Errol,

Your List work has been a good run. Errol, thank you for all the hard work and dedication putting the information together, weeding out the chaff, and allowing almost free rein on topics.

I can't recall when I joined. Probably around 2000 or so. I have been wondering why so few messages posted to the list and now I know a little more about why.

Any guidance on a similar List or two would be most welcome.

My Project Blue Book review will continue. I am into early 1960 and thinking about going back to the early years and rehashing some of those reports.

Best wishes,

Terry W. Colvin
[Currently visiting Bangkok... my son and his family are arriving on Christmas Day.]

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Thanks

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 11:22:47 -0000
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 07:10:27 -0500
Subject: Thanks

Errol,

Thanks for your hands-on commitment to managing this difficult List over so many years. I deeply appreciate it.

Kind regards for the future,

Martin Shough

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Diana Cammack <dianacammack45.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 13:24:21 +0200 Message-ID:
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 07:12:40 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

For those of us living and working on the fringe of the globe,
we will miss having a reliable and intelligent UFO news source.
Thanks for providing a great service all these years!!

Go well...

Diana (travelling in Europe in South Africa...)
Cammack.nul

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: **Bill Chalker** <billozfiles.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 22:36:28 +1100
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 07:14:10 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Thank you Errol for keeping this great chronicle of UFO commentary going for so long. Best wishes for your further pursuits and interests.

Best regards,

Bill Chalker
<http://theozfiles.blogspot.com.au>

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: **Thiago Luiz Ticchetti** <tlticchetti.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 03:43:27 -0800 (PST)
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 07:18:08 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

"This is the end, the end, my friend" --The Doors.

This is really sad, Errol, but you made a great, great job!

I'll miss the List. Ufology loses a lot.

ThiagoEnviado do Yahoo
Mail para iPad

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 12:12:17 -0000
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 07:19:15 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Thanks Errol - think you did a lot of good work.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Denis Roger Denocla <denocla.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 13:19:12 +0100
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 12:44:44 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Thank you for your contribution of sharing information.

That is not the end, but the beginning for another step...

Cheers,

Denis Roger DENOCLA

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Re: The List Fades To black

From: Cory Cameron <corycameron_510.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 08:04:20 -0500
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 12:49:16 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To black

Errol,

All the best to you during this holiday season.

As a teenager of 16 years of age over 18 years ago, I first joined MUFON Ontario and became a subscriber to UFO UpDates; receiving updates on UFO cases that most of my peers were only reading about years later in UFO books. Coincidentally, I also would read about these very same cases, months, if not years later in UFO books as well.

I want to take this time now to thank you for all of the information you provided to me over the years through UpDates. It was nothing short of an education; reading all of the contributions of the List members was enlightening to say the least and gave me a unique perspective into the UFO phenomena that not many outside of investigators, authors or experiencers are privy to.

All the best and thanks to you,

Cory

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Bruno Mancusi <swissufo.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 15:07:04 +0100
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 12:50:33 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Dear Errol,

Sad to learn this. Thank you so much for your efforts!

Merry Christmas and all the best for 2014.

Bruno

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 15:52:53 +0100
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 12:52:02 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Thank you, Errol, for all that work you did during so many years. I joined the List in 1998, I always read it with attention, and I am glad to have participated in the debates a number of times. I hope someone else may continue that good work in the future.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Michael Woods <mike.woods.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 10:38:58 -0500
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 12:53:58 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Dear Errol,

The field of Ufology has benefitted by your years of work... going all the way back to dawn of the Internet as a BBS. UFO UpDates has been a consistent and immediate way of passing info among we saucer-heads. It will be missed. When UFO UpDates fades to black, it won't be a Strange Day... it will be a Sad Day, Indeed.

Thank you, Errol, for all your time and hard work.

Mike Woods

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Re: Thanks

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 09:50:24 -0600
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 12:56:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Thanks

Hi, Errol,

I can't add much to what the rest have said, except to put my name on the list of those who express their appreciation for what you accomplished and gave to us who read UpDates.

It always seemed something like a miracle that you could do this - namely, produce such quality product - virtually day after day, week after week, month after month... well, I guess it couldn't go on forever. And there is always a time, I suppose, for exiting gracefully from the stage.

Maybe, too, over UpDates' years everything, reasonable and unreasonable, that can be said about UFOs at this time got aired, and in many cases more than once. Even so, like so many others I relished the fun and enlightenment UpDates routinely provided all of us.

Thank you for everything, and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. You certainly deserve them.

All best wishes,

Jerry Clark

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Thank You EBK

From: **Carrie Conte** <carrieconte.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 11:51:01 -0500
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 12:57:58 -0500
Subject: Thank You EBK

Thank you for all your time and help.

Carrie

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Wayne Langman <sgtwal.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 12:31:14 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 13:01:28 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Many thanks.

From all those lurkers who never mastered how to format a post.
One last try.

W. Langman

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Donnie Shevlin <dshevlin.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 11:58:33 -0600
Archived: Fri, 27 Dec 2013 05:53:44 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Errol,

Yes yes.. Thank you repeatably for all your efforts. The information kept coming at a very steady pace.

A couple of hiccups here or there but corrected quickly.

I joined this List back in 92' and have enjoyed the List immensely over the years. The intellectual banter is all I need to keep the spark alive in me that we are all making a difference.

THANK YOU!!!..

Donnie Shevlin

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 13:10:40 -0500
Archived: Fri, 27 Dec 2013 05:54:56 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

>Trusting that all will be revealed, eventually,
Yes, and thanks for the memories, Errol.

William

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Best Wishes And Thanks

From: Timur Rozenfeld <rozenfeldt.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 13:22:13 -0500
Archived: Fri, 27 Dec 2013 05:57:07 -0500
Subject: Best Wishes And Thanks

Errol,

Thank you for your UFO Updates List! I've gained an education in Ufology just from reading the informative posts.

I also want to thank you for your SDI radio show, which I've thoroughly enjoyed listening to while going to and from work. I look forward to listening to all the episodes you make available online.

Best wishes for the future!

Regards,

Timur Rozenfeld

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 13:22:39 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Fri, 27 Dec 2013 06:00:08 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

>Not, perhaps, the merriest Christmas news for some subscribers
>and readers to/of UFO UpDates, but the time has come...

UpDates has been a daily part of my life for nearly twenty
years. There have been some great discussions.

Even though I haven't been as active in the last couple
of years I will miss it.

Thanks for all your hard work, EBK, and may your retirement be
joyous and productive.

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Luciano Vidotto <lvidotto.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 16:25:07 -0200
Archived: Fri, 27 Dec 2013 06:02:17 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Thanks for everything Errol, it was a great pleasure for me learn from the posts, translate and posting them in the UFO Magazine lists.

Best wishes,

Luciano Vidotto
Editorial Adviser
UFO Magazine, Brazil

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Albert Baier <albertgbaier.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 12:28:07 -0600
Archived: Fri, 27 Dec 2013 06:04:50 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Errol,

Thanks for all your work in keeping this List alive for so long.
I've enjoyed it since the Glenn Campbell days.

Best wishes to you and yours for the holidays, and for your
future endeavors.

I took a moment to review the list of authors replying, and I am
still impressed. Some quite well known in their fields; some
not,

but I have enjoyed discussions with all of them. I thank each of
them for their contributions.

Times like this make me ask: Can you have too much of a good thing?

Sincerely Yours,

Albert

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Thanks EBK And The Future

From: Isaac Koi <isaackoi.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 18:54:07 +0000
Archived: Fri, 27 Dec 2013 06:07:27 -0500
Subject: Thanks EBK And The Future

As I've already let Errol know via Facebook, I would like to thank him for his efforts running the List up to now (and wish him, and other members of this List, a very Merry Christmas).

It seems to me that there is still a heck of a lot of discussion of UFO sightings etc on the Internet - it just seems to be very fragmented, spread over numerous different forums, email Lists (some public, some private), blog comment sections, numerous Facebook pages etc etc.

Online UFO discussion forums and Facebook groups, in particular, seem to have exploded increased in popularity in almost a direct negative correlation with the decreasing number of posts to this List. However, different modes of communication seem to incentivise different depths of analysis. Facebook's presentation of posts (e.g. cutting off the number of lines displayed without clicking on another button to reveal more) incentivises posts which are generally kept within that limit of about 3 lines.

I think it is very, very likely that the closing of UpDates (while perfectly understandable, due to the effort involved) means that we can see even less detailed discussion of issues/sightings.

We can also expect even more time to be wasted reinventing the wheel within ufology, with researchers not becoming aware of research/investigations already done by others... This List has served as the closest thing I've seen to a centralised discussion point for leading ufo researchers (including, unusually, a significant number of prominent skeptics) during more than the last decade.

As if the state of ufological research were not bad enough already...

Perhaps there could be a hand-over to a lower-maintenance successor email list (e.g. a Yahoo Groups group)???

Anyway, Merry Christmas to EBK and fellow (shortly to be ex) List Members,

Isaac

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: **Thiago Luiz Ticchetti** <tlticchetti.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 11:06:49 -0800 (PST)
Archived: Fri, 27 Dec 2013 06:11:56 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Dear friends,

As the List fades, I would like to keep in touch with you. In January we will begin a new UFO Organization in Bras=EDlia. One of our 'products' will be a international eletronic bulletin that will bring to you news from ufology in Brazil.

So, if you are interested, please email me:

tlticchetti.nul

The bulletin will be in english, monthly and free.

Regards

Thiago

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: **Judy Simons** <jsimons.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 14:45:23 -0500
Archived: Fri, 27 Dec 2013 06:14:05 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

EBK:

I have been with UpDates since transcribing for the Abduction Project at MIT. We have had an interesting and informative ongoing conversation.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes to everyone,

Judy Simons

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Ron Jorgenson <rjorgens.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 12:06:38 -0800
Archived: Fri, 27 Dec 2013 06:16:48 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Errol,

What an understatement!! This makes me really sad, "it's the end of an era"...

Errol, this List was the place for me to go to see what was going on before it became sensationalized or turned for someone's profit.

This was the place that I could go that wasn't 98% BS like the rest of the web.

You've done a fantastic job. Thanks for keeping me on and letting me mostly lurk. Except when I got mad at a certain someone's grandiose proclamations..

Is there a place we can trust anywhere now? Anyone have any suggestions?

Everyone have a good and safe holiday,

Ron Jorgenson

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Re: Thanks

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Dec 2013 00:07:14 -0000
Archived: Fri, 27 Dec 2013 06:18:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Thanks

From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
To: Errol Bruce-Knapp <post.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 11:22:47 -0000
Subject: Thanks

>Errol,

>Thanks for your hands-on commitment to managing this difficult
>List over so many years. I deeply appreciate it.

>Kind regards for the future,

My sentiments exactly.

Errol, long may you enjoy not having to plough this quotidian
furrow...

Gerald O'Connell
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ngG37GIiIyI>

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Thank You EBK

From: **Regan Lee - The OrangeOrb** <rlee.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 16:49:53 -0800 (PST)
Archived: Fri, 27 Dec 2013 06:21:05 -0500
Subject: Thank You EBK

Thank you Errol Bruce-Knapp for this List, for all you've done!

Regan Lee

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Dec 2013 01:49:49 -0000
Archived: Fri, 27 Dec 2013 06:25:57 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Dear Errol,

I am so sad to hear this news, recently my contributions were less than I wished but I have read all of the mails I have been getting through from you!

I first came across your excellent service in the early 90s when I became the editor of my UFO group's in house magazine Down To Earth, I needed a great source of information from the world of UFO research and that is what I found via UFO UpDates!

Over the years I have had many spats with those pesky sceptics, and also some very enlightened discussions on the very wide UFO subject, and it has been an amazing journey!

It was fascinating to see certain posts keep going on for what seemed years, the Great Roswell autopsy debate, the big spats over the Sheffield UFO Crash, the endless debates on Alien Abductions and so on, it was all on here for the reading and partaking, and I did as much as possibly feasible!

Also UFO UpDates was well known for breaking UFO news!

Errol, I am sure I speak for many on here, keep as well as can be, keep the mind busy and sharp and keep in touch with those of us who may be connected with you via facebook or other social sites, it has been a real pleasure to be allowed to partake in your brilliant UFO UpDates List for these amounts of years. Respectfully & Sincerely yours,

Roy

Editor of Down To Earth Magazine
<http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk/UFOIndex.shtml>

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: **Greg Sandow** <greg.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2013 23:34:10 -0700
Archived: Fri, 27 Dec 2013 06:30:58 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Errol, and everyone,

It's been some years since I took part in these discussions, but still I read the List, and remained grateful to you, Errol, for keeping it going. No surprise that you're stopping. Add changes in your own life to an evident slowdown in posts, and of course you're making the right choice.

I was going to write about what the List meant to me, how it got me writing for UFO publications, and how some people on it became my off-List friends. But I shouldn't be talking about me. This is Errol's moment. He deserves, so richly, all the praise he's been getting. And in my view not just for maintaining his two important forums for news and discussions, this List and his show. But also for the unfailing grace and courtesy - joined, of course, will iron determination - with which he ran the List, keeping things both orderly and civilized. Not the most common skill, and Errol, you have it in abundance.

So thanks for all of it, Errol. And a big toast to you, with whatever you love to drink, wishing you all the happiness anyone could want for your future. I hope our paths continue to cross.

Greg Sandow
blog: www.artsjournal.com/sandow
website: www.gregsandow.com
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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: John Hayes <webmaster.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Dec 2013 10:50:41 +0000
Archived: Fri, 27 Dec 2013 06:34:05 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Hi Errol,

A long time since I last posted but I have continued to read List messages and this is a sad time though I can understand your reasons for calling it a day.

I would like to thank you for all your dedication and hard work with the List especially at its peak - the moderation and possibly the most overlooked of all, the manual reformatting of so many messages to fit the line-length guidelines and removal of various unwanted e-mail programme 'features'.

My thanks also for the assistance off-List. In particular help and advice with the Roundup mailing List handling when I had problems.

Continue to enjoy your retirement and have a good 2014.

John Hayes

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A Warm Thank You From Brazil

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <a.j.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Dec 2013 09:30:52 -0200
Archived: Fri, 27 Dec 2013 06:37:09 -0500
Subject: A Warm Thank You From Brazil

Dear Errol,

Sad news, indeed.

I would like to take this opportunity, in my name and in the name of those in Brazil who benefited from the List for all these years, such as I did, to thank you warmly for your efforts to keep UFO UpDates working as a great forum for information exchange.

I have been on the List for at least some 15 years and you, Errol, have given me plenty space here to take to our international Listers in so many countries what the best the Brazilian Ufology has produced in all this period. I am very grateful to you.

Thank you and have great holidays!

A. J.

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Chris Burns <thurstonoreggae.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Dec 2013 10:18:23 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Fri, 27 Dec 2013 06:39:32 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Thank you Errol for everything. Out of my immense email volume there was little that I looked forward to receiving more than the UFO Updates posts. I quickly learned that if I was researching a classic case, my studies were incomplete unless I checked the Updates archive first.

Will keep an eye on your Twitter feed and Facebook page.

Thanks again!

Chris Burns

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Dec 2013 16:55:01 -0800
Archived: Fri, 27 Dec 2013 06:47:06 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Errol,

When Updates went down temporarily in 2006 with hosting issues,
I wrote in part:

"Along with Strange Days... Indeed (SDI), UFO UpDates has for
years been what I call the Virtual Pub of Ufology; one can stop-in
and not be surprised to bump into the leaders in the field from
literally all over the world... debating the issues.

The information contained in the pages of the Archive for
is a bounty of Ufological information, and is a
powerful tool in the ongoing research of the UFO Phenomenon; it's
a must read for abecedarians looking into the subject, and an
encyclopedia, if you will, for the veteran researcher.

For the many, now going into UpDates withdrawal the sooner the
site is restored -the better!"

Alas, the withdrawal... the void is now permanent. However, I'm
grateful that the Archive will always live on -- in the ether.

I know I am in good and great company in saying thank you for
your major contributions and efforts in this thing we call
Ufology.

Here's wishing you, Good Health & Happiness and a Prosperous New
Year!

Warmest Regards,

Frank Warren
The UFO Chronicles

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Christopher O'Brien <cob.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2013 04:09:43 -0700
Archived: Fri, 27 Dec 2013 06:49:30 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

From a longtime lurker:

Thanks for all the years of work providing an on-line place for informed reparte and informed education.

Success in all your future endeavors and a Happy New Year!

Warmest of best regards,

Christopher O'Brien

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Boris Shurinov <shurinov.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2013 11:11:04 +0000
Archived: Fri, 27 Dec 2013 06:51:24 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Dear Errol,

You are wonderfull man

Boris Shurinov

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: **Steve Bassett - Paradigm Research Group** <prglists.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2013 13:03:23 -0800
Archived: Sun, 29 Dec 2013 09:53:18 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Errol,

All things come to an end. That includes the truth embargo. I do believe your work behind this List made a difference that materially affected the Disclosure process. It certainly helped my work.

I have thousands of UpDates archived on my hard drives where content can be word searched easily.

The UpDates list was and will remain a huge resource with historical value.

Having read every post, I can only imagine how much knowledge of the subject you carry around in your head.

I hope you will continue to contribute to the truth process going forward.

Best

Steve Bassett

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: **Alejandro R** <alejandro.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2013 16:56:39 +0000
Archived: Sun, 29 Dec 2013 09:55:58 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

Thank you for your hard work for lo these many years. You have kept us not only updated, but connected in a way that will never be recreated. I am happy to have been a part of it.

Alejandro Rojas
www.OpenMinds.tv

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Re: Thanks EBK And The Future

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2013 17:20:16 -0000
Archived: Sun, 29 Dec 2013 10:00:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Thanks EBK And The Future

>From: Isaac Koi <isaackoi.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2013 12:33:31 +0000
>Subject: Re: Thanks EBK And The Future

>I suggested in my post the other day the possibility of a
>hand-over to someone running a lower maintenance List on, say,
>Yahoo Groups.

>Since then I've spent a bit of time looking into a few options
>and it seems that Google Groups would probably be a better
>service for someone to manage and create options closest to the
>previous way of doing things.

>I've taken the liberty of reserving a couple of relevant names
>"UfoUpdates" and "UfoUpdatesList" which I'd be delighted to
>transfer over to you or someone you nominate to attempt to
>continue the List as a lower maintenance service. If not, that's
>fine.

Hello All

Like most of you I feel the loss of the List deeply and would
welcome a low-maintenance "new" list maybe on Google.

If the old list Archive could be maintained - it's invaluable
both as a record and an active reference tool - and linked to
the New List then all could be more or less as it was.

BTW - that low-maintenance bit could be achieved by electing
three (or more?) moderators who wouldn't have to do much, since
silly or stupid posts can be left on as a lesson to the sender
(I'm sure subsequent posters would let him/her know), while only
the most obscene trolling (race-hate, sex-hate etc.) and those
occasional SPAMS would need actual deletion.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Jay Nelson <jnelson.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Dec 2013 17:41:00 -0700
Archived: Sun, 29 Dec 2013 10:05:51 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

As a long-time lurker who's been following the List from when my beard was short and red to now when it's long and grey, I know others who've been reading it even longer. We're all saddened by the news.

So to you for your long, selfless effort, a clear example of the best of our poor befuddled species, my sincere thanks, Errol.

Best wishes to you and all the List-members in the future. I just hope we learn the truth here on Earth and soon.

Keep looking up,

Jay Nelson

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: Wendy Christensen <wendy.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2013 12:18:59 -0500
Archived: Sun, 29 Dec 2013 12:40:21 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

I think the greatly reduced UFO UpDates List traffic in recent times is indicative not of other outlets on the internet, but of a major existential crisis in ufology.

It has to do with cell phones.

Just in the last few years, the earth has been blanketed in ubiquitous camera coverage. Billions of people now carry high quality cameras everywhere they go. These devices are virtually extensions of our hands, always at the ready to instantly record whatever happens, anywhere. (Check out the many "flash mob" videos on youtube to see how immediately and completely these events are recorded, from multiple viewpoints and by numerous observers.)

And yet - ufologists are still picking away at the bones of Trent and (always!) Roswell.

There should be, by now, thousands of clear, high-quality UFO images, with more appearing by the minute, to bicker about. So, where are all those pictures?

I believe that this phenomena - the lack of expected imagery -- has caused many observers to take a giant step back and say, "Something is not right here."

Could there, after all, be "no there, there?"

In any case, I will miss this list. Despite the curious lack of new imagery, there are still many mysteries that need solving.

And finally, Thank you, Errol, for all your hard work and laudable patience.

Purrrrrrs... wac

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sig file Wendy Christensen, The Cat Herder"
Cultural Ailurologist, Cat Writer, Cat Artist, Cat Jeweler
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Re: Thanks EBK And The Future

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2013 14:21:37 -0500
Archived: Mon, 30 Dec 2013 06:26:47 -0500
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>>Subject: Re: Thanks EBK And The Future

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>>hand-over to someone running a lower maintenance List on, say,
>>Yahoo Groups.

>>Since then I've spent a bit of time looking into a few options
>>and it seems that Google Groups would probably be a better
>>service for someone to manage and create options closest to the
>>previous way of doing things.

>>I've taken the liberty of reserving a couple of relevant names
>>"UfoUpdates" and "UfoUpdatesList" which I'd be delighted to
>>transfer over to you or someone you nominate to attempt to
>>continue the List as a lower maintenance service. If not, that's
>>fine.

>Hello All

>Like most of you I feel the loss of the List deeply and would
>welcome a low-maintenance "new" list maybe on Google.

>If the old list Archive could be maintained - it's invaluable
>both as a record and an active reference tool - and linked to
>the New List then all could be more or less as it was.

>BTW - that low-maintenance bit could be achieved by electing
>three (or more?) moderators who wouldn't have to do much, since
>silly or stupid posts can be left on as a lesson to the sender
>(I'm sure subsequent posters would let him/her know), while only
>the most obscene trolling (race-hate, sex-hate etc.) and those
>occasional SPAMS would need actual deletion.

I would be very much in favor of a continuation of the List
using one of the newer mediums. I haven't used Google in this
way but I can learn. Is anyone willing to set it up and act as
moderator in the way Ray proposed?

William

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: **Stanton T. Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2013 20:08:18 -0400
Archived: Mon, 30 Dec 2013 06:30:01 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

>From: Wendy Christensen <wendy.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2013 12:18:59 -0500
>Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

>I think the greatly reduced UFO UpDates List traffic in recent
>times is indicative not of other outlets on the internet, but of
>a major existential crisis in ufology.

>It has to do with cell phones.

>Just in the last few years, the earth has been blanketed in
>ubiquitous camera coverage. Billions of people now carry high
>quality cameras everywhere they go. These devices are virtually
>extensions of our hands, always at the ready to instantly record
>whatever happens, anywhere. (Check out the many "flash mob"
>videos on youtube to see how immediately and completely these
>events are recorded, from multiple viewpoints and by numerous
>observers.)

>And yet - ufologists are still picking away at the bones of
>Trent and (always!) Roswell.

>There should be, by now, thousands of clear, high-quality UFO
>images, with more appearing by the minute, to bicker about. So,
>where are all those pictures?

>I believe that this phenomena - the lack of expected imagery --
>has caused many observers to take a giant step back and say,
>"Something is not right here."

>Could there, after all, be "no there, there?"

I must disagree. The great amjority of todays digital camera
pictures have much poorer resolution than the old colore slide
film provided.

Stan Friedman

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Re: The List Fades To Black

From: **Mark Rousell** <markr.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2013 04:10:44 +0000
Archived: Mon, 30 Dec 2013 06:31:57 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

>From: Wendy Christensen <wendy.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2013 12:18:59 -0500
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>has caused many observers to take a giant step back and say,
>"Something is not right here."

But surely there is lot of new imagery. You only have to look at
YouTube to see that it's there.

It seems to me that the problem remains the same as it always
was (albeit with an even more frustrating additional problem,
see below): A lot of what people record is distant, blurred, and
confusing.

I mentioned a frustrating additional problem and this is the
possibility of very high quality digital manipulation. Hoaxing
of photos and movies has always happened but there are now
widely available techniques and tools which take it to a new
level. Check out the work of TheFakingHoaxer at
<http://www.youtube.com/user/TheFakingHoaxer> to see what can be
done by someone with skill. In short, even there was a fantastic
new sighting filmed by someone, we might have a very difficult
time knowing if it was real or not.

In summary, I think modern technology and cameras everywhere
increase the chance of a sighting of 'something' being recorded
but they also increase the mess that we have to search through
and they hugely increase the chances of fakes or hoaxes being
successful.

The truth is still out there but will be know it if and when we
see it?

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Mark Rousell

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From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2013 12:38:50 +0000
Archived: Tue, 31 Dec 2013 13:29:49 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

I'd like to express firstly my respect and admiration for Errol. His task as moderator of the List was no doubt time consuming and at times frustrating, and produced little reward or recognition. IAs an administrator of a different list, I know that I couldn't have put up with the manual intervention required by the nature of UFO UpDates. Although by no means perfect, the List has performed a function over the years, and survived where many similar Lists have expired with hardly anyone noticing their passing.

I have little doubt that someone will try to provide a similar service, but in my opinion, such an attempt will be doomed to failure. Isaac's complaint about duplication of effort and the perpetuation of known and debunked UFO myths endlessly circulating in cyberspace will continue to be the status quo for ufology. Even UFO UpDates couldn't prevent that, and nor can any substitute.

Easy access to social media such as Facebook and Twitter are both an obstacle and a tool for ufology. On Facebook, I see on an almost daily basis posts circulating myths which people are all too willing to believe. We really don't need to drink 25 litres of water every day to remain healthy, and lemons don't really cure cancer. Facebook, blogs, and also personal web-sites are all conduits through which unreliable or even downright untrue UFO stories are channeled (sometimes in the sense of mental communications with aliens) into UFO culture. Those wishing to deliberately contaminate and distort UFO information know this, and deliberately avoid forums such as UpDates where they can be pretty sure they will be challenged. For that reason alone, UpDates will be sorely missed by ufology.

Best wishes to all for 2014, especially Errol.

Joe

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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2013 15:10:47 -0000
Archived: Tue, 31 Dec 2013 13:32:56 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

>From: Wendy Christensen <wendy.nul>
>To: post.nul
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>times is indicative not of other outlets on the internet, but of
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<snip>

Hi Wendy

The effect you're describing is due to two phenomena:

i) my post-war generation - although we didn't realise it - were on the crest of a socio-economic wave [for details of those waves see "The Great Wave - Price Revolutions and the Rhythm of History" by David Hackett Fischer; here's a short PDF:

<http://tinyurl.com/p6d7wlc>]

i.e. we in the west had a chance of a good basic education, plenty of job opportunities and reasonable amounts of leisure time. That resulted in a generation where most/many were financially and intellectually better placed than our parents. Enquiry and resulting discovery was the order of the day.

Now, in a trough of oppression & greed, the present younger generation gets a dumbed-down prescriptive education where curiosity is harshly discouraged, no spare time and little inclination to risk being branded as 'weird' or 'unstable' (the penalty inflicted by mass-media since the 1950's).

ii) that mass-media, including Hollywood, the Press and all mainstream TV/Radio (& BBC) have been increasingly orchestrated, under Gov't/Corporate strictures, to promote that which Gov't/Corps want you to believe and to discourage or suppress completely that which Gov't/Corps don't want you to know (small but grotesque commercial example is at:

www.ebaumsworld.com/video/watch/83754317/

'Conan Shows Us That Main Stream Media Is Scripted').

As an information analyst (my job title for a while) I know to expect two possible reactions when putting 'sensitive' questions to the PTB:

a) violent and vitriolic attacks - if the PTB just want to discourage other people;

b) absolute silence - if the PTB are really scared of any discussion and instead relying on their mass-media blanket-suppression.

Interestingly, while the mass-media are still classing sighters and sightings as 'weird'. See:

<http://www.ufocasebook.com/>

for dailies and

<http://www.mufon.com/>

for digests), they are absolutely silent (as are NASA and the Air Force) when confronted with NASA's own film evidence of extra-ordinary sightings in near-space (search for "The Secret NASA Transmissions" in Google or Youtube).

Cheers

Ray D

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From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2013 20:47:01 +0100
Archived: Tue, 31 Dec 2013 13:34:27 -0500
Subject: Re: The List Fades To Black

This is truly the saddest news in the field that I ever read but I completely understand EBK's decision. All things have a personal closure, sooner or later.

I was contributor to UFO UpDates from 1997 and have wonderful memories here. I will always remember epic discussions, news, discoveries and leads posted here. I also made here some great friendships with colleagues and researchers world wide. When ever I read on the list about passing of any researcher after years of her/his work in the field, it reminded me that we all are only short echoes in time.

Thank you EBK so much for everything that you have done for the field. Hopefully you will be able to digitalize the remaining set of historically important SDI radio shows. It is a treasure for future generations to be discovered with many unique episodes and rare appearances. It was a radio show with serious, academic style.

Thanks to all List contributors of all time and best wishes from my side of the planet.

Giuliano Marinkovic

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