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>>Date: Fri, 30 Nov 2001 00:31:38 -0400
>>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001

>>Flakes of ice in the vacuum of space I can buy into but not
>>within the atmosphere at supersonic speeds-and thirty to forty
>>feet away tumbling in front of the pressure wave-which
>>incidentally should be well aft of the X-15. That's one strong
>>piece of ice flake. NASA et al seem to be getting away with the
>>ice flake explanation for a lot of sightings and to be honest-I
>>think it's getting a bit old. Open to any reasonable suggestions.

>Don, I think you are subconsciously 'adding in' details to the
>X-15 case, which as far as I remember it, actually DID occur in
>space, not 'within the atmosphere'. Do you have any evidence
>that this flight in question and this sighting in question was
>in the atmosphere?

Oberg can't answer the question, so we instead we get another round of rubbish and evasion from him. And this from someone who is supposedly one of NASA's aerospace experts. Isn't he the one supposed to have such details on his fingertips, such as how high the X-15 flew?

Even if he doesn't remember the precise number, it is something he could have easily looked up, such as I did, in about 2 minutes time on the Internet. White's flight rose to a maximum altitude of about 60 miles, which verified my ancient memory of it. Again, Oberg mouths off without doing even minimal research, just like he did with the Cernan quote, for which he claimed he could find no citation.

Is 60 miles up considered "space?" No, and furthermore Oberg knows it. If it were "space," then NASA would be conducting its orbital space missions there -- save a helluva lot of energy, for one thing, boosting objects into orbit.

Why doesn't the space shuttle or the international space station fly only 60 miles up? Too much residual air friction, that's why. In fact, the unshielded space station would start burning up and dragged out of orbit in no time, just like meteors start burning up at 60 to 70 miles altitude.

NASA doesn't even conduct lengthy orbital missions at 100 miles. There's still too much residual air friction. Objects get dragged out of orbit in a matter of weeks.

There is no sharp dividing line between the earth's atmosphere and "space." Operationally for space flights, it depends on the length of your mission. You can't maintain orbit at 60 miles for even minutes, but if your mission is measured in days (such as some of the early manned orbital flights or spy satellites) then 100 miles or so would do. And if you wanted your mission to last

years or decades (e.g., the ISS) then you better boost your craft a lot higher than that (the ISS is over 200 miles up, where atmospheric density is comparable to that of deep space).

At sea level, standard pressure is 760 mm of mercury. For every 10 miles increase in altitude, air pressure falls by a little over one order of magnitude. At 60 miles, the pressure has dropped nearly 10 million times.

While that might count as a near vacuum in a lab on earth, that's not the way an object travelling thousands of miles per hour experiences it. There is still significant frictional drag and heating, even for a streamlined, metallic craft designed to travel at hypersonic speeds like the X-15. 60 miles is still considered to be within the earth's atmosphere and, even though very rarefied, is not "space." Some people might call it the "edge of space."

Enter Oberg's paper-thin, "ice flake" that supposedly broke off a rear nozzle, then floated forward, and tumbled outside Bob White's X-15 window. What chance does an ice flake have of surviving in such an environment (60 miles up, travelling about 4000 mph) and doing the things that Oberg claims it could do?

About as much chance as the proverbial snowball in hell!

In the real world, a thin, non-aerodynamic sheet of ice like that would have been dragged backward and disintegrated almost instantaneously.

>I don't think NASA or other real space experts are 'getting away' with the ice explanation, I think it's become this >generation's 'swamp gas', a story at which all manner of >ridicule and ignorant mockery is aimed, to discredit it as the >>true, prosaic explanation of some striking visual cases which >seem to have gotten mainstream ufologist blessing.

Instead of dealing with the science and FACTS, Oberg has to resort to ridicule. You see, it's not his explanation that's ridiculous, it's those ufologists who don't have enough sense to recognize a "true, prosaic explanation," even though its scientifically impossible under the actual conditions of the sighting (which Oberg won't even acknowledge).

Now mind you, we aren't talking about something 200 miles up (or even a 100 miles) where there is essentially no significant friction in the short term, where a sheet of ice would survive for a significant amount of time, and would indeed serve as a possible and reasonable prosaic explanation.

No, we're talking about only 60 miles up, a zone where meteors start to glow and burn up. There is significant air friction here to rapidly moving objects and is technically and operationally still within the earth's atmosphere. Hypersonic ice crystals do not survive here for more than a fraction of a second.

In Oberg's response, we find two classic staples of debunking technique:

1. Any "explanation," no matter how stupid or impossible, is preferable to none.
2. Even if a valid objection is raised to the aforementioned "explanation" never admit error. Instead evade, stonewall, ridicule, obfuscate, whatever, such as "Do you have any evidence he wasn't in space" or "Oh, what do you expect of Ufologists--they just never accept a true, prosaic explanation."

David "not even arguing this was a TRUFO -- just sick and tired of debunking BS" Rudiak

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Re: Nancy Talbot And Crop Circles - Deschamps

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>Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2001 10:22:25 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Nancy Talbot And Crop Circles

>Hi Everyone,

>Permit me make some comments of my own regarding Nancy Talbot's
>crop circle research.

>There were some details in Nancy Talbot's description of the
>beams she and Robbert v/d Broeke saw and mentioned on Errol's
>UFO radio show last weekend that do not support her
>interpretation that they were flashes of light (about a second
>in duration) coming down from the sky to the ground. Since
>Robbert (who was in the first floor) saw a 4 inch diameter beam
>of light while Nancy (who was on the second floor) saw an 8 to
>12 inch diameter beam of light, which she describes as a
>"searchlight" in her written report, it must have been just
>that. Many cars have 4 inch diameter headlights and so do some 1
>million candlepower searchlights one can readily buy at most
>hardware stores which produce such diverging beams of light. It
>is not unusual for cows to become excited with some unfamiliar
>and unexpected activity at night, such as a stranger with a
>powerful flashlight.

>Since Nancy failed to prove to me that the short duration beams
>of light came from above and not below (how could one even say
>considering how fast light travels) and failed to establish a
>connection to the bawling cows (have they been known to bawl at
>other occasions too or just when the beams of light were
>noticed?), she cannot claim to be a witness to the creation of a
>crop circle. Considering the lights were on and her room well
>lit, I am a little surprised that Nancy even noticed the beams
>of light outside, even if her bedroom window had no curtains
>(she didn't say).

<snip>

Errol and List,

I disagree wholeheartedly with Nick Balaskas' statement
regarding Nancy Talbot's eyewitness account of the formation of
a crop circle. Only someone who has never seen anything would
say such a thing. Flashlights?

Last time I checked, the beam given off by flashlights do not
have visible, solide-appearing straight-edge sides, nor are they
bright enough to light up the inside of a house or a room from
the outside. I've heard too many cases of the brilliance of such
beams of lights, cone-shaped or otherwise, emanating from UFOs
and how they "hurt" the eyes of the onlooker when looking
directly at it.

As far as the physical evidence is concerned, it is rock-solid!
(no pun intended). The right kind of scientific work is being
done. The results are conclusive. like it or not! Something
highly unusual is going on.

What we have here is a case where the observer is a person who comfortably sat on the fence with caution...fell off....and has been "forced" to re-evaluate her pre-conceptions about a phenomena.

It's about time!
(applause)

Michel M. Deschamps
Been there... Seen things... and knows they ain't from here!

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>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001

>>>From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001
>>>Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2001 09:13:51 -0600

>>>Source: Rense.com

>>><http://www.rense.com/ufo3/vivid.htm>

>>>From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
>>>Mutual UFO Network Eastern Director
>>>MUFON Skywatch Investigations
>>>Filer's Files #16
>>>4-24-99

>>>Another great example is the X-15 'sighting' by Bob White which
>>>fraudulently omits explanatory details from the cited source
>>>(Time magazine),

>>>The cited article is TIME magazine, July 27, 1962, pp. 12-13,
>>>entitled 'SPACE: Inside the Sky'. It is a portrait of Major
>>>Robert White.

><snip>

>>>In last week's flight Bob White found a new
>>>mystery for scientists to puzzle over: through the X-15's thick
>>>left quartz window, he saw a strange sight: 'There ARE things
>>>out there,' he radioed enthusiastically over his voice radio.
>>>'There absolutely is.'

>>>As White later described one 'thing': 'It looked like a piece of
>>>paper the size of my hand tumbling slowly outside the plane. It
>>>was greyish in color, and about 30 to 40 feet away. I haven't
>>>any idea what it could be.'

>>>Oberg continues: engineers postulated he was seeing ice flaking
>>>off the engine nozzle, super-cooled by the liquid oxygen
>>>propellant and broken loose by the firings of the X-15's
>>>attitude control thrusters once it was in space. This
>>>explanation came to satisfy everybody in the X-15 program,
>>>especially in hindsight when nearby tumbling ice flakes became a
>>>common sight on orbital missions.

>>Hi James,

>>Flakes of ice in the vacuum of space I can buy into but not
>>within the atmosphere at supersonic speeds-and thirty to forty
>>feet away tumbling in front of the pressure wave-which

>>incidentally should be well aft of the X-15. That's one strong
>>piece of ice flake. NASA et al seem to be getting away with the
>>ice flake explanation for a lot of sightings and to be honest-I
>>think it's getting a bit old.

>>Open to any reasonable suggestions.

>>Don Ledger

>Don,

>I have exactly the same take on this as you. Thanks for putting
>it out there for discussion. White reached an altitude of about
>60 miles traveling about 4000 mph. I don't know at what point in
>his trip he sighted the object. Let's assume it was at his
>maximum altitude of 60 miles. There's not much atmosphere up
>there, but it's also not a true vacuum. Meteorites made of rock
>and metal, not to mention satellites, start burning up at this
>altitude, but not this flat, fragile, completely non-aerodynamic
>"ice flake." Yeah right!

>Furthermore, besides this flat "ice flake" being impervious to
>vaporization by frictional heat, it was also immune to
>frictional drag. After breaking off the engine in the rear, it
>somehow migrated forward to be seen tumbling outside of White's
>side porthole.

>It's truly amazing what "ice flakes" are capable of doing in the
>imagination of a debunker. The physical properties of such "ice
>flakes" are so remarkable, I'm surprised NASA doesn't make our
>spacecraft out of them. Why use metals and ceramics when we
>could use "ice flake" skins, thus eliminating frictional drag
>and reentry problems, all with one simple, inexpensive material?

>Let's try another approach. Debunkers when attacking UFO
>sightings, love to point out that it isn't possible to reliably
>judge distance, size, and speed without a point of reference.
>(We'll ignore, for the moment, whether White could have judged
>the distance stereoscopically.) Furthermore, at 60 miles,
>atmospheric haze as a crude guide to distance would be
>eliminated. (An effect we've all seen where distant objects
>appear closer on a very clear day, such as after a rain.) This
>compounds the difficulty in judging distance out in space.

>This being said, was the object really 30 to 40 feet away and
>the size of White's hand? What if it was a mile away? Then it
>might be 50+ feet across. If 10 miles away, then 500+ feet
>across, etc.

>Now, instead of a close, small (inexplicable) curiosity no
>bigger than White's hand, we would have a distant, big
>curiosity, perhaps UFOish in nature.

>I don't know what it was either and am likewise open to
>_reasonable_ suggestions. But "ice flakes" strike me as
>physically impossible under the given circumstances.

Hi David,

I have discounted [on little else other than common sense-and
those reasons offered] the ice flake explanation.

Your point about White's estimate of size being off due to lack
of visual references is also well taken. I'd thought of that
myself.

White's strained remark about that there are "things" out there
seems to be one of those guarded remarks made by someone who has
been told ahead of time to not use certain terms over an
un-protected radio source. I'm sure that when White saw this
'thing' that his knowledge of his own environment, aerodynamics
and possibly a fair grounding in physics, would have ruled out a
prosaic explanation of the event as I would if Julia Roberts
suddenly appeared naked along side me in my shower.

Best,

Don Ledger

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>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001
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>>From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001
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>Enter Oberg's paper-thin, "ice flake" that supposedly broke off
>a rear nozzle, then floated forward, and tumbled outside Bob
>White's X-15 window. What chance does an ice flake have of
>surviving in such an environment (60 miles up, travelling about
>4000 mph) and doing the things that Oberg claims it could do?

>About as much chance as the proverbial snowball in hell!

>In the real world, a thin, non-aerodynamic sheet of ice like
>that would have been dragged backward and disintegrated almost
>instantaneously.

>>I don't think NASA or other real space experts are 'getting
>>away' with the ice explanation, I think it's become this
>>generation's 'swamp gas', a story at which all manner of
>>ridicule and ignorant mockery is aimed, to discredit it as the
>>>true, prosaic explanation of some striking visula cases which
>>seem to have gotten mainstream ufologist blessing.

>Instead of dealing with the science and FACTS, Oberg has to
>resort to ridicule. You see, it's not his explanation that's
>ridiculous, it's those ufologists who don't have enough sense to
>recognize a "true, prosaic explanation," even though its
>scientifically impossible under the actual conditions of the
>sighting (which Oberg won't even acknowledge).

>Now mind you, we aren't talking about something 200 miles up (or
>even a 100 miles) where there is essentially no significant
>friction in the short term, where a sheet of ice would survive
>for a significant amount of time, and would indeed serve as a
>possible and reasonable prosaic explanation.

>No, we're talking about only 60 miles up, a zone where meteors
>start to glow and burn up. There is significant air friction
>here to rapidly moving objects and is technically and
>operationally still within the earth's atmosphere. Hypersonic
>ice crystals do not survive here for more than a fraction of a
>second.

>In Oberg's response, we find two Klassic staples of debunking
>technique:

>1. Any "explanation," no matter how stupid or impossible, is
>preferable to none.

>2. Even if a valid objection is raised to the aforementioned
>"explanation" never admit error. Instead evade, stonewall,
>ridicule, obfuscate, whatever, such as "Do you have any evidence
>he wasn't in space" or "Oh, what do you expect of
>Ufologists--they just never accept a true, prosaic explanation."

>David "not even arguing this was a TRUFO -- just sick and tired
>of debunking BS" Rudiak

Hi David,

The debunking remarks aside, your reasoning concerning how a fragile little ice flake could migrate from rear to front in such a hostile environment pretty much sez it.

James did admit that the ice flakes explanations trotted out by NASA et al for any number of sightings was a red herring. A remark likely akin to the "little green men" tongue in cheek statement used to lessen the impact of the witnesses sighting-astronauts, pilots and test pilots included.

You would have thought that more consideration would have been given to what this was since it was in close proximity to a vehicle motoring along at 4,000 mph. A sparrow impacting the leading edge of a wing [or windshield] on a light aircraft travelling at only 130 knots can lead to disaster. It always amazes me how these reports get blown-off by the bevy of high priced talent associated with each individual project. Or does it?

Don Ledger

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Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Maccabee

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Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Dec 2001 15:46:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Maccabee

>From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001
>Date: Fri, 30 Nov 2001 08:58:00 -0600

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>>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
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>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001

>>Flakes of ice in the vacuum of space I can buy into but not
>>within the atmosphere at supersonic speeds-and thirty to forty
>>feet away tumbling in front of the pressure wave-which
>>incidentally should be well aft of the X-15. That's one strong
>>piece of ice flake. NASA et al seem to be getting away with the
>>ice flake explanation for a lot of sightings and to be honest-I
>>think it's getting a bit old. Open to any reasonable suggestions.

>Don, I think you are subconsciously 'adding in' details to the
>X-15 case, which as far as I remember it, actually DID occur in
>space, not 'within the atmosphere'. Do you have any evidence
>that this flight in question and this sighting in question was
>in the atmosphere?

>I don't think NASA or other real space experts are 'getting
>away' with the ice explanation, I think it's become this
>generation's 'swamp gas', a story at which all manner of
>ridicule and ignorant mockery is aimed, to discredit it as the
>>true, prosaic explanation of some striking visula cases which
>seem to have gotten mainstream ufologist blessing.

Didn't the X-15 fly at about 20 miles altitude? There is air
(and air resistance)... other wise the plane would have no lift.

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Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Mortellaro

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Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Dec 2001 15:49:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Mortellaro

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 30 Nov 2001 14:06:53 EST
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>Date: Fri, 30 Nov 2001 00:31:38 -0400
>>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001

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>>Hi James,

>>Flakes of ice in the vacuum of space I can buy into but not
>>within the atmosphere at supersonic speeds-and thirty to forty
>>feet away tumbling in front of the pressure wave-which
>>incidentally should be well aft of the X-15. That's one strong
>>piece of ice flake. NASA et al seem to be getting away with the
>>ice flake explanation for a lot of sightings and to be honest-I
>>think it's getting a bit old.

>>Open to any reasonable suggestions.

>>Don Ledger

>Don,

>I have exactly the same take on this as you. Thanks for putting
>it out there for discussion. White reached an altitude of about
>60 miles traveling about 4000 mph. I don't know at what point in
>his trip he sighted the object. Let's assume it was at his
>maximum altitude of 60 miles. There's not much atmosphere up
>there, but it's also not a true vacuum. Meteorites made of rock
>and metal, not to mention satellites, start burning up at this
>altitude, but not this flat, fragile, completely non-aerodynamic
>"ice flake." Yeah right!

>Furthermore, besides this flat "ice flake" being impervious to
>vaporization by frictional heat, it was also immune to
>frictional drag. After breaking off the engine in the rear, it
>somehow migrated forward to be seen tumbling outside of White's
>side porthole.

>It's truly amazing what "ice flakes" are capable of doing in the
>imagination of a debunker. The physical properties of such "ice
>flakes" are so remarkable, I'm surprised NASA doesn't make our
>spacecraft out of them. Why use metals and ceramics when we
>could use "ice flake" skins, thus eliminating frictional drag
>and reentry problems, all with one simple, inexpensive material?

>Let's try another approach. Debunkers when attacking UFO
>sightings, love to point out that it isn't possible to reliably
>judge distance, size, and speed without a point of reference.
>(We'll ignore, for the moment, whether White could have judged
>the distance stereoscopically.) Furthermore, at 60 miles,
>atmospheric haze as a crude guide to distance would be
>eliminated. (An effect we've all seen where distant objects

>appear closer on a very clear day, such as after a rain.) This
>compounds the difficulty in judging distance out in space.

>This being said, was the object really 30 to 40 feet away and
>the size of White's hand? What if it was a mile away? Then it
>might be 50+ feet across. If 10 miles away, then 500+ feet
>across, etc.

>Now, instead of a close, small (inexplicable) curiosity no
>bigger than White's hand, we would have a distant, big
>curiosity, perhaps UFOish in nature.

>I don't know what it was either and am likewise open to
>_reasonable_ suggestions. But "ice flakes" strike me as
>physically impossible under the given circumstances.

Dear Don, List, Errol,

I am rather ashamed at all of you people for being so, so... I
dunno, shortsighted. Some time back (check the archives) I
exposed a little known fact about pelicans. There are "white"
pelicans and there are "black" pelicans. No need to be PC as
pelicans are not racially inclined... inclined.

This time, after all the books, monographs and assorted
cypherins from the Canal Street UfoolOgical Study Group, none of
you have read a darned thing. None of you.

Let me inform right here and now, that the Gesundt scientists
have discovered a high flying, flat, white and "humongous" bird
in the upper bio atmospheric ion sphere place... waaaay up
there... This bird closely resembles the white pelican but it
also has some of the features of the black pelican. One of these
is, of course, very large... you know, lungs. So the thingies
may breathe up there. The other is this flat shape in order to
minimize their exposure. See, until Gesundt, no one knew they
existed.

These birds seek and destroy the bacterial bacterium which could
destroy forever, life on the earth. Some people out there think
civilization was destroyed by comets and asteroids and such.

Not!

Life was previously destroyed by bacterial bacterium in the high
atmospherial iono shell... sphere.

Our study group has decided to name this filium filum after our
most precious elixir, the one which destroys all the germs we
place in it in order to make it... Gripple. Dr. G. has named
these birds, "Gripple-Addled Pelicanus Gesundtus."

Now you have... the rest... of... the story.

G.

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>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Rudiak

>At sea level, standard pressure is 760 mm of mercury. For every
>10 miles increase in altitude, air pressure falls by a little
>over one order of magnitude. At 60 miles, the pressure has
>dropped nearly 10 million times.

I think the pressure at 60 miles up may actually be about 10 times higher than that. One reference book I have, *The Planetary System*, states that "the pressure decrease is approximately by a factor of 10 for each 20 kilometers [or each 12.4 miles]." White's July '62 flight reached an altitude of 60 miles, so the air pressure was about $10^{-4.8}$ times the air pressure at sea level. He reached a speed of Mach 5.45, or about 3500 miles per hour. You can make a rough estimate of the equivalent wind speed at sea level from these figures.

The pressure that blowing air exerts on a stationary object is the air density times the square of wind velocity. So the pressure exerted by air 60 miles up against an object traveling at 3500 mph is equivalent to the pressure exerted by a wind blowing at 14 miles per hour at sea level air pressure. That seems too high to allow a flake of ice to appear to hover rather than being swept away, but a more substantial chunk of ice still might hover near the aircraft for a substantial period of time. But I still don't see where enough water would come from to form a flake, let alone a chunk of ice. It does seem that the standard ice particle explanation used to explain away all alleged space shuttle UFOs is being forced to fit a very different situation.

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Re: Fermi's Paradox III - Deardorff

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Date: Sat, 01 Dec 2001 10:14:45 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Dec 2001 15:51:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Fermi's Paradox III - Deardorff

>Date: Fri, 30 Nov 2001 13:34:21 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Fermi's Paradox III
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>... But religion assumes a
>transcendent being in control. What if humanity were to suddenly
>come face to face with material biological beings who seem to be
>in control, or at least have much greater capability than we?
>Think about it.

Hello Bruce,

This and all your foregoing are quite true and relevant.
However:

>Do YOU want to announce the proof of UFO reality to the world...
>and be responsible for the consequences? ...

You yourself have announced "to the world" the proof of UFO reality many times over, in your talks, in your website, on this list, in UFOs Are Real...Here's the Proof_ and elsewhere. Now's not the time to stop! You needn't worry about any abrupt immediate consequences, since the self-cover is still so strong that no one individual can breach it. Yet, every individual's sincere efforts at breaching it helps in some small measure, some more than others, as it does have a positive effect in getting out the truth.

But those parts of the world that aren't interested in listening to the evidence and truth don't have to do so, so no one person can be responsible for the consequences of when governments themselves, especially that of the USA, eventually find they have to disclose the truth. By that time, all you competent ufologists in the future, now and in the past half century, will have done your jobs so that the societal consequences will not be as severe as otherwise.

Jim Deardorff

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Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist? - I

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Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist?

by Joan d'Arc

Filippo Bruno was born in Nola Italy in 1548. When he was 13 years old he entered school at the Monastery of Saint Domenico. Taking the name Giordano, he became a Dominican priest in 1565, but was forced to run away 11 years later due to his shockingly inappropriate ideas. Author of countless obscure writings originally written in Italian or Latin, the Theosophists claim Giordano Bruno as their own mystic and martyr. The Rosicrucians credit Bruno with the revival of their Egyptian-based religion. In Bruno are seen the first hints of Freemasonry in England, with its Egyptian mysteries, its overt philanthropy-its "good works." Bruno was a pioneer in the study of what is today called Semantics, and he is a character referred to as "The Nolan" in James Joyce's complex tale, Finnegans Wake.

Modern environmentalists claim Bruno as the forerunner of the Gaian environmental movement. Gaia is the ancient name for the Earth, a being which is considered by "pagan" religions to be alive with universal intelligence. Bruno was a Pantheist. He believed all of nature to be alive with divine spirit, intelligence and consciousness. To Bruno, Nature is God, and God is Nature.

Bruno's works revived the basic heliocentrism of early Greek philosophers, which seems to have begun with Aristarchus of Samos in approximately 260 BC. Even earlier, Pythagorus had taught in 580 B.C. that the earth was a sphere. Ptolemy too had taught that the earth was a sphere, but the earth was at the center of Ptolemy's universe. Aristotle's earth-centered cosmology became the accepted doctrine for hundreds of years in a tyranny of thought brutally enforced by the Catholic Church.

According to the Catholic Church, heliocentrism threatened the credibility of the Holy Scripture, which was believed to be the supreme authority in all matters, including science. There were no "novel interpretations of the Bible" allowed. The first sentence of the earth-centered Genesis tale tells us that, "In the beginning, God created the earth and the heavens." According to the Holy Book, He put the earth there first and placed the other bodies in the skies for the benefit of mankind.

Bruno the Time Traveler

Bruno knitted into the fabric of his cosmic picture various systems of ancient knowledge. He merged into his system the pantheistic doctrines of the ancient Egyptians, Greeks, Hindus and Persians and the essentially animistic physics of the 21st Century. Some have even considered Bruno a time traveler, since his ideas touched those of the ancient past as well as the distant future. For instance, Bruno foretold the "Many Worlds Theory" of quantum mechanics; the theory that the universe splits into many possible worlds as events unfold in time. He once reasoned as follows: "I can imagine an infinite number of worlds like the earth, with a Garden of Eden on each one. In all these Gardens of Eden, half the Adams and Eves will not eat the

fruit of knowledge, but half will. But half of infinity is infinity, so an infinite number of worlds will fall from grace and there will be an infinite number of crucifixions. Therefore, either there is one unique Jesus who goes from one world to another, or there are an infinite number of Jesuses. Since a single Jesus visiting an infinite number of earths one at a time would take an infinite amount of time, there must be an infinite number of Jesuses. Therefore, God must create an infinite number of Christs."

Needless to say, this idea did not go over too big with Church authorities when they got wind of it. Nonetheless, Bruno continued. In an extraordinary tide of information revelation, Bruno pulled the past and the future together as though it were the folds of an infinite curtain. As a physics web site explains, "The physical world of things is embedded in the infinite, embedded in a space filled with all the other possible worlds We see a few of those other worlds in the probability waves of quantum mechanics." Bruno intuited the conditions of such a world as "the coincidence in the One of both the possible and the real."

As both Quantum Theory and Einstein's Relativity now suggests, we live in a Many Worlds Universe, where all the moments of the past, the present, and future exist simultaneously as part of a single permanent existence. Oddly, Bruno the time traveler had this to say about God and Time: "The single thought, which is Thy Word, embraces all and each in itself, Thy single word cannot be manifold, opposite, changeable ... In the eternity in which Thou thinkest, coincides all the after another of time, with the now of eternity. There is, therefore, no past nor future where future and past coincide with the present." (McIntyre)

Giordano Bruno also prefigured the idea of the atom, and smaller still, a unit which was divisible by nothing else, a unit of thought, when he wrote: "an atom, beyond which we cannot in fact go, although to thought it may be still further divisible; so there is in every figure, in every kind of thing, a definite number of atoms." (McIntyre) Today quantum physicists suggest that thought, the act of human attention, is the force that gives birth to possibilities in the world of matter. Scientist Harold McGowan proposed the "thoughtron" to be an atom tinier than any other and to be contained in all things. In his book *The Thoughtron Theory of Life and Matter*, McGowan proposed that the thoughtron, as the smallest elementary particle, would be the mental bridge between the thought world and formal reality. (McGowan)

Bruno looked toward mathematics and geometry for the true method of natural science, writing that "number is the natural and fruitful principle of the understanding's activity; ... number is the unfolding of understanding." (McIntyre) Yet, Bruno also could not "conceive of a philosophy of nature, of number, of geometry, of a diagram, without infusing into these divine meanings." His philosophy was never divorced from divinity. Although he refused dogmatic teachings and always pushed the envelope, he was truly a holy man.

A Historical Perspective

To put his life in historical perspective, in 1543, when Giordano Bruno was five years old, Nicholas Copernicus published his mathematical treatise (*De Revolutionibus*) which vindicated the Greek Pythagorus, who at around 580 B.C. argued that the earth was a sphere. Copernicus re-established the ancient Greek heliocentrism of Aristarchus of Samos by proving mathematically that the Earth revolved around the Sun. Yet, Bruno accused Copernicus of not fully understanding the meaning of his discovery; of being "only a mathematician." Bruno's divine intuition of the infinity of worlds picked up where Copernicus left off.

Bruno rejected the limits of the Copernican system, which posited a finite universe limited by a fixed sphere of stars just beyond the solar system. He argued that the sun was not actually the center of the universe, saying that if you were able to observe the sun from any of the other stars it would simply look like any other star. Bruno even speculated that the other worlds would be inhabited.

In 1588, Galileo Galilei began to teach Copernican theory at the University of Pisa. Much later, in 1609, Galileo discovered the moons of Jupiter via a hand-made telescope. With the invention of the telescope by a Dutchman, Copernican theory ceased to be "esoteric." Various visual proofs were discovered.

Still, Galileo was brought to Rome and interrogated by the Inquisition in 1615. He was forced to declare the Copernican system as scientifically false, and he was forced to promise to stop teaching it. Galileo ignored his promise, and returned to Florence and continued with his work, publishing sixteen years later, in 1632, his Dialogues on Great World Systems. He was called back to Rome by the Inquisition in 1633, and again forced to recant heliocentrism under threat of torture, this time being put under house arrest until his death in 1642. Galileo invited the Inquisitors to look through his telescope and see for themselves the moons of Jupiter which revolved around it, but they refused to do so. Heliocentrism was officially condemned over 20 years later, in 1664, when Pope Alexander VII banned all books which affirmed the motion of the earth.

Yet, almost a hundred years before this, there was Giordano Bruno. Bruno spoke in France and Germany and taught heliocentrism at Oxford, England, well before the 16th Century. Bruno and Galileo have much in common. Both were Italians, both espoused heliocentrism in the 1580s, although Bruno was teaching it a few years earlier, and both were an annoyance to the Inquisition authorities. However, Galileo does not mention Bruno because it was dangerous to even speak of such a heretic.

Bruno was not a mathematician, and he was not an astronomer. He was a member of the Dominican clergy and he had the audacity to take his theories to the infinite fringes of thought. In 1584, at the age of 36, Bruno spoke before a group in London. He told them that space was filled with an infinite number of solar systems and that each had a central sun around which planets revolved. He taught that the planets shone by reflected light, but the suns were self-luminous bodies. He even spoke of sun-spots, which he had learned from Nicolas de Cusa, and the forward motion of our own solar system in space. In Bruno's philosophy, nothing stood still-everything was in motion, from the smallest atom to the largest star system.

Remarkably, Bruno was espousing these beliefs at a time when the flat motionless earth was the sole concern of a personal God and Father, who certainly had no other children anywhere else. The Father gave to His children the gift of the earth, the Garden of Eden, around which he placed for their sole pleasure the Sun, the moon and stars. These points of light were far from being understood by Europeans to be universes of their own-solar systems perhaps inhabited by other intelligent beings like ourselves. Bruno's universe was infinite and included an indefinite number of worlds each consisting of a sun and several planets. In Bruno's philosophy, the earth was a small insignificant body in an infinite universe. Coming from this point of view, there was nothing special about this "special creation."

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This radical view was a heretical idea; yet Bruno shouted it, sometimes sitting near the door of the meeting hall so he could run from the crowd if he had to. Bruno made a public appearance in May of 1586 in the Library of the Abbey of Saint Victor in Paris. Bruno sat his assistant, Jean Hennequin, in the "great chair," while Bruno himself sat in a little chair near the door to the garden. Bruno apparently took this precaution in case he needed to leave hastily. And as it turned out, he did. Bruno's assistant provided the following introduction to the lecture:

"We have been imprisoned in a dark dungeon, whence only distantly could we see the far off stars. But now we are released. We know that there is one heaven, a vast ethereal region in which move those flaming bodies which announce to us the glory and majesty of God. This moves us to contemplate the infinite cause of the infinite effect; we see that the divinity is not far distant, but is within us, for its centre is everywhere, as close to dwellers in other worlds as it is to us. Hence we should follow not foolish authorities but the regulated sense and the illuminated intellect." (Yates) When Bruno's speech was over, he called for anyone in the audience to defend Aristotle. When no one did, he left and was followed by several students. The students grabbed him and demanded he retract his insults to Aristotle. Bruno escaped on the condition that he would show up and do so the next day-but he left town and never returned.

Bruno spoke of both the diversity of life and the sameness of life. He referred to diversity and difference as aspects of one and the same substance: "the coincidence of contraries." He noted, "That there are more worlds than one is due to the presence everywhere throughout space of the same principle of life, which everywhere has the same effect." (McIntyre)

In his dialogue, The Ash Wednesday Supper, Bruno praised Copernican theory, yet went far beyond Copernicus himself in his intuition of the infinity of the universe. He identified the matter in the earth with the matter of the planets and stars, and wrote of the possibility that "such living beings inhabit them as inhabit the earth"; he wrote that the earth and stars themselves are "living organisms"; he wrote that "there are not seven planets or wandering stars only, but innumerable such, for every world, whether of the sun-type or of the earth-type, is in motion, its motion proceeding from the spirit within it." (McIntyre)

In his work, Cause, Principle, and Unity, written in 1584, Bruno wrote of "the spirituality of all causation; the eternity of matter; its divinity as the potentiality of all life; its realization in the universe as a "formed" thing; the infinite whole and the innumerable parts, as different aspects of the same: ... diversity and difference as aspects of one and the same substance ..." (McIntyre) Bruno's dialogues were said by many of his peers to be "worthy of Plato." In this work, Bruno stated the following:

"This entire globe, this star, not being subject to death-dissolution and annihilation being impossible anywhere in Nature-from time to time renews itself by changing and altering

all its parts. There is no absolute up or down, as Aristotle taught; no absolute position in space; but the position of a body is relative to that of other bodies. Everywhere there is incessant relative change in position throughout the universe, and the observer is always at the center of things." As he rightly argued, the sun was not the center of the whole shebang, and wasn't even the only sun, but was simply the center of one particular part of the world. How did Bruno know this? Intuition of infinity ... He imagined it!

In 1584, Bruno wrote *The Infinite Universe and its Worlds*, which "contained a masterly array of reasons, physical and metaphysical, for the belief that the universe is infinite, and is full of innumerable worlds of living creatures." (McIntyre) Bruno wrote: "Innumerable suns exist; innumerable earths revolve around these suns Living beings inhabit these worlds." The basic theme of Bruno's *Spaccio*, also written in the year 1584, is "the glorification of the magical religion of the Egyptians." Bruno believed their worship was really the worship of "God in things." Bruno wrote in *Spaccio*, "for diverse living things represent divine spirits and powers, which, beyond the absolute being which they have, obtain a being communicated to all things according to their capacity and measure. Whence God as a whole is in all things."

Bruno the UFOlogist?

Taken as a whole, Bruno's various sentiments sound uncannily similar to a quote in the August 2001 issue of *New Age* magazine attributed to Harvard psychiatrist/UFOlogist John Mack that, "We are spiritual beings connected with other life forms and the cosmos in a profound way, and the cosmos itself contains a numinous intelligence. It's not just dead matter and energy."

Mack has also stated: "With the help of the abduction phenomenon we will have discovered a new picture of the universe in which psyche and world manifest and evolve together according to principles we have not yet fathomed." He has referred to the alien abduction phenomenon as "a kind of spiritual outreach program from the cosmos for the spiritually impaired."

Mack suggests: "We need to transcend the separateness that disconnects us from nature. If we could transcend this division, we might then explore, enjoy, and travel ecstatically, lovingly, materially and non-materially, among the unique particularities of our own being, our own natures within the cosmos, experiencing at the same time an essential unity and sacredness of creation." (<http://www.peer-mack.org/>) We might consider that this division—the excision or removal of God from Nature, as a power working from some lofty plain above Nature—is perhaps the cause of our spiritual impairment. We can look to the many blasphemies of Giordano Bruno to reunite our lost souls with the sacredness of all creation.

Bruno's sentiments also reverberate in the words of UFO-tracker Steven M. Greer, who, in his book *Extraterrestrial Contact*, suggests that our "concepts of God, creation, life and religious meaning will evolve in the direction of accommodating the existence of intelligent life elsewhere in the universe, and this will cause an increasing 'universalization' of God."

We must realize that this universalization of God is just what turned the attention of the Roman Inquisition toward Giordano Bruno's heretical ideas four hundred years ago. Greer looks to a future where we will see God as "an infinite Creator whose glory is not confined to the Earth." This is an idea whose time has still not yet come four hundred years after the first Universalist loudly proclaimed that there might be intelligent life out there in other worlds similar to our own. Greer's universalism is evident when he writes, "Regardless of planet, star system or galaxy of origin, and no matter how diverse, ETs are essentially intelligent, conscious, sentient beings. We are, essentially, one. On this basis, we may speak of one people inhabiting one universe." Greer explains, "the simple thread of conscious intelligence which runs through all peoples elegantly weaves our unity. This essential unity is not subject to the trials of diversity, for it is pure, immutable and fundamental to the existence of intelligent life itself." Or, in Giordano Bruno's words, "diversity and difference are aspects of one and the same substance... the same principle of life." That substance or principle is Universal Consciousness, the First

Cause, or God. The problem is we are so used to thinking of God as an old guy with a beard that we cannot fathom this idea of universal consciousness.

The development of this attitude of "universality based in consciousness," Greer argues, is necessary for peace and unity to develop among peoples of the earth, and to assure peaceful interactions between earth humans and other intelligent life in the universe. The endless diversity which our astounding universe may hold must be met with what Greer calls "the calmness of universal consciousness." Now, in the 21st Century, we stand poised to take that same message one step further and over the great divide. If Greer is right, we are ready to meet our cousins, the once imaginary cousins of Giordano Bruno.

Whether we like it or not, the good old earth is heading toward a paradigm shift. Gaia has spoken her mind. She has seen enough bloodshed, enough toxic destruction, enough reckless waste of resources that should have been bountiful enough for all her children. Strangely, the message from Mother Earth is coming in from a mysterious source--so-called ETs--distant cousins we never knew we had. There is an undeniable power behind this paradigm shift that may emanate from beyond earth, and it's coming whether we like it or not.

We must realize that this universality is still a radical idea, almost as radical an idea as it was in Bruno's time. Greer's universality really shines through in his statement that, "We must look to our inner reality to find our oneness with other intelligent life in the universe ... for there is one universe inhabited by one people, and we are they." (Extraterrestrial Contact, 19)]

Last time I spoke here, I quoted Vatican official, Monsignor Corrado Balducci. As Balducci stated in an interview with Zecharia Sitchin:

"That life may exist on other planets is certainly possible... The Bible does not rule out that possibility. On the basis of scripture and on the basis of our knowledge of God's omnipotence, His wisdom being limitless, we must affirm that life on other planets is possible ... credible and even probable."

It's interesting to see that a Vatican spokesman has publicly made such a radical statement. We must wonder how and why this has come about. Novel interpretations of the Bible, once considered punishable by torture on the rack, are now coming at us from all directions, including the Vatican. The Vatican has come close to apologizing for Galileo's hardships, but not Bruno's. It is unlikely that the Vatican will be quoting from Giordano Bruno's books anytime soon.

Continued, believe it or not....

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>It's truly amazing what "ice flakes" are capable of doing in
>the imagination of a debunker. The physical properties of such
>"ice flakes" are so remarkable, I'm surprised NASA doesn't make
>our spacecraft out of them. Why use metals and ceramics when we
>could use "ice flake" skins, thus eliminating frictional drag
>and reentry problems, all with one simple, inexpensive material?

David, I can only suggest you spend more time reading
reality-based books and articles about real aerodynamics and
space operations, and not allow yourself to be so overwhelmed by
reality-free imaginations.

Meteors occur at these altitudes because of the tremendous
speeds of the objects entering the atmosphere, usually in the
10-20 miles per second range.

The X-15 at its high point is moving at most only a few hundred
feet per second.

You may therefore want to revise the comments you made in honest
ignorance.

I can see why the true explanations of many of these space
'sightings' is impossible for you to believe, if you have such
egregiously erroneous misconceptions of basic principles of
space flight.

The fix for this is for you to learn more about the subject, not
make fun of ideas you can't seem to understand.

We're all rooting you on. Give it a try.

jimO

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>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #47 - 2001
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>First, it is abundantly obvious that you didn't try all that
>hard to find the citation on Cernan's quote. Whatever your
>opinion of Good's book, it is heavily referenced, and has a full
>chapter on NASA with all those astronaut quotes you obviously
>love to debunk. If somebody had asked me about the Cernan quote
>and a citation for it, Good's book would have been the first one
>I would have grabbed to see if both were in there.

My experience with Good's published assertions regarding
astronaut 'sightings of UFOs' is that they are so unreliable as
to be worthless. And I have done the research to demonstrate
that. So no, I don't consider -- as you suggest -- that I would
ever consider anything in Good's book on this theme to be a
final, reliable answer.

The good answer came from readers here who provided the date of
the article and the source. The final answer will come from
reviewing the tape of the press conference in question, and
checking with Cernan -- both now in work.

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Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist? III

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Subject: Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist? III

Scientific discoveries have always caused trouble for dogmatic Church teachings. In Bruno's time, astronomy was a threat to the teachings of the Church. Two hundred years later, geology challenged the Holy Book's credibility, and it was maintained by Christians that Satan, the Father of all Lies, must have placed fossils there to deceive mankind. A hundred years ago, evolutionary biology threatened the Genesis account of special creation. Now, many fundamentalist Christians believe that UFO's in the skies are piloted by Satan's "fallen angels."

Many Christians still cannot concede that there could be human beings stationed anywhere else in God's creation. One Christian author writing recently in Paranoia summed up the crux of this earth-centered theological dilemma when she wrote, "If doubt can be cast on the first sentence in the first chapter of the first book in the Bible, then the whole book is up for grabs."
(Wallace, PARANOIA, Issue 27) It's interesting that we still haven't gotten over that hump.

We should not fail to appreciate that the belief in life on other planets was once dangerously heretical, a belief that present day UFologists assume as a bottom line. Not that Harvard University didn't try to excommunicate John Mack, the heretic. They certainly tried. But baby steps are still steps and slow progress is still progress. We may even think of Giordano Bruno, therefore, as the first speculative UFologist.

Reincarnation

Another idea which Bruno wrote about continues to be frowned upon by the Western world and mainstream religions: that is, the concept of the reincarnation of the soul through various life cycles.

Giordano Bruno brought back from ages past the Pythagorean and Platonic doctrines of the Law of Karma and the Law of Reincarnation: that every act brings its appropriate reward or punishment in another life, and that each individual determines for itself by its actions its transition into another body. In his Spaccio de la Bestia Trionfante, published in 1584, Bruno described the condition of a soul who had misused its opportunities on Earth, saying that such a soul would be "... relegated back to another body, and should not expect to be entrusted with the administration of a better dwelling if it had conducted itself badly in the conduct of a previous one." (Great Theosophists) Although it seems a fate worse even than the Christian version of Hell-that we should continually need to repeat various incarnations until we get it right-the idea was heretical because in essence Bruno was charging that there was no Hell! Bruno's belief was that there was a spark of the divine in human beings and that we are in charge of our own fate. Bruno's ideas were nothing short of pantheistic: that "the Infinite has nothing which is external to Itself," that all living matter contains a spark of the divine.

The Art of Memory

Toward the end of Bruno's life, he was hired by an Italian named Mocenigo to teach him certain skills of mnemonics (memory), an

art for which Bruno was well known having written several books on the subject, including *The Art of Memory*, *The Shadows of Ideas*, and *Incantations of Circe*. Bruno had earlier fled Italy so that he could be as far away from the Inquisition authorities as possible, publishing his books while in England, France and Germany. But he missed his homeland, and when he was invited back to Italy by this man, he walked right into the trap. As one scholar writes, "People like Giordano Bruno are immunized from a sense of danger by their sense of mission, and a state of euphoria bordering on insanity." (Yates)

Bruno's *Art of Memory* was a "magical psychology." Bruno's complex magical memory system consisted of "wheels" on which groups of letters, symbols and images corresponded to the physical contents of the terrestrial world, representing the whole sum of human knowledge accumulated through the centuries. It is presumed by scholars who have studied these diagrams that the person who committed this system to memory "rose above time and reflected the whole universe of nature and of man in his mind."

Bruno's memory wheel was a "Hermetic secret," since it was the "gnostic reflection of the universe in the mind." Bruno believed that when, in the mind, one conformed symbols and images to celestial forms, which corresponded to the figures of the zodiac, and when one held these images all at once in the mind, one would arrive from "the confused polarity of things at the underlying unity." In essence, one would become "like God."

Mocenigo got the idea that Bruno could teach him something more, something along the lines of sorcery. When Bruno denied knowing anything about such things, Mocenigo became angry about the money he had paid Bruno and turned him in to the Venetian tribunal.

Mocenigo accused Bruno before the tribunal of teaching the existence of a boundless universe filled with a countless number of solar systems. He accused Bruno of saying the Earth was not the center of the universe, but rather a planet which revolved around the Sun. Bruno was also accused of: "teaching the doctrine of Reincarnation; of denying the actual transubstantiation of bread into the flesh of Christ; of refusing to accept the three persons of the Trinity; and of rejecting the virgin birth of Christ." (Great Theosophists)

Bruno seems to have explained himself pretty well to the state authorities of Venice, who kept him for many months and were not at first keen on turning him over to the Inquisition body in Rome. Bruno's argument seems to be that his ideas were based in philosophical discourse and therefore should be protected; he argued that he was at all times speaking as a philosopher and not as a priest. But eventually the counsel at Venice, wishing to keep the peace with the Church, turned The Nolan over to them. Thus began Giordano's 7-year prison ordeal at the hands of the Roman Inquisition.

The exact charges that were brought against Bruno by the Catholic Church authorities are unknown, since it is claimed that the records have been lost. Nor is it known why he was kept so long in their prison: It was the usual circumstance to house and harass a heretic for no longer than a year, most of the time discarding the poor victim's remains after just a few horrific months. But for some unknown reason, Giordano Bruno was tortured and interrogated for seven long years. Was it for his animistic belief that the spirit world invaded all of nature? Was it for his insistence on a reform of Catholicism to the "natural religion" of the Egyptians? Was it for his belief in the heretical concept of reincarnation? Was it for his unshakable belief in the divinity of the human spirit? Was it for their belief that he was a magician? A Catholic web site called *New Advent* makes the following claim:

"Bruno was not condemned for his defense of the Copernican system of astronomy, nor for his doctrine of the plurality of inhabited worlds, but for his theological errors, among which were the following: that Christ was not God but merely an unusually skilful magician, that the Holy Ghost is the soul of the world, that the Devil will be saved."

The Catholic web site describes Bruno's system of thought as "an incoherent materialistic pantheism."

Bruno refused to retract his beliefs. On February 17, 1600, Giordano Bruno was burned at the stake in the center of Rome, with a nail driven through his tongue-the customary treatment of all unrepentant heretics so they could not continue to insult the sensitive ears of the Inquisition. Giordano Bruno stood for "the Dignity of Man"; of "liberty, tolerance, the right to stand up in any country and say what he thought, disregarding all ideological barriers." (Yates) Bruno dared to imagine many potential brave new worlds-like the one where we are now free to look out at the stars and wonder out loud if there is any life upon them. Where I can stand here and say what I have said this evening, and not have to stand over there, near the door, ready to make a run for it.=B7

This talk was delivered before MUFON Rhode Island on November 16, 2001.

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>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>I do wonder, however, where the water vapor that could form
>such ice particles came from.

Reasonable question, with all alternatives properly catalogued
and discussed.

There's another possibility, not mentioned.

Both around the cryo tanks and the super-cold propellant lines,
ice always formed while the X-15 was on the carrier plane.
Atmospheric condensation at those altitudes was common.

Once out of the atmosphere, different kinds of jets were fired
to point the X-15. They also could have effects on things tucked
away in the aft end, for example.

Check out some books on the X-15 project to see what they say
about this phenomenon.

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>What chance does an ice flake have of surviving in such an
>environment (60 miles up, travelling about 4000 mph) and doing
>the things that Oberg claims it could do? About as much chance
>as the proverbial snowball in hell! In the real world, a thin,
>non-aerodynamic sheet of ice like that would have been dragged
>backward and disintegrated almost instantaneously.

Thanks for identifying your precise misconception, which should allow us to see how your conclusions are unsupported by reality.

The X-15 wasn't travelling 6000 mph at 60 miles up. At most, it was only a few hundred mph.

Once you are able to verify this, you will be smarter, and you will be able to say 'Oops, never mind', and we can discuss other issues.

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>James did admit that the ice flakes explanations trotted out by
>NASA et al for any number of sightings was a red herring.

I apologize for being unclear, since I never meant to say any such thing.

The ice or 'space debris' explanation, as far as I've been able to tell, is a legitimate and defensible prosaic explanation for these 'famous' UFO reports in space.

Another misconception you have to overcome is this notion of something drifting to the front of the X-15.

Actually, once exo-atmospheric, the X-15 itself points itself in any random direction using wing-mounted jets. It can do this to point instruments, or for sightseeing, and ultimately to line itself up for re-entry.

During this time, even something flaking off its back end can easily wind up in front of the cockpit window as the spacecraft rotates.

JimO

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>The pressure that blowing air exerts on a stationary object is
>the air density times the square of wind velocity. So the
>pressure exerted by air 60 miles up against an object traveling
>at 3500 mph is equivalent to the pressure exerted by a wind
>blowing at 14 miles per hour at sea level air pressure

Good calculations, but wrong assumptions about initial conditions.

When you finally figure out what your mistake is, you'll slap yourself on the forehead and groan with embarrassment.

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Re: Fermi's Paradox III - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, 1 Dec 2001 21:34:29 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Dec 2001 10:25:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Fermi's Paradox III - Tonnies

>Date: Fri, 30 Nov 2001 13:34:21 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Fermi's Paradox III
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

<snip>

>Actually the "UFO hypothesis" could be combined with the zoo
>hypothesis to explain why they are "above our heads" while not
>overtly communicating.

I like Jacques Vallee's idea that UFOs could be part of some long-term psychosocial control system. Given the imminence of nanotechnology and artificial intelligence, I think it's likely that UFOs represent an automatic intelligent system seeded here perhaps tens of thousands of years ago.

In this case, UFOs might very well might be "zookeepers," keeping us alive by modulating our belief structures.

But alive for what purpose? Maybe so that we can eventually contact/merge with/confront the grand creators of the UFO control system after we've surmounted whatever evolutionary hurdles are in store for us.

In this scenario, "open contact" would be the last thing we should expect. At least in the foreseeable future...

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Date: Sat, 1 Dec 2001 21:52:44 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Dec 2001 10:26:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Fermi's Paradox III - Tonnies

>Date: Sat, 01 Dec 2001 10:14:45 -0800
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Re: Fermi's Paradox III

<snip>

>But those parts of the world that aren't interested in listening
>to the evidence and truth don't have to do so, so no one person
>can be responsible for the consequences of when governments
>themselves, especially that of the USA, eventually find they
>have to disclose the truth.

It seems to be a given lately that UFO "disclosure" is inevitable. I disagree. If the UFO phenomenon is as weird as I think it is, "disclosure" will take place only if the intelligence behind the phenomenon itself decides to reveal itself.

A careful look at the history of the phenomenon suggests to me that we're in for no such "disclosure" anytime soon.

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THE WATCHDOG (e-update) 12-02-01

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Sun, 2 Dec 2001 02:51:51 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Dec 2001 10:28:28 -0500
Subject: THE WATCHDOG (e-update) 12-02-01

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Misunderstanding The X-15 Ersatz-UFO Controversy

From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Sun, 2 Dec 2001 08:41:34 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Dec 2001 10:32:06 -0500
Subject: Misunderstanding The X-15 Ersatz-UFO Controversy

The value of a give-and-take forum such as this is in identifying reasons why intelligent people differ over historical events. As we have discussed the X-15 program and the ersatz-UFO on Bob White's flight - with the deliberate omission of critical information from a cited news story - it's become clear from defiant responses that the non-believers in the explanation are coming from a gross misunderstanding of the actual event.

It seems they think the rocket plane was cruising under engine power at 60 miles up when something passed in front of them. Naturally, any 'debris' explanation looks ridiculous under such a scenario.

As the following quotes and links show, however, the flight profile for the high-altitude missions (the only ones on which objects were spotted outside) were very, very different from this misperception. After a brief rocket burst, the ship coasted up to a peak, hung at the edge of space, and fell back into the atmosphere.

You actually can prove this mathematically from the information that speeds on such missions reached 3600 mph. Since engine cut-off was about 25 miles, with a vertical rate of 3600 mph, you can see how at a 32 ft per sec per sec deceleration, the upward fall lasts about 150 seconds and traverses 40 miles straight up. All the way, it's a ballistic regime and anything coming off the vehicle travels along with it over the arc and back down.

See the following sites, and quotations, to expand on this explanation.

<http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/pao/History/x15lect/intro.html>

<http://history.nasa.gov/x15/cover.html>

<http://www.dfrc.nasa.gov/History/Publications/SP-4303/ch6-5.html>

<http://www.najaco.com/books/aviationchorus/x15.htm>

Milton Thompson: "...We left the atmosphere and for 2 to 5 minutes, depending on peak altitude, we were weightless in a 0 g space environment. We could not turn or change our flight path outside the atmosphere. We could only control aircraft attitude through the use of reaction controls. We made an exit of the earth's atmosphere and a reentry just like any other spacecraft."

Milton Thompson: "Liquid oxygen is quite cold, as you may remember from demonstrations in high school. We could always tell how much liquid oxygen was in the tank by the frost on the outer skin of the fuselage. It was always comforting to know that if we crashed in the X-15, we would not suffer very long. The liquid oxygen from a ruptured tank would freeze dry us in seconds."

<http://www.edwards.af.mil/index-flash.html>

<http://www.edwards.af.mil/history/docs/html/aircraft/x-15.html>

<http://www.air-and-space.com/~brianl/x-15%20forty%20years%20later%20contents.htm>

<http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/systems/aircraft/x-15.htm>

Because of the large fuel consumption, the X-15 was air launched from a B-52 aircraft at 45,000 ft and a speed of about 500 mph. Depending on the mission, the rocket engine provided thrust for the first 80 to 120 sec of flight. The remainder of the normal 10 to 11 min. flight was powerless and ended with a 200-mph glide landing.

Generally, one of two types of X-15 flight profiles was used; a high-altitude flight plan that called for the pilot to maintain a steep rate of climb, or a speed profile that called for the pilot to push over and maintain a level altitude.

http://www.space.edu/projects/dss/orbiter13_2.html

The typical X-15 flight profile consisted of an air-drop launch at about 40,000 feet, ignition of the XLR-99 rocket engine, powered flight up to 200,000 feet or so, and upward coasting after that. The X-15 and its one-man crew were out of the atmosphere at the apogee point of the flight, anywhere from 200,000 to 350,000+ feet up. The pilot would then nose the little plane over, and begin a hypersonic nosedive toward the earth. Descent rates were sometimes in excess of 240,000 feet per minute. After a series of energy-reducing turns and maneuvers, the pilot would flare just before landing, for a touchdown at over 200 miles per hour.

<http://www.acepilots.com/planes/x15.html>

The X-15 was powered by a rocket engine, first the "small" engine, and then by the XLR-99, a monster with 57,000 pounds of thrust, almost comparable to the Mercury Redstone rocket that launched Alan Shepard and Gus Grissom. A B-52 bomber carried the X-15 aloft, releasing it at 45,000 feet at about 500 MPH. Then the pilot switched on the rocket engine, which propelled the plane for only 80 to 120 seconds, no more than two minutes. For maneuvering at high altitudes, where there was no air for flaps and ailerons to work with, the X-15 had six small hydrogen peroxide jets, which controlled the plane's roll, pitch, and yaw. To return, the pilot had to make a dead-stick (unpowered) touchdown on the lakebed at Edwards, just as the shuttles do today.

<http://www.fiddlersgreen.net/aircraft/jets/X-15/X-15info/X15-info.htm>

"The second major goal of the X-15 was to fly out of the atmosphere into "spaceequivalent" conditions. On a typical highaltitude flight, the X-15 would launch from the B-52 mother ship at 45,000 feet and would then accelerate and pull up into a steep climb. Burnout occurred at about 160,000 feet at over 4,000mph. The airplane would then coast upward at zero G to max altitude and then nose over into a reentry.

Unlike the space shuttle, which has a large horizontal velocity at entry and scrubs off speed at high angles of attack, the X-15 was coming almost straight down when it reentered. At 130,000 feet, a hypersonic pullout began and was completed at 65,000 feet. Maintaining stability and control in the reentry pullout was one of the most difficult problems faced by the program."

"The X-15 could reach altitudes of above 99 percent of the earth's atmosphere. At the peak of these trajectories, the aerodynamic control surfaces had no effect. The airplane was equipped with a reaction control system that consisted of hydrogen-peroxide-fueled thruster rockets. The X-15 was the first manned vehicle to use reaction controls outside the atmosphere. The thrusters were controlled by a lefthand-side stick. The X-15 thruster system was later adapted for use on the Mercury spacecraft and was the direct ancestor of all spacecraft reaction controls."

<http://www.avweb.com/articles/profiles/bdana/>

Bill Dana: "I don't understand this phenomena but it felt like you were actually fired off the pylon; you were actually only falling away at zero gravity, but it felt like you were fired away, and it was quite a shock at launch. Then the engine revved and things really happened fast after that. The X-15 weighed 33,000 pounds at launch and the engine put out 60,000 pounds of thrust, so we had almost 2 Gs when you lit the engine. As the fuel burned down by burn-out you only had 15,000 pounds of gross weight and a 60,000 pound engine, so except for drag, if you're on a high altitude mission where there wasn't much drag, you're getting almost 4 Gs of pure acceleration. We had about 85 seconds of fuel and in those 85 seconds we went from Mach .8 to Mach 5.5 or 6.0 on some flights. That's a pretty wild ride. Milt Thompson once said - and this is the best line that came out of the X-15 program - the X-15 was the only airplane he ever flew where he was glad when the engine quit! You'd be pinned back in the seat there wondering how long you were going to be able to survive this and then the engine would burn out and you'd feel like 'ahh,' you were back at zero G. On an altitude mission as you climbed out, the air went away and pretty soon you were really at zero gravity. "

What does the world look like from 300,000 feet?

It's a beautiful view. You're in dark sky. The atmosphere appears as a bright blue ring, just like the view you see in the movies. It's peaceful. It's quiet. There's no gravity so your heart isn't working as hard to move the blood, so it's kind of relaxing.

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Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Sun, 02 Dec 2001 11:36:45 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Dec 2001 13:20:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Ledger

>From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001
>Date: Sat, 1 Dec 2001 18:14:48 -0600

>>Date: Fri, 30 Nov 2001 20:29:44 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001
>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>I do wonder, however, where the water vapor that could form
>>such ice particles came from.

>Reasonable question, with all alternatives properly catalogued
>and discussed.

>There's another possibility, not mentioned.

>Both around the cryo tanks and the super-cold propellant lines,
>ice always formed while the X-15 was on the carrier plane.
>Atmospheric condensation at those altitudes was common.

>Once out of the atmosphere, different kinds of jets were fired
>to point the X-15. They also could have effects on things tucked
>away in the aft end, for example.

>Check out some books on the X-15 project to see what they say
>about this phenomenon.

Or better yet go to Yahoo and download any number of sites from NASA to the AF. The propellant tanks are about 8 to 10 feet behind the cockpit on the X-15 and a foot or so further back on the 15A. In some photos of in flight exercises one can see the accumulated frost in that area. Though I still don't buy the ice flake theory [because I'm sure White and other X-15 pilots would have be aware of this] the only way that an ice flake could get forward would be during some braking maneauver-possibly while pushing the nose down with the attitude thrusters. The aircraft's planform would offer considerable more air resistance [what little air there is at that altitude]effectively braking it. So there's that possibility if the flake was tracking alongside and with the aircraft or jarred loose by the braking. Thing is the flake would have passed high if the nose was pushed down-and the AC would not be performing a regular controlled curve down but a nose down attitude while still maintaining the same altitude-at least until aerodynamic forces and its own weight took over. James you never got back to me on the teather anomaly.

Best,

Don

PS - I'm back on the road so not able to respond until Tuesday night.

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Re: Filer's Files #47 - 2001 - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sun, 2 Dec 2001 09:56:12 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Dec 2001 13:23:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #47 - 2001 - Lehmborg

>From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #47 - 2001
>Date: Sat, 1 Dec 2001 18:10:50 -0600

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>>Date: Fri, 30 Nov 2001 18:58:52 EST
>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #47 - 2001
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

<snip>

>The good answer came from readers here who provided the date of
>the article and the source. The final answer will come from
>reviewing the tape of the press conference in question, and
>checking with Cernan -- both now in work.

I'd suggest that you are going to find whatever you want to find, Mr. Oberg, whatever intellectual stopgap satisfies the world view you apologize for. As you suggestively pointed out with your less than positive evaluation of Mr. Good, contributors to the 'genre' fall into suspicious camps... but your assertions are less than accepted for exactly the reasons that you would apply to your opponent(s). Your cast aspersions become merely a projection of your own jealous fears and fearful anxieties.

Keep this nay-sayingly negativist and squirmingly phactual debate up (?), and I think you'd likely harm your reputation as a space historian.

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EXPLORE "Alfred Lehmborg's Alien View" at his HostPros URL.
<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually. He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged -- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, scourged by scurrilous skepti-bunkies.

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Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Sun, 02 Dec 2001 12:00:10 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Dec 2001 13:25:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Ledger

>From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001
>Date: Sat, 1 Dec 2001 18:23:05 -0600

>>Date: Sat, 01 Dec 2001 11:48:22 -0400
>>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001

>>James did admit that the ice flakes explanations trotted out by
>>NASA et al for any number of sightings was a red herring.

>I apologize for being unclear, since I never meant to say any
>such thing.

>The ice or 'space debris' explanation, as far as I've been able
>to tell, is a legitimate and defensible prosaic explanation for
>these 'famous' UFO reports in space.

>Another misconception you have to overcome is this notion of
>something drifting to the front of the X-15.

>Actually, once exo-atmospheric, the X-15 itself points itself in
>any random direction using wing-mounted jets. It can do this to
>point instruments, or for sightseeing, and ultimately to line
>itself up for re-entry.

>During this time, even something flaking off its back end can
>easily wind up in front of the cockpit window as the spacecraft
>rotates.

>JimO

Hi James,

I'm aware of the attitude adjustments the X-15 could make in
"near space". I don't get the feeling that White was in an
unusual attitude from the report-but since we don't have much to
go on here, what you say is a possibility. In another submission
a few minutes ago on this same argument I offered the braking
maneuver -see your statement from above [and ultimately to line
itself up for re-entry] as a possible reason why a large ice
flake might have gotten ahead of him.

Surely though during the many braking and other positioning
maneuvers carried out during the X-15/15A program ice flakes
would have been evident. What was so special about this that
prompted White's remarks?

>The ice or 'space debris' explanation, as far as I've been able
>to tell, is a legitimate and defensible prosaic explanation for
>these 'famous' UFO reports in space.

All of them? Some are a bit of a stretch. I'm not saying that
because they might not be ice flakes then they have to be
"intelligently controlled" but some of these "ice flakes"
explanations are a little off-the-wall. Again the teather ice
flake explanation.

Don Ledger

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Re: Nancy Talbot And Crop Circles - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Sun, 2 Dec 2001 00:31:30 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Dec 2001 14:27:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Nancy Talbot And Crop Circles - Velez

>From: Michel M. Deschamps <ufoman@ican.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Nancy Talbot And Crop Circles
>Date: Sat, 1 Dec 2001 00:25:06 -0500

>>Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2001 10:22:25 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Nancy Talbot And Crop Circles

>>Hi Everyone,

>>Permit me make some comments of my own regarding Nancy Talbot's
>>crop circle research.

>>There were some details in Nancy Talbot's description of the
>>beams she and Robbert v/d Broeke saw and mentioned on Errol's
>>UFO radio show last weekend that do not support her
>>interpretation that they were flashes of light (about a second
>>in duration) coming down from the sky to the ground. Since
>>Robbert (who was in the first floor) saw a 4 inch diameter beam
>>of light while Nancy (who was on the second floor) saw an 8 to
>>12 inch diameter beam of light, which she describes as a
>>"searchlight" in her written report, it must have been just
>>that. Many cars have 4 inch diameter headlights and so do some 1
>>million candlepower searchlights one can readily buy at most
>>hardware stores which produce such diverging beams of light. It
>>is not unusual for cows to become excited with some unfamiliar
>>and unexpected activity at night, such as a stranger with a
>>powerful flashlight.

>>Since Nancy failed to prove to me that the short duration beams
>>of light came from above and not below (how could one even say
>>considering how fast light travels) and failed to establish a
>>connection to the bawling cows (have they been known to bawl at
>>other occasions too or just when the beams of light were
>>noticed?), she cannot claim to be a witness to the creation of a
>>crop circle. Considering the lights were on and her room well
>>lit, I am a little surprised that Nancy even noticed the beams
>>of light outside, even if her bedroom window had no curtains
>>(she didn't say).

><snip>

Hiya Nick, Michelle, All,

Michelle wrote:

>Errol and List,

>I disagree wholeheartedly with Nick Balaskas' statement
>regarding Nancy Talbot's eyewitness account of the formation of
>a crop circle.

I agree Michelle. Nick has every right in the world to propose
alternative explanations but I don't think the ones he made were
very well thought out. I'd like to tackle them point by point if
I may because I have some pointed questions that I'd like to put
to Nick.

Nick mentioned that there are substances than can affect a. plant stems, and b. create genetic 'freaks.'

In terms of plant stems being 'bent' at a 90 degree angle (and not 'broken') I'd like to know 'which' substances are known to affect plants in such a highly specific and localized way, (bend the stem at a right angle just above ground level) and how such a substance is used/applied to the plants. If the hoaxers have to apply such substances by hand, on each stem, then you can easily see the sheer impracticality of it.

In terms of 'genetic freaks,' there are substances that can force certain plants to express polyploidy, (doubled chromosomes) ie; larger roots, stems, leaves, fruit, or flowers, - but all the ones I know of, (colchisine being one of more widely known and used) they must be applied to the 'seeds' and not to mature plants.

Also, substances like colchisine <-(not sure sp.?) or any others that are powerful enough to induce genetic alterations in plant cells, are more often than not; highly toxic, leave residue in plant tissue, and is 'easy' to detect.

In terms of 'hoaxers' affecting plants in the ways that Nick was speculating about, they would have to literally; swab or introduce a substance that will bend all the plant stems in the selcted area uniformly, then they would have to treat seeds with genetically altering chemicals, plant and germinate the seeds, nurture and grow the plants to make it 'seem-like' the local vegetation was affected 'supernaturally' somehow. And all in the name of creating a hoax. Plus, many of these formations are found in edible grain fields. Colchisine and similar substances are highly toxic and poisonous to humans and animals in micro-doses. If someone is using one of these toxic substances to create genetic freaks for use in a hoax, they would be criminally liable for endangering both the publics' health and its safety. Doesn't make any sense no matter how you slice it.

Then Nick goes on to say that desiccated soil is then 'sprinkled' on the area by the hoaxers and that that 'explains' the kind of findings/test results that BLT and other investigative groups have been getting on tested soil samples. That also doesn't make any sense.

Budd had a soil sample from a reported (by multiple witnesses) "UFO" affected area. It was tested at an agricultural lab that found that the submitted sample had been exposed to extremely high temperatures that left the soil unable to absorb any moisture at all. Water would literally 'bead-up' on the surface. If the desiccated soil had merely been 'sprinkled' on the area as Nick proposes, the lab would not have gotten the results that it did. Ditto for the desiccated samples tested by BLT.

I'm not arguing for a 'paranormal' source for crop formations. I don't know enough about the subject to argue the point one way or the other with any kind of authority. I do know that; what Nick proposes as possible explanations for crop circles isn't 'practical' or even possible. Much less 'likely.'

Just wanted to chuck in my own two cents. I've been terribly busy and I haven't had much time for the List. I wanted to chime in on this one sooner. ;)

Regards,

John Velez

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From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
Date: Sun, 02 Dec 2001 12:56:36 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Dec 2001 14:29:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Fleming

>From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
>Date: Sat, 1 Dec 2001 18:26:03 -0600
>Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Dec 2001 10:23:27 -0500
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Oberg

>>Date: Sat, 01 Dec 2001 11:03:02 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001
>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>The pressure that blowing air exerts on a stationary object is
>>the air density times the square of wind velocity. So the
>>pressure exerted by air 60 miles up against an object traveling
>>at 3500 mph is equivalent to the pressure exerted by a wind
>>blowing at 14 miles per hour at sea level air pressure

>Good calculations, but wrong assumptions about initial
>conditions.

>When you finally figure out what your mistake is, you'll slap
>yourself on the forehead and groan with embarrassment.

Well, I tend not to get too embarrassed about making wrong
assumptions when I don't claim any particular expertise on a
subject. How about you?

You seem to be assuming that on its high-altitude flights, the
X-15 was going straight up and then fell straight down, with
almost no velocity relative to the ground at the high point of
its trajectory. I was thinking that trajectory would be
unlikely because the reentry from that kind of nose dive could
be disastrous. I assumed instead that the plane probably was on
a parabolic trajectory, maintaining a hypersonic speed at the
highest point. It looks like my assumption was correct. See the
drawing of the X-15 flight path at:

<http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/pao/History/SP-60/ch-4.html>

This drawing is for a flight to an altitude of 250,000 feet, or
47 miles, but it's comparable to White's flight to 60 miles
altitude. The drawing shows the speed at the top of the
trajectory to be 3500 miles per hour.

For unpowered flight over a vertical distance H with a velocity
of V0 at engine cut-off, the velocity at the highest point is:

$$V1 = (v0^2 - 2GH) ^ 1/2$$

with G being the acceleration of gravity: 32 feet/sec^2.

For the example on the NASA web page, the vertical distance of
the unpowered flight was 90,000 feet, and the speed at engine
cut-off is 4000 mph. I get a final velocity of 3650 miles per
hour, which isn't far off from what's shown on the drawing (3500
mph). The difference of 150mph might be due to kinetic energy
lost to friction that I don't account for. Or maybe they just
rounded off the velocity to 3500 mph for the purposes of the
illustration.

If the power cut-off altitude and speed were the same for White's trip (and they must have been similar), then White's speed at the highest point in his trajectory, 60 miles up was 3370 mph, perhaps a little lower due to frictional energy losses. The pressures would still be on the order of a wind blowing at more than 10 miles per hour at sea level. No ice flake is going to hover near the aircraft with those pressures acting on it.

There's an additional factor, too: the earth is rotating toward the east at 1000 miles per hour and the atmosphere is rotating with it while a free-falling aircraft is not. The flight path in the illustration shows the plane travelling toward the west, so you can probably add several hundred mph to the plane's ~3300 mph speed. The wind patterns at that altitude could be kind of tricky, but I doubt it could get tricky enough to make an ice flake appear to hover for any length of time.

BTW: These flights lasted less than five minutes, so if something hung around long enough for White to notice it, it must have been visible over a fairly wide range of altitudes. It might have been visible at lower altitudes where the air is denser, not just at the top of his trajectory while White was technically in space.

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From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
Date: Sun, 02 Dec 2001 13:20:10 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Dec 2001 14:31:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Fleming

>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>Date: Sun, 02 Dec 2001 12:00:10 -0400
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Ledger

>>From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001
>>Date: Sat, 1 Dec 2001 18:23:05 -0600

>>>Date: Sat, 01 Dec 2001 11:48:22 -0400
>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001

>>>James did admit that the ice flakes explanations trotted out by
>>>NASA et al for any number of sightings was a red herring.

>>I apologize for being unclear, since I never meant to say any
>>such thing.

>>The ice or 'space debris' explanation, as far as I've been able
>>to tell, is a legitimate and defensible prosaic explanation for
>>these 'famous' UFO reports in space.

>>Another misconception you have to overcome is this notion of
>>something drifting to the front of the X-15.

>>Actually, once exo-atmospheric, the X-15 itself points itself in
>>any random direction using wing-mounted jets. It can do this to
>>point instruments, or for sightseeing, and ultimately to line
>>itself up for re-entry.

>>During this time, even something flaking off its back end can
>>easily wind up in front of the cockpit window as the spacecraft
>>rotates.

>>JimO

>Hi James,

>I'm aware of the attitude adjustments the X-15 could make in
>"near space". I don't get the feeling that White was in an
>unusual attitude from the report-but since we don't have much to
>go on here, what you say is a possibility. In another submission
>a few minutes ago on this same argument I offered the braking
>maneuver -see your statement from above [and ultimately to line
>itself up for re-entry] as a possible reason why a large ice
>flake might have gotten ahead of him.

>Surely though during the many braking and other positioning
>maneuvers carried out during the X-15/15A program ice flakes
>>would have been evident. What was so special about this that
>prompted White's remarks?

>>The ice or 'space debris' explanation, as far as I've been able
>>to tell, is a legitimate and defensible prosaic explanation for
>>these 'famous' UFO reports in space.

>All of them? Some are a bit of a stretch. I'm not saying that
>because they might not be ice flakes then they have to be
>"intelligently controlled" but some of these "ice flakes"
>explanations are a little off-the-wall. Again the teather ice
>flake explanation.

The STS-80 video is the only one I've seen that I thought strongly suggested "ice flakes" under intelligent control. The video sequence is about 5 minutes long and shows at least one of the objects moving on an intersecting course toward another object, coming to a stop relative to the second object as it nears it. The other object had also started out moving at a high apparent speed and had come to a complete stop not relative to the camera but relative to the Earth, which was moving with respect to the shuttle. Then that object started moving again. Whoever was controlling the camera apparently thought this was pretty interesting behavior for ice flakes. When the "stopped" object started moving toward the horizon and joined another bunch of "ice flakes", the camera followed and zoomed in on it.

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Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Oberg

From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Sun, 2 Dec 2001 15:49:40 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Dec 2001 06:38:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Oberg

>Date: Sun, 02 Dec 2001 12:56:36 -0600
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001
>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

><http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/pao/History/SP-60/ch-4.html>

Wow, neat chart, different than all the others I've seen. Let's try to figure out which is trustworthy. But you found a close-to-original source, so your assumptions are defensible. Good work.

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Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Oberg

From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Sun, 2 Dec 2001 15:53:05 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Dec 2001 06:40:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Oberg

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>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001
>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
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>bunch of "ice flakes", the camera followed and zoomed in on it.

So why not ask them? These are guys I've worked with for years,
they've told me they think the UFO buffs are really loony, and
they're tired of wasting time on explanations that are ignored.

Their slang term for responding to these kinds of inquiries is
'bug hunt', as in Aliens-II.

But at least you should interview primary witnesses, if you want
to do a real investigation.

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Re: Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist? -

From: **chris aubeck** <caubeck@yahoo.com>
Date: Sun, 2 Dec 2001 21:36:03 +0000 (GMT)
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Dec 2001 06:42:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist? -

>From: Kelly <kellymcc@attcanada.ca>
>Subject: Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist? III
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto
><ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>Scientific discoveries have always caused trouble
>for dogmatic Church teachings. In Bruno's time,
>astronomy was a threat to the teachings of the
>Church.

<snip>

Dear Kelly,

Bruno was not a 16th century "ufologist" because he never saw,
nor claimed anyone ever saw, nor even mentioned or hinted at the
existence of, UFOs.

Unless we regard planets, stars and comets as UFOs, that is.

Furthermore, his ideas on the plurality of life in the universe
were not entirely original, just as the earth was not believed
by everyone to be flat.

Chris Aubeck

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Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 2 Dec 2001 22:56:01 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Dec 2001 06:44:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Maccabee

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 30 Nov 2001 23:54:24 EST
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

<snip>

>In Oberg's response, we find two Klassic staples of debunking
>technique:

>1. Any "explanation," no matter how stupid or impossible, is
>preferable to none.

Although Klass and other skeptics have used this technique, I
was the first (I believe) to formally state it as Maccabee's
First Rule for Debunkers:

Any explanation is better than none (no matter how
cockeyed).

(I have presented this rule publicly in lectures and papers and
on this list many times in the past)

>2. Even if a valid objection is raised to the aforementioned
>"explanation" never admit error. Instead evade, stonewall,
>ridicule, obfuscate, whatever, such as "Do you have any evidence
>he wasn't in space" or "Oh, what do you expect of
>Ufologists--they just never accept a true, prosaic explanation."

This is related to Maccabee's Second Rule:

If the first explanation doesn't work or seems unconvincing,
try another.

The Corollary to the Second Rule is, if the second explanation
doesn't work or is unconvincing, try a third... etc. ad
infinitum.

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Re: Fermi's Paradox III - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 2 Dec 2001 23:08:03 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Dec 2001 06:48:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Fermi's Paradox III - Maccabee

>Date: Sat, 01 Dec 2001 10:14:45 -0800
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Re: Fermi's Paradox III

>>Date: Fri, 30 Nov 2001 13:34:21 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: Fermi's Paradox III
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>... But religion assumes a
>>transcendent being in control. What if humanity were to suddenly
>>come face to face with material biological beings who seem to be
>>in control, or at least have much greater capability than we?
>>Think about it.

>Hello Bruce,

>This and all your foregoing are quite true and relevant.
>However:

>>Do YOU want to announce the proof of UFO reality to the world...
>>and be responsible for the consequences? ...>

>ist, in UFOs Are Real...Here's the Proof_ and elsewhere. Now's
>not the time to stop! You needn't worry about any abrupt
>immediate consequences, since the self-cover is still so strong
>that no one individual can breach it. Yet, every individual's
>s>incere efforts at breaching it helps in some small measure,
>s>ome more than others, as it does have a positive effect in
>getting out the truth.

>But those parts of the world that aren't interested in listening
>to the evidence and truth don't have to do so, so no one person
>can be responsible for the consequences of when governments
>hemselves, especially that of the USA, eventually find they
>have to disclose the truth. By that time, all you competent
>ufologists in the future, now and in the past half century, will
>have done your jobs so that the societal consequences will not
>be as severe as otherwise.>

Yes.... yes.... I realize that few people take what I say seriously
(few other than knowledgable ufologists) and so I don't expect to
bring civilization down upon my head.

But what if the Presidents of the USA and FSU (Former Soviet
Union) and The Pope and Walter Cronkite (former CBS news anchor)
were to all stand up before a press conference and say what I
(and numerous others before me) have said.

That would cause a major fluctuation in the history of
civilization.... may be even leading to the destruction of
civilization as we know it.

Would that result in something better or worse.... That is the
Question!

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Re: Misunderstanding The X-15 Ersatz-UFO

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 2 Dec 2001 23:09:01 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Dec 2001 06:52:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Misunderstanding The X-15 Ersatz-UFO

>From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Misunderstanding The X-15 Ersatz-UFO Controversy
>Date: Sun, 2 Dec 2001 08:41:34 -0600

Oberg's post starts off on the right note:

>The value of a give-and-take forum such as this is in
>identifying reasons why intelligent people differ over
>historical events.

Then immediately degenerates into his usual
much-ado-about-nothing cant about Bob White's quote when much
more grievous misinformation from Oberg immediately awaits:

>As we have discussed the X-15 program and the
>ersatz-UFO on Bob White's flight - with the deliberate omission
>of critical information from a cited news story

A typical, though mild ad-hominem about "non-believers," as if
to question anything he has to say is some sort of personal
short-coming:

>- it's become
>clear from defiant responses that the non-believers in the
>explanation are coming from a gross misunderstanding of the
>actual event.

A misstatement or misunderstanding about what the opposition is
really saying:

>It seems they think the rocket plane was cruising under engine
>power at 60 miles up when something passed in front of them.
>Naturally, any 'debris' explanation looks ridiculous under such
>a scenario.

When that's not what the "non-believers" were thinking. Nobody I
know said or thought the X-15 was still cruising under rocket
power. What they were wondering is how an "ice-sheet,"
described as looking as thin as a piece of paper, could appear
relatively motionless outside Bob White's side window and
survive while he was still travelling at hypersonic speeds in a
non-vacuum. Furthermore, it's more than a little unclear how any
ice that formed at lower altitudes could survive unscathed under
high vibrations conditions (see below), only to break loose
later when the craft wasn't vibrating.

>As the following quotes and links show, however, the flight
>profile for the high-altitude missions (the only ones on which
>objects were spotted outside) were very, very different from
>this misperception. After a brief rocket burst, the ship coasted
>up to a peak, hung at the edge of space, and fell back into the
>atmosphere.

This wasn't anybody's "misperception" that I know of.

Now comes these astoundingly erroneous statements from Oberg,
which make any selective quotations of Bob White's X-15 remarks
pale in comparison:

>You actually can prove this mathematically from the information
>that speeds on such missions reached 3600 mph. Since engine
>cut-off was about 25 miles, with a vertical rate of 3600 mph,
>you can see how at a 32 ft per sec per sec deceleration, the
>upward fall lasts about 150 seconds and traverses 40 miles
>straight up. All the way, it's a ballistic regime and anything
>coming off the vehicle travels along with it over the arc and
>back down.

This is very strange physics Jimbo. Don't you know the difference between total velocity and the horizontal and vertical components of the velocity? According to you, the X-15 had a vertical velocity equal to its total velocity, meaning it would have been travelling straight up!

When you make ridiculous statements like this, it just further hurts your credibility as being an aerospace expert. Instead the term "pelican science" starts to come to mind.

Please also note from your own quoted references below, the X-15 engines generally cut out at higher altitudes than your stated 25 miles (depending, I assume, on the particular mission):

>On a typical
>highaltitude flight, the X-15 would launch from the B-52 mother
>ship at 45,000 feet and would then accelerate and pull up into a
>steep climb. Burnout occurred at about 160,000 feet at over
>4,000mph. The airplane would then coast upward at zero G to max
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>powered flight up to 200,000 feet or so, and upward coasting
>after that. The X-15 and its one-man crew were out of the
>atmosphere at the apogee point of the flight, anywhere from
>200,000 to 350,000+ feet up.

Thus, according to your own references, burnout for high-altitude flights (like White's) was from 160,000 (30 miles) to 200,000 (38 miles), not 25 miles.

Since White's flight was one of the highest flights (about 315,000 feet or almost 60 miles), I will assume in the following exercise that the engine cut out at 200,000 feet and the X-15 then coasted a passive ballistic trajectory for the remaining 115,000 ft (22 miles, not your equally ridiculous "40 miles straight up" BTW, here's another heads up: $60 - 25 = 35$, not 40. Sheesh!)

Using the basic physics formula, $\text{distance} = 1/2 * g(\text{grav. accel.}) * t^2$, the time 't' to coast the 115,000 feet (neglecting air friction) would be about 85 seconds. The initial vertical (not net) velocity needed to coast this far would then be $\text{velocity} = \text{accel} * \text{time} = 32 * 85 = 2700 \text{ ft/sec} = 1850 \text{ mph}$ (a far cry from Oberg's 3600 mph "straight up" vertical velocity).

White's maximum net velocity at engine cutoff was Mach 6.04 or 4070 mph. From this simplified model, his angle of attack at cutoff to have a vertical velocity component of 1850 would be $\arcsin(1850/4070) = 27 \text{ degrees}$. His component of horizontal velocity would therefore be $4070 * \cos(27 \text{ deg}) = 3620 \text{ mph}$ (Mach 5.4).

(Hmmm, the same velocity Jim Oberg claimed White was going "straight up." Could it be he doesn't know the difference between horizontal and vertical velocity?)

In a true vacuum, the horizontal velocity would remain unchanged, but in the actual non-vacuum frictional, drag will slow the plane down. The question is by how much? Oberg in another post today ridiculing my objections to the "ice sheet" theory claimed the following:

>From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001
>Date: Sat, 1 Dec 2001 18:07:06 -0600

>The X-15 at its high point is moving at most only a few hundred feet per second.

"A few hundred feet per second" would be only a few hundred mph or subsonic. If that were the case, then Oberg's ice sheet hypothesis might be saved. The effective near-vacuum "wind" at 60 miles would then be reduced by 2 or 3 orders of magnitude from the hypersonic velocities assumed by Lan Fleming and myself.

The problem is, such low velocities at peak altitude seem to be just more baloney from Jim Oberg, along with his 40 miles and 3600 mph "straight up."

Oberg's first reference below provides strong evidence that Oberg probably made up that low velocity figure, perhaps in an attempt to save his "ice sheet" explanation.

>See the following sites, and quotations, to expand on this explanation.

><http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/pao/History/x15lect/intro.html>

Now go to the second page of this website and look at the graphs showing plots of Mach number vs. angles of attack:

<http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/pao/History/x15lect/piloting.html>

Look at the third graph with the inserted curve labeled "Typical altitude mission" and also the region of this curve labeled "reentry." First observe the right edge of this curve near the peak, indicating that the maximum Mach number for this example was about 5.5, about the same as the horizontal velocity of White's flight at engine cutoff.

Now note that in the region marked "reentry" the lowest Mach speed is about 3.7, or about 2500 mph or 3700 ft/sec, the slowdown from Mach 5.5 (3700 mph) presumably representing the effects of air friction.

This is a far cry from Oberg's "The X-15 at its high point is moving at most only a few hundred feet per second."

Furthermore, note in this example flight that the angle of attack (about 15 degrees) is much shallower at maximum Mach than the one calculated above for White's flight (about 27 degrees). If this shallower angle of attack was translated to White's higher flight speed, the initial vertical velocity at cutoff would have been in the neighborhood of 1050 mph, the X-15 would have glided upward for only another 33 seconds, and risen only another 17,000 feet, instead of 115,000 (hopefully I did all my calculations right).

The point of this is that this example flight would have been through much denser atmosphere than White's flight. That nearly 100,000 foot difference in altitude also represents about a 100-fold difference in air density. White's flight would not have been slowed nearly as much by air friction as the example flight curve. How much less? As a crude estimate, assume a geometric mean of about 10 times less average air density and resulting frictional loss. Instead of dropping 1200 mph in air speed because of friction, White's horizontal speed would more likely have dropped about 1/10th of this, or from my initial calculated 3620 down to about 3500 mph.

This is also exactly what Lan Fleming was saying in another response to Oberg today. See:

>>Date: Sun, 02 Dec 2001 12:56:36 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001
>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>><http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/pao/History/SP-60/ch-4.html>

>>This drawing is for a flight to an altitude of 250,000 feet, or >>47 miles, but it's comparable to White's flight to 60 miles >>altitude. The drawing shows the speed at the top of the >>trajectory to be 3500 miles per hour.

Like Fleming, with these rough calculations and not knowing the exact mission profile, I'm not claiming White was travelling at

exactly 3500 mph at his maximum altitude, but he wouldn't have been too far removed from this speed, perhaps a few hundred mph less (as, e.g., if the engines cut out at a lower altitude and a steeper attack angle was employed). We are still definitely talking about hypersonic speeds here, not "at most only a few hundred feet per second."

Ian also did a calculation of the effective "wind speed" experienced at a speed of about 3500 mph but in the much thinner atmosphere 60 miles up, reduced in density by approximately a million-fold compared to sea level, and came up with about 14 mph. To play it conservative, let's cut this wind to 10 mph, or about 15 feet/sec.

Now let's go through the scenario being proposed by Oberg, at least as I understand it, to see if it has any merit.

Oberg proposes that at maximum altitude and in a near vacuum, the X-15 was maneuvering sideways?, backwards?, he doesn't say, so that a piece of ice could somehow break off (from where exactly and prompted by what?) and be even with or ahead of the pilot's cabin, rather than having to migrate forward.

First of all, Oberg has provided zero evidence that the X-15 was maneuvered to these extremes. It seems unlikely to me that the pilots would maneuver too far from straight ahead in this near vacuum environment in the few minutes they had, since if the plane wasn't near correct allignment as it began diving back towards earth, it could quickly spell disaster. But I don't know. I never claimed to be an aviation expert like Oberg. Also, none of Oberg's references deal with the question.

However, let's give this scenario its best shot. Assume White has spun the plane almost completely around so that the rocket engine is now towards the front and the pilot's cabin is toward's the rear. This is needed to get the hypothetical ice sheet ahead of the pilot.

A thin sheet of ice caused by the liquid oxygen, which has somehow managed to survive the earlier severe vibrations of flight (see below), breaks off from somewhere (a rocket nozzle, I think Oberg originally proposed), though why this happens now, when the ice isn't particularly stressed, and not earlier, when it was, is not explained.

The speed of the plane is not subsonic, as Oberg falsely claimed, but still very much hypersonic, probably around Mach 5+. Thus there is an effective wind speed on the order of 10 mph or 15 ft/sec even in this near vacuum. Being a flat ice sheet and non-aerodynamic, it is subjected to maximum drag forces. Despite being described as appearing paper-thin by White, it does not immediately start to break apart. But it does quickly drift front to back in 2 or 3 seconds past the side view of the surprised pilot, who exclaims "There really are things out there." In a few more seconds, it will fall behind the plane and disappear from view.

Instead of thinking that maybe it's some sort of nonconsequential debris that has broken off the plane, pilot White thinks the whole episode is unusual enough to deserve comment. He also describes the "ice" as appearing gray, a very unusual description for pristine "ice."

Oberg also states at the beginning that, "it's become clear from defiant responses that the non-believers in the explanation are coming from a gross misunderstanding of the actual event."

I can't image why there might be "non-believers" with their "defiant responses" to Oberg's scenario. As to "gross misunderstanding of he actual event," perhaps Oberg is referring to his own "gross misunderstanding," such as the X-15 travelling straight up at 3600 mph or having a maximum speed of only a few hundred mph when these events are supposed to have transpired.

These statements are completely false. Furthermore, they are coming from a self-proclaimed aero-space expert, something I certainly never claimed to be. This makes them even more difficult to fathom.

Again, I can't imagine why people would mistrust something coming from Jim Oberg.

><http://history.nasa.gov/x15/cover.html>
><http://www.dfrc.nasa.gov/History/Publications/SP-4303/ch6-5.html>
><http://www.najaco.com/books/aviationchorus/x15.htm>

>Milton Thompson: "...We left the atmosphere and for 2 to 5
>minutes, depending on peak altitude, we were weightless in a 0 g
>space environment. We could not turn or change our flight path
>outside the atmosphere. We could only control aircraft attitude
>through the use of reaction controls. We made an exit of the
>earth's atmosphere and a reentry just like any other
>spacecraft."

All very interesting, but tells us nothing about the extremes of maneuvering. Did they maneuver backwards?

>Milton Thompson: "Liquid oxygen is quite cold, as you may
>remember from demonstrations in high school. We could always
>tell how much liquid oxygen was in the tank by the frost on the
>outer skin of the fuselage. It was always comforting to know
>that if we crashed in the X-15, we would not suffer very long.
>The liquid oxygen from a ruptured tank would freeze dry us in
>seconds."

This is irrelevant except in the very earliest stages of flight when there was still liquid oxygen in the tanks. After engine burnout, the tanks would be empty. No more ice would form, particularly in the extremely arid conditions of these altitudes.

Now here's another thing I would like to know. How did ice manage to adhere to those tanks or any part of the plane for any length of time while the engines were blazing away and also when they were off when the fuel was exhausted. (I still vividly remember those sheets of ice on the outer skin of the Saturn rockets dropping off on lift-off.)

The extreme vibrations of the X-15 and the fuel tanks, even after engine cutoff, were graphically described by Bob White himself in the following excerpt from:

<http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/pao/History/x15conf/pilots.html>

Then the sounds, bangs, and booms through the aircraft, loud, often. "What the hell," I wondered, "are we coming apart?" I pictured an Asian bell about 20 ft in diameter with some strong guy with a hammer about 6 ft long, beating that bell to death. The answer, simple enough: the flight control system working at its maximum potential was banging against its stops. **The noises from this action reverberated through the large, now empty, fuel tanks** and were amplified in sound to the pilot's cockpit. I thought later that I was glad I was not hearing the bells of St. Marys.

So even though the empty fuel tanks and the plane were being rung like a bell (presumably at the lower altitudes), the ice stubbornly adhered to parts of the craft, only to somehow come off later in the near-vacuum, low-vibration environment the X-15 experienced 60 miles up. Have I got that right?

><http://www.edwards.af.mil/index-flash.html>
>http://www.edwards.af.mil/history/docs_html/aircraft/x-15.html
><http://www.air-and-space.com/~brianl/x-15%20forty%20years%20later%20contents.htm>
><http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/systems/aircraft/x-15.htm>

<snip>

>Generally, one of two types of X-15 flight profiles was used; a
>high-altitude flight plan that called for the pilot to maintain
>a steep rate of climb, or a speed profile that called for the
>pilot to push over and maintain a level altitude.

>http://www.space.edu/projects/dss/orbiter13_2.html

>The typical X-15 flight profile consisted of an air-drop launch
>at about 40,000 feet, ignition of the XLR-99 rocket engine,
>powered flight up to 200,000 feet or so, and upward coasting
>after that. The X-15 and its one-man crew were out of the
>atmosphere at the apogee point of the flight, anywhere from
>200,000 to 350,000+ feet up. The pilot would then nose the

>little plane over, and begin a hypersonic nosedive toward the
>earth. Descent rates were sometimes in excess of 240,000 feet
>per minute. After a series of energy-reducing turns and
>maneuvers, the pilot would flare just before landing, for a
>touchdown at over 200 miles per hour.

><http://www.acepilots.com/planes/x15.html>

>The X-15 was powered by a rocket engine, first the "small"
>engine, and then by the XLR-99, a monster with 57,000 pounds of
>thrust, almost comparable to the Mercury Redstone rocket that
>launched Alan Shepard and Gus Grissom. A B-52 bomber carried the
>X-15 aloft, releasing it at 45,000 feet at about 500 MPH. Then
>the pilot switched on the rocket engine, which propelled the
>plane for only 80 to 120 seconds, no more than two minutes. For
>maneuvering at high altitudes, where there was no air for flaps
>and ailerons to work with, the X-15 had six small hydrogen
>peroxide jets, which controlled the plane's roll, pitch, and
>yaw. To return, the pilot had to make a dead-stick (unpowered)
>touchdown on the lakebed at Edwards, just as the shuttles do
>today.

Again, nothing here to tell us to what extremes the X-15 maneuvered at these high altitudes.

>
><http://www.fiddlersgreen.net/aircraft/jets/X-15/X-15info/X15-info.htm>

>"The second major goal of the X-15 was to fly out of the
>atmosphere into "spaceequivalent" conditions. On a typical
>highaltitude flight, the X-15 would launch from the B-52 mother
>ship at 45,000 feet and would then accelerate and pull up into a
>steep climb. Burnout occurred at about 160,000 feet at over
>4,000mph. The airplane would then coast upward at zero G to max
>altitude and then nose over into a reentry.

>Unlike the space shuttle, which has a large horizontal velocity
>at entry and scrubs off speed at high angles of attack, the X-15
>was coming almost straight down when it reentered. At 130,000
>feet, a hypersonic pullout began and was completed at 65,000
>feet. Maintaining stability and control in the reentry pullout
>was one of the most difficult problems faced by the program."

>"The X-15 could reach altitudes of above 99 percent of the
>earth's atmosphere. At the peak of these trajectories, the
>aerodynamic control surfaces had no effect. The airplane was
>equipped with a reaction control system that consisted of
>hydrogen-peroxide-fueled thruster rockets. The X-15 was the
>first manned vehicle to use reaction controls outside the
>atmosphere. The thrusters were controlled by a lefthand-side
>stick. The X-15 thruster system was later adapted for use on the
>Mercury spacecraft and was the direct ancestor of all spacecraft
>reaction controls."

Again, there is nothing here about the how extreme the maneuvers were. Somehow the "ice" has to be seen out of White's side window.

><http://www.avweb.com/articles/profiles/bdana/>

>Bill Dana: "I don't understand this phenomena but it felt like
>you were actually fired off the pylon; you were actually only
>falling away at zero gravity, but it felt like you were fired
>away, and it was quite a shock at launch. Then the engine revved
>and things really happened fast after that. The X-15 weighed
>33,000 pounds at launch and the engine put out 60,000 pounds of
>thrust, so we had almost 2 Gs when you lit the engine. As the
>fuel burned down by burn-out you only had 15,000 pounds of gross
>weight and a 60,000 pound engine, so except for drag, if you're
>on a high altitude mission where there wasn't much drag, you're
>getting almost 4 Gs of pure acceleration. We had about 85
>seconds of fuel and in those 85 seconds we went from Mach .8 to
>Mach 5.5 or 6.0 on some flights. That's a pretty wild ride. Milt
>Thompson once said - and this is the best line that came out of
>the X-15 program - the X-15 was the only airplane he ever flew
>where he was glad when the engine quit! You'd be pinned back in
>the seat there wondering how long you were going to be able to
>survive this and then the engine would burn out and you'd feel
>like 'ahh,' you were back at zero G. On an altitude mission as
>you climbed out, the air went away and pretty soon you were
>really at zero gravity. "

>What does the world look like from 300,000 feet?

>It's a beautiful view. You're in dark sky. The atmosphere
>appears as a bright blue ring, just like the view you see in the
>movies. It's peaceful. It's quiet. There's no gravity so your
>heart isn't working as hard to move the blood, so it's kind of
>relaxing.

Most of the material posted immediately above by Oberg is interesting but also completely irrelevant to the discussion. It's like a student padding a term paper hoping the instructor won't notice the poor arguments, mistakes, and lack of content therein.

David Rudiak

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From: Charles Chapman <charlesrc@earthlink.net>
Date: Mon, 3 Dec 2001 01:53:24 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Dec 2001 06:55:49 -0500
Subject: IUFOMRC?

Regarding the International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell:

<http://www.iufomrc.org/>

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Re: Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist? -

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Mon, 3 Dec 2001 06:35:36 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Dec 2001 21:18:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist? -

>Date: Sun, 2 Dec 2001 21:36:03 +0000 (GMT)
>From: chris aubeck <caubeck@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>From: Kelly <kellymccg@attcanada.ca>
>>Subject: Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist? III
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto
>><ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>Scientific discoveries have always caused trouble
>>for dogmatic Church teachings. In Bruno's time,
>>astronomy was a threat to the teachings of the
>>Church.

><snip>

>Dear Kelly,

>Bruno was not a 16th century "ufologist" because he never saw,
>nor claimed anyone ever saw, nor even mentioned or hinted at the
>existence of, UFOs.

>Unless we regard planets, stars and comets as UFOs, that is.

>Furthermore, his ideas on the plurality of life in the universe
>were not entirely original, just as the earth was not believed
>by everyone to be flat.

...yeah, but as one willing to pay freight for saying what
needed to be said, contributing to a very necessary marketplace
of fertile ideas, and providing tap roots of alternative
thinking as a bulwark against the thinking of convenient
religious fundamentalism (?)... he didn't do bad. <g>. Ahead of
his time, he was the soul of individualism, a living example of
its validity, and a courageous spirit worthy of no small amount
of grateful appreciation.

He was a whistle-blower, and we need those people like them or
not...

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

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EXPLORE "Alfred Lehmborg's Alien View" at his HostPros URL.

<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually.
He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put
one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he
gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged
-- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see
from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, scourged by
the scurrilous.

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Re: IUFOMRC? - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Mon, 3 Dec 2001 09:40:25 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Dec 2001 21:21:02 -0500
Subject: Re: IUFOMRC? - Friedman

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Why not contact the museum? I was at the Museum in both early
and late July, and had conversations with 2 people from the
Museum this past week. 505-625-1907. Director is Julie Shuster.

The millionth visitor was clocked on June 29.

In late July we filmed material there for a Canadian Documentary
'Stanton T. Friedman IS Real!', Redstar Films. Hopefully it will
be broadcast on the Canadian Space Channel early in 2002.

There have been some changes in the board of directors. Still
going strong. Calling should obtain answers.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Misunderstanding The X-15 Ersatz-UFO

From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Mon, 3 Dec 2001 07:59:18 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Dec 2001 21:23:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Misunderstanding The X-15 Ersatz-UFO

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 2 Dec 2001 23:09:01 EST
>Subject: Re: Misunderstanding The X-15 Ersatz-UFO Controversy
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

Major homework, very well done! Lots of progress!

First, we're now all agreed that it's important to describe the sighted object as small, about the size of White's hand, estimated at 40 feet away (well within the range of stereoscopic eyeball vision). This is a major improvement over existing descriptions of the event as shown all over the WWW.

Now, what were the conditions during the sighting? We've also converged on some consensus. Assuming it was near the peak of the high-altitude flight, it was in a near-vacuum (but not orbital-altitude vacuum), with a low horizontal velocity but still some horizontal velocity (to be further elaborated but higher than values I initially suggested)) that was more than an order of magnitude less than natural meteors. The spacecraft was in free attitude, it could point in any desired direction under control of the maneuvering thrusters.

I presume we've all seen the photograph(s) released. Shows a dot near the horizon.

Now to elaborate on the potential vehicle-derived sources of candidate objects. Ice remains a tempting candidate because it forms where tankage and plumbing was exposed to air pre-drop -- this includes tanks and aft engine-related plumbing. Vehicle structural elements such as insulation patches also may shake loose but they'd be noticed post-flight as being gone. Other suggestions...

Lastly, the post-flight comments (and even long-after interviews) with flight crews are bound to be important.

Rudiak's done good, no doubt about it. He seems resentful and confrontational about being made to do the homework, but what-the-hey he's the guy asserting there is no prosaic explanation, there's bound to be some work involved. And some hurt feelings. The price of progress.....

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Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Carpenter

From: Joel Carpenter <carpenter_joel@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, 03 Dec 2001 09:17:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Dec 2001 21:25:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Carpenter

Can anyone clarify what the date of the UFO sighting was? Which flight was it?

Joel Carpenter

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CCCRN News: Fields of Dreams Webcast - 12-05-01

From: Paul Anderson <psa@look.ca>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Dec 2001 21:30:49 -0500
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Re: IUFOMRC? - Lewis

From: **Smiles Lewis** <smiles@elfis.net>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Dec 2001 21:32:43 -0500
Subject: Re: IUFOMRC? - Lewis

>From: Charles Chapman <charlesrc@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: IUFOMRC
>Date: Mon, 3 Dec 2001 01:53:24 -0800

>Regarding the International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell:

><http://www.iufomrc.org/>

>I noticed that the last newsletter posted on the website is from
>June 2001. I also noticed a statement that the:

>"Millionth Visitor in Museum's 10 year history 'expected' before
>the 2001 Roswell UFO festival in July."

>It appears the website has not been updated for a long time.
>Does anyone know why? Does anyone know why the newsletter has
>been discontinued? Does anyone have any information regarding
>the current administration, activities, etc. of the museum?

I don't know the answers to your questions but spoke to someone
associated with the place a couple of months ago.

You could give em a call or email them or snail mail them:

114 N. Main Street
PO Box 2221
Roswell, NM 88202-2221

Phone: (505) 625-9495
Fax: (505) 625-1907

E-Mail: IUFOMRC@IUFOMRC.org

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Re: Italian UFO Newsflash No. 324 - Italian UFO

From: **Edoardo Russo** <e.russo@cisu.org>
Date: Mon, 03 Dec 2001 17:21:28 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Dec 2001 21:34:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Italian UFO Newsflash No. 324 - Italian UFO

ITALIAN UFO NEWSFLASH

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Contents:

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August: The Italian Wave Continues

As expected, the month of August saw no let-up in the wave of sightings which hit Italy, since the month of June.

Giuseppe Stilo has disseminated a preliminary list of reports of sightings received or gathered by the Italian Center for Ufology Studies and relative to this past July: it covers 67 observation cases which points not only to a continuance but an increase in the ongoing, small summer UFO wave and this despite the fact that, meanwhile, the number of incidents reported by the mass media has been diminishing (55 newspaper clippings gathered by Eco della Stampa during the month of July, compared with 86 in June).

The sightings continue to be widespread throughout the Peninsula; and although the northern regions are maintaining a slight lead, the central and southern zones no longer trail far behind in the statistics. As always, nocturnal nights prevail; but in July, there occurred 11 daylight objects, 8 close encounters and 3 cases captured on videotape.

In the meantime, the list of reports relative to the month of June has been updated, reflecting an increase in number from 54 to 62.

[Report by Giuseppe Stilo.]

The Monselice Case

Among the sightings of last month, that having had a major impact occurred on the evening of 3 August in Monselice (Padua) where, at about 11:15 p.m., two women sitting on a bench in a square observed an enormous four-sided object, described as being as large as the square itself, that arrived noiselessly, descended from the sky, and stopped a few meters above the ground directly over the witnesses.

The object, measuring side-on approximately 10 meters in length, had rounded edges and many lights; at the structure's center, there was a ring of intense light, with a little red light in the middle. One of the women fled in terror and hid behind a small statue of the Madonna, while the other remained paralyzed

on the bench and continued staring at the thing. Suddenly, however, the latter rose and took a few steps forward, until she was directly beneath the object: she gestured strangely with her arms and made some noises. Her friend continued to call to her screaming and finally convinced her friend to join her behind the statue.

After a few seconds, the strange metallic platform, with a kind of =93muffled noise,=94 eventually split up into three parts which then shot away at an incredible speed: two luminous discs in one direction, one multicolored one in the other. When their screams caught the attention of another woman who was looking out onto her garden, the latter caught sight only of the two frightened and semi-concealed witnesses.

But there is a third witness, who was approximately 500 meters away and simultaneously saw in the sky a =93stupendous and intensely-colored=94 square-shaped object, which she stopped to watch for its =93extremely beautiful colors: white, red, yellow and green.=94

The two protagonists of the story remained greatly unsettled from their experience: one of them didn=92t manage to sleep at night for a week or more, remained in a state of shock and speechless, and could not be located for a number of days.

An inquest was conducted by the Carabinieri, and the case was picked up by various Ufologists who issued varied and contrasting statements. The Pordenonese Antonio Chiumiento affirmed that it had to do with an extraterrestrial object which was going to attempt to abduct one of the two women. Instead, The International UFO Center maintained that the cause likely was a top-secret American airplane. The Venice contingent of the National UFO Center finally reported its detection of a slight trace of radioactivity at the spot, leading to alarm among the population and the intervention of the Regional Environmental Protection Agency, which alternately refuted the presence of any radioactivity. Subsequently, both the CUN and CUI gave advance notice of respective conferences to be held right in Monselice in September, but on different dates. The newspapers thus were able to closely follow the irony of the seriousness and competency on the part of the Ufologists.

[Il Gazzettino, Padua edition, and Il Mattino di Padova, 17-30 August; UfoItalia, 23-30 August; collaboration by Roberto Labanti, Matteo Leone, Alessandro Lu=E8, Dario Paganini and Gildo Person=E8.]

Hessdalen: The Italian Mission Returns Home

After four weeks, the Italian mission came to an end on 22 August in the Hessdalen Valley of Norway, where sightings of strange lights in the sky have occurred repeatedly for twenty years.

The expedition, conducted in collaboration with the National Council of Research Activities, had the goal of acquiring optical data on the phenomenon, along with electromagnetic instrument data gathered by the CNR; was led by the astrophysicist Massimo Teodorani; and was organized and financed (for the second consecutive year) by the Italian Committee for Project Hessdalen, a group created in Bologna last year for this specific aim and coordinated by Renzo Cabassi.

The unfavorable atmospheric conditions notwithstanding, various video and photographic captures of the phenomenon were acquired this year, as well, thus allowing both tools and photometric and spectroscopic techniques to be put to the test. The data gathered will be analyzed and interpreted in the next month and finally summarized in a preliminary technical article to be published in the future on the CIPH Website (<http://www.itacomm.net/PH/>).

Also participating in the expedition were Simona Righini, graduate in Astronomy, and Flavio Gori, of NASA=92s Project Inspire, who worked alongside engineers Stelio Montebugnoli, Jader Monari, Marco Poloni and Andrea Cremonini of the Radio/Astronomical Medicine Station (Bologna) of the National Council of Research Activities.

[Il Tempo, Il Gazzettino, La Gazzetta di Modena and other dailies, 23 August; Heos, 24 August; Panorama, 7 September; UfoItalia, 23 August-6 September; collaboration by Renzo Cabassi, Gildo Person=E8 and Roberto Labanti.]

French TV Documentary

The UFO world in France has been reverberating for weeks in anticipation of the airing on Sunday, 9 September on National TV Channel 2 of the documentary, "Le secret américain" (=93UFOs: The American Secret=94), the work of the French journalist Vincent Gielly, who during two years of investigating has interviewed numerous experts, viewed archives and consulted documents around the globe.

The clamor also derives from the fact that the documentary was preview-broadcast exclusively to the French Senate last 24 April, arousing a certain interest in the objective and historic piece. The documentary is actually modeled after the life of the astronomer/Ufologist Joseph Allen Hynek.

[Ovni-Sciences, 25-30 April.]

Among the Ufologists interviewed (Americans, overall), there are some of the most notable names on the American scene. Already arousing particular interest is news of the inclusion of a French counter-espionage official who is actively involved with the subject of UFOs. The program has already garnered positive reviews from numerous newspapers on the other side of the Alps, and followers hope that this signals a turnabout in the way that television handles the subject in their country.

[Le Monde, Le Nouvel Observateur, 1 September; Ovni-Sciences, 2-6 September.]

Even before France, meanwhile, a preliminary part of the documentary was aired in Italian on Swiss Television Channel 1 on Tuesday, 4 September.

[Collaboration by Stefania Genovese, Corrado Guarisco and Maurizio Verga.]

Collaborators on this edition: Renzo Cabassi, Stefania Genovese, Corrado Guarisco, Roberto Labanti, Matteo Leone, Dario Paganini, Gildo Person=E8, Giuseppe Stilo and Maurizio Verga.

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More On The X-15

From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
Date: Sun, 02 Dec 2001 22:03:14 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Dec 2001 21:37:47 -0500
Subject: More On The X-15

Highly recommended: '[X-15: The NASA Mission Reports, Incorporating files from the USAF](#)' Compiled from the archives and edited by Robert Godwin (Apogee Books, 1971, 2000) (Includes a CDROM of movies and images)

Contains everything you always wanted to know about the X-15 but were too (whatever) to ask.

My (impossible) childhood dream was to be a test pilot and fly the X-15. I built many models of it. There's an X-15 mounted in front of the visitor center at Edwards. (They give a great tour.) Too cool.

Zoomin Purrers...
wac

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Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Oberg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Mon, 3 Dec 2001 06:20:48 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Dec 2001 21:40:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Oberg

>From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001
>Date: Sun, 2 Dec 2001 15:49:40 -0600

>>Date: Sun, 02 Dec 2001 12:56:36 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001
>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>><http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/pao/History/SP-60/ch-4.html>

>Wow, neat chart, different than all the others I've seen. Let's
>try to figure out which is trustworthy. But you found a
>close-to-original source, so your assumptions are defensible.
>Good work.

I've never seen a paragraph so drenched with real and implied fallacy. Patronizing, presumptuous, and pontificating it is an appeal to a nebulous and evaporating authority, an implied either/or of the self-serving contrived conditional, and only more unconvincing because of its obvious narrow focus, its dogmatic adherence to old world paradigms, and its (even well meaning) fundamental dishonesty.

Yes, dishonest. You refute, you must admit, the (subsequently inevitable!) fringe without seriously addressing the 20% that validates that fringe and makes it possible, at all. The lack of serious attention that the UFO generates is testament to the validity of the UFO because UFOs are obvious given the preponderance of historical evidence, photographic evidence, physical evidence, anecdotal evidence, and my personal evidence. If just 20% (2%!) of that evidence is good... it still points to something worthy of serious treatment, passionate study, and perhaps marvelous application. You stand, sir, in the way of the 'reach' that our collective 'grasp' aspires to...

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

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EXPLORE "Alfred Lehmborg's Alien View" at his HostPros URL.

<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually. He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged -- \$200.00 collected! <...because I said I would...>

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, scourged by skepti-bunkies.

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Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Jones

From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 03 Dec 2001 21:42:41 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Dec 2001 21:42:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Jones

>From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001
>Date: Sun, 2 Dec 2001 15:53:05 -0600

Evening Errol, all,

I'm not one for being bitchy - sorry don't know the American word for making biting comments.

>Wow, neat chart, different than all the others I've seen. Let's
>try to figure out which is trustworthy. But you found a
>close-to-original source, so your assumptions are defensible.
>Good work.

<snippet from second Oberg post>:

>But at least you should interview primary witnesses, if you want
>to do a real investigation.

Is it me or does these two emails read like Mr Oberg is being condescending and supercilious?

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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Re: Fermi's Paradox III - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Mon, 3 Dec 2001 11:57:28 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Dec 2001 21:44:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Fermi's Paradox III - Velez

>Date: Sun, 2 Dec 2001 23:08:03 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Fermi's Paradox III
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>Date: Sat, 01 Dec 2001 10:14:45 -0800
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>>Subject: Re: Fermi's Paradox III

>>>Date: Fri, 30 Nov 2001 13:34:21 -0500
>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>Subject: Re: Fermi's Paradox III
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>>... But religion assumes a
>>>transcendent being in control. What if humanity were to suddenly
>>>come face to face with material biological beings who seem to be
>>>in control, or at least have much greater capability than we?
>>>Think about it.

>>Hello Bruce,

>>This and all your foregoing are quite true and relevant.
>>However:

>>>Do YOU want to announce the proof of UFO reality to the world...
>>>and be responsible for the consequences? ...>

>>ist, in UFOs Are Real...Here's the Proof_ and elsewhere. Now's
>>not the time to stop! You needn't worry about any abrupt
>>immediate consequences, since the self-cover is still so strong
>>that no one individual can breach it. Yet, every individual's
>>sincere efforts at breaching it helps in some small measure,
>>some more than others, as it does have a positive effect in
>>getting out the truth.

>>But those parts of the world that aren't interested in listening
>>to the evidence and truth don't have to do so, so no one person
>>can be responsible for the consequences of when governments
>>hemselves, especially that of the USA, eventually find they
>>have to disclose the truth. By that time, all you competent
>>ufologists in the future, now and in the past half century, will
>>have done your jobs so that the societal consequences will not
>>be as severe as otherwise.>

>Yes.... yes.... I realize that few people take what I say seriously
>(few other than knowledgeable ufologists) and so I don't expect to
>bring civilization down upon my head.

Hi Jim, hi Bruce, All,

Bruce writes:

>But what if the Presidents of the USA and FSU (Former Soviet
>Union) and The Pope and Walter Cronkite (former CBS news anchor)
>were to all stand up before a press conference and say what I
>(and numerous others before me) have said.

>That would cause a major fluctuation in the history of
>civilization.... may be even leading to the destruction of
>civilization as we know it.

>Would that result in something better or worse.... That is the
>Question!

Nothing wrong with people being told the truth. Ever.

I gotta tell ya, as I look around at the mixture of human parts and rubble in my own hometown, and as I read the daily "news" reports about; war, and threats of war, how 3,000,000 currently living beings are expected to die from AIDS this year, about people so deeply crazy that they can justify in their own heads strapping C4 to their butts and taking out as many innocent people as they can while children dance in the streets celebrating the bloody making of their political points, and on and on like that.

Maybe the destruction of civilization "as we know it" is just what the doctor ordered! I have no idea what it would take to awaken the numbers of people required to create the necessary (to our collective survival) changes, but a dose of the Truth couldn't hurt anything 'as we know it'.

Finding out the truth about something allows learning to happen, as well as healing. Society "as we know it" is in deep poo-doo. I just don't see how learning the truth that we are not alone, or even the biggest fish in the pond, can hurt us - over the long haul.

I want all my progeny and their progeny to grow up in a 'sane' society. It's the only way that humanity will ever be free to fully enjoy and explore its own potential. That's not going to happen as long as the truth of the very world/universe we live in remains hermetically sealed, hidden, and the private property of a tyrannical, privileged few.

Time for a whole Revolution of Truth. Damn the torpedoes, and double-damn civilization "as we know it." I've had a belly-full of "as we know it". Haven't you?

Regards to all,

John Velez

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Re: Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist? -

From: Jeff Behnke <jeff@paranormalnews.com>
Date: Mon, 3 Dec 2001 15:08:46 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Dec 2001 21:49:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist? -

>Date: Sun, 2 Dec 2001 21:36:03 +0000 (GMT)
>From: chris aubeck <caubeck@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>Bruno was not a 16th century "ufologist" because he never saw,
>nor claimed anyone ever saw, nor even mentioned or hinted at the
>existence of, UFOs.

>Unless we regard planets, stars and comets as UFOs, that is.

>Furthermore, his ideas on the plurality of life in the universe
>were not entirely original, just as the earth was not believed
>by everyone to be flat.

I found this post particularly interesting since I ran across
Bruno's name over the weekend in a book entitled The Hermetica.

Apparently Bruno was in love with the rediscovered works
dedicated - or partially written by - the Greek/Egyptian god of
wisdom, Hermes/Thoth, who is rumored to be an Atlantean Priest.
Of course, he is also rumored to be Satan (by Crowley) and Enoch
(By Jewish mystics).

I have my own suspicions that the "writings of the watchers"
which Noah's sons were forbidden to read in the Book of Jubilees
are Hermetical as well. Wouldn't it be great if these works are
actually written by an alien race who came down from the stars
and gave mankind these wise works so that they could advance in
knowledge? Maybe man is sitting on proof of alien visitation
after all...

Just a thought,

Jeff Behnke
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Re: More On The X-15 - Wright

From: **Bruce Lanier Wright** <magnus@io.com>
Date: Mon, 3 Dec 2001 21:17:53 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Dec 2001 08:44:37 -0500
Subject: Re: More On The X-15 - Wright

>Date: Sun, 02 Dec 2001 22:03:14 -0500
>From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
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>tour.) Too cool.

Isn't that the X-1E? White, stubby?

Bruce W.
X-plane freak
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Re: IUFOMRC? - Chapman

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Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Dec 2001 08:55:13 -0500
Subject: Re: IUFOMRC? - Chapman

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: IUFOMRC?
>Date: Mon, 3 Dec 2001 09:40:25 -0400

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>>Subject: IUFOMRC
>>Date: Mon, 3 Dec 2001 01:53:24 -0800

>>Regarding the International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell:

>><http://www.iufomrc.org/>

>>I noticed that the last newsletter posted on the website is from
>>June 2001. I also noticed a statement that the:

>>"Millionth Visitor in Museum's 10 year history 'expected' before
>>the 2001 Roswell UFO festival in July."

>>It appears the website has not been updated for a long time.
>>Does anyone know why? Does anyone know why the newsletter has
>>been discontinued? Does anyone have any information regarding
>>the current administration, activities, etc. of the museum?

>Why not contact the museum? I was at the Museum in both early
>and late July, and had conversations with 2 people from the
>Museum this past week. 505-625-1907. Director is Julie Shuster.

I did contact the IUFOMRC by email, and got a very nice response
from Ms. Shuster. I posted my question to this List in order to
get different, 'outsider' perspectives.

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Date: Tue, 4 Dec 2001 03:02:02 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Dec 2001 08:57:22 -0500
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>Date: Mon, 3 Dec 2001 06:20:48 -0600
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Re: Misunderstanding The X-15 Ersatz-UFO

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Tue, 4 Dec 2001 06:13:15 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Dec 2001 09:03:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Misunderstanding The X-15 Ersatz-UFO

>From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Misunderstanding The X-15 Ersatz-UFO Controversy
>Date: Mon, 3 Dec 2001 07:59:18 -0600

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>>Date: Sun, 2 Dec 2001 23:09:01 EST
>>Subject: Re: Misunderstanding The X-15 Ersatz-UFO Controversy
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>Major homework, very well done! Lots of progress!

...Though it remains to be seen how it proves your point, and what precipitates this officious miasma of unjustified patronization you exude like Disco fog?

>First, we're now all agreed that it's important to describe the >sighted object as small, about the size of White's hand, >estimated at 40 feet away (well within the range of >stereoscopic eyeball vision). This is a major improvement over >existing descriptions of the event as shown all over the WWW.

>Now, what were the conditions during the sighting? We've also >converged on some consensus. Assuming it was near the peak of >the high-altitude flight, it was in a near-vacuum (but not >orbital-altitude vacuum), with a low horizontal velocity but >still some horizontal velocity (to be further elaborated but >higher than values I initially suggested)) that was more than an >order of magnitude less than natural meteors. The spacecraft was >in free attitude, it could point in any desired direction under >control of the maneuvering thrusters.

This is some of the most artful squirming I have ever I have ever had the discomfiting privilege to read. I was almost entertained, certainly amused, but not a little embarrassed for you.

>I presume we've all seen the photograph(s) released. Shows a dot >near the horizon.

>Now to elaborate on the potential vehicle-derived sources of >candidate objects.

<ROFL>!

>Ice remains a tempting candidate because it >forms where tankage and plumbing was exposed to air pre-drop -- >this includes tanks and aft engine-related plumbing. Vehicle >structural elements such as insulation patches also may shake >loose but they'd be noticed post-flight as being gone. Other >suggestions...

"Ice remains a tempting candidate..." I'm sure you find it very tempting, very reassuring, very comforting... otherwise...{...cue the moog}.

>Lastly, the post-flight comments (and even long-after >interviews) with flight crews are bound to be important.

>Rudiak's done good, no doubt about it.

...and wonderful! You invent the seeming agreement of a doting parent that R is spot on in his logic, science, and rationality...

>He seems resentful and
>confrontational about being made to do the homework,

... then contrive to invalidate same with the suggestion that he's being small, piqued, and petty... when he is only merely exasperated with your lack of the aforementioned logic, science, and rationality... Additionally, you say this like he's proved your contention, he didn't... he clearly and convincingly refuted you every step of the way... and I'm being more than fair.

>but
>what-the-hey he's the guy asserting there is no prosaic
>explanation, there's bound to be some work involved. And some
>hurt feelings.
>The price of progress.....

Which you have in no way advanced here... you only provide further assurance that there's not a prosaic explanation for some of the stuff, and if there's not a prosaic explanation for any of the stuff, that's a good reason to question ALL of your stuff, as you proclaim in word, thought, and deed that there is no stuff... <g>. There's lottsa' stuff...

And "The price of progress....." Indeed.

What progress in the last fifty years, when quality people in at the very beginning were giving every indication that UFOs were something to seriously and ardently study... A UFO Manhattan project... certainly as a way to facilitate quantum levels of new understanding in a science so otherwise adored... why do you help kill that chance for quantum scientific and social advancement, Mr. Oberg?

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Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Tue, 4 Dec 2001 10:27:20 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Dec 2001 12:39:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Lehmborg

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 4 Dec 2001 03:02:02 EST
>Subject: Filer's Files #48 - 2001
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>>Date: Mon, 3 Dec 2001 06:20:48 -0600
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Oberg

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>Al:

I'm not partial to "Al", Mr. Young... Alfred, or Mr. Lehmborg, please.

>
>A beautiful example of the irrationality of the believer.

Perhaps! But then you trot out a much more fetching example of the suspect rationality of the skeptibunky with unsupported proclamation, base refusal to accept the premise of my argument, and purposely misstating in rebuttal what it was I said.

>Black
>equals white. No interest by serious science must mean, gosh,
>that the evidence is irrefutable.

No, Mr. Young, this unclever twist on the fallacy of either/or won't wash at this station. UFOs are patently obvious given the masses of historical, photographic, physical, anecdotal, and personal evidence. In the face of that evidence the lack of interest by you and a complacent mainstream is inexplicable, unless that lack of interest is by design, of course, to facilitate an agenda that is threatened by a reality of UFOs? Are you threatened by UFOs, Mr. Young?

The lack of serious interest from the mainstream (which only includes your bad science, Mr. Young) about this obvious and far reaching phenomenon speaks volumes to me regarding the validity of the phenomenon... IOW, management doesn't want the workers to know that IT knows that it pays them crap. The mainstream's admission might mean that it wouldn't be the mainstream anymore. Moreover -- there is no black and white, there is only color, absence of color, and various shades of gray.

>Please point us to the physical evidence for the existance of
>flying saucers which you mentioned. Remember, now, since it is
>physical evidence we must be able to go and see it.

Maybe, if you ask nicely, Stanton Friedman will enumerate some of these for you, AGAIN... But aware that your irrational fear of the non-prosaic presumes that you are unlikely to even ask: A

recent panel headed by Stanford University physicist Peter Sturrock has decided that there is enough unexplained physical evidence to warrant serious study. You could read that report...

"Remember, now..." physical evidence _includes_ such things as photographs, effects on automobiles and aircraft equipment, injuries to plants and witnesses, or radar reports, and is not _limited_ to flying saucer parts, mummified limbs and organs of extra terrestrials, or ray guns... although that kind of evidence likely exists too. Physical evidence abounds, Mr. Young, but only for the interested, only for the real scientist, and only for the brave.

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Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 4 Dec 2001 10:43:26 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Dec 2001 12:40:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Mortellaro

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 4 Dec 2001 03:02:02 EST
>Subject: Filer's Files #48 - 2001
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>>Date: Mon, 3 Dec 2001 06:20:48 -0600
>>Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Dec 2001 21:40:13 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Oberg

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Dear Young Bob, Alfred, Listers and of course, EBK:

I must open this post with my usual caveat, "I do not butt in where I don't belong, for I should never be there." Having said that, let me welcome you back from your sojourn into the world of the ECM. We trust you arrived safely, without being abducted or hijacked.

Of course I disagree with your super and very cilious remark above, as the physical evidence is there for anyone to see for themselves. Just look up. We do. And occasionally you will see something which is not supposed to be there. Not supposed to move the way it does. Totally weird.

If that ever happens to you, I would be there, like an alien in the wall. I would observe you attempting to apply all of that marvelous skepticality (I invented that word, live with it); I would see the expression on your face, the lips moving silently, the eyes going wide, the brow furrowing, extremities shaking ... I sure would give a lot to see that.

Of course, lacking all this, I could just Sip a Grip and get the very same reaction. And as for the vibration, you would be shocked at what Dr. G. has accomplished with his new Pia Doll, anatomically correct, of course.

You know, some skeptics, having seen the physical evidence, have been known to faint dead away, brain in the Nile, in denial, sorry ... attempting to shut down whilst the thing gets it's scheiss together and reboots.

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Heck, Al, if I were you ... never mind.

Love and vilcomen back,

Jim

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Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Geiger

From: **Bob Geiger** <bgeiger@cybernex.net>
Date: Tue, 04 Dec 2001 11:54:11 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Dec 2001 12:49:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 - 2001 - Geiger

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 4 Dec 2001 03:02:02 EST
>Subject: Filer's Files #48 - 2001
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

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Mr Young,

Is your reasoning such that if I report seeing an ice cube on my
kitchen counter and you happen to come to investigate, perhaps
after the cube has melted or even the water evaporated off the
counter top, you would conclude the cube did not exist?

To quote the bard; there are more things in heaven and earth, Mr
Young, than are dreamt of in your philosophy.

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Re: More On The X-15 - Oberg

From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Tue, 4 Dec 2001 11:50:50 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Dec 2001 00:15:48 -0500
Subject: Re: More On The X-15 - Oberg

>Date: Sun, 02 Dec 2001 22:03:14 -0500
>From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: More On The X-15

>Highly recommended: 'X-15: The NASA Mission Reports,
>Incorporating files from the USAF' Compiled from the archives
>and edited by Robert Godwin (Apogee Books, 1971, 2000) (Includes
>a CDROM of movies and images)

I just talked by phone with Bill Dana, one of four surviving X-15 pilots, and recently retired as director of NASA's Dryden Flight Research Center at Edwards AFB.

He recalled White's story well. "Bob was concerned, at first, he thought he was flying through a field of these objects going by his window," he told me. "Turned out, it was ice coming off something -- an APU exhaust, I recall, or some cryogenic transporter." He gave me the phone numbers of some flight managers who also worked the program and I'll be calling them soon.

JimO

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Re: Fermi's Paradox III - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Tue, 4 Dec 2001 12:48:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Dec 2001 00:18:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Fermi's Paradox III - Maccabee

>Date: Mon, 3 Dec 2001 11:57:28 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>Subject: Re: Fermi's Paradox III

>>Date: Sun, 2 Dec 2001 23:08:03 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: Fermi's Paradox III

>>>Date: Sat, 01 Dec 2001 10:14:45 -0800
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>>>Subject: Re: Fermi's Paradox III

<snip>

>>Would that result in something better or worse.... That is the
>>Question!

>Nothing wrong with people being told the truth. Ever.

<snip>

>Time for a whole Revolution of Truth. Damn the torpedoes, and
>double-damn civilization "as we know it." I've had a belly-full
>of "as we know it". Haven't you?

Have you gotten ahold of [my Abduction book](#) yet? Read the chapter
'Question Everything' (if nothing else).

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Oberg's usual patronizing, and also trying to tap dance his way out of the corner he painted himself into. It was his responsibility to defend his own hypothesis with clear arguments and accurate information. His critics should not have to do his own homework for him.

Instead he made statements about the X-15 that were so grossly erroneous, no real aerospace expert should ever have made them, no matter how rusty his memory may have been. They were more like embarrassingly erroneous. One wonders if he is even writing his own material anymore.

Here are some of the bone-headed errors he (or his skill) made:

1. He confused net velocity with vertical velocity and said both were the same, meaning that the X-15 would have been flying straight up. In reality, it would have been angled up (at less than 30 degrees) to fly a parabolic ballistic trajectory, and thus with a very large velocity component remaining in the horizontal direction.

2. He claimed this maximum velocity for Bob White's flight was 3600 mph. In reality, it was Mach 6.04 or 4070 mph, which I determined after only a few minutes search on the Net. White's horizontal velocity would have been in the neighborhood of 3600 mph, but not his net velocity. Resolving vectors like velocity into horizontal and vertical components is introductory physics material. What's Oberg's excuse for not getting it right?

3. He claimed the engines cut out at 25 miles. Oberg's own posted references and excerpted material, which he apparently didn't even both to read, stated that these high-altitude flights had engine cut-outs typically from 160,000 to 200,000 feet, or 30 to 38 miles, not 25 miles.

4. He stated the X-15 then coasted "straight up" (using the erroneous horizontal velocity in place of the vertical velocity) another 40 miles. Even assuming the erroneous 25 mile cutoff and "straight up" flying, that would have taken the X-15 to 65 miles. White's flight actually reached an altitude of 60 miles (again, basic factual information). This isn't even introductory physics. It's a grade school math error.

5. He stated that at maximum altitude, the X-15 would have a velocity of only a few hundred feet per second at most. Completely wrong. At engine cutout, White's X-15 horizontal

velocity would have been around 3600 mph. Because of the thin atmosphere, only a small percentage of this would have been lost during glide. This was again proven from one of Oberg's own references, which included a graph with a typical mission profile demonstrating that even after glide, the craft was hypersonic. White's X-15 was probably traveling in excess of 3000 mph at maximum altitude, more than an order of magnitude greater than what Oberg claimed. (In fact, if the X-15 really had gone "straight up," it would have had zero horizontal velocity at maximum altitude, and then come straight down.)

This littany of errors comes from a man who proudly claims to be an aerospace expert. Furthermore, he bragged here on Updates about how he was a man "obsessed" with getting at the truth. For years he has ridiculed the "gullible UFO believers" and derided them for their alleged lack of factual information and scientific rigor.

But look at his shoddy performance here: no facts, no science, just error on top of error, some of it no doubt deliberate, trying to bolster his shaky "ice crystal" theory. He doesn't sound like much of an expert at all nor someone obsessed with getting at the truth.

On top of all of those, he smugly congratulates himself for getting others to finally do his homework. Good grief! The man has no shame.

>First, we're now all agreed that it's important to describe the >sighted object as small, about the size of White's hand,

What's with this patronizing royal "we" bit? I think it's probably agreed by all that White described, it as looking close and small, but it is not agreed that it necessarily was so. White's perception of distance and size could have been in error, particularly in this environment lacking in most normal distance and size cues. Conceivably the object could be much further away and thus much larger.

As an illustration, about a year ago I was driving across the desert (near Edwards AFB as a matter of fact) as it was getting dark, looked to the side of the road, and perceived what looked like a small bright light about a block away pacing the car.

UFO close encounter? No, all along I had the sense it was a visual illusion of some kind. Something didn't seem quite right. My eyes felt strained. After a few seconds, the world seemed to snap back to normal. What seemed like a relatively close light following the car turned out to be a headlight of a car off on a side road in the desert several miles distant.

What happened? Probably I was tired, it was getting dark, it was open desert with few visual cues, and my eyes temporarily misaligned and caused an error in my depth perception.

Now consider the flight conditions on the X-15. The first few minutes were a bone-rattling ride (as graphically described by Bob White himself, who said that even after engine cut-off, the X-15 rang like a bell). During acceleration, the pilot was pressed back at 4 g's. Even holding on to the flight controls would take a lot of exertion. Heart rates sometimes shot up to 200 beats per minute. A few minutes of this would be exhausting, like running a 4 minute mile.

After engine cutoff, during the ballistic glide phase, the pilot would be in a 0-g environment. This is known to be disorienting, since the inner ear orienting mechanisms are now no longer function. The pilot can no longer tell up from down.

This is a near vacuum. There are stars and the earth below, but no nearby reference details. The sky is black, or nearly so. There is no atmospheric haze to help judge distance. There is no light scatter. There is no soft shadowing. Contrast is high, shadows are harsh. Anything in shadow is black and invisible. Most of the normal depth cues are missing up there.

So White's observation occurred when he was probably exhausted from the physical exertion, possibly disoriented by the 0-g environment, and lacking in most normal distance cues. This is a situation ripe for possible misperception of distance, just like I was temporarily fooled in a somewhat analagous situation.

I'm not saying he did misjudge the distance, but it could very well have under the circumstances.

>estimated at 40 feet away (well within the range of
>stereoscopic eyeball vision).

I agree, definitely within the range of normal stereoscopic vision, which White probably had. But is this the cue White necessary used in estimating distance and size? Even if it was, his stereoscopic perception could have been in error, as I've tried to argue above. His physical state and environment were not normal.

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>existing descriptions of the event as shown all over the WWW.

One of the few things that I do agree with Oberg on is that the quote wasn't complete and thus potentially misleading. However, the more complete quote in the original Time magazine article also seems to indicate that White thought he had seen something very unusual and worthy of comment.

I should also like to point out again, that never in all this back and forth have I argued that White saw a "TRUFO" (as Bruce Maccabee likes to say). I honestly can't see that what he described sounded much like an "alien spaceship." On the other hand, it didn't sound like much of an "ice crystal" to me either, particularly under the conditions of the sighting. I just don't like these pat "explanations" being thrown out that don't make a lot of sense. Yet we're supposed to accept them or get accused of being "gullible UFO believers."

I'm an agnostic on this sighting. I don't know what White saw.

>Now, what were the conditions during the sighting? We've also
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>the high-altitude flight,

"Assuming?" Was it or wasn't it? It's Oberg's hypothesis, yet he can't even tell us exactly where and when during the flight this sighting occurred, which is another very important piece of information.

Such information is not easily obtainable by us non-experts, but Oberg is right there in Houston working for NASA. So if it wouldn't be too much trouble, would he mind actually getting those hard facts out of mothballs?

It's also very important to know what White and the X-15 were doing at the time. Was he maneuvering? How was the X-15 oriented? How long was the sighting? Again these are important pieces of factual information needed to properly evaluate his, or any other hypothesis.

>it was in a near-vacuum (but not
>orbital-altitude vacuum),

It wasn't so much a collegial converging on some consensus, as hitting Oberg with a 2 x 4, after he tried to split hairs about this being "space" and not in the atmosphere. Yes, this was a near-vacuum, but at the X-15 hypersonic speed, there was still significant friction and a breeze blowing. That's a very important point, one Oberg tried to sweep under the rug, by talking of this being "space" and falsifying the actual velocity of the craft as being only hundreds of feet per second instead of thousands.

The effective wind, though not strong, would be sufficient to rapidly sweep away any small, non-aerodynamic debris coming off the craft (which would limit any sighting of such debris to only a few seconds). It would probably also be sufficient to quickly break up any thin sheets of ice into smaller pieces.

This is not at all the same situation as when a spacecraft is in orbit where there is no friction worth mentioning (at least in the short term). There would be no effective wind, and small debris will indeed pace the spacecraft.

Hence Oberg trying to pretend that this was true "space."

>with a low horizontal velocity but

Again notice the lack of precision here. What exactly is meant by "a low horizontal velocity?" It sounds to me like Oberg still trying to mince words. The speed was hypersonic, probably somewhere between 3000 to 3500 mph.

Is this "a low horizontal velocity?" Maybe compared to orbital speeds, but not when there is still some residual atmosphere to cause a breeze and drag, with resulting effects on any small debris.

>still some horizontal velocity (to be further elaborated but
>higher than values I initially suggested))

How about at least an order of magnitude higher, making any friction and wind over two orders of magnitude greater? How could a true aerospace expert and historian innocently make a boneheaded mistake like that? Why would he have to "suggest" some initial, highly erroneous lowball values instead of providing the actual correct data right from the start?

And notice the continued lack of precision about the actual speed and how he continues to try minimize what it was and its effects on small debris. What the hell does "still some horizontal velocity" mean? It makes it sound like the X-15 was about to roll to a stop. This isn't scientific writing. It's the writing of a propagandist.

>that was more than an
>order of magnitude less than natural meteors.

Which at this point of the discussion is irrelevant. Again there is a lack of scientific precision here. He continues to try to spin it to make it sound like the velocity was in some way "low" and therefore unimportant..

The important point was that the actual hypersonic speed and residual atmosphere is sufficient to cause a significant breeze of air (on the order of 10-15 mph) which would be sufficient to quickly sweep away small debris and probably break up any thin ice sheets.

I plead guilty to initially introducing the topic of meteors into the discussion. I did it to counter Oberg's (as usual) imprecise language that this was like orbital "space" and not in the atmosphere. I pointed out that meteors start to heat and burn up at 60-70 miles, so how could he claim there wasn't any significant atmosphere at Bob White's 60 miles? My mea culpa was overstating the effects of matter traveling a good order of magnitude slower than a meteor. This was me being imprecise and not completely thinking things through before I wrote.

>The spacecraft was
>in free attitude, it could point in any desired direction under
>control of the maneuvering thrusters.

Maybe it could point in any desired direction, but what exactly was it doing at the time of the sighting? Was it backwards, forwards, sideways, upsidedown? Again, there is no factual information here, just the usual vague language and handwaving.

>I presume we've all seen the photograph(s) released. Shows a dot
>near the horizon.

Oberg presume's wrong. The royal we collectively have not seen the photo(s). Perhaps there is a link Oberg can direct everybody to?

>Now to elaborate on the potential vehicle-derived sources of
>candidate objects. Ice remains a tempting candidate because it
>forms where tankage and plumbing was exposed to air pre-drop
-- >this includes tanks and aft engine-related plumbing. Vehicle
>structural elements such as insulation patches also may shake
>loose but they'd be noticed post-flight as being gone. Other
>suggestions...

Paint flakes? Sheet metal? Probably more likely to hold together than thin ice sheets and far more likely to stay attached to the craft when it was violently shaking earlier on and hot from fiction. Oberg still hasn't dealt with the issue of why there would be ice left on the craft at all.

However, even more durable small debris would still have been rapidly swept away by the residual wind. One important piece of information that hasn't been discussed, is whether White mentioned the object pacing the craft or rapidly disappearing to the rear. If it was the latter, then it was probably some small piece of debris. If not, then it was something else.

>Lastly, the post-flight comments (and even long-after >interviews) with flight crews are bound to be important.

Right, something Oberg should have done before claiming the sighting was mundane, the solution obvious and conclusive, and arrogantly chastising the "UFO believers" for making any sort of issue of it. The complete tape of Bob White's flight along with data about the craft when this was all happening (where exactly was it, how was it oriented, and exactly how fast was it going) are all important pieces of information, none of it provided to the royal us.

>Rudiak's done good, no doubt about it. He seems resentful and >confrontational about being made to do the homework, but >what-the-hey he's the guy asserting there is no prosaic >explanation, there's bound to be some work involved. And some >hurt feelings. The price of progress.....

You almost got to love this guy for his chutzpah ... almost. Oberg has basically been caught with his pants down, but he will never admit that he totally screwed up if not deliberately and seriously misrepresented the actual situation.

So he continues to massage both the data and his role in all this. He tries to make himself the hero for getting me to do my homework. Hey, this was supposed to be his homework! He's like the school bully copying the class nerd's quiz, then beating him up later for not getting all the answers right. Do your own damn work, Jimbo.

He also chooses to misstate my position. I never said there was no prosaic explanation. I just questioned his prosaic explanation, saying it made no sense. That triggered his series of embarrassingly stupid and erroneous statements about the X-15 flight, such as it flying "straight up." If anybody's feelings are hurt, it is probably his own, the aerospace expert. The emperor has been shown to have no clothes.

However are we are now all agreed that this is the price of progress?

David Rudiak

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First Detection Made of an Extrasolar Planet's Atmosphere
http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/astronomy/extrasolar_atmosphere_011127=-1.html

UA Student Discovers Evidence For 'Wandering' Poles, Convergence Zones on Jupiter's Moon Europa
<http://uanews.opi.arizona.edu/cgi-bin/WebObjects/UANews.woa/wa/SRStoryDetail=s?ArticleID=3D4574>

Mars Was Once All Wet
<http://www.gsfc.nasa.gov/topstory/20011129marswet.html>

Mysterious Mars: Water or No Water? Odyssey May Find Out
http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/odyssey_why_011127-1.html

Mars Odyssey Encounters Polar Vortex
http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/odyssey_vortex_011126.html

Pluto Mission Design Chosen; Must Be Ready For 2006 Launch
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http://www.space.com/searchforlife/shostak_fermi3_011129.html

Astronomers Recreate Billion Years in Life of Solar System to Uncover Orbital Mystery of Giant Planets' Tiny Moons
http://www.news.cornell.edu/releases/Nov01/Burns_bpf.html

Exploding Miniature Black Holes: Galaxy May Be Stuffed With Them
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Inventor to Unveil 'Ginger' After Months of Speculation
<http://www.cnn.com/2001/TECH/12/02/ginger.unveiling/index.html>

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FILER'S FILES #49 MUFON Skywatch Investigations
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UFOs have been reported in New Jersey, Maryland, Georgia, Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, United Kingdom, Spain, Norway, and Italy. Large areas of the Midwest and Europe report seeing slow moving bright streaks in the sky. Satellites continue to pick up uncorrelated targets each day that may include UFOs.

EXPLOSIONS ON THE MOON

Astronomers observed flashes and explosions on the Moon during the 2001 Leonid meteor storm, indicating meteoroids were hitting the lunar surface. Like Earth, the Moon plowed through comet Tempel-Tuttle's debris field on November 18th," says Bill Cooke of the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center. But, unlike Earth, the Moon doesn't have an atmosphere where meteoroids harmlessly disintegrate." Instead, lunar Leonids hit the ground and explode. Using 8-inch telescopes equipped with video cameras, David Dunham in Maryland and Tony Cook in Virginia independently recorded the flash -- a double confirmation. "We estimate it was as least as bright as a 4th magnitude star." Flashes and lights on the Moon have been recorded for centuries. At least 6 Leonids hitting the Moon in 1999 caused explosions bright enough to be seen from Earth.

Reports of bright lunar Leonids two years ago puzzled many scientists. Their calculations suggested that a Leonid hitting the Moon would need to mass hundreds of kilograms to produce an explosion visible through backyard telescopes. Yet there was little evidence for such massive fragments in the Leonid debris stream. Hundred-kilogram meteoroids hitting Earth's atmosphere would produce sensational fireballs, brighter than any sky watchers actually saw. Jay Melosh, a planetary scientist at the University of Arizona's Lunar and Planetary Lab teamed up with Ivan Nemtchinov, a Russian physicist skilled in computer simulations of thermonuclear explosions. "Leonid impacts aren't as potent as a nuclear warhead, but they are powerful. They hit the Moon traveling 72 km/s or 160,000 mph. The energy per unit mass in a Leonid strike is 10,000 times greater than a blast of TNT." Using computer programs designed to study bomb blasts, Melosh and Nemtchinov discovered that Leonids didn't have to be so massive to produce flashes. Impactors massing only 1 to 10 kg could do the job. because much of the ground within a few meters of the impact point would be vaporized, and a cloud of molten rock would billow out of a growing crater. "At first the cloud would be opaque and very hot, between 50,000 K and 100,000 K," explains Melosh. Milliseconds after the initial blast, the cloud would expand to a few meters in diameter and cool to 13,000 K. That's the critical moment," he says, "when the vapor becomes optically thin (transparent); then, all the photons rush out and we can see a flash of light from Earth." Thanks to Space Weather at http://www.spaceweather.com/meteors/gallery_18nov01_page2.html

NEW JERSEY BOOMERANG SHAPED OBJECT

NEW BRUNSWICK -- The witness reports that, "While watching the

Leonids meteor shower on November 18, 2001, I noticed a boomerang shaped object flying directly above me at 5:05 AM." It made no sound and had no lights. The surface appeared smooth, with no visible engine or tailfin. I couldn't make out the color, but it appeared flat or matte, possibly gray. The altitude of the object is difficult to gauge but based on the size, speed, and wingspan, from my perspective, it was larger than a 747, traveling 300 to 600 mph at under 10,000 feet. It looked like a giant boomerang, flat with a narrow fuselage/wings.

MARYLAND FLYING TRIANGLES

ANNAPOLIS -- The witness set his alarm for 4:30 AM on November 18, 2001, to meet some friends to watch the Leonid meteor shower. Going out on the balcony, I saw three meteoroids almost immediately. I excitedly phoned my friends and when I looked outside again, I saw two large luminous Flying Triangles over the houses and trees. Flying in formation they headed south. At first I related the illumination to the meteor shower, but when I looked directly at the objects an instinct kicked in that these were NOT shooting stars, and I was witnessing something incredible. I live a block and a half away from the Naval Academy and I am used to Navy flyovers, Blue Angels, etc. THIS WAS DIFFERENT. The Flying Triangles did not project light to the ground; they themselves were yellowish, white light. Their edges were not sharp; they were slightly rounded with the glow of the light. They appeared to be flying in formation - points facing down, close together, on a diagonal. Together, they were about the size of a half moon. Their movement was fluid and quick and they were SILENT. I was only able to watch the objects for 7 seconds and soon after they disappeared, I heard a boat horn sound twice quickly indicating they may have seen the same thing. I met my friends and told them I was sure I had seen UFOs. They reacted with friendly skepticism, but I saw the triangles again in the southeast corner of the sky. I sat up, pointed, and said, "Look!!! There they are!!!" One friend was able to see them much farther away. Just before they disappeared, one triangle broke out of formation and darted ahead. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director of the National Reporting Center www.ufocenter.com.

GEORGIA SILENT GREEN LIGHT TRAVELING AT AN UNBELIEVABLE SPEED.

STATESBORO -- On November 17, 2001, three witnesses were outside to see if the reported meteor shower had begun. While looking off into the southern horizon, I noticed a green light at about 10:00 PM. At first it was a white light that slowly changed to a light green color. There were no Flashing lights or red lights, as associated with aircraft. In addition, the light stayed on a straight path, and was seen for miles. The light also was moving at a speed, which seemed out of the norm for local jet fighters. There was no sound with the object which made me think it might have been an "early meteor," but as the object continued into the distance, I noticed there was no dust trail as seen with meteor's. In addition, the object did not appear to be "Burning" or a "Fireball." The light continued into the distance until it became too small to see.

AUGUSTA -- On November 19, 2001, the witness reports seeing a chevron shaped object move from the north to south at 5:30 AM. Its movement caught my eye. It had a 'V' shaped bank of white lights the same color as the stars. The rear lights seemed to be offset a little. It had no aircraft type of lighting on it and made no sound. The lights were perfectly round, like domes. Could not see any shape but the v shape pattern of the lights. I have seen this type of object on many of the UFO shows. Thanks to NUFORC www.ufocenter.com

OHIO BRIGHT ORANGE LIGHTS

SOUTH WEBSTER -- On November 15, 2001, the witness and a coworker saw burnt orange objects in the northeastern sky at 6:29 PM. Virtually the same object was also spotted on May 31. We first saw a single burnt orange light in the northern sky. It was there only about 20 seconds or so then went out. Then in about a minute it was visible slightly left of its first location. After about three minutes, we saw one, then two, and then three objects in the northwest. They had the same shape, color, and brightness. We were shocked because we thought we would never see this again. The sky was crystal clear and no

moon was visible. Objects were about at 45 degree's from horizon. There were jets in the area but at a much higher altitude. Alternatively, so they seemed. No sounds were heard. I have been watching the sky since I was a small boy and I have never saw anything like this. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

KENTUCKY BRIGHT ORANGE LIGHTS

RIBOLT -- On November 15, 2001, at 5:55 PM a MUFON member reports seeing a very bright orange light with what appeared to be four refraction lines radiating from it, similar to the headlight of an airliner. A second, identical, light appeared to the left and slightly up from the first. It appeared as if two planes were in extreme proximity to each other. We stopped the truck (expecting to see a plane crash) and I opened the truck door and looked right at the two lights and then saw four to six more identical lights appear in succession to the left and below the second light, almost evenly spaced and forming a semi circle as the last one or two lights appeared heading back to the right. The light positions remained static, with no change or movement, and the lights remained steady with no flickering. As I grabbed my camera, all of the lights disappeared. The lights were much bigger and brighter than any star and we saw several airplanes as we continued our trip and none of the plane lights remotely resembled what we saw. A friend said she saw similar lights at her farm in the far southeastern part of this county about a month ago and she was relieved that we saw what we did. There was no sound. RINGGOLD ((NUFORC Note: Please see report from Ringgold, OH, for same date, and same approximate time.

MICHIGAN LIGHTS

OTTER LAKE, FOSTORIA -- Heather Power's reported to Skywatch International that she was in her living room on December 3, 2001, when her daughter ran out of her room and said. "Mom its back." I went to the bay window at 6:45 PM, and I spotted it almost immediately. It was a bright light hovering high in the sky, but different from a star. I grabbed my binoculars and was astounded, because it was brighter than all the stars that were out. This is the second sighting of this kind. My daughter and I saw something similar about a month ago, so we decided to keep watching, hoping to see it again. Our house is on a bare hill on 4 acres, with a large bay window facing south. There is open field around our house, and few trees, it is ideal to view the night sky. I viewed this object hovering for about 3 minutes. It appeared to be cross shaped, with the center being the brightest. As I was watching it taking mental notes, it appeared, and at that instant, other duller (not as bright) objects began to appear and disappear all around the area the first one had been. My daughter is 13 years old, and she is somewhat afraid when we see these lights. Thanks to Bill Hamilton of Skywatch International
skywatch_discussion@yahoo.com.

MINNESOTA FIVE BRONZE COLORED, ELLIPTICAL SHAPED OBJECTS

MAPLEWOOD -- The witness reports he saw five figures in a formation soar on November 19, 2001. They were bronze in color, and elliptical in shape. Their sides came to a point, rather than just rounded. All looked to be the same size. The formation they were flying was similar to a Less Than sign (<). They were traveling towards the southeast at 11:45 PM and being a pilot myself, I would guestimate around 40,000 feet. The sky was clear. I watched them from about a 60-degree sky position from my right side, to about a 30-degree sky position on my left side. They flew virtually overhead. I saw no other lights, nothing flashing, just the steady bronze color. I heard no sounds from them, but at that altitude you probably wouldn't. There were no trailing streams of light coming from them. I know the Leonid Meteor shower has been going on, but with meteor showers, the light goes extremely fast, has a trail of light, and is generally really bright. These lights could not be meteors. There is not a great amount of military aircraft around here. The objects I saw were traveling three times as fast as an airliner in cruise. I'm not sure how fast our military aircraft can go, but it was impressive whatever it was. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC www.ufocenter.com

MIDWEST SPACE DEBRIS ENTERS ATMOSPHERE

On Saturday night, December 1st, around 10:15 PM CST, a sensational fireball glided over at least seven states in the US Midwest. Airline pilots and passengers had a terrific view, while automobile traffic stopped. Emergency phone lines were jammed. There were about eight slow-moving fiery yellow objects moving across the night sky. Police and television stations from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, reported seeing the streaks in the sky.

Sam Sherman the President of Independent International Pictures saw the CNN broadcast video of the streaks of brilliant light moving across the sky from Nebraska to Texas. He and several people who observed the video felt their was more than debris breaking up and there was also a slow moving craft of some sort visible among the 30 balls of light. NORAD announced that moving from the southwest to northeast pieces of a Proton rocket had disintegrated in Earth's atmosphere. NORAD has had a sudden increase in the number of uncorrelated targets reaching one hundred a day. Correlated targets are those contained in NORAD Computer Data Banks. Uncorrelated are essentially unknown objects in space. Video of the objects shown on CNN seemed to move too slowly to be pieces of a Soviet SL-12 Proton Rocket. If UFOs are entering our airspace it is obvious that they might try to time their entry with that of legitimate space debris. There have been numerous sightings of green streaking objects entering our atmosphere since 1947. The Russian Sputnik, the first satellite in space did not go into orbit until ten years later. Kansas and Oklahoma witnesses reported seeing four long streaks of light moving across the sky creating sparks as they entered the atmosphere. UFOs frequently observed from the Space Shuttle do not create sparks like the space debris that creates tremendous heat and pressures.

EDINBURGH -- The United Kingdom's Astronomy Technology Centre says a Proton Rocket was launched from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakstan at 18:04 UT on December 1st. An 800 kg metal casing from the fourth stage of the rocket was on its third orbit around Earth when it burned up in the atmosphere over southern England and France at about 22:35 UT." The National Space Development Agency of Japan has announced, the Fuyo No. 1, satellite could fall onto any part of the planet. The 340 kg satellite will most likely enter the Earths atmosphere on December 4, 2001. Thanks to Sam Sherman of Independent International Pictures. Look for their label on DVDs/

OREGON TWO OBJECTS JOINED, THEN SPLIT APART

PORTLAND -- The witness was driving home when he saw two objects just after sunset on November 19, 2001. At first, they appeared to be airplanes, although they seemed to be joined together and form one large hovering craft. The witness estimated they were flying at 2000 feet altitude as they passed at 5:15 PM. Then, after about ten minutes, they split again. One advanced northward, and the other remained in a hover mode, perhaps advancing slightly northward. The witness state, "I then saw a very small light leave the remaining craft, and it fluttered downward erratically, kind of like a spark. As I arrived home, this second craft advanced forward again, and I noticed it was shaped somewhat like a plane, but all the lighting was white and steady. There were no blinking red and greens that are normally seen on the wing and tail sections of a plane." As I watched it slowly move northward, it appeared not to have a body or shape. It was as if lights were arrayed on an invisible craft. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC
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ENGLAND UFOs VIDEO TAPED

BEDHAMPTON -- Hello Jeff, Saturday, November 24, 2001, was a special day when the residents received a daylight visit from a UFO and the event was fortunately videotaped by Anthony Woods, local resident and sky watcher. Mr. Woods has been involved in UFO sightings for a long time, experiencing what seems to be an exciting, personal interaction with these unknown objects. On November 24, 2001, the sun suddenly broke through the clouds, and local resident Anthony Woods was waiting for after several days of rain and bad weather. But he was not preparing himself to work in his garden. Instead, he grabbed his video camera and went outside to await the possible appearance of a UFO...like so many times before, when he had followed his unique ability to sense the coming presence of an enigmatic visitor. I met

Anthony Woods some weeks before as a result of several fortunate circumstances. He contacted me, interested in the UFO from the Mexican UFO Wave. He wanted to make some comparisons between two strange-shaped UFOs videotaped by himself on August 9 and September 22, 2001, in Bedhampton. He showed me the videos and asked if I knew of similar UFOs from Mexico. When I saw both videos I was quite impressed at the strange shapes, especially the one from August 9 - something truly unprecedented, which I have never seen before. This unknown object exhibited amazing polymorphic shape changes during its behavior... which permits one to instantly discard the possibility of misidentifying this craft as any known aircraft, bird, or balloon.

Anthony recorded superb daylight footage with his video camera, clearly capturing the structural details of the UFO's body. The footage is almost 6 minutes long and during this period the UFO remained almost static in the sky, rotating on its axis in a vertical manner, at low altitude. Definitely, the most intriguing feature of this craft is its polymorphism - changing its shape - continuously while doing maneuvers that defy the known physics laws. Anthony videotaped this UFO above his parents' home. After several minutes the object flew away at a steady speed. The September 22 footage presents a barrel-shaped UFO, also rotating and reflecting the sunlight on its left side. That morning, Anthony was in his home when he "felt" that sensation and went outside and encountered the visitor directly above his garden. An interesting feature of the footage is the presence of a large bird (possibly a crow) that appeared to circle the hovering object to take a closer look before retreating. Reviewing the video, Anthony pointed out to me another interesting detail on both videos (August 9 and September 22). He noticed that both objects appear to show, in some of the frames, 'spikes', or 'hairs' sticking out. He thought that maybe it was just some type of distortion but I replied that maybe those were the so-called "Angel Hair" filaments of thin, spider web-like transparent fibers discovered after some UFO sightings - a phenomenon well-known in Ufology. Thanks to Santiago Yturria Photos and complete story at <http://www.rense.com/general17/EXBEDUFO.HTM>

SPAIN OVAL-SHAPED OBJECT FLYING LIPSTICK

CANTILLANA, SEVILLE PROVINCE -- On December 4, 2001, Jose B.S. was driving his vehicle on Highway 116, past kilometer 12 heading toward Mairena del Alcor at 10:58 AM, when he noticed of an oval-shaped object. He says, it was similar to a lipstick, and white in color. The object followed a westerly trajectory and plummeted in mid-flight before flying horizontally again, stopping, ascending and disappearing toward the West at high speed. The distance was about ten kilometers away. The witness places the object over a town called Cantillana and was almost able to cover it with his thumb. We can therefore estimate a relative size similar to that of the full moon or larger.

As an anecdotal note, the witness points out that toward 10:30 a.m., jet airplanes flew low over Seville Airport. Logically, all this data is being analyzed, but given the urgency of the subject, the SIB calls upon the international UFO community to aid in determining any concomittant sighting. On the other hand, we welcome any information from friends in the province of Seville. Thanks to Scott Corrales, Institute of Hispanic Ufology. Translation (C) 2001. Special thanks to Antonio Salinas, Director, Dept. of Ufology/Exobiology, S.I.B.

ITALY UFO NEWS FLASH ISSUE NO. 324

The Italian Center for UFO Studies (CISU) reports that there were numerous UFO sightings this summer in Italy. Giuseppe Stilo has disseminated a preliminary list of reports of the Italian wave of sightings. More than 67 sightings were recorded by August 1st and many others had been observed. Meanwhile, the number of incidents reported by the mass media has been diminishing (55 newspaper clippings gathered by Eco della Stampa during the month of July, compared with 86 in June). The sightings were widespread throughout the Italian Peninsula; with a slight lead in the northern regions. Nocturnal lights prevail; but in July, there occurred 11 daylight objects, 8 close encounters, and 3 cases captured on videotape. There were 62 sightings in June.

PADUA -- The Monselice Case occurred on the evening of August 3, 2001, at about 11:15 PM, two women sitting on a bench in a square observed an enormous four-sided object descend from the sky. It made no noise and stopped a few meters above the ground directly over the witnesses. The object, measuring side-on approximately 10 meters in length, had rounded edges and many lights. At the structure's center, there was a ring of intense light, with a little red light in the middle. One of the women fled in terror, hid behind a small statue of the Madonna, while the other remained paralyzed on the bench. Suddenly, she rose and took a few steps forward, until she was directly beneath the object: She gestured strangely with her arms and made some noises. Her friend continued to call to her screaming and finally convinced her friend to join her behind the statue. After a few seconds, the strange metallic platform, with a kind of "muffled noise," eventually split up into three parts which then shot away at an incredible speed. Two luminous discs in one direction, one multicolored one in the other. Their screams caught the attention of another woman who caught sight only of the two frightened witnesses. A third witness, who was 500 meters away, saw a "stupendous and intensely colored" square-shaped object, which she stopped to watch for its "extremely beautiful colors: white, red, yellow and green." The two protagonists of the story remained greatly unsettled from their experience: one of them didn't manage to sleep at night for a week or more, remained in a state of shock and speechless. An inquest was conducted by the Carabinieri, and the case was picked up by various Ufologists who issued varied and contrasting statements. The Pordenonese Antonio Chiumiento affirmed that it had to do with an extraterrestrial object which was going to attempt to abduct one of the two women. Instead, The International UFO Center maintained that the cause likely was a top-secret American airplane. The Venice contingent of the National UFO Center finally reported its detection of a slight trace of radioactivity at the spot, leading to alarm among the population and the intervention of the Regional Environmental Protection Agency, which alternately refuted the presence of any radioactivity. *Il Gazzettino*, Padua edition and *Il Mattino di Padova*, 17-30 August; *UfoItalia*, 23-30 August; collaboration by Roberto Labanti, Matteo Leone, Alessandro Lu=E8, Dario Paganini and Gildo Person=E8.]

NORWAY STRANGE LIGHTS

HESSDALEN -- The Italian Mission Returns Home After four weeks, the Italian mission came to an end on 22 August in the Hessdalen Valley of Norway, where sightings of strange lights in the sky have occurred repeatedly for twenty years. The expedition, conducted in collaboration with the National Council of Research Activities, had the goal of acquiring optical and electromagnetic data on the phenomenon. CNR was led by the astrophysicist Massimo Teodorani; and was organized and financed (for the second consecutive year) by the Italian Committee for Project Hessdalen, a group created in Bologna last year for this specific aim and coordinated by Renzo Cabassi. The unfavorable atmospheric conditions notwithstanding, various video and photographic captures of the phenomenon were acquired this year. Photometric and spectroscopic techniques were put to the test. The data gathered will be analyzed and interpreted and finally summarized in a preliminary technical article to be published in the future on the CIPH Website (<http://www.itacomm.net/PH/>).

FRANCE "UFOS: THE AMERICAN SECRET"

The UFO world has been reverberating for weeks after the September airing on National TV Channel 2 documentary, "OVNIS, le secret American," the work of the French journalist French Vincent Gielly, who during two years of investigating has interviewed numerous experts, viewed archives and consulted documents around the globe. The clamor also derives from the fact that the documentary was preview-broadcast exclusively to the French Senate last 24 April, arousing a certain interest in the objective and historic piece. The documentary is actually modeled after the life of the astronomer/Ufologist Dr. Joseph Allen Hynek. Among the Ufologists interviewed (Americans, overall), there are some of the most notable names on the American scene. Already arousing particular interest is news of the inclusion of a French counter-espionage official who is actively involved with the subject of UFOs. The program has

already garnered positive reviews from numerous newspapers on the other side of the Alps, and followers hope that this signals a turnabout in the way that television handles the subject in their country. Thanks to Edoardo Russo and the Italian Center for UFO Studies at <http://www.arpnet.it/ufo/ultime.htm> 10121 Turin, Italy and ufoupdates@home.com

NEW NASA SHUTTLE VIDEO OF UFOs IN SPACE

Jeff Challender has prepared a new tape of various UFOs that were caught on recent Shuttle video footage. Jeff has over an hour-long tape of UFOs shot in space. Jeff spends hundreds of hours watching the shuttle broadcasts from space and is now an expert on NASA missions and even those onboard the shuttle are unlikely to see what Jeff does. Using Jeff's directions you will be able to learn the difference between space junk, ice crystals and real UFOs. I feel confident we could go into a court of law and convince any jury that there are UFOs moving at high speed around the Earth. Send \$25 to: Jeff Challender 2768 Mendel Way - Sacramento, California 95833-2011

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Regards, George Filer

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Re: Nancy Talbot And Crop Circles - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Dec 2001 17:14:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Nancy Talbot And Crop Circles - Balaskas

>From: Michel M. Deschamps <ufoman@ican.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Nancy Talbot And Crop Circles
>Date: Sat, 1 Dec 2001 00:25:06 -0500

<snip>

>I disagree wholeheartedly with Nick Balaskas' statement
>regarding Nancy Talbot's eyewitness account of the formation of
>a crop circle. Only someone who has never seen anything would
>say such a thing. Flashlights?

>Last time I checked, the beam given off by flashlights do not
>have visible, solide-appearing straight-edge sides, nor are they
>bright enough to light up the inside of a house or a room from
>the outside. I've heard too many cases of the brilliance of such
>beams of lights, cone-shaped or otherwise, emanating from UFOs
>and how they "hurt" the eyes of the onlooker when looking
>directly at it.

<snip>

Hi Michel.

Reading Nancy Talbot's written account of her "witnessed" crop circle formation (not just what she said on Errol's UFO radio show) she herself described this beam of light "as if from helicopter searchlights". Wouldn't you say this is not in disagreement with my car headlights or one million candlepower searchlight?

Since light travels so fast, Nancy would not be able to say if the beam of light came from above or below so what she claims cannot be considered an actual observation but only a deduction.

Nancy goes on to write that "Neither of us saw anything in the overcast sky". I am sure you have noticed what happens to the very bright landing lights when aircraft are flying through clouds at night - the clouds block the light beams!

This, together with the testimony of the other witness who claims to have seen a narrower beam from the ground floor, only further supports my conclusion of a diverging beam of light originating from the ground.

Although I don't recall hearing Nancy mention about the window curtains in her bedroom, she does state in her written account that her bedroom "lights were on and the room was well-lit" and that the curtains were closed when she unexpectedly saw the beam of light. To her credit, Nancy also says that she "can't understand how I could very clearly see the "tube" of light outside".

Since Nancy was staying at the home of Robbert who claims some sort psychic prior knowledge of the creation of crop circles, a prank or hoax played on an honest investigator cannot be ruled out.

Did Nancy bring back to the U.S. any plant samples from within

this bean circle for scientific study? According to Nancy, no, she ate them for dinner a few days later instead! Why anyone would eat anything collected from within a mysteriously formed crop circle is beyond me but it raises further questions in my mind about the true origin of this event.

Like everyone else, I too am very anxiously looking forward to reading Nancy's published research findings regarding the crop circle phenomenon. I will save any further comments I have about this "witnessed" event and other crop circle matters until then.

Nick Balaskas

P.S. There is one additional comment I would like to make about the beam of light which Nancy said had a width of somewhere around 8 inches to one foot. Although it is not clear how she got this value (was it her estimate of the actual width of the beam far away from her or was it the width relative to the window curtain she saw it through). Let's assume it is the latter. Nancy's bed would be about 5 feet from the window and about 100 feet from the crop circle (add 5 feet to the 80 foot length of the backyard to the fence and an additional 15 feet to the crop circle on the other side of the fence to give us 100 feet).

Using the ratio of two similar triangles to estimate the actual width of the beam of light which created the crop circle we get:

1 foot/5 feet = X feet/100 feet

then

X feet = 1 foot x 100 feet/5 feet = 20 feet

This agrees very well with the 20 foot width of the elliptical part of the crop circle that could be seen from the house.

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Re: More On The X-15 - Fleming

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Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Dec 2001 17:38:31 -0500
Subject: Re: More On The X-15 - Fleming

>From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
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>Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>Subject: Re: More On The X-15 - Oberg

>I just talked by phone with Bill Dana, one of four surviving
>X-15 pilots, and recently retired as director of NASA's Dryden
>Flight Research Center at Edwards AFB.

>He recalled White's story well. "Bob was concerned, at first, he
>thought he was flying through a field of these objects going by
>his window," he told me. "Turned out, it was ice coming off
>something -- an APU exhaust, I recall, or some cryogenic
>transporter." He gave me the phone numbers of some flight
>managers who also worked the program and I'll be calling them
>soon.

He may recall, but whether or not he recalls "well" is another question entirely. Guessing that the acronym "APU" means attitude propellant unit or something similar, the attitude thrusters on the nose and wings of the craft used H2O2, which is not a cryogenic liquid. These thrusters emitted superheated steam as the exhaust product. It seems unlikely to me that steam would freeze into ice flakes under near-vacuum conditions on surfaces that had been heated to over 1000 degrees centigrade during passage through the lower atmosphere only seconds before. I've seen no indication of anything that could be cryogenic in front of the pilot's cockpit. The LOX tank and connections to the combustion chamber appear to be the only cryogenic components on the aircraft. They were behind the pilot.

As David Rudiak pointed out, the craft was almost certainly traveling with its nose oriented in the direction of flight. Swiveling the craft around so that the tail was in front could have been suicidal when the craft was in space for less than 5 minutes. The attitude thrusters were intended to be used to maintain the correct orientation for the reentry that followed the brief excursion into near-space, not pointless and dangerous maneuvers. Anything that White saw "going by his window" was moving from the nose toward the tail, and it is not at all likely to have been ice flakes.

Rudiak suggested paint flakes as a possibility. Assuming the nose was painted, nose-mounted thrusters might have dislodged some paint flakes from the surrounding surface. The heating from the hypersonic speed might have blistered the paint, making it more prone to flaking off. It seems odd that White would have mistaken paint flakes for something anomalous, but that's the only "prosaic" explanation I can see that would make any sense.

Maybe too much time passed between when Duran was a test pilot and when he was a NASA bureaucrat. His "recollection" sounds more like the spin-doctoring of the latter rather than the plain-talking expected from the former. Hope you have better luck with the other people you contact. Ask them about the paint flakes.

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Secrecy News -- 12/05/01

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SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
December 5, 2001

** CIA DEFENDS DISCLOSURE OF OFFICER'S DEATH
** ANTHRAX SLOWS FOIA PROCESSING
** FBI REORGANIZATION DESCRIBED
** E.U. CONDON REVISITED

CIA DEFENDS DISCLOSURE OF OFFICER'S DEATH

Stung by accusations that it was exploiting the death of intelligence officer Johnny Micheal Spann in Afghanistan to gain favorable publicity, the Central Intelligence Agency this week took the unusual step of attacking its accusers and defending its disclosure policies.

"We generally don't respond to outrageous remarks made by uninformed critics. But these claims, which have been aired on several national television networks, are so reckless, malicious, and cynical that we believe it is necessary and appropriate to respond," the CIA said in a December 3 statement:

http://www.odci.gov/cia/public_affairs/press_release/pr12032001.html

The principal target of the Agency's wrath, who goes unnamed, is former CIA counterterrorism official Larry Johnson, who blasted the CIA acknowledgment of Spann's death on PBS and MSNBC news programs.

The CIA statement noted that the decision to disclose Spann's identity was approved by "his entire chain of command" as well as by the Spann family.

CIA's official position is that it does not withhold information unnecessarily, nor does the Agency disclose information with an ulterior motive. If it ever appears otherwise, the defect must be in the eye of the beholder.

"When we've been able to publicly identify every CIA employee who has made the ultimate sacrifice, we have done so," CIA spokesman Anya Guilsher told InsideDefense.com yesterday. When the names of fallen officers are withheld, it is always for a good reason, though such reasons "may not be readily apparent or understandable."

See "CIA Defends Decision to Identify Officer Killed in Afghanistan" by Anne Plummer in InsideDefense.com:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2001/12/id120401.html>

ANTHRAX SLOWS FOIA PROCESSING

Disruptions in mail service due to anthrax contamination "have greatly delayed the delivery and receipt of Freedom of Information Act-related correspondence throughout the federal

government," according to the Department of Justice.

Now the terrorists have gone too far.

"FOIA requesters must accept that the unprecedented delays in mail delivery that have been caused by the anthrax mail emergency during the past two months... will cause corresponding delays in the administration of the FOIA," the Justice Department warned in a November 30 statement.

See "Anthrax Mail Emergency Delays FOIA Correspondence":

<http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/foiapost/2001foiapost21.htm>

FBI REORGANIZATION DESCRIBED

The first phase of a reorganization of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that will emphasize the Bureau's counterterrorism mission was described in a December 3 press release:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2001/12/fbi-reorg.html>

"The FBI's reorganization will strengthen our capabilities in counterterrorism, counterintelligence, cybercrime, and cooperation with state and local law enforcement," said Attorney General John Ashcroft in a press statement. "These reforms and restructuring will sharpen the FBI's capacity to act deliberately and decisively in protecting Americans' lives and liberties in the 21st Century."

E.U. CONDON REVISITED

Edward U. Condon (1902-1974) was a distinguished physicist whose biography encompassed some of the fiercest cold war conflicts over security and loyalty in American society.

As a prominent advocate of nuclear arms control and scientific internationalism, Condon clashed repeatedly with the House Committee on Un-American Activities and endured years of political harrassment.

His story is recalled by UCLA historian Jessica Wang in the December issue of Physics Today. See "Edward Condon and the Cold War Politics of Loyalty" here:

<http://www.physicstoday.org/vol-54/iss-12/p35.html>

Condon's name has additional resonance in quite different quarters due to his leadership of a U.S. Air Force assessment of "the UFO problem."

To the dismay of enthusiasts, the 1968 "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects," also known as "the Condon Report," found little substance to the issue.

"Careful consideration of the record as it is available to us leads us to conclude that further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified in the expectation that science will be advanced thereby," the Report concluded.

The Condon Report has been published online by the National Capital Area Skeptics here:

<http://912a-87.umd.edu/condon/index.html>

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The Virtually Strange Network Site Is Open

John Velez, Glenn Campbell and myself spent a week or two on it. VSN thanks John for his tasty, clean, execution of the black & white retro-look, and to Glenn for moving this List's Archive to the new site. A deep debt of gratitude is owed to Glenn whose coding skills and sense of history made the Archive possible.

The UFOs button on the front page will take visitors in to this List's archive, the 'Strange Days... Indeed' program & archive area, to The Abduction Information Center site, the MUFON Ontario area and to 'UfoLogical Links'. Your input and comments on the latter are encouraged.

For subscribers who wish to make files available to the List, and don't have sites of their own, 'UFO UpDates - The Site' will have links to internal pages to those files. Said files should be attached to a List-Post - they'll U/L'ed, a link inserted into the original message which will be posted to the List.

Other areas, off the front page, will be added to on a regular basis. Many readers, here, are intrigued by strangeness other than UFOs - please feel free to make suggestions and contributions for those areas.

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AIC Has A New Home!

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Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Dec 2001 08:56:18 -0500
Subject: AIC Has A New Home!

Howdy All,

I'm proud to announce that the "Abduction Information Center" website now resides in its new home as a component of the even newer, 'Virtually Strange Network'. :)

The site can be accessed through the Virtually Strange Network website by going to:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net>

... then go to the VSN 'UFO' page and click on the link provided to the Abduction Information Center web files. Update your bookmark to AIC while you're there.

I received a couple of 'articles' from Budd Hopkins last week and I'll be posting them to the AIC archives shortly. I'll send out a little announcement once the pages have been composed and uploaded to the web. In the interest of presenting as many varied points of view as I can on the subject, I'd like to take this opportunity to invite Kevin Randle and Luis Gonzales to contribute a short article stating their own 'take' on the subject of UFO abduction.

I hope you take the time to check out AIC at the Virtually Strange Network website if you haven't already seen it. And for those who have, I'd like to point you to the Karla Turner material (links available on the AIC "Points Of View" page) that CNI News's Mike Lindemann donated to the AIC archive. The transcripts to those sessions with Karla are available exclusively at AIC. :)

Enjoy,

John Velez, Webmaster A.I.C.

*AIC is the current incarnation of the "old" Budd Hopkins' Intruders Foundation website. Myself, my current work, and the Abduction Information Center website are in no way affiliated with IF. JV

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>Date: Wed, 05 Dec 2001 13:29:55 -0600
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>plain-talking expected from the former. Hope you have better
>luck with the other people you contact. Ask them about the paint
>flakes.

That was Dana, not Duran.

Here's something else I just got.

I'll respond to other ponits later.

PILOT'S COMMENTS
X-15-3 Flight 3-7-14
Pilot: Major R. White

"After engine shutdown I engaged angle of attack hold at 6 degrees alpha, and I seemed to hold this all right. It wasn't long after i went through 220,000 that I disengaged angle of attack hold and just continued on over the top. It seemed like a hell of a long time to get over the top. . . .

"While I was level I started noticing some things and I said, 'Now wait a minute they must be inside the cockpit,' but they were outside the cockpit. It looked like perhaps it might have been residue or frost or very small little things going by, I was paying attention and focusing on what these things might have been, and one time a piece of something about the size of my hand, which looked like a piece of paper, went past just going along with the airplane. It was there, there was no question about it."

Q: Do you think it was frost?

A: This thing looked too big for that. It looked like a piece of paper, almost the size of your hand.

Q: Whereabouts in relation to the airplane?

A: Just off to the left side, right on the window level. The other ones were out on the right side, little somethings but I couldn't distinguish what they were. There was no question about it.

Q: Did it come from the nose perhaps?

A: Well, I thought the other small ones came from the nose, but this other one just stayed there.

"Okay, going ahead now, my inertial indicator went above 300,000 ft., but I don't know how high I got. This looked like I was quite a bit higher than the last flight because I could just look out and - you know what the

pictures look like when the guy is flying in orbit, well that's what it looked like. " <snip>

Q: What was the theta average during climbout?

A: I would say it finally averaged just about 41 degrees, I was darned if I was going to be low on this one.

Q: What was your engine time?

A: About 82 seconds.

Q: About heading orientation going over the top.

A: I think this would be extremely hard to do. You can get a general impression, by this I mean you look out and can pick out some land marks, and you know that you are going generally in this direction, but as far as putting everything on the point, it's - you can't do it. You're looking off toward Hawaii it seems, and you can't make out anything.

Q: Did you make use of the three axis ball during the ballistic flight? Did you fly by that instead of the alpha/beta indicators?

A: Very definitely. I monitored heading, and then of course I engaged pitch (theta) hold and watched this, which didn't change. Then when I got back to the stops (maximum delta-h) the nose did pitch down. I got down about 15 deg below the horizon and then i pitched back up. Then when it looked like I had a good angle of attack indication and the cross pointers were starting to come in good, I engaged angle of attack hold. It would be about 25 deg alpha when I engaged it.

Q: Could you feel any angular accelerations from reaction controls?

A: Yes, very definitely, and once or twice I did catch a blast from the right yaw rocket to give me a correction back to the left. I could feel the jets kick the airplane when they fired.

Q: Did you use the manual RCS at all going over the top?

A: I never touched them.

Q: What were the limits on the horizon going over the top? How far could you see?

A: You could just see as far as you looked. I turned my head in both directions, and you see nothing but the earth. It'' just tremendous. You look off and the sky is real dark. I don't think the impression would be much different than it was up around 250,000 ft, but I was impressed remarkably more than I was at 250,000 ft. It amazed me. I looked up and was able to pick out San Francisco Bay and it looked like it was down over there off the right wing and I could look out, way out. It was just tremendous, absolutely tremendous. You have seen pictures from high up in rockets, or these orbital pictures of what the guy sees out there. That's exactly what it looked like. The same thing.

Obtained Dec 5, 2001, from Edwards AFB Historian Mr. Ray L. Puffer (ray.puffer@edwards.af.mil), Air Force Flight Test Center/History Office, AFFTC/HO, 305 E. Popson Ave., Edwards AFB, CA 93524-6595

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>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: George A. Filer <WeeklyFiles@filersfiles.com>
>Subject: Filer's Files #49 - 2001

>FILER'S FILES #49 MUFON Skywatch Investigations
>On Saturday night, December 1st, around 10:15 PM CST, a
>sensational fireball glided over at least seven states

>Sam Sherman the President of Independent International Pictures
>saw the CNN broadcast video of the streaks of brilliant light
>moving across the sky from Nebraska to Texas. He and several
>people who observed the video felt their was more than debris
>breaking up and there was also a slow moving craft of some sort
>visible among the 30 balls of light. ..

>Video of the objects shown on CNN seemed to
>move too slowly to be pieces of a Soviet SL-12 Proton Rocket.
>If UFOs are entering our airspace it is obvious that they might
>try to time their entry with that of legitimate space debris

My son is a student at the University of North Texas in Denton,
50 km NE of Dallas, and he was out camping with friends that
evening. They saw what they interpreted as two flights of
three-each military jets at high speed with afterburners on,
white lights only. If he told me he'd seen a UFO, I guess it
would have meant a lump of coal for Christmas!

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Alaska Sighting JAL1628

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 5 Dec 2001 18:47:17 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Dec 2001 15:42:06 -0500
Subject: Alaska Sighting JAL1628

Recently John Callahan, formerly Chief of the Accidents, Evaluations and Investigations division of the FAA in Washington, DC, has cited the Japan Airlines sighting of Nov. 1986 in his testimony for the Disclosure Project.

I have now posted my complete investigation of that sighting in case you want to find out why Callahan was impressed.

<http://brumac.8k.com/JAL1628/Jal1628.html>

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Michael Gershtein Site Update

From: Paul Stonehill <rurc@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 06 Dec 2001 04:35:41 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Dec 2001 15:52:22 -0500
Subject: Michael Gershtein Site Update

http://www.ufonav.spb.ru/ufo_nav/pages/mnpl.phtml

Mr. Michael Gershtein, a leading Russian ufologist, and a most somber researcher (in my opinion), has updated his website. I urge those interested in the Russian UFO research to visit it. He and I do not always agree on a number of cases, but I strongly recommend his no-nonsense approach to research and analysis. I would recommend those who do not speak Russian to contact him in English at: ufo_miger@chat.ru

His mailing address is:

Michael B. Gershtein
Post Office Box 4
Saint Petersburg
Russia 190008

The Kosmopoisk folks have not been sitting on their hands, either, and their site is updated (there is an English-language page as well).

<http://kosmopoisk.org/>

Here is where you write to reach Mr. Vadim Chernobrov:
chernobrov@kosmopoisk.org

Another website that contains an enormous wealth of information about Russian and international UFO research is found at:

<http://anomalialia.narod.ru/>

Segey N. Kozlov is the owner of the site. He has maintained the site steadily and consistently, and is to be lauded for his efforts. The email address is:

ufosergo@mail.ru

Nick Subbotin's site has been updated, too. There are new articles, books, and tons of useful information about Russian UFO research. Nick has been doing great and consistent work of bringing Russian UFO research to the Internet. Kudos to him.
<http://ufo.psu.ru/>

Paul Stonehill

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Re: More On The X-15 - Oberg

From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Thu, 6 Dec 2001 09:27:42 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Dec 2001 15:53:47 -0500
Subject: Re: More On The X-15 - Oberg

>Date: Wed, 05 Dec 2001 13:29:55 -0600
>Subject: Re: More On The X-15
>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
>>Date: Tue, 4 Dec 2001 11:50:50 -0600
>>Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>>Subject: Re: More On The X-15 - Oberg

>He may recall, but whether or not he recalls "well" is another
>question entirely. Guessing that the acronym "APU" means
>attitude propellant unit or something similar, the attitude
>thrusters on the nose and wings of the craft used H2O2, which is
>not a cryogenic liquid. These thrusters emitted superheated
>steam as the exhaust product. It seems unlikely to me that
>steam would freeze into ice flakes under near-vacuum conditions
>on surfaces that had been heated to over 1000 degrees centigrade
>during passage through the lower atmosphere only seconds before.
>I've seen no indication of anything that could be cryogenic in
>front of the pilot's cockpit. The LOX tank and connections to
>the combustion chamber appear to be the only cryogenic
>components on the aircraft. They were behind the pilot.

An APU is an Auxiliary Power unit that burns hydrazine to create hydraulic pressure to run aerosurfaces and engine gimbals. The Space Shuttle has three of them, with exhaust ports at the front base of the vertical tail. Water vapor is a by-product.

"Seeming unlikely to you" really doesn't cut it in terms of what is, or is not, real in space -- seriously, no slap intended, but strange things happen in space that are often contrary to earthside experience. Both water and hydrazine freeze readily in space because of robust evaporative cooling, despite sunlight or structural temperatures. When I worked as a propulsion officer monitoring OMS/RCS systems on early shuttle flights, the way we detected thruster valve leaks was not through tank or line pressure fluctuations -- which by Boyle's Law bounced around in a 'spongy' fashion as temperatures changed, sometimes through adiabatic cooling during long burns -- but was via the temperature sensor in the thruster nozzles. A drop in thruster temperature meant that something was actively cooling the area by evaporation/freezing -- and sure enough, when detected, these leaks could often be spotted as 'snowstorms' by the crew at sunrise/sunset, leading to some spectacular imagery (need I mention there was an aft thruster leaking during STS-48?). Heck, on Mercury, the cooling system used deliberate water freezing to dump cabin heat, it was called a Water Spray Boiler (also, a Flash Evaporator), and the shuttle has one, also, for use during mission phases when the doors aren't open to expose the radiators to deep dark cold space.

>Anything that White saw "going by his window" was
>moving from the nose toward the tail, and it is not at all
>likely to have been ice flakes.

Vehicle-generated debris can be any number of things, from any number of sources. The nose was known to emit paint flakes, exactly as you write. The nose also had thrusters which emitted

water as a byproduct. As you can see from the post-flight pilot report, White had no problem with seeing a flow of small particles from the nose, but he did notice that the bigger piece -- about the size of his hand -- seemed to be different.

>Maybe too much time passed between when Duran was a test pilot
>and when he was a NASA bureaucrat. His "recollection" sounds
>more like the spin-doctoring of the latter rather than the
>plain-talking expected from the former.

I'm disappointed with your readiness to reject the first-hand comments of people who were right there, with vague allegations of 'spin-doctoring', a suggestion of deliberate fraud. Hey, it can happen, we're just trying to see what happened in this case.

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Re: AIC Has A New Home! - Hamilton

From: **Bill Hamilton** <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: 6 Dec 2001 07:33:55 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Dec 2001 15:55:50 -0500
Subject: Re: AIC Has A New Home! - Hamilton

>Date: Thu, 6 Dec 2001 02:49:44 -0500
>To: ufoupdates@home.com
>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>Subject: AIC Has A New Home!

>Howdy All,

>I'm proud to announce that the "Abduction Information Center"
>website now resides in its new home as a component of the even
>newer, 'Virtually Strange Network'. :)

>The site can be accessed through the Virtually Strange
>Network website by going to:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net>

<snip>

Looks good, John. Keep up the good work.

Bill

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Re: More On The X-15 - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
Date: Wed, 05 Dec 2001 19:54:59 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Dec 2001 16:16:26 -0500
Subject: Re: More On The X-15 - Fleming

In my last message, I guessed that "APU" stood for Attitude Propellant Unit, but that was wrong. It stands for 'Auxiliary Power Unit' as indicated in the paragraph below:

<http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/pao/History/x15conf/design.html>

"In figure 7 we get to where you can see some of the internal arrangements, and I will point out some of the points of interest. First, starting at the nose of the X-15, you will note the location of the pitch and yaw thrusters. These are powered by passing hydrogen peroxide over a catalyst and turning it into a high-pressure, high-temperature gas that is expelled through a nozzle producing a thrust of 40 to 10 IN There are eight of these thrusters located in the nose. There are two of them located on both the top and bottom of the nose for pitch control, and another pair are located on either side of the nose to produce the left and right yaw control. Moving aft, we pass the nose gear and cockpit. Behind the pilot, note the location of the auxiliary power units (APU's). There are two of these units mounted on a bulkhead. They are again powered by hydrogen peroxide, which drives a turbine that supplies the energy that produces all the hydraulic and electric power for the ship's service."

The same paper also says:

"Figure 14 calls to mind that the auxiliary power unit had some serious problems. A good share of the difficulties arose from the use of hydrogen peroxide as the propellant. By the time it entered the turbine, the temperature was high, about 1350 'F, the pressure was high, and it was very corrosive."

Since the APUs used extremely hot hydrogen peroxide as fuel, it seems unlikely that their exhaust could be a source of ice for the same reason that the thrusters seem to be an unlikely source of ice. In any case, the APUs were positioned behind the cockpit and ice from that location wouldn't have gotten in front of the cockpit.

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Re: Fermi's Paradox III - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Thu, 6 Dec 2001 12:13:17 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Dec 2001 16:20:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Fermi's Paradox III - Velez

>Date: Tue, 4 Dec 2001 12:48:04 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Fermi's Paradox III
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>Date: Mon, 3 Dec 2001 11:57:28 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>Subject: Re: Fermi's Paradox III

>>>Date: Sun, 2 Dec 2001 23:08:03 -0500
>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>Subject: Re: Fermi's Paradox III

>>>>Date: Sat, 01 Dec 2001 10:14:45 -0800
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>>>>Subject: Re: Fermi's Paradox III

><snip>

>>>Would that result in something better or worse.... That is the
>>>Question!

>>Nothing wrong with people being told the truth. Ever.

><snip>

>>Time for a whole _Revolution_ of Truth. Damn the torpedoes, and
>>double-damn civilization "as we know it." I've had a belly-full
>>of "as we know it". Haven't you?

>Have you gotten ahold of my Abduction book yet? Read the chapter
>'Question Everything' (if nothing else).

Hi Bruce,

I plan to do a cover-to-cover on it when I get it. It's on my x-mas wish list! I'm not sure if it's my wife or my sister-in-law who got saddled with 'wish fulfillment' for the request, but I hope to find a copy of your new book under the tree come Dec. 25. ;)

I promise to post my impressions to the List once I've had a chance to give it a read.

*And... I hope that you've requested to have your website added to the new Virtually Strange Network's UfoLinks page. It would make a terrific contribution to the VSN web offering. I spend more time reading out at your site than I do just about anywhere else. The VSN Links page is another way to 'spread the word' and get surfers to stop by and take in your work. Zap Errol a line privately and he'll add the link.

Regards,

John Velez

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How to Investigate UFOs

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 6 Dec 2001 12:55:35 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Dec 2001 16:21:58 -0500
Subject: How to Investigate UFOs

How should one go about investigating phenomena that appear unexpectedly to unprepared observers? There are not too many resources or essay about this facet of UFO research on the Internet. We collected a number of pointers to report forms for short-lived phenomena, fireball meteors, ball lightning, severe weather phenomena and, of course, UFOs.

We have also included a few documents concerning attempts to investigate UFOs from Edward Ruppelt and the Colorado University study.

<http://www.project1947.com/howto/index.html>

We look forward to adding more such documents and links. Please feel free to submit ideas.

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UK 'Amorphous' UFO by Woods?

From: **Jim Mortellaro** <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 6 Dec 2001 13:17:33 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Dec 2001 16:27:54 -0500
Subject: UK 'Amorphous' UFO by Woods?

Dear Gentle Listers, Errol;

I wonder if any of you have seen the photos on Rense.Com of the sundry UK 'amorphous' UFO, photographed by Anthony Woods. Having never seen anything even remotely like this particular object except in photos taken in Mexico, I find them fascinating and would welcome commentary.

The latest set of images is at:

<http://www.rense.com/general17/EXC.HTM>

Jim Mortellaro

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Re: More On The X-15 - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 6 Dec 2001 14:22:25 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Dec 2001 16:30:46 -0500
Subject: Re: More On The X-15 - Rudiak

>From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: More On The X-15
>Date: Wed, 5 Dec 2001 17:21:17 -0600

>Here's something else I just got.

>I'll respond to other ponits later.

>PILOT'S COMMENTS
>X-15-3 Flight 3-7-14
>Pilot: Major R. White

>"After engine shutdown I engaged angle of attack hold at 6
>degrees alpha, and I seemed to hold this all right. It wasn't
>long after i went through 220,000 that I disengaged angle of
>attack hold and just continued on over the top. It seemed like a
>hell of a long time to get over the top. . . .

>"While I was level I started noticing some things and I said,

If this was while he was level, then it occurred near peak altitude, which Oberg "assumed" but didn't specify, and I too assumed in the absence of information.

>'Now wait a minute they must be inside the cockpit,' but they
>were outside the cockpit.

Here's an indication that White was having a little trouble judging distance, not surprising considering the absence of normal visual cues in that environment.

>It looked like perhaps it might have
>been residue or frost or very small little things going by,

Residue, probably -- maybe blistered paint flecking off the nose. But frost? From where? Between the earlier high vibrations and the high heat of friction, there shouldn't be any ice left on the nose, or anywhere else on the skin of the plane, for that matter.

>I was paying attention and focusing on what these things might
>have been, and one time a piece of something about the size of
>my hand, which looked like a piece of paper, went past just
>going along with the airplane. It was there, there was no
>question about it."

It was "just going along with the airplane" and looked "like a piece of paper." Thus a flat, very non-aerodynamic thing. Unfortunately White doesn't specify a perceived distance for this thing, like in the Time Magazine article, where he placed it at 30 to 40 feet.

The "little things," assuming they were debris off the nose, I assume would drift along the stream lines and pass within inches of the cockpit windows, which sounds like what White is describing. But how did this other flat thingee get way out there, even if it came off the nose? It should drift right past the windows along with the little things.

>Q: Do you think it was frost?

>A: This thing looked too big for that. It looked like a piece of
>paper, almost the size of your hand.

So why did Oberg claim this was ice? White realized it couldn't be ice. Furthermore, remember Oberg's song and dance about this was ice formed from the rearward liquid oxygen tank or fuel lines? Obviously even if ice had survived and then later dislodged, it can't move forward, one of the major objections to the ice theory from the beginning by the gullible UFO believers.

>Q: Whereabouts in relation to the airplane?

>A: Just off to the left side, right on the window level. The
>other ones were out on the right side, little somethings but I
>couldn't distinguish what they were. There was no question about
>it.

>Q: Did it come from the nose perhaps?

>A: Well, I thought the other small ones came from the nose,

So the plane was pointed straight ahead, which the gullible UFO believers assumed all along, because reentry loomed within a minute or two and White was presumably not suicidal. He wasn't about to turn the plane around.

Oberg, on the other hand, gave us another song and dance about the X-15's attitude control system being used in a near vacuum to maneuver the craft into a position such that ice breaking somewhere off the rear would not have to move forward against air flow to be seen outside White's side window. Oberg was trying to BS his way out of this paradox in an effort to salvage the unsalvagable.

>but this other one just stayed there.

"This other one just stayed there." Again, here is the anomaly. It looked like a sheet of paper, meaning it was flat and very non-aerodynamic. It should have been rapidly swept out of there along with what was probably small debris moving past the cockpit window. But instead it hung around and paced the plane. It "just stayed there" and "it was just going along with the airplane."

A lot of blah, blah, blah, mostly irrelevant stuff follows:

>"Okay, going ahead now, my inertial indicator went above 300,000 ft., but I
>don't know how high I got. This looked like I was quite a bit higher than
>the last flight because I could just look out and - you know what the
>pictures look like when the guy is flying in orbit, well that's what it
>looked like. " <snip>

>Q: What was the theta average during climbout?

>A: I would say it finally averaged just about 41 degrees, I was
>darned if I was going to be low on this one.

>Q: What was your engine time?

>A: About 82 seconds.

>Q: About heading orientation going over the top.

>A: I think this would be extremely hard to do. You can get a
>general impression, by this I mean you look out and can pick out
>some land marks, and you know that you are going generally in
>this direction, but as far as putting everything on the point,
>it's - you can't do it. You're looking off toward Hawaii it
>seems, and you can't make out anything.

>Q: Did you make use of the three axis ball during the ballistic
>flight? Did you fly by that instead of the alpha/beta
>indicators?

>A: Very definitely. I monitored heading, and then of course I
>engaged pitch (theta) hold and watched this, which didn't
>change. Then when I got back to the stops (maximum delta-h) the
>nose did pitch down. I got down about 15 deg below the horizon
>and then i pitched back up. Then when it looked like I had a

>good angle of attack indication and the cross pointers were
>starting to come in good, I engaged angle of attack hold. It
>would be about 25 deg alpha when I engaged it.

>Q: Could you feel any angular accelerations from reaction controls?

>A: Yes, very definitely, and once or twice I did catch a blast
>from the right yaw rocket to give me a correction back to the
>left. I could feel the jets kick the airplane when they fired.

Again, nothing about White turning the plane around to allow ice from the rear to pass by his window. Obviously he was positioned more or less straight ahead and making minor adjustments in his position with the reaction controls, aligning the plane for proper reentry.

>Q: Did you use the manual RCS at all going over the top?

>A: I never touched them.

>Q: What were the limits on the horizon going over the top? How
>far could you see?

>A: You could just see as far as you looked. I turned my head in
>both directions, and you see nothing but the earth. It'' just
>tremendous. You look off and the sky is real dark. I don't think
>the impression would be much different than it was up around
>250,000 ft, but I was impressed remarkably more than I was at
>250,000 ft. It amazed me. I looked up and was able to pick out
>San Francisco Bay and it looked like it was down over there off
>the right wing and I could look out, way out. It was just
>tremendous, absolutely tremendous. You have seen pictures from
>high up in rockets, or these orbital pictures of what the guy
>sees out there. That's exactly what it looked like. The same
>thing.

>Obtained Dec 5, 2001, from Edwards AFB Historian Mr. Ray L.
>Puffer (ray.puffer@edwards.af.mil), Air Force Flight Test
>Center/History Office, AFFTC/HO, 305 E. Popson Ave., Edwards
>AFB, CA 93524-6595

I met Puffer at Edwards about 3 years ago when I stopped by for a few hours to look into some known Edwards' UFO incidents. (Also took the public tour and looked at the "stuffed" test planes, including the X-15, on display outside. However, after Sept. 11, I doubt if the place is open to the public anymore.)

Puffer, like Oberg, is a knee-jerk UFO debunker who loves to laugh at the gullible UFO buffs. However, he did pull base records for me, warning me that I would find nothing about these sightings in any of the logs. He was right. There wasn't a hint in any of the records that anything happened out of the ordinary. (The incidents I was looking into were the mass multi-sightings of July 8, 1947, which Puffer didn't even know existed; the Gordon Cooper photographic incident of May 3, 1957; and the radar/visual/jet intercept incident the night of Oct. 7, 1965.)

Jan Aldrich, in a recent Updates post on Nov 29. (see <http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2001/nov/m29-008.shtml>), also noted that normal military logs and histories that he has examined very rarely note such incidents, even though the episodes may show up elsewhere, such as in communications, Blue Book files, or other military intelligence files.

This is a good example of how the "absence of evidence is not evidence of absence." Potentially sensitive information does not typically appear in such routine records and is usually handled through other channels.

David Rudiak

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>on the nose, or anywhere else on the skin of the plane, for that
>matter.

We're at an impasse here: people with genuine experience with
space flight, including the X-15 pilot, thought the little
particles could have been ice. People who read a lot (and do
good research, true) insist it couldn't be true.

The larger object was clearly different from the little specks,
and doesn't sound like ice at all.

If it were denser than tiny particles, then of course it
wouldn't blow away as easily.

We don't know how long it stayed out there.

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>believers assumed all along, because reentry loomed within a
>minute or two and White was presumably not suicidal. He wasn't
>about to turn the plane around.

Confirmations are better than assumptions, although when they
validate assumptions, you get points for good judgment.

Peter Merlin at the Dryden NASA history office just sent me this
stuff:

Part of the flight transcript reads as follows:

NASA 1: OK, looks like you're about the peak and speed brakes
out.

White: Roger. There's a lot of things out there. Absolutely is!
What's my angle of attack?

NASA 1: We don't have any better presentation than he does.
We're coming back down through, approaching 285. Anticipate a
position in correction turn to the right whenever you have the
ability to do so.

White: Roger. (garbled) absolutely (garbled) the view.

NASA 1: We're still not getting much on angle of attack.

White: OK, it's going to start going back, here we go.

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Cooper Photo Case [was: More On The X-15]

From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Thu, 6 Dec 2001 15:58:15 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Dec 2001 09:22:33 -0500
Subject: Cooper Photo Case [was: More On The X-15]

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 6 Dec 2001 14:22:25 EST
>Subject: Re: More On The X-15
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>I met Puffer at Edwards about 3 years ago when I stopped by for
>a few hours to look into some known Edwards' UFO incidents.
>Puffer, like Oberg, is a knee-jerk UFO debunker who loves to
>laugh at the gullible UFO buffs. However, he did pull base
>records for me, warning me that I would find nothing about these
>sightings in any of the logs. He was right. There wasn't a hint
>in any of the records that anything happened out of the
>ordinary. (The incidents I was looking into were the mass
>multi-sightings of July 8, 1947, which Puffer didn't even know
>existed; the Gordon Cooper photographic incident of May 3, 1957;
>and the radar/visual/jet intercept incident the night of Oct.
>7, 1965.)

>This is a good example of how the "absence of evidence is not
>evidence of absence." Potentially sensitive information does not
>typically appear in such routine records and is usually handled
>through other channels.

The Edwards historian I talked with in 1983 had a clipping file
on the May 1957 case, including news stories in LA papers and a
California UFO newsletter.

However, you may have drawn a blank if you called it the "Gordon
Cooper photographic incident", because as my own research has
shown, Cooper had no connection with the event, the witnesses
involved never heard of him at the time.

The event itself, however, is fully documented -- film and all
-- in the Blue Book files.

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Re: UK 'Amorphous' UFO by Woods? - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Thu, 06 Dec 2001 15:23:05 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Dec 2001 09:25:18 -0500
Subject: Re: UK 'Amorphous' UFO by Woods? - Hatch

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 6 Dec 2001 13:17:33 EST
>Subject: UK 'Amorphous' UFO by Woods?
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>object except in photos taken in Mexico, I find them fascinating
>and would welcome commentary.

>The latest set of images is at:

><http://www.rense.com/general17/EXC.HTM>

>Jim Mortellaro

Hello Jimbo!

Interesting yes. To my eyes, it looks like two nearly spherical objects (one looks vaguely teardrop shaped in one shot), perhaps slowly rotating about one another, like two balloons tethered together, or to a single payload.

The surfaces seem either silvery or at least highly reflective, maybe like mylar which is often shiny but partly translucent.

It could be two flying saucers merging into a single UFO and separating again, but I would put far higher odds on the balloon angle, pending better information.

I see that the cameraman has been shooting parades of UFOs recently, one sequence for 3 hours.

I did not read any description of the trajectory, accelerations, or anything else to indicate these images are of not balloons.

I certainly don't see:

" .. evidence that confirms without any doubt the presence of advanced, unknown, unidentified flying machines on this planet. "

.....to quote the author of the web page.

But that's just me.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Dec 2001 09:30:07 -0500
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>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>>From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
>>>Date: Tue, 4 Dec 2001 11:50:50 -0600
>>>Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>>>Subject: Re: More On The X-15 - Oberg

>>He may recall, but whether or not he recalls "well" is another
>>question entirely. Guessing that the acronym "APU" means
>>attitude propellant unit or something similar, the attitude
>>thrusters on the nose and wings of the craft used H2O2, which is
>>not a cryogenic liquid. These thrusters emitted superheated
>>steam as the exhaust product. It seems unlikely to me that
>>steam would freeze into ice flakes under near-vacuum conditions
>>on surfaces that had been heated to over 1000 degrees centigrade
>>during passage through the lower atmosphere only seconds before.
>>I've seen no indication of anything that could be cryogenic in
>>front of the pilot's cockpit. The LOX tank and connections to
>>the combustion chamber appear to be the only cryogenic
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Dear Mr. Oberg, Gentle Readers, Errol,

This post has to do not with this particular post of yours, Sir,
but rather with the entire series of posts I've had to endure
here. NASA is important to this nation's space program. It's
failures have disappointed me and many others in the past
fifteen plus years. I now have a clue.

I usually take the side of the underdog in most of my posts,
especially where the poor bastard is taking a lickin and keeps
on tickin. But in this case, I must take cumbrance with your
opinions, Sir.

Allow me to repeat, Errol, if I may, a story I've told on
UpDates some time ago. A true story and one which expresses my
most intimate feelings on your ... posts, Sir. Feelings which I
admit, are not in usual consort with my more benign and generous
nature ... again, when it comes to the underdog. Until now.

I was a young engineer on the OAO spacecraft, working for
Grumman and stationed at NASA Goddard in Greenbelt, Md. I was a
cocky kid, just out of school and with a good deal of
responsibility. Cocky or not, I took my responsibilities very
seriously. That flight article, for which I was the responsible
systems integration engineer, was my spacecraft. It's the way I
accepted the responsibility. My attitude was, "Don't mess around
with my OAO!"

So when the NASA program manager at the time gave a progress
report at GSFC, and did not include the failure mechanism I had
uncovered, the one which, if failure occurred to a darlington
pair, the failure was catastrophic. "Too expensive and from the
statistical standpoint, not likely." Was the report they gave.

Well, Dad was working for a sub, at the time, Perkin Elmer. And
he helped write the book on Reliability and statistical QC. He
helped me do the math and voila, sure enough, the likelihood of
this can failing was a lot higher than NASA thought.

So, when this... this... person... finished his speech on how
well things were going, and asked if there were any questions, I
threw my hand up in the air like Horshack. He looked at me and
said, "Yes, son, what is your question?"

And I said, "Sir, can you tell me the temperature, the temperature
of the sand? Please?"

And he said, "Sand? Sand? What sand, son?"

And I said, "The sand you have your head buried in!"

He turned cherry red and needless to say I did not attend any
more high level meetings, even though I should have. But, I've
always prided myself on the size of my mouth and the value of
what comes out of it.

It all came back when OAO failed. Twice. And the failure
modality of that first messy launch was... guess what?

Mr. Oberg. With respect, I will not ask you the same question.

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Yes, it did, didn't it?

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Spin-doctoring isn't fraud. If it was, they'd have to build more
prisons to hold all the bureaucrats and politicians who do it.
Dana (sorry about getting the name wrong), said that the object
White observed "turned out" to be ice, giving the impression
he's talking about the results of some investigation, but
without exactly saying it. It could not have turned out to be
ice because that simply doesn't make sense. Paint flakes might
make sense, but then it should have been pretty easy to
determine if strips of paint the size of a hand had flaked off
the nose of the aircraft. All they would have had to do was look
at the plane after it landed. Given White's obvious excitement
over his observation, it's odd that it seems to have aroused so
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California Reports For 11-21-99?

From: **Brian Vike** <yogibear@bulkley.net>
Date: Thu, 6 Dec 2001 21:58:52 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Dec 2001 09:50:43 -0500
Subject: California Reports For 11-21-99?

Good Day List,

I hope all is well and I have a request for any sighting reports you may have for November 21, 1999 for California, around San Gregorio, a small town South of San Francisco on the coast, off US Highway 1.

Any reports you send would only be used for researching a sighting report I have.

Thank you very much for any help you can give me.

Take good care,

Brian

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Re: UK 'Amorphous' UFO by Woods? - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer@merseymail.com>
Date: Fri, 07 Dec 2001 11:08:54 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Dec 2001 09:55:16 -0500
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Thank you very much for this excellent photograph of a child's reflective mylar balloon, of the type which are often sold under the brand-name 'Flying Saucer'.

Clearly demonstrated is the way that the highlight reflection, which is a single circle on the smooth, convex side of the object is broken into two or more bright areas of light as it moves to the side of the balloon where it is reflected off the uneven surface where the two plastic sides are welded together.

This is clearly visible in the last photograph in the sequence where there is a row of small reflections circling the object as light reflects off the creases on the plastic along the join.

It might well be worth checking if there were any school fetes or other such events in the Bedhampton area on the day in question.

These photos will be added to Magonia's 'Pelican Collection' of easily solved IFOs, for the benefit of future generations of UFO researchers.

John Rimmer

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Re: How to Investigate UFOs - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Fri, 7 Dec 2001 05:12:46 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Dec 2001 09:59:04 -0500
Subject: Re: How to Investigate UFOs - Velez

>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: How to Investigate UFOs
>Date: Thu, 6 Dec 2001 12:55:35 -0500

>How should one go about investigating phenomena that appear
>unexpectedly to unprepared observers?

Hi Jan,

In all seriousness (and speaking from first-hand knowledge) the closest 'everyday-life' population that is comparable, involves crime witnesses. I think the most experienced people in conducting investigations of witnesses that were caught with their proverbial 'pants down' would be foot-soldiers in the war against crime... police officers/detectives.

The procedures and dynamics of investigating and interrogating a witness, any witness, is the same whether it involves seeing something as exotic as a UFO or witnessing a robbery or a murder. A 'witness' is a 'witness' regardless. Why try to re-invent the wheel. Check out the procedures used by homicide detectives. It should prove helpful and enlightening to anybody interested in conducting any kind of an objective investigation. In fact, I'm really surprised that more UFO investigators haven't adopted the tried and proven techniques that are employed by people who do it for a living day after day, year after year.

Talk the gendarmes!

Regards,

John Velez

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Huh? James, if you've read anything I've written on NASA's head-up-it's-ass official attitude towards outside advice, or to safety-minded engineers who fought politically-inspired management choices, you'd see that we were more than soul-mates, we were spiritual clones. Just take a look at my new book 'Star-Crossed Orbits -- Inside the US/Russian Space Alliance', links here:

Cover: <http://www.jamesoberg.com/image/orbits.jpg>

http://www.space.com/spacelibrary/books/library_oberg_011207.html

<http://www.msnbc.com/news/665506.asp>

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<http://shop.mcgraw-hill.com/cgi-bin/pbg/0071374256.html?id=9YBZiDtP>

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Ordering from Oberg:

<http://www.jamesoberg.com/books/commentary.html>

November 21, Jeff Rense Show (one hour into show, 2 hours)

<http://playlist.yahoo.com/makeplaylist.dll?id=961066&location=dallas>

November 25, 2001, Jeff Rense Show (3 hours)

<http://playlist.yahoo.com/makeplaylist.dll?id=963050&location=dallas>

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Correction accepted, but my point is, water is still the
by-product. And liquid water (hydrazine, too) cools by
evaporation, so the remaining material quickly -- within seconds
-- freezes. This applies to effluents from the APU and from the
thrusters -- which ARE nose-mounted. Water vapor exiting from
the shuttle's flash evaporator, in gaseous form, also gives rise
to very striking snowstorms, as many videos have shown.

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>water droplets could produce "snow flakes" the size of a human
>hand, as White described the object, can you?

No, it's clear from all the new information on White's sighting
that the bigger thing he saw was a very unlikely ice structure
of any kind. The snowflake behavior does establish that
vehicle-generated debris will fly along with the vehicle plenty
long enough to be noticed and remarked on. And heavier/denser
material will be less affected by the miniscule aero forces
there.

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>factor on any "snow flakes".

Have you ever seen videos of the Space Shuttle ET jettison,
especially closeups around the propellant line doors? All sorts
of little junk is floating around, flying in different
directions as it breaks off the structure. And the altitude of
ET jettison is LOWER than the altitude White was at in his X-15.
So I suggest that actual flight experience, documented on video
and by eyewitnesses, trumps your theoretical calculations of
what _must_ happen in that environment.

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Maybe, just maybe, the folks on the scene at the time understood
the phenomenon better than you or I.

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<http://filmforce.ign.com/articles/316677p1.html>

The Real Story Of 'The Mothman Prophecies'

IGN FilmForce talks with cryptozoologist Loren Coleman about the spooky true-life events that inspired the upcoming Richard Gere film.

by Scott B.

2001-12-06

If you've been following news on films to be released in 2002, you have probably heard about a movie called 'The Mothman Prophecies' starring Richard Gere and Laura Linney, and directed by Mark Pellington (Arlington Road). You might even have seen a poster or a trailer for the film, due out January 25, 2002, which comes with the ominous warning "Based on true events." But what are those true events? And what the heck is a 'Mothman', anyway? IGN FilmForce recently had the opportunity to talk with Loren Coleman, famed 'cryptozoologist' (literally "the study of unknown animals") and author of fifteen books, including the upcoming Mothman and Other Curious Encounters, about the whole Mothman story.

"On November 15, 1966, four individuals - two married couples - were at what was essentially a lovers lane in Point Pleasant, West Virginia," explains Coleman, who has been researching so-called "Forcean Phenomena" (from Charles Fort) since 1960. "These two couples saw two giant red eyes, and it very much scared them...they didn't know what to make of it."

This, then, was the first reported sighting of the 'Mothman', which Coleman goes on to say "was described as 6-to-7 feet tall with red eyes and no head, as if the eyes were in the breast area, and with huge wings." The creature "came toward them. They took off and the creature followed them right up to the city limits of Point Pleasant." The incident was reported to the local sheriff, who went to the lovers lane and "searches around, sees a puff of smoke in a nearby area from possibly this creature taking off and landing again."

While Coleman reports that the account was "ridiculed in the local press," something very strange began to happen: "More and more people started seeing this creature. For the next thirteen months, over 200 individuals had some interaction with some strange phenomena - and about a hundred of those said they actually saw Mothman."

And why that bizarre name - Mothman? Apparently, it was the work of "some copyeditor at the local newspaper. At the time, the Batman series was on TV, so they didn't want to call it 'Batman,' but it did have wings, so the copyeditor called it 'Mothman.' We have no other information than that - I've been trying to track that copyeditor down for twenty years."

But the creepy events in Point Pleasant during 1966-67 weren't limited to appearances of the Mothman. "There were [also] mutilated dogs, UFO sightings, and other things going on," says Coleman. And that's where John Keel, a longtime friend of

Coleman's and author of the book The Mothman Prophecies, came in.

"About a month after [the initial sightings], John Keel got an assignment to go there as a news reporter," explains Coleman. "He sort of showed up, had a very low kind of profile; John was on a contract to write a book about UFOs."

As Keel began to talk to people and gather information, the journalist found himself getting more deeply involved in the events, to the extent that "There were entities that communicated with John by phone." Coleman explains that as Keel analyzed the events, he found Point Pleasant to be "a vortex of phenomena, and couldn't really tell one from the other. It was a scary situation for John."

Whatever one thinks of the validity of Keel's claims, there's no arguing the horror of what happened next. Keel had begun to be given "prophecies" by the entities he was dealing with in Point Pleasant, one in particular that said that "when President Johnson turned on the Christmas lights at the White House, the whole northeast was going to go into a blackout." However, by that point, Coleman says that Keel had "started to get fooled by the phenomena."

"On December 15, John Keel is in his apartment in Manhattan," Coleman continues. "[Waiting for the blackout] with his bottled water and his batteries, and nothing happens. About six minutes later, on the TV set across the bottom: 'Bridge collapses across Ohio River.' And he just freaks out."

Keel "freaked out" because the bridge in question was the Silver Bridge, which crossed the Ohio River between Gallipolis, Ohio, and - you guessed it - Point Pleasant, West Virginia. "67 people fell into the river. 46 died. They found 44 bodies," says Coleman. "Several people who died were related to witnesses of Mothman."

The collapse of the Silver Bridge has been seen as the climax of Keel's Mothman experience, but Coleman is quick to say "I don't think it stopped. What I think is that it has continued on but people did not report it. It never got to the fever pitch of, say, a Roswell."

John Keel published his account of these events in 1975 - interestingly, until Coleman's upcoming book, "Keel's had been the only book. There have been chapters and mentions, but there's never been a movie or a documentary. Mothman is a case that has almost been too scary for people to get close to. At the time, everyone knew about Mothman but it was so bizarre no one could characterize it."

And, apparently, neither does the upcoming film version, of which Coleman has seen footage as well as consulting with the director. "My understanding is that Mothman is described and talked about but not seen in the movie," he says. "But I don't know - it's 95% done and they could always change their mind."

As discussion turns to the movie, a natural question comes up: Does this kind of exposure help or hurt the work done by Coleman, who considers himself "an investigative reporter" who "comes into these things very skeptically." After all, this relatively obscure story is about to become very famous due to the film. Does Coleman worry that the movie will encourage a rash of "Mothman" sightings or hoaxes? "I'm a professor of documentary film back in Portland, Maine, and a lot of my work deals with Behavior Contagion and the media effect, so that's a very interesting question to me," explains Coleman. "After Close Encounters of the Third Kind came out, everybody was predicting that we'd have this rush of fake UFO reports and all of that. It doesn't happen. What happens is that people get more interested in the subject, dig up old reports, or - if they have seen things - they talk about it."

For those interested in 'Mothman' lore, the film's official website is up and running, presenting a detailed chronology of the events in Point Pleasant. Also, Coleman himself maintains the website The Cryptozoologist, which has information on his own research into the Mothman and other phenomena.

UFO UpDates thanks The Anomalist

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

for the lead.

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Date: Fri, 7 Dec 2001 11:17:20 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Dec 2001 11:32:23 -0500
Subject: Re: More On The X-15 - Mortellaro

>From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: More On The X-15
>Date: Fri, 7 Dec 2001 08:38:52 -0600

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Thu, 6 Dec 2001 19:36:16 EST
>>Subject: Re: More On The X-15
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

><snip>

>>Mr. Oberg. With respect, I will not ask you the same question.

>>Dr. James S. Mortellaro

>Huh? James, if you've read anything I've written on NASA's
>head-up-it's-ass official attitude towards outside advice, or to
>safety-minded engineers who fought politically-inspired
>management choices, you'd see that we were more than soul-mates,
>we were spiritual clones. Just take a look at my new book
>'Star-Crossed Orbits -- Inside the US/Russian Space Alliance',
>links here:

<snip>

Dear James, List, Errol ...

Uh, James... Sir... uh... damn! I just don't know how to tell
you this. Hmmm.

OK. I'll take a try at it. See, what I writ (two years ago I
coudn't even speel engeneeer and now I are one!)... what I writ
up there, which was snipped, was that your posts, all of 'em
pract tickally, are much like what that program manager sounded
like.

Ah, never mind. No wonder we missed Mars on the English System
and hit Big Jup on the metric.

Jim Mortellaro

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>Date: Fri, 07 Dec 2001 11:08:54 +0000
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer@merseyemail.com>
>Subject: Re: UK 'Amorphous' UFO by Woods?

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Thu, 6 Dec 2001 13:17:33 EST
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: UK 'Amorphous' UFO by Woods?

>Dear Gentle Listers, Errol;

>>I wonder if any of you have seen the photos on Rense.Com of the
>>sundry UK 'amorphous' UFO, photographed by Anthony Woods.
>>Having never seen anything even remotely like this particular
>>object except in photos taken in Mexico, I find them fascinating
>>and would welcome commentary.

>>The latest set of images is at:

>><http://www.rense.com/general17/EXC.HTM>

>Thank you very much for this excellent photograph of a child's
>reflective mylar balloon, of the type which are often sold under
>the brand-name 'Flying Saucer'.

>Clearly demonstrated is the way that the highlight reflection,
>which is a single circle on the smooth, convex side of the
>object is broken into two or more bright areas of light as it
>moves to the side of the balloon where it is reflected off the
>uneven surface where the two plastic sides are welded together.

>This is clearly visible in the last photograph in the sequence
>where there is a row of small reflections circling the object as
>light reflects off the creases on the plastic along the join.

>It might well be worth checking if there were any school fetes
>or other such events in the Bedhampton area on the day in
>question.

>These photos will be added to Magonia's 'Pelican Collection' of
>easily solved IFOs, for the benefit of future generations of UFO
>researchers.

Dear John, (God I love writing "Dear John Letters"), List,
Errol,

That would be two for balloons. OK-fine. The videos I saw of the
Mexico 'amorphous' thingies were also claimed to have been
balloons. I ain't objecting, mind you, I am not an artist nor a
photographer. In fact, a good friend gave me a digital camera,
one of the best I am told, and I am afraid to go near it.

However it is difficult for me to conceive how the Mexico
objects could have been balloons because of the manner in which
they were changing shapes. Ah, but I was so much older then. I'm
younger than that now.

>object is broken into two or more bright areas of light as it
>moves to the side of the balloon where it is reflected off the
>uneven surface where the two plastic sides are welded together.

>This is clearly visible in the last photograph in the sequence

I just have one comment on your comment. How can you be so sure?

Again, I ain't objecting to your objection, just aksing. After
all, I spent most of my life in a closet and the rest in a test
toob.

Jim

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Re: California Reports For 11-21-99? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Fri, 07 Dec 2001 03:25:35 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Dec 2001 18:22:02 -0500
Subject: Re: California Reports For 11-21-99? - Hatch

>From: Brian Vike <yogibear@bulkley.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: California Reports For 11-21-99?
>Date: Thu, 6 Dec 2001 21:58:52 -0800

>Good Day List,

>I hope all is well and I have a request for any sighting reports
>you may have for November 21, 1999 for California, around San
>Gregorio, a small town South of San Francisco on the coast, off
>US Highway 1.

>Any reports you send would only be used for researching a
>sighting report I have.

>Thank you very much for any help you can give me.

Hello Brian:

The only 11 NOV 1999 case I have at all was in
Ohio: #17781: 1999/11/21 01:30 hrs
84:09W 40:38N 3333 NAM USA OHI
S/CRIDERSVILLE,OH: 2/I-75: PLAIN SLNT SLVR SPHERE
goes slowly in FOG: LITES FIELD RANDOMLY: >N
/R170 FILERS FILES: Volume 9 # 48 (FARMLANDS)

I have nothing at all in California near that date.

Here's a useful page for looking up recent sightings:

Davenport's NUFORC. This particular page allows you to look up
events by date of event, date of report, by state, even by shape
of UFO ..

<http://www.msatech.com/nuforc/webreports.html>

This page is by month (Nov. 1999) and lists over 400 reports of
various types:

<http://www.msatech.com/nuforc/webreports/ndxel99911.html>

Again, the Cridersville event is listed here:

<http://www.msatech.com/nuforc/webreports/S11121.html>

... with much more detail than I can list. There were 3 or 4
other sightings on 21NOV99 but again, none in California.

The nearest CA case in Davenport's catalog was in Bellflower, CA
on 20NOV99, far to the south.

You may want to check the same catalog in case I missed
something.

Sorry

- Larry Hatch

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Re: How to Investigate UFOs - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Fri, 07 Dec 2001 22:01:56 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Dec 2001 18:26:36 -0500
Subject: Re: How to Investigate UFOs - Hall

>Date: Fri, 7 Dec 2001 05:12:46 -0500
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>Subject: Re: How to Investigate UFOs

>>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: How to Investigate UFOs
>>Date: Thu, 6 Dec 2001 12:55:35 -0500

>>How should one go about investigating phenomena that appear
>>unexpectedly to unprepared observers?

>Hi Jan,

>In all seriousness (and speaking from first-hand knowledge) the
>closest 'everyday-life' population that is comparable, involves
>crime witnesses. I think the most experienced people in
>conducting investigations of witnesses that were caught with
>their proverbial 'pants down' would be foot-soldiers in the war
>against crime... police officers/detectives.

>The procedures and dynamics of investigating and interrogating a
>witness, any witness, is the same whether it involves seeing
>something as exotic as a UFO or witnessing a robbery or a
>murder. A 'witness' is a 'witness' regardless. Why try to
>re-invent the wheel. Check out the procedures used by homicide
>detectives. It should prove helpful and enlightening to anybody
>interested in conducting any kind of an objective investigation.
>In fact, I'm really surprised that more UFO investigators
>haven't adopted the tried and proven techniques that are
>employed by people who do it for a living day after day, year
>after year.

John et al.,

Having (probably) conducted more UFO case investigations than most anyone on this list, I will chip in a few cents worth. (I even viewed the NASA X-15 "snowflake" film many years ago at a NASA repository, but I won't go into that.)

Police detectives are one of a few groups of investigators who have some appropriate skills for investigating UFO reports, primarily due to their skill in witness interrogation. However, they are looking for evidence (witness testimony) bearing on a crime.

To put it in simple terms, UFO investigators (1) need to be familiar with all types of IFOs, and (2) need to ask the sort of questions that will help to determine the likelihood or unlikelihood of an observation being of something prosaic. Newspaper reporters rarely do this, so that most newspaper reports are of dubious value by themselves.

A UFO sighting ought to be considered in terms of being a "phenomenon of nature" and care taken to obtain the most accurate witness description possible that will allow meaningful analysis and comparison to other sightings of the phenomenon (or

phenomena).

Witnesses often intermix more or less objective sighting data with interpretation or assumption, and a skilled investigator needs to understand that and take steps to filter out the wheat from the chaff.

I could write a long essay on this topic, but will spare the List.

- Dick

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Just looking at the pickchers.

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Secrecy News -- 12/07/01

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@fas.org>
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SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION FOR 2002

House and Senate conferees have completed work on the intelligence authorization act for fiscal year 2002, providing a substantial 8% increase in intelligence spending, according to the Associated Press.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A64102-2001Dec5.html>

The final legislation does not contain the most dramatic expansion of government surveillance authority that the executive branch had requested, but it does include a number of lesser "technical amendments" that will facilitate counterintelligence and counterterrorism surveillance.

The new act also rescinds the controversial 1995 CIA guidelines on recruitment of informants, directs the Attorney General to report on the need for any new authority to combat "leaks" of classified information, and provides assorted other tweaks to intelligence policy. See the new conference report (H.Rep. 107-328) here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2001_rpt/hrep107-328.html

WORKING WITH THE CIA

If you are a U.S. military commander working in the field with CIA support personnel, you should clearly explain to the CIA officers what it is that you need.

However, "extraneous screaming and yelling are counterproductive."

That is one lesson proffered by former CIA case officer Garrett Jones in "Working with the CIA," published in the latest issue of Parameters (Winter 2001-2002), the US Army War College Quarterly.

Jones seeks "to illuminate the working relationship between the military and the CIA" based on his own experience. "It is the incoming brief I wish I could have given to the Ranger Task Force commander and his senior staff when they arrived in Somalia," where he served with the CIA.

A mostly pedestrian account, it includes some notable insights into joint military-CIA activities from a perspective that is

rarely represented. See the text of the article here:

<http://carlisle-www.army.mil/usawc/Parameters/01winter/jones.htm>

SUING THE CIA

The Federation of American Scientists filed suit today against the Central Intelligence Agency seeking declassification of intelligence budget data from 1947 and 1948.

The CIA's refusal to disclose this antiquated information highlights the corruption of the government secrecy system with unusual clarity.

"Since budget figures from Fiscal Years 1997 and 1998 could be disclosed without damage to national security or compromise of intelligence sources and methods," FAS argued in the complaint filed today, "it strains credulity to claim, as CIA does, that disclosure of budget data from fifty years earlier would have such adverse effects."

The text of the complaint is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/1947int.html>

INFO ON DETAINEES SOUGHT

Civil liberties groups this week filed the first lawsuit requesting disclosure of basic information about individuals arrested and detained since September 11.

"There is mounting evidence that secrecy is being invoked to shield serious violations of individual rights and not for legitimate investigative purposes," according to Kate Martin, Director of the Center for National Security Studies, which brought the suit with 15 other organizations.

Justice Department officials have repeatedly stated that the rights of all detainees are being upheld. But at every turn, the options for independent oversight of the Department's activities have been curtailed.

"Instead of the Attorney General simply announcing that they are respecting the Constitution, we need the evidence that will show whether that is true," said Ms. Martin.

A copy of the complaint may be found on the ACLU web site here:

<http://www.aclu.org/court/detainee-foia-complaint.pdf>

AL QAEDA TRAINING MANUAL

The Department of Justice yesterday released excerpts from what it termed an "Al Qaeda Training Manual" that provides inspiration and instruction for would-be jihadis.

The manual, translated from an Arabic original acquired by the Manchester, England police during a search of an al Qaeda member's home, was introduced earlier this year at the embassy bombing trial in New York.

"The Department is only providing ... selected text from the manual because it does not want to aid in educating terrorists or encourage further acts of terrorism," according to a notice on the Justice Department web site.

The translated excerpts of the manual, as released by the Justice Department, are posted here (in a large, multi-megabyte PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/world/para/manualpart1.pdf>

More than 70 days of trial transcripts from the case USA v. Usama bin Laden, which was conducted in New York between February and July of this year, have been acquired and posted online by Cryptome.org. It is an immensely rich, disturbing and informative record that may be found here:

<http://cryptome.org/usa-v-ubl-dt.htm>

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>/R170 FILERS FILES: Volume 9 # 48 (FARMLANDS)

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<snip>

Hi Larry

Thank you very much for your help. I certainly will be looking into this and a few other places as well. I had a report from a gal who claims to have witnessed with another person a craft of a huge size on the date I mentioned. So I was looking for any other reports to compare with.

Just to keep things rolling, here is a report about a "boar Mute" in which some may be interested in reading.

Still waiting for the RCMP's investigation report and pictures on the cow mute in BC. Sure takes time, glad I have lots of it. Now I have taken and pasted the boar report as I received it.

I also have a meeting next week with the BC Wildlife people and we are going to go over some cases of animal mutes which they have come across that were a bit strange.

Take care and thank you again Larry.

Brian

So, on to the boar mutilation. I'll answer you friends e-mail about the boar mute also. Glad to help anyone who is a researcher.

This happened about 6 years ago. The location was in the El Dorado Hills, approximately 25 minutes north of Folsom towards Lake Tahoe off of Hiway 50. My daughter believes that it is an old Druid site which is now owned by PG&E. She was told by her ex-boyfirend that the Fong family owned it prior to PG&E. She and Rick liked to go there and one evening saw a UFO streak by in the sky. So, knowing my interest they took me to the location. Really interesting with old ruins in which they incorporated crystals from the land into their structures. I found it fascinating. As we were walking along I pointed to an area that had some branches piled up and a bad smell was coming from the area. I am a curious person so said "let's take a closer look". We were not prepared for what we saw. I wish that I had had a camera. It was a boar, laying on it's side. We did not get too close because of the odor, but all the skin had been removed from it's face. Where it's heart would have been located was a completely clean dish shaped area indented and bloodless. The same situation where his anus etc. had been located. Now, I do not know why the branches were over it, loosely. Looked like someone tried to cover it up. I also do not know if boars are common to this area. The precision of the circles on the animal and the bloodlessness were amazing. The removal of the skin on the face was really disturbing. What could have done this? I have since seen other animal mutilation pic and descriptions that are similar, but not in reference to a boar! Is this strange? Don't know.

I prevailed upon my daughter's boyfriend to report it to the police. He did. I asked him to do a follow-up. He did. He said that the police said that they did not have a report and did not know anything about it. Ho hum. Case closed!

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Re: More On The X-15 - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 7 Dec 2001 23:29:40 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Dec 2001 11:46:03 -0500
Subject: Re: More On The X-15 - Mortellaro

>Date: Thu, 06 Dec 2001 19:11:47 -0600
>Subject: Re: More On The X-15
>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
>>Date: Thu, 6 Dec 2001 09:27:42 -0600
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: More On The X-15 - Oberg

>>An APU is an Auxiliary Power unit that burns hydrazine to create
>>hydraulic pressure to run aerosurfaces and engine gimbals. The
>>Space Shuttle has three of them, with exhaust ports at the front
>>base of the vertical tail. Water vapor is a by-product.

>As I noted in a previous message, the fuel was actually hydrogen
>peroxide. But that's really irrelevant since hot steam is not
>going to freeze into ice on the hot surfaces of a hypersonic
>aircraft in a near vacuum. And even if it could, the APUs were
>behind the cockpit, not in the nose where any debris seen by
>White would have to have originated.

>>"Seeming unlikely to you" really doesn't cut it in terms of what
>>is, or is not, real in space -- seriously, no slap intended, but
>>strange things happen in space that are often contrary to
>>earthside experience. Both water and hydrazine freeze readily in
>>space because of robust evaporative cooling, despite sunlight or
>>structural temperatures. When I worked as a propulsion officer
>>monitoring OMS/RCS systems on early shuttle flights, the way we
>>detected thruster valve leaks was not through tank or line
>>pressure fluctuations -- which by Boyle's Law bounced around in
>>a 'spongy' fashion as temperatures changed, sometimes through
>>adiabatic cooling during long burns -- but was via the
>>temperature sensor in the thruster nozzles. A drop in thruster
>>temperature meant that something was actively cooling the area
>>by evaporation/freezing -- and sure enough, when detected, these
>>leaks could often be spotted as 'snowstorms' by the crew at
>>sunrise/sunset, leading to some spectacular imagery (need I
>>mention there was an aft thruster leaking during STS-48?). Heck,
>>on Mercury, the cooling system used deliberate water freezing to
>>dump cabin heat, it was called a Water Spray Boiler (also, a
>>Flash Evaporator), and the shuttle has one, also, for use during
>>mission phases when the doors aren't open to expose the
>>radiators to deep dark cold space.

>You can't seriously be suggesting that evaporative cooling of
>water droplets could produce "snow flakes" the size of a human
>hand, as White described the object, can you?

>You seem to have missed a fine point: the X-15 wasn't a space
>shuttle. It wasn't traveling at space shuttle altitudes; it was
>at an altitude where atmospheric drag was still a significant
>factor on any "snow flakes". The water exhausted by the attitude
>thrusters was already in the vapor state (superheated steam) so
>there was no evaporative cooling.

>>>Anything that White saw "going by his window" was
>>>moving from the nose toward the tail, and it is not at all

>>>likely to have been ice flakes.

>>Vehicle-generated debris can be any number of things, from any
>>number of sources. The nose was known to emit paint flakes,
>>exactly as you write. The nose also had thrusters which emitted
>>water as a byproduct. As you can see from the post-flight pilot
>>report, White had no problem with seeing a flow of small
>>particles from the nose, but he did notice that the bigger piece
>>-- about the size of his hand -- seemed to be different.

>Yes, it did, didn't it?

>>>Maybe too much time passed between when Duran was a test pilot
>>>and when he was a NASA bureaucrat. His "recollection" sounds
>>>more like the spin-doctoring of the latter rather than the
>>>plain-talking expected from the former.

>>I'm disappointed with your readiness to reject the first-hand
>>comments of people who were right there, with vague allegations
>>of 'spin-doctoring', a suggestion of deliberate fraud. Hey, it
>>can happen, we're just trying to see what happened in this
>>case.

>Spin-doctoring isn't fraud. If it was, they'd have to build more
>prisons to hold all the bureaucrats and politicians who do it.
>Dana (sorry about getting the name wrong), said that the object
>White observed "turned out" to be ice, giving the impression
>he's talking about the results of some investigation, but
>without exactly saying it. It could not have turned out to be
>ice because that simply doesn't make sense. Paint flakes might
>make sense, but then it should have been pretty easy to
>determine if strips of paint the size of a hand had flaked off
>the nose of the aircraft. All they would have had to do was look
>at the plane after it landed. Given White's obvious excitement
>over his observation, it's odd that it seems to have aroused so
>little interest among project scientists.

Dear Lan, List, Errol,

Ever wonder why it is that heads of organizations, any
organization, are either the best of the best or the worst of
the wurst? I have. And having consulted for many companies, and
many CEO's, I can vouch for the truth of that statement. It
ain't no opinion.

I am visibly impressed by the amount of research done by a
choice few of our list in an effort to get at the truth. You
folks deserve a kudo or three. Most sincerely, I compliment you
on your work, gentlemen and can only hope that the same amount
of erudition, intellect and general schmatz will someday be
applied to the question of the UFO conundrum. Not by a choice
few, but by the choice many.

And now, I can tell you the truth... the only place I ate wurst
and loved it was in Bavaria. In't interesting that the same may
be said of the best of the crop of space experts? Uncle Von
Braun, the guy whose family also make them coffee makers and
beard shaving thingies? And of course, the redoubtable, J.
Jaime, whose Gesundt moniker hails from the Black Forest. Little
known that Gesundt was Saphardi ... bet yous didn't know that,
huh?

We call him the Sicilian Darkman from Meunchin. Munchin. Munich.

Jim

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Re: More On The X-15 - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sat, 8 Dec 2001 12:26:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Dec 2001 13:13:26 -0500
Subject: Re: More On The X-15 - Maccabee

>From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: More On The X-15
>Date: Thu, 6 Dec 2001 15:57:30 -0600

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>>Date: Thu, 6 Dec 2001 14:22:25 EST
>>Subject: Re: More On The X-15
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>Residue, probably -- maybe blistered paint flecking off the
>>nose. But frost? From where? Between the earlier high vibrations
>>and the high heat of friction, there shouldn't be any ice left
>>on the nose, or anywhere else on the skin of the plane, for that
>>matter.

>We're at an impasse here: people with genuine experience with
>space flight, including the X-15 pilot, thought the little
>particles could have been ice. People who read a lot (and do
>good research, true) insist it couldn't be true.

>The larger object was clearly different from the little specks,
>and doesn't sound like ice at all.

The larger object was described as looking like a piece of
paper. The implication is thin material but of some considerable
size (many inches) in width or length or both.

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subjects (other sightings), but I feel I should point out that a
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Re: California Reports For 11-21-99? - Velez

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Date: Sat, 8 Dec 2001 13:53:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Dec 2001 14:13:57 -0500
Subject: Re: California Reports For 11-21-99? - Velez

>From: Brian Vike <yogibear@bulkley.net>
>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: California Reports For 11-21-99?
>Date: Fri, 7 Dec 2001 16:30:40 -0800

>>Date: Fri, 07 Dec 2001 03:25:35 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: California Reports For 11-21-99?

>>>From: Brian Vike <yogibear@bulkley.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Subject: California Reports For 11-21-99?
>>>Date: Thu, 6 Dec 2001 21:58:52 -0800

>>>Good Day List,

>>>I hope all is well and I have a request for any sighting reports
>>>you may have for November 21, 1999 for California, around San
>>>Gregorio, a small town South of San Francisco on the coast, off
>>>US Highway 1.

>>>Any reports you send would only be used for researching a
>>>sighting report I have.

>>>Thank you very much for any help you can give me.

>>Hello Brian:

>>The only 11 NOV 1999 case I have at all was in
>>Ohio: #17781: 1999/11/21 01:30 hrs
>>84:09W 40:38N 3333 NAM USA OHI
>>S/CRIDERSVILLE,OH: 2/I-75: PLAIN SLNT SLVR SPHERE
>>goes slowly in FOG: LITES FIELD RANDOMLY: >N
>>/R170 FILERS FILES: Volume 9 # 48 (FARMLANDS)

>>I have nothing at all in California near that date.

><snip>

>Hi Larry

>Thank you very much for your help. I certainly will be looking
>into this and a few other places as well. I had a report from a
>gal who claims to have witnessed with another person a craft of
>a huge size on the date I mentioned. So I was looking for any
>other reports to compare with.

>Just to keep things rolling, here is a report about a "boar
>Mute" in which some may be interested in reading.

>Still waiting for the RCMP's investigation report and pictures
>on the cow mute in BC. Sure takes time, glad I have lots of it.
>Now I have taken and pasted the boar report as I received it.

>I also have a meeting next week with the BC Wildlife people and
>we are going to go over some cases of animal mutes which they
>have come across that were a bit strange.

Hi Brian,

I hope I'm not repeating something that's already been suggested but... just in case; don't forget to touch base with Peter Davenport. If reports were made, Peter would have been the one to receive them. You may also want to try George Filer. (Of 'Filer's Files')

Regards,

John Velez

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From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
Date: Sat, 08 Dec 2001 13:55:18 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Dec 2001 18:17:36 -0500
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Without getting into over-my-head stuff like Reynolds number, fluid viscosity and shock waves, I did some figuring on the pressures and accelerations involved. If the object was about 7 inches long in the direction of the wind and had a density of around 3g/cc (like some paints) it could have been moved about 2 feet in 5 seconds and 8 feet in 10 seconds by wind pressures equivalent to those of a 10 mph wind at sea level. Viewed from 40 feet away (White's estimate of the distance), these would have been easily observable motions, and the object would have been outta sight in 30 seconds. Yet White's comments don't indicate he saw any motion at all relative to the aircraft.

And if White had viewed the object edge-on and it had a thickness comparable to paper, say 0.007 inches or 1/1000 its length, it would have "caught" the wind like a sail and been blown a distance of about 80 feet in only one second. Overall, I'd expect something like a piece of paper to have a jerky, fluttering motion: slowing down as it presented itself edge-on to the wind and abruptly speeding up as its broad surface spun into the wind. If the whatever-it-was appeared to be just hanging there "tumbling slowly" (or maybe rotating?), it would explain why White seemed to think it was unusual, even for something that looked like a piece of paper.

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We'll probably never know. The documentation of any conclusions about the nature of the object reached by X-15 project scientists seems to have gone down the rabbit hole.

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>Correction accepted, but my point is, water is still the
>by-product. And liquid water (hydrazine, too) cools by
>evaporation, so the remaining material quickly -- within seconds
>-- freezes. This applies to effluents from the APU and from the
>thrusters -- which ARE nose-mounted. Water vapor exiting from
>the shuttle's flash evaporator, in gaseous form, also gives rise
>to very striking snowstorms, as many videos have shown.

Forgetting the space shuttle for the moment, the effluent of the
X-15 nose thrusters was superheated steam. The thrusters used
hydrogen peroxide. Could some droplets of unburned h2o2 escaped
in liquid form and then frozen into small ice flakes? Maybe. I
don't know. That could explain the small "things" White reported
outside of the right-hand window, as could flecks of paint
knocked off by the thrusters. White didn't seem overly impressed
by those objects, so neither am I. What did seem to impress him
was the object he said was the size of his hand that he saw out
of the left-hand window.

>>You can't seriously be suggesting that evaporative cooling of
>>water droplets could produce "snow flakes" the size of a human
>>hand, as White described the object, can you?

>No, it's clear from all the new information on White's sighting
>that the bigger thing he saw was a very unlikely ice structure
>of any kind. The snowflake behavior does establish that
>vehicle-generated debris will fly along with the vehicle plenty
>long enough to be noticed and remarked on. And heavier/denser
>material will be less affected by the miniscule aero forces
>there.

Denser objects would be affected much less, but some motion
should still have been noticeable for a flake of paint. And
there's the problem that no obvious source for such a large
flake has been identified. As I said previously, a quick visual
inspection of the aircraft after it landed should have
immediately revealed whether 6 or 7-inch long strips of paint
had peeled off the nose. That should have been of some concern
to the project engineers, if true.

>Maybe, just maybe, the folks on the scene at the time understood
>the phenomenon better than you or I.

Of course. But since we don't really have the foggiest notion of what it was they actually understood, there's no conclusion we can draw from that.

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>'Filer's Files')

Hi John

Thank you, also, for the information, I am looking into it as we speak. (NUFORC & Filer's Files) Trying to keep on the ball. I mentioned the other day I was waiting for a cattle mutilation story, or the investigation report from the RCMP. Well I got the report from the RCMP last night. The 17 pages report was faxed to me. So have most of it ready to go. Also after the fax came in from Falkland, British Columbia RCMP I picked up the phone and gave them a call to thank them very much for helping out in this case. I talked with the constable for about a half hour and three more mutes came to light here in British Columbia. So I will be on the phone come Monday morning to gather reports from each of these cases. Funny, I was after one, but it looks as things have got expanded a lot. Keeps me busy anyway.

I will say this though, I couldn't have had more help from this constable. he was very helpful and I certainly do appreciate all his help.

I also appreciate everyones help here on the List, means a lot to get your help in matters.

Take care,

Brian

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Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars...

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Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Dec 2001 17:21:08 -0500
Subject: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars...

The Cydonian Imperative
12-9-01

Little-Known Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars
by Mac Tonnies

<http://mactonnies.com/cydonia.html>

[image]

The rare image above shows a decidedly unusual formation located in Iran. This artificial-appearing feature shares a striking, if superficial, resemblance to the Face on Mars as revealed in its entirety by the Mars Global Surveyor. Note the highly symmetrical base "platform" and tapered "chin."

The exact archaeological/geological history of Iran's peculiar "platform" is presently unknown. As noted previously, NASA has written the Face off as a "hill" based on one JPL employee's personal position that the Face "reminds" him of a hill. JPL's "hill" is the perfectly natural-looking Middle Butte formation, exposed by Lan Fleming of the Society for Planetary SETI Research. If the formation in the Mid-East is natural, it is obviously a far superior example of bisymmetry occurring via normal geological forces than Middle Butte. If, however, Iran's "platform" is a deliberately sculpted monument, then we are presented with the opportunity to see what a "Face-like" terrestrial artifact has to tell us about the enigmatic visage on Mars' surface. Such comparative anthropology is a crucial component in any attempt to assess possible extraterrestrial artifacts.

JPL Misrepresents the Face...Again

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Lan Fleming (see article above) has written a new article demonstrating that JPL's Face elevation data is fatally flawed. Unfortunately, this inexcusable misrepresentation of space science data is nothing new in the strange, ongoing case of the Face on Mars. As has been clear since JPL released the contrast-enhanced "catbox" version of the Face in 1998, the curiously anthropomorphic "pile of rocks" on Mars is the subject of a surprising degree of duplicity undertaken at the expense of the American public. Perhaps even in these times of "coming together" in the wake of the terrorist attack of September 11, it would behoove the American people to keep a watchful eye on its alleged "experts."

To read Fleming's analysis, select the top article from the following page:

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The eagerly awaited online journal "New Frontiers in Science," co-launched by Mars Face veteran Dr. Mark Carlotto, is now online. The catch is it's pay-per-view. But for anyone seeking objective, rationally argued papers on unusual phenomena, "Frontiers" is unmatched. Its debut incarnation offers a devastating rebuttal to NASA/JPL's explanation for the Cydonia Face, with commentary from Dr. Mark Carlotto, Dr. Horace Crater and Ian Fleming. This is a site worth supporting.

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Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Dec 2001 23:12:38 -0500
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...Think about it, Tutankhamun's mask and the Troubadour's mask
also resemble the formation on Mars. Both examples occurred to me
within 1 minute of reading the post.

I could probably come up with hundreds of similar-looking
examples if I was daft enough to waste time doing so.

I regard the similarity as superficial, but certainly not
striking or important.

I expect a full survey of the feature on Mars to be completed
before I expire, until then, what is the point in speculating
wildly?

"Seek and ye shall find".....

Regards,

Joe

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Re: More On The X-15 - Oberg

From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Sun, 9 Dec 2001 22:05:49 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Dec 2001 23:15:17 -0500
Subject: Re: More On The X-15 - Oberg

>Date: Sat, 08 Dec 2001 13:55:18 -0600
>Subject: Re: More On The X-15
>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>Without getting into over-my-head stuff like Reynolds number,
>fluid viscosity and shock waves, I did some figuring on the
>pressures and accelerations involved.

Did the other particles behave according to your calculations?
The particles released during shuttle ET jettison at even lower
altitude? No, apparently they didn't.

Either the particles were breaking the laws of physics, or the
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It didn't look enough like a face for me to be at all sure what was the face or its features. Is it a face in profile, with the profile provided by the body of water lying to its right? Unless there's a front-looking face there with left-right symmetry, as well as a symmetric base "platform," I wouldn't see the resemblance. I imagine there are a lot of rivers that have carved out large meanders that almost loop back upon themselves that would resemble this Irani "platform." Without a symmetric face on it, though, I don't see the resemblance.

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>....Think about it, Tutankhamun's mask and the Troubadour's mask
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Please note that both of the examples you cite are artificial.

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Certainly. But can you provide us with one natural formation
that resembles a humanoid face from a variety of angles?

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I'm not making any wild propositions. But the shape and layout
were similar enough that I thought Cydonia research would be
well-served by taking a closer look.

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I wasn't aware I was "speculating wildly." I was just pointing
out an interesting formation here on Earth that happens to share
some attributes with a controversial formation on Mars.

>"Seek and ye shall find".....

I hate to disillusion, but speculation and seeking go hand in
hand.

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FACETS Update On NASA FOIA Request

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Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2001 14:47:07 -0500
Subject: FACETS Update On NASA FOIA Request

[The following bulletin is by David Jinks, founder of FACETS.
--M.T.]

12-10-01

Update from Formal Action Committee for Extraterrestrial Studies

According to FACETS' legal counsel, a Freedom of Information Act inquiry into NASA's case file on FACETS' original requests may be filed shortly. If fulfilled, the FOIA request could generate memos, e-mails, phone records and other documents exchanged between and created by NASA factions regarding our recent communications with Dr. Weiler.

FACETS' initial FOIA filing is pending. Due to the request's complexity, NASA has requested more time to fulfill the FOIA request. We wait eagerly for their future responses.

(The initial FOIA filing requested all records in the possession of NASA and its contractors relating to several Viking and MGS images of Cydonia, and selected Lunar Orbiter III and Apollo imagery, including any analysis or interpretation of the images conducted by the space agency.)

FACETS is also pursuing its request for additional imaging sites. No word on the additional sites has been received from NASA since FACETS submitted it in early June 2001.

FACETS may also seek to acquire the Mars Orbiter Laser Altimeter (MOLA) data used in NASA's May 24, 2001 "hit piece" on the "face on Mars." New analysis by engineer Ian Fleming has brought some interesting facts to light regarding NASA's use of MOLA data to denounce the Face (again).

Please check out Fleming's intriguing and potentially explosive paper, which concludes, among other things, that JPL may have used the wrong data in its haste to extinguish the Face discussion once and for all:

<http://www.vgl.org/webfiles/mars/face/mola/facemola.html>

Though litigation is never the preferred means of acquiring data, a lawsuit for breach of contract is still a possibility at this point.

For additional links, please visit:

<http://mactonnies.com/cydonia.html>

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From McGonagle post:

>I regard the similarity as superficial, but certainly not
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I disagree Joe, I believe structures like the one in Iran could help researchers greatly in solving the mystery of the face on Mars. By comparing the way a natural structure and a unnatural structure is made up here on Earth, it would be then possible to determine if a structure on Mars was likely to be natural or unnaturally made or to be politically incorrect, Natural or Man made. It would seem to me that if one wanted to leave something behind for others many years into the future to see, it would be logical to build something like the pyramids or a large man made structure like what we are talking about and seeing here.

Nature has rules it must obey when building something, we on the other hand totally disregard these rules and this is very evident in the structures we build. Which is good as it makes for determining Natural and unnatural structures much easier. Even as far away as Mars

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One would expect a survey will be carried out in the next few years, whether we are aloud to see this information in full and uncensored remains to be seen.

As for speculating wildly? Hmm, a great many newly found facts ect seem like wild speculation at the time, because it is so new. Elements reaching into the 200 range on the periodic table was considered as wild speculation just a few years ago now, but today it is common knowledge that these do exist. Some forms of speculation does help in opening the way for others to understand. When people in a civilisation like ours are raised to believe in only one frame of mind like we are, then anything outside of these teachings is wild speculation.

Therefore speculation is a very important part of our coming to understand much of what we don't understand, which I dare say is the point of speculating.

Chris. (Tophar)

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A Drop In The Number Of Italian UFO Reports In October

A slump has been confirmed in the number of UFO news reports published by Italian newspapers, the result of the shift in mass media attention to the dramatic news events occurring at the international level.

In fact, only 42 clippings appear with reference to the UFO argument, these gathered over the last month by the special agency Eco della Stampa for the Italian Center for UFO Studies, there being a sharp drop compared with the preceding months (monthly data from the last ten years are available on the C.I.S.U Internet site: <http://www.arpnet.it/ufo/ecotot.htm>).

The trend was also reflected in the number of sighting reports, which abruptly diminished during the second half of September: the data relative to the month of October (which confirm nonetheless the end of the summer wave) will be distributed by the C.I.S.U. next week.

The Death Of Fernando Lamperi

Only a short amount of time after his colleague Sergio Conti, another member of the Sezione Ufologica Fiorentina (SUF) is also dead in Florence: Fernando Lamperi was 87-years-old and, since the Fifties, was (along with Solas Boncompagni and Pier Luigi Sani) one of the founders and driving forces of what was originally called the "Gruppo Clipeologi Fiorentini."

Author of various articles for the monthly Il Giornale dei Misteri, ("Journal of Mysteries"), which in 1971 had entrusted the SUF with the editing of its UFO materials, Lamperi was co-author of the three volumes in the series "UFO in Italia" ("UFOs in Italy") which, between 1975 and 1989, capped the long work of gathering and categorizing of the Italian case log, the undertaking of which was already pioneered by the SUF dating back to the Sixties.

[Communication by Solas Boncompagni; collaboration by Gianni Settimo.]

Issue No. 5 Arrives Of European UFO Journal

The new issue has arrived of European Journal of UFO and Abduction Studies, the sole European magazine about UFOs which proposes the adoption of selection criteria normally applied by academic publications. The Journal is published by Totton College of Southampton in Great Britain, and is managed by Craig Roberts, professor of the only course on ufological studies offered by a scholastic body on the "Old Continent."

In this issue: articles on psychological correlations of the UFO experience; new cases and statistics from Germany and from Romania; and flying saucers and the Cold War behind the curtain of military intelligence.

Contents and abstracts of all published issues may be obtained on the Internet site of the Italian Center for UFO Studies (<http://www.cisu.org/ejufoas.htm>). Subscribers to the C.I.S.U. or other member associations may furthermore purchase the two 2001 issues (and 2000 back-issues as well) at the special price of 30,000 Lire annually, by direct payment to the mail current account (No.17347105) of the Cooperativa UPIAR (<http://www.cisu.org/bancaccp.htm>).

Collaborators on this edition were: Solas Boncompagni, Roberto Labanti and Gianni Settimo.

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Here's a few billion to start with-everyone that has a head
superficially resembles the rock formation/ancient
monument/stargate (delete any that do not apply).

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You miss the point - I had the good fortune to see an installment of 'UFO's: Then And Now' on the History Channel this morning (I'm not sure if programming is the same where you live), and there was an interview with someone called David Pieri who was part of the team that worked on the Viking lander project. To quote him:

"Those of us on the lander team looked at one of the boulders on the surface nearby and we decided we could see the initials of every team member in the boulder that was ten feet away from the lander."

What I mean is, if you look for something eg UFOs at the time of the WTC attack, or faces of the devil in the flames, you stand a very good chance of finding them, or if you are looking for similar structures on earth to those found on Mars (or vice versa) you will find them.

>Just look at Kon Tiki.

As you no doubt know, Kon Tiki was a practical experiment designed to test a theory that early South American natives had the technology to reach the Islands of Polynesia. A theory is more than speculation, in that there is some reason for holding the theory.

Perhaps you have a theory of you own linking the formation on Mars to the formation in Iran? If so, I apologise for using the term "speculation".

>Never mind.

I don't.

Regards, Joe

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There's a big difference between speculating and speculating
wildly. (See above for the difference.)

I think the last thing ufology needs is more imagination and
wild speculation.

How about good research and rational thought.

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http://www.space.com/searchforlife/seti_social_011206.html

Physicists: No Sign of 'God Particle'
<http://www.cnn.com/2001/TECH/science/12/06/physics.reut/index.html>

Wings Over Mars: Flapping Robotic Insects Could Extend Range of
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http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/mars_flapper_011205-1.html

New Research Reveals Mars' Lumpy Magnetic Field
<http://www.Colorado.EDU/NewsServices/NewsReleases/2001/1519.html>

Space Telescope Finds Piece of Martian Atmosphere Puzzle
http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/mars_water_011129.html

NASA To Discuss Leonids, Mars and Early Earth at AGU
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Does Life Color Europa? Get Paid to Find Asteroids, More
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Slippery Surface of Europa Slides, Migrates around Moon
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Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

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Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2001 12:32:51 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2001 15:16:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

>From: Joe McGonagle <joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars - McGonagle
>Date: Sun, 9 Dec 2001 23:14:06 -0000

>>Date: Sat, 8 Dec 2001 22:42:52 -0800 (PST)
>>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>>Subject: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars...
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>The Cydonian Imperative
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>>Little-Known Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars
>>by Mac Tonnies

>><http://mactonnies.com/cydonia.html>

>>[image]

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>>entirety by the Mars Global Surveyor. Note the highly
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>also resemble the formation on Mars. Both examples occurred to me
>within 1 minute of reading the post.

>I could probably come up with hundreds of similar-looking
>examples if I was daft enough to waste time doing so.

Why is it daft to be familiar with the appearance of structures
on Earth that are known or suspected to be artificial if you're
interested in searching for artificial structures on other
planets? Of course, it's also equally important to know what
natural structures look like. Middle Butte in Idaho is a good
example of what one kind of natural formation looks like:

<http://www.VGL.org/webfiles/mars/face/middlebutte/middlebutte.htm>

And it doesn't look to me like the Face landform in Cydonia at
all, NASA claims notwithstanding.

Here's another landform, Emerald Mound, that does look something
like the Face in general shape:

<http://www.vgl.org/webfiles/mars/structcmp/structcmp.htm>

This Indian mound is, of course, artificial.

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Re: More On The X-15 - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <lflaming5@houston.rr.com>
Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2001 13:03:15 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2001 15:23:35 -0500
Subject: Re: More On The X-15 - Fleming

>From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: More On The X-15 - Oberg
>Date: Sun, 9 Dec 2001 22:05:49 -0600

>>Date: Sat, 08 Dec 2001 13:55:18 -0600
>>Subject: Re: More On The X-15
>>From: Lan Fleming <lflaming5@houston.rr.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>Without getting into over-my-head stuff like Reynolds number,
>>fluid viscosity and shock waves, I did some figuring on the
>>pressures and accelerations involved.

>Did the other particles behave according to your calculations?
>The particles released during shuttle ET jettison at even lower
>altitude? No, apparently they didn't.

>Either the particles were breaking the laws of physics, or the
>error lies elsewhere.

I think I'd have to know more about the type of debris involved before I concluded that there was any error at all. I'd expect the debris would be a lot more substantial in size during the separation of a large tank from the space shuttle than particles from an unknown source on the nose of an X-15.

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Abducted By Aliens?

From: Michael Woods <mike.woods@sympatico.ca>
Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2001 17:10:06 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 08:49:25 -0500
Subject: Abducted By Aliens?

Dear Listers,

Perhaps this can help.
Perhaps not.

Mike Woods.

Do you want the voices in your head and memory losses to stop?
You have probably been abducted by aliens and they are
communicating with you telepathically. I suggest you make one of
these:

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

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The Pyramids Of Maslow

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>

Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2001 16:24:15 -0600

Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 08:51:19 -0500

Subject: The Pyramids Of Maslow

Humbly submitted as a measure of what we've lost, continue to lose, and know to get back. This points up the value, utility, and validity of the different drumming individual, each of us to one degree or another, and provides a valid framework from which to reach further in that rewarding attempt to increase ones satisfying grasp...

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The Pyramids of Maslow

An Epic song  
by Alfred Lehmborg

It's called "self actualization," and it comes to one with luck -- if one's found out its existence, and ones courage measures up. A cosmic drug, but safer (in fact healing, I should say). Surely, vanquishing the shadows as it drives them far away. It's built up, like a pyramid, just one level at a time, and when it's been constructed there's such treasure one might find!

Why, one might look for miles, friend, and perceive the grandest things; one could feel very deeply, but could still detach from things; and one could SEE, at last, some "thing" - for what it really was, and write it down for you and me, describing what it does...

The FIRST tier of this pyramid's a wide based, harsh, affair. Requirements must dictate what the 'real world' shares. Food - and plenty of it, food for health, and day to day. Food that feeds the body (and the mind I'm quick to say). Food that's never ending, food that's always there, food that won't distract you from that 'upward' path so near. Without it one must perish; without it one looks down; without it one is looking for its smell or taste and sound. Without food one will perish and shall think of nothing else; One's, at the least, distracted as one tightens at ones belt.

The NEXT tier of this pyramid's 'almost' as wide and harsh. It presupposes shelter, a roof, some clothes - a hearth. Ones life requires sanctuary, security - retreat. Refuge and good cover are essential, basic needs. Without it one's distracted from a self-affirming path. Without it one is doomed to beg - and grovel for a laugh! Without it one is lost at sea without a hook to use. Without it one will suffer if his home has been abused.

The THIRD tier is relaxing and it gives one time to think. It hinges on security - or how closely lies the 'brink'. It's SAFETY that concerns one - no 'gators in the swamp... as one might work to drain it (?) - be undistracted by their "romp"? It's protection from disaster, and defense against disease, it's redress from all the worrying if one gets up off ones knees. It's a loss of all ones anxiousness, that distraction from the path... that ruins satisfaction, and runs a motor out of gas. With safety one has time to think - to ponder, more, the stars . . . to give some thought to flying things, like saucers and guitars.

The FORTH tier's near as massive though maligned -

misunderstood. Worshipped and detested, call it lust or something 'good'. It's tumultuous, a wildcard! It can make you sick as hell. It's like dancing with the stars and hearing ringing - pealing bells. Providing for ones basic drive it's woven into love, or pounded into razor blades and used to prod and shove. One shall not rise above it... this tyranny of genes - denied it sneaks upon you, and shall visit you with 'dreams'. A column for ones total drive, it shall not be dismissed. This tier of your potential is the tier that would be 'kissed'.

. . . And then one wants "belonging" as a FIFTH tier finds its place. One wants to feel useful and... a PART of something, Ace! And, this is fine and dandy 'till it's used to take your hand, and then lead you down some prim rose path - mere fodder to be damned. One finds belonging to ones SELF a better path, you see - a path so ever upward in a climb to make one free. Free from despotism that will take away ones edge, free of harsh elitists that would have us live THEIR dread. Free from all behaviorists, their programs and their chains, free from all the guilt imposed, the charges, and the blame. Belonging's fine until it's used to cause one further pain. It's, then, a mechanism for a collar on your brain.

Oh, then there's recognition, and rewards that that entails. A SIXTH tier may be added, and one reaches, grasps... or fails. Yes, here there's contribution. Here, ACHIEVEMENTS can be made that makes repairs or shreds and tears - to clarify or fade. One's competence unquestioned (?) and esteem needs justly met (?), one looks around for what is left, to pick up, savor - GET! Perhaps one takes the high road and decides, instead, to give ... in a manner chance providing one - with WHAT one can believe. Perhaps it is the time one has... to put her hand on things... undistracted by the children that still fall - torrential rain. Perhaps it is the time one has to clarify his mind, to look instead into a light he's 'warned' would strike him blind?

The SEVENTH level's sweeter than the pyramid implies. Greater than its sum of parts, a synergy's contrived. It's here there's elevation that your 'God' has even feared. It's here there comes advancement as one cuts away ones fear. It's here there is progression as the grasp assumes its reach. It's here, perhaps advancement as the reachers turn to teach. It's here, mayhap, improvement of an efficacious kind; it's here one knows the pleasure of the perspicacious mind.

At seven one's 'self-actualized' and is reaching for the stars... one touches shining levels that are bright as golden bars! "Reach" and "grasp" become as one, and magic happens fast. Reality is sorted out, and firmly gripped at last. Acceptance is ones common sense for others as they are -- themselves, the world or what's outside... the space between the stars.

The flavor's spontaneity. The behavior is the creed - the evidence considerable... for routine there's little need. The problem's at the center of the point of the concern, the self is secondary (though the hardest to be learned). The theme is rare detachment, the "forest for the trees". Gestalt is common - usual... avoids behaviorism's fleas.

Requiring modest privacy so the thinking bubbles up, these 'actualized' are worth the time they spend apart from us. They change the world's thinking as they think the thoughts they do. Improving our humanity, they can see a problem through. Required (?) - an independence from distraction lower down on the levels of their pyramid that they've built on quaking ground. They NEED their grand autonomy that they EARN by giving back... useful fruits of thoughtful labor as they take us 'there' and back!

Resistance is mechanical to any dogma one has brought. Stereotyped behaviors are eschewed as more than not. They don't judge, but don't participate; not flamboyant, they don't try... to stretch the unconventional to a point one should despise. They seek the common welfare, and an increase of the same. They're not apart from empathy so that suffering is tamed. Relationships are deeper (with a few), and less is more. Superficiality is detested to its core. They see the democratic as the path to be maintained, where misery is shared on out, thereby, wiping out that pain. The joy is shared the same damned way, but increases for the daring. The reward's a satisfaction

we achieve for earnest sharing!

...And then comes their transcendence, they don't cope, they SOAR and CLEAVE! Environment's a treasured thing that keeps one off her knees. Creation is the answer and the fund of real wealth; it satisfies the 'hunger', and provokes a better health. It brings a PEAK EXPERIENCE ; it is RAPTURE ; it is JOY; it's self regenerating so there's independence, boy! It's excitement, and it's insight, and it's not for just a few! More could well achieve it with their structures so imbued.

Imbued with what, you're asking? Well, imbued with what supports! A better wage, and time to think, clean WATER, by report. The path is SELF-constructed in a pyramid one makes to reach the sky and grasp the truth from charlatans and fakes. Expand upon potential! Elevate your mind, and cleave to soar unlimited, unbound, and unconfined!

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Self-actualization. More could (should) have it, and all would (shall) be IMPROVED for these having it. Read on.

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EXPLORE "Alfred Lehmborg's Alien View" at his HostPros URL.

<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND - John will be released eventually. He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put one together for him; the bigger it is - the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged -- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, scourged by scurrilous skepti-bunkies.

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## Area 51 Cammo Dudes On Strike

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Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 08:56:04 -0500  
Subject: Area 51 Cammo Dudes On Strike

I'd like to get out of the Area 51 business, but I just recieved and anonymous phone call a few minutes ago. The male caller, who sounded in his 50s, had only this to say: "The Cammo Dudes are on strike."

I did some checking around, and sure enough, the guardians of our favorite secret base/alien stronghold (the Tora Bora of ufology) have not reported for work. They are now picketing the EG&G offices in Las Vegas, as well as the "Janet" terminal at McCarran airport where most Area 51 workers start their day.

Apparently, their grievances are wages and forced overtime since Sept. 11 (protecting our base from terrorists). Presumably, their supervisors are now manning the border, and I wouldn't be surprised if they called up some military units to to assist.

There should be an article in tomorrow's Las Vegas Review-Journal at:

<http://www.lvrj.com>

For a refresher on Area 51 and the "Cammo Dudes" see my site at:

<http://www.aliensonearth.com/area51>

BTW: Here's my theory on the whereabouts of Osama bin Ladin -- Tora Bora is an UNDERGROUND BASE, right? Osama took the subterranean shuttle to DULCE, NEW MEXICO and changed trains for LAS VEGAS. I have reliable information that he was seen last night at the CIRCUS CIRCUS BUFFET, which proves that he has no taste whatsoever.

Glenn Campbell  
Former Area 51 Warlord

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## Security Guards For 'Nowhere' Strike

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Security guards for 'nowhere' strike for contract, higher pay

By Keith Rogers  
Review-Journal

A group of 70 security guards known as the "camo dudes" walked off their jobs Monday in Las Vegas and at the covert military installation known as Area 51, a place they said they can't talk about.

"Use your imagination," union President Vernell Hall said when asked where he worked as he and more than a dozen other striking security officers displayed "On Strike" signs on Haven Street near McCarran International Airport.

That is where nondescript passenger jets, known as Janet planes, routinely take the guards and other workers to the installation on the dry bed of Groom Lake, 90 miles north of Las Vegas, a place they referred to only as "nowhere" and "out of town."

Hall, leader of the Security Police Association of Nevada, an in-house collective bargaining unit, said the association's members decided to go on strike after three months of negotiations for a new contract with their employer, EG&G Technical Services Inc., ended in a stalemate.

Hall said the issues include lack of adequate wages and benefits.

"There's been too much overtime since Sept. 11. Overtime on top of overtime," Hall said.

Greg Rentchler, security manager for EG&G, confirmed that about 70 guards went on strike early Monday at the company's Grier Drive offices and at "remote locations."

"They work at remote test locations. They support the Nellis (Air Force) ranges," Rentchler said.

"We have a close relationship with these guys, and they are in negotiations as we speak," he said.

Rentchler said supervisors are manning the posts vacated by the striking guards.

He said the guards previously held a contract with another company, EG&G Special Projects, until a new one was signed in 1996 with EG&G Technical Services Inc. He said EG&G Technical Services Inc. holds a contract with the federal government to provide services for the Department of Defense, including a security guard force.

Although Rentchler would not give details about his reference to "remote locations," a source familiar with the guard force said

last week that the guards would strike at 3 a.m. Monday. The source said many of the guards had been assigned to Area 51, the much-publicized, 38,400-acre Groom Lake installation where high-tech U.S. aircraft are tested.

It is the same place where former workers at the installation have charged that coatings for radar-evading stealth fighter jets were burned in open trenches, sending toxic clouds into the air that made them ill.

Glenn Campbell, who operates the Internet bookstore Aliens on Earth and formerly directed an Area 51 watchdog group, said he received an anonymous call Monday from a man who said "the camo dudes are on strike."

Campbell often has referred to the guards as "camo dudes" because of the camouflaged uniforms they wear while patrolling places where public lands border restricted areas around the Groom Lake installation.

While pickets paraded outside the ramp for Janet planes at McCarran, another group sat in lawn chairs outside EG&G Technical Services offices a few miles away on Grier Drive. One striking security officer at that location, Bill Hull, said he wants "fair and equitable treatment from our company."

A 17-year employee, Hull said he hasn't received a pay raise in "14 or 15 years" and said he lost at least 25 percent of his pay when the contract was switched to EG&G Technical Services in 1996.

Hull, wearing a baseball cap emblazoned with a U.S. flag flanked by two alien-face pins, said he is paid \$15.05 per hour but should be making at least \$16.03 per hour.

He said the guards work 12-hour shifts, staying four days "out of town," before flying back to Las Vegas and getting three days off.

"We don't get break periods," he said.

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Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars  
>Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2001 11:52:57 -0000

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>>Date: Sun, 9 Dec 2001 23:25:00 EST  
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>>>>symmetrical base "platform" and tapered "chin."

>>>>....Think about it, Tutankhamun's mask and the Troubadour's mask  
>>>>also resemble the formation on Mars. Both examples occurred to me  
>>>>within 1 minute of reading the post.

>>I don't think so. But whadda I know under the affluence of  
>>substances. And then there are the voices in my head.

>>>I could probably come up with hundreds of similar-looking  
>>>examples if I was daft enough to waste time doing so.

>>Cheeses, I would like to see... oh... say a dozen more. And  
>>the more the merrier. Who knows, there may be a plethora of of  
>>lookalike Mars faces. So what?

>Here's a few billion to start with-everyone that has a head  
>superficially resembles the rock formation/ancient  
>monument/stargate (delete any that do not apply).

Of course this is all too true, however the examples you gave in  
your Re: post to Mac were all (hope I am not mistaken)  
artificial. Which in this case is an irrelevant factoid.

>>>I regard the similarity as superficial, but certainly not  
>>>striking or important.

>>>I expect a full survey of the feature on Mars to be completed  
>>>before I expire, until then, what is the point in speculating  
>>>wildly?

>>>"Seek and ye shall find".....

>>Until then, what's the point in speculating? And the next  
>>sentence tells us to seek, and we will find. Seems to be a tad  
>>oxymoronic to this Grippler. Also seems to me that speculation  
>>and seeking the truth go hand in hand with research, dunn'it?  
>>Hell, what this world (and it's researchers) need is a tad more  
>>imagination. And a dollop of curiosity.

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>Pieri who was part of the team that worked on the Viking lander  
>project. To quote him:

You are correct. I missinterpreted your remark. However so,  
imagination, speculation and artifacts such as the one in Iran, in  
their investigation, are not irrelevant. Every example might point  
to some commonality. Such is the methodology of research. Look  
at everything, and as Alfred Lehmborg pointed in one of his more  
erudite posts here, which by the way had not one response;  
which boggles what's left of my mind.....

It's called "self actualization," and it comes to one with luck  
-- if one's found out its existence, and ones courage measures  
up. A cosmic drug, but safer (in fact healing, I should say).  
Surely, vanquishing the shadows as it drives them far away. It's  
built up, like a pyramid, just one level at a time, and when  
it's been constructed there's such treasure one might find!"

It's an excellent read... the Pyramids Of Maslow.

[Re-posted today with correct 'Subject:' line --ebk]

>"Those of us on the lander team looked at one of the boulders on  
>the surface nearby and we decided we could see the initials of  
>every team member in the boulder that was ten feet away from the  
>lander."

>What I mean is, if you look for something eg UFOs at the time  
>of the WTC attack, or faces of the devil in the flames, you  
>stand a very good chance of finding them, or if you are looking  
>for similar structures on earth to those found on Mars (or vice  
>versa) you will find them.

Also true, Joe, but in some remote sense in my thinking. We are  
looking at a natural or ancient artifact here on earth, pointing  
to some similarity with the Face on Mars. Nothing wrong with  
seeing both and wondering about some possible relationship. No  
one that I know of, Mac included, is drawing conclusions. Merely  
pointing. And in pointing, may give some direction to the  
conundrum. Last time I looked, magnitude and direction points.  
In the form of a vector. There's merit in that post and in that  
point.

>>Just look at Kon Tiki.

>As you no doubt know, Kon Tiki was a practical experiment >  
>designed to test a theory that early South American natives had  
>the technology to reach the Islands of Polynesia. A theory is  
>more than speculation, in that there is some reason for  
>holding the theory.

I read the book. Probably ten times. I was fascinated by Thor's  
experiment. The point I was trying to make was not valid nor  
applicable. I blame it on Gripple and Nyquil. Point was to have  
been by example ... Thor pointed to some interesting  
possibilities in the extension of culture from Egypt to Easter  
Island. 'Course, the little reed raft nearly bought the farm.  
But the point was made. And thereby established the  
possibilities. Another vector was born. But prior to Thor  
Hyerdahl's proving it could be done by doing it, was laughed

at, derided and at one point, told to seek professional help!

>Perhaps you have a theory of your own linking the formation on  
>Mars to the formation in Iran? If so, I apologise for using the  
>term "speculation".

Absolutely not. Merely suggesting that to stifle such as Mac  
introduced or call it wild speculation is wild speculation. Or  
worse.

>>Never mind.

>I don't.

Me needer.

Jim Mortellaro

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## Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2001 18:46:21 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 09:10:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

>From: Robert Boreham <[fatrob83@hotmail.com](mailto:fatrob83@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars  
>Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2001 16:07:48 +0000

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Sun, 9 Dec 2001 23:25:00 EST  
>>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joem\\_cgonagle@yahoo.com](mailto:joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars - McGonagle  
>>>Date: Sun, 9 Dec 2001 23:14:06 -0000

>>>>Date: Sat, 8 Dec 2001 22:42:52 -0800 (PST)  
>>>>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>>>>Subject: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars...  
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

>>>>The Cydonian Imperative  
>>>>12-9-01

>>>>Little-Known Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars  
>>>>by Mac Tonnies

>>>><http://mactonnies.com/cydonia.html>

>>>>[image]

>>>>The rare image above shows a decidedly unusual formation located  
>>>>in Iran. This artificial-appearing feature shares a striking, if  
>>>>superficial, resemblance to the Face on Mars as revealed in its  
>>>>entirety by the Mars Global Surveyor. Note the highly  
>>>>symmetrical base "platform" and tapered "chin."

>>>...Think about it, Tutankhamun's mask and the Troubadour's mask  
>>>also resemble the formation on Mars. Both examples occured to me  
>>>within 1 minute of reading the post.

>>I don't think so. But whadda I know under the affluence of  
>>substances. And then there are the voices in my head.

>Perhaps they both came from Mars? Now that is speculating  
>wildly.

>>>I could probably come up with hundreds of similar-looking  
>>>examples if I was daft enough to waste time doing so.

>>Cheeses, I would like to see... oh... say a dozen more. And  
>>the more the merrier. Who knows, there may be a plethora of of  
>>lookalike Mars faces. So what?

>Maybe the masks are based on a natural formation? That's why  
>they look like the Face On Mars? Now thats speculating (notice  
>the difference?

>>>I regard the similarity as superficial, but certainly not  
>>>striking or important.

>>>I expect a full survey of the feature on Mars to be completed  
>>>before I expire, until then, what is the point in speculating  
>>>wildly?

>>>"Seek and ye shall find".....

>>Until then, what's the point in speculating? And the next  
>>sentence tells us to seek, and we will find. Seems to be a tad  
>>oxymoronic to this Grippler. Also seems to me that speculation  
>>and seeking the truth go hand in hand with research, dunn'it?  
>>Hell, what this world (and it's researchers) need is a tad more  
>>imagination. And a dollop of curiosity.

>There's a big difference between speculating and speculating  
>wildly. (See above for the difference.)

>I think the last thing ufology needs is more imagination and  
>wild speculation.

Dear Rob, Joe, List and Errol,

Whilst I see your point, look at mine... no, not the one on the  
top of my head. I disagree with you on one point. And that is  
the application of imagination. Without such, there is no  
research, nor is there the ability to see beyond the equations,  
the formulae, the math and the physics.

For example, to view the 'possibility' of alien visitation and  
merely explain that it is impossible to exceed the speed of  
light, and not in the imagination, consider other possibilities  
in the physics we do not know, is not good thinking or good  
research. Most of the wondrous discoveries made in the last two  
centuries conceded to a vivid imagination. Drawing conclusions  
from observe, anecdotal datum. Bugs which cannot be seen cause  
infection in surgerys done when the doctor does not wash up.

What an uproar that caused.

See?

>How about good research and rational thought.

I vote for them too.

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## Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

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Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 09:22:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joem\\_cgonagle@yahoo.com](mailto:joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars  
>Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2001 11:52:57 -0000

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>live), and there was an interview with someone called David  
>Pieri who was part of the team that worked on the Viking lander  
>project. To quote him:

Any day that one is lucky enough to receive divinely inspired  
wisdom from the folks at JPL is a fortunate day indeed!

>"Those of us on the lander team looked at one of the boulders on  
>the surface nearby and we decided we could see the initials of  
>every team member in the boulder that was ten feet away from the  
>lander."

However, I do wonder how this particular pearl of wisdom helps  
in distinguishing artificial from natural structures. Seems to  
me it has zero probative value. You could use it to "prove"  
anything is natural that you want to be natural -- or vice  
versa.

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## CI: 12-11-01 - Iranian Formation Artificial

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The Cydonian Imperative  
12-11-01

Iranian Formation is Artificial  
by Mac Tonnies

<http://mactonnies.com/cydonia.html>

The archives of the 1937 expedition that resulted in the tantalizing image of an Iranian "Face-like" formation (see top of page) provide photos that confirm its artificial origin. Interestingly, the Face-like formation is accompanied by at least one flat-topped pyramid (!). Image analyses and comparisons are forthcoming. In the meantime, the following links are helpful.

[Thanks to Bob Harrison of Cydonia Quest. --M.T.]

[http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/MUS/PA/IRAN/PAAI/PAAI\\_Surveys.html](http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/MUS/PA/IRAN/PAAI/PAAI_Surveys.html)

[http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/MUS/PA/IRAN/PAAI/IMAGES/ASF/11G8\\_72dpi.html](http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/MUS/PA/IRAN/PAAI/IMAGES/ASF/11G8_72dpi.html)

[http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/MUS/PA/IRAN/PAAI/IMAGES/ASF/11G9\\_72dpi.html](http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/MUS/PA/IRAN/PAAI/IMAGES/ASF/11G9_72dpi.html)

[http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/MUS/PA/IRAN/PAAI/IMAGES/ASF/11B11\\_72dpi.html](http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/MUS/PA/IRAN/PAAI/IMAGES/ASF/11B11_72dpi.html)

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Recap Of Italian Sightings In October

As already anticipated, the number of reports of UFO sightings in the month of October totals just 24, as gathered by the Italian Center for UFO Studies.

The data confirms the end to the summer wave of observations, which had amounted almost to 400 cases between June and September, and which will be analyzed in more depth inside the next issue of our journal "UFO - Rivista di informazione ufologica" ("UFO Information Magazine").

The detailed list of the reports for October will be made available to the public over the coming days on the C.I.S.U. Internet site, where those from the preceding months may also be accessed at URL:

<http://www.arpnet.it/ufo/casi2001.htm>

[Communication by Giorgio Abraini; collaboration by Roberto Labanti and Sebastiano Ridolfi.]

A Book On The "X-Files Of Mussolini"

In bookstores is the latest literary effort by Alfredo Lissoni, penned this time with Roberto Pinotti and dedicated to "Gli 'X-Files' del nazifascismo - Gli UFO di Mussolini" ("The 'X-Files' of Nazi-Fascism - The UFOs of Mussolini") (IdeaLibri, 256 pages, 33,885 Lire).

Beginning with the wealth of documents having been anonymously received by mail from an unknown informant, the book proceeds with the presumed discovery of a flying saucer in Italy in 1933, to the Nazi circular aircraft and secret weapons which would have found their inspiration in real UFOs.

UFOs Make A Return To TV

Following the summer hiatus, some recurring broadcasts on Italian TVs nationwide have resumed extending invitations to UFO-themed guests: UFOs and aliens were effused about (and vilified) on programs like the "Maurizio Costanzo Show" (on 22 October and once again on 8 November); "Gente sull'orlo di una

crisi di nervi" ("People on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown"), on 31 October on "La7" (in a mix that included ghosts, astrology and the paranormal in general); and "I fatti vostri" ("Of Concern to You") on Raidue on 14 November (the guest, a Genoan nightwatchman who is the most known of the Italian abductees). Also having discussed UFO's on more than one occasion during October was "Il Grande Fratello" ("Big Brother"), on Stream TV. The only real and true nod given to UFOs, however, was that dedicated by "Geo & Geo" to the Hessdalen lights (Raitre, 22 October).

On the fiction side, on 28 October, among reruns of the TV show "Happy Days", there was the broadcast of the known episode on the UFO argument (sightings, dream-abductions); additionally, the historic series "UFO" hit the airwaves each day in October on Canal Jimmy, while on Raidue on Saturday, there was a rebroadcast of the serial "Roswell", as well as the UFO-themed evening teleplay on Raiuno, "Pianeta Terra: cronaca di un'invasione" ("Planet Earth: Chronicle of an Invasion").

[Reports by Paolo Bergia, Francesco Castagna, Gian Paolo Grassino, Roberto Labanti, Giorgio Russolillo and Sveva Stallone; Uforama Online, 15 October; La Rete, 16 October through 8 November; SocioUfo Mailing List, 12 October through 13 November; Chucara-2000 Mailing List, 22 through 30 October; Ufology.net News, 26 October and 9 November.]

Collaborators on this edition were: Giorgio Abraini, Paolo Bergia, Francesco Castagna, Gian Paolo Grassino, Roberto Labanti, Giorgio Russolillo, Sebastiano Ridolfi and Sveva Stallone.

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## Re: Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist? -

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Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 12:32:59 +0000 (GMT)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 13:17:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist? -

>From: Jeff Behnke <[jeff@paranormalnews.com](mailto:jeff@paranormalnews.com)>  
>Date: Mon, 3 Dec 2001 15:08:46 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist?

>>Date: Sun, 2 Dec 2001 21:36:03 +0000 (GMT)  
>>From: chris aubeck <[caubeck@yahoo.com](mailto:caubeck@yahoo.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist?  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

>Bruno was not a 16th century "ufologist" because he  
>never saw, nor claimed anyone ever saw, nor even  
>mentioned or hinted at the existence of, UFOs.

>Wouldn't it be great if these works are actually  
>written by an alien race who came down from the stars  
>and gave mankind these wise works so that they could  
>advance in knowledge? Maybe man is sitting on proof  
>of alien visitation after all...

>Just a thought,

>Jeff Behnke  
>[jeff@paranormalnews.com](mailto:jeff@paranormalnews.com)

Hello Jeff,

While I am very sceptical of any theories of this kind (fortunately they no longer fall into my field of research) I would suggest you read "The Greatest Story Never Told," a book written and published just over a decade ago by Lana Cantrell. Lana, who I have met and respect but am unable to agree with on many points, is a very thorough researcher and her book reexamines ancient texts from a scientific viewpoint.

Unfortunately, the 1030-page tome was badly edited and poorly distributed so it is not very well known.

It also contains some silly mistakes and expresses so many politically incorrect opinions that if the book had ever been brought out by a commercial publisher she may well have been lynched.

But it would be a good (if not an entirely necessary) place to start searching for ideas to support your own, if you ever take the theories of Sitchin, Bramley, Cremo etc seriously.

See:

[http://www.earthportals.com/Portal\\_Messenger/cantrell.html](http://www.earthportals.com/Portal_Messenger/cantrell.html)

Regards,

Chris Aubeck

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Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 13:21:15 -0500  
Subject: New On The Magonia Website

New on the Magonia Website Archives:

Peter Rogerson's "Notes Towards a Revisionist History of Abductions". Was this the series which started the "Literary Criticism" outrage? Peter Rogerson strips away the 'official' history of the abduction phenomena:

[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/90/revis01.html](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/90/revis01.html)

[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/90/revis02.html](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/90/revis02.html)

[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/90/revis03.html](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/90/revis03.html)

[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/90/revis04.html](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/90/revis04.html)

And the first two articles in our series "Magonia in Spanish" - two typical contributions from Juan Harney:

[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/90/escepticos.html](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/90/escepticos.html)

[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/hps.htm](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/hps.htm)

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## Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg?

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Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 12:07:24 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 13:46:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg?

Honored List folk...

I've recently received some information in the form of an observation on the activities of one James (ashamed of his apostrophe?) Oberg. Herr Oberg, arguably the ufological negativist's preeminent apologist and pretender to the skeptibunky throne of Philip Klass (an heir apparent with no hair apparent and a likely product of hairy parents?), is perhaps nothing but a crass shill for the politics of axe-grinding deceit, it seems.

The reader will notice that UpDates has been lately been graced with the nonstyled musings of the 'great pontificator'. His slickly patronizing literary bifurcation and verbal obfuscation has astounded us all with its ready assumption, phactual nebulosness, and astonishing confabulation. Gratified or outraged by his seemingly knowledgeable manipulations, we are; however, distracted from an examination of where he has been and where he might be going in our fractured ufological community and what the effects of his irrational, illogical, and unjustified wet blanket message of reflexive disavowal might be.....

Does Mr. Oberg move from List to ufological List, in some mechanistic and periodic rhythm of perennial denial, spreading the same officious and patronizing message of calmly sarcastic obfuscation in each location?

In these locations that he migrates to, does Mr. Oberg enter into productive debate with the participants or does he engage in irritating digressions of fluffy verbal fallacy that negates clarity, confuses facts, and produces the usual fog of contrived cognitive dissonance?

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From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 13:24:05 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 14:43:35 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Oberg

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JimO

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Cheers,

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## Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 15:40:07 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 23:01:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Lehmborg

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...Ruppelt... Hynek...Vallee... these were men much more  
circumspect about the subject than your smirking reply would  
imply. As to bonus? For some, the axe-grinding might be its own  
reward. I would imagine the stiff preservation of your 19th  
Century world view might be a kind of wage...

>As to what apostrophe, or what Germanic insinuations are  
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You're far from clueless, Mr. Oberg; that's a major part of the  
tragedy.

>I take it then that the 'X-15 UFO Case' is settled?

Oh, for sure! Mr. Rudiak ties it up nicely. You were very  
helpful in his successful resolution of the debate. So, where  
you off to now, Mr. Oberg?

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## Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 18:50:18 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 23:03:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Mortellaro

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
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Honorable Listfolk, Alfred, Herr Oberg, Errol,

I would answer your questions but I feel humbled by the erudition on this list. Therefore, I shall quote the greatest Ufologist who ever graced the table of research. Of course, that would be Herr Gesundt, Saphardic Sicilian from the Rhineland, sorry, the Black Forest. I forgot about his Saphardism. He says...

"Ahem... in answer to the above question... ah, the last sentence above... 'Yes'"

>The reader will notice that UpDates has been lately been graced  
>with the nonstyled musings of the 'great pontificator'. His  
>slickly patronizing literary bifurcation and verbal obfuscation  
>has astounded us all with its ready assumption, phactual  
>nebulousness, and astonishing confabulation. Gratified or  
>outraged by his seemingly knowledgeable manipulations, we are;  
>however, distracted from an examination of where he has been and  
>where he might be going in our fractured ufological community  
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Herr Gesundt

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From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 19:07:07 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 23:05:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist? - Velez

>From: Jeff Behnke <[jeff@paranormalnews.com](mailto:jeff@paranormalnews.com)>  
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Hi Jeff,

You wrote:

>Finding factual information embedded within occult literature  
>is a pain. But it is there. I just know it.

It is there, but, "Oh, you poor thing!" If you're planning on  
taking on/absorbing the works of Helena Petrovna Blavatsky.  
You're about to find out that there was a lot more to that  
reportedly foul mouthed old Medium than meets the 'public' eye.  
;)

For most of the third decade of my life I was a student/member  
of the Blavatsky Lodge here in New York. (United Lodge of  
Theosophists) The books that you are contemplating reading are  
genuine 'tomes' in the old fashioned academic meaning of the  
term. To help narrow down your reading chore allow me to

recommend the following: The 'Secret Doctrine' which is composed of; "Cosmogogenesis" and its sister volume, "Anthropogenesis." You might also want to read the first volume of "Isis Unveiled," the one that is subtitled, "Science."

Warning: You're going to need; a plow to wade through the stiff and hard to read verbose/ponderous (old fashioned) style/use of Victorian English; a Latin dictionary at your side; and a well versed knowledge of occultism in order to be able to separate the wheat from the chaff. The information you seek is there, you will just need a heap of patience and a truly educated and refined sense of what is valuable (a keeper) and what is not. (to be discarded.) There is plenty of both there.

I have no idea what your training or background is, but you're in for one major-league reading assignment if you choose to tackle the Blavatsky material. Having "been there" myself, you have my empathy. Not for the weak. In the "Meat for men, milk for babes" tradition, the reading assignment you contemplate is a ten pound slab of beef-steak.

If you can tough it out, your efforts will be rewarded handsomely. I was fortunate to have several senior lodge members/older more experienced students to assist me in ferreting out the useful bits/gold nuggets in that formidable mountain of information. If you're on your own, you have one hell of a challenging reading/study job in front of you.

Fore-warned is fore-armed.

Enjoy, or 'try to' anyway. ;)

Regards,

John Velez

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## Re: Oregon Red Sphere - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 22:26:40 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 23:06:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: Oregon Red Sphere - Maccabee

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## Re: Oregon Red Sphere - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 15:23:20 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Dec 2001 10:49:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: Oregon Red Sphere - Hatch

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Hello Bruce!

Very interesting. There is a possible second witness one street  
away I take it.

If I have this right, the red ball-of-light (BOL) rose from  
virtual ground level to the tall treetops, then made a 90-degree  
turn toward the coast, presumably West.

Did the witness have the impression, or give you the impression,  
that this was a case of directed, or intelligently controlled  
flight or maneuvering?

This would be as opposed to some dimly understood natural  
phenomenon like ball lightning might be.

The 90 degree turn does not necessitate a non-natural  
explanation of course.

Best

- Larry

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From: Chris Aubeck <[caubeck@yahoo.com](mailto:caubeck@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Wed, 12 Dec 2001 11:20:03 +0000 (GMT)  
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Subject: Re: Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist? -

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Hello Jeff,

I would suggest you did not start with Blavatsky's books unless you really want to become completely bewildered and frustrated.

A good example of someone who got his head bent out of shape after using Blavatsky (and several other 'esoteric' sources) as a tapestry for UFO beliefs was W. Raymond Drake, whose "Gods and Spacemen" series, written over a 25 year period, became a classic in the field. Drake, who read in five or six different languages, was more erudite than most 'ancient astronaut' writers, and published an astonishing number of books and articles dealing with the UFO myth in folklore and esoteric literature. But he so happily blended Atlantis with Mu, Christianity with Theosophy, the Ancient Greeks with the hypothetical sexy Venusians that he later wrote fictional stories about, and Joan of Arc with Martians (I think the blurb on one of his books asks whether Martian blood ran in Joan of Arc's veins, or something like that), that his books became simply unreadable, and today are almost forgotten.

He once told me he started off on his 'quest for the truth' as a result of the growing tendency to reinterpret Blavatsky's books from a ufological perspective. He was not the first, but many followed in his footsteps.

If you believe that prehistoric aliens left humanity some kind of message in the form of a text or oral tradition, I would suggest that you sought out the earliest esoteric writings available, not something written in the 19th century.

Researchers of UFO history tend to make two major mistakes: firstly, in order to show that the phenomenon has existed throughout history they leap from Arnold's 1947 sighting to a brief discussion of the nineteenth century airship scare, and from there to Ancient Egypt or India, and then back to the twentieth century again. This makes no sense, and bypasses 2000 years of very significant UFO incidents.

(One of the reasons for this is the general lack of good sources on historical cases, and another is the American preoccupation with America and the English language in a field dominated by Americans writing in English. Many books and papers focus on the idea that America discovered UFOs in Victorian times and rediscovered them for humanity in 1947.)

The second mistake is to seek confirmation of UFO beliefs in esoteric texts that are not old or authenticated enough to demonstrate anything much at all. Or in the "cherished ancient tribal beliefs" communicated to us by "genuine tribal elders" today. I have found that such claims are generally spurious.

Anyway, I hope you find what you're looking for. I can promise you that ufology does indeed overlap with esoteric tradition, but not always how you'd most like it to.

Chris Aubeck

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## Italian UFO Newsflash No. 335

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C.I.S.U. Magazine Becomes a Quarterly

The governing councilor of the Italian Center for UFO Studies has approved a sweeping restructuring of the C.I.S.U.=92s periodical publications which, beginning with the next year, will be consolidated: both the newsletter "UFO Notizie" (=93UFO News Updates=94) and the technical review "UFO Forum" will merge with "UFO - rivista di informazione ufologica (=93UFO Information Journal=94), which will become a quarterly.

Consequently, membership fees for to the Center and subscription fees have changed, also because of the arrival of the new Euro currency. The new amounts are available on the C.I.S.U. Internet site at the URL: <http://www.cisu.org/cisu2002.htm>

UFO Lecture At CCR Euratom

On Tuesday, 27 November, the Euratom Community Research Center in Ispra will present a lecture by the astrophysicist Massimo Teodorani on the expedition organized this summer in Norway by the Italian Committee for Project Hessdalen (CIPH) in collaboration with the Italian National Research Council (CNR).

In the course of the lecture, Stefania Genovese will present the book-bound edition "UFO: complessit=E0 ed anomalie di un mito" (=93UFOs: Complexities and Anomalies of a Myth=94) of her well-known graduate thesis in Philosophy. Admission is free, with a starting time of 8:45 p.m.

The host and organizer is CUFOC (CCR UFO Club), under the direction of C.I.S.U. Member Marcel Delaval who has published some monographs in the series, "Documenti UFO" (=93UFO Documents=94), with Edizioni UPIAR.

[News by Marcel Delaval; collaboration by Renzo Cabassi.]

A UFO Book From CICAP, Too

Issued as a supplement to the magazine "Scienza & paranormale" (=93Science & The Paranormal=94) is the umpteenth book in this UFO-rich bibliographic year: it is entitled "UFO: indagini, ricerche approfondimenti e verifiche=94" (=93UFOs: Investigations,

In-Depth Research and Examinations=94) and edited by Marco Morocutti; and in its 107 pages (at 18,000 Lire), it gathers together ten or so articles on our subject, these having appeared for the most part in the magazine of CICAP (The Italian Committee for the Check of Claims of the Paranormal) and penned, among others, by Andrea Baravalle, Albino Carbognani, Margherita Hack, James Oberg, Tullio Regge, Edoardo Russo and Massimo Teodorani.

As for the volumes by Genovese, C.I.S.U. members possibly encountering difficulties locating it in bookstores, may purchase the book directly through our Book Service.

[Report by Roberto Labanti.]

Riccione: No New Year=92s UFOs

The American attacks of 11 September have derailed the landing of UFOs in the center of Riccione on New Year=92s Night.

The Councillorship of Tourism had actually planned =93The Landing of Spacecraft with Lights and Lasers,=94 in Roma Square, as a pyrotechnic closure to a promotional campaign which, since this Spring, has seized upon UFOs as a testimonial to Romagna, until July=92s landing hoax scandal involving traces.

The airliners hijacked and crashed over New York and Washington rendered this an impossibility, however. Following the already-announced ceasing of the campaign built around alien visitors, it was therefore necessary with good reason also to abandon the UFO invasion of San Silvestro.

[Il Resto del Carlino, Rimini Edition, 8 November; collaboration by Roberto Labanti.]

Collaborators on this edition were: Renzo Cabassi, Marcel Delaval and Roberto Labanti.

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## Roswell Is Alive And Well

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Date: Wed, 12 Dec 2001 13:17:47 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Dec 2001 11:08:16 -0500  
Subject: Roswell Is Alive And Well

Hello to the List,

I wish first to add my little piece of "critical thinking" to Karl Pflock's last post to the List, regarding Don Ecker's article in UFO Magazine which revealed that Senator Thurmond had signed an authorization for his preface, with the mention of the provisional title of the book "The Roswell book".

Karl Pflock wrote, on November 19:

<snip>

>I made a copy of Ecker's piece available to Senator Thurmond's  
>chief of staff, and a few days ago, I received in return copies  
>of several very interesting items. One of these is the release  
>form in the senator's office file, on which ALL the blanks in  
>text are, well, blank. No "undersigned," no "author," but, most  
>important, no book title, not even the generic "Roswell Book."  
>This clearly is the same form reproduced in UFO, as the  
>senator's signature and date of signing match--but it is as it  
>was when the original left the senator's office, BEFORE someone  
>(gee, wonder who?) typed in "Roswell Book." Hmmm...

Well, at first sight, it seems that this answer by the Senator's chief of staff settles the matter. But on second thought, two options seem to remain open, which are probably unprovable.

First option: Senator Thurmond signed a blank authorization and later 'someone' filled the blank with the provisional title "Roswell Book" (please note that it is rather unusual to sign a blank authorization) ;

Second option: Senator Thurmond signed the authorization with the provisional title on it. When the book was published, his office denied it, and now they are compelled to stick to that line. Then make a copy, delete the title, and send a copy of it to Karl Pflock.

The only sure thing is 'someone' is lying, but who? I am afraid it is going to be very hard to answer that, but I suggest that we wait for an answer from Don Ecker.

About Roswell, I also wish now to thank here, The International UFO Reporter, for their article on the new witness Chester Barton (IUR Summer 2001).

It seems to me that it has drawn too little attention on this List. Here is a man who was sent by his chief, Major Easley, to a crash site, to see what was going on and report to him. He saw, from a distance, a crashed craft. As he was told to keep it secret, he assumed that it was a crashed B-29, with an atomic bomb.

But we know it could not be!

The matter has been already debated at length.

See for instance the second book of K.Randle and D. Schmitt 'The Truth about the UFO Crash at Roswell', page 129.

There was such an accident, in 1957 near Albuquerque, and after some years of secrecy, the story was revealed in the press. So why not for Roswell?

If such an accident had taken place, the secret would have been lifted long ago and it would have closed the Roswell case for good - a big relief for the Air Force. So much better than clinging to the ridiculous Mogul story! The proof that it did not happen is that they cannot say it. So what did Barton see? It seems to be just another valid testimony pointing to an extraordinary event.

Gildas Bourdais

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## Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

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Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

>Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2001 20:04:26 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars  
>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

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>>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars  
>>Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2001 11:52:57 -0000

>>You miss the point - I had the good fortune to see an  
>>installment of 'UFO's: Then And Now'on the History Channel this  
>>morning (I'm not sure if programming is the same where you  
>>live), and there was an interview with someone called David  
>>Pieri who was part of the team that worked on the Viking lander  
>>project. To quote him:

>Any day that one is lucky enough to receive divinely inspired  
>wisdom from the folks at JPL is a fortunate day indeed!

>>"Those of us on the lander team looked at one of the boulders on  
>>the surface nearby and we decided we could see the initials of  
>>every team member in the boulder that was ten feet away from the  
>>lander."

>However, I do wonder how this particular pearl of wisdom helps  
>in distinguishing artificial from natural structures. Seems to  
>me it has zero probative value. You could use it to "prove"  
>anything is natural that you want to be natural -- or vice  
>versa.

Here is another pearl of wisdom with probably zero probative  
value. Why does the structure in Iran bear a closer resemblance  
to the late Ayatollah Khomeini than it does to the face on Mars?

Josh Goldstein

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## Re: Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist? -

From: Jeff Behnke <[jeff@paranormalnews.com](mailto:jeff@paranormalnews.com)>  
Date: Wed, 12 Dec 2001 08:31:09 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 02:50:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist? -

>Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 19:07:07 -0500  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist?

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>>Subject: Re: Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist?  
>>Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 15:17:03 -0500

>>Finding factual information embedded within occult literature  
>>is a pain. But it is there. I just know it.

John Velez wrote:

>It is there, but, "Oh, you poor thing!" If you're planning on  
>taking on/absorbing the works of Helena Petrovna Blavatsky.  
>You're about to find out that there was a lot more to that  
>reportedly foul mouthed old Medium than meets the 'public' eye.  
>i)

I figured if I can get through Kurt Godel's "On Formally Undecidable Propositions of Principia Mathematica and Related Systems" I can get through just about anything. Of course, at the age of 18 when I had read it, how much of it can I say I truly absorbed?

>To help narrow down your reading chore allow me to  
>recommend the following: The 'Secret Doctrine' which is composed  
>of; "Cosmogogenesis" and its sister volume, "Anthropogenesis." You  
>might also want to read the first volume of "Isis Unveiled," the  
>one that is subtitled, "Science."

Thanks once again. On top of "The Greatest Story Never Told", I think I'll have enough reading material for a year.

>I have no idea what your training or background is, but you're  
>in for one major-league reading assignment if you choose to  
>tackle the Blavatsky material. Having "been there" myself, you  
>have my empathy. Not for the weak. In the "Meat for men, milk  
>for babes" tradition, the reading assignment you contemplate is  
>a ten pound slab of beef-steak.

My background consists of computer programming and database design, and a lifelong interest in finding true proof of mankind's origins and human faith. Hence, the reading of mathematical proofs constructed by people such as Kurt Godel, just to see what people consider to be "proven" in this world.

When it comes to tackling dense material, the only way I can make sense of it all is to construct a database to keep track of it for me. Tackling Sumerian literature encompasses the ever-elongating task of maintaining a bunch of tables with supposed definitions of terms. I figure in the next five years I should have at least three or four languages in it to use as a reference to whatever it is I feel like penning, with all the variations of terms I run across, Blavatsky's included. I understand scientific sampling, which I think is extremely necessary when attempting to translate and conceptualize older

works. Reading Blavatsky's material is merely a way for me to obtain a larger sampling.

>If you can tough it out, your efforts will be rewarded  
>handsomely. I was fortunate to have several senior lodge  
>members/older more experienced students to assist me in  
>ferreting out the useful bits/gold nuggets in that \_formidable\_  
>mountain of information. If you're on your own, you have one  
>hell of a challenging reading/study job in front of you.

Ah, what a wonderful thing to have a mentor. I think my current mentors consist of various mythology professors and ministers who bash my "uninformed" opinions that I e-mail to them out of nowhere. I understand the idea that the greatest teacher is one who criticizes the hell out of you and says nothing you want to hear, but I've never appreciated being told to "Read the Bible" to find the answers I seek, since I've read it at least three or four times, and have yet to find anything of substance to explain Enoch, Genesis 6, Goliath, Ezra being drugged by angelic beings, or Jesus' reference to "Powers and Principalities." No, the answers are elsewhere. The Bible is merely the beginning.

All I currently have is my enthusiasm, which, at times, my wife does not share. It's rather humorous to see her reaction when I run up to her and go, "Honey! The Corpus Hermeticum was written in Alexandria and not in 3000 BC! What am I going to do now?" Her usual response is, "How about taking a walk?" But alas, she knows how determined I am to find the meaning of it all and supports me.

I have already sacrificed my own faith in pursuit of the truth. What will be next? I do not know.

--Jeff Behnke  
[jeff@paranormalnews.com](mailto:jeff@paranormalnews.com)

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## Re: Oregon Red Sphere - Maccabee

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>Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 15:23:20 -0800  
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Oregon Red Sphere

>>Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 22:26:40 -0500  
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>>Subject: Oregon Red Sphere  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

>>Not too long ago a 74 year old photographer obtained a unique photo:  
>>a red glowing sphere or orb during the \_daylight\_ and \_close up!

>>This might be a breakthrough photograph in the "science"  
>>of orbology(???)

>>Anyway, check it out!

>><http://brumac.8k.com/ORedSphere/ORedSphere.html>

>Very interesting. There is a possible second witness one street  
>away I take it.

Not confirmed. There may have been some confusion on the part of  
of the police who apparently took a report of something that  
happened "somewhere."

>If I have this right, the red ball-of-light (BOL) rose from  
>virtual ground level to the tall treetops, then made a 90-degree  
>turn toward the coast, presumably West.

>Did the witness have the impression, or give you the impression,  
>that this was a case of directed, or intelligently controlled  
>flight or maneuvering?

>This would be as opposed to some dimly understood natural  
>phenomenon like ball lightning might be.

>The 90 degree turn does not necessitate a non-natural  
>explanation of course.

Witness did not imply "intent" or "intelligence" but just  
reported what it did.

This could be a TRUFO (TRue UFO) of a non-intelligent type... a  
previously unknown/unrecognized natural phenomenon. (Note:  
TRUFOS that give the impression of intelligence... such as by  
taking avoidance maneuvers or being (apparently) craft of some  
sort may also be "natural phenomena," but on a level of  
"natural" that is not yet accepted by science/scientists as  
real.)

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## Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation'

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Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 02:59:33 -0500  
Subject: Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation'

Today I received a letter dated December 10, 2001, from Claire D. Johnson, executive secretary to ex-astronaut Gene Cernan's current business enterprise. I had faxed her several questions for Cernan regarding the 1973 Los Angeles Times alleged UFO quotations.

Regarding the interview where he supposedly said he believed UFOs were alien visitors, "Captain Cernan said it's 'not true', or has been misinterpreted." Did Nick Chriss's article accurately reflect Captain Cernan's view: "No."

Did Cernan ever make the remark that he thought UFOs 'were somebody else, some other civilization'" Wrote Johnson, "Captain Cernan said he never said that about UFOs." Regarding Internet posts that claim that Cernan believes UFOs are real, she wrote, "Captain Cernan said, "not me (until I see one)".

Johnson added this comment with Cernan's permission: "Captain Cernan has been in space three times, been to the Moon twice, and has been on or around the Moon about nine days. He should have had ample time 'to meet' a UFO, but has not! The stories are too incredible."

Her letter ended, "I hope the above helps clarify Captain Cernan's beliefs and position."

Jim Oberg

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Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 03:04:46 -0500  
Subject: Filer's Files #50 - 2001

FILER'S FILES #50 MUFON Skywatch Investigations  
George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern  
December 12, 2001, [Majorstar@AOL.COM](mailto:Majorstar@AOL.COM).  
Webmaster Chuck Warren <http://www.filersfiles.com>,

UFOs have been reported in New Jersey, North Carolina, Alabama, Illinois, Louisiana, Kansas, Colorado, California, Mexico, Ireland, Italy, and Australia. Scientific evidence of UFOs damaging the paint on automobiles in the US Northeast and Australia.

### NORTHEAST

Charlene sent this e-mail, "I write you hesitantly and grudgingly, not wanting to have talked about this outside my marriage, but my husband has badgered me to report the event. I will therefore explain the incident on condition of 100% complete anonymity. I am a 30-year-old professional female, I'm not particularly interested in science, science fiction, nor have I seriously entertained the idea of UFO's previously.

On November 7, 2001, at approximately 1:00 AM, I had just finished a lovely dinner while visiting with my parents in a rural area. On my way home I was driving along a dirt road, which cuts through farmland until it accesses the main road. I was about half way along the access road when I noticed in front of my car an area that could best be described as distorted, like heat waves coming off a hot asphalt road in the middle of summer. (We live by the way in the Northeast, so it was certainly less than warm in mid November.) The headlights of the car began to flicker the radio, which I was listening to keep me alert for the ride home crackled then died. The engine stopped and I can only describe what happened next as a red glowing almost translucent, like a red glowing stove element, somewhat irregular shaped object appeared about 20 feet in front of my car, slightly to the left and hovered about 10 feet off the ground. The object sort of just appeared like it burst onto the scene from nowhere. I certainly did not notice anything peculiar previously to the object appearing. The object was irregular in shape, roundish but the edges were not well-defined and seemed to wobble or change almost like a cartoon animation. The object also seemed to be giving off sparks or something. The object maintained the same position for five minutes, best described as, morphed, or changed its shape into a pillar like shape, and its color went from translucent red to platinum silver and shot straight up into the sky at incredible speed.

The car began functioning again, the radio came back on, and I continued home convincing myself I had imagined the whole thing, that I was still sleepy. When I got home I explained the whole thing to my husband. My husband went out to check the car and noticed spots on the hood of the car where the paint had bubbled as if burned. The radio functioned but the CD player and digital clock no longer work. This was an odd experience to say the least and have talked to no one about it but my husband. We don't know what to make of this experience except that we are in agreement not to talk of this to anyone for fear of ridicule or worse. I have been having nightmares ever since and hope that perhaps by relating my experience can somehow

alleviate some of the stress this episode has caused. Since this episode I cannot drive alone at night and even during the day prefer to be accompanied. The stress is beginning to take a toll, a patch of hair on my head has fallen out, and I suffer from headaches and sporadic shooting pains up my spine. I have sought medical attention for the physical symptoms and they can find nothing wrong. If the psychological symptoms don't subside I may seek professional help for them as well although I do not want to have to relate this experience to anyone. Thanks to Charlene.

#### NEW JERSEY ATLANTIC OCEAN ENTRY CYLINDER

Bonnie writes that on December 2, 2001, "I rose early, around 5:00 AM to run before the day starts; I let the dog out, most mornings." It's predawn, there is a full moon high in the sky, and to the east the sky is just getting purple. The dog is doing her thing. The moon is so pretty I stare at it for a bit, and under the moon is a thing, it's invisible in a night sky, but it is outlined by the moon's glow. I try to make it a plane, but it has no wings, no tail, and no nose. It is cylindrical, has flat ends, I think it looks like a pole. As I stare at it, it starts to move like a blimp, slow. It was lying horizontally under the moon, and it moves in jerky movements (like a rubber band, hard to explain) until it is vertical. Then it stops. Then a light came out of one of the ends, and it looks like a star. Indistinguishable from the other stars. (had I not seen it I never would have known). Then I believe I saw the first "shooting star" I've ever seen, when it took off in a southeasterly direction, which from here is the Atlantic ocean. The whole thing took place in a 15 minute span of time, at no time did it occur to me to get a camera, or call a family member. Thanks to Bonnie

#### NORTH CAROLINA RECTANGLE

SYLVA -- Gene writes that on October 8, 2001, at 10:00 PM, I walked to the deck in front of my house, looked up at the sky, and saw directly over my head a UFO flying south. The shape was a rectangle about 10 X 5 inches traveling like an airplane wing, completely lighted in an orange yellow color with flashing or rotating lights of blue and purple and a blood red bubble which expanded and contracted on the right three inches of this object. There was no sound and I observed this for 5 to 8 seconds. The next night at about 10:00 PM, I walked out of the back door of my house and looked toward the heavens and there straight above me was the same or another UFO like I had seen the night before. This time it was flying from west which would make the two sightings to intersect over my house here at in Western North Carolina which is: 35 degrees 20 minutes north latitude 82 degrees 15 minutes west longitude.

I had been talking to God regarding what the Magi or Wiseman saw that is called a Star in Matthew, which they saw two times. Once in the land they came from and then it accompanied them from Jerusalem to Nazareth where "it stopped over the place where the Child was." I am not surmising anything this just happened to me, and I was "overjoyed" just like the Magi were. By looking up supernovae on the Internet, I got a picture with these colors by searching "Barry Setterfield" who produced the video "The Christmas Star" which a friend Dr. Silas Anderson gave me in 1984, which showed me that Christ was born sometime in September or October. This showed me the date of October 1st which I had underlined several years before in Genesis 8:5. The colors in this picture are the same as I saw on the UFO. To see a supernova with all its colors go to: <http://www.ldolphin.org/zodiac/> then click on Signs in the Stars. In Christ, Gene. Thanks to Gene

#### ALABAMA CYLINDER

NORTH ALABAMA -- On December 2, 2001, the witness observed a slow moving oblong shaped object metallic in color headed east at 1:35 PM. The object made not no noise and disappeared in a flash.

#### ILLINOIS BRIGHT BALL OF LIGHT

LEBANON -- On December 4, 2001, and several previous nights at 10:50 PM on my way home from work driving north on Route 4 towards Lebanon from Scott Air Force Base and while driving

east on new Route 50 to Carlyle I witness a ball of light moving across the sky at a very high rate of speed. I can't tell it's altitude or size. I drive at 65 mph and it comes into my view as I leave the base and it is gone out of my sight before I reach Breese, Illinois. The drive takes about 15 minutes. The object must cover about 300 statute miles in that time frame. It is first visible from the southwest looking from Lebanon and last visible in the northeast over Vandalia from the same vantage point.

((NUFORC Note: We have no idea what the witness has been viewing. However, since the witness apparently has been in motion during his sighting, we feel that he may have been witnessing a (stationary) celestial body, which gives the impression that it is moving, given that the witness has been moving. PD))

#### LOUISIANA TWO LARGE LOW ALTITUDE CIGARS

SOUTH BOSSIER -- On December 1, 2001, the witness heard a tremendous roaring sound, making his house vibrate, so he went outside on his deck to see two large low altitude craft flying over at 8:45 PM. The craft were about 2,000 feet or less in altitude. They had a strange lighting configuration. Both craft had very bright red lights in the center, and bright white lights on front and back. It was a clear night for viewing. The craft had no wing lights or small tail lights, just lights spanning the length of both craft! They had no green light or other lights that FAA requires. The craft were extremely noisy, rumbling and roaring, to the point, I feared a crash was about to occur! They were in view for too long to be conventional jets, judging by their size and altitude. Being so low and large, it was hard for me to comprehend how they could stay airborne. There may have been more than two, but when I went outside, only two were evident. Both were about the size of B-52 bombers. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC [www.ufocenter.com](http://www.ufocenter.com).

#### KANSAS STREAMS OF CYLINDRICAL OBJECTS

WINFIELD -- On December 1, 2001, the witnesses saw an object made up of streaming light that was approximately 1 1/2 miles long that made no sound. It was basically three streams of light that were blue in color. Two streams were originating from the cylindrical objects at 10:38 PM. Within the light streams were gold looking objects that on first observation looked like sparks. Intermixed within the sparks and blue rivers of light were many round shapes which were in reds and greens. These objects held formation. The blue streams of light appeared to be a half mile long though it was difficult to judge the size as it may have been very large and far away even though it appeared to be very low and close. The whole thing was humongous. I guessed it to be 1 1/2 mile total length and moving at a very high rate of speed. There was absolute silence as it glided through a cloudless sky. This was preceded by two small light sources that looked like the eyes of the craft. We were unable to make out any structure and could only clearly see the streams of light. The light coming from "the eyes" was very contained and had no light between them and the craft, and the light source did not create a beam. They appeared to be totally independent. There appeared to be shades of red, green and blue lights around the cylindrical objects that we could see. When we switched off the headlights and engine to the car, it flashed a green light in our direction.

Fifteen minutes prior to this sighting, we had noticed a light in the sky falling straight down towards the earth that we thought was a meteor. We were just southeast of Winfield when we saw this. We drove through Winfield, and were about 5 miles north when we saw this craft. It came from the southwest going rapidly to the northeast. From the inside of the car, the view filled the whole windshield. At first it appeared to be two B-1b Bombers flying in very close and low formation. I got out of the car because I could not believe what I was seeing and realized there was no sound. We watched intently for the next few minutes until it just disappeared behind some trees. We headed in the general direction and never caught sight of it again. We tried to use our cell phone but had a huge echo and a lot of static. I am a recently retired Numerical Control Programmer for Boeing aircraft in the tool engineering department.

Editor's Note: NORAD announced that moving from the southwest to northeast pieces of a Proton rocket had disintegrated in Earth's atmosphere. NORAD has had a sudden increase in the number of uncorrelated targets reaching one hundred a day. The time difference between the two sightings is unexplained.

WICHITA -- At 10:20 PM, the witness spotted a formation of 18 to 20 bright objects leaving contrails on December 1, 2001. An entire formation (18 to 20 objects) of very "hot" streaking objects moved across the sky from our location moving from southwest to northeast. The "formation was led by two very bright lights leaving streaks of orange/yellow contrails. The balance of the objects (each leaving an orange very long very bright contrail) followed. The only description I can think of to describe the formation was like an almost dry paint brush run across a wall. The number of objects tended to decrease as they proceeded northeast from this location in Southwest Wichita. ((NUFORC Note: We suspect the witness is describing the reentry event that occurred at approximately 2120 hours. (Mountain) on Saturday, December 01, 2001. Please see: [http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2001/ast03dec\\_1.htm?list4963](http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2001/ast03dec_1.htm?list4963))

4. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### OKLAHOMA GARY SEES LIGHTS IN THE SKY

OKLAHOMA CITY -- Gary England Chief Meteorologist, KWTV NEWS 9, On December 2, 2001, at about 10:15 PM, my wife, two others and myself were in our car traveling south. One of us pointed to the west and said, "What is that?" A somewhat wild scramble to get out of the car for a better look, in the middle of Meridian Avenue, followed that comment. For a moment, the fuzzy lights appeared to be similar to the bottom side of an airliner. But in what seemed like a split second, numerous streaks of bright light were silently blazing across the western sky toward the north. Like so many of you who saw the event, I had never seen anything that could compare to it. It was absolutely beautiful as well as a bit scary for a brief period. I turned to my friend and commented that I certainly hoped we were not observing incoming ICBMs. As it turns out, a rocket was involved. It was a Russian Proton rocket, called SL-2 system. It was launched from Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakstan at 2:04 PM Saturday afternoon and had placed communication satellites in orbit. It then reentered the atmosphere and went into a never to be forgotten long duration, fragmented bright burn across a crystal clear night sky. Gary is a friend of Jim Hickman's and they have worked on several UFO cases together, including the "Unknown Flying" thing. Thanks to Jim Hickman [thehickmanreport@yahoo.com](mailto:thehickmanreport@yahoo.com) Editors Note: A series of witnesses reported the reentry in detail indicating the average witness is rather accurate in their descriptions. Two to 400 UFO reports are received each month indicating that many are actual unknowns.

#### COLORADO DISK

COLORADO SPRINGS -- On December 2, 2001, the witness observed eight Lights in formation flying overhead. There were dots of white, blue and red. They were in a formation pointing east. The brightest was below the moon with two at 50 degrees forming a triangle. Off all three points there was a dimmer light. Then in the north two more lights were over Denver. My brother and I have viewed the R.W.B. for years. This the first time I've seen more than two in the sky. Note at the proper angle the formation appears to be an Eye of Ra pointing towards D.C. I have seen them for years and this is the first time more than two have appeared. Thanks to NUFORC [www.ufocenter.com](http://www.ufocenter.com).

#### CALIFORNIA TRIANGULAR FORMATION AND BLIMP

SANTA ANA/GARDEN GROVE -- While driving in Costa Mesa (Orange County south of Disney Land), at about 7:00 PM, I saw what appeared to be a lighted blimp in the northern sky. It seemed to be somewhere in the air space southwest of the Disney Land Area. As I was driving, I only saw the lighted blimp for a few moments and at a distance but it appeared to be nothing else but a blimp. I submitted this report because the object could very have been reported as a UFO.

ANAHEIM -- The witness a private pilot reports, "I was looking up towards the North Star on December 4, 2001, when all of

sudden I saw two formations of lights in a triangle shape." Each formation was about 15 inches long. After a few seconds they changed formation into one large triangle, and one object was acting like a rover circling the whole triangle, then it added itself on to the formation, and they disappeared into the distance. They were at a very high altitude. I have never seen anything like this or reported anything in my life. I come from a family of fighter pilots and airline pilots, I have been around all kinds of planes and air shows my whole life. The speed and maneuverability of these objects was something I haven't seen before. If anyone else witnessed the same formations I would like to know. They were flying directly Southbound away from North Star.

((NUFORC Note: We spoke with this witness, and he sounded quite level-headed and sincere to us. We suspect that his report has no relationship to the sighting from Santa Ana/Garden Grove from the same date, but two hours earlier. Apparently, the movement of the objects was quite uncharacteristic of migratory birds, aircraft, or any other phenomenon the witness is familiar with. The witness identified himself as being a private pilot. PD)) Thanks

#### MEXICO UFO's SEEN OVER MT POPO AGAIN

MOUNT POPOCATP=C9TL -- Troy Allen notified me he is regularly observing UFOs over Popocatp=E9tl one of the tallest active volcanoes, located sixty kilometers east of Mexico City. Troy is not located near the volcano but monitors the volcano's observation camera. Troy noticed on November 27, 2001, around 8:00 AM there were dark objects circling the volcano. Their speed and size ruled out birds or aircraft. Numerous UFOs have been sighted and caught on the volcano's observation cameras. Over sixty UFOs were spotted this summer alone. The volcano is active and often has cloud cover, but the UFOs are comparatively dark and can frequently be seen through clouds. They appear as dark specs but move like a powered craft. UFO s have had an interest in the volcano since its December 21, 1994, eruption, ending decades of slumber. Residents of the Popocatepetl area have also reported seeing lights that "fly" over the volcano for several years. Troy says, "After almost a year of repeated surveillance and a few thousand photos later, it is my belief that the so-called UFO flying saucer phenomenon in fact is a very real thing that is accruing throughout the world." Thanks to Troy.

#### IRELAND DISK

DUBLIN -- On December 2, 2001, the witnesses observed a disk with red and white lights on it that just seemed to hover to the west! As we stopped at the traffic lights my Mam looked out the window and to her surprise she saw a disk shaped flying object in front of her! The craft started moving and she told all six of us to look out the window! As we looked out we all saw a craft with a red lights and white lights on it! It just seemed to hover to the west of the car! As we drove off it vanished out of sight! Thanks to NUFORC [www.ufocenter.com](http://www.ufocenter.com).

#### ITALY FEWER UFO REPORTS IN OCTOBER

A slump has been confirmed in the number of UFO reports published by Italian newspapers. This may be the result of the shift in mass media attention to the dramatic news events occurring at the international level. In fact, only 42 clippings appear with reference to the UFO argument, these gathered over the last month by the special agency Eco della Stampa for the Italian Center for UFO Studies. There being a sharp drop compared with the preceding months (monthly data from the last ten years are available on the C.I.S.U Internet site: <http://www.arpnet.it/ufo/ecotot.htm>). The trend was also reflected in the number of sighting reports, which abruptly diminished during the second half of September. The data relative to the month of October confirm nonetheless the end of the summer wave) will be distributed by the C.I.S.U. next week. This is the English translation of UFOTEL, a free phone/Internet information service on UFOs edited weekly by Edoardo Russo for the Italian Center for UFO Studies (Centro Italiano Studi Ufologici), at <http://www.arpnet.it/ufo/ultime.htm>

#### AUSTRALIA MAN FOLLOWED BY UFO

BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND -- A report has just come into MUFON from a man returning home from work in the suburb of Fernvale. On arriving just out of Ipswich his wife contacted him by mobile phone to pick up some milk on his way home. He stopped at a small shop at 7.35 PM, just this side of Brassall fifteen minutes drive from his home in Fernvale. As he drove along he became aware of a bright light on the horizon. He said that usually he drives at around 100 kilometers per hour (60 mph) on this stretch of road, but found himself doing 135 kilometers (80 mph). As he drove on, the light became bigger as he got closer, it seemed to be stationary then as he got a little closer his immediate thought was, that it was someone on a motor bike. As he got closer still the color seemed to change from the color of a halogen light to the reddish/orange. This light went over his car and was about 45 degrees above the trees on the passenger side of the car, it seemed to keep abreast with him, so he sped up. It kept just ahead of his car. When I asked him how big this light was? He said, 'if you stretched out your arm it would be about 8 inches in diameter,' he would gauge the height it traveled was about 20 feet above the trees.

He contacted his wife by mobile phone and asked her to go outside and look in his direction at this object in the sky. She said that she watched it for about five minutes before it flew in a south west direction. Malcolm claims that he watched it for a good fifteen minutes. Malcolm had phoned me around 9:15 PM to report the incident. I asked him was anything different regarding his car or clothes, skin etc. He asked me to wait while he checked out his car. Malcolm came back to the phone rather puzzled, he found a type of dust imbedded in his car on the passenger's side, roof and the front of the bonnet (hood) also around the trim on the doors-when he shined a large spotlight on the paint work he found that the colors were imbedded into paint work of the car -- like a brown, creamy color and other colors seemed to glitter. When he ran his hand over the paint work he found that the dust particles felt like fine sand paper. I asked him to scrape off some of the residue so that we can have it examined. On questioning Malcolm - it would appear a time distortion (lapse) had taken place. Usually it only takes him about 15 minutes to reach home from Brassall, the time he arrived home at 8:50 PM. It would appear that he had an hour of lost time. Malcolm has been a truck driver for many years. Up until now has never had any interest in or taken notice of UFO's. A pretty down to earth chap. I will interview him tomorrow. Thanks to Rev. Glennys Mackay, J.P. Continental Director MUFON AUST. & NZ.

#### FLYING TRIANGLES OURS

MUFON's Tom Deuley writes that we might be interested in the new "Popular Science Magazine" for December 2001. There are two aircraft, either of which the public would likely report as a UFO. One of these, on page 39, is Boeing's X-45, an Unmanned Combat Air Vehicle (UCAV). It has completed ground testing and is likely in flight-testing. The second one, on page 71, had no name or designator mentioned, but has a wingspan of 38 meters, is triangular, and can take off and land vertically, (hover). It is beginning to appear that most of the black triangular UFOs are ours, but as I said - no surprise. There is no telling how long these have been around. Thanks to Tom Deuley

#### IRAN LITTLE-KNOWN FORMATION RESEMBLES FACE ON MARS

Mac Tonnie writes, "There is a decidedly unusual face formation located in Iran. This artificial-appearing feature shares a striking, if superficial, resemblance to the Face on Mars as revealed in its entirety by the Mars Global Surveyor. The highly symmetrical base "platform" and tapered "chin."

The exact archaeological/geological history of Iran's peculiar "platform" is presently unknown. As noted previously, NASA has written the Face off as a "hill" based on one JPL employee's personal position that the Face "reminds" him of a hill. JPL's "hill" is the perfectly natural-looking Middle Butte formation, exposed by Ian Fleming of the Society for Planetary SETI Research. If the formation in the Mideast is natural, it is obviously a far superior example of bisymmetry occurring via normal geological forces than Middle Butte. It appears Iran's "platform" is a deliberately sculpted monument, and we are

presented with the opportunity to see what a "Face-like" terrestrial artifact has to tell us about the enigmatic visage on Mars' surface. Such comparative anthropology is a crucial component in any attempt to assess possible extraterrestrial artifacts. Thanks to Mac Tonnies <http://mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> and [http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/MUS/PA/IRAN/PAAI/PAAI\\_Surveys.htm](http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/MUS/PA/IRAN/PAAI/PAAI_Surveys.htm)  
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Editor's Note: I have repeatedly told our readers that various features on Mars appear artificial. Tunnels, buildings, walls, pyramids, water and plants are evident. These could theoretically be natural on Mars, but they are most likely evidence of life and cultural activities. This seems particularly likely because of relationship and symmetry of the artifacts in relations to each other. JPL who is charge of the exploration deliberately misrepresents the Face and other features to the public. Even relatively unimportant features such as blue skies are intentionally changed to red skies, so the public remains unsuspecting. This inexcusable misrepresentation of the space science data is deliberate. I ask why? The logical answer is they have been ordered to hide the fact that there is life in space and on other planets.

#### NEW NASA SHUTTLE VIDEO OF UFOs IN SPACE

Jeff Challender has prepared a new tape of various UFOs that were caught on recent Shuttle video footage. Jeff has over a hour-long tape of UFOs shot in space. Jeff spends hundreds of hours watching the shuttle broadcasts from space and is now an expert on NASA missions and even those onboard the shuttle are unlikely to see what Jeff does. Using Jeff's directions you will be able to learn the difference between space junk, ice crystals and real UFOs. I feel confident we could go into a court of law and convince any jury that there are UFOs moving at high speed around the Earth. Send \$25 to: Jeff Challender 2768 Mendel Way - Sacramento, California 95833-2011

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Happy Holidays, George Filer

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GARFINKEL BIDS FAREWELL

Steven Garfinkel, who has overseen the evolution of the government secrecy system as director of the Information Security Oversight Office for the past two decades, gave a stirring valedictory address yesterday in anticipation of his upcoming retirement.

"I leave government most proud of having protected every bit of the classified information with which I have been entrusted," Garfinkel said.

But classification is only half of the story. "No one can be expected to take secrecy seriously if far too much information that is no longer sensitive remains classified."

"That is why I leave government equally proud of the unprecedented accomplishments in declassification that we in the executive branch have achieved over the past seven years. Long after all of us have been forgotten, these hundreds of millions of pages of declassified records will still be telling the story of our government and our nation."

Speaking to the American Society of Access Professionals, an audience comprised mainly of freedom of information officers and other government information workers, he extolled the importance of their work.

"What you do every day on the job is what is truly meaningful in the area of access to government information," he said. By comparison, official pronouncements like the recent Attorney General memorandum on the Freedom of Information Act are "all but meaningless."

"As an access professional, you play a critical role in establishing and maintaining the openness that sets us apart, that defines our democracy," Garfinkel said.

The prepared text of Mr. Garfinkel's remarks is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/isoo/garfinkel.html>

Garfinkel's colleagues and friends are organizing a celebration in his honor on January 30, 2002. Security clearances are not required. An invitation providing further information is posted here (in PowerPoint format):

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/isoo/retirement.ppt>

#### BIOLOGICAL AGENT DATA EXEMPTED FROM DISCLOSURE

Congress is poised to adopt new legislation that will exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act information about the locations and quantities of certain biological agents and toxins.

The new FOIA exemption was included in the Senate version of the pending defense appropriations bill, adopted last week, and in a House bioterrorism response bill:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2001/dod-bio.html>

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2001/hr3448.html#disc>

Similar language was also approved in the House in October.

"I don't have a problem with the FOIA exemption," said one government scientist, since it would apply "only to information that was collected for the purpose of implementing biological agent registration [of agent locations and quantities]."

"However, I wouldn't want this provision to prevent publication by an agency of a scientific paper attributed to a particular lab that makes it clear that select agents were used at that facility," the scientist said.

This unintended consequence could be averted by inserting a new provision in the legislation to permit disclosure for purposes of "promoting scientific research," in addition to the existing allowance for disclosure "protecting the public health and safety."

"I would personally argue that scientific research is necessary to protect public health and safety -- making this addition unnecessary -- but I'm not sure that everyone else would agree," the scientist said.

#### FRUS VOLUME ON GREECE DELAYED AGAIN

The long-delayed volume of the official Foreign Relations of the United States that documents US policy towards Greece and Cyprus in the mid-1960s is still delayed.

Release of some 1500 printed copies of the volume has been postponed for nearly two years, reportedly because of CIA concerns that documentation of its intervention in Greek elections four decades ago could precipitate acts of anti-US terrorism in Greece.

In an October 2001 status report, the State Department said the FRUS volume on Greece had a "publication target" of December 2001.

But a State Department official this week refused to comment on the volume's current status.

"I would if I could," said the official, who is ordinarily very helpful. But "I'm in the 'don't ask, don't tell' mode. So no comment."

No explanation for the new delay was immediately forthcoming. But in a possibly related development, the Greek newspaper Ta Nea in Athens reported on December 9 that US and UK security agencies are pressing "harder than ever" for apprehension of the Greek terrorist organization November 17. See:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2001/12/nov17.html>

#### WEN HO LEE DEPOSED

Former Los Alamos scientist Wen Ho Lee was recently deposed in a lawsuit brought by the conservative activist organization Judicial Watch, representing former Energy Department intelligence official Notra Trulock.

Wen Ho Lee was the object of an aggressive prosecution in 1999-2000 that ultimately collapsed, with Lee pleading guilty to one felony count of mishandling classified information, while earning an apology from the court for the abuse that he endured in the course of his nine-month pre-trial incarceration.

Now Mr. Trulock and Judicial Watch are suing Wen Ho Lee for supposedly defaming Trulock.

But Lee said he didn't even know who Trulock was. "I know he sue me. That's all."

Among the lawsuit's allegations is the claim that Mr. Trulock was defamed by certain affidavits placed on the web site wenholee.org which suggested that Trulock was a racist or that he had singled out Lee for investigation because he was Chinese.

But the premise of this Judicial Watch claim is mistaken insofar as the affidavits in question were never posted on the wenholee.org web site, but rather were published on the Federation of American Scientists web site. Wenholee.org merely provided embedded links to the documents on the FAS site. (Besides which, Wen Ho Lee has no responsibility for the contents of his supporters' web site.)

The transcript of the rather excruciating October 10 deposition of Lee was released late last month and is posted here:

<http://www.judicialwatch.org/cases/79/Leedeposition.htm>

The judge in the case ruled that Lee had improperly declined to answer too many of Judicial Watch's questions and a further deposition has been scheduled for later this month, according to an Associated Press report.

#### RESOURCES

The indictment of suspected al Qaeda member Zacarias Moussaoui, announced by the Justice Department yesterday, is available here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/world/para/docs/mous\\_indict.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/world/para/docs/mous_indict.html)

Members of the House of Representatives paid tribute to the late CIA officer Johnny Micheal Spann in a resolution adopted yesterday:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2001\\_cr/h121101.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2001_cr/h121101.html)

A bill "to provide for the sharing of certain foreign intelligence information with local law enforcement personnel" has been introduced by Senators Schumer, Clinton, Leahy and Hatch. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2001/s1615.html>

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## Re: Italian UFO Newsflash No. 335 - Goldstein

From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 00:55:04 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 03:10:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: Italian UFO Newsflash No. 335 - Goldstein

>Date: Wed, 12 Dec 2001 12:21:14 +0100  
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>From: Edoardo Russo <[e.russo@cisu.org](mailto:e.russo@cisu.org)>  
>Subject: Italian UFO Newsflash No. 335

>ITALIAN UFO NEWSFLASH

>ISSUE NO. 335 - 22 NOVEMBER 2001

>by the Italian Center for UFO Studies  
>(Centro Italiano Studi Ufologici, CISU)

>Contents:

>- C.I.S.U. Magazine Becomes a Quarterly  
>- UFO Lecture At CCR Euratom  
>- A UFO Book From CICAP, Too  
>- Riccione: No New Year's UFOs

<snip>

>Riccione: No New Year's UFOs

>The American attacks of 11 September have derailed the landing  
>of UFOs in the center of Riccione on New Year's Night.

>The Councillorship of Tourism had actually planned "The Landing  
>of Spacecraft with Lights and Lasers," in Roma Square, as a  
>pyrotechnic closure to a promotional campaign which, since this  
>Spring, has seized upon UFOs as a testimonial to Romagna, until  
>July's landing hoax scandal involving traces.

Hi lucky Listerions,

As Jimbo Morty recently said to Alfie Lehmberg, "Huh"? Was this a hoaxed Italian landing in with hoaxed landing traces, or what? Can someone fill in this question? Hey, Larry buddy? Please put down your beer and check this out.

Who knows, I may have read a report on this incident right here on this hallowed list, only to have it fall through the holes in my herbalizrd memory retrieval software.

But, I would have remembered faked UFO landing traces. So, once again, huh? What is Romagna?

>The airliners hijacked and crashed over New York and Washington  
>rendered this an impossibility, however. Following the  
>already-announced ceasing of the campaign built around alien  
>visitors, it was therefore necessary with good reason also to  
>abandon the UFO invasion of San Silvestro.

>[Il Resto del Carlino, Rimini Edition, 8 November; collaboration  
>by Roberto Labanti.]

<snip>

I can certainly understand why the "UFO invasion of San

Silvestro" was canceled after Sept. 11. However, if next year you decide to restage the "Landing Of Spacecraft With Lights and Lasers" and/or the invasion, please remember to post an early announcement on this list. It could be quite a spectacle.

Herr Josh Goldstein <g>  
Berlin

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## Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 12 Dec 2001 20:46:18 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 03:24:06 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Rudiak

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>Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg?  
>Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 13:24:05 -0600

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>>Subject: Whither Might Herr Oberg?  
>>Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 12:07:24 -0600

>>I've recently received some information in the form of an  
>>observation on the activities of one James (ashamed of his  
>>apostrophe?) Oberg. Herr Oberg, arguably the ufological  
>>negativist's preeminent apologist and pretender to the  
>>skeptibunky throne of Philip Klass (an heir apparent with no  
>>hair apparent and a likely product of hairy parents?), is  
>>perhaps nothing but a crass shill for the politics of  
>>axe-grinding deceit, it seems.

>This is precious, I've just got to share it with my buddies, and  
>it may well be worth a year-end bonus from my handlers that will  
>finally enable me to purchase that island in the Bahamas I've  
>had my eye on. Y'all come visit!

>As to what apostrophe, or what Germanic insinuations are  
>referenced, I'm as clueless as the next rationale being...  
><grin>

>I take it then that the 'X-15 UFO Case' is settled?

>JimO

Would anybody buy a used car from this man?

As anybody who followed Oberg's performance can verify, the only things that were clearly settled from the X-15 debate were that:

1. "Aerospace expert" James Oberg seemed to have a very hard time getting certain factual information about the X-15 correct.
2. James Oberg also seemed to manufacture totally fallacious information in order to try to salvage his original debunking "explanation."
3. James Oberg never apologized for or explained his curious, inane "errors."
4. James Oberg ducked a challenges to explain the anomalous object described by X-15 pilot Bob White, namely a) What the heck exactly was it? b) How the heck did it get tens of feet from the X-15 off to the side of the pilot's cabin? c) How the heck did it remain motionless relative to the X-15? 5. After all this, all he has to say is "I take it then that the 'X-15 UFO Case' is settled."

Good ole Herr Oberg, as slippery as ever.

New Herr Oberg alert!!

Remember the Eugene Cernan UFO quote on the Net that Oberg tried to claim was fallacious and how the "UFO believers" couldn't provide him with a citation?

Remember how it turned out to be a correct quote from a genuine article in the Los Angeles Times on a NASA press conference involving the Apollo17 crew?

Remember how Oberg said he was going to try to find the original videotape and transcript to verify that the quote was correct?

Remember how I predicted he wasn't going to find anything and would somehow try to spin it instead into the Times reporter misinterpreting or misquoting Cernan?

Remember how I joking said that Oberg was NASA's Taliban thought police trying to discredit even relatively benign astronaut UFO quotes such as Cernan's?

Well read on! I have been alerted by others about Oberg just posting this on another group. I guess it got too hot for Herr Oberg here on UpDates after his X-15 debacle.

Notice how Oberg tries to spin the story. He is nothing if not predictable.

<http://junjun.com/cgi-bin/boards/whispers/config.pl?read=24625>

[Whispers is junjun.com's UFO discussion forum --ebk]

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Cernan UFO Quote is Bogus (YAWN!!)  
Posted By: jimo <[jamesoberg@aol.com](mailto:jamesoberg@aol.com)>  
Date: Wednesday, 12 December 2001, at 12:36 p.m.

There's a common Internet quote attributed to astronaut Cernan that he believes UFOs are real.

Today I received a letter dated December 10, 2001, from Claire D. Johnson, executive secretary to ex-astronaut Gene Cernan's current business enterprise. I had faxed her several questions for Cernan regarding the 1973 Los Angeles Times alleged UFO quotations.

Regarding the interview where he supposedly said he believed UFOs were alien visitors, "Captain Cernan said it's 'not true', or has been misinterpreted." Did Nick Chriss's article accurately reflect Captain Cernan's view: "No."

Did Cernan ever make the remark that he thought UFOs 'were somebody else, some other civilization'? Wrote Johnson, "Captain Cernan said he never said that about UFOs." Regarding Internet postings that claim that Cernan believes UFOs are real, she wrote, "Captain Cernan said, 'not me (until I see one)'".

Johnson added this comment with Cernan's permission: "Captain Cernan has been in space three times, been to the Moon twice, and has been on or around the Moon about nine days. He should have had ample time 'to meet' a UFO, but has not! The stories are too incredible."

Her letter ended, "I hope the above helps clarify Captain Cernan's beliefs and position."

<http://junjun.com/cgi-bin/boards/whispers/config.pl?read=24634>

Michael, go back to sleep.. (snore)

Posted By: jimo <[jamesoberg@aol.com](mailto:jamesoberg@aol.com)>  
Date: Wednesday, 12 December 2001, at 4:05 p.m.  
In Response To: Re: Cernan UFO Quote is Bogus (YAWN!!) (Michael)

The WWW UFO sites are full of a quotation attributed to Cernan that he thinks UFOs are alien spacecraft.

I have established that the quotation is bogus by asking Cernan.

It has nothing to do whether UFOs exist or not.

It has everything to do with whether UFO proponents have any intellectual integrity.

Those who are awake, that is... (grin)

Here is the common version:

Commander Eugene Cernan  
Eugene Cernan was commander of Apollo 17. In a Los Angeles Times article in 1973 he said, about UFOs: "...I've been asked (about UFOs) and I've said publicly I thought they (UFOs) were somebody else, some other civilization."

Turns out, he says he never said that.

Do you expect any of the UFO sites to correct their material?

Laugh of the month, yuck yuck!

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Gadzooks, the man has no shame!

The article was genuine. Oberg provided no evidence that the quote was inaccurate as reported in the LA Times. Did Oberg even fax the original LA Times article, or just a single quote excerpted from that article? What happened to the original NASA videotape and transcript that he said he was going to check? In the end all he can come up with is a canned denial from Cernan's secretary 30 years after the fact (assuming he didn't make this up, like he seems to make up a lot of his other material).

From this he claims that he, James Oberg, NASA's Minister of Truth, has "established" that the Cernan quote was "bogus," yes, definitely bogus. If the "UFO proponents" don't immediately "correct their material" to reflect his new politically correct version they have no "intellectual integrity."

Seems to me, it's not the "UFO proponents" who are the ones lacking in intellectual integrity here.

David Rudiak

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### Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars... -

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Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 03:44:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars... -

Thank you for your comments, Mac, Jim, Christopher, and Lan,

I was really just testing the water to see what the reaction would be to a speculative theory which I have, and it seems that my theory should be readily accepted by this forum.

I speculate that the Moon is actually made of cheese. Now I realise that this may sound ridiculous, but if you spend as many hours as I have following up this theory, I am sure that you will reach the same conclusion.

Here are two facts which I am sure everyone will agree with and are really very obvious, but don't occur to people without some prompting:

1. The colour of the Moon is remarkably similar to that of most varieties of cheese.
2. The Moon has a strikingly similar shape to many varieties of cheese.

These facts started me thinking that perhaps it really is cheese?

"Aaah", I hear you say, "astronauts have landed on the Moon, and they say it is made of rock!".

Nonsense! My response to that is that it is well documented that the moon landing was faked in order for NASA to secure Federal funding. This fact has even been broadcast on television! No educated person believes that the Moon landings really took place!

Take it from me, the cheese industry is the only organisation to have set foot on the Moon.

"But you can see the craters from meteors on the surface!"

Yes, a minority of them are meteor craters, but most of them are in fact cheese mines, which have an identical appearance. It is obvious that if so many craters were produced by meteor impacts, there would be no life on Earth, because we would experience proportionally far more meteor impacts than the Moon, due to our greater mass.

If you look at the Moon through a telescope, you can just make out the roads used to convey the cheese from the mines to the processing plants (which also show up as regular formations on the surface).

This activity is also the only possible explanation for the reported flashes of light from the surface, which is caused by sunlight reflecting off polished metal and glass surfaces which are rotated to capture energy from the sun for use by the processing plants.

"But everyone knows that cheese is made from cows milk!"

It is true that some speciality "cheeses" are manufactured from

cows milk, but this only makes up a tiny proportion of global cheese production. Cheese produced in this way is in fact artificial, and could only deliver sufficient quantities until the development of mass-marketing, which fortuitously coincided with Earth's earliest ventures into space.

Just consider how much milk would be required to satisfy market demand for cheese on a worldwide scale-the number of cattle required to produce such a quantity would not fit on the planet. Even if the cattle were stacked in special high rise buildings, the amount of Methane produced by them would poison the atmosphere.

It would however be an alternative to the internet for a source of bovine solid waste products.....

"It would be too expensive to ship the cheese from the Moon to Earth!".

This is a blatant fallacy. Firstly, the gravity on the Moon is far less than the gravity on Earth. It is obvious that once you get a mile or so above the surface of the Moon, the Earth's gravity will draw the cheese containers towards it, so it costs very little.

Very large containers are used, and they are programmed to land in remote parts of the Antarctic ocean where they are recovered by secret superfreighters.

Sometimes, the trajectory of these containers passes over populated areas, and this is a major source of UFO reports.

The location also reduces preservation costs while the bulk cheese is processed for the retail market, as refrigeration isn't needed at the Antarctic processing plants.

The cost of production of cheese in this way, as opposed to maintaining livestock, processing milk, and extended storage during the maturation process on Earth is less than one percent of organic production costs.

"Somebody would find out about it, and tell the world!"

This is the macabre part-the workforce used in the production are genetically engineered clones. They are mute, and of low intelligence, but are trained for specific tasks in the industry. They have no knowledge of the rest of humanity, and accept their existence without question or pay of any kind. They live exclusively on a diet of cheese. They are, in fact, a genetically engineered slave race.

The authorities are given a portion of the profits to ensure their co-operation, and they actively suppress any information about the Lunar cheese industry in order to protect this undeclared income which is used for their black budgets.

The retail industry is totally unaware of the facts, and believes that all cheese is produced from milk.

"What other evidence is there to support the theory?"

1. Global warming. As cheese is excavated from the Moon, the mass of the Moon is gradually reduced. This mass atrophy is not immediately obvious, and is very minute, but it affects the tidal systems and hence the weather systems on Earth. This evidence is all around us, but Science has not officially considered the true source of the phenomenon yet.

2. The physical characteristics of the cheese.

Artificial (ie produced from milk) cheese has natural blemishes caused by the organic biochemical processes involved. Real cheese (Lunar) is very smooth in texture, with no air pockets due to the lack of any significant Lunar atmosphere.

3. The reaction of the cheese industry to enquiries about the theory.

If the theory was incorrect, you would expect the cheese industry to provide verifiable statistics to show where all the cheese in the market place comes from.

Instead, they attempt to discredit the theory by describing it as "Wild, unfounded speculation, with no basis in reality", without offering any counter-argument. This is definite proof that they have something to hide. A number of investigators following up this theory have disappeared or died under mysterious circumstances.

#### 4. The amount of "Scientific" expeditions to the Antarctic.

These missions are a cover for industry related personell to make business trips to the area. What is there in the region for Scientists to study? Just snow and water. The claims of an abundance of meteorites in the area are false, but large numbers are shipped from the Moon in the cheese containers then "discovered" on the snow plains.

This is in addition to the the other evidence mentioned before, ie the similarity in colour and shape, the evidence of mining activity, processing plants and roads, the flashes from the solar power stations, the Lunar landing hoax, the excessive presence of meteor impact craters, reports of UFO's, the fact that Earth could not support sufficient milk production to satisfy demand, and the false reports about the cost of transportation.

"So what if the Moon is made of cheese? I don't care, it's not important!"

The more I dig, the more convinced I am that a revelation will be made in the near future. If we continue to consume cheese at the current rate, in fifty years time the effect on the Moon will be obvious, together with the effects on our ecosystem, and an alternative source of cheese will have to be found. Cheese will be the driving force behind space exploration, so it is of vital importance to humanity. Because of the importance of this matter, I would like everyone to contact their MP/Senator and bring it to their attention.

"This is wild speculation!"

Yes, but speculation is the precursor to discovery. Mark my words, it will all turn out to be as I have written, and my investment of research time will be justified! I have devoted eight years of my life towards researching and exposing this scandal. Now is the time to confront our political leaders and representatives with the proven facts!

Regards, Joe

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## Re: Roswell Is Alive And Well - Gates

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>Subject: Roswell Is Alive And Well  
>Date: Wed, 12 Dec 2001 13:17:47 +0100

>Hello to the List,

>I wish first to add my little piece of "critical thinking" to  
>Karl Pflock's last post to the List, regarding Don Ecker's  
>article in UFO Magazine which revealed that Senator Thurmond had  
>signed an authorization for his preface, with the mention of the  
>provisional title of the book "The Roswell book".

Note it was Don who made the "claim" and showed an alleged document that mentions a so called "The Roswell book."

Having been involved in the publishing industry a few years back I can tell you that had the Senator actually written the forward knowing it was connected to or about Roswell, he would have made some direct mention or reference to it in his intro.

The fact that he did not tells me that he wrote the intro based upon the I walked with Giants book or whatever that was.

>Karl Pflock wrote, on November 19:

><snip>

>>I made a copy of Ecker's piece available to Senator Thurmond's  
>>chief of staff, and a few days ago, I received in return copies  
>>of several very interesting items. One of these is the release  
>>form in the senator's office file, on which ALL the blanks in  
>>text are, well, blank. No "undersigned," no "author," but, most  
>>important, no book title, not even the generic "Roswell Book."  
>>This clearly is the same form reproduced in UFO, as the  
>>senator's signature and date of signing match--but it is as it  
>>was when the original left the senator's office, BEFORE someone  
>>(gee, wonder who?) typed in "Roswell Book." Hmmm...

>Well, at first sight, it seems that this answer by the Senator's  
>chief of staff settles the matter. But on second thought, two  
>options seem to remain open, which are probably unprovable.

It should settle it.

>First option: Senator Thurmond signed a blank authorization and  
>later 'someone' filled the blank with the provisional title  
>"Roswell Book" (please note that it is rather unusual to sign a  
>blank authorization) ;

The first option is likely what happened. It is not unusual to sign a blank authorization as you put it, or write an intro to a book without actually reading every page. I have known people who have done that, as well as only reading one chapter. I have known others who wrote the intro solely based upon a representation provided to them by the individual.

>Second option: Senator Thurmond signed the authorization with  
>the provisional title on it. When the book was published, his  
>office denied it, and now they are compelled to stick to that  
>line. Then make a copy, delete the title, and send a copy of it  
>to Karl Pflock.

This is highly unlikely.

>The only sure thing is 'someone' is lying, but who? I am afraid  
>it is going to be very hard to answer that, but I suggest that  
>we wait for an answer from Don Ecker.

I pretty well know what that answer is going to be. What I would  
be curious about is to ask Don why Corso was claiming towards  
the end that the book got stroked by Birnes and that some/part  
all was not exactly what he said or whatever. Contrast that to  
Birnes who apparently claimed that he faithfully scribed every  
pearl that Corso vomited out.

<snip>

>It seems to me that it has drawn too little attention on this  
>List. Here is a man who was sent by his chief, Major Easley, to  
>a crash site, to see what was going on and report to him. He  
>saw, from a distance, a crashed craft. As he was told to keep it  
>secret, he assumed that it was a crashed B-29, with an atomic  
>bomb.

You know what the skeptibunkers would say? It would go something  
like "Well the witness is mixing up some as yet to be identified  
accident involving a nuclear bomb with the Roswell incident."  
Skeptibunkers are predictable. Note now that I have mentioned  
this the Skeptibunkers will come up with some other obscure line  
of rationalization to dismiss that witness testimony.

Cheers,

Robert

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars

<snip>

>Here is another pearl of wisdom with probably zero probative  
>value. Why does the structure in Iran bear a closer resemblance  
>to the late Ayatollah Khomeini than it does to the face on Mars?

I don't think the Iran platform looks like a face; it was the general structure and shape that caught my eye. However, you'd think that the people who built this would have had a culturally significant reason for doing so, so maybe the "headdress"-like platform we see is exactly that. I would love some straight-down photos of this thing.

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"But last night the plans for a future war were  
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## Re: Oregon Red Sphere - Hatch

From: Larry <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Wed, 12 Dec 2001 15:47:11 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 05:49:55 -0500  
Subject: Re: Oregon Red Sphere - Hatch

>Date: Wed, 12 Dec 2001 13:16:33 -0500  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Oregon Red Sphere  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

>>Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 15:23:20 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Oregon Red Sphere

>>>Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 22:26:40 -0500  
>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>>Subject: Oregon Red Sphere  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

>>>Not too long ago a 74 year old photographer obtained a unique photo:  
>>>a red glowing sphere or orb during the \_daylight\_ and \_close up!

>>>This might be a breakthrough photograph in the "science"  
>>>of orbology(???)

>>>Anyway, check it out!

>>><http://brumac.8k.com/ORedSphere/ORedSphere.html>

>>Very interesting. There is a possible second witness one street  
>>away I take it.

>Not confirmed. There may have been some confusion on the part of  
>of the police who apparently took a report of something that  
>happened "somewhere."

>>If I have this right, the red ball-of-light (BOL) rose from  
>>virtual ground level to the tall treetops, then made a 90-degree  
>>turn toward the coast, presumably West.

>>Did the witness have the impression, or give you the impression,  
>>that this was a case of directed, or intelligently controlled  
>>flight or maneuvering?

>>This would be as opposed to some dimly understood natural  
>>phenomenon like ball lightning might be.

>>The 90 degree turn does not necessitate a non-natural  
>>explanation of course.

>Witness did not imply "intent" or "intelligence" but  
>just reported what it did.

That is refreshing.

>This could be a TRUFO (TRue UFO) of a non-intelligent  
>type ... a previously unknown/unrecognized natural  
>phenomenon. (Note: TRUFOs that give the impression of  
>intelligence... such as by taking avoidance maneuvers  
>or being (apparently) craft of some sort may also be  
>"natural phenomena," but on a level of "natural" that  
>is not yet accepted by science/scientists as real.)

If this is something like ball-lightning, its pretty interesting just for the color and mobility. Maybe there is some subtle clue to BL hidden here.

If its an intelligently directed "object", its near transparency suggests (to me) some high degree of camouflage which would be even more interesting.

What I cannot see is a misperception of something entirely mundane, given we take the man at his word.

Best

- Larry

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## Re: Italian UFO Newsflash No. 335 - Russo

From: **Edoardo Russo** <[e.russo@cisu.org](mailto:e.russo@cisu.org)>  
Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 11:09:45 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 05:52:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: Italian UFO Newsflash No. 335 - Russo

>Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 00:55:04 +0100  
>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Italian UFO Newsflash No. 335

Hi Josh!

>As Jimbo Morty recently said to Alfie Lehmborg, "Huh"? Was this  
>a hoaxed Italian landing in with hoaxed landing traces, or what?

Right so, sir!

>Who knows, I may have read a report on this incident right here  
>on this hallowed list, only to have it fall through the holes in  
>my herbalizrd memory retrieval software.

Just to clear you doubts away, here's the full story you may  
have missed:

From: "Italian UFO Newsflash" No. 323, 16 August 2001

Traces in Riccione: A Publicity Stunt

The matter of the hoaxed landing of a UFO likewise had legal  
repercussions in Riccione, which has held center-stage since the  
end of July.

The news reports issued on the radio and TV during last 26 July  
(and relayed by the press agencies to the newspapers of the  
following day) concerned the discovery in Riccione, in the  
vicinity of the Aquafan amusement park, of three mysterious,  
circular traces of burned grass having a diameter of 2.8 meters  
and arranged in a triangular formation of 17 meters on each  
side, after the custodian had seen a strange cloud lifting off  
of the ground at 7 a.m. that morning. The traces, which appeared  
to be covered with a strange white substance, emitted an acrid  
and pungent odor.

First to rush to the scene were the Carabinieri, who cordoned  
off the area, then hundreds of curious onlookers, journalists,  
photographers and finally ufologists particularly those from the  
CUN, who lifted samples and spoke of reports of strange lights  
over the hills that same night. But already the following day,  
the news began spreading that the whole thing was simply a type  
of prank orchestrated by no less than the Town of Riccione, as a  
publicity stunt in conjunction with the area tourism initiative  
=93UFO Vacations,=94 in view of a series of tourist events.

The whole episode was first confirmed by the Carabinieri, then  
by the very Town Councilor for Tourism: a publicity agency had  
evidently been organizing a well-planned stunt for months,  
comprising false traces, fake reports of sightings, gadgets,  
T-shirts and even the unbeknownst participation of ufologists in  
the creation of an acoustic chamber for a promotional blitz  
leading up to a press conference announcement slated for 5  
August.

One aspect of the matter which still remained unclear appeared

to be the co-involvement of some students from Rome participating in "Men in Red" (i.e., UFO buffs who hang around extreme left social centers), who apparently lent a hand in the appearance of the false traces.

At the beginning of August, the publicity machine effectively took charge, with the announcement of the three-day event entitled "Riccione, The Last Planet Before Earth"; then, the Festival of Intergalactic Friendship (a sort of carnival inspired by the Star Wars saga), during which, over the course of the months from August to October, there will continue exhibits of alien comic strips and iconography, plus various other folklore initiatives that are more-or-less space-themed.

But the local representatives of the National Ufological Center who not only were not in on the joke, but rather felt that they had been set up, shamefully exploited and perhaps had their own health exposed to the risk of potentially-toxic substances (caustic soda and ammonia) first announced and then filed a petition with the magistrate in which there were argued such charges as the false dissemination of news reports capable of disquieting the public. But most importantly and more than understandably, the representatives had the intention of safeguarding their own reputation and that of the UFO argument.

Other points of contention then came from the town's council minority, which contested the expenditure of 300 Million Lire (plus 150 from the region) for the series of events as well as from Riccione's very own Councilor of Social Services and Majority Party Group Leader.

Various considerations could be offered regarding this matter, its causes, the responsibility for it, the way it was handled, and its consequences. But let us restrain ourselves to expressing disappointment and concern about the manner in which, for many, the UFO argument continues to remain within the realm of frivolously-extravagant and mercenary folklore.

[Resto del Carlino, Rimini edition, 27 July - 9 August; Corriere di Rimini, 28 July 9 August; Ufoitalia, 27 July - 2 August; La Rete (CUN), 28 July - 9 August; La Repubblica, 2 August; SocioUfo, 6 - 16 August; collaboration by Andrea Bovo, Stefania Genovese, Roberto Labanti and Gildo Person=E8.]

>But, I would have remembered faked UFO landing traces. So, once >again, huh? What is Romagna?

Romagna is a region (rectius: part of the region called Emilia-Romagna, in the Northeast of Italy).

Best regards

Edoardo Russo

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## Re: Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation' -

From: Stanton T. Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 08:49:42 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 08:02:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation' -

>From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation'  
>Date: Wed, 12 Dec 2001 14:41:09 -0600

>Today I received a letter dated December 10, 2001, from Claire  
>D. Johnson, executive secretary to ex-astronaut Gene Cernan's  
>current business enterprise. I had faxed her several questions  
>for Cernan regarding the 1973 Los Angeles Times alleged UFO  
>quotations.

>Regarding the interview where he supposedly said he believed  
>UFOs were alien visitors, "Captain Cernan said it's 'not true',  
>or has been misinterpreted." Did Nick Chriss's article  
>accurately reflect Captain Cernan's view: "No."

>Did Cernan ever make the remark that he thought UFOs 'were  
>somebody else, some other civilization'" Wrote Johnson, "Captain  
>Cernan said he never said that about UFOs." Regarding Internet  
>posts that claim that Cernan believes UFOs are real, she wrote,  
>"Captain Cernan said, "not me (until I see one)".

>Johnson added this comment with Cernan's permission: "Captain  
>Cernan has been in space three times, been to the Moon twice,  
>and has been on or around the Moon about nine days. He should  
>have had ample time 'to meet' a UFO, but has not! The stories  
>are too incredible."

>Her letter ended, "I hope the above helps clarify Captain  
>Cernan's beliefs and position."

Jim,

Somehow the question seems to have been distorted. I understood  
the question (from you) was whether the old quote was accurate.

Have you yet checked the transcripts at NASA? If not, why not?  
You said you would. I did way back then and checked with Cernan.  
I doubt if he remembers.

If the newspaper quote is what he actually said, that is it. It  
didn't say "I believe in UFOs" - whatever that means). It  
certainly didn't say he had seen one.

I, for one, am certainly not saying that all quotes on the  
Internet from Astronauts or anybody else are accurate.

Colonel Weaver, in his big Roswell book, misrepresented two  
quotes, for example.

Years ago, Gordon Cooper, in a phone conversation expressed  
concern to me about many inaccurate quotes attributed to  
astronauts. What did he say in the NASA Press Conference in  
1973? Jim, that is the question. You raised it. Very simple and  
straightforward.

Let's not bring in red-herrings.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 12:04:09 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 15:54:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

>Date: Wed, 12 Dec 2001 03:36:41 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars

>>Date: Wed, 12 Dec 2001 13:17:16 +0100  
>>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>Hello Josh:

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>a doggy "calling card", the sort you find on the lawn, except  
>for the color.

Your difficulties with perception and cognition hardly seem relevant to finding a scientific basis for distinguishing artificial from natural formations. Likewise for mystic vision of the Ayatollah Khomeini and long-winded treatises on cheese.

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## Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 12:08:54 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 15:55:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Fleming

>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 12 Dec 2001 20:46:18 EST  
>Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg?  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>Gadzooks, the man has no shame!

>The article was genuine. Oberg provided no evidence that the  
>quote was inaccurate as reported in the LA Times. Did Oberg even  
>fax the original LA Times article, or just a single quote  
>excerpted from that article? What happened to the original NASA  
>videotape and transcript that he said he was going to check? In  
>the end all he can come up with is a canned denial from Cernan's  
>secretary 30 years after the fact (assuming he didn't make this  
>up, like he seems to make up a lot of his other material).

>From this he claims that he, James Oberg, NASA's Minister of  
>Truth, has "established" that the Cernan quote was "bogus," yes,  
>definitely bogus. If the "UFO proponents" don't immediately  
>"correct their material" to reflect his new politically correct  
>version they have no "intellectual integrity."

After the hatchet job Oberg did on Gordon Cooper for his  
politically incorrect public statements on UFOs, maybe Cernan  
instructed his secretary to tell Oberg what he wanted to hear  
just to get rid of him. It's certainly a possibility.

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## JPL's Mars Face Claims Debunked

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 13:40:21 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 16:00:58 -0500  
Subject: JPL's Mars Face Claims Debunked

The 'Mars Face' is a much higher landform than JPL said it is in their May24th 'Science News' article about the April 2001 image of the landform taken in April 2001. The Mars Orbiter Laser Altimeter (MOLA) profiles of the Face are consistent with Dr. Mark Carlotto's shape-from-shading analysis of the Viking images.

While the actual MOLA profiles support Carlotto's model, they don't 'prove' it's correct because, contrary to the false assertions made in the NASA article, you cannot extrapolate the overall shape of the landform from two MOLA profiles. (The article also gave a number for the resolution of the MOLA that is twice as high as the true downtrack resolution of the instrument and at least 4 times higher than the true crosstrack resolution of the instrument. More public relations baloney.)

The MOLA profiles' maximum height is 90 meters (270 feet) higher than the 800-foot (~240 meters) height asserted by JPL. That's an error of 27% made with data from an instrument that is supposed to be accurate to within 10 meters. If the peak height is actually 400 meters, which seems likely based on Carlotto's work, then the height claimed by JPL is off by 160 meters or 42% of the true peak height.

JPL's erroneous height estimate probably resulted in more than just an inaccurate number: the 3D perspective image that accompanied the NASA 'Science' article was apparently based on this estimate. The depths of concavities like the two eye-like features and heights of convex features like the 'Nose' ridge were probably compressed by an amount similar to the 27% to 42% compression of the overall height of the landform, producing the flat and featureless result that JPL seems to prefer in its 'enhancements' of the Face.

The MOLA profiles are shown at:

<http://www.VGL.org/webfiles/mars/face/mola/facemola.html>

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## Re: More On The X-15 - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 02:41:18 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 16:04:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: More On The X-15 - Balaskas

Hi Errol!

Dropped by work today to pick up my mail (I finally got Vol. 15, No. 1 issue of the 'Journal of Scientific Exploration' with Dr. Peter Sturrock's latest article on the Ubatuba UFO fragments) and check my e-mails too.

I will be leaving for Cuba tomorrow afternoon and hope to have further information about this newly discovered submerged city which I suspect to be a pre-Noah's flood civilization.

In case you did not get my Dec. 11 post to UFO UpDates, I am forwarding it to you (with some small modifications) below.

Nick

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Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 02:32:30 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
From: nikos <[nikolaos@yorku.ca](mailto:nikolaos@yorku.ca)>  
To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
Organization: York University  
Subject: Re: More On The X-15 - Balaskas

>From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: More On The X-15  
>Date: Wed, 5 Dec 2001 17:21:17 -0600

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>Here's something else I just got.

<snip>

>PILOT'S COMMENTS  
>X-15-3 Flight 3-7-14  
>Pilot: Major R. White

>"After engine shutdown I engaged angle of attack hold at 6  
>degrees alpha, and I seemed to hold this all right. It wasn't  
>long after i went through 220,000 that I disengaged angle of  
>attack hold and just continued on over the top. It seemed like a  
>hell of a long time to get over the top. . . .

>"While I was level I started noticing some things and I said,  
>'Now wait a minute they must be inside the cockpit,' but they  
>were outside the cockpit. It looked like perhaps it might have  
>been residue or frost or very small little things going by, I  
>was paying attention and focusing on what these things might  
>have been, and one time a piece of something about the size of  
>my hand, which looked like a piece of paper, went past just  
>going along with the airplane. It was there, there was no  
>question about it."

>Q: Do you think it was frost?

>A: This thing looked too big for that. It looked like a piece of

>paper, almost the size of your hand.

>Q: Whereabouts in relation to the airplane?

>A: Just off to the left side, right on the window level. The  
>other ones were out on the right side, little somethings but I  
>couldn't distinguish what they were. There was no question about  
>it.

<snip>

Hi Jim,

Astronauts on space missions have reported lost or misplaced items such as nuts and bolts floating around inside their spacecraft under zero-g conditions so it is not surprising that X-15 pilot Robert White initially thought the things he saw were inside his cockpit. It is interesting that White thought that the small little things (seen only outside his right window?) could have been residue or frost but the thing which looked like a piece of paper (seen outside his left window) was too large to be frost.

This morning I was going through some old issues of the 'Canadian Space Gazette', the newsletter of the Canadian Space Society (a local space club) and I found an article titled 'Astronaut UFO Sightings' (Jan/Feb 1997) written by you. Your short verdicts to all, except one, astronaut UFO sightings in the 'Fawcett List', as printed in 'The Edge of Reality' by Allen Hynek and Jacques Vallee were frauds, fabrications, exaggerations, misidentifications, etc. The exception was Robert White's July 17, 1962 X-15 flight. Your verdict for this UFO sighting was: "Important information withheld by authors.".

After all the comments and new facts about this particular X-15 flight, what is your present verdict on this UFO sighting in near-Earth space?

Although not included in the very short 'Fawcett List' of UFO sightings by astronauts, I am curious to know what your conclusions are about UFO sightings in space by veteran astronauts such as Story Musgrave (the space snakes he has seen and even video recorded) and John Blaha ("Houston, this is Discovery. We still have the alien spacecraft in observance.") or even the UFOs seen by Apollo 11 astronauts Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin and Michael Collins on their way to the Moon as described in their own books?

Nick Balaskas

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Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 15:18:14 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 16:18:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Oberg

>Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 12:08:54 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg?  
>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

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Why not verify this ridiculous notion and write to her at:

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Houston,  
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Let's start a new thread on this investigation. I'm proud of my original research and the number of new witnesses I found and interviewed.

Jim Oberg

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## Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 15:50:57 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 18:26:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Lehmborg

>From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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That's pretty moot, isn't it... She won't maintain a consistency? Don't insult us by presuming that your point is somehow proved in the execution of this meaningless exercise...

>Care to defend the credibility of Gordon Cooper's stories about  
>the 1957 Edwards 'UFO Landing'? The only 'hatchet' involved was  
>in chopping through uforic nonsense like the bogus 'Mercury-9  
>UFO' encounter that is often attributed to Cooper by Hynek and  
>others.

...and here's a little slight of poor debate's own hand... why change the subject? Do you need the digression?

>Let's start a new thread on this investigation. I'm proud of my  
>original research and the number of new witnesses I found and  
>interviewed.

And if you were remotely believable (?), it would be perfect. But I'd sooner trust OBL's opinion on Judaism than your opinion on UFO's. I don't think that's just me. On examination? You're just not very convincing. And good luck discrediting Hynek. He's kept the boat afloat for 50 years, I think he'll survive your petty salvos and arguable strawman victories. And was that you Spielberg booted off the set of CE3K? Boy, that's like being banned from UpDates! <g>.

[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)

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EXPLORE "Alfred Lehmborg's Alien View" at his HostPros URL.

<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually. He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he

gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged  
-- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see  
from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, scourged by  
scurrilous skepti-bunkies.

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## Re: More On The X-15 - Oberg

From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 15:41:12 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 18:34:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: More On The X-15 - Oberg

>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 02:41:18 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
>From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: More On The X-15

>This morning I was going through some old issues of the  
>'Canadian Space Gazette', the newsletter of the Canadian Space  
>Society (a local space club) and I found an article titled  
>'Astronaut UFO Sightings' (Jan/Feb 1997) written by you. Your  
>short verdicts to all, except one, astronaut UFO sightings in  
>the 'Fawcett List', as printed in 'The Edge of Reality' by Allen  
>Hynek and Jacques Vallee were frauds, fabrications,  
>exaggerations, misidentifications, etc. The exception was Robert  
>White's July 17, 1962 X-15 flight. Your verdict for this UFO  
>sighting was: "Important information withheld by authors."

The entire, Skeptical Inquirer, 1978 article about Hynek's  
nonsensical claims can be found at:

[http://www.debunker.com/texts/astronaut\\_ufo.html](http://www.debunker.com/texts/astronaut_ufo.html)  
<http://www.frii.com/~iufor/oberg01.htm>  
<http://www.ufocus.org/oberg01.htm>

The information withheld, of course, was that White described  
the 'UFO' as small, close, and tumbling.

>Although not included in the very short 'Fawcett List' of  
>UFO sightings by astronauts, I am curious to know what your  
>conclusions are about UFO sightings in space by veteran  
>astronauts such as Story Musgrave (the space snakes he has  
>seen and even video recorded)

Story's 'snake' was seen and photographed on his two flights  
both right after deployment of IUS upper stages, so his view as  
told to OMNI seems reasonable to me:

<http://www.omnimag.com/archives/interviews/musgrave.html>

OMNI: What inexplicable things have you seen out there?

Musgrave: You see satellites. I've seen Mir go by within 28  
miles; other satellites and you don't know what they are, but  
maybe just space debris. All kinds of debris come off space  
ships, especially at the back end after the main engines shut  
down and you open the doors: ice chips, oxygen or hydrogen,  
stuff dumped from the engines. On two flights I've seen and  
photographed what I call "the snake," like a seven-foot eel  
swimming out there. It may be an uncritical rubber seal from the  
main engines. In zero g it's totally free to maneuver, and it  
has its own internal waves like it's swimming. All this debris  
is white, reflecting sunlight, or you don't see it. Cruising  
along with you at your velocity, it's still got its own  
rotation. At zero g, things have an incredible freedom. It's an  
extraordinary ballet.

>and John Blaha ("Houston, this  
>is Discovery. We still have the alien spacecraft in  
>observance.")

That was reported by Don Ratsch ([sts48@home.com](mailto:sts48@home.com)), and discussed at:

[http://groups.google.com/groups?hl=en&safe=off&threadm=xb9\\_4.79086%24VM3.606631%40news.infostrada.it&rnum=8&prev=/groups%3Fq%3DUFO%2BOberg%2Bsolve%26hl%3Den%26safe%3Doff%26rnum%3D8%26selm%3Dxb9\\_4.79086%2524VM3.606631%2540news.infostrada.it](http://groups.google.com/groups?hl=en&safe=off&threadm=xb9_4.79086%24VM3.606631%40news.infostrada.it&rnum=8&prev=/groups%3Fq%3DUFO%2BOberg%2Bsolve%26hl%3Den%26safe%3Doff%26rnum%3D8%26selm%3Dxb9_4.79086%2524VM3.606631%2540news.infostrada.it)

where Don's retraction is shown:

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Date: Thu, 14 Mar 1996 18:51:37 -0800  
From: (Donald Ratsch)  
Subject: Re: NASA WAV file  
To: (Brian Zeiler)

Brian, yes I have the full story on that. The details was carried on the July 1989 issue of the MUFON Journal. Briefly I recorded some of the radio broadcast via my audio scanner from the space shuttle Discovery through WA3NAN, the club station of the Goddard Amateur Radio Club at Greenbelt, Md, transmitting on 147.450 MHZ. It is a retransmission from the NASA Select original. I heard what I thought was one of the male astronauts saying, "Houston, Discovery, we still have the alien spacecraft under observance". Well I was pretty excited and got in touch with Walt Andrus of MUFON and Vince Dipietro (Mars Face Fame) who is employed at Goddard Space Flight Center who I later handed over the tape to have a voice print analysis performed to compare the target voice to the astronauts' voices that were aboard during that mission. The result of the analysis showed that a few positive hits on Astronaut Bagian (the physician on board) but not enough hits to say he was the one who said the target words. So the results were inconclusive. Later a check showed there was no target voice on the original NASA Select audio.

"About a year after that, I was again monitoring the audio from another NASA mission via my scanner and I heard that voice again, saying something similar to the target voice a year earlier. However on this mission, all the astronauts were different compared to the other one. This led me to conclude that unfortunately, the target voice was a hoax probably from an amateur radio operator. Jim Oberg emailed me some time ago and asked me about that case and I told him what I just told you."

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JimO further asks, oh, did you really think the original story was credible? Wow, were you taken for a ride by a hoaxer.

>or even the UFOs seen by Apollo 11 astronauts  
>Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin and Michael Collins on their way to the  
>Moon as described in their own books?

What UFOs? My assessment is the same as every other space expert and astronaut who's talked about those reports, they were watching the S-4B stage and SLA panels, just like on Apollo-12 when Conrad was joking about them (and he joked even more loudly about 'UFO freaks' who misunderstood his comments and thought he had been referring to alien visitors -- but Conrad had a rough sense of humor).

Jim Oberg

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## Re: Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation' - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 23:24:35 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 03:26:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation' - Gates

>From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation'  
>Date: Wed, 12 Dec 2001 14:41:09 -0600

>Today I received a letter dated December 10, 2001, from Claire  
>D. Johnson, executive secretary to ex-astronaut Gene Cernan's  
>current business enterprise. I had faxed her several questions  
>for Cernan regarding the 1973 Los Angeles Times alleged UFO  
>quotations.

>Regarding the interview where he supposedly said he believed  
>UFOs were alien visitors, "Captain Cernan said it's 'not true',  
>or has been misinterpreted." Did Nick Chriss's article  
>accurately reflect Captain Cernan's view: "No."

So why didn't the Captain write some kind of denial at the time  
stating that the article didn't accurately reflect his views?

>Did Cernan ever make the remark that he thought UFOs 'were  
>somebody else, some other civilization'" Wrote Johnson, "Captain  
>Cernan said he never said that about UFOs." Regarding Internet  
>posts that claim that Cernan believes UFOs are real, she wrote,  
>"Captain Cernan said, "not me (until I see one)".

Again, why didn't Cernan deny it at the time it was in public eye?

>Johnson added this comment with Cernan's permission: "Captain  
>Cernan has been in space three times, been to the Moon twice,  
>and has been on or around the Moon about nine days. He should  
>have had ample time 'to meet' a UFO, but has not! The stories  
>are too incredible."

Kind of like a person saying I have traveled around the world  
three times and that should more then give me ample time to have  
met world leaders Since I didn't meet any, they don't exist...so  
goes the logic trail.

>Her letter ended, "I hope the above helps clarify Captain  
>Cernan's beliefs and position."

We now know his position today, just like he unloaded a position  
back in the 70s and it took him 30 years to disavow the article.

Cheers,

Robert

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### Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

From: Christopher Kelly <[tophar@iprimus.com.au](mailto:tophar@iprimus.com.au)>  
Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 16:36:18 +1100  
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 03:30:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joem\\_cgonagle@yahoo.com](mailto:joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars...  
>Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 02:25:20 -0000

>Thank you for your comments, Mac, Jim, Christopher, and Lan,

>I was really just testing the water to see what the reaction  
>would be to a speculative theory which I have, and it seems that  
>my theory should be readily accepted by this forum.

>I speculate that the Moon is actually made of cheese. Now I  
>realise that this may sound ridiculous, but if you spend as many  
>hours as I have following up this theory, I am sure that you will  
>reach the same conclusion.

>Here are two facts which I am sure everyone will agree with and  
>are really very obvious, but don't occur to people without some  
>prompting:

>1. The colour of the Moon is remarkably similar to that of most  
> varieties of cheese.

>2. The Moon has a strikingly similar shape to many varieties of  
> cheese.

>These facts started me thinking that perhaps it really is  
>cheese?

>"Aaah", I hear you say, "astronauts have landed on the Moon, and  
>they say it is made of rock!".

>Nonsense! My response to that is that it is well documented that  
>the moon landing was faked in order for NASA to secure Federal  
>funding. This fact has even been broadcast on television! No  
>educated person believes that the Moon landings really took  
>place!

>Take it from me, the cheese industry is the only organisation to  
>have set foot on the Moon.

<snip>

Wallace and a friend of mine's two year daughter totally agree  
with you here. My friends daughter was tickled pink to learn the  
age old belief of the moon being made of cheese wasn't dead.

"Do you believe the moon is made of cheese Uncle Chris?" She  
asked me.

"No." I said. "It is made up of matter that is no so unlike  
cheese though."

"Oh you are silly Uncle Chris, it is much more fun believing it  
is made of cheese."

I guess it is at that.

If you do confront political leaders with your findings Joe,

Don't forget the crackers.

"Gormit! We've forgotten the crackers. We can't go to the moon to get cheese without crackers!"

A Grand Day Out could help support the theory above as Wallace and Gromit have been there, though the cheese was reported to be a little on the dry side. Not unlike cheddar.

["Wallace and Gormit" are registered trade marks. No copy right infringement has been intended.]

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## Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

From: **Jim Mortellaro** <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 11:04:57 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 03:42:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joem\\_cgonagle@yahoo.com](mailto:joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 02:25:20 -0000

>Thank you for your comments, Mac, Jim, Christopher, and Lan,

Dear Joe, List, Errol,

Hey, no problem ... anytime, Joe.

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>reach the same conclusion.

<snip>

>Yes, but speculation is the precursor to discovery. Mark my  
>words, it will all turn out to be as I have written, and my  
>investment of research time will be justified! I have devoted  
>eight years of my life towards researching and exposing this  
>scandal. Now is the time to confront our political leaders and  
>representatives with the proven facts!

On behalf of the Arctic Society, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Dimpbulbs, the Atrophied Brain Society (I am a charter member... or... my member is charter. I've forgotten which) and the ubiquitous, UFO's Are Not Real Cheese Society, I wish to thank Doctor Lonnie McDonnegal... sorry, flashback... Joe McGonagle, for his monograph on the subject of cheese.

However, Mr. McGonagle, you are patently incorrect. The production of cheese in this world, is largely taken up by the Canal Street Ufoolillogical Society and Discount House of Fresh Wine and Cheese. This 'moon' nonsense is merely a construct of incorrect, remote viewing. You aimed for the moon but hit our cheese plant, Number Three. As it turns out, we were waiting for you there.

And remember, when it comes to fresh wine and fresher cheese, you can't beat... beat... Canal Street. It's where the bacteria come from.

Gesundt

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Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 01:26:45 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 07:44:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist? -

>Date: Wed, 12 Dec 2001 11:20:03 +0000 (GMT)  
>From: Chris Aubeck <[caubeck@yahoo.com](mailto:caubeck@yahoo.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist?  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>>From: Jeff Behnke <[jeff@paranormalnews.com](mailto:jeff@paranormalnews.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist?  
>>Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 15:17:03 -0500

>>>Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2001 12:32:59 +0000 (GMT)  
>>>From: Chris Aubeck <[caubeck@yahoo.com](mailto:caubeck@yahoo.com)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Giordano Bruno: 16th Century Ufologist?  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

><snip>

>>Thanks for the link. I'll see if I can obtain the  
>>book. I'm also debating whether or not to read Madam  
>>Blavatsky's works as well. It is so difficult to  
>>separate occult works from historical works when it  
>>comes to the writings of the Watchers.

><snip>

>Hello Jeff,

>I would suggest you did not start with Blavatsky's books unless  
>you really want to become completely bewildered and frustrated.

>Snip

>Anyway, I hope you find what you're looking for. I can promise  
>you that ufology does indeed overlap with esoteric tradition,  
>but not always how you'd most like it to.

>Chris Aubeck

Dear Jeff, Chris, List, Errol,

Ah, poor dears. You are reading the wrong material. May I suggest that you start with "Gesundt's Treatise on the Making of a Fool" for openers. Then read, "Gesundt's the Fool and so are You!"

These spare the reader of all them big words, all Victorian verbosity and spares the poor reader of having to have a dictionary support the reading. I promise there are no words more difficult than say, oh, "And - The - UFO - Nekked - " and of course, all the 'good parts' are already pernted out by the newest thing in publishing ... that would be sticky pad stuff, in various colours... colors. Sorry.

For example, filthy is a brilliant scarlet. Dirty is merely a dull red. Ribald... a slightly sticky yellow. And we apologize for the sticky paper. We couldn't help it. When we were binding the books, well, we sorta peeked. And, well... you know.

Use rubber cloves. Just in case.

Now, for the best advice of all. If you are hell bent on actually learning something, may we suggest reading the encyclopedia? Let us analyze that word, 'encyclopedia.'

"En" means to "enter."

"Cyclo" is a bastardization of the word, "psycho."

"Pedia" means ... as in file.

On second thought, that book is pretty dirty too. Just stick with Gripple.

Gesundted and happy to be.

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<snip>

>Your difficulties with perception and cognition hardly seem  
>relevant to finding a scientific basis for distinguishing  
>artificial from natural formations. Likewise for mystic vision  
>of the Ayatollah Khomeini and long-winded treatises on cheese.

Sorry, Lan, I don't understand.

Was it the length of my theory that troubles you?

It seems to me that I am using a similar basis to Mac and others for the theory, they start by comparing the formation on the surface of Mars to a human face, pointing out similarities, then pointing out further perceived similarities to a (what is now understood to be artificial) structure on Earth.

The basis of my theory is a comparison between the Moon and cheese, and pointing out the similarities (colour and shape).

I appreciate that Mac's theory is better researched than my own, but it comes down to the same basis, scientific or not.

Regards, Joe

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Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 07:49:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: JPL's Mars Face Claims Debunked - McGonagle

>Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 13:40:21 -0600  
>Subject: JPL's Mars Face Claims Debunked  
>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

<snip>

>JPL's erroneous height estimate probably resulted in more than  
>just an inaccurate number: the 3D perspective image that  
>accompanied the NASA 'Science' article was apparently based on  
>this estimate. The depths of concavities like the two eye-like  
>features and heights of convex features like the 'Nose' ridge  
>were probably compressed by an amount similar to the 27% to 42%  
>compression of the overall height of the landform, producing the  
>flat and featureless result that JPL seems to prefer in its  
>'enhancements' of the Face.

>The MOLA profiles are shown at:

><http://www.VGL.org/webfiles/mars/face/mola/facemola.html>

Hello,

Do you think JPL's errors are due to incompetence, or do you think it is due to a deliberate attempt to misinform the public?

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Regards,

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>you there.

>And remember, when it comes to fresh wine and fresher cheese,  
>you can't beet... beat... Canal Street. It's where the bacteria  
>come from.

Thanks for the reply, Jim.

I think that you may have me confused with Joe McMoneagle regarding the remote viewing - the only remote viewing that I do is looking for the television remote control when the phone starts ringing! (How does always slip down the back of the sofa?). (Then I have to start searching for the cordless phone acoustically, and that is usually buried in the sofa as well).

I am curious as to what you base your theory about cheese production on, and why you think that my theory is nonsense?

Mahlzeit!

Cheers, Joe

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## Re: Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation' - Oberg

From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 06:50:32 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 08:42:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation' - Oberg

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 23:24:35 EST  
>Subject: Re: Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation'  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>So why didn't the Captain write some kind of denial at the time  
>stating that the article didn't accurately reflect his views?

Now you are blaming Cernan for somebody else's potential error? Most astronauts long ago despaired of being quoted correctly in the UFO literature (even Gordon Cooper complained about this) and stopped worrying about what was said about them. Borman's experience (see below) was that explaining and complaining was useless. Garry Henderson, the official widely quoted in UFO literature in the 1970s, made the same remark (also quoted below). I think that casting suspicion back on the character who was the subject of the original quotation is not proper.

Stan reports he checked the transcript and asked Cernan directly, back near the time of the publication. The comment I got from Cernan directly in the mid-1980s (and which I did not write down, so I can't use it as a quote or as evidence) was that he felt he was misquoted and didn't want to touch the subject again. I've promised to check the press conference video and transcript and report the findings here, but the NASA PAO is taking a long time to dig them out.

Here's some other useful quotes:

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Note - The following is an excerpt from an article 'Flying the Gumbobile' about the Gemini missions. Published on the site of 'Air and Space' magazine July 14:

<http://www.airspacemag.com:80/ASM/Mag/Index/1998/AS/ftgm.html>

<snip>

At almost twice the length of Gemini 5, Commander Frank Borman's Gemini 7 mission may have been even more trying, but it grabbed the attention of at least one Hollywood producer.

"Right after we got into orbit we were supposed to 'station keep' or fly formation with the booster," Borman says. "We were flying formation and taking photographs and infrared measurements and I started calling it a 'bogey,' which is an old fighter pilot term. Well, a lot of the UFO freaks on the ground picked this up and said we had seen a UFO because we had referred to our booster as a bogey.

"Just this past year I got a call from a producer at 'Unsolved Mysteries' and they said, 'We read your account about your seeing a UFO on Gemini 7 and would you come on the program?' I told them: 'I'd love to come on your program because I'd love to straighten that out.'

"I explained what it was I saw, and I said, 'I don't think there

were UFOs,' and the producer said, 'Well, I'm not sure we want you

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Garry Henderson Quotation on Secret Astronaut UFO Sightings.

Dr. Garry C. Henderson has often been quoted in books and articles about astronaut sightings of UFOs. He is said to be a "top NASA insider", from General Dynamics Corporation, who knows "UFO secrets".

Many years ago, when I first encountered his attributed assertions, I did what any responsible researcher should have done -- I tracked him down to follow up on his allegations and see if he could elaborate on them. In the UFO field, I discovered, nobody else had thought it necessary to take such an obvious step! The following is the text of a reconstructed-from-notes transcript of our telephone conversation in January 1978.

--- James Oberg, September 1994

JO: Dr. Henderson, you've been widely quoted as saying that "all of our astronauts have seen UFOs but have been ordered not to discuss their sightings with anyone," and that "NASA has actual photos of these craft. taken at close range by still and movie camera." Do you recall saying this, and do you believe it?

GH: I never said it and I don't believe it. That was a bad misquotation that has haunted me over the years. For a while I tried to think of what I could do to stop it but I gave up.

JO: Then the quotation attributed to you does not reflect your actual opinions on the subject of UFOs?

GH: Not in the slightest.

JO: How do you suppose the false quotation got started?

GH: I have a good idea. I was visiting a UFO convention in Canada in the late 1960s and was interviewed on a radio talk show. The host was concentrating on leading questions, trying to make me sound like I was saying something sensational. Later I heard that he claimed that I had made the admission 'off the air', during a station break, but I just don't recall having done so -- and he could only have gotten that impression through misunderstanding me.

JO: The quotation has been reprinted now for many years. Has anyone ever tried to track you down to verify the quotation and ask more questions?

GH: Nobody. You are the first to take the trouble.

JO: Wouldn't you say that authors who rely on dubious material in UFO pulp magazines, without making any effort to verify it, are doing the public a great disservice? Are they honest?

GH: Well, the public is certainly being misinformed, but I don't want to pass judgment on someone else's motives. I am surprised that anyone believed that misquotation, though, considering the kinds of publications it appeared in. And that's why I was never particularly bothered by its circulation. I felt that it was too wild to be believed.

JO: Just to satisfy the paranoids, have you ever been under any 'pressure' to retract that statement or execute a 'coverup'?

GH: Oh no! As I said, until you called, nobody had ever noticed it. I certainly would not retract something if it were true. But that quotation attributed to me is entirely false.

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Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 09:15:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: JPL's Mars Face Claims Debunked - Fleming

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The link to the NASA article (an official government web site) is:

[http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2001/ast24may\\_1.htm](http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2001/ast24may_1.htm)

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[http://www.space.com/searchforlife/sagan\\_seti\\_011213.html](http://www.space.com/searchforlife/sagan_seti_011213.html)

Seeking Contact: Carl Sagan Center To Focus On Life In The Universe

By Leonard David  
Senior Space Writer  
posted: 07:00 am ET  
13 December 2001

WASHINGTON -- Cutting-edge studies to help define how crowded the Universe might be with life are to be undertaken at new research facilities, named after a pioneer in the field: Carl E. Sagan.

As currently envisioned, the Carl Sagan Center for the Study of Life in the Cosmos will consist of a trio of high-tech laboratories, with the potential to add a fourth at a later date. In addition, a public gallery exhibition area and 500-seat auditorium are also part of the center.

The center is to be built on some seven acres of land in the planned NASA Research Park at Moffett Field, California, neighboring the space agency's Ames Research Center.

A legacy preserved and advanced

Last month, as one of his last official duties as NASA Administrator, Daniel Goldin, took part in dedication ceremonies for the \$40 million center - a flagship facility among a host of science and technology groups that are to coexist within a proposed 213-acre NASA Research Park.

"Carl was an incredible visionary, and now his legacy can be preserved and advanced by a 21st century research and education laboratory committed to enhancing our understanding of life in the universe and furthering the cause of space exploration for all time," Goldin said.

Astronomer, educator and author, Sagan was often viewed as the world's greatest popularizer of science. His writings and television appearances touched millions of people. Sagan's most recognized work was the PBS series, Cosmos. The Emmy- and Peabody-award-winning production became the most watched series in public-television history, seen by over 500 million people in 60 countries. An accompanying book to Cosmos remained on The New York Times bestseller list for 70 weeks and was the best-selling science book ever published in English.

Sagan, who was the David Duncan Professor of Astronomy and Space Sciences and director of the Laboratory for Planetary Studies at Cornell University, died 5 years ago last month. He lost a two-year battle with bone marrow disease at 62, dying of pneumonia.

Modular approach

"I admire Dan Goldin for his tenacity in supporting research related to life off Earth. The fact that he dedicated this wonderful center in Carl Sagan's memory, as one of his last

official acts as administrator, clearly demonstrates how he shared Carl's passion to learn if life is widespread in the Cosmos," Thomas Pierson, Chief Executive Officer of the SETI Institute in Mountain View, California, told SPACE.com.

After its doors open within two to three years, the center is to engage in leading-edge, multi-disciplinary research in support of NASA's mission to answer the question, 'are we alone in the universe?', said Scott Hubbard, NASA Ames Deputy Director for Research.

"Scientists will conduct both basic and applied work that will further our understanding of life's origins, evolution and future. Researchers will integrate new findings in nanotechnology, biology and information technology to develop new miniature tools for sample analysis and data understanding," Hubbard said.

The center's three initial laboratories are to be modular in design, providing flexibility for change and amenable to undertake varying and evolving research tracks.

Deep questions

Hubbard said that a genomics and microbiology laboratory could be used to reveal the fundamental processes of living systems drawn from a variety of different environments. Also, a new biosensors facility will enable development of devices to study the fingerprints of life, both here on Earth and on other planets. From a nanotechnology laboratory, he predicted, ultra-small devices that mimic or reproduce the processes in living systems will emerge.

The Sagan Center is a step toward NASA's goal of melding academia, industry and non-profits to foster world-class, shared-use research.

"It is fitting that this 21st century laboratory be named for the 20th century's most articulate and passionate advocate of space exploration. The Sagan Center, the product of an innovative public-private sector partnership, will attract and promote collaborative research and development among its partners in industry, academia and NASA," said Donald Fulop, Vice President of Business Development, Lockheed Martin Space Operations, Houston, during last month's dedication of the center.

"No honor would have meant more to Carl than this," said Ann Druyan, his wife and collaborator for 20 years. Sagan dreamed "that we, as a civilization, would turn our genius to the deep questions of life in the cosmos," she added.

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UFO UpDates thanks  
The Anomalist for the lead  
<http://www.anomalist.com/>

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>I appreciate that Mac's theory is better researched than my own,  
>but it comes down to the same basis, scientific or not.

Mac wasn't giving a theory; he was making an observation.

The Mars Face is not only similar to known artificial structures on Earth but is dissimilar in significant ways from known natural structures that have been claimed as examples similar to the Face like, for instance, Middle Butte in Idaho. That landform was cited in the same NASA 'science' article as the bogus stuff about MOLA measurements. A JPL scientist claimed that Middle Butte "reminded" him of the Mars Face, but no photographs were provided for comparison so that readers could really tell whether it reminded them of the Mars Face, too. A real skeptic would be skeptical of unsupported claims no matter who makes them, even a NASA scientist. In this case, skepticism was certainly justified.

I was skeptical enough to get a USGS orthophoto of Middle Butte. It's posted at:

<http://www.VGL.org/webfiles/mars/face/middlebutte/middlebutte.htm>

There is no similarity to the Face, except both are approximately the same size. Middle Butte is a volcanic dome-like structure with a roughly circular symmetry common to volcanic domes. It has none of the parallel edges and partial mirror symmetry of the Mars Face (and of known artificial structures like the Iranian tell).

The question of the possible artificiality of the Mars Face has been the subject of considerable scientific work that has been published in peer-reviewed scientific journals. That certainly doesn't put the work beyond criticism. But cheap ridicule only makes the ridiculer look ridiculous.

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>Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg?  
>Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 15:50:57 -0600

>if you were remotely believable (?), it would be perfect.  
>But I'd sooner trust OBL's opinion on Judaism than your opinion  
>on UFO's. I don't think that's just me.

I confess to taking an improper glee in provoking such  
freak-outs from fanatics, and I apologize to exposing the rest  
of this List - which handles many controversies in a gentlemanly  
fashion - to this level of vituperation. I accept my share of  
the blame for inciting it.

I'm pleased with the give-and-take re X-15 that has certainly  
improved my own understanding of the project and the specific  
'UFO sighting' which sparked the discussions. I'll pass around  
my draft description of the event and its place in UFO lore  
shortly, for critiques both constructive and Lehmborgian.

Oh, rats, there I go again. It must be an uncontrollable  
addiction. My manifold human failings are a source of repeated  
disappointments to me.

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Just kidding, Joe. Also, I meant to write "Lonnie Donegan" who  
left his chewing gum on the bedpost overnight. But got that  
screwed up too.

(sigh)

As for my 'theory,' hell, it ain't no theory, I am the marketing  
manager for Gesundt. I sell his cheese and wine (freshly made of  
course). This is fact. When Lonnie Donegan ... Donagle,  
whatever, made his chewing gum song, Gesundt was formulating his  
fresh wine and fresher cheese products. In his cheese, there is

real cheese. But it doesn't come from milk. It's made to taste wonderful only when in the grip of the Grip. Otherwise, it's rather icky. Even to look at. Let alone smell.

However there is the odor reminiscent of the Streets of Canal. A rather sour effluvium similar to the sour effluvium of the men who live there. Only more nutritious.

Dr. Morty

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>Thank you for your comments, Mac, Jim, Christopher, and Lan,

>I speculate that the Moon is actually made of cheese. Now I  
>realise that this may sound ridiculous, but if you spend as many  
>hours as I have following up this theory, I am sure that you will  
>reach the same conclusion.

<snip>

>"So what if the Moon is made of cheese? I don't care, it's not  
>important!"

>The more I dig, the more convinced I am that a revelation will  
>be made in the near future. If we continue to consume cheese at  
>the current rate, in fifty years time the effect on the Moon  
>will be obvious, together with the effects on our ecosystem, and  
>an alternative source of cheese will have to be found. Cheese  
>will be the driving force behind space exploration, so it is of  
>vital importance to humanity. Because of the importance of this  
>matter, I would like everyone to contact their MP/Senator and  
>bring it to their attention.

>"This is wild speculation!"

>Yes, but speculation is the precursor to discovery. Mark my  
>words, it will all turn out to be as I have written, and my  
>investment of research time will be justified! I have devoted  
>eight years of my life towards researching and exposing this  
>scandal. Now is the time to confront our political leaders and  
>representatives with the proven facts!

Your proof that the moon is made of cheese is very convincing...  
in fact, its as solid as a swiss cheese.. (swiss cheese is one  
of the artificial cheeses that could not be made on the moon  
because it is full of holes caused by gasses that don't exist on  
the moon)

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## Re: Oregon Red Sphere - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 11:55:05 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 14:44:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: Oregon Red Sphere - Maccabee

>Date: Wed, 12 Dec 2001 15:47:11 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Oregon Red Sphere

>>Date: Wed, 12 Dec 2001 13:16:33 -0500  
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Oregon Red Sphere  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>>

<snip>

>>This could be a TRUFO (TRue UFO) of a non-intelligent  
>>type ... a previously unknown/unrecognized natural  
>>phenomenon. (Note: TRUFOS that give the impression of  
>>intelligence... such as by taking avoidance maneuvers  
>>or being (apparently) craft of some sort may also be  
>>"natural phenomena," but on a level of "natural" that  
>is not yet accepted by science/scientists as real.)

>If this is something like ball-lightning, its pretty interesting  
>just for the color and mobility. Maybe there is some subtle clue  
>to BL hidden here.

>If its an intelligently directed "object", its near transparency  
>suggests (to me) some high degree of camouflage which would be  
>even more interesting.

>What I cannot see is a misperception of something entirely  
>mundane, given we take the man at his word.

Yes, whatever this was, it was something truly unusual, assuming  
Ron is telling the truth.

Note, by the way (I didn't point this out in my report on the  
sighting) that the red light must have ben quite bright to make  
a good exposure in daylight. If seen at night this would have  
appeared as a very bright red or red/orange light.

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## Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Mortellaro

From: **Jim Mortellaro** <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 15:01:14 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 19:17:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Mortellaro

>From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Oberg  
>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 09:09:03 -0600

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg?  
>>Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 15:50:57 -0600

>>if you were remotely believable (?), it would be perfect.  
>>But I'd sooner trust OBL's opinion on Judaism than your opinion  
>>on UFO's. I don't think that's just me.

>I confess to taking an improper glee in provoking such  
>freak-outs from fanatics, and I apologize to exposing the rest  
>of this List - which handles many controversies in a gentlemanly  
>fashion - to this level of vituperation. I accept my share of  
>the blame for inciting it.

Gawd Dammit, Oberg... just who the hell are calling 'fanatics?'  
You barged in here like Schermer possessed, debunking, but doing  
so in such a deceitful (not to mention ignorant) manner as to  
upset, insult and generally make fools out of the members of  
this list, whose sole purpose is to research, discuss and  
investigate what is a most difficult and unknown phenomena, and  
to boot, insult the integrity and knowledge base of those who  
can run rings around you on a technical basis.

You, sir (note the lower case) are anathema here. And I  
personally take your remarks as an insult. Apologize... and I  
mean that! If not, I recommend that this List consider to either  
ignore you, or continue to make mincemeat out of your ignorance.

I much prefer the latter, although I would appreciate the former.

>I'm pleased with the give-and-take re X-15 that has certainly  
>improved my own understanding of the project and the specific  
>'UFO sighting' which sparked the discussions. I'll pass around  
>my draft description of the event and its place in UFO lore  
>shortly, for critiques both constructive and Lehmborgian.

>Oh, rats, there I go again. It must be an uncontrollable  
>addiction. My manifold human failings are a source of repeated  
>disappointments to me.

Yeah, and the check is in the male!

Jim Mortellaro, Ph.D. --- and this ain't no satire buddy

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## Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 14:49:57 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 19:21:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Lehmborg

>From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>of this List - which handles many controversies in a gentlemanly  
>fashion - to this level of vituperation. I accept my share of  
>the blame for inciting it.

Sir! Not your share! The blame. Nothing less! The fanatic you malign is a function of the jealous and indifferent system you front for.

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>improved my own understanding of the project and the specific  
>'UFO sighting' which sparked the discussions. I'll pass around  
>my draft description of the event and its place in UFO lore  
>shortly, for critiques both constructive and Lehmborgian.

Hey Mr. Oberg... you're the one with special responsibility here! Don't try to distract us with an assumed cloak of the reasonably collegiate...

You're the one that does this for a living; you're the one with access to a world stage that is best served by the efforts of selected others; you're the one that wants to invalidate 50 years of ufological research (stonewalled, belittled, and discounted every step of the way by the unelected) to paint it as the confused realm of the misinformed, the mentally ill, and the misdirecting...

Lastly, I'll just assume that you assumed no need to invite a deconstructive critique, and that you consider "Lehmborgian" as just another flavor of the aggregate constructive. Otherwise, I'll have your literary liver with the obligatory wine and fava beans... and we'll parse, even more judiciously, your aggregate constructiveness.

>Oh, rats, there I go again. It must be an uncontrollable  
>addiction. My manifold human failings are a source of repeated  
>disappointments to me.

That was a statement made by one that doesn't really believe their human failings are all that manifold... but, it'd be different if you had a change of ufological heart and the man took your megaphone away... you'd know despair then.

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EXPLORE "Alfred Lehmborg's Alien View" at his HostPros URL.  
<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually.  
He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put  
one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention  
he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail.  
\$350.00 pledged -- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from  
afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, scourged by scurrilous  
skepti-bunkies.

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Secrecy News -- 12/14/01

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Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 19:28:07 -0500  
Subject: Secrecy News -- 12/14/01

SECRECY NEWS  
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
December 14, 2001

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\*\*BUSH ADMINISTRATION SECRECY POLICY  
\*\*BELLOWS REPORT ON WEN HO LEE  
\*\*INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION APPROVED  
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WHITE HOUSE ASSERTS EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE

The Bush Administration formally invoked executive privilege for the first time yesterday to rebuff a congressional request for certain Justice Department records.

The action met with anger from congressional leaders, who said it impeded their ability to conduct oversight.

"This is not a monarchy," fumed Rep. Dan Burton, chair of the House Government Reform Committee, at a hearing yesterday. In September, Burton had subpoenaed the records, which concern the handling of several mafia prosecutions in the 1960s as well as campaign finance violations in the Clinton Administration.

"The Bush Administration appears to believe it is entitled to operate outside the public eye and outside the view of its elected representatives in Congress," said Rep. Henry Waxman, the ranking minority member on the Committee.

The President's December 12 memorandum to the Attorney General directing him to withhold the requested records from Congress is available here:

[http://www.fas.org/sgp/bush/121201\\_execpriv.html](http://www.fas.org/sgp/bush/121201_execpriv.html)

Related materials from the House Government Reform Committee may be found here:

[http://www.house.gov/reform/newindex/oversight\\_doj.htm](http://www.house.gov/reform/newindex/oversight_doj.htm)

and

[http://www.house.gov/reform/min/inves\\_admin/index.htm](http://www.house.gov/reform/min/inves_admin/index.htm)

BUSH ADMINISTRATION SECRECY POLICY

The new assertion of executive privilege is merely the latest step in an ongoing expansion of executive authority by the Bush Administration that has so far met with minimal resistance.

Some of this secrecy can be understood as a consequence of the military action in Afghanistan and related requirements for operational security. But much of it is gratuitous and unrelated to any threat. New restrictions on release of unclassified Reagan-era presidential documents, for example, appear to violate the letter of the law and have little basis beyond a predilection for official secrecy.

A compilation of Bush Administration documents and official statements on secrecy policy is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/bush/index.html>

#### BELLOWS REPORT ON WEN HO LEE

The Justice Department this week released the long-promised declassified version of the four volume, 800 page "Final Report of the Attorney General's Review Team on the Handling of the Los Alamos National Laboratory Investigation."

The May 2000 opus, also known as the "Bellows Report" after its lead author, reviews the ill-fated investigation into suspected espionage by former Los Alamos scientist Wen Ho Lee.

The report is a case study in the byzantine bureaucratic politics of counterintelligence. Its critique of the Justice Department's handling of requests for surveillance under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, among other things, continues to resonate today.

But almost everything about the Los Alamos investigation went as wrong as it could go.

"This was an investigation that from its first moments, indeed from its very first moments, went awry and never, in any real sense, recovered its equilibrium," the Report states.

Three of the twenty-two chapters of the heavily redacted Report, including the newly released Executive Summary in Chapter 1, may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/ops/ci/bellows/index.html>

Wen Ho Lee's memoir "My Country Versus Me" (with Helen Zia) has now passed through government classification review and will be published next month.

Also due next month is "A Convenient Spy: Wen Ho Lee and the Politics of Nuclear Espionage" by Dan Stober and Ian Hoffman, who produced much of the best reporting on this riveting case for the San Jose Mercury News (Stober) and the Albuquerque Journal (Hoffman).

#### INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION APPROVED

The House of Representatives approved the conference report on the 2002 intelligence authorization act on December 12.

Intelligence Committee chairman Rep. Porter Goss found little reason for any self-criticism regarding the intelligence community's failure to provide effective warning against the terrorist attacks of September 11.

After all, Goss noted, the intelligence committees had recognized the threat from terrorism in several of their past authorization reports. See his comments on the House floor here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2001\\_cr/h121201.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2001_cr/h121201.html)

This appears to be the first year in over a decade in which a classified intelligence budget total has gone unchallenged by any attempt in Congress to legislate declassification. The last such attempt, an amendment offered by Rep. Tim Roemer, was voted down in the House on May 23, 2000.

#### POSSE COMITATUS REVISITED

The emerging role of the military in "homeland security" is a delicate matter because it impinges on the traditional separation between civilian and military affairs that is a hallmark of American governance.

That separation is enshrined, for example, in the 1878 Posse Comitatus Act, which generally prohibits the use of military forces in civilian law enforcement.

Now, in the 2002 Defense Authorization Act, Congress has directed the Secretary of Defense to "conduct a study on the appropriate role of the Department of Defense with respect to homeland security":

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2001/homesec.html>

In an October 12 letter, Senator John Warner invited the Pentagon to propose modifications to the Posse Comitatus Act. "Limited use [of military forces] beyond that permitted by existing law might strengthen the nation's ability both to protect against and to respond to events of the sort which we have recently undergone," wrote Warner.

The meaning and implications of the Posse Comitatus Act were examined with rigor and clarity in a 1997 law review article by Matthew Carlton Hammond in the Washington University Law Quarterly, available here:

<http://law.wustl.edu/WULO/75-2/752-10.html>

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## Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

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Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 05:26:57 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 19:31:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 08:20:43 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars  
>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

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>>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars  
>>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 08:01:15 -0000

>>I appreciate that Mac's theory is better researched than my own,  
>>but it comes down to the same basis, scientific or not.

>Mac wasn't giving a theory; he was making an observation.

>The Mars Face is not only similar to known artificial structures  
>on Earth but is dissimilar in significant ways from known  
>natural structures that have been claimed as examples similar to  
>the Face like, for instance, Middle Butte in Idaho. That  
>landform was cited in the same NASA 'science' article as the  
>bogus stuff about MOLA measurements. A JPL scientist claimed  
>that Middle Butte "reminded" him of the Mars Face, but no  
>photographs were provided for comparison so that readers could  
>really tell whether it reminded them of the Mars Face, too. A  
>real skeptic would be skeptical of unsupported claims no matter  
>who makes them, even a NASA scientist. In this case, skepticism  
>was certainly justified.

>I was skeptical enough to get a USGS orthophoto of Middle Butte.  
>It's posted at:

><http://www.VGL.org/webfiles/mars/face/middlebutte/middlebutte.htm>

>There is no similarity to the Face, except both are  
>approximately the same size. Middle Butte is a volcanic  
>dome-like structure with a roughly circular symmetry common to  
>volcanic domes. It has none of the parallel edges and partial  
>mirror symmetry of the Mars Face (and of known artificial  
>structures like the Iranian tell).

>The question of the possible artificiality of the Mars Face has  
>been the subject of considerable scientific work that has been  
>published in peer-reviewed scientific journals. That certainly  
>doesn't put the work beyond criticism. But cheap ridicule only  
>makes the ridiculer look ridiculous.

Hello Lan:

I'm sure there are many skeptical articles in the mainstream  
scientific press about the Cydonia 'Face On Mars'. I would guess  
its used as a classic case for psychology studies among other  
things.

Do you know of any respected peer-reviewed scientific journals  
that propose this feature is artificial? If so, are any of them  
online where we can read them easily?

Thanks

- Larry

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## STS-75, UFO Magazine UK & JimO

From: James Oberg' <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 17:12:21 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 19:43:58 -0500  
Subject: STS-75, UFO Magazine UK & JimO

JimO notes: The following newsletter apparently was sent out recently from UK's UFO Magazine ([www.ufomag.co.uk](http://www.ufomag.co.uk)), where they have another 'Secret NASA Transmissions' tape for sale (they've admitted the transmissions aren't really secret, they're just labeled that way to increase sales). My own comments are inserted.

- START -

This electronic newsletter is produced monthly to coincide with the impending publication of UFO Magazine, the world's leading UFO newsstand publication. It serves to give advance notice of forthcoming feature articles and includes news and comment at the end by UFO Magazine's editor, Graham W. Birdsall.

More often than not, this newsletter is prepared on the 17th of each month - Russel Callaghan

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The January 2002 issue of UFO Magazine will arrive on UK newsstands on Thursday, 20 December, and as Volume 21 No 2 across North America around 28 January.

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COMMENTARY

By Graham W. Birdsall

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\* As I mentioned earlier, criticism comes with the territory, but a noisy minority of people have resurfaced of late to resume taking swipes at us over The Secret NASA Transmissions: 'The Smoking Gun' and our more recent follow up, Secret NASA Transmissions 2, which contains an in-depth interview with Martyn Stubbs, the man responsible for acquiring some 2500 hours of NASA footage recorded via their space shuttle downlink.

[JimO: Martyn did not acquire the video from the shuttle downlink, but from the rebroadcast over the 'NASA TV' public channel on a commercial communications satellite.]

Rarely have I seen so much ill-informed nonsense espoused by individuals whose spare time hobby must be bee-keeping. Especially in light of the fact that most of them have yet to view and take on board the significance of what Martyn has to say in Secret NASA Transmissions 2 !

[JimO: Keep the phrase "ill-informed nonsense" in mind as you see the drivel that Birdsell puts forward in following paragraphs.]

I note that NASA 'mission specialist', James Oberg, has emerged to have another 'pop' (again).

[JimO: I've never called myself a 'Mission specialist' for NASA or anyone else.]

The same James Oberg who was proven wrong about comments attributed to Guido Nigro, Director of the SETI Radio Telescope at Golden Grove Observatory;

[JimO: Not so, Nigro emailed me to explain he was an amateur astronomy enthusiast who was trying to organize a hobby group that didn't even have an observatory, so the official title was bogus.]

...who was proven wrong in claiming that Professor Weinberg of Vancouver's Simon Fraser University had never met with Martyn Stubbs;

[JimO: I was merely quoting Dr. Weinburg, who told me he's never met with Stubbs, and whom I assumed was the authority in specifying whom he had met, and hadn't met.']

...and who was again proven wrong in claiming that no NASA astronaut had ever said that objects seen by John Glenn were 'living critters' [Scott Carpenter made the remarks - on film]. And so it goes on.

[JimO: No, Carpenter didn't, and the video file cited by UFOMag clearly shows he did not, when viewed by rational people.]

Yes, James was spot on in claiming that people on the ground below had seen, filmed and photographed an orbiting tethered satellite in space. His memory served him well on that count, but sadly, the fact that this was from another tethered satellite mission, which took place prior to mission STS-75 seems to have escaped him.

[JimO: The people I named were observing precisely the STS-75 mission, and I was one of them, so this statement is totally delusional.]

As too is the [published] evidence that software on the stranded tethered satellite [STS-75] was found to have been re-programmed after NASA technicians had later re-established contact with it. That news was never publicised through the American media, but there was no such restriction to it being carried in Canada.

[JimO: News of the resetting of data bits on the satellite was all over the US media, as was the reasonable explanation that the 'lightning bolt' which caused the tether to part had zapped the circuit (no 'reprogramming' occurred).]

To be fair, James Oberg will find some empathy with the revelation that life aboard the space shuttle (and Mir) is not entirely a bed of roses (as NASA's PR people would have us believe).

[JimO: This is hardly a revelation to anybody reading the space news media over the past decades.]

He will doubtless be intrigued, therefore, to learn that fisticuffs and heated arguments among shuttle astronauts were common, but astonished to discover that Professor Weinberg and Bob Sutherland were recruited to tackle the problem!

[JimO: Fisticuffs? I'd be astonished to 'learn' of this, but that would require some qualified expert to teach me.]

Oh, and the astronauts on board the International Space Station are not entirely happy with their surroundings also - especially when unidentified visitors come knocking on the outside of their spacecraft! James should recall the time period when this took place, for he was drafted by Canadian TV to comment on the first spacewalk by a Canadian astronaut.

[JimO: I have no idea what Birdsall is raving about.]

If he can't remember, Martyn does mention the fact, along with how viewers were introduced to James, who was yet again given the title, 'NASA Mission Specialist' - but who failed to correct it.

[JimO: I have a tape of this segment and can find no such reference.]

James might also recall how 'live' transmissions of the

spacewalk failed to materialise, but in their place came still-frame images.

[JimO: Transmissions from the shuttle's Ku-band antenna are often blocked by station structure or by the shuttle being turned away from the TDRS relay satellites, especially when docked to the space station, so live communication is via S-band at a lower data rate, where video images come down more slowly. No engineer or other expert familiar with space operations is at all puzzled by this.]

Due to the fact that no windows are built into the ISS, the astronauts on board had to rely on TV monitors to see what might be going on outside. Rather odd, don't you think?

[JimO: The ISS does have windows, and it's not at all odd that Birdsall doesn't know it, but still makes up non-facts for his readers.]

That aside, I really don't believe that James or anyone else can ignore what Professor Louis Frank had to say about the anomalous 'streaks' seen in the footage and which has come to be known as 'Space Phenomena Two'. We never raised the issue of CCD cameras, and neither did James for that matter. He simply followed an argument put forward by the head of an Australian planetarium that the 'streaks' were caused by an effect from using CCD cameras.

[JimO: Nope, never did - since the STS PLB cameras are not CCDs, they are old-fashioned vidicon tube units with known susceptibility to cosmic ray hits, especially over the South Atlantic Anomaly.]

The Belgium-based company, Lexx Systems, buried that argument, but it was irrelevant anyhow because some of the 'streaks' were also captured by non-CCD cameras!

[JimO: The streaks were ONLY captured in non-CCD cameras.]

So, let us look at Professor Louis Frank's CV. He is a recipient of the National Space Act Award. He worked on instrumentation for the Galileo spacecraft mission to Jupiter. He designed instrumentation to detect space-plasma (Professor Louis Frank is acknowledged to the world's leading authority in the field of space-based plasma) for the Japanese GOKL spacecraft. And he worked on camera instrumentation to detect visible wavelengths for the Polar spacecraft.

[JimO: Dr. Frank believes his instruments are recording a massive influx of small icebergs from space. It is an interpretation which few people share, but he is arguing based on scientific research so the issue is open.]

Having looked at the footage along with his esteemed scientific colleagues, Professor Franks said: 'I find the contents of your video fascinating. There are several objects which may be small comets ['Space Phenomena Two']. He continued: 'Several of us have examined the video many times. Other phenomena recorded in your video are not easily explained.'

[JimO: If Dr. Frank relied on technical descriptions provided by Birdsall, no wonder he would be mystified and confused.]

So how do these remarks square with those who claim otherwise, and yet who don't come remotely close to matching Professor Franks' scientific credentials? It seems a fair question to put, but since when has fairness mattered to sceptics and debunkers who have their own fixed mindset and pre-fixed agenda?

[JimO: Since when has reality mattered to UFO salesmen whose income depends on the gullibility of their target audience?]

'Astronauts coming to blows on the space shuttle? Pah! What rubbish!' Well, it's true actually...

[JimO: There's still this old-fashioned concept called 'evidence', that remains unsatisfied.]

'The Tethered satellite is actually a space-based weapon? Pah! More rubbish!' Well, we have the film which proves conclusively that it certainly wasn't designed to do the things that NASA

claim...

[JimO: I've never heard anybody suggest that, but I wouldn't put it past some UFOmag reader to imagine it might be true.]

If you want the facts, if you want the names, if you want to see and hear the evidence for yourselves, then we have delivered the means by which you can do so. Nothing more, nothing less. Happy viewing!

[JimO: Happy dreams!]

Thanks for your continuing and brilliant support! Best regards,  
Graham W. Birdsall (Editor), UFO Magazine [UK]

Appendix: An example of the disputes of 'fact' between ufomag and oberg, regarding statements attributed to Scott Carpenter:

#### Misrepresentation of Astronaut Carpenter Quotation

ITEM: Mistreatment of Carpenter words and opinions regarding John Glenn's "fireflies"

1. Narrator (~6 minutes into tape) refers to "curious anomalous objects in orbit around earth", continues: "John Glenn likened them to fireflies, and for a time, NASA actually believed they had stumbled across living critters, according to one of its retired astronauts, Scott Carpenter."

2. Stubbs on same tape at 44:30: "We have an astronaut making the comment, on the 25th anniversary of the moon flight. He says, it's hard to believe, but he says it's a FACT that we thought that John's fireflies -- again, Glenn's fireflies -- were living critters. Now at no time -- I've read everything -- at no time have I ever heard that before, that NASA concluded originally that the fireflies were alive."

3. Magazine article, March-April 2000, p. 8, account of Stubbs's comments: "And we have an astronaut making a comment on the 25th anniversary of the Moon flight where he says, 'It's hard to believe, but it's a fact, that we thought that John's fireflies were living critters'." [[JimO: Note quotation marks]

4. Oberg's original note (March 20): refers to 'preposterous' allegation that astronaut Scott Carpenter 'admitted' that NASA for a long time thought that the 'fireflies' that Glenn reported were 'living things'. I called it "a silly idea -- that Carpenter would say such a thing", and asked for documentation outside of somebody's vivid imagination.

5. Reply from Callaghan, March 21: we will "respond with the video documentation that is absolutely proof positive that what we claimed was said is the truth, and nothing but the truth."

6. Carpenter's actual quotation, as subsequently posted at ufomag website: "It's hard to realize this now, there were so many unknowns in the early days, and this is a fact of the matter, we were really not sure, after John flew, whether or not there were critters, living critters up there somewhere."

7. Oberg responded that "the tape segment allegedly proving this is pitifully ambiguous, doesn't even mention the fireflies, so I suggest it was misinterpreted."

8. UFOMAG's reply: "[Oberg] challenged that we couldn't produce any evidence to support our quotation of Scott Carpenter. We did, and [Oberg] conceded the fact. Suggest [he] put that one to bed."

9. Not hardly! To repeat, Carpenter's posted quote in paragraph 3 (note that the transcript is not posted on the site, just the WAV file for playing, which is a lot harder for most visitors) does not mention 'fireflies' at all, and states NOT that people 'thought', 'believed', or 'concluded' anything, but that they were not sure one way or the other about life in space somewhere. The alleged quotation (paragraph 3) as printed in the magazine inside quotation marks is clearly fraudulent and UFOMAG's stubborn misrepresentation of it is indefensible on rational grounds.

10. As for the big picture, aside from any genuine perplexity about the phenomenon at the time it occurred, NASA very quickly realized that the dots were ice particles coming from the spacecraft's water spray boiler, which discarded waste heat from the avionics (the space shuttle has a similar unit, called a 'Flash Evaporator', mounted at the base of the tail). Carpenter himself confirmed this a few months later when on his flight he was able to create swarms of 'fireflies' by banging on the side of his capsule, where the water spray boiler was located. The observed motion of the particles, falling below and pulling ahead of the spacecraft, was exactly what is expected from high-drag low-mass ice crystals. Today there is absolutely no basis in reality to honestly portray the phenomenon as in any way mysterious.

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## Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

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Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 09:15:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joem\\_cgonagle@yahoo.com](mailto:joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars  
>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 08:01:15 -0000

<snip>

>The basis of my theory is a comparison between the Moon and  
>cheese, and pointing out the similarities (colour and shape).  
>I appreciate that Mac's theory is better researched than my own,  
>but it comes down to the same basis, scientific or not.

Poeple have been to the Moon. So have robots. Likewise, people  
have been to the features in question in Iran and found them to  
be artificial. For your Cheese Theory rhetoric to have any  
argumentative validity, then my contention that the Mars face  
and the formation in Iran are similar would have to be based off  
of a conspiracy theory of some kind. I've made no such  
suggestions.

Your cheese spiel is another in an endless parade of examples  
equating anything remotely smacking of intelligence on Mars with  
'conspiracy theories', regardless of the fact that there is no  
connection at all.

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all I saw on Channel Four." --The Smiths  
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## Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lfl Fleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfl Fleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 19:59:16 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 09:17:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 05:26:57 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars

>Hello Lan:

>I'm sure there are many skeptical articles in the mainstream  
>scientific press about the Cydonia 'Face On Mars'. I would guess  
>its used as a classic case for psychology studies among other  
>things.

Actually, there are none that I'm aware of. I know you can find such stuff in the 'popular' media, though.

>Do you know of any respected peer-reviewed scientific journals  
>that propose this feature is artificial? If so, are any of them  
>online where we can read them easily?

Here are the ones I know about concerning Cydonia. There are one or two others not on this list:

Carlotto, Mark J., Digital Imagery Analysis of Unusual Martian Surface Features. Applied Optics, Vol. 27, No. 10 (1988).

Carlotto, M. J. (1997) "Evidence in support of the hypothesis that certain object on Mars are artificial in origin". Journal of Scientific Exploration, 11,2

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Carlotto, Mark J. and Stein, M. C., ?A Method for Searching for Artificial Objects on Planetary Surfaces.? Journal of the British Interplanetary Society, Vol. 43 No. 5 (May 1990).

DiPietro, V., Molenaar, G., & Brandenburg, J., The Cydonia Hypothesis.. Journal of Scientific Exploration, Vol. 5, No. 1, pages 1-25 (1991).

O'Leary, B., "Analysis of Images of the Face on Mars and Possible Intelligent Origin." Journal of the British Interplanetary Society, Vol. 43 No. 5 (May 1990).

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## Re: Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation' - Fleming

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Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 20:06:33 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 09:19:55 -0500  
Subject: Re: Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation' - Fleming

>From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation'  
>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 06:50:32 -0600

>>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 23:24:35 EST  
>>Subject: Re: Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation'  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>>So why didn't the Captain write some kind of denial at the time  
>>stating that the article didn't accurately reflect his views?

>Now you are blaming Cernan for somebody else's potential error?

Hold your horses Jimbo. What "potential" error? The initial quote of Cernan was published by a newspaper reporter who was not, apparently, a 'UFO buff'.

Cernan is on record as saying he thought UFOs may be ET craft, or words to that effect. Lots of people deny saying things they really said or claim their words were taken out of context. You now say that Cernan was misquoted by a major newspaper. The burden of proof is on you to prove it.

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Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 20:14:22 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 09:21:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Fleming

>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 15:01:14 EST  
>Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg?  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>You, sir (note the lower case) are anathema here. And I  
>personally take your remarks as an insult. Apologize... and I  
>mean that!

But didn't you know, Jim? Being a pseudo-skeptic means never  
having to say you're sorry!

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Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 20:21:39 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 09:22:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 11:54:58 -0500  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joem\\_cgongagle@yahoo.com](mailto:joem_cgongagle@yahoo.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars...  
>>Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 02:25:20 -0000

>>Thank you for your comments, Mac, Jim, Christopher, and Lan,

>>I speculate that the Moon is actually made of cheese. Now I  
>>realise that this may sound ridiculous, but if you spend as many  
>>hours as I have following up this theory, I am sure that you will  
>>reach the same conclusion.

><snip>

>>"So what if the Moon is made of cheese? I don't care, it's not  
>>important!"

>>The more I dig, the more convinced I am that a revelation will  
>>be made in the near future. If we continue to consume cheese at  
>>the current rate, in fifty years time the effect on the Moon  
>>will be obvious, together with the effects on our ecosystem, and  
>>an alternative source of cheese will have to be found. Cheese  
>>will be the driving force behind space exploration, so it is of  
>>vital importance to humanity. Because of the importance of this  
>>matter, I would like everyone to contact their MP/Senator and  
>>bring it to their attention.

>>"This is wild speculation!"

>>Yes, but speculation is the precursor to discovery. Mark my  
>>words, it will all turn out to be as I have written, and my  
>>investment of research time will be justified! I have devoted  
>>eight years of my life towards researching and exposing this  
>>scandal. Now is the time to confront our political leaders and  
>>representatives with the proven facts!

>Your proof that the moon is made of cheese is very convincing...  
>in fact, its as solid as a swiss cheese.. (swiss cheese is one  
>of the artificial cheeses that could not be made on the moon  
>because it is full of holes caused by gasses that don't exist on  
>the moon)

The maximum temperature on the sunlit side of the moon is 110  
degrees centigrade. If the moon were made out of cheese, it  
would have to be in what scientists refer to as the 'fondue'  
state of matter. Next theory, please.

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## Brazilian TV Crew Tapes UFO

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Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 02:29:17 -0200  
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 09:26:47 -0500  
Subject: Brazilian TV Crew Tapes UFO

Hello friends,

A UFO was taped by a TV crew on a interstate road that links Bras=EDlia (Brazil=B4s capital)to the city of Samambaia. The light made evolutions in the sky for some time. The TV crew called to the CINDACT (Brazilian Air Force Radar Station), but were told that nothing unusual was seen. The event took place at 21:00.

I went to the TV studio to see the tape. The light was yellow-reddish and small. In a part of the tape, an airplane passed over the light, but as was night, we had no references. The moviments were really weird and did not looked like an airplane, ballon or something know.

Next week we will interview the witnesses and see the place.

We will keep you informed.

Regards.

Thiago Luiz Ticchetti  
Vice-Presidente da Entidade Brasileira de Estudos  
Extraterrestres(Bras=EDlia/Brasil)  
(EBE-ET VICE PRESIDENT)

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Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 05:00:14 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 09:30:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 08:20:43 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars  
>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

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>>I appreciate that Mac's theory is better researched than my own,  
>>but it comes down to the same basis, scientific or not.

>Mac wasn't giving a theory; he was making an observation.

<snip>

I think that I am perhaps being unreasonable here, and I genuinely apologise for that.

I am perfectly willing to accept that there is a (in my opinion, remote) possibility that the the structure on Mars is artificial.

I also accept that Mac has invested serious effort in trying to demonstrate this possibility.

Where I draw the line is when assumptions are made and conclusions drawn (or actually inferred implicitly rather than explicitly) which are based purely on observational, speculative, or subjective data.

This type of speculation does no credit to Mac (or indeed to JPL), and only serves to detract from the perfectly valid work (including speculative work). I cannot see the similarities that Mac sees between the Mars formation and the Iranian formation. There is dimensional information about the Mars formation, but none that I have yet seen about the Iranian formation.

On the same theme, the JPL article at:

[http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2001/ast24may\\_1.htm](http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2001/ast24may_1.htm)

describing a route to the summit of the feature without accurate (in terms of resolution) vertical scale information is absurd.

I am quite prepared to accept errors based on misunderstanding of the technology involved in the case of amateurs, but it does seem bizzare to me that JPL should speculate based on incomplete information, eg to go so far as to describe a route from the base of the feature to its summit without reasonably accurate elevation data.

I don't want to be seen as an apologist for JPL, but the only logical reasons as I see it for their position on this is as follows:

1. They have a limited budget.

2. Because of [1], they need to apply resources to maximise return (in terms of understanding of Martian geology) on every mission.

3. JPL (like myself) regard the structure as most probably a natural abberation, not typical of Martian geology, and therefore not likely to improve our knowledge in this field.

4. JPL have encountered extreme pressure to focus on the feature for future missions, partly through the efforts of Mac and people with a similar point of view, in conflict with their objectives.

5. Mac uses highly speculative and/or loosely worded statements intended to be used as justifications for further resource allocation to this feature.

6. JPL decided to respond in kind with highly speculative, and/or loosely worded statements.

If we take most of the speculation out of it, what are we left with?

1. A rock formation that probably resembles a human face is present on Mars.

2. It is unknown whether the formation is natural or artificial.

3. The probability is that the formation is natural, based on the fact that naturally occuring face-like formations on a smaller scale are known to exist.

4, (To my knowledge) there are no artificial structures of similar scale representing a human face.

Points 1 and 2 above are beyond question. Point 3 can be regarded as speculative, but it has a basis in statistics and experiential data. Point 4 is purely subjective, but I would challenge anyone to prove otherwise.

If we go a step further and take all of the speculation/subjectivity out, we are left with only points 1 and 2.

At the end of the day, I fail to see the relevance of the Iranian formation to points 1 or 2.

It is, however, related to point 4. As this point is speculative and/or subjective, they cancel each other out. Mac sees a similarity, I don't. Lan (for example) sees a similarity, someone else doesn't. Ultimately, it is of zero value, and adds nothing to our knowledge.

All that we can do to progress our understanding is to study the actual feature further. I am sure that this will be done, but it will be subject to prioritisation, and it seems to me that the chances of discovering the remains of microbial life, or the availability of water on Mars override application of resource to the feature, based on probability of meaningful results.

I am sorry if I offended anyone with my disregard for the value of speculation (other than in small doses), but I hope that you can understand why I hold this point of view.

At least a two-year old drew some entertainment value from my Cheese theory!

Cheese,

Joe

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Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 09:33:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: Formation In Iran Resembles Face On Mars

Hello, all

Here is everything you always wanted to know about Cinder Cones, the volcanic mounds in question (and compared to the face on Mars).

[http://vulcan.wr.usgs.gov/Glossary/CinderCone/description\\_cinder\\_cone.html](http://vulcan.wr.usgs.gov/Glossary/CinderCone/description_cinder_cone.html)

Back in my DC-7 days I have either personally visited some of them or darn near hit them (Sunset Crater area near Flagstaff AZ and Walker Range south of Bend,OR come to mind - none look like the formation in Iran or the 'Face on Mars').

Note: what is referred to as a 'butte' in the West - notably Oregon - usually is a cinder cone. There are lots of them here.

GT McCoy

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## Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Mortellaro

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Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 09:34:52 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 10:06:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Mortellaro

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>>You, sir (note the lower case) are anathema here. And I  
>>personally take your remarks as an insult. Apologize... and I  
>>mean that!

>But didn't you know, Jim? Being a pseudo-skeptic means never  
>having to say you're sorry!

Dear Lan, List and Errol,

I must admit, Lan, Oldberger really got to me. It does not happen often that Morty gets ticked more than a deer in the NY woods, but he did it. And I must also admit that there are very few people who can do that to me. Very few. But, we all have our Achilles heel. And I know a heel or two who should fly away. Oldbarga, sir, you are among a privileged few. Too dense and proud to admit culpable iggerantz and not schmart enough to light a candle.

Which is what you should do, as I have engaged my uncle Toto, in a contract with which to do your kneecaps. Uncle Toto never charges his nephew (that'd be me) a dime for his services. Hey, you wanna proof-a? They never did find Hoffa!

<sigh>

I guess I am really getting old. Lan, as for your comment, I accept it in the vein it was offered. The one on my left arm, going down to my carpals. I use it often to eat crow intravenously.

Jim

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Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 06:38:38 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 10:07:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 17:33:48 -0800 (PST)  
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>>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 08:01:15 -0000

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>'conspiracy theories', regardless of the fact that there is no  
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kind of cheese! Its not like there are just 3 or 4, there must  
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Best wishes

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## Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

From: **Jim Mortellaro** <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 09:43:41 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 10:09:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joem\\_cgonagle@yahoo.com](mailto:joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars  
>Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 05:00:14 -0000

>>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 08:20:43 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars  
>>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
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>>>I appreciate that Mac's theory is better researched than my own,  
>>>but it comes down to the same basis, scientific or not.

>>Mac wasn't giving a theory; he was making an observation.

><snip>

>I think that I am perhaps being unreasonable here, and I  
>genuinely apologise for that.

>I am perfectly willing to accept that there is a (in my opinion,  
>remote) possibility that the the structure on Mars is  
>artificial.

>I also accept that Mac has invested serious effort in trying to  
>demonstrate this possibility.

>Where I draw the line is when assumptions are made and  
>conclusions drawn (or actually inferred implicitly rather than  
>explicitly) which are based purely on observational,  
>speculative, or subjective data.

<snip>

>At least a two-year old drew some entertainment value from my  
>Cheese theory!

>Cheese,

>Joe

Dear Guiseppe, List and Erri,

I am genuinely impressed with any man who fesses up and  
apologizes to another man, who admits an error in whatever and  
is a perfect gentleman. Of course, only I, the great Gesundt, is  
a perfect gentleman, but you come next.

Seriously, Joe, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for  
making an apology. It's refreshing. It's unexpected and when it  
happens, it makes me feel that there is hope.

Your new fiend ... friend, sorry,

Jim Mortellaro

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From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 06:54:39 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 10:11:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 20:21:39 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars

>>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 11:54:58 -0500  
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Subject: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars...  
>>>Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 02:25:20 -0000

>>>Thank you for your comments, Mac, Jim, Christopher, and Lan,

>>>I speculate that the Moon is actually made of cheese. Now I  
>>>realise that this may sound ridiculous, but if you spend as many  
>>>hours as I have following up this theory, I am sure that you will  
>>>reach the same conclusion.

>>><snip>

>>>"So what if the Moon is made of cheese? I don't care, it's not  
>>>important!"

>>>The more I dig, the more convinced I am that a revelation will  
>>>be made in the near future. If we continue to consume cheese at  
>>>the current rate, in fifty years time the effect on the Moon  
>>>will be obvious, together with the effects on our ecosystem, and  
>>>an alternative source of cheese will have to be found. Cheese  
>>>will be the driving force behind space exploration, so it is of  
>>>vital importance to humanity. Because of the importance of this  
>>>matter, I would like everyone to contact their MP/Senator and  
>>>bring it to their attention.

>>>"This is wild speculation!"

>>>Yes, but speculation is the precursor to discovery. Mark my  
>>>words, it will all turn out to be as I have written, and my  
>>>investment of research time will be justified! I have devoted  
>>>eight years of my life towards researching and exposing this  
>>>scandal. Now is the time to confront our political leaders and  
>>>representatives with the proven facts!

>>>Your proof that the moon is made of cheese is very convincing...  
>>>in fact, its as solid as a swiss cheese.. (swiss cheese is one  
>>>of the artificial cheeses that could not be made on the moon  
>>>because it is full of holes caused by gasses that don't exist on  
>>>the moon)

>>>The maximum temperature on the sunlit side of the moon is 110  
>>>degrees centigrade. If the moon were made out of cheese, it  
>>>would have to be in what scientists refer to as the 'fondue'  
>>>state of matter. Next theory, please.

Dear Lan:

For one thing, I'm not too sure about the 110C temperature of the sunlit side of the Moon. Regardless, and if so, it would simply form a nice crust, but not incinerate. The colder interior would hold that in check, much like the flaming meteorite which is only warm to the touch if picked up immediately, and soon becomes bitter cold.

I would expect a 'cheese Moon' to have a nice crusty surface at first, becoming rather dusty over geological time, as the volatiles are sublimed away in the absence of an atmosphere.

In short, future French and Italian astronauts will have to dig down some meters before anything interesting is likely to be found.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 09:26:22 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 13:50:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

>Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 06:38:38 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>kind of cheese! Its not like there are just 3 or 4, there must  
>be hundreds in France alone.

That's forgetting the aged ripeness of this particular post,  
Mr. Hatch. Mr. McGonagle will certainly have to include it to  
be even remotely comprehensive... <oh oh... no emoticon!>

[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)

~~=D6~~

EXPLORE "Alfred (strike the sun if it offends me) Lehmborg's  
Alien View" at his HostPros URL:

<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually.  
He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put  
one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention  
he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail.

\$350.00 pledged -- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scurrilous.

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From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 08:46:58 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 13:52:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 19:59:16 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars

>>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 05:26:57 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars

>>Hello Lan:

>>I'm sure there are many skeptical articles in the mainstream  
>>scientific press about the Cydonia 'Face On Mars'. I would guess  
>>its used as a classic case for psychology studies among other  
>>things.

>Actually, there are none that I'm aware of. I know you can find  
>such stuff in the 'popular' media, though.

>>Do you know of any respected peer-reviewed scientific journals  
>>that propose this feature is artificial? If so, are any of them  
>>online where we can read them easily?

>Here are the ones I know about concerning Cydonia. There are one  
>or two others not on this list:

>Carlotto, Mark J., Digital Imagery Analysis of Unusual Martian  
>Surface Features. Applied Optics, Vol. 27, No. 10 (1988).

>Carlotto, M. J. (1997) "Evidence in support of the hypothesis  
>that certain object on Mars are artificial in origin". Journal  
>of Scientific Exploration, 11.2

>Crater, H.W., and McDaniel, S. V., (1999) "Mound configurations  
>on the Martian Cydonian Plain" Journal of Scientific  
>Exploration, 13,3.

>Carlotto, M., Crater, H., Erjavec, J., McDaniel, S.V.,  
>(1999)"Response to Geomorphology of Selected Massifs on the  
>Plains of Cydonia, Mars by David Pieri". Journal of Scientific  
>Exploration, 13,3

>Carlotto, Mark J. and Stein, M. C., ?A Method for Searching for  
>Artificial Objects on Planetary Surfaces.? Journal of the  
>British Interplanetary Society, Vol. 43 No. 5 (May 1990).

>DiPietro, V., Molenaar, G., & Brandenburg, J., The Cydonia  
>Hypothesis.. Journal of Scientific Exploration, Vol. 5, No. 1,  
>pages 1-25 (1991).

>O'Leary, B., "Analysis of Images of the Face on Mars and  
>Possible Intelligent Origin." Journal of the British  
>Interplanetary Society, Vol. 43 No. 5 (May 1990).

Hello Lan:

Thanks for all that legwork! Perhaps some of the SSE articles

are online.

The years may be important; some articles may date to the days before the more recent higher res images from Malin. Your other source is the British Interplanetary Society.

I suppose it is arguable whether mainstream scientists consider one journal, both or neither to be properly "peer-reviewed".

Sorry about the cheese stuff. It made me really hungry. Now I have to go get some more fake roquefort.

Best

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Roswell Is Alive And Well - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais@wanadoo.fr](mailto:gbourdais@wanadoo.fr)>  
Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 17:30:36 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 13:58:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: Roswell Is Alive And Well - Bourdais

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 12 Dec 2001 22:32:37 EST  
>Subject: Re: Roswell Is Alive And Well  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais@wanadoo.fr](mailto:gbourdais@wanadoo.fr)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Roswell Is Alive And Well  
>>Date: Wed, 12 Dec 2001 13:17:47 +0100

>>Hello to the List,

>>I wish first to add my little piece of "critical thinking" to  
>>Karl Pflock's last post to the List, regarding Don Ecker's  
>>article in UFO Magazine which revealed that Senator Thurmond had  
>>signed an authorization for his preface, with the mention of the  
>>provisional title of the book "The Roswell book".

>Note it was Don who made the "claim" and showed an alleged  
>document that mentions a so called "The Roswell book."

>Having been involved in the publishing industry a few years back  
>I can tell you that had the Senator actually written the forward  
>knowing it was connected to or about Roswell, he would have made  
>some direct mention or reference to it in his intro.

>The fact that he did not tells me that he wrote the intro based  
>upon the I walked with Giants book or whatever that was.

Your remark seems reasonable to me. However, the situation is  
not completely clear : why, then, didn't he write the name of  
the book "I walk with Giants" ?

<snip>

>>Second option: Senator Thurmond signed the authorization with  
>>the provisional title on it. When the book was published, his  
>>office denied it, and now they are compelled to stick to that  
>>line. Then make a copy, delete the title, and send a copy of it  
>>to Karl Pflock.

>This is highly unlikely.

One sure way to settle the matter would be that the office of  
Senator Thurmond would show, to some independant and reliable  
witnesses, the original copy of the authorisation, with  
Thurmond's handwriting. Is there a chance that this could be  
done?

Gildas Bourdais

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## Re: Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation' - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 11:05:41 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 14:02:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation' - Clark

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 20:06:33 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation'

>>From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>>>Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 23:24:35 EST  
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>Cernan is on record as saying he thought UFOs may be ET craft,  
>or words to that effect. Lots of people deny saying things they  
>really said or claim their words were taken out of context. You  
>now say that Cernan was misquoted by a major newspaper. The  
>burden of proof is on you to prove it.

This hilarious episode reminds me of a celebrated flap involving the great Swiss psychological philosopher Carl Gustav Jung.

In 1958 the Lorenzens of APRO publicized an interview Jung had given a Zurich magazine four years earlier, in which he discussed UFOs in a cautiously favorable light. The Lorenzens's belated awareness of the interview caused them to write an article about it in the A.P.R.O. Bulletin. A press-wire reporter picked it up, and the story got international attention. Jung found himself on the receiving end of ridicule. (Newsweek quoted an unnamed U.S. Air Force official as saying, "I always thought those head shrinkers were crackpots. Now I know.")

Jung soon released a statement claiming that he had been quoted out of context. Associated Press declared that Jung was "convinced that people who think they have seen flying saucers just wanted to see them."

The following year, Jung wrote a book, *Flying Saucers: A Modern Myth of Things Seen in the Skies*, with a final chapter which hardly anyone seems to have read but which, very carefully, expresses an opinion opposite the one expressed in the AP story. In fact, as the reader makes his or her way through the opaque prose, it becomes clear that Jung thought UFOs probably are physical "spacecraft which have been here for many years but which only now are being noticed by human beings needing spiritual direction."

A recent biographer of Charles A. Lindbergh records an incident in which Lindbergh, who took the official AF line on UFOs, and Jung got into a heated argument, with the latter taking a firm pro-UFO stance.

Back in the 1980s, amusingly, a UFOphobe who admired Jung wanted to 'prove' that his hero didn't believe in UFOs. He wrote one of Jung's most prominent associates (Jung himself died in 1961) and

got back a letter assuring him that Jung rejected "the reality of extraterrestrial ufos." The UFOphobe waved the letter as proof, when in fact, as even he must have known in his heart, it was just PR intended to distance Jung from heresy and a possible reiteration of the embarrassing 1958 uproar.

Claiming to have been quoted out of context is the oldest, most transparent dodge in the history of denial. Moreover, who would believe for a minute that Cernan, if he still harbors pro-UFO views, would admit to them, especially to someone like longtime, vocal UFO - and ufologist-basher Oberg, who has ranted to NASA associates about "UFOniks" and "UFO nuts" who "for fun and profit have been slandering our space program and lying through their teeth..... All of the UFO business you have to do is an essential waste of time. So if I can in any way make things easier or faster, since I know many of the UFO freaks and their weaknesses and biases, please don't hesitate to give me an unofficial call" (quoted from a letter to NASA headquarters, June 30, 1977, when NASA was briefly giving thought to taking on a UFO project).

I have no idea what Cernan thinks or does not think about UFOs at the moment, and I really don't care that much. UFOs do or do not exist regardless of his or anybody's opinion, positive or negative, about them. But I am certain that if he holds a heterodox view that Oberg would not like to hear, Oberg will never hear it. After all, that would make Cernan a UFOnik, a UFO nut, and a UFO freak, and who wants to be one of those?

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Oberg

From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 13:33:41 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 16:34:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Oberg

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg?  
>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 14:49:57

>You're the one that does this for a living;

Where was I supposed to mail my invoices? I've never gotten that figured out. Making a living writing skeptical articles about UFOs? Jeez, talk about delusional. . . .

>you're the one with access to a world stage that is best served  
>by the efforts of selected others;

Please reword this, I can't figure out your point.

>you're the one that wants to invalidate 50  
>years of ufological research (stonewalled, belittled, and  
>discounted every step of the way by the unelected) to paint it  
>as the confused realm of the misinformed, the mentally ill, and  
>the misdirecting...

Don't generalize my criticisms of you with my critique of ufology in general.

>Otherwise,  
>I'll have your literary liver with the obligatory wine and fava  
>beans... and we'll parse, even more judiciously, \_your\_  
>aggregate constructiveness.

Next thing you know, you'll be comparing me with bin Laden and Nazis ... oh, wait, that's already started!

So the trick is, get huffy-puffy and get your feelings hurt, and that makes contrary evidence go away, or get made invisible? No wonder you're still locked in an intellectual ghetto with walls of your own making.

I still don't see any explanation of the 'Herr Oberg' title except as an appeal to national, ethnic, or ideological bigotry, but I do confess I have a very hard time divining the meaning of most of your text, so I could be mistaken in this, too.

Shouldn't evidence, from any source, be the utmost value, not personalities and manners?

Let's see, the evidence discussed:

Cernan 1973 quote, I questioned its validity, and trustworthy evidence was offered that it reflected Cernan's actual words; investigation in NASA archives continuing;

Cernan's current views: I did original research to establish his views are different than expressed in 1973.

X-15 UFO story, I established that WWW-published versions which omit reference to small size and physical appearance, were misleading;

X-15 actual event: we all contribute half-baked impressions, challenge each other to correct misimpressions, dig out original materials, and converge on a more realistic portrait of the event. Research continuing. Indications the event demands a non-prosaic explanation are diminishing.

von Braun quote from 1959: I provide original research showing the quote as published by Tim Good is not correct.

Isn't ufology better for all of these steps? Is the gain worth the pain? Or would we seriously really rather leave all previous accounts unchallenged and uncorrected?

Jim Oberg

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## Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 14:33:37 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 16:37:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Velez

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg?  
>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 14:49:57 -0600

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Oberg  
>>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 09:09:03 -0600

>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg?  
>>>Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 15:50:57 -0600

>>>if you were remotely believable (?), it would be perfect.  
>>>But I'd sooner trust OBL's opinion on Judaism than your opinion  
>>>on UFO's. I don't think that's just me.

>>I confess to taking an improper glee in provoking such  
>>freak-outs from fanatics, and I apologize to exposing the rest  
>>of this List - which handles many controversies in a gentlemanly  
>>fashion - to this level of vituperation. I accept my share of  
>>the blame for inciting it.

>Sir! Not your share! The blame. Nothing less! The fanatic you  
>malign is a function of the jealous and indifferent system you  
>front for.

>>I'm pleased with the give-and-take re X-15 that has certainly  
>>improved my own understanding of the project and the specific  
>>'UFO sighting' which sparked the discussions. I'll pass around  
>>my draft description of the event and its place in UFO lore  
>>shortly, for critiques both constructive and Lehmborgian.

>Hey Mr. Oberg... you're the one with special responsibility  
>here! Don't try to distract us with an assumed cloak of the  
>reasonably collegiate...

Hiya Alfred, Mr. Oberg, All,

Alfred wrote:

>You're the one that does this for a living; you're the one with  
>access to a world stage that is best served by the efforts of  
>selected others; you're the one that wants to invalidate 50  
>years of ufological research (stonewalled, belittled, and  
>discounted every step of the way by the unelected) to paint it  
>as the confused realm of the misinformed, the mentally ill, and  
>the misdirecting...

Al I've been squirming in my seat for for the last couple of  
weeks searching for the 'right words' to write to Oberg. Once  
again, you have not only cut through all the crap, but said it  
better and more succinctly than I ever could have. You clothed  
my own sentiments and thoughts with exactly the right words.

Mr. Oberg, as a long-time member/participant in this forum I  
want you to know that Alfred has never spoken truer words and

that he has spoken (eloquently) for me as well. Things must be really s-l-o-w on your end or I imagine you wouldn't be slumming/making the rounds of the UFO Lists just to get your 'cookies' by messing with the locals. As in...

>>I confess to taking an improper glee in provoking such  
>>freak-outs from fanatics,

Participation in these e-mail forums is not intended to be a substitute for intimacy with the opposite sex.

Members of your church (CSICOP) make the rounds from time to time, and just like their counterparts the Jehova's Witnesses 'presume' to have the market cornered on the truth and to re-define reality for the rest of us. Like the cock-sure 'true believer' fanatics that they are, they attempt to turn it all around by pointing their smug, condescending finger at others and projecting their own shortcomings onto everybody else.

(ie; accusing others of being "fanatics".)

There are few who are as convinced of their own self-righteousness as you are Mr. Oberg. I don't know anyone who has ever worn that suit well. Alright, maybe God can pull it off. But mere mortals like ourselves? I don't think so.

Thankfully those same individuals/List participants that you rightfully apologize to, above, also happen to be intelligent enough to see right through you and your fanatical ilk like a cheap pane of glass.

My best to whoever it is that yanks your puppet strings. ;)

Back to Lehmberg:

Freakin' thought police. Shine your light on these creatures of the dark Alfred. IMHO they're worse than any threat the aliens may pose.

Tell it like it is, Dog! ;)

Sincerely,

John Velez

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## The Real Story Of Swamp Gas?

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 14:38:43 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 16:41:08 -0500  
Subject: The Real Story Of Swamp Gas?

The Real Story Of Swamp Gas, by DJJG

What's up with Pelicans these days? No pelicanism? Maybe it's because I personally exposed the politically incorrect version of the kind of pelican? Well, I just suppose so! People on this list are so afraid of mentioning the fact that pelicans come in black, white and shades of yellow (didn't know that, did'ja?) that they insisted on concentrating on this one kind of pelican. The ones with the shiney tops. Have you no shame? Say it like it is.

I insist on being herd... heard....! Now there is a new problem with which to debunk yet another fallicksy... fallacy. And that would be swamp gas. Remember folks, you heard it first, right here at the beautiful, downtown UpDates factory machine works. And you heard it from me. The one and only.

Ready? Good. Now sit back and sip a Grip, or if your name is similar to what birds eggs do, a beer (how gauch!). Hyneck was indeed wrong to cop to this swamp gas thing. But he did not know why. It was because of that which was making all this swamp gas. And, it was not being produced in swamps. Nope. It was always being produced on Canal Street, as we have been making our fresh wines there since before RosSwell.

See, the residents of lower Manhattan had to deal with the stench, the ascerbic, maloderous and aciduous stink of what smelled like the effluvium of the unwashed. Yes, and as Gesundt was experimenting with various processes, he generated a huge volume of the stuff. What he decided to do after numerous complaints from the entire island of Manhattan, was to dump all of it in the country, where the swamps were able to adsorb the stuff. All of this gas unfortunately, created a most unpleasantly overabundance of the stuff and well, it sort of... lit up the night. Hunters and campers would attempt to light a camp fire and were never heard from again. The story was that these lit up gaseous thingies were UFO's and the UFO's abducted the people. 'Swhat happened to that guy who was missing for three days, whatshisname!

And there were many more episodes of abductions from UFOs lighting up the night. Why some of the dump sites actually lit up the days, too.

And so, again, you heard it first here. Tomorrow we shall expose yet another icon. Pia Zad... no, I didn't mean that. We shall expose yet another icon of this UFO condon... condom... conundrum (whew, never write with an open bottle of the Grip nearby...). And that will be, are you ready for this? That will be the biography of Fill Class and Herr OldBart, who will be exposed by this writer as the REAL king of the abductees. For in this expose', I shall demonstrate that Class and OldBarf are really aliens, disguised as mild mannered skeptibunkies.

Stay tuned.

Dr. G.

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## Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 12:01:36 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 16:42:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joem\\_cgonagle@yahoo.com](mailto:joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars  
>Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 05:00:14 -0000

<snip>

>5. Mac uses highly speculative and/or loosely worded statements  
>intended to be used as justifications for further resource  
>allocation to this feature.

It's "loosely worded" because I'm suggesting a route for further exploration, not pretending to some expertise I don't have. I specifically commented on my site that I don't think the Iranian tell was meant to look like a face. But I do think it's morphology and context have the potential to tell us some interesting things about the culture who built it.

And if it turns out that the Cydonia Face is artificial, then we will be in a better position to apply terrestrial models for what we're seeing.

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From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 12:05:39 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 16:47:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 19:59:16 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars

<snip>

>>Do you know of any respected peer-reviewed scientific journals  
>>that propose this feature is artificial? If so, are any of them  
>>online where we can read them easily?

>Here are the ones I know about concerning Cydonia.  
>There are one or two others not on this list:

>Carlotto, Mark J., Digital Imagery Analysis of Unusual Martian  
>Surface Features. Applied Optics, Vol. 27, No. 10 (1988).

>Carlotto, M. J. (1997) "Evidence in support of the hypothesis  
>that certain object on Mars are artificial in origin". Journal  
>of Scientific Exploration, 11.2

>Crater, H.W., and McDaniel, S. V., (1999) "Mound configurations  
>on the Martian Cydonian Plain" Journal of Scientific  
>Exploration, 13,3.

>Carlotto, M., Crater, H., Erjavec, J., McDaniel, S.V.,  
>(1999)"Response to Geomorphology of Selected Massifs on the  
>Plains of Cydonia, Mars by David Pieri". Journal of Scientific  
>Exploration, 13,3

>Carlotto, Mark J. and Stein, M. C., "A Method for Searching for  
>Artificial Objects on Planetary Surfaces." Journal of the  
>British Interplanetary Society, Vol. 43 No. 5 (May 1990).

>DiPietro, V., Molenaar, G., & Brandenburg, J., The Cydonia  
>Hypothesis.. Journal of Scientific Exploration, Vol. 5, No. 1,  
>pages 1-25 (1991).

>O'Leary, B., "Analysis of Images of the Face on Mars and  
>Possible Intelligent Origin." Journal of the British  
>Interplanetary Society, Vol. 43 No. 5 (May 1990).

Although technically not a peer-reviewed scientific paper, the  
book 'The Case For The Face' contains some very interesting and  
compelling information from the authors cited above (including  
Mr. Fleming).

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## Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lflaming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lflaming5@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 16:46:48 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 18:13:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 05:00:14 -0000

>I think that I am perhaps being unreasonable here, and I  
>genuinely apologise for that.

It's not very often that someone does that on email lists. It shows a considerable amount of class.

>I am perfectly willing to accept that there is a (in my opinion,  
>remote) possibility that the the structure on Mars is  
>artificial.

>I also accept that Mac has invested serious effort in trying to  
>demonstrate this possibility.

>Where I draw the line is when assumptions are made and  
>conclusions drawn (or actually inferrred implicitly rather than  
>explicitly) which are based purely on observational,  
>speculative, or subjective data.

It may have seemed to you that Mac was implicitly speculating that the Iranian 'tell' was evidence of the transmission of culture from Mars to Earth or vice versa. But I really don't think that was his intent. The people at JPL seem to be saying that they can tell with absolute certainty which structures are artificial and which are natural. It just isn't that easy, at least for ancient structures. Some natural structures can look very artificial to the untrained eye, but some artificial structures can also look natural. So I think it's instructive to be familiar with examples of both, and I'm always interested when somebody finds one (either natural or artificial) that they think might be useful for comparative purposes.

There was considerable controversy in the early 20th Century over whether odd-looking hills called "tells" in the Middle East were natural or artificial. Archeologists had to do quite a bit of digging before they proved they were artificial. I've got no doubt that if you were to give someone at JPL an aerial photo of a tell and pretended it was something on Mars, they'd immediately say it was just an ordinary Martian hill.

>I am quite prepared to accept errors based on misunderstanding  
>of the technology involved in the case of amateurs, but it does  
>seem bizzare to me that JPL should speculate based on incomplete  
>information, eg to go so far as to describe a route from the  
>base of the feature to its summit without reasonably accurate  
>elevation data.

They would have done better to just release the image without comment, which is what they had promised to do in the first place. The fact that they aren't willing to let the issue stand or fall on its own without giving it a good hard push over the cliff only tends to add to the mystery they want to dispel.

>I don't want to be seen as an apologist for JPL, but the only  
>logical reasons as I see it for their position on this is as

>follows:

>1. They have a limited budget.

>2. Because of [1], they need to apply resources to maximise  
>return (in terms of understanding of Martian geology) on every  
>mission.

I doubt that the Cydonia images required major expenditures of resources. JPL had enough money left over in its budget for the public relations article. I don't know of anyone who's demanded that JPL give the Face any high priority to the detriment of the primary mission goals. The MGS has been up there for over three years now, and taking a couple pictures of the Face during that time isn't going to impede the progress of science to any noticeable degree.

>3. JPL (like myself) regard the structure as most probably a  
>natural abberation, not typical of Martian geology, and  
>therefore not likely to improve our knowledge in this field.

According to them, it is typical, but they've yet to support that conclusion, as far as I can see.

>4. JPL have encountered extreme pressure to focus on the feature  
>for future missions, partly through the efforts of Mac and  
>people with a similar point of view, in conflict with their  
>objectives.

JPL's objective is to acquire knowledge about the planet Mars. There are some unusual-looking structures on Mars (the Face is certainly not the only one). Whatever these things ultimately prove to be, it seems to me that acquiring knowledge about them is something that in part satisfies that objective. As for "extreme pressure," JPL might have a better appreciation of what that really is after the new budget-cutting NASA Administrator has been in office for a while.

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Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 17:40:58 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 18:56:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Lehmborg

>From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>>You're the one that does this for a living;

>Where was I supposed to mail my invoices? I've never gotten that  
>figured out. Making a living writing skeptical articles about  
>UFOs? Jeez, talk about delusional....

That's the world you live in, Mr. Oberg. It exists as a result of your complacency, your indifferent sensitivity, your preferred ignorance, your selective memory, and your abject lack of journalistic grace. If your living drips from your pen, I'm not delusional. And isn't this post just like you though? If you can't figure it out, it's crazy. What arrogance, what officious snobbery, what total and unjustified self-inflation...

>>you're the one with access to a world stage that is best served  
>>by the efforts of selected others;

>Please reword this, I can't figure out your point.

It's abundantly plain. You don't perform a productive service, abdicate to Dick Hall or Stanton Friedman and get off the stage.

>>you're the one that wants to invalidate 50  
>>years of ufological research (stonewalled, belittled, and  
>>discounted every step of the way by the unelected) to paint it  
>>as the confused realm of the misinformed, the mentally ill, and  
>>the misdirecting...

>Don't generalize my criticisms of you with my critique of  
>ufology in general.

But sir, forgetting that this discussion is not about me, when have you ever provided that which could be called a rational critique about anything, much less me? In any case, I'd find it as valuable as OBL's critique of the Jews... and that's not a direct comparison, sir... that's an analogy. I'm sure you know the difference.

>>Otherwise,  
>>I'll have your literary liver with the obligatory wine and fava  
>>beans... and we'll parse, even more judiciously, your  
>>aggregate constructiveness.

>Next thing you know, you'll be comparing me with bin Laden and  
>Nazis ... oh, wait, that's already started!

Yes, by all means, tell your intrepid troop of slack jawed ufological reactionaries that you're being directly compared to OBL on the UpDates list. Please. We'll just let that be

\_another\_ mud and manure brick of facile obfuscation that can be attributed directly to you.

>So the trick is, get huffy-puffy and get your feelings hurt, and  
>that makes contrary evidence go away, or get made invisible?

Why would you think that you would be allowed to put your custom trademark spin on this? Let's turn it around? Is there any evidence that \_you\_ ignore, make go away, or presume invisibility for? Any at all? That's the issue here and the fuel for my considered inability to take you seriously, accept your arguments, or appreciate your reasoning (which I think canted, unbalanced, and shallow). Moreover, I'm not (remotely) hurt yet.

>No  
>wonder you're still locked in an intellectual ghetto with walls  
>of your own making.

The ghetto's occupants never \_make\_ their own ghettos, Mr. Oberg. They are forced there by the arbitrary, the privileged, and the bigoted that provide for them. Moreover, I soar and cleave, sir. Like the UFO? I'm just not going to be where you tell me... get used to that.

>I still don't see any explanation of the 'Herr Oberg' title  
>except as an appeal to national, ethnic, or ideological bigotry,

I was thinking more along the lines of a character in a Mel Brooks movie, Mr. Oberg. A monocle wearing bureaucrat of a corrupt social system with a thick accent - the fake sabre scar over his right eye provided by a discreet plastic surgeon... "Vie are killink the girl tonight... sign ze paper..." Holding your cigarettes between thumb and forefinger... that sort of thing. I'm sure you're relieved to get to the bottom of \_that\_... <g>.

>but I do confess I have a very hard time divining the meaning of  
>most of your text, so I could be mistaken in this, too.

That \_is\_ a little bit easier isn't it? On the other hand? I understand you perfectly. I even know what you're going to say before you say it. David Rudiak has demonstrated an even more refined talent in that regard, some have said and most would agree. And know what? I'm betting you "divine the meaning" all too well...

>Shouldn't evidence, from any source, be the utmost value, not  
>personalities and manners?

From \_any\_ source? Evidence from any source is not necessarily the best evidence. Ruppelt and Hynek are \_quite\_ clear about that. Consider yourself, after all. I wouldn't buy a used UFO from you. I'd check if I knew the time and \_you\_ said the sun was up outside... with all respect.

>Let's see, the evidence discussed:

>Cernan 1973 quote, I questioned its validity, and trustworthy  
>evidence was offered that it reflected Cernan's actual words;  
>investigation in NASA archives continuing;

Your feeble attempt at a loss-leader? Was that a bid to appear reasonable? I'm still too distracted by the casual insult above to believe it. "Don't generalize my criticisms of you with my critique of ufology in general..." was an insult, was it not?

>Cernan's current views: I did original research to establish his  
>views are different than expressed in 1973.

...mud and manure...

>X-15 UFO story, I established that WWW-published versions which  
>omit reference to small size and physical appearance, were  
>misleading;

...mud and manure with a dash of straw...

>X-15 actual event: we all contribute half-baked impressions,  
>challenge each other to correct misimpressions, dig out original  
>materials, and converge on a more realistic portrait of the  
>event. Research continuing. Indications the event demands a

>non-prosaic explanation are diminishing.

...mud and manure with a Delta airline peanut in it...

>von Braun quote from 1959: I provide original research showing  
>the quote as published by Tim Good is not correct.

...but there has already been so much mud and manure!

>Isn't ufology better for all of these steps?

Your steps are all down and back. Ufology is far from served.  
You continue to fuel the engines of ridicule and demean the  
investigation. Stop helping. You're not.

>Is the gain worth  
>the pain?

There's been no gain and needless pain...

>Or would we seriously really rather leave all previous  
>accounts unchallenged and uncorrected?

Mr. Oberg! That's what you do. The substantive accounts are  
unchallenged and the complacent ignorance that you foment  
remains uncorrected. That's not my fault. That's the fault of  
the man who owns your stage. That's your fault, sir!

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~~=D6~~

EXPLORE "Alfred Lehmborg's Alien View" at his HostPros URL.

<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually.  
He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put  
one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he  
gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged  
-- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see  
from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, scourged by  
scurrilous skepti-bunkies.

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## If You Read This, We'll Have To Kill You

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December 12, 2001

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Security guard strike at Area 51 puts top-secret site in the limelight

Marina Jim=E9nez

National Post, with files from news services

A group of secretive U.S. security guards who work at a place that does not officially exist have walked off their jobs, bringing unwanted publicity to their workplace: a covert Nevada military installation and apocryphal alien landing site known as Area 51.

The guards, dubbed the "Camo dudes" for their camouflaged uniforms, referred to the location of the clandestine site as "nowhere" and "out of town." The details of their assignment are unknown; their employer can confirm nothing.

"Use your imagination," said Vernell Hall, who represents the workers, in response to queries about the site.

Greg Rentchler, security manager for EG&G Technical Services Inc., which employs the 70-odd security guards, was equally vague about the installation:

"I can't talk about that," he said. "I can only say the guards work in remote installations. We do technical services for the government so some of things we do may be classified."

In fact, Area 51 is inside the Nellis Air Force Base, 150 kilometres northwest of Las Vegas, and is part of a classified military aircraft testing site -- as well as the site of reported UFO landings, visiting aliens and other unexplained phenomena.

The 15,540-hectare swath of desert located on the dry bed of Groom Lake goes by many names, including Paradise Ranch. Dreamland is the moniker used by pilots and military air-traffic controllers for the airspace above Area 51, a no-fly zone for everyone but the servicemen, officers and other officials working at the non-existent base.

The area has long fuelled the imaginations of conspiracy theorists who believe Area 51 is where the government took the aliens and their spacecrafts that supposedly crash-landed in Roswell, N.M., in July, 1947. At the time, the Air Force issued a statement saying the recovered craft was a weather balloon -- but believers persist to this day. According to published reports, some locals claim to have seen bodies, while others say they worked on alien spacecraft there.

Locals revel in the lore. The two-lane road to the area is known

as "The Extraterrestrial Highway." It runs where the Mojave and Great Basin deserts meet and is a desolate place, with a big desert sky.

Rachel, a town 70 kilometres from Area 51, has a cheeky sign for visitors: "Earthlings Welcome." A cafe in a trailer called the Little A'Le'Inn offers rooms for rent.

The town is described by one journalist as "a melting pot of Internet junkies, conspiracy theorists, anti-government militia types, scientists, entrepreneurs and military watchdogs."

The strike brings a more mundane element to this other-worldly place.

Mr. Hall, leader of the Security Police Association of Nevada, the in-house bargaining unit, said the members decided to walk out after three months of negotiation failed to produce a new contract.

"There's been too much overtime since Sept. 11 -- overtime on top of overtime," he complained. Mr. Hall said the guards work 12-hour shifts, staying four days "out of town" before flying back to Las Vegas for three days off. "We don't get break periods," he said.

Mr. Rentschler said negotiations continue, but could not comment further. "We have a good relationship with those guys. They are our employees," he said.

He has been fielding calls from across the country since the guards began their strike on Monday.

In the meantime, supervisors have replaced the guards, patrolling the area in Jeep Cherokees and Ford pickups, peering at traffic through high-powered binoculars.

The "Camos" do not have legal authority outside the restricted area, marked by a line of orange posts, but may detain members of the public who trespass. One Las Vegas resident waged a failed battle to keep the government from classifying a nearby hillside and prime viewing site he called "Freedom Ridge."

The workers are shuttled to and from Las Vegas's McCarran Airport in passenger jets known as "Janet" planes, named for the radio call sign of the private airline operated by EG&G, according to the Web site [www.dreamlandresort.com](http://www.dreamlandresort.com), which monitors Area 51.

Over the years, the U.S. military has used the installation to test such spy planes as U-2s, A-12s and SR-71s, apparently even testing former Soviet aircraft. B-52 bombers and the F-117A stealth fighter have also been flown there.

The "Camos" remain an integral part of Area 51's mystique. Observed one recent visitor on the [dreamlandresort](http://dreamlandresort.com) Web site: "We set out for Area 51. Before being greeted by the Cammo's (sic) at Groom Lake Road, we were buzzed by four, count 'em four, A-10 warthogs. This freaked my wife out and our video of the encounter looks like a cheap rip-off of the Blair Witch Project.... It was a blast!"

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## Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Mortellaro

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>Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 17:40:58 -0600

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>>Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 13:33:41 -0600

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>>>Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg?  
>>>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 14:49:57

>>>You're the one that does this for a living;

>>Where was I supposed to mail my invoices? I've never gotten that  
>>figured out. Making a living writing skeptical articles about  
>>UFOs? Jeez, talk about delusional....

>That's the world you live in, Mr. Oberg. It exists as a result  
>of your complacency, your indifferent sensitivity, your  
>preferred ignorance, your selective memory, and your abject lack  
>of journalistic grace. If your living drips from your pen, I'm  
>not delusional. And isn't this post just like you though? If  
>you can't figure it out, it's crazy. What arrogance, what  
>officious snobbery, what total and unjustified self-inflation...

>>>you're the one with access to a world stage that is best served  
>>>by the efforts of selected others;

>>Please reword this, I can't figure out your point.

>It's abundantly plain. You don't perform a productive service,  
>abdicate to Dick Hall or Stanton Friedman and get off the stage.

<snip>

Oooow! Ooooww! (As the intrepid Horshack stabs the air with his  
arm)!

Oooow, wait Mr. Oberg, please, please oh pretty please don't  
leave without that apology I aksed for!

I and others among us, expect an apology for the dubious honor  
you bestowed on us, calling us 'fanatics'! Indeed, I demand an  
apology. For it is you who are the fanatic, treating not only  
the subject but those who study it, as chattell. This being a  
public forum, the best I can muster without offending the  
Offendi is, "Go Fish Oberg!" And hearty, "Get lost" would be  
appropriate as well. Speaking strictly for mineself.

Oh, and please, yet again, don't forget to apologize as you  
leave. Wouldn't wish to have the sour effluvium of skeptibunkies  
left behind. At the least, the apology helps remove some of it.  
Like the swamp gas of which I writ previously, tongue planted  
firmly in cheek of course.

Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Mortellaro

Only this time, it's right there where it oughta be... sticking out the mouth of this scandalous fanatic. Au revoir. Veider zayen. Biachiere, a Dios, Asta lavista, Baby, asta luego, chow baby, a riva derchi.

And leave your badge behind. And now you are supposed to say, "Badges? Badges? We do 'need no estinkin badges!"

Dr. J. Jaime Gesundt

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## Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

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Date: Sun, 16 Dec 2001 03:08:40 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Dec 2001 11:34:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

>Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 06:38:38 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars

>>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 17:33:48 -0800 (PST)  
>>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

>>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joem\\_cgonagle@yahoo.com](mailto:joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars  
>>>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 08:01:15 -0000

>><snip>

>>>The basis of my theory is a comparison between the Moon and  
>>>cheese, and pointing out the similarities (colour and shape).  
>>>I appreciate that Mac's theory is better researched than my own,  
>>>but it comes down to the same basis, scientific or not.

>>Poeple have been to the Moon. So have robots. Likewise, people  
>>have been to the features in question in Iran and found them to  
>>be artificial. For your Cheese Theory rhetoric to have any  
>>argumentative validity, then my contention that the Mars face  
>>and the formation in Iran are similar would have to be based off  
>>of a conspiracy theory of some kind. I've made no such  
>>suggestions.

>>Your cheese spiel is another in an endless parade of examples  
>>equating anything remotely smacking of intelligence on Mars with  
>>'conspiracy theories', regardless of the fact that there is no  
>>connection at all.

>>=====

>Hello All:

>One flaw in Joe's cheese theory is that he did not specify which  
>kind of cheese! Its not like there are just 3 or 4, there must  
>be hundreds in France alone.

Larry, Joe, List,

Was that Lehmberger cheese?

Josh

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## Re: Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation' - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 22:54:17 EST  
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Dec 2001 11:37:29 -0500  
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>Subject: Re: Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation'  
>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 06:50:32 -0600

>>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Thu, 13 Dec 2001 23:24:35 EST  
>>Subject: Re: Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation'  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>>So why didn't the Captain write some kind of denial at the time  
>>stating that the article didn't accurately reflect his views?

>Now you are blaming Cernan for somebody else's potential error?  
>Most astronauts long ago despaired of being quoted correctly in  
>the UFO literature (even Gordon Cooper complained about this)  
>and stopped worrying about what was said about them. Borman's  
>experience (see below) was that explaining and complaining was  
>useless. Garry Henderson, the official widely quoted in UFO  
>literature in the 1970s, made the same remark (also quoted  
>below). I think that casting suspicion back on the character who  
>was the subject of the original quotation is not proper.

If a newspaper article is incorrectly quoting a person, or  
misleads the readers by partially quoting, I believe it is up to  
the person to correct the mistake... no matter how much in  
dispair they are over allegedly being misquoted by the press.

I knew and currently know people in the political field who  
float quotes and all sorts of things, but if the quote stirs a  
controversery, they instantly fall back on the time honored  
position of 'well you know the media and they  
misquoted/mis-characterized/took my comments out of context and  
so forth. The press position is "Well the quote is accurate and  
we stand by our reporter....."

Kind of like Corso claiming that Birnes had stroked the book,  
and Birnes claiming that he faithfully recorded every word that  
vomited out of Corso's mouth. Some would claim its a nice  
position to be in...!

>Stan reports he checked the transcript and asked Cernan  
>directly, back near the time of the publication. The comment I  
>got from Cernan directly in the mid-1980s (and which I did not  
>write down, so I can't use it as a quote or as evidence) was  
>that he felt he was misquoted and didn't want to touch the  
>subject again. I've promised to check the press conference video  
>and transcript and report the findings here, but the NASA PAO is  
>taking a long time to dig them out.

I would be curious about the results of the press conference  
video. Although wouldn't it \*actually\* be film instead of video  
where it was that far back?

Cheers,

Robert

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>Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg?  
>Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 17:40:58 -0600

I'll leave Alfred with the last word on this thread.

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>Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 05:00:14 -0000

>>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 08:20:43 -0600  
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Joe this is a much better argument you are now making and one I feel does you better justice. The two year old who is nearly three and I was pulled up for saying she was two by her, asked me why we were e-mailing each other about a face on Mars and what was wrong with the moon not being made of cheese? Fair enough questions from a nearly three year old.

In my limited way I tried to explained to her that we adults didn't really know all that much about the history of Humankind on Earth as much of our history here on Earth defeated our understanding. Records of the last 4000 years were sketchy at best and often incomplete. The history of Humankind 600,000 years before that is even more of a mystery to us. The purpose of us e-mailing each other was to talk about these strange mysterious things and to try and make scene of them.

"Ok" She said, "but so long you are all nice to each other and play fair, but I still think the moon is made of cheese."

Arr the world is so simple at times for a nearly three year-old child.

>>>I appreciate that Mac's theory is better researched than my own,  
>>>but it comes down to the same basis, scientific or not.

>>Mac wasn't giving a theory; he was making an observation.

><snip>

>I think that I am perhaps being unreasonable here, and I  
>genuinely apologise for that.

No apology necessary.

>I am perfectly willing to accept that there is a (in my opinion,  
>remote) possibility that the structure on Mars is  
>artificial.

>I also accept that Mac has invested serious effort in trying to  
>demonstrate this possibility.

He does put a lot of hours and work into research and it shows in his web site and written articles as with many others here.

>Where I draw the line is when assumptions are made and  
>conclusions drawn (or actually inferred implicitly rather than  
>explicitly) which are based purely on observational,  
>speculative, or subjective data.

Fair enough. I can see you point here.

>This type of speculation does no credit to Mac (or indeed to  
>JPL), and only serves to detract from the perfectly valid work  
>(including speculative work). I cannot see the similarities that  
>Mac sees between the Mars formation and the Iranian formation.  
>There is dimensional information about the Mars formation, but  
>none that I have yet seen about the Iranian formation.

Credit due were credit is due, I take my hat off too JPL for  
letting us have such wonderful images of the site, I think it is  
very brave of them and I for one respect them for this and I  
make sure I don't go off the handle with way way out speculation  
or theories. Or at least I try very hard not too.

Mac hasn't done himself or JPL any discredit as far as I can  
see. The site in Iran could serve as a guide line for looking  
into what is on Mars. It is as we all know artificially made,  
how it was made and why? could help researchers asking questions  
surrounding the face on Mars.

>On the same theme, the JPL article at:

><http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2001/ast24may1.htm>

>describing a route to the summit of the feature without accurate  
>(in terms of resolution) vertical scale information is absurd.

>I am quite prepared to accept errors based on misunderstanding  
>of the technology involved in the case of amateurs, but it does  
>seem bizarre to me that JPL should speculate based on incomplete  
>information, eg to go so far as to describe a route from the  
>base of the feature to its summit without reasonably accurate  
>elevation data.

So I'm not the only one wondering about that, I thought they  
were just showing a fault line they thought was responsible for  
the side of the mound's collapse.

The collapse by the way is very similar to the collapse of the  
sides of pyramids in Egypt, not at all like a natural collapse.  
Even if it was the result of volcanic activity, it should have a  
large creator in the middle of it. It may not be a carved face,  
but it sure isn't like any thing natural I have ever seen.

>I don't want to be seen as an apologist for JPL, but the only  
>logical reasons as I see it for their position on this is as  
>follows:

>1. They have a limited budget.

>2. Because of [1], they need to apply resources to maximise  
>return (in terms of understanding of Martian geology) on every  
>mission.

>3. JPL (like myself) regard the structure as most probably a  
>natural abberation, not typical of Martian geology, and  
>therefore not likely to improve our knowledge in this field.

>4. JPL have encountered extreme pressure to focus on the feature  
>for future missions, partly through the efforts of Mac and  
>people with a similar point of view, in conflict with their  
>objectives.

>5. Mac uses highly speculative and/or loosely worded statements  
>intended to be used as justifications for further resource  
>allocation to this feature.

>6. JPL decided to respond in kind with highly speculative,  
>and/or loosely worded statements.

>If we take most of the speculation out of it, what are we left  
>with?

>1. A rock formation that probably resembles a human face is  
>present on Mars.

>2. It is unknown whether the formation is natural or artificial.

>3. The probability is that the formation is natural, based on  
>the fact that naturally occurring face-like formations on a  
>smaller scale are known to exist.

>4, (To my knowledge) there are no artificial structures of  
>similar scale representing a human face.

>Points 1 and 2 above are beyond question. Point 3 can be  
>regarded as speculative, but it has a basis in statistics and  
>experiential data. Point 4 is purely subjective, but I would  
>challenge anyone to prove otherwise.

>If we go a step further and take all of the  
>speculation/subjectivity out, we are left with only points 1 and  
>2.

>At the end of the day, I fail to see the relevance of the  
>Iranian formation to points 1 or 2.

>It is, however, related to point 4. As this point is speculative  
>and/or subjective, they cancel each other out. Mac sees a  
>similarity, I don't. Lan (for example) sees a similarity,  
>someone else doesn't. Ultimately, it is of zero value, and adds  
>nothing to our knowledge.

>All that we can do to progress our understanding is to study the  
>actual feature further. I am sure that this will be done, but it  
>will be subject to prioritisation, and it seems to me that the  
>chances of discovering the remains of microbial life, or the  
>availability of water on Mars override application of resource  
>to the feature, based on probability of meaningful results.

The discovery of microbiological life and water on Mars is a foregone conclusion to me. It is not logical, and may even be a limited form of thinking, to speculate that life can only exist on Earth. To think in this way does, to me, defeat the meaning of life at its core.

We are not the centre of existence, just a small part of it. I long for the day we leave such primitive thinking behind us and join the rest of the Universe.

>I am sorry if I offended anyone with my disregard for the value  
>of speculation (other than in small doses), but I hope that you  
>can understand why I hold this point of view.

I wasn't offended Joe, I think you really brought forth a great argument here and it shows you have much character. This whole speculation thing has, however, hit a raw nerve with me as I believe/think much of what we are forced to believe and are taught in schools, College, etc., is based on nothing more than speculation. This really gets under my skin. How can someone with a sh\_t load of degrees turns around and say life can only exist here on Earth which in turn is really nothing more than sheer speculation and poor speculation at that? So, I was a little put-off with the theme of your original post, Joe, which at first had me running for a soapbox so I could tell you off good and proper. I just don't see anything wrong with Mac speculating about what he does and I can see merit in a lot of what he speculates about.

So as far as I can see it, if these so-called 'great scientists' etc., can speculate wildly, why nnot we? At least we don't rule out entirely other possibilities or say "this is what you must believe".

Not that I'm targeting you, Joe, nor am I directing any anger toward you or blaming you for any of this. You just hit a nerve of an on-going argument I have in relation to what we are made to believe. Seems that scientists can speculate on just about anything and we must believe it, but if I, or Mac, or Larry or anyone else here, starts putting forth speculative ideas/theories then we are taken to the cleaners over it. This as you can see I think this is not right and does at times have me running for a soapbox to voice my humble opinion.

>At least a two-year old drew some entertainment value from my  
>Cheese theory!

The little one learnt about your post - due to the fact that being dyslexic means I have to use programs that put written text into English - is that if I want to avoid headaches and misunderstandings. Little Miss big ears over-heard the cheese and moon words and just had to know more. It was good in a way, as it started her thinking about matters outside her little Universe and she learnt a few new words along the way. On the down side, she started asking too many questions <LOL>, which her Mum said I had to now answer. It was about this time I started cursing you, Joe. Well not really... I don't mind her asking questions even if they are hard for me to answer, but if there was anyone that got entrainment value out of all of this it was her Mother - who was just about rolling around on the floor with laughter, listening to me trying to answer her daughter's many questions.

It was great fun though and could even be described as one of those KODAK moments in one's life.

Cheer Chris. (Tophar)

To speculate is mere speculation, speculatively speaking of course....

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Dear JimO,

May I modify your last sentence, which actually was the last word(s) on this thread?

"I'll leave. And I apologise for the offence and name calling."

JimMo

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Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Dec 2001 18:24:34 -0500  
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From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Sun, 16 Dec 2001 13:41:38 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Dec 2001 18:35:45 -0500  
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me someday on my resume. However, that failing of mine  
notwithstanding, the rest of what you say is bang on.

Sometimes you get plaudits where none are due. Though I am a  
private pilot I've had to quash attempts by some magazine  
editors and at least one publisher who have attempted to  
embellish on my PPL by upgrading me to ATP status. In those few  
instance I have been successful. Had I let them slide I would  
have been guilty of just what you alluded to in your remarks.

An act of omission rather than commission is still a lie. I  
have fibbed about my weight and my accelerated hair loss  
however. Re the latter I have one grandchild who keeps me honest  
["Boy you're really getting bald'Papa"]. You can run but you  
can't hide.

In any event, well said.

Don Ledger

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Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Dec 2001 18:37:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg? - Oberg

>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 19:38:22 EST  
>Subject: Re: Whither Might Herr Oberg?  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

I think I've finally figured out how to make some money off this subject.

Dart-board targets with my face on them?

Personalized toilet paper?

I'll be taking orders at \$19.99 per.

Better get in line now, there ought to be a tremendous demand.

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From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Sun, 16 Dec 2001 11:53:10 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Dec 2001 18:38:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation' - Oberg

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 22:54:17 EST  
>Subject: Re: Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation'  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>I would be curious about the results of the press conference  
>video. Although wouldn't it \*actually\* be film instead of video  
>where it was that far back?

Eileen Hawley at the PAO says they no longer possess either  
item, and referred me to the JSC History Office, and to Rice  
University which archived the Apollo-era stuff. The hunt  
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Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Dec 2001 18:39:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

>Date: Sun, 16 Dec 2001 03:08:40 +0100  
>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars

>>Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 06:38:38 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars

>>>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 17:33:48 -0800 (PST)  
>>>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

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>>>>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars  
>>>>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 08:01:15 -0000

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>>Hello All:

>>One flaw in Joe's cheese theory is that he did not specify which  
>>kind of cheese! Its not like there are just 3 or 4, there must  
>>be hundreds in France alone.

>Larry, Joe, List,

>Was that Lehmborger cheese?

>Josh

"Lehmborger"... as it turns out, crosses four generations (that I know about) and is just not that original. My Grandfather was affectionately called "Stinky" by Dizzy Dean, and I was called "Cheese" by my fellow candidates in Warrant Officer flight training for the United States Army... thanks for the nostalgia. It was like finding a box of old pictures. Thanks, again. <big smile>

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>Date: Sun, 16 Dec 2001 11:23:40 EST  
>Subject: George O'Leary and Ufology  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>Errol, List, all -

>I am struck by the reaction to George O'Leary's resume and the  
>response made by Notre Dame during the last few days. For those  
>who don't know, O'Leary was hired as the new head coach on  
>Monday (or maybe Sunday) and resigned late on Thursday. The  
>reason? He inflated his resume, suggesting that he had lettered  
>three times in college and that he had a master's degree.

>Now, as I understand it, he did play some college ball, but not  
>enough to have lettered. He did take graduate level classes, but  
>never received the degree. He inflated his resume to make  
>himself more attractive to those recruiting coaches and he made  
>the alterations some twenty years ago. He just never bothered to  
>update his resume or change his official biography to reflect  
>reality. In these later years, as I understand it, he just let  
>the situation ride rather than attempt to get to the truth.

>So, how is this relevant to the UFO world? Well, we find our  
>ranks filled with people who have lied to us and we continue to  
>listen to them. There are those who have misrepresented their  
>educational or occupational backgrounds, and we say, "Everyone  
>does it." There are those who have lied about their military  
>service and we just ignore it, suggesting the government has  
>altered their records to discredit them. We find ourselves  
>listening to those who have spent time in jail for child  
>molestation, fraud or grand theft auto, yet we flock to their  
>lectures and repeat the nonsense they tell us, overlooking the  
>fact that their criminal backgrounds would disqualify them from  
>any legitimate academic pursuit. We listen because they say what  
>we want to hear.

<snip>

Dear Kevin, List, Errol,

I would like to respond to your post, but in two voices, mine and  
the other (most voluble and vociferous) one, Dr. J. Jaime Gesundt,  
if it please the court and Errol.

First my voice... the real one.

Well said. But you know, in this field (I refrain from using the  
work 'business' because I've been chided by so doing... although  
I meant it in the generic sense... as in 'all this business' and  
besides, it is an old Ham Radio term... as in 'fine business')  
in this field, people are, in many cases, not professional in  
the areas in which they participate in the research. There are  
many exceptions, however I believe this to be the rule.

For example, Budd Hopkins is accomplished at what he does, and  
well suited for his work, most notably in regressive hypnosis,  
and yet he is not a degreed psychologist. Just to use the

example. This does not mean that the researcher is ill-prepared, merely that to state my point, the research is usually the avocation, not to metier.

This precludes being taken seriously by many, especially by main-stream science. And so, perhaps to be accepted in a more professional manner, they lie.

The other unfortunate justification is that some people really do believe this to be a business, one to be taken advantage of in seeking either money or fame... or both.

So the field is ripe for ruin by virtue of the above; that it is not the vocation, but the avocation of many, and that it is an opportunity not to become rich or famous necessarily, but to make a buck two-fifty and gain some notoriety in the process.

The conclusion should be to force mainstream science to embrace this field of research. And the check is in the mail and 'don't worry sweetheart, I'm sterile!' Not likely to happen. Not anytime soon at least.

As for your suggestion, exposing those who are less than qualified or who are misrepresenting themselves may be dangerous in this litigious society.

Now, with Errol's permission, I should answer in the voice of Dr. J. Ahem!

The stories of that incident in Alabama of my being indicted are LIES! And I was a general in the army during WWII. In fact I was the brains behind Ike. I never stole that car, it was a bad rap. Besides, I was only robbin the register. And I've worn that scarlet V on my forehead for many, many years. So there!

>My point here is that we see how those in other fields of

And my point is at the top of my head. So what!?!?

As for my education, well, I bought and paid for every stinking degree I got. Every One! And it cost me bundle too. Until I realized that I could get them from the Canal Street Society for free! Schmuck that I was.

>I have refrained from naming names here, but I think we all can

And you better. My consiglieres are straight from my second in command... command, sorry... Dr. Morty, who's member is made in the Bambini Crime Famiglia. An I got me his uncle, Toto, to do all my kneecap contracts. Watch it buddy!

As for respect, wit a famiglia like mine behind me, wit consigliere behind me, I got all da respete I need.

Arriva derchi, an I may aks you to retoin dis fava some day. Ma tu capeesh? Bene. Now shutta uppa ana go write-a anudda book.

Thank you, Kevin, for listening to these voices in my head. But I more appreciate my own. In truth, all of my Ph.D.'s are from the Canal Street Factory. And I did pay for them but they cost me a real bundle. So that makes it OK. When money talks, everyone listens.

Jim Mortellaro,  
Docca Morty and J. Jaime  
(Ph.D.'s too numerousto mention)

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## UFO Roundup Update

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Date: Sun, 16 Dec 2001 20:13:03 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Dec 2001 18:44:55 -0500  
Subject: UFO Roundup Update

I am pleased to be able to give another brief but positive update on Joseph Trainor, editor of UFO Roundup.

Joe wrote on December 11th to say he had his third and last post-operative examination with Dr. Morehouse. The doctor said the left eye is healing well and his vision appears to have stabilized. The last step for Joe is to pick up his new prescription lenses, which he plans to do soon.

If all goes to plan Joe should be back with Volume 7 early in the New Year. I guess we can all be encouraged by the news that Joseph said he has already begun gathering items for the premiere.

We would like to take this opportunity to send all readers our best wishes for Christmas and the coming year.

E-Mail Reports to: Joseph Trainor <[Masinaigan@aol.com](mailto:Masinaigan@aol.com)> or use the Sighting Report Form at:

[http://ufoinfo.com/forms/form\\_sighting.htm](http://ufoinfo.com/forms/form_sighting.htm)

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## Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sun, 16 Dec 2001 16:51:52 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Dec 2001 20:10:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars -

>Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 16:46:48 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars  
>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

<snip>

>>Where I draw the line is when assumptions are made and  
>>conclusions drawn (or actually inferred implicitly rather than  
>>explicitly) which are based purely on observational,  
>>speculative, or subjective data.

>It may have seemed to you that Mac was implicitly speculating  
>that the Iranian 'tell' was evidence of the transmission of  
>culture from Mars to Earth or vice versa. But I really don't  
>think that was his intent.

Not at all. Just offering a potential example of a  
'Cydonia-like' artificial formation on Earth. The Face on Mars  
may or may not be artificial, but if it is then I think having a  
lineup of terrestrial "examples" will further our understanding.  
It certainly won't hurt.

I've added a new, relevant image to the Cydonian Imperative page  
in question:

<http://mactonnies.com/imperative25.html>

(Carlotto has addressed this, but I don't think it's ever  
received the attention it deserves.)

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## Re: George O'Leary and Ufology - Felder

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Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Dec 2001 20:12:36 -0500  
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>appealing their story, how exciting their data, or how much we  
>wish it to be true. To do otherwise is to expose ourselves to  
>the criticism that we don't self police and we are a field that  
>has more than our share of frauds, charlatans, and liars and  
>that we have no respect for the truth. Not only will such  
>criticism be deserved, we will never gain the respect we desire  
>and we will be forever doomed to failure.

>KRandle

Hi Kevin. Very well said, I applaud you. I have said before that ufology will never be accepted in the mainstream if it does not start paying more attention to the company it keeps - by that, I mean until it starts taking a good, hard look at who is sharing the podium and making a name for themselves off of the names and good reputations of 'noted' and respected ufologists.

When a researcher appears as a guest on a show or sits next to one of these characters in a panel discussion at a convention, the "dirtbag of the month", to borrow a phrase from Royce Meyers, is building his reputation by leeching off the good reputation of the respected ufologist. The dirtbag gains and the true, hard-working ufologist loses in the public eye.

And I find that quite sad indeed.

Bobbie

"The level of civilization of a people can be judged by the social position of its women." - Domingo Sarmiento

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Bobbie "Jilain" Felder  
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## Re: Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation' - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 16 Dec 2001 21:20:10 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Dec 2001 13:03:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation' - Gates

>From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation'  
>Date: Sun, 16 Dec 2001 11:53:10 -0600

>>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2001 22:54:17 EST  
>>Subject: Re: Gene Cernan's Alleged UFO 'Quotation'  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>>I would be curious about the results of the press conference  
>>video. Although wouldn't it \*actually\* be film instead of video  
>>where it was that far back?

>Eileen Hawley at the PAO says they no longer possess either  
>item, and referred me to the JSC History Office, and to Rice  
>University which archived the Apollo-era stuff. The hunt  
>continues.

Good luck with the hunt! I would suspect that unless somebody  
requested a copy and it was xferred to video, it only exists on  
16mm film somewhere.

Cheers,

Robert

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## Former Harvard Researcher Sanctioned

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Date: Sun, 16 Dec 2001 22:03:19 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Dec 2001 13:06:28 -0500  
Subject: Former Harvard Researcher Sanctioned

Note: Another stroke job by an supposed and alleged top person. Had this happened in Ufology, the gullible sheep would have bleated and dismissed it as part of the evil government plot...

Former Harvard researcher sanctioned for falsifying data

By Jim Geraghty, States News Service, 12/16/2001

ASHINGTON - A former Harvard researcher, now described as one of the country's top young psychology professors, has been sanctioned by the federal government for falsifying data while at Harvard.

The professor, Karen Ruggiero, resigned her post at the University of Texas at Austin in June, after admitting to having fabricated experiment results in two studies she conducted while she was an assistant professor at Harvard from 1996 to 2000. The studies were partially funded with federal money.

Ruggiero entered a "voluntary exclusion agreement" with Harvard and the US Public Health Service that will bar her from applying for any government grants, research, or work for five years.

"Her career is probably gone, or it certainly is for a number of years," said Chris Pascal, the director of the Office of Research Integrity at the Health and Human Services Department, which oversees the public health service.

Reached by phone in Austin, Ruggiero declined comment.

The work of Ruggiero, whom the Austin American-Statesman described as "one of the most promising young psychology professors in the country," focused on the attitudes of women and other groups about discrimination.

Her work has been cited frequently by other researchers. A 1995 paper, for example, "Coping with Discrimination - How Disadvantaged Group Members Perceive the Discrimination That Confronts Them," has been cited in more than 50 psychology studies, according to the Social Studies Citation Index.

Two of her studies have qualified for grants at the National Institutes of Health.

One, "Less pain and more to gain: Why high-status group members blame their failure on discrimination," was published in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology.

The other, "Why did I get a 'D'? The Effects of Social Comparisons on Women's Attributions to Discrimination" was published in the Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin.

Ruggiero was found to have fabricated three experiments in the first article and two in the second.

Ruggiero cited the research for those papers in a National

Institutes of Health, in an application for a Individual National Service Award. She also submitted documents citing the falsified research in a Harvard School of Public Health grant application to the Institutes, and in grant applications to the National Science Foundation.

The investigation began when David Marx, Ruggiero's former student, colleague, and a coauthor on the studies, asked to see the notes she had kept for one of the studies. She refused, and Marx reported the refusal to Harvard.

Harvard began an investigation, and in June, Ruggiero admitted to having used "invalid data" in the studies. In letters to the journals asking that the studies be removed from the scientific record, Ruggiero took sole responsibility, but gave neither her methods nor her motive. She resigned from the University of Texas on June 22.

The Office of Research Integrity is trying to put together a comprehensive study of why some researchers falsify, fudge, or plagiarize data.

"People have anecdotes, but we're trying to do science on science in order to understand why these things happen," Pascal said. "From everything I've heard, Dr. Ruggiero is a very smart person. She didn't need to cut corners."

Andrea Shen, a Harvard spokeswoman, said in a statement that the sanction of Ruggiero was "appropriate" and that it "underscored the commitment all researchers must make to meeting the highest standards of integrity in their work."

"If you look at Harvard, it has a lot of reported cases, but that's not necessarily bad," Pascal said. "Harvard takes this stuff very seriously, and has put a lot of resources into investigating misconduct."

The Office of Research Integrity has reviewed its reports of institutions that have reported misconduct, and has concluded that the number of misconduct reports is generally proportional to the funding levels. Institutions with the most grants report the most misconduct - and Harvard is one of the nation's leaders in federal research grants.

"It gets a large number of grants, it's a competitive place, and things happen," Pascal said.

This story ran on page A17 of the Boston Globe on 12/16/2001.

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>>>>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>>>>Subject: Re: Formation in Iran Resembles Face on Mars  
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>>>><snip>

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>>>Hello All:

>>>One flaw in Joe's cheese theory is that he did not specify which  
>>>kind of cheese! Its not like there are just 3 or 4, there must  
>>>be hundreds in France alone.

>>Larry, Joe, List,

>>Was that Lehmborger cheese?

>>Josh

>"Lehmborger"... as it turns out, crosses four generations (that  
>I know about) and is just not that original. My Grandfather was  
>affectionately called "Stinky" by Dizzy Dean, and I was called  
>"Cheese" by my fellow candidates in Warrant Officer flight  
>training for the United States Army... thanks for the nostalgia.  
>It was like finding a box of old pictures. Thanks, again. <big  
>smile>

So that was it. Perhaps there was a stink when I too went to  
USArmy Secondary Flight School down there in the 'My Cousin  
Vinny' southern Alabama piece of Dixie between Ozark and  
Enterprise, y'all. Fort Rucker, with Daleville at its gate. Lots  
and lots of Grits. Too shy to nuzzle up to that lovely blonde  
waitress in Ozark. Lehmborger, I have all kinds of memories from  
the home of George Wallace.

On top of it all, after Vietnam, I was sent back there as an

instructor. 'My Cousin Vinny' - Part Two. Deep in the heart of Dixie. Oh, the memories. (deep smile and smirk)

Josh

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>>and we will be forever doomed to failure.

>Hi Kevin,

>I'm not much for football - so I guess that will count against  
>me someday on my resume. However, that failing of mine  
>notwithstanding, the rest of what you say is bang on.

>Sometimes you get plaudits where none are due. Though I am a  
>private pilot I've had to quash attempts by some magazine  
>editors and at least one publisher who have attempted to  
>embellish on my PPL by upgrading me to ATP status. In those few  
>instance I have been successful. Had I let them slide I would  
>have been guilty of just what you alluded to in your remarks.

>  
>An act of ommission rather than commission is still a lie. I  
>have fibbed about my weight and my accelerated hair loss  
>however. Re the latter I have one grandchild who keeps me honest  
>["Boy you're really getting bald'Papa"]. You can run but you  
>can't hide.

>In any event, well said.

Hiya Don, Kevin, All,

I just wanted to add my 'ditto' to Don's "Well said." I am surprised however, that in consideration of the fact that although many folks agree that a more 'formal' structure/organization/group is desperately needed in ufology, appeals for ufologists to sign-on to something like the code of ethics and standards that was proposed by the Brit's - not so very long ago - never seems to receive popular support, or very many subscribers among 'established' UFO researchers.

We have to start somewhere. I think it would be a huge step forward if, rather than paying lip service to the 'concept' of a

code of ethics and standards, (which, bottom-line, is what is being alluded to here) that more ufologists simply sign-on to, and abide by, the ones that already exist.

When an 'appropriate' situation arose, my mother used to quote an old saying to me in Spanish: "A ship that never leaves port, never arrives at its destination." Same goes for ufology and ufologists. Everybody seems to know exactly what needs to be done. It just needs to actually be done! ;)

Regards,

John Velez

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### Italian Sightings Total 600 In 2001

With the 13 cases gathered for the month of November, the Year 2001 sees the number of presumed UFO sightings in Italy surpassing the 600-number mark, a piece of data which is twice the normal average for our country.

Following the publication of the monthly listings of the entire 2001 Italian UFO case log heretofore gathered by the Italian Center for UFO Studies, the summary table and the graph of the monthly statistics up to and including all of November are now available on the C.I.S.U. Internet website (<http://www.arpnet.it/ufo/casi2001.htm>).

[Collaboration by Giorgio Abraini.]

### Fourth Book by Lissoni, This Year

Arriving just in time for Year-End 2001 is the fourth UFO book penned this year by Alfredo Lissoni (something which amounts to a veritable record in Italian biblio-ufological annals).

It actually is the reissue of the short volume, "L'altra faccia degli UFO" ("The Other Side of UFOs"), originally published at the end of 2000 with a circulation that became immediately exhausted, and now reappearing in a revised and expanded version from Macro Edizioni of Cesena under the title: "Altri UFO - Avvistamenti extraterrestri nei paesi islamici e nelle antiche tradizioni religiose" ("The Other UFOs - Extraterrestrial Sightings in Islamic Countries and in the Ancient Religious Traditions") (307 pages; 15 Euro).

[Report by Maurizio Morini.]

### C.I.S.U. Headquarters Move

As duly reported, taking place over these two year-end weeks is the scheduled relocation of the Turin headquarters of the Italian Center for UFO Studies, which houses its central archives, administrative headquarters and editorial operations for C.I.S.U. publications.

Thus, the Year 2001 sees the closing of the historic offices at

Via Briccarello 6, which were originally leased in July 1979 as the Turin-based editorial offices for CUN magazine "Notiziario UFO", and subsequently transformed into the administrative office headquarters and the archives initially for the Centro Ufologico Nazionale (National Ufological Center, CUN) , then for the Centro Italiano Studi Ufologici (Italian Center for UFO Studies, CISU).

The new headquarters, which see a quadrupling in the space available, will allow for an improved layout and management of the Association's library and archives which, in addition to being the largest in existence in Italy, represent one of the greatest troves of ufological material in Europe.

Due to the relocation, these coming weeks may cause some glitches in postings, administrative office operations, and weekly headquarters goings-on.

[Communication by Gian Paolo Grassino.]

Collaborators on this edition were: Giorgio Abraini, Gian Paolo Grassino and Maurizio Morini

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>>>>>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 17:33:48 -0800 (PST)  
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>>>>>>Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2001 08:01:15 -0000

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>>>>Hello All:

>>>>One flaw in Joe's cheese theory is that he did not specify which  
>>>>kind of cheese! Its not like there are just 3 or 4, there must  
>>>>be hundreds in France alone.

>>>Larry, Joe, List,

>>>Was that Lehmborg cheese?

>>>Josh

>>"Lehmborg"... as it turns out, crosses four generations (that  
>>I know about) and is just not that original. My Grandfather was  
>>affectionately called "Stinky" by Dizzy Dean, and I was called  
>>"Cheese" by my fellow candidates in Warrant Officer flight  
>>training for the United States Army... thanks for the nostalgia.  
>>It was like finding a box of old pictures. Thanks, again. <big  
>>smile>

>So that was it. Perhaps there was a stink when I too went to  
>USArmy Secondary Flight School down there in the 'My Cousin  
>Vinny' southern Alabama piece of Dixie between Ozark and  
>Enterprise, y'all. Fort Rucker, with Daleville at its gate. Lots  
>and lots of Grits. Too shy to nuzzle up to that lovely blonde

>waitress in Ozark. Lehmberger, I have all kinds of memories from  
>the home of George Wallace.

Yes, Mr. Goldstain (...doesn't \_that\_ paint a lovely picture), and perhaps you did a little too much nuzzling but not enough noodling while you were here. Eh? As an IP, SIP, and IFE assigned to both attack and utility branches of the aviation schoolhouse, I noticed that it was often that the itinerant student was a little more concerned about the white sands of Panama City Beach than his -10 Emergency Procedures. How was it with you? I'm betting you had sand in your flight school pockets. How say you?

>On top of it all, after Vietnam, I was sent back there as an  
>instructor. 'My Cousin Vinny' - Part Two. Deep in the heart of  
>Dixie. Oh, the memories. (deep smile and smirk)

Yeah. I did some checking. Could it be that you're still wanted for some of those memories? They don't cotton to deadbeat dads down in these parts... As it is? I don't remember you (no daughters...). I joined the Army in 1969. Mineral Wells Texas was followed by a very bare Fort Rucker... I was in Germany most of the time after 'Nam, 101st Airborne in Kentucky, Korea, and Fort Rucker... I was the Senior TAC at the Army's only Warrant Officer Candidate School for awhile...

Fort Rucker. Yes. I'm out the Enterprise gate a few miles, this moment. It's a charming little spot where I tilt my head back, look into an early morning sky, and see real UFOs... If you're down this way, Mr. Gallstone, and can call me by my real name (?)... maybe I'll show them to you... again, thanks for the memories <G>.

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>>>I would be curious about the results of the press conference  
>>>video. Although wouldn't it \*actually\* be film instead of video  
>>>where it was that far back?

>>Eileen Hawley at the PAO says they no longer possess either  
>>item, and referred me to the JSC History Office, and to Rice  
>>University which archived the Apollo-era stuff. The hunt  
>>continues.

>Good luck with the hunt! I would suspect that unless somebody  
>requested a copy and it was xferred to video, it only exists on  
>16mm film somewhere.

A moot exercise, even if the outcome favors an alleged  
skeptibunky position, and especially if it favors an alleged  
believer position... It the outcome favors the SB, then it is a  
straw argument to facilitate the complacent and continuing  
ridicule of the rest of ufology; if it favors the B, then it is  
another isolated target item to be discredited, belittled, and  
demeaned as the pure invention of a cognitively inferior fringe.

Mr. Oberg can continue to appear diligent and resolute,  
regardless, as he grinds an axe of obvious obfuscation, his  
findings rendered meaningless, suspect, and facile whatever they  
come to be. He'll have it his way, whatever is found out. He  
hones an axe, you see...

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Thanks to Edoardo and his colleagues for making these English translations available to us. Since UFO research appears to be moribund in the U.S., it is good to know that activities continue elsewhere.

TV2 in France produced a documentary last summer that was aired in September after premiering in the French Senate. It is far superior to 95% of the dreck that continues to appear on A&E, Discovery, etc., in the U.S.

Dick Hall

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COVER STORY  
by Dan Gilgoff  
Dec. 14-20, 2001

### SAUCERS FULL OF SECRETS

Decades later, Washington's fabled UFO invasion has witnesses, skeptics, and true believers asking: "Where were you in '52?"

PAULA: What happened, Jeff?

JEFF: I saw a flying saucer.

PAULA: A saucer? You mean the kind from up there?

JEFF: Yeah, or its counterpart. It was shaped like a huge cigar. Dan saw it, too. When it passed over, the whole compartment lighted up with a blinding glare. Then there was a tremendous wind that practically knocked us off our course.

PAULA: Well, did you report it?

JEFF: Yeah, radioed in immediately and they said, 'Well keep it quiet until you land.' Then, as soon as we landed, big Army brass grabbed us and made us swear to secrecy about the whole thing. Oh, it burns me up. These things have been seen for years. They're here, it's a fact. And the public oughta know about it.

PAULA: There must be something more you can do about it.

JEFF: Oh no, there isn't. Oh, but what's the point of making a fuss? Last night, I saw a flying object that couldn't possibly have been from this planet. But I can't say a word. I'm muzzled by Army brass! I can't even admit I saw the thing!

--Plan 9 From Outer Space, 1959

Howard Cocklin, assistant chief of Washington National Airport's control tower, was working the graveyard shift on Saturday night, July 19, 1952. Just after he settled into a chair behind a radarscope, an unidentified white blip blinked onto his screen.

"We were tracking a flight that had just taken off, when all of a sudden, we had another target show up," says Cocklin, now 82 years old and living in Fairfax, Va. "It was very erratic. It went left and right. We knew it wasn't an airplane, because a plane flies in one direction. But it was a strong signal, just like an airplane. Then a man named Harry Barnes in the Air Route Traffic Control [ARTC] center down below called the control tower. He wanted to know if we had seen what he saw, whatever it was."

Three days later, the muddled headline "Radar Spots Air Mystery Objects Here" ran in three decks across the front page of the Washington Post. Controllers at National Airport, the article

reported, had picked up a gaggle of unidentified flying objects - "perhaps a new type of 'flying saucer'" - on radar over the weekend.

The article supplied the opening paragraphs to the story of history's biggest UFO flap. More than 500 UFO-sighting reports were reported to the U.S. Air Force that July, still a record. Pulp magazines had long lavished pages on the subject, but the Washington sightings stole front-page headline space from the 1952 Democratic National Convention and had President Harry Truman hounding the Air Force for an explanation. The Washington invasion, as it's referred to in the UFO literature, had the CIA wringing its hands over how to squelch the public hysteria.

UFO sightings had been steadily mounting since World War II, when the atmosphere was clogged with more Earthling-manned vehicles than ever before, but the Washington sightings marked a seismic shift in UFO history. And not for the reason that the Post reported: "For the first time...the objects were picked up by radar." That had happened before.

But the Post didn't report that, as morning broke on July 20, the U.S. Air Force sent an F-94 fighter jet to intercept the airborne objects, which had been tracked in the restricted airspace over the White House and the U.S. Capitol. Or that at one point that night three separate radars, two at National and another at Andrews Air Force Base 10 miles east, simultaneously picked up the same unidentified targets before they vanished. Or that, for one of the first times ever, a batch of unidentified radar blips had been complemented by a spate of ground reports of strange lights in the sky.

Before calling Cocklin in the tower that night, Barnes, National's senior ARTC controller, had a technician inspect the radar equipment at ARTC for glitches. The tech could find nothing wrong.

Around 1 o'clock in the morning, an ARTC controller radioed Capital Airlines Flight 807, which had just taken off, to ask about any suspicious lights in the air around it. A moment later, 17-year veteran pilot Casey Pierman's voice roared through the radio: "There's one - off to the right - and there it goes." And a controller on the ground watched the blip to the right of the airplane's blip disappear.

Pierman reported a half-dozen more lights in the next 14 minutes, describing them as "like falling stars without tails." All of them corresponded to blips on the ARTC radarscopes. Some of the lights, he said, moved faster than shooting stars. Every time Pierman "reported that the light streaked off at high speed," Barnes wrote in an article for a New York newspaper a few days later, "it disappeared on our scope."

Over at Andrews, Air Force personnel were spotting lights in the sky. "I saw a strong light South of Andrews AFB traveling from east to west at a terrific rate of speed," around 2 o'clock in the morning, wrote Sgt. Charles T. Davenport in an Air Force report dated July 21, 1952. "The light traveled from Andrews to approximately the Potomac River in about 5 to 15 seconds...Its color was orange red. Later on we spotted what seemed to be a star northwest of the field. It was very bright but not the same color. This was a bluish silver. It was very erratic in motion, it moved from side to side. Three times I saw a red object leave the silver object at a high rate of speed and move east out of sight."

Davenport saw a second string of strange lights that night; that sighting ended near 3:30 a.m., about a half-hour before a commercial pilot closing in on National from the south called the control tower to report a light off his left wing. The object showed on the scopes both at the tower and at ARTC, where a half-lit hall glowed with lavender from all the radars. When the pilot gave word that the light was trailing off, the corresponding blips faded.

The runways at Washington's Bolling Air Force Base were undergoing repairs, so an F-94 left New Castle Air Force Base in Delaware at dawn to investigate the capital's airspace. The Air Force Command Post had been stonewalling ARTC's requests for help all night, according to a controller's Air Force report.

In a 3 a.m. phone call, a combat officer at Air Force Command "said that all the information was being forwarded to higher authority and would not discuss it any further," wrote a controller. "I insisted I wanted to know if it was being forwarded tonight and he said yes, but would not give me any hint as to what was being done about all these things flying around Washington."

By the time the F-94 left the runway, the targets had already vanished from the radarscopes. After a few minutes of searching, the jet hooked a U-turn and went home.

Barnes plotted out Saturday night's events in an article he penned for the New York World-Telegram and Sun, which ran on the same morning as the Post's account. "For six hours on the morning of the 20th of July there were at least 10 unidentifiable objects moving above Washington," he wrote. "I can safely deduce that they performed gyrations which no known aircraft could perform. By this I mean that our scope showed that they could make right angle turns and complete reversals of flight....[We] could detect no pattern to the movement of these objects. However, they did seem to become most active around the planes we saw on the scope."

The Air Force had already been investigating UFOs for five years by the time of the summer of '52 sightings. Capt. Edward Ruppelt, the recently appointed head of that investigation - code named Project Blue Book and based at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio - landed in Washington at 10 o'clock in the morning on July 20 on a previously scheduled visit and stumbled across news of the sightings in the morning paper. The press had scooped Air Force intelligence.

By late afternoon, after a day of briefings and meetings and staving off the press at the Pentagon, Ruppelt was anxious to crack the weekend mystery. He planned to visit National and Andrews, the airline offices, and the Weather Bureau.

But the Pentagon wouldn't give him a staff car; its finance office suggested riding in cabs and charging his expense account. Ruppelt's \$9 per diem, designated for a hotel room and meals, wouldn't begin to cover a long night's worth of cab fares. He caught the next flight back to Dayton.

When asked what he thought was behind the blips on his radarscope that night, Cocklin gives a long chuckle that putters into a dry, staccato cough. "At the time, I thought it was something alien," he says. "I still do."

Exactly one week later, on the night of July 26, several pilots flying over the D.C. area spied peculiar airborne lights, like a string of five glowing orange-and-white objects. A B-29 Air Force pilot cruising at nearly 10,000 feet eyed "three amber edged white flashing objects," according to an Air Force report dated July 31, 1952. "Traveling at approximately speed of sound each caused [a] yellowish trail. First object moved across sky in horseshoe path; second appeared to drop vertically; and the movement of the third not identifiable."

On the ground, a sergeant at Andrews saw "a bluish white light move...at an incredible rate of speed," according to an Air Force report. "About one minute later...I saw the same kind of light. These lights did not have the characteristics of shooting stars. There was no trails and [they] seemed to go out rather than disappear, and traveled faster than any shooting star I have ever seen."

At exactly the same time, 10:23 p.m., an Air Force report shows, a sergeant on a radarscope at Andrews noted "a great many targets....We observed targets following very erratic courses, sometimes appearing to stop, then reverse course, accelerating momentarily, and then slowing down....The biggest problem appeared to be the large No. of targets present which made it difficult to have any definite targets singled out for checking."

Al Chop, Blue Book's civilian PR man, was in bed with his wife at their Alexandria, Va., home when the telephone rang just before midnight on July 26. A Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA) official from National's ARTC room was on the line. "He told me they were getting UFOs on the radar and that they were

getting the same returns at Andrews," says Chop, now 85 and living in Palm Desert, Calif. "He said that there were a lot of reporters there and that they were practically banging down the door. He told me to get down there. I said that I'd be there as quick as I could."

Chop arrived at the ARTC with his wife, whom he says he was afraid to leave home by herself, just past midnight. "I looked at the radarscope and there were about 10 or 14 unknowns," he says. "They looked just like aircraft - they had the same kind of strong signal - but we couldn't contact them. We just looked at each other as if to say, 'What should we do?' We just watched them. We were kind of helpless."

When a pair of F-94s was dispatched for Washington from New Castle shortly after midnight, something strange happened, even by the standards of what had already transpired: "The very instant those planes appeared," Chop recalls, "the UFOs disappeared. After about 20 minutes, the pilots decided there was nothing for them to do. So they left. But the minute they left, the UFOs came back. It was the most eerie thing I've ever witnessed in my life."

According to Ruppelt's 1956 Blue Book memoirs, titled The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects, the blips didn't vanish when the jets nosed into Washington's airspace. Instead, they relocated to Newport News, Va. The Air Force's own records jibe with Ruppelt's account. Stargazers phoned Langley Air Force Base near Newport News with reports of lights poking through the night sky. An F-94 climbed up from Langley, its pilot locking his radar onto a target. After three successful lock-ons, he lost it. That's when, according to Ruppelt, the blips crept back onto Washington's radar.

Before the F-94s had lifted out of New Castle, a Life magazine reporter named Robert Ginna had phoned Ruppelt in Dayton to ask how the Air Force was responding to the latest sightings. Ruppelt hadn't heard about them - as had happened the previous weekend, the press had scooped military intelligence - so he hung up. He called Maj. Dewey Fournet, who'd been designated Blue Book's government liaison, in Washington, and told him to get over to National. Fournet picked up a Navy electronics expert named Holcomb and headed to the airport, where Chop was waiting.

In the early-morning hours of that Sunday - Air Force records don't give the exact time - Fournet dialed the Pentagon's Air Force Command Post and two more F-94s swept out of New Castle to scour the Washington sky. The pilots were steered toward the radar targets by ARTC controllers. Chop says he scribbled down the conversation between the pilots and the ground crew for an Air Force report.

"The ground asked one of the pilots, [Lt.] William Patterson, if he saw anything," Chop recalls. "And he responded, 'I see them now and they're all around me. What should I do?' And nobody answered, because we didn't know what to tell him."

According to Ruppelt's account, Patterson told reporters about the enveloping lights the next morning. "I tried to make contact with the bogeys below 1,000 feet, but [ARTC controllers] vectored us around," he said. "I saw several bright lights. I was at my maximum speed, but even then I had no closing speed. I ceased chasing them because I saw no chance of overtaking them."

By the time the first rays of light ushered in Sunday morning, the radarscopes were clear of any unknown targets. Fournet, Holcomb, and Chop drove home. The "invasion" of Washington, D.C. was over.

When asked the same question as Cocklin - What did he think was behind the blips on the radarscope that night? - Chop gives nearly the same reply: "At the time, I felt that we were being visited by somebody from another planet," he says. "I still think so after all these years."

Ruppelt touched down in Washington again on Monday afternoon, July 28, 1952. The city was abuzz.

Evening newspapers were assaulting the Air Force with headlines like "Fiery Objects Outrun Jets Over Capital - Investigation Veiled in Secrecy Following Vain Chase." Newspapermen smothered

Ruppelt as he checked into a downtown hotel. President Harry Truman had an aide ring Ruppelt the very next morning for an explanation.

The Air Force had to say something, so Maj. Gen. John Samford, the director of Air Force Intelligence, announced an afternoon press conference at the Pentagon for that very afternoon. According to a July 29 memorandum circulated by the office of the Air Force's inspector general, there wasn't much to tell. The memo chided the Air Force for stoking news reports of the sightings. "Much of the publicity has been based on authorized news releases by the Air Force," it read. "The Director of Intelligence advises that no theory exists at the present time as to the origin of the objects and they are considered to be unexplained."

If Air Force Intelligence did get the memo, it ignored it. That afternoon at the Pentagon, its top brass gave their longest and best-attended press conference since the close of World War II seven years earlier.

Samford told reporters that the sightings were most likely due to temperature inversions - blankets of warm air that lie atop cooler air in the Earth's atmosphere. The blankets are called inversions because air temperature normally declines at a regular rate as altitude increases. These anomalous pockets, the theory went, act as airborne mirrors, bending radar beams back to the ground. When those beams pick up solid matter on Earth - say, a building or a truck - radarscopes are fooled into detecting "airborne" objects.

Ruppelt observed that the press was uneasy. "Major Dewey Fournet and Lieutenant Holcomb, who had been at the airport during the sightings, were extremely conspicuous by their absence," he wrote in his memoir. "Especially since it was common knowledge...that they weren't convinced the UFOs picked up on radars were weather targets."

According to a transcript of the press conference, one reporter brought up the name of Pierman, the pilot who had radioed reports of darting lights to ARTC on the first weekend of the sightings. "Pierman described it as a light that was zooming and all such things and this was not once but Barnes told me he instructed him on that target three times," the reporter said. "Then, this past Saturday night, when they all saw these blips, Barnes vectored at least a half-dozen airline pilots and planes into these things and they all reported seeing lights."

"I can't explain that," Samford responded. "I can't explain it at all."

But the Air Force's temperature-inversion hypothesis won over most reporters, even though Samford called it a "a 50/50 proposition." As the summer faded, newspaper coverage of UFO sightings thinned with the sighting reports themselves, though Life ran a story that August suggesting that the Air Force had "known more about the blips than it admitted."

Nearly a year after the press conference, in May 1953, the CAA released a report that was supposed to close the case on the sightings. It concluded that unidentified radar blips, "do not represent new phenomena; nor are they peculiar to the Washington area."

The report argued that temperature inversions often drift on the wind, giving the illusion of moving targets on radarscopes. It devoted a couple of sentences to explaining the corresponding visual sightings, too: "It should be noted that abrupt temperature inversions aloft can refract light in much the same way as radar waves and produce mirage effects."

CAA investigators had interviewed Cocklin about the first Saturday night of the sightings. "They were very careful to discount anything that we had to say," Cocklin remembers. "So we just kept quiet. As I recall, we saw several things that night but made no mention of them because they just kept laughing at us. We didn't particularly care for it."

Oddly, the CAA report drew on weather data from Aug. 13 and 14, 1952, not from the two July weekends that sent UFOs to the top of the CIA's priority list.

Previous sightings had usually involved small numbers of observers. In January 1948, a pilot with the Kentucky Air National Guard on a low-altitude training flight from Georgia to Kentucky chased what he thought was a flying saucer until he reached around 25,000 feet. Then he fainted from lack of oxygen and his plane spiralled back to Earth, breaking up completely before it got there. Later that year, another Air National Guard pilot entered a "dog fight" with what he claimed was a UFO over Fargo, N.D. It had him flying so fast that he temporarily blacked out.

At the same time, sightings were gaining space in the mainstream press. In April 1952, Life magazine carried an article headlined "Have We Visitors from Space?" about recent accounts of floating "discs" and "globes of green fire" that could not "be explained by present science as natural phenomena - but solely as artificial devices, created and operated by a high intelligence."

Over the next couple of months, the letter-sized envelopes that Blue Book used to collect UFO-related newspaper clippings from around the country were replaced first with big manila envelopes and then with shoeboxes.

The previous year, 169 UFO-sighting reports had trickled into Air Force Intelligence, 22 of them never fully explained. In 1952, April alone brought 82 reports. And by the close of July, the month of the Washington incidents, 536 reports buried Blue Book's staff and persuaded at least some of them that interplanetary spacecraft had indeed pierced the stratosphere. "Project Blue Book was still trying to be impartial," wrote Ruppelt. "But sometimes it was difficult." UFO hysteria was running full throttle.

And Hollywood was cashing in. The 1951 film *The Day the Earth Stood Still*, which opens with a flying saucer landing on the National Mall, anticipated the following year's Washington "invasion." But the invasion itself set the paradigm for subsequent UFO films, such as 1959's *Plan 9 From Outer Space* and 1977's *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, that hinge on government cover-ups.

In the wake of the Washington sightings, public opinion increasingly did, too. Publicly, the Air Force was dismissing the threat of UFOs; privately, it was still looking for explanations for many sightings. And its reluctance to publicly address the UFO issue was interpreted, at least by some, as a conspiracy.

An Air Force document in the declassified Blue Book files, housed at the National Archives at College Park, Md., lists dozens of sightings around the country for the end of July 1952. Explanations like "Balloon," "Aircraft," or "Astro (METEOR)" sit beside descriptions of the time and place of each sighting. Beside the Washington, D.C., and Andrews Air Force Base July 26 sightings, typed in blocky letters, is the word "UNIDENTIFIED."

For the Central Intelligence Agency, determining whether the 1952 Washington invasion could be written off as a case of Mother Nature toying with primitive radar technology was half the problem. Since the summer of 1947, when a pilot passing over Mount Rainier in Washington State claimed that he happened upon a chain of nine saucers cruising at an estimated 1,700 miles an hour, UFO sightings had been steadily mounting.

The CIA had been monitoring UFO reports since the Mount Rainier sighting and was fixing for a major investigation. According to Curtis Peebles' 1994 book *Watch the Skies*, a series of top-secret CIA briefings issued in the months following the Washington sightings warned of escalating national security concerns: "A fair proportion of our population is mentally conditioned to the acceptance of the incredible. In this fact lies the potential for the touching-off of mass hysteria and panic....Perhaps we, from an intelligence point of view, should watch for any indication of Russian efforts to capitalize upon this present American credulity."

The other prime CIA fear was purely military: "Our air warning system," an August 1952 CIA briefing read, "will undoubtedly always depend upon a combination of radar scanning and visual observations. We give Russia the capability of delivering an air

attack against us, yet at any given moment now, there may be a dozen official unidentified sightings plus many unofficial. At the moment of attack, how will we, on an instant basis, distinguish hardware from phantom?"

At base level, the U.S. government was itching for an explanation as to what UFOs were. According to Fred Durant, a retired Navy test pilot who was on assignment with the CIA's Office of Scientific Intelligence in 1952, the CIA queried the White House about any secret military activities that could be causing the UFO sightings. Truman said he had no information on any such covert operations.

"No one seemed to have a handle on these UFO reports," Durant, 85, says over the phone from his retirement home in Raleigh, N.C. "The feeling was, If we don't find out what [UFOs] are, they may be something that the Russians could use as a weapon against us. That may sound silly today, but nobody knew what these things were."

Faith in what had come to be known as the "Extraterrestrial Hypothesis" spread into upper levels of government. H. Marshall Chadwell, the assistant director for scientific intelligence and the author of a major fall 1952 CIA briefing on the national security threats posed by UFO hysteria, wrote, "Sightings of unexplained objects at great altitude and traveling at high speeds in the vicinity of major U.S. defense installations are of such nature that they are not attributable to natural phenomena or known types of aerial vehicles...."

On Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1953, a CIA-sponsored team of distinguished civilian scientists gathered in Washington for a four-day review of the evidence on UFOs. According to a 1997 article "CIA's Role in the Study of UFOs, 1947-1969," the group undertook an analysis of "the possible danger of the phenomena to U.S. national security." It was dubbed the Robertson Panel, taking its name from H.P. Robertson, the physicist who chaired it.

The Robertson Panel reviewed 50 UFO reports from around the country and watched a pair of films of weird aerial phenomena, which the Air Technical Intelligence Center, the Air Force division that housed Blue Book, considered the best proof that the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis rang true.

But distinguished scientists on the panel were wary about their assignment. "The panel members insisted that their names not get out," recalls Durant, who served as the group's secretary and authored its report. "They didn't want to be associated with flying saucers. They were concerned about their reputations."

The panel wasn't much impressed by what the Air Force considered its most baffling sightings reports. "Luis Alvarez [the panel's radar and electronics expert] said, 'These [ground controller] chaps don't know how to handle the equipment,'" recalls Durant. "He threw up his hands after scanning half the reports, and said, 'There's no data. There's no facts. These are all personal reactions of people with all sorts of backgrounds, and the great majority have no knowledge of science or technology.'"

The Robertson Panel's final report only underlined the CIA's national security concerns. "The continued emphasis on the reporting of [UFOs] does, in these perilous times, result in a threat to the orderly function of the protective organs of the body politic," it reads. "We cite as examples the clogging of channels of communication by irrelevant reports, the danger of being led by continued false alarms to ignore real indications of hostile action, and the cultivation of a morbid national psychology in which skillful hostile propaganda could induce hysterical behavior and harmful distrust of duly constituted authority."

Speculation on the causes of the UFO sightings was consigned to the meeting minutes, also written up by Durant. "Reasonable explanations could be suggested for most of the sightings and by deduction and scientific method it could be induced that other cases might be explained in a similar manner," wrote Durant. "Because of the brevity of some sightings and the inability of the witnesses to express themselves clearly, conclusive explanations could not be expected for every case reported...."

The Robertson report offered only one concrete recommendation to the CIA: Quash the public discourse on UFOs. According to the 1997 CIA article, included in the agency's semiannual Studies in Intelligence, "The panel recommended that the National Security Council debunk UFO reports and institute a policy of public education to assure the public of the lack of evidence behind UFOs. It suggested using the mass media, advertising, business clubs, schools, and even the Disney Corporation to get the message across. Reporting at the height of McCarthyism, the panel also recommended that private UFO groups...be monitored for subversive activities."

Durant still adheres to the Robertson Panel's findings. "After nearly 50 years, I wouldn't change a single bit of its conclusions," he says. "You can't prove a negative. There's no proof that some of these sightings were extraterrestrial visitors."

"But," he adds, "there's no proof that they weren't."

In the mid-'70s, more than 20 years after the sightings and the Robertson report, a D.C.-area UFO enthusiast named Don Berliner heard through the grapevine that a recent Air Force study had debunked the CAA's explanation of UFO ground sightings as mirages caused by temperature inversions.

A former member of the National Guard, Berliner moved to Washington from the Midwest in the early '60s to volunteer, and later work, for the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), the largest international group devoted to UFO phenomena in the '50s and '60s.

Investigating the tip on the Air Force's new report, Berliner scheduled a meeting with Bill Coleman, the last Air Force public information officer designated to handle UFO queries. When Berliner arrived at the Pentagon, Coleman's office mates were streaming by his desk, offering their hands and wishing him a happy retirement.

"All his old cronies had come to wish him well," says Berliner, 71, who's worked as a freelance aviation journalist and author since NICAP's demise. "While all these colonels and majors were cooling their heels, he and I sat there for three-quarters of an hour talking UFOs. He stuck by the official Air Force line, but he told me about his own sighting: He'd been flying a B-25 across the country with two other guys and they spotted an aluminum-colored disc-shaped thing. They decided to chase it. They chased it down to treetop level and got within an eighth of a mile of it before it finally flew away."

Before Berliner left the Pentagon that day, Coleman handed him a copy of the rumored report, titled Quantitative Aspects of Mirages. It didn't broach the subject of radar sightings, but the 1969 study - conducted by the Air Force's Environmental Technical Applications Center - found that, contrary to what the CAA had concluded more than 15 years earlier, mirages associated with temperature inversions could not give rise to visual UFO sightings. "Thus far," it read, "we have been unable to find any UFO sighting explained as mirages."

The report debunked the science behind the inversion theory. "Our results clearly show that the temperatures and temperature gradients needed to produce mirages which occur at an angle of one degree or more from the horizontal are extraordinarily large," it reads. "[T]hese temperatures and temperature gradients are not found in our atmosphere. The inversions postulated by Menzel [a scientist cited by the Air Force at its July 29, 1952, press conference] would need temperatures of several thousand Kelvins in order to cause the mirages attributed to them." In the 1953 CAA study, temperature inversions above Washington of just 3 degrees for July 20, 1952, and 1 degree for July 26, 1952, were reported.

The 1969 Air Force report argued that although inversions could produce mirages, the inversion layer would need to be drastically warmer than the air layer underneath in order to produce a mirage visible from the ground. "That kind of inversion would turn everything on the earth to cinders," Berliner chuckles in his dimly lit Alexandria apartment. "There would have been nobody left to make UFO reports."

Although Berliner was delighted that a government-sponsored report had stamped a question mark on Washington's 1952 sightings, it had come a decade and a half after the fact. "Nobody paid attention to it," Berliner says of the report. "It wasn't news anymore."

Even before obtaining the report, Berliner had felt dubious about the government's flip-flopping on UFOs. As a young reporter with the now-defunct Painesville, Ohio, Telegraph, Berliner had written up a local UFO sighting and contacted the Air Force for an official explanation. He says the Air Force told him records showed that a research balloon had been launched in the area that day, which was likely the cause of the UFO. But Berliner says the balloon was actually floating over Iowa when two men separately eyed a shapeless, multicolored light in the northeastern Ohio sky at dawn.

He'd also written to NICAP for an explanation. In a reply letter, the fledgling group cited a scientific research rocket launched from Wallops Island, Va., the morning of the sighting. That rocket was visible from Ohio, according to NICAP. When Berliner wrote the Air Force again with this information, the Air Force retracted its original reply and took up NICAP's explanation as its own.

"What interested me was the Air Force's behavior," says Berliner, reclining on his plaid sofa with a pillow propped up behind his head. "They obviously tossed off something initially, then had to correct themselves. Something was wrong."

A 1974 trip to the Air Force Archives in Montgomery, Ala., where the declassified Blue Book files were housed before they moved to the National Archives later that year, left Berliner even more suspicious. In Ohio, he had "fast-talked" his way into the local filter center for the Civilian Ground Corps - a national government-run network of volunteers who monitored the sky for Soviet planes. "People went out on rooftops and into the fields with binoculars, and they'd call reports into filtering centers," he says. "Of course, they didn't see any Soviet bombers; there's never been any over here. But they did see UFOs."

Over the course of two years, Berliner looked over hundreds of UFO reports from northern Ohio at the filter center in Columbus. But when he dug through Blue Book files - which served as the national depository for UFO reports from 1951 until the project's closure, in 1969 - Berliner couldn't find a single report from his Ohio days. "Where they went," Berliner says, "is anyone's guess. That got me interested in the government's behavior."

After more than 40 years on the UFO trail, Berliner says he's still not a true believer in the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis. "I'm not ready to say absolutely that UFOs are of alien origin, but I'm creeping closer to that," he says, his fingers walking down the arm of the sofa. "I just want to see an answer. Mysteries are supposed to be solvable. On TV, they do it in 40-some minutes. We've been working for half a century."

The dozen or so books that Berliner's authored - with names such as Crash at Corona and Airplanes of the Future - stand proudly in a row atop a short bookcase near the door of his bare-walled bachelor pad. The apartment doubles as the home office of the Fund for UFO Research, a group that came together 20 years ago out of "crying-in-our-beer sessions" attended by former NICAP staffers. The old NICAP headquarters, vacated soon after Blue Book was dismantled, was knocked down in the mid-'70s to clear space for the north entrance to the Dupont Circle Metro station.

About 9 o'clock at night, Berliner's phone rings. He picks up the receiver, listens for a couple of seconds, then drops into a swivel chair behind a dark wood desk, the lone piece of distinctive furniture in his Spartan living space. He reaches for a pen, grabs a sheet of a clean white paper, and begins scribbling. "In what part of the sky is it?..No, I can't see north from my window....Is there any pattern to the blinking?...Is there anybody else there with you?...Can you make a sketch of it for me?"

After three or four minutes, Berliner hangs up the receiver and lets out a sigh. "You can't get much information from seeing a light at night," he says, "because what's it attached to? I'm

much happier with daytime sightings. Plus, the fact that it wasn't doing anything. If it's a UFO, it will let you know. It will do something very unusual to let you know."

Calls from UFO witnesses are pretty rare these days, says Berliner. Just about one every two weeks. And there hasn't been a major sighting wave for more than a quarter of a century.

In fact, Berliner says he's skeptical about most of the calls that do come in, adding that reports from folks convinced that UFOs are interplanetary spacecraft drive him up a wall.

"You run into anyone who claims to have the answers to UFOs, turn around and run like hell," he says a few days later, driving his dusty red 1992 Toyota Tercel to a UFO conference at Anne Arundel Community College in Maryland. "Because they don't know what they're talking about."

Which isn't to say Berliner's exactly a skeptic. At the mention of Philip Klass, a retired magazine editor and probably the 20th century's most outspoken critic of the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis, Berliner cringes. "I have reason to believe Klass is a covert government agent," he barks. "He's the only journalist I've ever known who always followed the government line, no matter what. I've pulled out of TV interviews because I knew he would be there. He's universally hated in the UFO community. He'll show up at UFO conferences just because he knows everyone detests him. He loves it."

A ribbon of white tape across the front door of Klass' house in Southwest Washington bears the message: "Resident is handicapped needs five minutes to come."

Atop a staircase fitted with an electronic chair lift, Klass, 82, slouches in a swivel chair behind a computer in his office. Two round ashtrays, overflowing with the butts of Marlboro 100s, flank his keyboard. A half-finished 10-pack of Reese's Peanut Butter Cups stares up from the floor near his feet.

Six months before the July 1952 sightings in Washington, Klass took a job as an editor with Aviation Week in New York. A 10-year stint as an engineer with General Electric, where he helped develop the remote-control turret system for B-29 bombers during World War II, left him doubtful that the Air Force took UFOs very seriously. "At no time did any Air Force or military guy say that we had to develop a defense against UFOs," he whispers. An anesthesiologist's slip-up five years ago damaged one of Klass' vocal cords. Everything he says comes across as a secret.

One of Klass' early pieces for Aviation Week, "That Was No Saucer, That Was an Echo," summarized the 1953 CAA study concluding that the Washington radar sightings had been caused by temperature inversions. He still adheres to that theory. But the visual sightings, which in 1953 he attributed to inversion-triggered mirages, he now chalks up to a much simpler phenomenon: people looking too hard at the sky.

"If you go out tonight and spend three hours looking up at the sky," Klass says, "you'll see something unfamiliar. It's a psychological effect. Have you ever heard of Bigfoot? In 1976, the Washington Post ran a story about a Bigfoot sighting out in the California or Oregon woods. Next day, there was a dozen reports of Bigfoot in the Washington area."

Klass says that radar technology in 1952 wasn't sophisticated enough to filter out many ordinary objects, such as flocks of birds, weather balloons, or temperature inversions, that might clutter radarscopes. UFO proponents argue that seasoned controllers even then could differentiate between spurious targets and solid, metallic objects. Klass disagrees. It may be that "we had two dumb controllers at National Airport on those nights," he says, adding that the introduction of digital filters in the late '70s precipitated a steep decline in UFO sightings on radar.

Then there are the Air Force accounts that weren't included in the Blue Book files. In 1978, Klass received a letter from a retired Air Force pilot who'd flown one of the F-94s over Washington the night of July 26, 1952, the second weekend of the Washington sightings. "The one transmission by Lt. Patterson

keyed the entire incident to get it blown out of all proportions," it read, referring to the pilot who'd seen "several bright lights." "All other air crew were sure that nothing was 'out of order' over the capitol that night. And we were quite certain that Patterson simply confused light from a ground vehicle with an airborne light. This is most easy to do when at low altitude. Lights from a vehicle climbing a gentle hill will get a pilot's attention, as they tend to shine upward."

A 1983 letter from another Air Force retiree reads, "During the UFO mass hysteria of late 1951/52 I was on active duty as Group Intelligence Officer at Andrews AFB. We received an alert one evening of a UFO in the Washington, DC area. An F-94 was scrambled and directed to the vicinity of Washington National Airport. When vectored to the location of the UFO, the pilot asked the National Airport controller 'Where is it?' The tower controller responded, 'You're in it.' I debriefed the air crew on their return and, like so many other debriefings on UFO alerts, nothing further was heard. These UFO debriefings were long and tedious to complete - air crews disliked the chore - especially after a tiring night time search."

Klass hasn't always shared those pilots' skepticism. A 1965 string of sightings in Exeter, N.H., which began when a local civilian and a pair of police officers witnessed a "brilliant, roundish object" that bathed a field in red light, nearly had him persuaded of the possibility of alien visitors. "I thought, If I can be the first aerospace journalist who could prove we had extraterrestrial visitors, I'd win a Pulitzer," Klass says, "and I'd get a big bonus."

But when Klass began writing a review of John Fuller's 1966 book Incident at Exeter for the Washington Post, he discovered that engineers at the Exeter Power Plant who were quoted in the book had never spoken with the author. Klass wound up theorizing that the sightings had been caused by electrical phenomena associated with the power lines, near which the sightings usually occurred.

Thirty-five years later, Klass insists, "If we have E.T. visitors, I want to be first to report the details." In the meantime, however, "it's fun being the voice in the wilderness."

When told that Berliner has used the word "skeptic" to describe himself, Klass cracks a smile. "If he's a skeptic," he says, "you're an Arab terrorist. But I'm considering making a donation to the Fund for UFO Research to help them stay alive. They provide ammunition for my newsletter."

Klass pulls a stack of stapled yellow-paper packets, back issues of his Skeptics UFO Newsletters (SUN), from his desk. He's published SUN since 1989 but switched from monthly to quarterly editions last spring because of his poor health. A pair of recent spinal surgeries has slowed him down considerably. Last year, he missed the Mutual UFO Network's annual conference, the biggest of its kind, for the first time since 1987.

The March 2001 edition of SUN includes an update on Klass' condition. "My future, and that of SUN, is most uncertain," it reads. "Fortuitously, there is not much of great importance transpiring in UFOlogy at the present time. WE HOPE TO KEEP SUN SHINING BUT WILL REFUND IF UNABLE TO DO SO."

Klass remains secure in his skepticism. "If we have extraterrestrial visitors and they want us to know, they can land," he says. "If they want to keep those visits secret, why don't they turn off their lights?" CP

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Just for the record, and for those who are interested. This forum is about UFOs and the Abduction Experience. This post is about the same. I would share it with you.

It was Thanksgiving 2001. I had dinner at my parents along with Rosemarie and Pepe. Two of my aunts were there as were my parents. I had nothing to drink, neither did Rosie. And Pepe does not touch the stuff. In spite of my protestations as Gesundt and the Grippl salesman, I really do not drink. Maybe a beer. And a carton lasts two weeks.

We went home at about 7PM after a simply wonderful day. I drove into the garage, leaving the garage door open, as we wanted to walk Pepe. Rosemarie and I both donned our jackets as it was cold and Pepe was given his little coat. The feller does not like changes of temperature.

I attempted to get Pepe out of the garage. Usually, in fact always, he pulls at his leash and wants to romp in the woods. Not this time. He refused to go outside, whined and whimpered. We forced him out, figuring he was just not interested in the cold. He cried once he got outside.

We, that is, Rosie and I, looked up and saw a very bright star. We both looked at it, as did Pepe. Now that was interesting. I got the feeling again. High Strangeness as I call it. The light was exceedingly bright and began to get brighter. It did not merely get bright, it came towards us and as it got closer, it assumed a round shape. Meanwhile, Pepe is pulling at the leash and wants inside. No doubt.

The next thing we recalled was that it was no longer 7PM. It was 8:30PM. And we were inside the garage, the garage door closed, and none of us including Pepe was wearing a coat. The coats and his little coat, were inside the car. We had missing time for about an hour plus a half. When we got inside the house from the inside garage door, the phone was lit up with messages, the pager was beeping, the cell phone was also beeping with messages and ringing.

My parents had been calling all that time. They live only five minutes away from us now that we've moved and were frantic. So was I. I had a headache which lasted several weeks, I felt horrid and Rosie, who NEVER has a headache, was complaining of one. The dog was beside himself at first, then settled down and refused to move out of his bed. He did not even have his meal. Now that's unusual.

Such is the life of a fanatic. A man who cannot lose these little guys what take me. And now, likely Rosemarie and Pepe. I have no memory of what happened. Just the feelings, both physical and emotional, which remain after an experience.

What happened? I dunno. But it happened before. On Thanksgiving. Two years ago. That report was made on AIC when I belonged to the group. Then, the same event took place only we lost more than two hours if memory serves. And we were on the road at the time. We wound up in the woods with my then much newer Aurora, having taken the way long way home. I never do that.

On arriving home, we went straight away to bed after calling my frantic parents. See, then, we lived a long way from them. And my sidearm was in the car in the garage. Something I never do. The car was filthy. With leaves, dirt and other debris.

I just thought I'd pass that along. And it is a shortened version of some of the things I discuss in the book which never seems to get finished. And I still await withall, for your apology, OldBarge.

Best,

Morty

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## INADVERTENT DISCLOSURES OF NUCLEAR INFO

A painstaking search through 28 million pages of declassified documents at the National Archives earlier this year turned up 60 pages containing classified nuclear weapons information that should not have been disclosed, according to a new Department of Energy (DOE) report to Congress.

The ongoing search for inadvertent disclosures of classified information contained in declassified records was mandated in 1998 by congressional critics of the Clinton Administration's declassification program. To date, nearly two hundred million pages of declassified documents have been scrutinized by official reviewers as a result.

The continuing congressional requirement to re-review such documents has been criticized by some security professionals because it diverts resources and skilled personnel for an uncertain benefit. The whole thing is "overkill," according to the latest report of the Information Security Oversight Office.

An error rate of 60 pages out of 28 million (or 2 per million) is far better than might be expected from most human activities.

The significance of the inadvertent disclosures is further diminished by the fact that about half of them involve information concerning locations of nuclear weapons storage sites abroad thirty or forty years ago. Such historical information, while formally classified, hardly poses a threat to national security.

An assessment of the damage resulting from the other disclosures was not released. Nor did DOE report on the financial cost of locating the 60 pages containing classified information.

The new DOE report on inadvertent disclosures of classified information, the fourth in a series, is dated August 2001 but was released in declassified form on December 17. A copy of the report is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/doe/inadvertent4.html>

## DOE OVERSIGHT BOARD FREEZES ACCESS

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, which oversees

nuclear safety at Department of Energy (DOE) sites, last week moved to block public access to unclassified DOE documents in the Board's possession.

DOE directed the DNFSB to withhold the documents after they were requested by researcher Tom Clements of the watchdog Nuclear Control Institute. Such documents had previously been accessible through the Board.

"The DNFSB has played a critical role in providing a tiny window onto DOE activities and information," said Mr. Clements in a December 16 release. "Slamming this window shut under the guise of national security could well prove to be a disservice to those working in the public interest on DOE issues." See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2001/12/clements.html>

#### DOE POLYGRAPH POLICY TO BE REPEALED

The controversial Department of Energy counterintelligence polygraph program that was enacted by Congress three years ago will be repealed and replaced by a new program, according to the Defense Authorization Act of 2002.

The previously mandated polygraph program, which required the polygraph testing of perhaps twenty thousand national laboratory personnel, drew stiff resistance from scientists and others. A newly reconfigured DOE polygraph program will be based on the results of a pending National Academy of Sciences study.

See the new defense authorization provision on polygraph testing here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2001/poly.html>

Last week, a federal judge rejected government efforts to dismiss a lawsuit that challenges the use of polygraph testing for screening of federal employees. The lawsuits were brought against the FBI, DEA and Secret Service by eleven plaintiffs, represented by attorney Mark S. Zaid, who were denied employment based on polygraph tests. See:

<http://antipolygraph.org/litigation.shtml>

#### JUSTICE CONVENES TASK FORCE ON LEAKS

The Department of Justice last week announced the creation of an interagency task force "to review current administrative and legal sanctions governing leaks of classified information" and to recommend administrative, regulatory and statutory changes, if needed, to combat such unauthorized disclosures.

The task force was established in response to congressional direction in the intelligence authorization act of 2002. It will issue an unclassified report by May 1. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2001/12/leaks.html>

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Proceedings of the Sign Historical Group UFO History Workshop  
Now On-Line.

During Memorial Day Weekend, 1999, a workshop was organized in Chicago to bring together individuals actively involved in UFO historical research in an attempt to determine the current state of affairs of UFO history. One result of this meeting was the formation of the Sign Historical Group and the publication of the Proceedings of the Sign Historical Group UFO History Workshop.

UFO history and the experiential aspects of the phenomenon exist whether or not UFOs, in fact, exist. Though mainstream scholars generally disregard the phenomenon, the history is robust and has had dramatic effects on our culture for the past fifty years. The Sign Historical Group and the publication of the Proceedings are attempts to bring a more traditional approach to this fascinating aspect of our cultural history.

In this regard, the Proceedings is not simply a compilation of presented papers, but rather, represents essentially three areas of interest that were discussed during the Workshop.

1. Contributed Papers: The need for a scholarly journal in which peer-reviewed articles can be published and discussed.
2. Archival Resources: A historical research manual, or "cookbook" which would provide specific information relevant to the field.
3. Collections: The need for a registry of primary materials collections, which would eventually evolve into a "union list."

Contributed Papers include Jerry Clark's "A Brief History of UFO History" Eddie Bullard's "Research Opportunities in UFO History," as well as Brad Spark's "Ruppelt's Coverup," which reexamines Ruppelt's role as head of Project Blue Book. This section also provides several contributed articles dealing with research methodology, computer -based archiving and succession planning. Foreign Contributions presents essays on UFO history in various countries including, Bill Chalker's "Ufology Down Under," Jenny Randles' "UK Historical UFO Data Collections," Edoardo Russo's "A Summary of Official UFO Research in Italy" and Vice Air Marshall J. Salatun's 1977 letter to Dr. J. Allen Hynek regarding UFOs in Indonesia.

Archival Resources include Eddie Bullard's "Newspaper Resources for UFO Historical Research," James McNeff (IRE, Inc.) "Finding Treasures in the Archives: Tips and Resources" and two articles by Jan Aldrich titled "Proposed Archives Team Visit" and "Proposal for a 'Government UFO Document' Archives." Also included are descriptions of various governmental institutions, which are principal depositories for historical materials.

The section on UFO collections begins with an overview of the AFU archives in Sweden by Anders Liljegren titled "Archives for UFO Research: Personal Recollections Preserving the History of UFO's" and exemplifies a highly successful enterprise in the

preservation of historical materials. Also, included in this section are individual summaries and descriptions of 27 collections held by individuals and scholarly institutions.

Dispersed throughout are images of particular interest to UFO historians, such as a group photo of an early T-2, Technical Intelligence, meeting at Wright Field, Ohio, including Col. McCoy, Lt. Col. Malcolm Seashore, John "Red" Honaker and others. Other unique photographs include Loedding's "Pumpkin Seed Aircraft," a group picture of the 17th District of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations in September 1948, Charles B. Moore preparing for a manned balloon launch in 1951, and Lincoln La Paz with staff in New Mexico. Thanks to Wendy Connors, Karl Pflock and others for contributing images.

It is hoped that this publication will raise the level of interest and encourage others to contribute to the sometimes sketchy, often misinterpreted and always incomplete history of UFOs in modern times!

Information about the The SHG Proceedings and the PDF format version may be downloaded from:

<http://www.project1947.com/shg/proceed.htm>

\*Since the Proceedings consists of 220 pages, downloading with a telephone modem may take some time depending on your system. Please note that best results will be obtained from using Adobe Acrobat Reader version 5.0 available for free at:

<http://www.adobe.com>

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Since the 1999 History Workshop, SHG members have continued to pursue goals set during the workshop including, preservation of UFO materials, inventorying collections, and conducting historical research. Some activities since the Workshop are summarized as follows.

#### Preservation

Concerning the preservation of UFO materials, SHG members have received or copied portions of personal collections and lifetime work of a number of researchers including: Robert Todd, Raymond Fowler (UFO case files and other relevant material, less his abduction research materials which have been disposed of elsewhere), Ty Briggs, former NICAP-Connecticut member and member of the Early Warning Network for the Condon Study, and a significant part of Dr. Willy Smith's files including complete documentation on the UNICAT Project. A number smaller UFO files held by William Rhodes, Colonel Doyle Rees, and others have also been acquired or copied, as well as additional files belonging to Dr. J. Allen Hynek and some material concerning Dr. Lincoln LaPaz. The transferred material comes with attendant agreements to respect confidentiality with regard to witnesses and informants.

#### Archiving Audio Programs and Photographs

Wendy Connors has converted and archived well more than 300 audiotapes of significant UFO programs, interviews, and investigations, etc. In the process, she has utilized several types of outdated recording equipment including reel-to-reel. Wendy also continues to expand her ever-growing collection of images and photographs of personalities associated with UFO history. The collection has grown to more than 3000 photographs in her "Faded Discs Archives." Recently, she scanned and enhanced hundreds of photo slides from the collections of Max Miller, Loren Gross, Dr. Willy Smith, Barry Greenwood, Jan Aldrich, and Gary Mangiacorpa onto CD ROM.

Wendy offers to convert and copy audio tapes to cassettes and scan slides and photographs onto CD Roms at cost. Anyone who wishes to take advantage of these services should contact Wendy at:

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## Indexing

Aside from Ed Stewart's notable works, few reliable indices or inventories of UFO material exist with the exception of Barry Greenwood's extensive collection of UFO articles from popular and scholarly journals and magazines. Recent additions include copies of numerous UFO articles from Australian and New Zealand publications, obtained by Loren Gross during a recent visit to Murray Bott in New Zealand, and material from South America and Europe obtained from Dr. Willy Smith's collection.

The latest version of the "Union Catalogue of UFO Articles" may be found at:

<http://www.project1947.com/shg/bgbib.htm>

Updated listings of Barry's UFO magazines and newsletters holdings in English have also been expanded from the above sources and may be found at:

<http://www.project1947.com/shg/bgper.htm>

The latest update of Non-English UFO magazines and newsletters can be found at:

<http://www.project1947.com/shg/bgnone.htm>

Ball Lightning represents a fascinating aerial phenomenon little understood by modern science. Many bibliographies that cite ball lightning articles contain numerous errors, though Barry's extensive index should provide a useful antidote. A copy of each cited article exists in Barry's files, so this listing is more reliable than many other listings available on-line.

The latest version of the ball lightning listing may be found at:

[http://www.project1947.com/shg/bl\\_intro.html](http://www.project1947.com/shg/bl_intro.html)

## Sign Oral History Project

Oral histories represent a primary source for historical research. With the assistance of various SHG members, Tom Tulien has been conducting interviews with significant personalities associated with UFO history. Among the interviewees are Col. Doyle Rees (17th OSI District Commander in 1948-9), Col. Wayne Mattson, Victor Bilek, Dr. Leon Davidson, Dr. Paul McCarthy, Dr. Roy Craig, Prof. C. B. Moore, J. J. Kaliszewski, William Zuk, Albert Chop, William Rhodes, Frederick Durant, III, Dr. Frank Salisbury, Richard Greenwell, Marilyn Epperson, Ted Bloecher, Capt. Willis Sperry, Dr. Michael Swords, Clas Svahn, John Timmerman, and numerous others. The current index lists 64 entries.

## On-going Research

Recent research trips by SHG members include the SAC Museum, the Library of Congress, the National Archives, Maxwell Air Force Base, the Roswell Museum, and many universities and libraries, which have yielded a good deal of new material. Freedom of Information Act requests continue to produce new discoveries. Currently, FOIA requests have been filed on more than 200 intelligence reports, with the majority of requests still pending. Also, SHG took over two of Robert Todd's FOIA requests concerning correspondence between the USAF and the CIA from 1947 to 1953. Unfortunately neither request produced any information on UFOs.

Also, requests and discoveries in currently unclassified government files have increased knowledge of UFOs, related intelligence activity and aviation history. The current collections of government microfilms concerning UFOs and other subjects now total more than 550 reels. Some of these files no longer exist in government archives.

Some of the official UFO material uncovered by SHG members is listed among the government files of Jan Aldrich at:

<http://www.project1947.com/shg/janfold.htm>

SHG welcomes assistance in locating research materials, documents, audio and video tapes, leads, and introductions to important figures in the UFO field with the purpose of

preserving relevant files or obtaining oral histories. We are specifically interested in Files, newspaper-clipping scrapbooks, correspondence, essays, manuscripts, pictures and other material that further our understanding of UFO history.

Thanks to all SHG members and contributors. Special thanks to Loy Pressley, Candy Peterson, John Stepkowski, and Jim Klotz.

Enjoy the Proceedings!

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Dear Joe, List, Errol,

Sorry to be so abusive, Joe, however your cheese theory is full of holes. In fact, it stinks. Like ripe, unwashed socks that've been worn in my boots for a month.

First, I suggest you confirm your theory by consulting a damned good remote viewer. I mean a really good one.

Second, I suggest you listen to me quite carefully, as I refuse to do this yet again. Done it before at least three times and, quite frankly, I am getting tired of it. See, the last time the alien en titties took me, they flew me to Rio, and from there, we visited their home planet, Mongo. Whilst at Mongo (Santa Maria), I was introduced to their very best remote viewers and shown exactly what the moon, our moon, is made of. And this will surprise you. It may in fact, shock you.

The moon is made of sugar and spice, and everything nice. On the poles, there are crusty little ginger bread islands and on the equator, there is ice cream. In the median latitudes exists the most beautiful dingleberries the Good Lord ever made. And in between each, is a long straw. Why, just enough for everyone who wants a sip. And a sip of what?

Gripple. Huge oceans of Gripple. Right under the crust you were talking about. Now, for the last time... take that rye bread you bought and stash it for a rainy day. But do bring your mouth. It's gonna have a ball. And don't forget your tongue. It will be a joyous tongue for sure. And your body... oh your body... it will be the most fun you ever had with your clothes on in your entire life.

Jim

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## Firmage - 21st Century Physics Review

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The Electric Warrior : News December 18, 2001  
<http://www.electricwarrior.com/news/ewNews0038.htm>

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=BB FIRMAGE - 21st CENTURY PHYSICS REVIEW  
science & technology news

\*\*\* Joe Firmage launches the first monthly physics review from Motion Sciences Organization, highlighting discoveries being made at the frontiers of science \*\*\*

"There is a new kind of future awaiting us all, if we have the courage and the will to make it so," wrote Joseph P. Firmage, in an email message to friends and sponsors of the Motion Sciences community.

The Chairman of Motion Sciences, said his organization had hoped to initiate a series of monthly newsletters in October, but that recent world events delayed their schedule.

Joe Firmage is the Silicon Valley entrepreneur who made the headlines in October of 1998 for his involvement with the Kairos project, an online manuscript comprising his ideas about science and metaphysics, which he called "The Truth." Firmage quickly became known for his views on the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence.

Prior to founding Motion Sciences, Firmage was the chairman of a venture firm that culminated in an alliance with Carl Sagan Productions. Cosmos Studios has since released a new edition of Sagan's historic COSMOS television series on DVD.

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MOTION SCIENCES 21ST CENTURY PHYSICS REVIEW

From: Joseph P. Firmage  
Chairman, Motion Sciences Organization

SERIOUS DOUBT CAST ON PHYSICS' CONCEPT OF MASS

The widely reported reanalysis of the Large Electron Positron (LEP) Collider data at CERN is casting serious doubt upon the existence of the Higgs particle. According to a Dec. 5 report in the New Scientist: "The legendary particle that physicists thought explained why matter has mass probably does not exist. So say researchers who have spent a year analysing data from the LEP accelerator at the CERN nuclear physics lab near Geneva." See CNN's early coverage of this bit of science history in the making at:

<http://www.cnn.com/2001/TECH/science/12/06/physics.reut/index.html>

This news has direct relevance to the work of Motion Sciences Organization. Working with our partners, Motion Sciences' theoretical studies division, the California Institute for Physics and Astrophysics, has uncovered a promising connection between the electromagnetic quantum vacuum (also called the

zero-point field) and the origin of mass. This approach is significant because it does not require a Higgs field. Visit:

<http://motionsciences.org/research>

to learn more about our work.

#### OBJECTS MOVED BY THE POWER OF LIGHT

As reported in May 2001 by James Meek, Science Correspondent for Guardian Unlimited:

Researchers in Scotland have come up with a laser device able to grip and twist objects at a distance. The device, invented by a team from the physics department at St Andrews University, is able to rotate microscopic objects, such as a tiny glass rod, twice the thickness of a human hair, with nothing more than the power of light.

"We've only just begun to realise the possibilities for what we might do with this technology," said Kishan Dholakia, one of the researchers who wrote a paper on the "tractor beam" published in the journal Science.

Particles of light have a tiny amount of mass and high velocity, meaning laser beams exert a slight force on objects they touch.

This property has already been used to create "laser tweezers", tightly focused beams which can trap microscopic objects and move them from place to place. But those lasers could not, like traditional tweezers in a human hand, turn most objects around.

By using two lasers together, the St Andrews team created an interference pattern in the form of a spiral of light which traps an object in the arms. Adjusting the beams causes the spiral to rotate, taking the object with it.

As well as the glass rod, which could be used to stir tiny amounts of liquid, the scientists have rotated a hamster chromosome, showing how their technique could be used to study the innermost workings of cells for medical research.

Another use for the "tractor beam" is in nanotechnology, the science of building microscopic machines from components not much larger than a few molecules.

"Our technique could be used to drive motors, mixers, centrifuges, and other rotating parts in cheap, tiny, automated technologies of the future," Dr Dholakia said.

Another member of the team, Michael McDonald, said it would not be practical to scale up the beam to move bigger objects. The power of the lasers used was very low, but that did not mean that a laser 100 times as powerful would be able to move an object 100 times as big.

#### BUCKYBALLS SHATTER TEMPERATURE RECORD FOR SUPERCONDUCTIVITY IN CARBON-BASED MATERIAL

As reported on PhysicsWeb.org:

Physicists have achieved superconductivity in carbon-60 at 54 K - the highest temperature yet in the material - and they think they can do even better. Bertram Batlogg and co-workers at Bell Laboratories in the US broke the record by adding positive charges - instead of electrons - to carbon-60 crystals. They believe this is the highest superconducting temperature attained so far in a non-copper-oxide material (J H Schon et al 2000 Nature 408 549).

Read more at <http://physicsweb.org/article/news/4/12/1>

#### U.S. HAS HEAVILY RESEARCHED GRAVITY PROPULSION TECHNOLOGIES FOR DECADES, ACCORDING TO A TOP DEFENSE JOURNALIST

As reported by Bradley Perrett of Reuters on September 9, 2001:

The U.S. military may have conducted serious research into anti-gravity based on Nazi studies, a top defense journalist suggests in a new book.

In "The Hunt for Zero Point," journalist Nick Cook says, based on a decade's research, he believes by the 1950s the U.S. was seriously working on anti-gravity "electrogravitics" technology, which would lift and propel vehicles without wings or thrust.

"I feel intuitively that some vehicle has been developed, particularly given that there is this wealth of scientific data out there, and the Americans have never been slow to pick up on this sort of science," Cook, the aerospace consultant for Jane's Defense Weekly, told Reuters in an interview.

Read more at:

[http://www.space.com/business/technology/technology/anti\\_grav\\_010909.html](http://www.space.com/business/technology/technology/anti_grav_010909.html)

#### BLACK HOLE OBSERVATIONS RAISING NEW QUESTIONS

As reported in the October 2001 issue of Astronomy Magazine:

Observations from four spacecraft have identified the inner edge of a spinning disk of material around a black hole about 5,000 light-years from Earth. The surprising results show that the disk is much farther from the black hole than astronomers expected.

Read more at:

<http://astronomy.com/Content/Dynamic/Articles/000/000/000/445wrzvl.asp>

Separately, in the Sept. 8, 2001 (vol. 160, #10) issue of Science News (offline) is an article about a recently measured X-ray/radio flare-up of the supermassive black hole at the center of the galaxy.

The measurements, were for the first time, able to pinpoint the location of this black hole to high precision. Investigators have reported that nearby orbiting stars indicate that the event horizon is 30,000 times larger than it is supposed to be for the measured black hole mass as predicted by current theory. And the nearby orbiting matter is 1,500 times farther away from the event horizon than it should be as predicted by current theory.

#### AN ANTIDOTE FOR FEELINGS OF DISCOURAGEMENT FROM SEPTEMBER 11

After years of preparatory work, on August 13, 2001, Motion Sciences Organization was launched. Along with our launch, we released a special online movie - ENGAGE - presenting the context and vision of our Mission. ENGAGE can be downloaded at:

<http://motionsciences.org/engage/vision.movie.html>.

Part of the magic of this online movie its beautiful, energetic soundtrack. We're pleased to introduce a new version of this soundtrack by MSO's Matt King, with lyrics by Abby Hasstedt. We encourage you to download the MP3 at:

<http://artists.mp3s.com/artists/299/kingslze.html>

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#### RELATED RESOURCES

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The people and partners forming Motion Sciences believe that significant discoveries in physics may be made within 10 years, discoveries of great significance to the future of life on Earth.

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#### THE ELECTRIC WARRIOR

December 18, 2001

Silicon Valley, CA

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From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
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Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Dec 2001 09:43:34 -0500  
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At the first sign of an anomaly, start recording. No telling what you will pick up besides noise of course. You will want a cassette of ordinary mag-noise in your habitual environs as a 'control'.

Just some thoughts, and best wishes.

- Larry

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Roswell UFO Bombshell  
Feature Story FATE Magazine 2000-01-01 00:00:00  
by Jim Keith

My source on the following story has asked me to be very vague in my description of him. He describes himself as "a longtime researcher/instructor of engineering at a school in New Mexico." I know specific details of his professional work, as well as the names of his own sources for the following information, but he has asked me not to mention them because of potential problems involving security clearances. Speaking with me recently, he told me about his knowledge of what actually took place in Roswell, New Mexico, in July 1947-an event which has been alleged by many researchers to have been the crash of an alien spacecraft. His information is gleaned from conversations with others in the engineering field and in the military who were living in or near Roswell at the time. I realize that without identifying my source, the following information is rendered suspect; with that in mind it may still open up new areas of research that will crack the Roswell case. Here is the gist of what he told me:

World War II was over, and America had a secret to conceal. Although the government said there were 500 atomic bombs in the military's arsenal, that was a lie. There were none that were considered reliable. Due to a number of factors-corrosion of parts kept in storage, batteries that didn't work, faulty initiators, and other reasons - there were no usable nuclear bombs in American military stockpiles. After the end of the war, the operational team in charge of the nuclear arsenal had also been dispersed, many of them going to other jobs, and some leaving the military altogether. In short, there was no real nuclear deterrent against the Soviet threat, and members of the American government and military who realized this were terrified that the Soviets would find out.

The American brass sought to remedy the situation. As part of this fix, testing of nuclear delivery systems was moved during 1945 and 1946 from Wendover, Utah, to the 509th U.S. Army Air Force Bomb Group unit in Roswell, New Mexico. At the time, Roswell was the center of much secret testing, including the top secret balloon program Project Mogul, and 'non-critical' testing at the Trinity blast site. One job that was given to the 509th was the operational testing of nuclear bombs, including fine-tuning the ability to hit targets accurately.

Another secret: According to my source, military bombers were notoriously unreliable in hitting targets, sometimes missing their mark by as much as half a mile. It was given to the 509th to improve that record, and to make it possible to deliver bombs, particularly nuclear bombs, with greater accuracy. 'Live' as well as 'dummy' bombs were flown in from Sandia to Roswell, where they were tested and used in target drops.

It was in this environment that the most famous of all UFO stories was born. According to my source, the true story behind

the alleged UFO crash was that there was an accident involving a B-29 flying from the Army Air Force Base in Sandia (Albuquerque) to Roswell. From the statements of men in the military who were there at the time, my source states that either an atomic bomb or what is termed a "bomb shape", or "test shape", the shell of a nuke lacking explosives and atomic capability, and sometimes filled with concrete to add weight, was accidentally or purposefully jettisoned above Corona, New Mexico, directly on the flight path between Sandia and Roswell. Along with the bomb, metal foil used for radar jamming, termed "chaff", may have also been dropped.

The accidental dropping of a nuclear weapon would surely have been cause enough for a cover-up. If this information had leaked to the public, there might have been an extremely negative reaction.

As an aside, my source mentioned that either an armed atomic bomb or "test shape," flattened by impact with the ground, could have looked like a squashed disk.

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UFO UpDates thanks Theo Paijmans for the lead.....

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Thank you Larry,

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bomber aircraft from WW II. Dad worked for a major player in  
fuel detection systems. I set up what was a very sophisticated  
barrier with these huge caps. They were from ten to fifteen feet  
long and were staged all around my room.

Nuttin!

Since then, I've tried more sophisticated and less electromechanical  
systems.

Nuttin.

Since I began my own research about five years ago, I've  
interviewed hundreds of perceived abductees and many who are  
downright certain that the phenomena is quite real as  
experienced. I am not entirely sure of that. These experiencers  
have tried all sorts of detection. One lady uses a video  
recorder going all night long.

Nuttin.

Which leads me to suspect that maybe, just maybe, this phenom is  
real enough, but may occur outside of our own... fill in the  
blank yourself... universe... bodies... consciousness...  
whathehellever. I say this at the risk of being yelled at,  
maligned and otherwise a traitor.

We have an old saying in Sicilian... I won't repeat it. It'll  
only get me in more trubbul.

Jim

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Dear List, Errol and... you,

What would you say to me regarding Carl Sagan's view on UFOs and the Abduction experience, from your first hand knowledge, Mr. Oberg?

Say your sorry in your response. Try being a forthright gentleman in lieu of a martinette.

Jim Mortellaro

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**Re: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' -**

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>Roswell UFO Bombshell  
>Feature Story FATE Magazine 2000-01-01 00:00:00  
>by Jim Keith

>My source on the following story has asked me to be very vague  
>in my description of him. He describes himself as "a longtime  
>researcher/instructor of engineering at a school in New Mexico."  
>I know specific details of his professional work, as well as the  
>names of his own sources for the following information, but he  
>has asked me not to mention them because of potential problems  
>involving security clearances. Speaking with me recently, he  
>told me about his knowledge of what actually took place in  
>Roswell, New Mexico, in July 1947-an event which has been  
>alleged by many researchers to have been the crash of an alien  
>spacecraft. His information is gleaned from conversations with  
>others in the engineering field and in the military who were  
>living in or near Roswell at the time. I realize that without  
>identifying my source, the following information is rendered  
>suspect; with that in mind it may still open up new areas of  
>research that will crack the Roswell case. Here is the gist of  
>what he told me:

>World War II was over, and America had a secret to conceal.  
>Although the government said there were 500 atomic bombs in the  
>military's arsenal, that was a lie. There were none that were  
>considered reliable. Due to a number of factors-corrosion of  
>parts kept in storage, batteries that didn't work, faulty  
>initiators, and other reasons - there were no usable nuclear  
>bombs in American military stockpiles. After the end of the war,  
>the operational team in charge of the nuclear arsenal had also  
>been dispersed, many of them going to other jobs, and some  
>leaving the military altogether. In short, there was no real  
>nuclear deterrent against the Soviet threat, and members of the  
>American government and military who realized this were  
>terrified that the Soviets would find out.

>The American brass sought to remedy the situation. As part of  
>this fix, testing of nuclear delivery systems was moved during  
>1945 and 1946 from Wendover, Utah, to the 509th U.S. Army Air  
>Force Bomb Group unit in Roswell, New Mexico. At the time,  
>Roswell was the center of much secret testing, including the top  
>secret balloon program Project Mogul, and 'non-critical' testing  
>at the Trinity blast site. One job that was given to the 509th  
>was the operational testing of nuclear bombs, including  
>fine-tuning the ability to hit targets accurately.

>Another secret: According to my source, military bombers were  
>notoriously unreliable in hitting targets, sometimes missing  
>their mark by as much as half a mile. It was given to the 509th  
>to improve that record, and to make it possible to deliver  
>bombs, particularly nuclear bombs, with greater accuracy. 'Live'  
>as well as 'dummy' bombs were flown in from Sandia to Roswell,  
>where they were tested and used in target drops.

>It was in this environment that the most famous of all UFO  
>stories was born. According to my source, the true story behind  
>the alleged UFO crash was that there was an accident involving a  
>B-29 flying from the Army Air Force Base in Sandia (Albuquerque)  
>to Roswell. From the statements of men in the military who were  
>there at the time, my source states that either an atomic bomb  
>or what is termed a "bomb shape", or "test shape", the shell of  
>a nuke lacking explosives and atomic capability, and sometimes  
>filled with concrete to add weight, was accidentally or  
>purposefully jettisoned above Corona, New Mexico, directly on  
>the flight path between Sandia and Roswell. Along with the bomb,  
>metal foil used for radar jamming, termed "chaff", may have also  
>been dropped.

>The accidental dropping of a nuclear weapon would surely have  
>been cause enough for a cover-up. If this information had leaked  
>to the public, there might have been an extremely negative  
>reaction.

>As an aside, my source mentioned that either an armed atomic  
>bomb or "test shape," flattened by impact with the  
>ground, could have looked like a squashed disk.

Dear List, Errol,

If the original story of Roswell were so explained, with missing  
information, information which would explain what witnesses saw,  
material observed which could not have come from one of our  
devices, etc. And further, based on the word of some unknown  
'long time' researcher, who got it from some of his 'friends' or  
associates in the military and or engineering community, who  
likely got it from... ad nauseum... then I would say, "Damned  
Good Attempt" but no cigar, and, typical of the skepti- bunky,  
ill-informed, Oldbarf-type presentation, one which demonstrates  
how utterly gullible they think us to be.

As to the general pubic... public, sorry, well... who knows?

Jim

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## Filer's Files #51 - 2001

From: **George A. Filer** <[WeeklyFiles@filersfiles.com](mailto:WeeklyFiles@filersfiles.com)>  
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FILER'S FILES #51 MUFON Skywatch Investigations  
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Webmaster Chuck Warren <http://www.filersfiles.com>,

NORTH POLE REPORT -- A UFO with a red nose light has been seen conducting training missions over the Arctic. UFOs have also been reported in New York, Washington DC, North Carolina, Florida, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, California, Chili, United Kingdom, and Italy. A lost underwater city has been found in Cuba.

ANGELS -- Throughout ancient religious writings there are descriptions of angels sent by God from the planet Heaven. These angelic visitors are often described as arriving and departing inside clouds or flying metallic objects. It seems reasonable that these stories are based on truth and represent actual visits by angels, visitors, watchers, extraterrestrials, messengers, or what ever you choose to call them. Angels are described as essentially spiritual and superhuman beings that are messengers of God and visitors from another world. The angels are often given credit for bringing writing and early technology to Earth. An Angel of the Lord spoke with Abraham in the Torah, when he was 99 years old and childless, telling the Jewish leader he had been chosen to be the father of a multitude of nations. One angel brought the message of the entire Koran to Mohammed and the Moslems. In Indian Vedic writings the topmost authority in the material universe is known as Brahma, and he lives in the highest material planetary system, called Brahmaloaka. The writings contain detailed descriptions of flying craft and their operators.

In the Christian Bible it states: In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth and a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings you are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angle said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his Father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, his kingdom will never end. "How can this be" Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will over shadow you. So the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God! Luke 1-verses 26 to 35. Two thousand years later, much of world celebrates this birth at Christmas time.

Thousands of books have been written describing the angels interactions with humans. Many people write and tell of healings and other miracles caused by angels.. If even one percent of the stories are true, we have angels here on Earth today. If you visit the great temples and churches around the world, you will find that many have accounts of an angel who designed and oversaw their construction. Frequently, the stories include sightings of strange shaped flying objects. You can argue that these are only stories, but very strong evidence

exists throughout the world or the reality of these stories. Look at the shapes, towers, domes of these great temples and churches. Many have features that look exactly like UFOs that were built at great cost and are considered engineering marvels.

For example, the builders of the Blue Mosque in Istanbul believed an angel had designed the structure and over looked its construction. Is it simply by chance that its great domes look like disk shaped UFOs? We only have to examine some of these structures to learn a great deal about the visiting angels and their vehicles. Not only do the domes have an amazing similarity to UFOs on the outside, but also on the inside of the buildings. These angels may have a greater effect on the world than we realize. "For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways." So remember when you enjoy Christmas, it all started with an angel. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

#### STARSHINE SATELLITE NOW IN ORBIT

On December. 16, 2001, shuttle astronaut Dan Tani deployed Starshine 2 into its own Earth-circling orbit. Starshine 2 is an eye-catching aluminum sphere, about the size of a beach-ball and covered with glistening mirrors. Like its sister satellite Starshine 3, which was launched on September 29th, Starshine 2 reflects sunlight and looks to sky watchers on Earth much like a pulsing 1st-magnitude star. Students and scientists plan to track the pair by monitoring their flashes, and so learn how satellite orbits decay in the outermost layers of Earth's atmosphere. The 845 mirrors on Starshine 2, were polished by thirty thousand students in 660 schools in 26 countries. Visit the Heavens-Above.com website to find out when Starshine 3 will glide over your town. Thanks to NASA

#### NEW YORK UNSEEN AIRCRAFT SOUNDS

CATSKILLS AND ADIRONDACK AREAS -- Eugenia Macer reports that recently, an entire neighborhood in the Catskills heard low-flying, invisible aircraft and reported this to the police and to me. There was also a concomitant power outage. The police could not recall the exact hour of the several power outages nor were they interested in the invisible airplane scenario. Yet they did not state they thought the folks who reported invisible airplanes were "crazy." "It might be terrorist activity near the reservoir," stated one policeman though the location of the strange "auditing" was about twenty miles from the reservoir.

Similar unseen aircraft noises were reported in New Jersey and the South American country of Chili. The Chilean Police authorities, Carabineros headquarters in San Pedro de Atacama claim events of this type are common in San Pedro, and for this reason, scant attention is given to them and they are not entered in the police blotter unless the event has a level of relevance that draws the attention all of the community's residents. I am going to include this incident in my next book entitled, "DOING BUSINESS IN THE ADIRONDACKS." Thanks Eugenia Macer- [lornisi@juno.com](mailto:lornisi@juno.com).

#### WASHINGTON DC -- TWO FLYING TRIANGLES

Watching the meteor shower on December 14, 2001, the witness noticed two lights that seemed to be changing directions in their movement. The brighter of the two was actually three lights in a triangular formation. The smaller light followed the triangular lights back and forth across the sky at 11:30 PM. They were faster than a jet airplane but not extremely fast moving. They seemed to be at a medium altitude, perhaps 5,000 to 10,000 feet. This made the actual size of the object undeterminable. After some time the triangular light vanished in an instant and the other light turned in the opposite direction and flew off. I thought this might be a military aircraft since I live near Andrews Air Force Base, but the triangular shape is what sparked my curiosity and made me think that something unusual was going on. It may very well be an air force plane, but it remains for me a UFO nonetheless. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director NUFORC [www.ufocenter.com](http://www.ufocenter.com).

#### NORTH CAROLINA TRIANGULAR SHAPED OBJECT WITH MOVING SPHERES

GREENSBORO -- Saturday night, December 15, 2001, my wife and I with a friend went out to eat at the Carrabbas restaurant. We had a two-hour wait outside sitting on the bench; I noticed a very, faint amber colored triangular shaped object moving to the southeast at 7:20 PM. The UFO phenomena has always interested me so I am always looking, but 99.9% of the time I can identify anything in the sky, but this time it was strange. As it got closer, I noticed that within its triangular structure it appeared to have many spheres or "orbs" interchanging within it. The entire craft remained the faint amber color, although the spheres appeared to be more translucent. My curiosity in the object attracted a crowd who also saw the same thing. One lady let out a startled yell, another said they were just balloons. However, the size of the object at that altitude would have meant the balloon cluster would be huge, and it retained a definitive shape, but the rest of the craft did appear to morph somewhat. We watched it fly off towards Fayetteville at a 1000 feet. Initially it looked like a jetliner with its lights on shrouded by heavy cloud cover. This was clearly unidentified. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director NUFORC [www.ufocenter.com](http://www.ufocenter.com).

#### FLORIDA WE SAW A BRIGHT OVAL OBJECT WITH RINGS

BREVARD -- My daughter phoned to tell us, there was a really strange light moving down the St. John's River. From our patio, we scanned the sky at 7:30 PM, and saw the bright object moving south above the river. I knew it was not an airplane because there was no sound. When the object cleared the tree line we nearly freaked out. It was a bright round object with rings around it. I grabbed my binoculars and was amazed. The object inside the rings seemed perfectly round and had a silver gray color. There were bright flashes of light on the surface and it looked like Saturn. It moved very slowly down the river and at times seemed to hover over the water. After awhile it drifted behind the clouds and we never saw it again. This was definitely not of this world. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director NUFORC [www.ufocenter.com](http://www.ufocenter.com).

#### OKLAHOMA GARY SEES LIGHTS IN THE SKY

OKLAHOMA CITY -- Gary England Chief Meteorologist, KWTU NEWS 90 reports that on December 1, 2001, at about 10:15 PM, my wife, two others and myself were in our car traveling south. One of us pointed to the west and said, "What is that?" We had wild scramble to get out of the car for a better look. For a moment, the fuzzy lights appeared to be similar to the bottom side of an airliner. But in what seemed like a split second, numerous streaks of bright light were silently blazing across the western sky toward the north. Like so many of you who saw the event, I had never seen anything that could compare to it. It was absolutely beautiful as well as a bit scary for a brief period. I turned to my friend and commented that I certainly hoped we were not observing incoming ICBMs. As it turns out, a rocket was involved. It was a Russian Proton rocket, called a SL-2 system. It was launched from Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakstan at 2:04 PM Saturday afternoon and had placed communication satellites in orbit. It then reentered the atmosphere and went into a never to be forgotten long duration, fragmented bright burn across a crystal clear night sky. Thanks to Jim Hickman, [thehickmanreport@yahoo.com](mailto:thehickmanreport@yahoo.com)

#### TEXAS ROD SHAPED OBJECT

WICHITA FALLS -- I was outside in my front yard on December 6, 2001, stargazing as I often do since I'm an amateur astronomer. It was a very clear night southerly breeze. Looking up at 10:00 PM, I saw a rod shaped object it was white, about 4 foot long and 6 inches around. It was only fifteen feet over my head and barely cleared the roof of my house. It was moving from north to south opposite the wind. I'm a very scientific minded person. This is the second time in last few months I have seen unusual things. The [thing] made no sound and had no lights it was just very bright white and perfectly formed. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director NUFORC [www.ufocenter.com](http://www.ufocenter.com).

#### WISCONSIN MULTIPLE LIGHTS

STEVENS POINT -- UFOWisconsin reports that the witness was in a parking lot full of running semi-trailers on December 11, 2001, so I am unsure as to whether there was noise to go with this

'sighting'. From 7:30 to 8:00 PM, I was out in the parking lot having a smoke when I noticed what I perceived to be airplanes off to the southwest. I didn't make much of it until I saw a bright orange flash out of the corner of my eye. I then saw five sets of little blinking lights, as they traveled from the southwest to a direct southern view. I was joined by an older woman, and pointed out the lights to her. We were trying to figure out exactly how many there were, when again, the orange flashes occurred. They looked very much like large meteors at about 35 degrees. There were two bright orange flashes, running in parallel, and they didn't seem to be at the right height for a meteor (they started too low in the sky). The blinking (twinkling?) lights then dispersed, and at least two headed south, below the tree line. Within minutes, the lights were gone. At this point, a guy came from behind a semi and said 'were you watching that? What was that?' Thanks to Jenny Hoppe, UFOWisconsin.com, [jenny@ufowisconsin.com](mailto:jenny@ufowisconsin.com) (Jenny Hoppe)

UFOWisconsin has completed the investigation of the Beaver Dam video from the Schwante's on July 9, 2001. It was determined that the object was a kite. This was confirmed by MUFON members Jeff Sainio and Richard Heiden. As for the other reports, we are a new organization and we do not have the resources to investigate every report that we receive, many come from military training areas that are used by the National Guard and Air Force. Many say we may contact them but we are unable to follow up on that request. With low resources and financial support we encounter these troubles. Many of the reports that we have received we believe to be IFO's and also many misinterpreted objects. As you know Nocturnal lights are hard to decipher and that is the most common report that we receive. We have had many very interesting reports; one was of a shadow that was seen on the ground with no identifiable object to correspond with the shadow. I attempted to contact the individual to get more information with no luck. I thank you for including our reports on Filer's Files and we hope to be able to submit more cases as they are finished. Thanks to John Hoppe Director UFOWisconsin

#### NEW MEXICO FIVE VERY BRIGHT SPHERES

ALBUQUERQUE -- On December 1, 2001, my son (26) and I were driving on I-40, heading east down the hills into Albuquerque at 9:20 PM, when we observed a formation of five very bright spheres with long, arcing, glowing tails traveling slowly north. The first three were in a triangular formation and much brighter than the last two, which were offset from each other. The latter two abruptly disappeared, and the remaining ones continued to travel across the sky, disappearing behind the northern mountain range. They were too slow to be meteorites, and we could see them very clearly. My son is a physicist and amateur astronomer and I am a teacher and book illustrator. We can not explain what we saw. We discussed all the possible explanations for our "sighting" and came to the conclusion that they moved too deliberately to be "space junk" or huge bright comets. They were definitely not airplanes, as they had very bright, glowing trails that followed their arc of travel. Occasionally they would flash with blue light. They were the largest objects in the sky - impossible to ignore. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC [www.ufocenter.com](http://www.ufocenter.com).

#### CALIFORNIA UFOS

SAN MATEO -- A physician was driving south on Highway 101 on December 3, 2001, with his fianc=E9e when they noticed a large patch of light about the size of four football fields likely over the ocean. This light made a dark night as bright as day for 5 or 6 seconds and then a spherical craft shot into the air with a bright white and yellow tail. It had a diameter of approximately 200-300 feet. It's tail turned red and then yellow and it continued straight up until it was indistinguishable from a star. This process took about 5 minutes. This is the first time either of us have seen anything like this. I grew up in the U.S. and am a physician.

SANTA BARBARA -- Sean K. reports that on December 5, 2001, a star-like object was observed in the southwest, at about 30 degrees above the horizon. Its position first made me think it was Venus, but as I watched from my yard, it slowly rose and moved east. I sat down, took a sightline off of a nearby tree and within a minute confirmed the object was not stationary,

but could not be a star or planet because it was moving opposite the rotation of stars. At no point did it move quickly. After watching the object for about 5 minutes, my two neighbors came out and we all watched. One got his binoculars and we saw a metallic object, not at all like a star with dimensional width as opposed to a point source. We observed it for another five minutes and it was now about 70 degrees and perhaps two feet at arm's length) from where I originally sighted the object. The object then kind of disintegrated. It became cloudy or fuzzy, and then stopped giving off light. Vandenberg Air Force Base is right up the coast, so it could have been some kind of drone target or observation balloon. Witnesses were ages 35-41. Weather Conditions: dry, clear, no clouds, visibility unlimited. Thanks to Sean K.

#### CUBA "LOST CITY" RUINS FOUND UNDER THE CARIBBEAN SEA

WESTERN TIP OF CUBA -- Canadian explorers using a miniature submarine to probe the sea floor off the Guanahacabibes Peninsula on Cuba's western tip have discovered stone structures deep below the Caribbean Sea that may have been built by an unknown civilization thousands of years ago. It appears the remains of a submerged "lost city" were found that include structures laid out like an urban area at a depth of 2,100 feet. The shapes resemble pyramids, roads, and buildings. The Cuban Academy of Sciences and ADC a Canadian company plan further exploration next summer. A Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) was sent down to film parts of the 7.7-square-mile city and confirmed the presence of huge, smooth, cut granite-like blocks in perpendicular and circular formations, some in pyramid shapes. The intriguing discovery provided evidence that Cuba at one time was joined to mainland Latin America via a strip of land from the Yucatan Peninsula and may have been the reason for the fabled Atlantis. Thanks to [SHnSASSY1@aol.com](mailto:SHnSASSY1@aol.com) and Translation (C) 2001 by Scott Coralles

#### CHILE: STARTLING UFO SIGHTING

LA FLORIDA -- The December 6, 2001, Diario "Las Ultimas Noticias" reports that a gigantic and flaring light landed for hours in the vicinity of San Ramon Hill, filling local residents with fear. UFologist Alberto Urquiza discarded the possibility that the lights belong to helicopters, airplanes, or planets. Jessica Serrano manages some tourist cabins in a place known as Los Rulos saw a UFO on November 16 at 22:00 hours, with some friends at work. A white light emerged only meters away from the place. "It lit up everything, it was as big as a stadium.

Alberto Ruiz, a researcher with the GEO UFO group (Grupo de Estudios Ovnilogicos), notes that 17 sightings of unidentified flying objects were recorded between November 6 and the 25th in the pre-Cordilleran region. "These are large lights that descend to earth and remain suspended a short distance from the surface. The witnesses have seen them at some 100 meters distance. Some of the lights have remained suspended in mid-air between four and six hours. Ruiz, who witnessed the phenomenon on November 10th, stated that he received simultaneous phone calls regarding sightings from five communities who were observing the phenomenon. Thanks to Alberto Ruiz, [Lornisl@juno.com](mailto:Lornisl@juno.com) and [SHnSASSY1@aol.com](mailto:SHnSASSY1@aol.com).

#### GREAT BRITAIN A LARGE BRIGHT DISK WITH TEAR SHAPED AURA

CARLISLE -- On December 12, 2001, the witness a former military pilot reports, "I was watching the night sky in Northern Britain. My attention was drawn to a large, bright object in the western sky at 6:07 PM, much brighter than Jupiter or Mars appeared. It was moving quickly east. I had a pair of binoculars with me, and I focused on the object. It resolved into a bright disc, with a large teardrop shaped aura around it. I would estimate it's altitude to be 20,000 feet, and speed to be about Mach 3 (relative to an object traveling at that altitude). I observed it for about 30 seconds before it abruptly disappeared. I could see no reason for its disappearance. The ground temperature was -2c, and the sky was clear and bright with no clouds. I have observed an unusually large number of meteorites over the last 30 hours. I'm a recently retired police officer and have never sighted anything like this before. Thanks to NUFORC.

ROYAL AIR FORCE -- Rod reports, I recently received a letter from my father a former Royal Air Force squadron leader in World War II, who piloted planes across the channel to drop resistance fighters into France. He had two UFO sightings. My father wrote: the first sighting was in 1941, while I was on a bomber course. Going home late at night on my own down an empty lane on a black night, the only sight and sound coming from aircraft taking off ahead on night-flying exercises. I suddenly saw a light coming towards me at about 200 feet. It looked like the nose light of a plane -- but no navigation lights showed. Nor was there any sound. It passed silently over my head, and as it went on the light vanished. Nobody else was near to witness it, so I didn't tell anyone.

The second was outside Brighton Station waiting in the bus queue in the late 1960s, one evening as it was getting dusk and street lights were coming on. Suddenly, over the station roof two headlights were switched on. They looked like Fred McMurray's flying Ford fuelled on "Flubber" -- but the body of the car was invisible. The man next to me saw it too, but we just looked at one another and said nothing. The lights only flicked on and off." Thanks to Rod

#### ITALY UFO NEWSFLASH #337

The Italian Center for UFO Studies reports that Italian Sightings total 600 in 2001. With the 13 cases gathered for the month of November, the Year 2001 sees the number of presumed UFO sightings in Italy surpassing the 600-number mark. This is twice the normal average for our country. Monthly listings of the entire 2001 Italian UFO case log including all of November are now available on the C.I.S.U. website (<http://www.arpnet.it/ufo/casi2001.htm>). Thanks to Edoardo Russo for the Centro Italiano Studi Ufologici, CISU, <http://www.arpnet.it/ufo/ultime.htm>.

#### NEW NASA SHUTTLE VIDEO OF UFOs IN SPACE

Jeff Challender has prepared a new tape of various UFOs that were caught on recent Shuttle video footage. Jeff has over an hour-long tape of UFOs shot in space. Jeff spends hundreds of hours watching the shuttle broadcasts from space and is now an expert on NASA missions and even those onboard the shuttle are unlikely to see what Jeff does. Using Jeff's directions you will be able to learn the difference between space junk, ice crystals and real UFOs. I feel confident we could go into a court of law and convince any jury that there are UFOs moving at high speed around the Earth. Send \$25 to: Jeff Challender 2768 Mendel Way - Sacramento, California 95833-2011

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Happy Holidays, and may God grant you all your Holiday wishes.

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>UFO UpDates thanks Theo Paijmans for the lead.....

Sorry but I don't buy this explanation. It is true that up until  
the last 10 to 15 years bombing runs were a real hit or miss  
affair. Though this was well known by the US Airforce and  
precautions were always made.

No test flight involving a Nuke fake or others wise ever went  
without close support. Anything up to nine other aircraft would  
be in the air travelling with the bomber. These would take  
photos and confirm first hand were the bomb landed.

Also for a bomb to fall out of a bomber the bomb bay doors have  
to be open. I'm not saying mistakes were never made, if fact  
there were many unsuccessful test bombing runs and this still  
happens today. But if the bomb bay doors are open and there is a  
problem then the Captain would know about it and so would ground  
control. There are also special paths bombers take when  
something like this happens.

If the bomb did fall wether it be fake or other wise it would  
for one thing burry itself deep in the ground so there would be  
little evidence of it other than a deep hole. Secondly there  
would be a recovery team sent in to either make such it was well  
and truly buried and no one could get to it or their would  
recover it.

Either way it wouldn't leave a trail of debris and the foil  
wasn't anything new in the Airforces arsenal and any Airman or  
Army personal worth his salt would have recognised it straight  
away and not have reported it as anything else other than just  
that.

Military personal are highly trained people, they are not ones  
to panic or jump to conclusions unless there is good reason too,  
which is what makes the Roswel case so interesting, they found  
something well and truly outside of anything they had been  
trained to expect or deal with on that day. If this happened  
today they would know how to deal with it so we would never hear  
about it. The fact that it was a first is what seems to be the  
governing factor behind the public coming to know about it

The Military do make mistakes, but if they do they are the first  
to know about it and very quick too deal with it. I cannot see  
the US Airforce losing a nuke be it a test bomb or other wise  
and then do nothing much about it or even not be sure were it  
came down, even if it was a test rocket flight I still cannot  
see this happening.

As I said above, something happened that day which was so outside or what military personal had been trained for which lead to the course of events we know today. Nukes were still so TOP SECRETE back then that to say one went missing and then was mistaken for a crashed UFO just doesn't cut it for me. Even the test crash dummies explanation is still far fetch to me as the military knows at the very least the general area were something they are testing lands and they don't just leave it laying around for just anyone to stumble upon.

Chris (Tophar)

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Bombs and Bombers

13 February 1950

A B-36 en route from Alaska to Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth, Texas, developed serious mechanical difficulties, complicated by severe icing conditions, leading to the world's first nuclear accident. The crew headed out over the Pacific Ocean and dropped the nuclear weapons from 8,000 feet off the coast of British Columbia. The weapons' high-explosive material detonated on impact, but the crew parachuted to safety.

27 July 1956

A U.S. B-47 practicing a touch-and-go landing at Lakenheath Royal Air Force Station near Cambridge, England went out of control and smashed into a storage igloo housing three Mark 6 nuclear bombs, each of which had about 8,000 pounds of TNT in its trigger mechanism. No crewmen were killed, and fire fighters were able to extinguish the blazing jet fuel before it ignited the TNT.

22 May 1957

A 10 megaton hydrogen bomb was accidentally dropped from a bomber in an uninhabited area near Albuquerque, New Mexico owned by the University of New Mexico. The conventional explosives detonated, creating a 12 foot deep crater 25 feet across in which some radiation was detected.

28 July 1957

A C-124 "Globemaster" transporting three nuclear weapons and a nuclear capsule from Dover Air Force Base in Delaware to Europe

experienced loss of power in two engines. The crew jettisoned two of the weapons somewhere east of Rehobeth, Del., and Cape May/Wildwood, New Jersey. A search for the weapons was unsuccessful and it is a fair assumption that they are still there at the bottom of the ocean.

31 January 1958

Unbeknownst to Moroccan officials, a B-47 loaded with a fully-armed nuclear weapon crashed at a U.S. Strategic Air Command base 90 miles northeast of Rabat. The Air Force evacuated everyone within 1 mile of the base while the bomber burned for seven hours. During cleanup operations a large number of vehicles and aircraft were contaminated with radiation.

5 February 1958

A B-47 collided with another jet and a hydrogen bomb was accidentally dropped, never to be recovered, in the ocean off Savannah, Georgia.

11 March 1958

A B-47 on its way from Hunter Air Force Base in Georgia to an overseas base accidentally dropped an unarmed nuclear weapon into the garden of Walter Gregg and his family in Mars Bluff, South Carolina. The conventional explosives detonated, destroying Gregg's house and injuring six family members. The blast resulted in the formation of a crater 50-70 feet wide and 25-30 feet deep. Five other houses and a church were also damaged; five months later the Air Force paid the Greggs \$54,000 in compensation.

4 November 1958

A B-47 with nuclear bombs caught fire in mid-air, crashing in Texas.

15 October 1959

A B-52 with two nuclear bombs collided in mid-air with a KC-135 jet tanker and crashed in Kentucky. Both bombs were recovered.

7 June 1960

A BOMARC-A nuclear missile burst into flames after its fuel tank was ruptured by the explosion of a high-pressure helium tank at McGuire Air Force Base in New Egypt, New Jersey. The missile melted, causing plutonium contamination at the facility and in the ground water below.

24 January 1961

A B-52 with nuclear bombs fell apart in mid-air over North Carolina, killing three of the eight crewmen and releasing two 24-megaton nuclear bombs. One bomb parachuted to the ground and was recovered; the other fell free and landed in waterlogged farmland, never to be found. When the recovered bomb was studied, it was found that five of its six safety devices had failed.

14 March 1961

A B-52 with nuclear bombs crashed in California while on a training mission.

13 January 1964

A B-52 with two nuclear weapons crashed near Cumberland, Maryland.

17 January 1966

A B-52 collided with an Air Force KC-135 jet tanker while refueling over the coast of Spain, killing eight of the eleven crew members and igniting the KC-135's 40,000 gallons of jet fuel. Two hydrogen bombs ruptured, scattering radioactive particles over the fields of Palomares; a third landed intact near the village of Palomares; the fourth was lost at sea 12 miles off the coast of Palomares and required a search by thousands of men working for three months to recover it. Approximately 1,500 tons of radioactive soil and tomato plants were removed to the U.S. for burial at a nuclear waste dump in Aiken, S.C. The U.S. eventually settled claims by 522 Palomares residents at a cost of \$600,000, and gave the town the gift of a \$200,000 desalinizing plant.

22 January 1968

A B-52 crashed 7 miles south of Thule Air Force Base in Greenland, scattering the radioactive fragments of four hydrogen bombs over the terrain after a fire broke out in the navigator's

compartment. The contaminated ice and airplane debris were sent back to the U.S., with the bomb fragments going back to the manufacturer in Amarillo, Tx. The incident outraged the people of Denmark (which owned Greenland at the time, and which prohibits nuclear weapons over its territory) and led to massive anti-U.S. demonstrations. Comment from Scott Portzline, [happen@pipeline.com](mailto:happen@pipeline.com): Three of the four bombs were destroyed by fire. A fourth bomb sank to the ocean bottom when the intense heat melted the Arctic ice. Many Danish workers who cleaned up the radioactive contaminated snow and ice suffered adverse health effects or died in the following years. The bomb on the ocean floor was finally recovered in 1979 by US Navy Seals and Seabees. I was not a witness. I have pictures of some of the equipment. Workers involved in the initial cleanup died later from the exposure to radiation, according to their relatives testimony.

24 July 1969

U.S. missile production was temporarily suspended due to a serious fire at the Atomic Energy Commission's Rocky Flats plutonium bomb factory. The surrounding countryside was irradiated by plutonium, and several buildings at the factory were so badly contaminated that they had to be dismantled.

2 November 1981

A fully-armed Poseidon missile was accidentally dropped 17 feet from a crane in Scotland during a transfer operation between a U.S. submarine and its mother ship.

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Again, an unidentified witness, that is not provable in any way.  
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500 bombs? anyone have the accurate figgures? in 1947, we were  
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we had that many, in fact I had a source who flew with the  
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worse-off than we were at the end of WWII and were just barely

able to get the Bomb in '48 if they tried anything they would have been shellacked. There was a lot of sabre-rattling but B-36's were able to patrol unmolested over Soviet airspace until the advent of the MiG 15.

As far as the Soviet threat the best bomber they had was the Tu-4, a nut for bolt copy of the B-29 - this caused all sorts of problems for both sides in Korea - right down to the cranky Wright 3350 engines. Note; this isn't a criticism of Russian engineering - they actually improved on some of the systems and operating procedures of the B-29. We simply made the B-50 which was a considerable improvement. And the B-36, and B-47 and the B-45, et al, on line or very shortly on line.

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Ah, Trinity was, as I understand it, a one-time only site. There was no other testing there as I recall. Its a heck of a place to get to, very inconvenient even from Roswell. Alamogordo is a lot closer, and White Sands is... well... next door.

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This should be easily checked by someone who has more time than I right now. Note the following:

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In 1947? I doubt it, unless we vaporized Corona, we didn't have CNN, Fox, ABC, CBS, NBC TV or cable then, certainly not in the New Mexican outback.

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Thank you Drew Williamson, the above confirms that if the Roswell incident was a mishap involving a test nuke, or a real one, it would have been documented as such. I noticed the Roswell incident isn't included amongst these as being a mishap or accident.

It is also interesting to note that the first example listed above was said to be the first nuclear accident involving a bomber and its payload, so the Roswell incident wasn't a test run mishap then.

Given that many of the examples would seem to be many times more life threatening to the public and are still unclassified, it would the Roswell one also be unclassified by now.

It would be nice to be able to wrap the Roswell thing into a nice neat package so it could be put to bed once and for all, but there are too many conflicting reports from that day for this to happen with this wayward bomb theory. Well for me, perhaps not so for others. It is more than likely a UFO got too close to a real nuke test and was taken out by the EMP which led to it crashing, or it was fired upon after getting too close to a test site or test aircraft.

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"Incident" The AF would have jumped at the chance. And so we're  
left with Mogul.

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>>Subject: Re: Thanksgiving Ain't No Fun No More

>>>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 18 Dec 2001 13:56:20 EST  
>>>Subject: Thanksgiving Ain't No Fun No More  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

<snip>

>>>We, that is, Rosie and I, looked up and saw a very bright star.  
>>>We both looked at it, as did Pepe. Now that was interesting. I  
>>>got the feeling again. High Strangeness as I call it. The light  
>>>was exceedingly bright and began to get brighter. It did not  
>>>merely get bright, it came towards us and as it got closer, it  
>>>assumed a round shape. Meanwhile, Pepe is pulling at the leash  
>>>and wants inside. No doubt.

>>>The next thing we recalled was that it was no longer 7PM. It was  
>>>8:30PM. And we were inside the garage, the garage door closed,  
>>>and none of us including Pepe was wearing a coat. The coats and  
>>>his little coat, were inside the car. We had missing time for  
>>>about an hour plus a half. When we got inside the house from the  
>>>inside garage door, the phone was lit up with messages, the  
>>>pager was beeping, the cell phone was also beeping with messages  
>>>and ringing.

>><snip>

>>Hello Morty:

>>This is just awful.

>>As I understand it, these events, whatever they are, happen  
>>without warning and not on any sort of predicable schedule.

>>Since they recur, and to more than a few people, I cannot help  
>>but wonder if there isn't some way to get solid evidence of  
>>something truly strange!

<snip>

>>There must be other simple tricks, maybe some special dust on  
>>the floor... something hopefully, that might escape the notice  
>>of potential abductors assuming that it the problem?

>>Whatever you (or anyone else) comes up with, don't put it on the  
>>list! Keep it to yourself until there is some sort of evidence  
>>besides missing time and misplaced clothing!

>>Here's an example [snip]

>>Here's another one. Carry a small tape recorder.. [snip]

>>Just some thoughts, and best wishes.

>>- Larry

>Thank you Larry,

>But I've tried everything. As a kid interested in radio, Ham  
>radio and electronics (from age about 8) thru hi school, I had  
>my own alarm, detection, capacitive sensors, etc. Nutting  
>worked. I used a huge rod which was largely a capacitor, used on  
>bomber aircraft from WW II. Dad worked for a major player in  
>fuel detection systems. I set up what was a very sophisticated  
>barrier with these huge caps. They were from ten to fifteen feet  
>long and were staged all around my room.

>Nuttin!

>Since then, I've tried more sophisticated and less electromechanical  
>systems.

>Nuttin.

>Since I began my own research about five years ago, I've  
>interviewed hundreds of perceived abductees and many who are  
>downright certain that the phenomena is quite real as  
>experienced. I am not entirely sure of that. These experiencers  
>have tried all sorts of detection. One lady uses a video  
>recorder going all night long.

>Nuttin.

>Which leads me to suspect that maybe, just maybe, this phenom is  
>real enough, but may occur outside of our own... fill in the  
>blank yourself... universe... bodies... consciousness...  
>whathehellever. I say this at the risk of being yelled at  
>maligned and otherwise a traitor.

>We have an old saying in Sicilian... I won't repeat it.  
>It'll only get me in more trubbul.

I've heard much the same from others, all attempts at some  
physical verification were dismal failures.

So what have we here, some sort of psychic, paranormal,  
spiritual, mystical or other-dimensional manifestation which  
leaves no physical clues?

If that is the case, what it taking peoples clothes off and  
putting them back on backwards, on the wrong person, or not at  
all?

Erased memories? Even that has some physical cause, just as an  
erased computer disk must.

Is this a case of inner-space rather than outer space?

I vaguely recall the case of some person going thru a classic  
abduction scene, vividly recalled. She was asleep on a couch I  
think, with friends watching over her before, during and after  
this 'event'. None of those observers noted anything at all out  
of the ordinary... not even missing time.

In any of the above cases, I'm afraid the matter is outside the  
realm of nuts-and-bolts UFOs; at least as I see them.

If UFOs themselves are not physical objects, I cannot claim any  
further interest in them.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' -

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Dec 2001 09:45:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' -

Roswell Bomb Explanation Bombs Out!

>Source: Fate Magazine

><http://www.fatemag.com/article.phtml?id=69>

>December 19, 2001

>Roswell UFO Bombshell  
>Feature Story FATE Magazine 2000-01-01 00:00:00  
>by Jim Keith

>My source on the following story has asked me to be very vague  
>in my description of him. He describes himself as "a longtime  
r>researcher/instructor of engineering at a school in New Mexico."  
>I know specific details of his professional work, as well as the  
>names of his own sources for the following information, but he  
>has asked me not to mention them because of potential problems  
>involving security clearances. Speaking with me recently, he  
>told me about his knowledge of what actually took place in  
>Roswell, New Mexico, in July 1947-an event which has been  
>alleged by many researchers to have been the crash of an alien  
>spacecraft. His information is gleaned from conversations with  
>others in the engineering field and in the military who were  
>living in or near Roswell at the time. I realize that without  
>identifying my source, the following information is rendered  
>suspect; with that in mind it may still open up new areas of  
>research that will crack the Roswell case. Here is the gist of  
>what he told me:

Apparently the source is not a first hand source.

Remove paragraph about the lack of atomic bombs after the war.

>The American brass sought to remedy the situation. As part of  
>this fix, testing of nuclear delivery systems was moved during  
>1945 and 1946 from Wendover, Utah, to the 509th U.S. Army Air  
>Force Bomb Group unit in Roswell, New Mexico. At the time,  
>Roswell was the center of much secret testing, including the top  
>secret balloon program Project Mogul,

Hmmmm... amusing. The source says Roswell was the "center" of  
Mogul testing. If true, why couldn't Roswell top brass identify  
pieces of a Mogul balloon train?

Oh, yes. I know. Mogul plays no part in this. It was a dropped  
atomic bomb.

>and 'non-critical' testing  
>at the Trinity blast site. One job that was given to the 509th  
>was the operational testing of nuclear bombs, including  
>fine-tuning the ability to hit targets accurately.

>Another secret: According to my source, military bombers were  
>notoriously unreliable in hitting targets, sometimes missing  
>their mark by as much as half a mile. It was given to the 509th  
>to improve that record, and to make it possible to deliver  
>bombs, particularly nuclear bombs, with greater accuracy. 'Live'

>as well as 'dummy' bombs were flown in from Sandia to Roswell,  
>where they were tested and used in target drops.

>It was in this environment that the most famous of all UFO  
>stories was born. According to my source, the true story behind  
>the alleged UFO crash was that there was an accident involving a  
>B-29 flying from the Army Air Force Base in Sandia (Albuquerque)  
>to Roswell. From the statements of men in the military who were  
>there at the time, my source states that either an atomic bomb  
>or what is termed a "bomb shape", or "test shape", the shell of  
>a nuke lacking explosives and atomic capability, and sometimes  
>filled with concrete to add weight, was accidentally or  
>purposefully jettisoned above Corona, New Mexico, directly on  
>the flight path between Sandia and Roswell. Along with the bomb,  
>metal foil used for radar jamming, termed "chaff", may have also  
>been dropped.

>The accidental dropping of a nuclear weapon would surely have  
>been cause enough for a cover-up. If this information had leaked  
>to the public, there might have been an extremely negative  
>reaction.

"...would surely have been cause..."? What do you mean,  
"surely"? Is this a historic fact or more speculation? Besides,  
a bomb dropped in June/July 1947 wouldn't have been a secret  
from the AF who would have engineered the cover up and it would  
have been discovered by the AF in the 1990s in preparation for  
their "Mogul Report." No need at present to cover up a bomb drop  
by a spurious Mogul explanation.

>As an aside, my source mentioned that either an armed atomic  
>bomb or "test shape," flattened by impact with the  
>ground, could have looked like a squashed disk.

Yeah, right. I don't think bombs or test shapes "flatten" on  
impact.

This explanation goes over like a Mogul Balloon made of Lead.

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## Re: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' -

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>Date: Wed, 19 Dec 2001 19:15:34 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'  
>From: Drew Williamson <[drew.williamson@sympatico.ca](mailto:drew.williamson@sympatico.ca)>  
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>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'

>>Roswell UFO Bombshell  
>>Feature Story FATE Magazine 2000-01-01 00:00:00  
>>by Jim Keith

>Hmmm. Yes they sure do keep those lost nukes a secret. Here's a  
>list of accidents involving nukes under the Bombs and Bombers"  
>category found at the site entitled "PARTIAL LIST OF U.S.  
>NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS" at:

><http://www.prop1.org/2000/accident/partial.htm#bombs>

>Next theory! :-)

>Bombs and Bombers

>13 February 1950  
>A B-36 en route from Alaska to Carswell Air Force Base in Fort  
>Worth, Texas, developed serious mechanical difficulties,  
>complicated by severe icing conditions, leading to the world's  
>first nuclear accident. The crew headed out over the Pacific  
>Ocean and dropped the nuclear weapons from 8,000 feet off the  
>coast of British Columbia. The weapons' high-explosive material  
>detonated on impact, but the crew parachuted to safety.

Calling Larry Hatch..... any correlation between UFO sightings  
and bomb drops?

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## Re: Sign Historical Group Proceedings On Line -

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Date: Thu, 20 Dec 2001 08:46:39 +0100  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 09:28:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Sign Historical Group Proceedings On Line -

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>Subject: Sign Historical Group Proceedings On Line  
>Date: Tue, 18 Dec 2001 20:10:28 -0500

Aldrich wrote:

>Raymond Fowler (UFO case files and other relevant  
>material, less his abduction research materials which  
>have been disposed of elsewhere)

Do you mean that Mr. Raymond Fowler has given up UFO  
investigations? Who is the recipient of his abduction research  
material?

Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

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## Re: Bogus Quote on Astronaut UFO Sightings - Oberg

From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Thu, 20 Dec 2001 14:31:29 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 09:31:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: Bogus Quote on Astronaut UFO Sightings - Oberg

>Date: Wed, 19 Dec 2001 12:56:46 -0400  
>From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Bogus Quote on Astronaut UFO Sightings

>Any idea where the attributed quote came from?

That's a good question, where is the oldest published occurrence of it? I don't know.

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## The Brahms, Bach & Beethoven of Ufology

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Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 09:34:11 -0500  
Subject: The Brahms, Bach & Beethoven of Ufology

The Brahms, Bach, and Beethoven of Ufology  
By Alfred Lehmborg  
[www.alienview.net](http://www.alienview.net)

What is more the soul of discomfiting dread than that enigmatic word... unknown. Lurking around every corner and slithering in every shadow it tormented us as children, vexes us as adults, and hazards us into our old age as we face our inevitable personal mortality... What does curiosity about it positively achieve for us, and besides, isn't it said that curiosity killed the cat?

The unknown, in so far as it is, is something that we are perhaps too readily encouraged to dread, to fear, and to avoid because the powers that "are", "were", and "will be" aren't assured how they can work it into their game plan. They have concerns regarding the maintenance of their coveted and oh so convenient status quo.

Those "powers" prefer things as they are, assuredly, but if those powers could figure a way to keep their institutional heels on the obligatory necks of the abused masses, one could profitably wager that the 'unknown' would quickly become the 'known' and life would go merrily but explicably on... saucers could appear on the white house lawn tomorrow, if the top dogs are convinced they stay on top...

UFOs don't play that. They don't stand still for repeatable observations, they don't deign to be handily measured, and they don't condescend to a narrow scientific sensibility. Additionally, they could not give a spot of idle flatulence regarding the profit of a convenient transitory. They would, of necessity and experience, look for the long haul. Hog bellies, junk margins, and beef futures must probably seem pretty short sighted and repellent to them...

They don't play our science's game. This is the stumbling block to forced mainstream interest in a phenomenon that will-not-die... haunts the imaginations of men and women all over the globe past, present, and near future, and is only hinted at by a corrupt corporate media that is worried and frustrated by its inability to be able to predict a sure profit from the new paradigm. So, UFOs are artfully ridiculed in throw-away ads for washing machines and parodied in the planned obsolescence of big motor cars and computer chips.

Some would stridently argue that we have a bigger fish to fry than UFOs. They couldn't be more wrong. UFOs are wound inextricably in the core of our everyday lives or their abrupt appearance would mean nothing to us or our culture at all. A sudden appearance of UFOs would be a massive disruption (most welcome for this writer) to an outdated and outmoded culture, and a huge social flap... so their relevance is more than manifest. Besides, the erstwhile "bigger fish" that are so fussily fretted over are likely to be wag-the-dog distractions from a ufological reality likely on the lip of some massive but inevitable breakout. That's this writers feeling at any rate.

It might be that the seemingly unknown would come to be found as known all the time, just suspiciously back-burnered on the sociological stove of an alternate, but valid, reality. Though really... would we trust our government, those front men of the unelected National Security State, to tell us the truth about realities so far reaching and (forgive me) paradigm changing as to question the validity of every institution a hapless individual presently subordinates themselves to on this Earth? But I digress...

What do we know about the unknown? Quite a lot as it turns out, thank a lonely few. More than our white-bread mainstream is comfortable with. We know that an unknown exists. If it didn't, we wouldn't know fear. We're consumed with fear, real and imagined, so we know that an unknown exists. UFOs are an unknown with an exceptionally high giggle (fear) factor that the most derisive laughter does not seem to be able to dissipate with any real effectiveness, and it has an avoidance factor that goes of the scale. So, what is it that we know about this unknown of UFOs? Quite a lot, as has already been said.

In fact, as it turns out, a few have gone to great lengths to quantify and qualify that unknown. UFOs have been parsed, collated, and indexed like no other "programmed" unknown before or since in a validated history. This writer won't insult the reader with needless hyperbole. This initial investigation of half a century ago regarding a legitimate ufological unknown was not accomplished by some spurious effort of the suspect and confabulating fringe. No, this FIRST investigation was undertaken to satisfy the concerned interest of a privileged tier of demonstrably qualified people occupying roles of the highest government level, military rank, social position, professional competence, and scientific chair... a list of early interested and enthusiastic persons would read like a who's who list of the greatest scientists, captains of industry, religious leaders, and cultural icons of the time, it has been very reliably reported.

As a reflection of the seriousness of this ufological investigation (an investigation that was at that time bereft of present day ufology's largely contrived giggle factor) only the most serious of clear headed and educated men (most times) were invited on board to officiate it. Ideally, as the "ACTUAL TRUTH" was the desired result of any investigative effort, the men chosen for the task would be preferred to refrain from ideological cant, scientific bias, or religious complication and strive to collect as much data regarding UFOs as was possible given the obvious technological limitations.

It was at this point that an unusual serendipity graced Ufology, and a contribution was allowed by three men who would ultimately do for a serious Ufology what Brahms, Bach, and Beethoven did for modern music. They defined Ufology, gave it an initial scientific grounding, and placed it in a modern secular context what had been heretofore mired in an ineffective religious one. These three men were Edward Ruppelt, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, and Dr. Jacques Vallee.

This intrepid trio of ingenuous individuals would never be discredited, would never earn the obligatory assassination of their characters, and would never have their images in any way tarnished to this day. Additionally, honor and integrity has remained intact with these men for half a century when the reputations of others would be shot down in flames for daring to question the forbidden ufological index. This is a testament to their bullet-proof science and investigative straight shooting -- to their clarity, calmness, and faultless reputations, but, truly, an encouragement to the ambivalent reader that there just might be something to the UFO conundrum after all!

For what will these men always be remembered? What is the justification for the debt they be owed? They defined the ufological unknown, good reader. They qualified it and quantified it. They indexed and cross referenced it. They made that one unknown just a little more known, and perhaps provided a lever into a brave new future. They made it real.

How did these men go about making the unknown a little more known. The process is actually quite simple, even if the execution gets a little complicated. They simply performed the required investigation.

Astonishing really.

They went where the data actually lead. They spent the required effort to actually look into the dark, dark shadows, and learned, more often than not, more than they'd bargained for. They refrained from ridicule. They were willing to re-do their work. They did not cleave to convenient tradition, complacent dogma, or outmoded party lines. They open their eyes, shoved their preconceived notions behind them, and with deep breaths taken (third eyes squeegeed) prepared to see anew, again.

We don't do that presently. We, by way of a sullenly contrived mainstream, take the low road of artful fallacy, reflexive ridicule, and arbitrary illogic to satisfy the few at the expense of the many. We endure the noisy negativism of noxious naysayers like Michael ("Smirkster") Shermer, James ("Hiding from his apostrophe") Oberg, Gerald ("No Conspiracy. No. Never") Posner, and Philip ("It's VENUS...") Klass, and allow these mainstream promoted front-men to cajole us into complacent insentience with fatuously plausible strawmen, fallacious falsehoods, and vapidly tenuous improbabilities. They are, themselves, what they pretend to warn us against: barriers to enlightenment, obstacles to brave science, and hurdles to an efficacious cultural advancement!

Be not fooled.

If a freedom loving reader is remotely interested in being truly informed, feels the dreaded damp pants leg, and hears that tired admonition that it's a result of normal rain... then take some steps to throw off a specious, unjustified, and hazardous wet blanket and read three short books.

These books are by no means complicated to read, and though out of print, they are not difficult to find. They have stood time's test for veracity and validity, and they are assuredly books that the aforementioned "Fatuous Four" would wish away from reality if they could. These are books that are grounded in science and lined with conscientiousness, while they bristle with courage, honesty, and scholarly integrity.

These three books are:

"The Report On Unidentified Flying Objects" by Edward J. Ruppelt. This book can be found in its entirety on line at:

<http://www.alienview.net/rufo.htm>

and is truly the first book to read in the series.

"The UFO Experience -- A Scientific Inquiry" by Dr. J. Allen Hynek. Online soon.

"Anatomy Of A Phenomenon -- UFO's in Space" by Dr. Jacques Vallee. Excerpts online Soon.

Not only are we "not in Kansas any more..." ladies and gentlemen, these books begin to make it clear that we were NEVER in Kansas, except in the imaginations of a select but non elected few. Read them to feel your eyes open wide again. Read them to know a child's enchantment. Read them to reawaken the wonder lost in the events of the recent past. Read them to expand the potential, quicken the spirit, and satisfy your human sensibility. Read them to come alive, again, and regain, as I have, real, encouraging, and true epiphany.

Curiosity killed the cat? That's an unrepentant and unsupported load of traditionalist hoo-rah. Curiosity FED the cat. Ours will feed us, too, and what a grand banquet it is to be. Read on.

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EXPLORE "Alfred Lehmborg's (...let's cut to the chase!) Alien View" at his HostPros URL.

<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually. He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put

one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged -- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, scourged by the indifferent.

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Secrecy News -- 12/20/01

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SECURITY NEWS  
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
December 20, 2001

\*\* HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS "HELD HOSTAGE" BY CIA  
\*\* SUPREME COURT TO HEAR HARBURY CASE  
\*\* PARTIAL RELEASE OF REAGAN RECORDS ANNOUNCED

HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS "HELD HOSTAGE" BY CIA

The Central Intelligence Agency recently moved to increase its control over the historical record of U.S. foreign policy by refusing to release four sets of documents to the State Department until State historians agreed to new CIA conditions governing publication of foreign policy documents.

The four document sets had been selected for publication in the official Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS) series, a documentary history of U.S. foreign policy that is published by the State Department.

But CIA officials told State historians in October that they were "under instructions [from the Director of Central Intelligence] not to proceed with business as usual" because of Agency concerns about the release of historical documents concerning intelligence. The CIA intervened earlier this year to delay publication of a FRUS volume on Indonesia and another volume on Greece, both of which referenced CIA covert actions during the 1960s.

Before releasing the four document packages, CIA demanded adoption of a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Agency and the State Department Office of the Historian that would significantly enhance CIA authority over the FRUS series.

According to the latest minutes of the State Department Historical Advisory Committee, historian Elizabeth Cobbs Hoffman "observed that those [document] packages were, in effect, being held hostage."

Rutgers historian and Committee member Warren F. Kimball said "The CIA was making it difficult to work with them under the threat of 'blackmail'."

Robert Schulzinger, chairman of the Advisory Committee, said the CIA's proposed Memorandum of Understanding "altered the way in which the Foreign Relations series is published and released to the public." Further, it "curbed the authority of historians compiling the volumes and the authority of the Advisory Committee to offer advice."

"The bottom line for the CIA," according to one informed historian, "is their desire to be able to review the full final version of every [FRUS] compilation and at the final moment have the right to insist on additional excisions."

Marc Susser, the Historian of the State Department, emphasized

that FRUS "is the State Department's publication, and we cannot let CIA take over the series."

The dispute was described in minutes of the October 15-16 meeting of the State Department Historical Advisory Committee that were approved for release at a Committee meeting this week and obtained by Secrecy News. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/advisory/state/hac1001.html#cia>

Since then, "The compilations that the CIA had held hostage have been returned to HO [the State Historian's Office] and we are proceeding," an informed official said today.

But it appears that the CIA tactic achieved its intended goal of compelling a change in State Department procedures, including the adoption of an interim Memorandum of Understanding and a commitment to conclude a new arrangement next year.

"We have 6 months within which to settle on a new MOU," the official said.

In a separate offensive, CIA is pushing for a categorical exemption from publication for the President's Daily Brief so that no editions of this document could be published in future FRUS volumes.

#### SUPREME COURT TO HEAR HARBURY CASE

Can government officials be held accountable for lying to the public? What if an American citizen is deprived of constitutional rights as a consequence of an official lie?

Those are some of the urgent questions raised by the case of activist attorney Jennifer Harbury that will be taken up by the Supreme Court sometime next year.

Attorney Jennifer Harbury contended that Clinton Administration officials lied about the fate of her late husband, Guatemalan guerrilla Efraim Bamaca, and that her rights to sue the government on his behalf were impaired as a result.

In a noteworthy December 2000 ruling, the DC District Court of Appeals found that the government is not immune to such claims.

"When public officials affirmatively mislead citizens in order to prevent them from filing suit, they violate clearly established constitutional rights...", the Court ruled. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/harbury.html>

Upon petition from former Secretary of State Warren Christopher and others, the Supreme Court agreed on December 10 to review the case.

For further background on the case see "Court Will Review Right to Secret Data" in the December 11 Washington Post:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A22995-2001Dec10.html>

and "High court to decide if government officials can be punished for lying to public" published by the Freedom Forum:

<http://www.freedomforum.org/templates/document.asp?documentID=15543>

#### PARTIAL RELEASE OF REAGAN RECORDS ANNOUNCED

Out of the 68,000 pages of Reagan Administration records that were required by law to be released in January 2001, approximately 8,000 pages will be released in January 2002, the National Archives announced today.

Release of the records was delayed by the Bush Administration, which imposed new restrictions on release of the records in a recent executive order.

"In accordance with Executive Order 13233, representatives of former President Reagan and President Bush have reviewed these

records and have chosen not to assert any constitutionally based privilege," the Archives stated in a press release:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2001/12/reagan.html>

"Today's action shows that President Bush's executive order can and will work as intended to facilitate appropriate and expeditious release of presidential records consistent with the Constitution and the [presidential records] act," wrote White House counsel Alberto R. Gonzales in a Washington Post op-ed:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A3912-2001Dec19.html>

There was no word when the remaining 60,000 pages of records would be released.

Historians and public interest organizations have filed a lawsuit to overturn the executive order, alleging that it violates the provisions of the Presidential Records Act.

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## Re: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Gates

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Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 10:36:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Gates

>Source: Fate Magazine

><http://www.fatemag.com/article.phtml?id=69>

>December 19, 2001

>Roswell UFO Bombshell  
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>identifying my source, the following information is rendered  
>suspect; with that in mind it may still open up new areas of  
>research that will crack the Roswell case. Here is the gist of  
>what he told me:

Rendered suspect? More like unreliable at best!! This so called  
source is just as valid as various people and their so called  
"top-drawer" "top notch" "never told a lie in their life"  
"totally reliable" intelligence community sources who spun tales  
and stores about mass landings in the desert SW back in 97' and  
alleged ET contact and so forth.

>World War II was over, and America had a secret to conceal.  
>Although the government said there were 500 atomic bombs in the  
>military's arsenal, that was a lie. There were none that were

I don't recall that the government actually made that claim..  
This recollection is on the basis of seeing tens of thousands of  
pages of cold war history documents over the years. On the other  
hand somebody in the press may have floated that story out...

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>parts kept in storage, batteries that didn't work, faulty  
>initiators, and other reasons - there were no usable nuclear  
>bombs in American military stockpiles. After the end of the war,  
>the operational team in charge of the nuclear arsenal had also  
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They were actually still together and stayed together as the  
nuke program was still considered high priority.

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>nuclear deterrent against the Soviet threat, and members of the  
>American government and military who realized this were  
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>this fix, testing of nuclear delivery systems was moved during  
>1945 and 1946 from Wendover, Utah, to the 509th U.S. Army Air  
>Force Bomb Group unit in Roswell, New Mexico. At the time,  
>Roswell was the center of much secret testing, including the top

The mogel program was at White Sands/Fort Bliss as I recall. The  
so called Trinity blast site was essentially guarded by MP's  
until it was fenced off in 47. From what I recall of the  
declassified historys nothing happened at Trinity.

>secret balloon program Project Mogul, and 'non-critical' testing  
>at the Trinity blast site. One job that was given to the 509th  
>was the operational testing of nuclear bombs, including  
>fine-tuning the ability to hit targets accurately.

So called fine-tuning had already been done by the 509th at  
Wendover where they were able to configure the Nordon Bomb sight  
and improve accuracy of the drops. As I recall it was a 250  
foot aiming circle.

>Another secret: According to my source, military bombers were  
>notoriously unreliable in hitting targets, sometimes missing  
>their mark by as much as half a mile. It was given to the 509th  
>to improve that record, and to make it possible to deliver  
>bombs, particularly nuclear bombs, with greater accuracy. 'Live'  
>as well as 'dummy' bombs were flown in from Sandia to Roswell,  
>where they were tested and used in target drops.

No "live" drops were done at Roswell.

>It was in this environment that the most famous of all UFO  
>stories was born. According to my source, the true story behind  
>the alleged UFO crash was that there was an accident involving a  
>B-29 flying from the Army Air Force Base in Sandia (Albuquerque)  
>to Roswell. From the statements of men in the military who were  
>there at the time, my source states that either an atomic bomb  
>or what is termed a "bomb shape", or "test shape", the shell of  
>a nuke lacking explosives and atomic capability, and sometimes  
>filled with concrete to add weight, was accidentally or  
>purposefully jettisoned above Corona, New Mexico, directly on  
>the flight path between Sandia and Roswell. Along with the bomb,  
>metal foil used for radar jamming, termed "chaff", may have also  
>been dropped.

>The accidental dropping of a nuclear weapon would surely have  
>been cause enough for a cover-up. If this information had leaked  
>to the public, there might have been an extremely negative  
>reaction.

>As an aside, my source mentioned that either an armed atomic  
>bomb or "test shape," flattened by impact with the  
>ground, could have looked like a squashed disk.

If the source had actually seen where test Atomic bombs were  
dropped, he would have said that when dropped they make a large  
impact crater rather than a crater created by an explosion.

Just another tale/story/theory turd that somebody has  
breathlessly unloaded to Keith and it got breathlessly published  
in FATE. As an aside I recall somebody floated a similar story  
back when the Moore/Berlitz book came out in 80 and it  
crashed.... pun intended.

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: Thanksgiving Ain't No Fun No More - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 20 Dec 2001 10:59:04 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 10:42:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: Thanksgiving Ain't No Fun No More - Mortellaro

>Date: Thu, 20 Dec 2001 01:45:42 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Thanksgiving Ain't No Fun No More

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Wed, 19 Dec 2001 10:35:14 EST  
>>Subject: Re: Thanksgiving Ain't No Fun No More  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>>>Date: Wed, 19 Dec 2001 00:56:09 -0800  
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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Thanksgiving Ain't No Fun No More

>>>>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>>>>Date: Tue, 18 Dec 2001 13:56:20 EST  
>>>>Subject: Thanksgiving Ain't No Fun No More  
>>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

><snip>

>>>>We, that is, Rosie and I, looked up and saw a very bright star.  
>>>>We both looked at it, as did Pepe. Now that was interesting. I  
>>>>got the feeling again. High Strangeness as I call it. The light  
>>>>was exceedingly bright and began to get brighter. It did not  
>>>>merely get bright, it came towards us and as it got closer, it  
>>>>assumed a round shape. Meanwhile, Pepe is pulling at the leash  
>>>>and wants inside. No doubt.

>>>><snip>

>>>>Hello Morty:

>>>>This is just awful.

>>>>As I understand it, these events, whatever they are, happen  
>>>>without warning and not on any sort of predicable schedule.

>>>>Since they recur, and to more than a few people, I cannot help  
>>>>but wonder if there isn't some way to get solid evidence of  
>>>>something truly strange!

<snip>

>I've heard much the same from others, all attempts at some  
>physical verification were dismal failures.

>So what have we here, some sort of psychic, paranormal,  
>spiritual, mystical or other-dimensional manifestation which  
>leaves no physical clues?

Dear Larry, List, Errol,

Maybe. Maybe not. I don't know. Let's look at why it is that at  
no time whatever, has anyone been able to catch the little  
bastards in the act. Why have not even engineers and scientists  
(those who've tried) not been able to obtain either readings or  
other anomalies in the EM spectrum, photos or any other 'proof?'

Either the little bugs are... sorry, I meant to write 'buggers'... either the little buggers are able to mask their presence or their presence is not... present. And when taken, neither are our presences... present. Frankly, I still hold to the physical cause. But there is that doubt... I have always felt that I was in some other, altered state, during those times. Is that due to the high technology in use or another state or dimension?

I sure in hell don't know.

>If that is the case, what it taking peoples clothes off and >putting them back on backwards, on the wrong person, or not at >all?

>Erased memories? Even that has some physical cause, just as an >erased computer disk must.

>Is this a case of inner-space rather than outer space?

>I vaguely recall the case of some person going thru a classic >abduction scene, vividly recalled. She was asleep on a couch I >think, with friends watching over her before, during and after >this 'event'. None of those observers noted anything at all out >of the ordinary... not even missing time.

>In any of the above cases, I'm afraid the matter is outside the >realm of nuts-and-bolts UFOs; at least as I see them.

>If UFOs themselves are not physical objects, I cannot claim any >further interest in them.

>Best wishes

Whatever the phenomena, there are no answers. Just a whole lotta questions. Ain't no time to give up. Not until the bastards land and aks for our leader. At which point, we'd hafta scratch our heads and say, "Wull, uh... Duh?!!"

Merry, Happy or whatever turns yous on. Which I suspect got bubbles. Gripple-Up. Addict a buddy and get a gallon jug free.

Jim

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## UFO TV Programme On The Internet

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Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 10:44:45 -0500  
Subject: UFO TV Programme On The Internet

Hi Errol/UFO Update:

The following release describes a UFO programme venture on the Internet which I have been involved with. I hope that the audience for UFO Update will support this venture.

Regards,

Bill Chalker

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As part of a new venture on the internet a new UFO TV show will be available. Bill Chalker, author of 'The Oz Files - The Australian UFO Story', and Doug Moffett, New South Wales state director of the Australian UFO Research Network, are hosting the "UFO" show on Banana TV via the internet.

Through Banana TV, Screen Corporation Limited in Sydney, Australia, is providing a range of entertaining and informative programmes covering themes as diverse as "surviving" the TV show 'Survivor', dog training, educational issues and genealogy.

You can access Banana TV on the internet via:

<http://www.bananatv.com>

A TV will appear on your computer screen with at least 8 programme channel icons covering ininitially the following categories: Health, Life and Style; School; People and passions; Music and entertainment; Vehicles; Techno; Arts; Surviving Survivor. The UFO programme can be found in the "People and passions" section. The programmes are intended for broadband internet but 56kbps will allow a reduced, but watchable view. The full screen impact is seen with a broadband connection. For 56kbps press low bandwidth and then select "UFO" in the "People and Passions" section. As with the other shows "UFO" will eventually have multiple episodes which can be accessed at anytime via the Banana TV site. Each programme lasts for about 7 to 8 minutes, with a brief "ad" break in the first minute.

The first episode of 'UFO' on Banana TV went live on Wednesday, December 5th, 2001. It introduces the hosts, Bill Chalker and Doug Moffett. Other programmes will cover a wide range of issues including abductions, UFO investigations and UFOs & culture. Further episodes have been made and will be put up on the programme web site over coming weeks. The objective of the programme series is to provide a guide through the thought provoking subject of UFOs, in all its diverse forms.

The hosts are contactable via [ufo@bananatv.com](mailto:ufo@bananatv.com)

Support this exciting venture in communicating the UFO subject to a diverse audience by visiting the site regularly and telling your friends about it. Also check out the other programmes on Banana TV.

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## Decoding E.T.: In Search of a Cosmic Rosetta Stone

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Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 10:59:38 -0500  
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Comment follows article...(BH)

Decoding E.T.: In Search of a Cosmic Rosetta Stone

By Doug Vakoch  
SETI Institute  
posted: 07:01 am ET  
20 December 2001

Analogies can provide a useful role for anticipating what might happen if, some day, we detect a signal from extraterrestrials. To briefly recap our last article in this series, some scholars have suggested that we might gain insights into decoding extraterrestrial messages that may be embedded in such a signal. These insights, they suggest, come from the experience that linguists have gained in the course of decoding ancient languages on Earth.

Decoding E.T.: Ancient Tongues Point Way To Learning Alien Languages The modern Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) is based on the premise that a systematic search of the cosmos may reveal artificial signals, transmitted either intentionally or, somewhat like the leakage of TV and radio signals from Earth today, as electromagnetic noise.

Messages from ET  
In the early 1960s, when SETI was just getting started, not much was known about the history of earlier proposals to communicate with life beyond Earth. So when SETI pioneer Frank Drake started to think about the sort of message we might some day receive from extraterrestrials, he had to start from scratch.

The Martian Morse Code Challenge  
When people started thinking about how to communicate with potential Martians, a new challenge arose. Since the Moon is relatively close to Earth, earlier proposals to signal possible inhabitants of the Moon relied on huge diagrams "drawn" on Earth's surface.

Messages to the Moon: Before Modern SETI  
The first modern Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) was conducted over 40 years ago. In 1960, Frank Drake's Project Ozma sought signs of intelligent life around two nearby stars by listening for radio signals.

As a case in point, the key to decoding ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics was found in a slab called the Rosetta Stone, found by Napoleon's army during a French military campaign in Egypt. This stone contained the same text written in three languages. And because European linguists were extremely familiar with one of the three languages, they could draw links between the three versions and thereby translate the writing system they hadn't previously been able to crack: Egyptian hieroglyphics.

Unfortunately, if we get a message from extraterrestrials, we can't count on them laying out direct translations between one of their languages and, say, English or Swahili. And that, say anthropologist Ben Finney and historian Jerry Bentley, could

limit how much we can learn from extraterrestrials. While we may be able to understand basic mathematics and astronomy, once extraterrestrials begin to describe their cultures, interstellar comprehension may suffer considerably. In fact, Finney and Bentley point out that early successes in decoding scientific parts of an extraterrestrial message might actually stand in the way of understanding more culturally-specific parts of the message.

As an analogy, they note that when European scholars began decoding ancient Maya hieroglyphs, their earliest successes were in understanding the basic numbering system used by the Maya, as well as their calendar systems, which were based on the visible motions of the Moon and Sun. In short, math and science provided the foundation for communication, just as many SETI scientists have predicted will be the case for interstellar communication.

This success in making sense of part of the Maya glyphs reinforced an idea that had been around among European scholars for centuries, going back to ancient Greek hopes that hieroglyphics from the Old World—from Egypt, to be precise—had the power to represent ideas directly, and thus escape some of the messiness of spoken language.

The view that complex ideas could be shown directly through symbols can be traced back at least as far as Plotinus, an Egyptian-born Roman philosopher who followed the path of Plato. In Plato's philosophy, the bedrock of reality is not in the things that we can see with our eyes and feel with our hands. Instead, ultimate reality consists of underlying "ideas" that serve as the blueprints for the material world. And Plotinus thought that Egyptian hieroglyphs offered a way to symbolize these ideas directly, without the intermediary of merely human languages. As author Maurice Pope summarizes Plotinus' view of Egyptian hieroglyphs, "Each separate sign is in itself a piece of knowledge, a piece of wisdom, a piece of reality, immediately present."

As it turns out, Plotinus was wrong. But he was in good company.

For centuries, most eminent Egyptologists agreed with Plotinus. They dismissed the possibility that hieroglyphs could represent something as mundane as spoken language. But in the 1820s, French linguist Jean-Francois Champollion used the Rosetta Stone to draw parallels between the as-yet undeciphered Egyptian hieroglyphics and both well-understood Greek and a form of Egyptian script used widely in business transactions. As a result, Champollion was able to show that hieroglyphics often do represent sounds, much like other languages. Though Plotinus' dream was broken, so too was the mystery of Egyptian hieroglyphics.

SETI scientists can learn an important lesson from the history of decoding hieroglyphics. Initial assumptions about the nature of the message can lead us astray—especially when those assumptions help us decode parts of the message. While it's true that some of the Mayan characters refer directly to numbers and months, the vast majority doesn't. The key then to decoding ancient hieroglyphics, and perhaps also messages from extraterrestrials, is to keep open to new possibilities, even if they seem to contradict initial successes.

What can we do to keep open minds at this early stage of SETI, before we have detected signals from distant stars? One step we are taking at the SETI Institute is to draft some sample messages of our own - not to be transmitted, but to learn more about the process of coding and decoding messages, and to challenge ourselves to think of new possibilities for what we could say in interstellar messages, and what we might some day be able to detect from other civilizations.

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Comment: This article gives us insight on how SETI scientists approach the problem of communication with ET and at the same time illustrates the shortsightedness in their approach.

One basic assumption is that ET has not yet communicated. A second assumption is that ET has the same limitation of mind and technology as we have. That ET will use a radio or laser signal to communicate.

Excluded are any studies of possible ET communication in UFO studies because UFO studies are largely ignored by SETI scientists. So are studies of psychic phenomena.

If ET uses telepathy to communicate, then no rosetta stone is needed. ET will already understand our thoughts and our languages. It is an "outside the box" solution. We already have mind-reading machines that were under development for the past quarter century. ET, with superior technology, may have developed superior mind-reading machines, if needed, and can interpret our thoughts or influence them as the case may be. ET will, in turn, be able to communicate signals that we understand, not some enigmatically encoded signal.

If SETI scientists want to get innovative I would suggest that they start to develop telepathic receivers. They may just intercept that signal they have been waiting for. They seem to have developed a lot of patience over the years.

Just food for thought...

Sincerely,

Bill Hamilton

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>Roswell was the center of much secret testing, including the top  
>secret balloon program Project Mogul, and 'non-critical' testing  
>at the Trinity blast site. One job that was given to the 509th  
>was the operational testing of nuclear bombs, including  
>fine-tuning the ability to hit targets accurately.

>Another secret: According to my source, military bombers were

>notoriously unreliable in hitting targets, sometimes missing  
>their mark by as much as half a mile. It was given to the 509th  
>to improve that record, and to make it possible to deliver  
>bombs, particularly nuclear bombs, with greater accuracy. 'Live'  
>as well as 'dummy' bombs were flown in from Sandia to Roswell,  
>where they were tested and used in target drops.

>It was in this environment that the most famous of all UFO  
>stories was born. According to my source, the true story behind  
>the alleged UFO crash was that there was an accident involving a  
>B-29 flying from the Army Air Force Base in Sandia (Albuquerque)  
>to Roswell. From the statements of men in the military who were  
>there at the time, my source states that either an atomic bomb  
>or what is termed a "bomb shape", or "test shape", the shell of  
>a nuke lacking explosives and atomic capability, and sometimes  
>filled with concrete to add weight, was accidentally or  
>purposefully jettisoned above Corona, New Mexico, directly on  
>the flight path between Sandia and Roswell. Along with the bomb,  
>metal foil used for radar jamming, termed "chaff", may have also  
>been dropped.

>The accidental dropping of a nuclear weapon would surely have  
>been cause enough for a cover-up. If this information had leaked  
>to the public, there might have been an extremely negative  
>reaction.

>As an aside, my source mentioned that either an armed atomic  
>bomb or "test shape," flattened by impact with the  
>ground, could have looked like a squashed disk.

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>UFO UpDates thanks Theo Paijmans for the lead.....

I believe this article was published almost 2 years ago  
2000-01-01. It was bunk then and is bunk now. Wild nonsense from  
somebody who obviously hadn't studied the evidence.

MOGUL was not located at Roswell. The 509th was moved from  
Wendover to Roswell. Operation Crossroads was conducted in 1946.  
Roswell wasn't connected with Trinity site, etc, ad nauseum.

I also seem to recall that Keith had died.... Where were these  
claims, about having 500 nuclear weapons, published? Reminds me  
of people falsely claiming that area 51 is near Roswell, that  
Pappy Henderson was a practical joker who just made up his story  
about flying Roswell wreckage, that William H. Blanchard was a  
loose cannon... guess that is why he had 4 paromotions after  
Roswell and also had served as the Air Force Inspector General  
before dying of a heart attack as the Vice-Chief of staff of the  
USAF with 4 stars.....

Must be a quiet news week.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Sign Historical Group Proceedings On Line -

From: Jan Aldrich <[project1947@earthlink.net](mailto:project1947@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 10:1:1 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 11:06:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: Sign Historical Group Proceedings On Line -

>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm@arrakis.es](mailto:lrgm@arrakis.es)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Sign Historical Group Proceedings On Line  
>Date: Thu, 20 Dec 2001 08:46:39 +0100

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>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Sign Historical Group Proceedings On Line  
>>Date: Tue, 18 Dec 2001 20:10:28 -0500

>Aldrich wrote:

>>Raymond Fowler (UFO case files and other relevant  
>>material, less his abduction research materials which  
>>have been disposed of elsewhere)

>Do you mean that Mr. Raymond Fowler has given up UFO  
>investigations? Who is the recipient of his abduction research  
>material?

>Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

Yes, to the first question. He is moving to Maine and wishes to devote time to teaching astronomy. He is still interested in the UFO subject.

I don't know who obtained the abduction files, it is confidential. You might ask Mr. Fowler.

Jan Aldrich

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>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'

>>Source: Fate Magazine

>><http://www.fatemag.com/article.phtml?id=69>

>>December 19, 2001

>>Roswell UFO Bombshell

>>Feature Story FATE Magazine 2000-01-01 00:00:00

>>by Jim Keith

>Hmmmmm. Yes they sure do keep those lost nukes a secret. Here's a  
>list of accidents involving nukes under the Bombs and Bombers"

>category found at the site entitled "PARTIAL LIST OF U.S.

>NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS" at:

><http://www.prop1.org/2000/accident/partial.htm#bombs>

>Next theory! :-)

>Ta Ta.

>Drew Williamson

>Bombs and Bombers

>13 February 1950

>A B-36 en route from Alaska to Carswell Air Force Base in Fort  
>Worth, Texas, developed serious mechanical difficulties,  
>complicated by severe icing conditions, leading to the world's  
>first nuclear accident. The crew headed out over the Pacific  
>Ocean and dropped the nuclear weapons from 8,000 feet off the  
>coast of British Columbia. The weapons' high-explosive material  
>detonated on impact, but the crew parachuted to safety.

>27 July 1956

>A U.S. B-47 practicing a touch-and-go landing at Lakenheath  
>Royal Air Force Station near Cambridge, England went out of  
>control and smashed into a storage igloo housing three Mark 6  
>nuclear bombs, each of which had about 8,000 pounds of TNT in  
>its trigger mechanism. No crewmen were killed, and fire fighters  
>were able to extinguish the blazing jet fuel before it ignited  
>the TNT.

Etc., etc.

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## The Science of Ball Lightning

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Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 11:54:33 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 11:54:33 -0500  
Subject: The Science of Ball Lightning

[http://www.pubs.royalsoc.ac.uk/phil.maths/news/balllight\\_template1.html](http://www.pubs.royalsoc.ac.uk/phil.maths/news/balllight_template1.html)

Press Release - The Science of Ball Lightning  
Chemical models of ball lightning from atmospheric electricity  
- a theme compiled and edited by John Abrahamson

A spectacular phenomenon

This December 2001 theme issue of Philosophical Transactions deals with the phenomenon of ball lightning, a rarely seen and slow-moving luminous phenomenon usually associated with thunderstorms. A collection of previously unpublished sightings is presented, including close-up encounters describing the detailed internal structure of the balls. Many of these observations are from scientifically or technically trained people, probably doubling the number of such observations available in the literature

In addition, for the first time, sufficient believable evidence from a number of high energy observations has been put together to demonstrate that ball lightning, distinctly uncoupled from any normal lightning, can be energetic enough to boil away large quantities of water.

Competing theories

The issue goes on to focus on theories to explain the phenomena; theories where the energy of the ball is tapped from the electricity of a storm and stored by chemical means to be released during the lifetime of the ball.

The issue is edited by Dr John Abrahamson of Canterbury University in New Zealand. "Different but strongly held theories of ball lightning are a feature of this theme collection," says Dr Abrahamson. "All can relate to the wide range of properties ascribed to ball lightning and make stimulating reading. The three main theorists, all who have also done experimental work, are David Turner (an English physical chemist based in the US), Vladimir Bychkov (a Russian physicist based in Moscow) and myself (a chemical engineer). We have all seen each other's contributions and have commented on them to each other, with the comments sometimes inserted into the papers in this collection. This critical confrontation has forced us all to broaden our thinking and some new insights have come up in the process."

The different models presented consider hydrated ions/ water droplets, polymer threads and metal nanoparticle chains as components of ball lightning. The corresponding energy releases are through ion reactions, surface electrical discharge, and surface oxidation of metal nanoparticles.

Discussed separately are a limited number of balls which showed high energy impact on their surroundings - above that traditionally expected from chemical energy storage. These observations and others where ball lightning passed through walls and window glass have been given new interpretations consistent with the nanoparticle model. This metal oxidation model also relates closely to recently made self-heating luminous metal materials with fine porous structure, which are the topic of one of the papers.

A penetration of ball lightning into flesh with metal particle

oxidation may be the explanation for observed charred limbs, and also a potential explanation for the weird "human combustion" phenomenon.

Make your own =91ball lightning=92

Small bodies (less than 10 mm diameter) with the properties of ball lightning can be routinely made in the laboratory. Careful laboratory observations of these from lightning-like discharges confined within eroding walls are presented. These discharges reproducibly produce freely floating and bouncing small plasmoidal balls with many of the properties seen with natural ball lightning. "The experimental work described in this issue indicate that some of the conditions necessary for production of ball lightning are understood," concludes Dr Abrahamson. "But larger =91natural-sized=92 laboratory examples are still being sought. I, like the other authors in this collection, am frustrated at not being able to reproduce the full phenomenon in the lab, realising that this is the acid test of any theory. In spite of this, we all regard our theories as explaining most, if not all, natural ball lightning observations, in sometimes conflicting ways!"

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UFO UpDates thanks The Anomalist for the lead:

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

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From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 08:44:51 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 12:06:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - McCoy

>From: Jan Aldrich <[project1947@earthlink.net](mailto:project1947@earthlink.net)>  
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>indicate that such an accident was involved.

Hello, all, Jan

Bravo Jan! If the Air Force had the story of a nuclear incident  
to explain Roswell, they wouldn't have trotted out the pathetic  
(IMHO) 'Crash Test Dummy' explanation.

I agree, the website on the so-called nuclear "incidents" rely  
on hearsay and a little imagination. I've been around the  
Nuclear industry a bit, and some of these are true, some are  
embellished, some I've never heard of.

GT McCoy

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## Re: The Brahms, Bach & Beethoven of Ufology -

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 12:08:55 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 12:47:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Brahms, Bach & Beethoven of Ufology -

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: The Brahms, Bach & Beethoven of Ufology  
>Date: Thu, 20 Dec 2001 15:25:04 -0600

>The Brahms, Bach, and Beethoven of Ufology  
>By Alfred Lehmborg  
>[www.alienview.net](http://www.alienview.net)

>What is more the soul of discomfiting dread than that enigmatic  
>word... unknown. Lurking around every corner and slithering in  
>every shadow it tormented us as children, vexes us as adults,  
>and hazards us into our old age as we face our inevitable  
>personal mortality... What does curiosity about it positively  
>achieve for us, and besides, isn't it said that curiosity killed  
>the cat?

>The unknown, in so far as it is, is something that we are  
>perhaps too readily encouraged to dread, to fear, and to avoid  
>because the powers that "are", "were", and "will be" aren't  
>assured how they can work it into their game plan. They have  
>concerns regarding the maintenance of their coveted and oh so  
>convenient status quo.

>Those "powers" prefer things as they are, assuredly, but if  
>those powers could figure a way to keep their institutional  
>heels on the obligatory necks of the abused masses, one could  
>profitably wager that the 'unknown' would quickly become the  
>'known' and life would go merrily but explicably on... saucers  
>could appear on the white house lawn tomorrow, if the top dogs  
>are convinced they stay on top...

>UFOs don't play that. They don't stand still for repeatable  
>observations, they don't deign to be handily measured, and they  
>don't condescend to a narrow scientific sensibility.  
>Additionally, they could not give a spot of idle flatulence  
>regarding the profit of a convenient transitory. They would, of  
>necessity and experience, look for the long haul. Hog bellies,  
>junk margins, and beef futures must probably seem pretty short  
>sighted and repellent to them...

>They don't play our science's game. This is the stumbling block  
>to forced mainstream interest in a phenomenon that  
>will-not-die... haunts the imaginations of men and women all  
>over the globe past, present, and near future, and is only  
>hinted at by a corrupt corporate media that is worried and  
>frustrated by its inability to be able to predict a sure profit  
>from the new paradigm. So, UFOs are artfully ridiculed in  
>throw-away ads for washing machines and parodied in the planned  
>obsolescence of big motor cars and computer chips.

<snip>

>It was at this point that an unusual serendipity graced Ufology,  
>and a contribution was allowed by three men who would ultimately  
>do for a serious Ufology what Brahms, Bach, and Beethoven did  
>for modern music. They defined Ufology, gave it an initial

>scientific grounding, and placed it in a modern secular context  
>what had been heretofore mired in an ineffective religious one.  
>These three men were Edward Ruppelt, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, and Dr.  
>Jacques Vallee.

<snip>

>These three books are:

>"The Report On Unidentified Flying Objects" by Edward J.  
>Ruppelt. This book can be found in its entirety on line at:

><http://www.alienview.net/rufo.htm>

>and is truly the first book to read in the series.

>"The UFO Experience -- A Scientific Inquiry" by Dr. J. Allen  
>Hynek. Online soon.

>"Anatomy Of A Phenomenon -- UFO's in Space" by Dr. Jacques  
>Vallee. Excerpts online Soon.

>Not only are we "not in Kansas any more..." ladies and  
>gentlemen, these books begin to make it clear that we were NEVER  
>in Kansas, except in the imaginations of a select but non  
>elected few. Read them to feel your eyes open wide again. Read  
>them to know a child's enchantment. Read them to reawaken the  
>wonder lost in the events of the recent past. Read them to  
>expand the potential, quicken the spirit, and satisfy your human  
>sensibility. Read them to come alive, again, and regain, as I  
>have, real, encouraging, and true epiphany.

>Curiosity killed the cat? That's an unrepentant and unsupported  
>load of traditionalist hoo-rah. Curiosity FED the cat. Ours will  
>feed us, too, and what a grand banquet it is to be. Read on.

Dear and gentle Reader, Al, Errol,

As usual, well said. No one can say it as you do, Alfred. Wish  
the heck I could communicate the way you do.

But rather than dwell on the obvious, may I offer the services  
of amazon.com, which when properly used, finds out of print  
books with ease. The longest I had to wait for the three above,  
was two months. In return for that wait, I received a decent  
copy of Hynek's "UFO Experience."

Actually, I lied. I already have everything (mostly) that Vallee  
wrote. A man of extraordinary qualifications and scientific  
ability. But having used book search firms for years in other  
research, I can vouch for Amazon's networking. Fair prices and  
decent copies.

Al, after reading your essay, I recall what Herbert wrote in  
Dune about fear. "Fear is the mind killer. It is the little  
death which causes total obliteration. I shall face my fear. I  
shall let it pass over me, and when it has passed, only I shall  
remain."

Forgive the omissions and errors, as my mind is not what it once  
was.

Jim - with Admiration.....

PS: Don't get a swelled head, 'Admiration' is a new Gripple  
Product.

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## Re: UFO TV Programme On The Internet - Lewis

From: **SMiles Lewis** <[smiles@elfis.net](mailto:smiles@elfis.net)>  
Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 11:12:48 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 12:49:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO TV Programme On The Internet - Lewis

on 12/21/01 9:44 AM, UFO UpDates - Toronto at  
[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net) wrote:

>From: Bill Chalker <[bill\\_c@bigpond.com](mailto:bill_c@bigpond.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: UFO TV Programme On The Internet  
>Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 19:50:23 +1100

>Hi Errol/UFO Update:

>The following release describes a UFO programme venture on the  
>Internet which I have been involved with. I hope that the  
>audience for UFO Update will support this venture.

>Regards,

>Bill Chalker

Howdy Bill,

Sounds cool but... I just tried it on my Mac and it was 'no  
dice'. Couldn't see a thing. I could hear everything but it  
appears that they did not properly encode the Media Player files  
so that both Mac and PC users can view the shows.

Also, I noticed that the title for your UFO show reads...  
"Doggy Dos and Donts" - is that a typo or a joke?

On top of that there is not FAQ page and no contact info for  
feedback to the site designers/managers.

So please pass on this tech support message. :-)

SMiles

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Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 11:16:09 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 12:50:53 -0500  
Subject: Nuclear Accidents/Incidents

Greetings Listers,

Here is a more authoritative list of nuclear accidents/incidents.  
It should be noted that many such events are still classified.

<http://www.milnet.com/milnet/cdiart.htm>

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>>>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers - :>  
>>>Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2001 2:54 AM  
>>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'

>>>Roswell UFO Bombshell  
>>>Feature Story FATE Magazine 2000-01-01 00:00:00  
>>>by Jim Keith

>>Hmmmmm. Yes they sure do keep those lost nukes a secret. Here's a  
>>list of accidents involving nukes under the Bombs and Bombers"  
>>category found at the site entitled "PARTIAL LIST OF U.S.  
>>NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS" at:

>><http://www.prop1.org/2000/accident/partial.htm#bombs>

>>Next theory! :-)

>>Bombs and Bombers

>>13 February 1950  
>>A B-36 en route from Alaska to Carswell Air Force Base in Fort  
>>Worth, Texas, developed serious mechanical difficulties,  
>>complicated by severe icing conditions, leading to the world's  
>>first nuclear accident. The crew headed out over the Pacific  
>>Ocean and dropped the nuclear weapons from 8,000 feet off the  
>>coast of British Columbia. The weapons' high-explosive material  
>>detonated on impact, but the crew parachuted to safety.

>Calling Larry Hatch..... any correlation between UFO sightings  
>and bomb drops?

Awww Bruce, Hatcher don't know nuttin about that stuff. Aks me.  
Gesundt.

Thanks, since you aksed... there is a definite correlation  
between bomb drops and UFOs. Just look at UFO UpDates archives.  
See the sections where AldBarf, Class and Squirmer (and there  
are other regulars, more recent regulars - but I refrain from  
saying the names, as Christmas comes but once a year Mr.  
Scrooge), see the archives and look at what these and their  
ick... ilk, have to say about UFOs. Then, look up the NASA,  
Filer's File and other venues of truth, justice and the American  
way have to say about them.

And speaking about American ways, A hearty to all of you out  
there in the void. From US-a.

And to all, A very merry and happy (not to mention healthy) New

Year in case I forgot to say it personally.

Jim, Rosemarie and Pepe the French Bulldog (From Oklahoma)

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## Re: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 17:56:03 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 08:28:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Stacy

>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'  
>Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 08:44:51 -0800

<snip>

>Bravo Jan! If the Air Force had the story of a nuclear incident  
>to explain Roswell, they wouldn't have trotted out the pathetic  
>(IMHO) 'Crash Test Dummy' explanation.

>I agree, the website on the so-called nuclear "incidents" rely  
>on hearsay and a little imagination. I've been around the  
>Nuclear industry a bit, and some of these are true, some are  
>embellished, some I've never heard of.

>GT McCoy

GT,

At the risk of being labeled an Air Force Apologist, some  
perspective needs to be maintained.

In trying to answer Roswell lore about recovered bodies, the AF  
said we don't have any evidence of them. Could it be that  
accounts of same were somehow spurred by the dropping of crash  
test dummies, which admittedly took place years later?

Remember that they were basically addressing body claims made by  
Ragsdale, Anderson, Dennis, Kaufmann and others, most of whom  
have had serious doubts cast on their credibility.

There is very little reason to believe, or suspect, that bodies  
of alien beings were recovered at or near Roswell, New Mexico in  
the summer of 1947.

D Stacy

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## Re: UFO TV Programme On The Internet - Chalker

From: Bill Chalker <[bill\\_c@bigpond.com](mailto:bill_c@bigpond.com)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 14:55:36 +1100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 08:32:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO TV Programme On The Internet - Chalker

>From: SMiles Lewis <[smiles@elfis.net](mailto:smiles@elfis.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 11:12:48 -0600  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO TV Programme On The Internet - Lewis

>>From: Bill Chalker <[bill\\_c@bigpond.com](mailto:bill_c@bigpond.com)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: UFO TV Programme On The Internet  
>>Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 19:50:23 +1100

>>Hi Errol/UFO Update:

>>The following release describes a UFO programme venture on the  
>>Internet which I have been involved with. I hope that the  
>>audience for UFO Update will support this venture.

>Howdy Bill,

>Sounds cool but... I just tried it on my Mac and it was 'no  
>dice'. Couldn't see a thing. I could hear everything but it  
>appears that they did not properly encode the Media Player files  
>so that both Mac and PC users can view the shows.

>Also, I noticed that the title for your UFO show reads... "Doggy  
>Dos and Donts" - is that a typo or a joke?

>On top of that there is not FAQ page and no contact info for  
>feedback to the site designers/managers.

>So please pass on this tech support message. :-)

Hi SMiles,

I don't know if its a Mac thing, but I'll pass the comments on.

The following email address should get to the producers, plus  
eventually myself & Doug Moffett if its relevant to us:  
[ufo@bananatv.com](mailto:ufo@bananatv.com)

My system operates in a Windows 98 environment using Internet  
Explorer, with no difficulties. Likewise on my laptop which uses  
Windows ME plus Explorer. No sound or picture difficulties,  
other than those pointed out in my original message, re smaller  
and less fluid image, plus good sound with 56kbps modem speed.  
Broadband is the intended medium.

Given you got "Doggy do's & donts", sounds like it defaulted to  
another channel option in "Health, Life & Style". The "Doggy"  
show is not a typo or pun, but another programme put together by  
Bark Buster people. Great if you want to train a dog. On the  
right hand side of the TV set there should be some channel  
icons. Because you got "Doggy do's & donts" look above its icon.  
There should be a "Home" channel icon. Click on "Home" and that  
will bring up all the current channel icons, which include  
"Health, Life & Style", "School", "People and Passions", etc.  
"People and Passions" is the one you will want for the "UFO"  
show. Click on it, up will come up a few more icons, one being

"UFO". Click on it and you'll get the programmes under it. Currently there is only one - "Introduction". In coming weeks there will be others programme "episodes", which can be either all watched at the same time or in any order etc. There will be some interesting ones coming up.

Hope this helps,

Regards,

Bill Chalker

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## MTVI\*update - Jan 2002

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 22:35:26 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 08:37:55 -0500  
Subject: MTVI\*update - Jan 2002

MTVI\*update

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<http://mactonnies.com>

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Season's greetings from MTVI. The site continues to expand, with the addition of several new books, a variety of links to sites of "fringe" interest, and an updated introduction/biography.

Selected books for the new year are as follows...

Fiction:

MARS CROSSING Geoffrey Landis

Geoffrey Landis' deceptively breezy Martian odyssey just might be the best "mission to Mars" novel ever written. Panoramic and insightful, Landis' story of a crew of stranded astronauts forced to circumnavigate an alien world is presented in short chapters of one or two pages. Fortunately, the whole is much more than the sum of its parts. Landis accomplishes a taut adventure peopled by interesting characters. And the rigorous portayal of Mars itself is top-notch; never has the stark landscape of another world been rendered with such subtlety and narrative savvy. As with the best of near-future science fiction, "Mars Crossing" reads with a forbidding - and exhilarating - sense of inevitability.

THE HANDMAID'S TALE Margaret Atwood

In "The Handmaid's Tale," Margaret Atwood chillingly conceives an oppressive near-future every bit as frightening as Orwell's "1984." An unflinching tale of gender politics, Atwood's first-person novel tells the story of Offred, a "handmaiden" whose role is to reproduce in an effort to counter widespread sterility. "The Handmaid's Tale" is not so much a work of speculative feminism as a document of humanity at its sordid, desperate worst. Already a classic, Atwood's cautionary and deeply moving novel proceeds with a malignant believability.

V. Thomas Pynchon

Thomas Pynchon's first novel is an unusual epic that plunges deep into history, mythology and the more absurd frontiers of the human psyche. In "V.," we meet the enigmatic and obsessive Stencil, whose quest to find the mythical V. leads him on a bizarre trans-temporal journey. Pynchon's narrative is full of strangeness on many levels, but it's the author's elegant use of language that makes tagging along on Stencil's quest worthwhile. "V." is mercilessly weird and quite probably warrants rereading. Intricate, disturbing, yet oddly hilarious.

RIBOFUNK Paul Di Filippo

Di Filippo's "Ribofunk" is a series of loosely connected stories and vignettes depicting a future world where biotechnology has

become as ubiquitous as electronics are today. "Ribofunk" addresses the plight of "splices" - genetically engineered beings whose DNA is less than fifty-percent human - and their uneasy coexistence with both humans and artificial intelligences. While the narrative arc of the stories is sometimes uneven, Di Filippo's wacky future society is inventive and satisfyingly bizarre, with the book's most important moment coming last. Readers awed by Rudy Rucker's playful, organic approach to science fiction should find "Ribofunk" a worthwhile side-trip.

#### A GOOD OLD-FASHIONED FUTURE

Sterling's short fiction is just as good as his novel-length stories, as evidenced in "A Good Old-Fashioned Future," his third (and best) collection to date. "Future" is more topical and less scattered than "Crystal Express" and "Globalhead," with a comic and chilling preoccupation with the day-after-tomorrow (in "Sacred Cow," India is the sole superpower after the Western world dies of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, more commonly known as Mad Cow Disease). The last three stories, beginning with "Deep Eddy," form a short interlinked quasi-novel that gets progressively stranger. The last piece, in particular, achieves the reckless, delusional perfection of vintage cyberpunk.

The most memorable story here is arguably "Big Jelly," a feverish collaboration with Rudy Rucker that tackles wild concepts and succeeds with hysterical results. "A Good Old-Fashioned Future" belongs on the shelf alongside Sterling's greats; it's fun to see what this guy will come up with next.

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#### Nonfiction:

##### THE HACKER CRACKDOWN Bruce Sterling

"The Hacker Crackdown," Sterling's only nonfiction effort to date, is an engrossing and thorough look at the subcultures and civil liberties issues spawned by computer crime. Written with a novelist's eye, "The Hacker Crackdown" is consummately Sterling, as informative as it is fun. This is an essential document of the PC era.

##### APOCALYPSE PRETTY SOON Alex Heard

"Apocalypse Pretty Soon" is an extremely funny and informative tour through "end-time America," with a smart focus on flying saucer cults, religious fundamentalism, terrorist agendas and cyberculture. Heard's first-person exploits and interviews make for a wickedly hilarious experience. Multifaceted and witty, Heard's document of a world in the throes of perceived millennial destruction is one of the best studies of its kind. Must-reading for students of the new millennium.

##### MIND CHILDREN Hans Moravec

Robotocist Hans Moravec's "Mind Children" is a seminal transhumanist work describing the likely future of artificial intelligence over the next few thousand years. Moravec's scenarios are liberating, brilliant and quite plausible taken in the context of today's unrushing advances in computer and nano-technology. "Mind Children" also serves as a helpful look back at the origins and methods of the computer industry; using history as a guide, Moravec muses on the genesis of human-intelligent machines, brain uploading (and downloading), interstellar info-viruses and a dizzying variety of postbiological ecologies. This is heady, potent stuff, and must-reading for anyone who wants their boundaries challenged or expanded.

Vallee's "Passport to Magonia" is a landmark study of the close encounter experience by one of the most astute thinkers in the field. Jacques Vallee compares modern UFO sightings to their mythological counterparts, raising profound questions about the nature of our apparent "visitors" and their role in our psychosocial evolution. Like Jung, Vallee assesses the psychical and psychological impacts of the UFO experience. For more rare insight from Vallee, read "Dimensions," "Confrontations" and "Revelations."

BORDERLANDS OF SCIENCE Charles Sheffield

"Borderlands of Science" is an arresting guide to physics, chemistry and biology written by a seasoned science fiction writer. "Borderlands," while a fun factual adventure for readers of any persuasion, is especially good reading for aspiring SF writers. Sheffield's prose is brisk and conversational, and his book successfully balances the seriousness of science with the sheer fun it can be when translated to the medium of fiction. "Borderlands" is a compulsively readable refresher course comparable to the popular science works of Carl Sagan and Isaac Asimov.

<http://mactonnies.com/bookreviews.html>

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Recommended site:

<http://www.newfrontiersinscience.com>

launched by Dr. Mark Carlotto, is an impeccable resource for anyone interested in a scientific perspective on "forbidden" subjects. The present issue is devoted to analysis of the April, 2001 photo of the Face on Mars.

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## Merry Christmas

From: Leigh Blackmore <[trowell151@optusnet.com.au](mailto:trowell151@optusnet.com.au)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 19:37:41 +1100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 08:39:52 -0500  
Subject: Merry Christmas

Hello Errol and List members,

Just a short note to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and have a  
Happy New Year

Regards,

Leigh Blackmore  
[trowell151@optusnet.com.au](mailto:trowell151@optusnet.com.au)

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## Re: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 17:51:12 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 08:41:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Hatch

>Date: Thu, 20 Dec 2001 09:51:49 -0500  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

>>Date: Wed, 19 Dec 2001 19:15:34 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'  
>>From: Drew Williamson <[drew.williamson@sympatico.ca](mailto:drew.williamson@sympatico.ca)>  
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>>coast of British Columbia. The weapons' high-explosive material  
>>detonated on impact, but the crew parachuted to safety.

>>Calling Larry Hatch..... any correlation between UFO sightings  
>>and bomb drops?

Hello Bruce (and other musical sorts)

I regret that I am in no condition [burp] to answer your  
interesting question at this time.

In fact, my rather sober database is not set up to help,  
although a study could be made. This would entail the entry of  
each accident into the database ( usually restricted to UFO  
events ), and some sort of cross check.

For a correlation (in the strictest sense) larger numbers would  
be needed before any statistician could call anything "valid". I  
learned some applied statistics and probability in various  
Nevada casinos, among them the fabled Nevada Club in Reno, very  
retro and very sadly defunct.

Regardless, a clustering effect might be noted, given enough time, effort and properly chilled quality beers.

Todd Lemire in Michigan might be altering his copy of the \*U\* Database to include the location of mines and quarries. I think that's a fine idea. Even if the results are null, we still have a result.

I regret that I cannot help any more at this time due to purely local conditions.

Best!

- Larry

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## Re: Nuclear Accidents/Incidents

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 19:02:19 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 08:46:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: Nuclear Accidents/Incidents

>From: Jan Aldrich <[project1947@earthlink.net](mailto:project1947@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Nuclear Accidents/Incidents  
>Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 11:16:09 -0500

>Greetings Listers,

>Here is a more authoritative list of nuclear accidents/incidents.  
>It should be noted that many such events are still classified.

><http://www.milnet.com/milnet/cdiart.htm>

Hello Jan:

Is [www.milnet.com](http://www.milnet.com) a commercial site? It seems in no way official to me.

I'm a little put off by spellings like "32 accidents involving nuclaer weapons"... which is OK for the Art Bell show, but a bit thin here.

I could spell better than that in grade school.

I hope that the pertinent authorities in charge of "nuclaer" weapons are better equipped than I might be.

Very best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Thanksgiving Ain't No Fun No More - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 19:38:57 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 08:49:22 -0500  
Subject: Re: Thanksgiving Ain't No Fun No More - Hatch

>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 20 Dec 2001 10:59:04 EST  
>Subject: Re: Thanksgiving Ain't No Fun No More  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>>Date: Thu, 20 Dec 2001 01:45:42 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Thanksgiving Ain't No Fun No More

>>>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 19 Dec 2001 10:35:14 EST  
>>>Subject: Re: Thanksgiving Ain't No Fun No More  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>>>>Date: Wed, 19 Dec 2001 00:56:09 -0800  
>>>>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>>Subject: Re: Thanksgiving Ain't No Fun No More

>>>>>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>>>>>Date: Tue, 18 Dec 2001 13:56:20 EST  
>>>>>Subject: Thanksgiving Ain't No Fun No More  
>>>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>><snip>

>>>>>We, that is, Rosie and I, looked up and saw a very bright star.  
>>>>>We both looked at it, as did Pepe. Now that was interesting. I  
>>>>>got the feeling again. High Strangeness as I call it. The light  
>>>>>was exceedingly bright and began to get brighter. It did not  
>>>>>merely get bright, it came towards us and as it got closer, it  
>>>>>assumed a round shape. Meanwhile, Pepe is pulling at the leash  
>>>>>and wants inside. No doubt.

>>>><snip>

>>>>Hello Morty:

>>>>This is just awful.

>>>>As I understand it, these events, whatever they are, happen  
>>>>without warning and not on any sort of predicable schedule.

>>>>Since they recur, and to more than a few people, I cannot help  
>>>>but wonder if there isn't some way to get solid evidence of  
>>>>something truly strange!

><snip>

>>I've heard much the same from others, all attempts at some  
>>physical verification were dismal failures.

>>So what have we here, some sort of psychic, paranormal,  
>>spiritual, mystical or other-dimensional manifestation which  
>>leaves no physical clues?

>Dear Larry, List, Errol,

<snip>

>>If UFOs themselves are not physical objects, I cannot claim any  
>>further interest in them.

>>Best wishes

>Whatever the phenomena, there are no answers. Just a whole lotta  
>questions. Ain't no time to give up. Not until the bastards land  
>and aks for our leader. At which point, we'd hafta scratch our  
>heads and say, "Wull, uh... Duh?!!"

>Merry, Happy or whatever turns yous on. Which I suspect got  
>bubbles. Gripple-Up. Addict a buddy and get a gallon jug free.

>Jim

This is no time for cold reason and electronic logic.

I even turned down the diffusion furnaces before I  
left the semiconductor hell from Hell. Its a cold  
January but a warm quart of scotch I can see.

Best wishes to all.

- Larry Hatch

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## Merry Christmas

From: A. J. Gevaerd <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 11:04:42 -0200  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 09:53:51 -0500  
Subject: Merry Christmas

I wish you all a very happy and warm Merry Christmas from Brazil. Let us have an esplendid New Year, too. 2002 could be the time for us to gather even more evidences that we are not alone in the universe. The time to achieve more recognition to our work as UFO researchers. Maybe also the time for us to open much more minds to the new reality represented by our visitors. Also, who knows, it could be the year for us to decrease the immense distance that keeps us apart from them!

A. J. Gevaerd  
UFO Magazine, Brazil

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From: Roy J. Hale <[roy.hale@ntlworld.com](mailto:roy.hale@ntlworld.com)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 16:09:50 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 11:29:23 -0500  
Subject: Merry Christmas

May I extend my sincere Seasonal Greetings to all my colleagues around the World. Happy Christmas to you and yours!

I would also like to thank Errol for his excellent work on UpDates! Another great year for UFO information!

Best regards,

Roy Hale.

Web Master of The Lost Haven  
Editor of Down To Earth Magazine on the Web.  
<http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk>

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## Re: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - McCoy

From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 08:25:16 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 12:09:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - McCoy

>From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 17:56:03 -0600  
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>of alien beings were recovered at or near Roswell, New Mexico in  
>the summer of 1947.

Hello all, Dennis.

Well surprise! I'm not a member of the Roswell fundamentalists  
on both sides. Something happened - wheather a crashed saucer,  
or a mogul balloon I know not, but when Klass & co. trot out  
something that stretches the imagination like the 'Crash Test  
Dummies', and the 'foggy memory' theroy. It's just the sort of  
thing that fuels more speculation, not less.

I was in aviation for 25-odd years. I did a lot of defense  
dept/energy department work in the West, flying people and  
equipment around. I have been involved in several accident  
(aircraft) investigations. Not once could I mistake an dummy for  
a dead thing, human or other. I, being raised on a cattle ranch,  
knew from toddler-on what dead things look like, and granted it  
is my own opinion, but I think the average Air Force grunt and

Roswell shepherd has the ability to discern a live/dead critter or a dummy.

One more thing..... Dead things stink - especially in the New Mexican, July sun - personal experience here. Crash test dummies, unless dressed in last week's Nomex, don't.

Here's a question - did any one involved mention the smell of death at the crash site? If memory serves, I don't recall anyone mentioning the smell of dead Trafaladorians? Oh, the dead New Mexican critter was a dead cow, at Alamogordo Airtanker base, that no one would bury due to jurisdictional problems. Late Bossy fed the buzzards all summer and gave a bouquet to the dreaded Forest Service sack lunch.

Happy Holidays!

GT McCoy

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## Merry Christmas

From: **Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo** <[ufomiami@prodigy.net](mailto:ufomiami@prodigy.net)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 11:33:44 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 12:11:47 -0500  
Subject: Merry Christmas

Hello Errol and List members,

I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2002!!!

Sincerely,

Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo

Miami UFO Reporter (English)  
<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Corridor/1341/index.html>

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From: **Donnie Shevlin** <[dshevlin@charter.net](mailto:dshevlin@charter.net)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 10:48:49 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 12:54:34 -0500  
Subject: Merry Christmas

A special wish all my fellow Americans in New York, may peace and serenity find a way into your hearts.

To our soldiers, who with out question, lay their lives on the line to support the views of their fellow citizens, may fate keep you safe and secure.

Merry Christmas To All!

Donald W. Shevlin

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## Re: Nuclear Accidents/Incidents - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <[project1947@earthlink.net](mailto:project1947@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 12:33:9 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 12:57:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: Nuclear Accidents/Incidents - Aldrich

>Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 19:02:19 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Nuclear Accidents/Incidents  
>>Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 11:16:09 -0500

>>Greetings Listers,

>>Here is a more authoritative list of nuclear accidents/incidents.

>>It should be noted that many such events are still classified.

>><http://www.milnet.com/milnet/cdiart.htm>

>Hello Jan:

>Is [www.milnet.com](http://www.milnet.com) a commercial site? It seems in no way official  
>to me.

>I'm a little put off by spellings like "32 accidents involving  
>nuclaer weapons"... which is OK for the Art Bell show, but a bit  
>thin here.

>I could spell better than that in grade school.

>I hope that the pertinent authorities in charge of "nuclaer"  
>weapons are better equipped than I might be.

>Very best wishes

>- Larry Hatch

Hi Larry,

Milnet is an anti-military site, but they did get the article  
from a military publication. There annotations are indicated in  
the article.

I am not sure if there are spelling or scanning errors. Hey, I  
messed up "authoritative".

Regards,

Jan

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From: Jan Aldrich <[project1947@earthlink.net](mailto:project1947@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 12:40:33 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 13:00:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' -

>From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>of alien beings were recovered at or near Roswell, New Mexico in  
>the summer of 1947.

>D Stacy

Hi Dennis,

Have you seen the movies of dropping crash dummies? Even from a  
distance one can recognize dummies dressed in international  
orange crashing down to the earth.

I don't know if the company still has any of the videos left, but  
they could be ordered from

Declassified Film Productions  
120 West LLC  
Louisville, KY 40206

[www.TopSecrets.com](http://www.TopSecrets.com)

Jan Aldrich

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## Merry Christmas

From: **John Velez** <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 12:27:32 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 13:02:38 -0500  
Subject: Merry Christmas

Hi All,

I'd like to express my best wishes for a peaceful, happy, holiday season to all my Listmates. May 2002 bring us all closer to a direct and personal knowledge of the Truth/reality surrounding UFOs and their occupants. Many of us have labored long and hard toward that end. We deserve an answer.

Warmest regards,

John Velez, NYC

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## The Origin Of The Christmas Tree

From: Joe McGonagle <[joem\\_cgonagle@yahoo.com](mailto:joem_cgonagle@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 18:07:51 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 13:36:09 -0500  
Subject: The Origin Of The Christmas Tree

Merry Christmas to all. I thought I would share this with you, please note it is not intended for children to read!

The Christmas Tree Story

One particular Christmas season a long time ago, Santa was getting ready for his annual trip... but there were problems everywhere.

Four of his elves got sick and the trainee elves did not produce the toys as fast as the regular ones and Santa was beginning to feel the pressure of being behind schedule.

Then Mrs. Claus told Santa that her Mom was coming to visit. This stressed Santa even more.

When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two had jumped the fence and were out, heavens knows where. More stress.

Then, when he began to load the sleigh, one of the floor boards cracked and the toy bag fell to the ground and scattered the toys all over.

So, frustrated, Santa went into the house for a cup of coffee and a shot of whisky. When he went to the cupboard, he discovered that the elves had hidden the liquor and there was nothing to drink.

In his frustration, he dropped the coffee pot and it broke into hundreds of little pieces all over the kitchen floor. He went to get the broom and found that mice had eaten all the straw it was made from.

Just then, the doorbell rang and Santa cursed on his way to the door. He opened it and there was a little angel with a great big Christmas tree.

The angel said, very cheerfully, "Merry Christmas, Santa. Isn't it just a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you. Isn't it just a lovely tree? Where would you like me to stick it?"

Thus began the tradition of the little angel on top of the Christmas tree.

Merry Christmas!

Joe McGonagle

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## Re: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' -

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 13:10:17 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 13:39:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' -

>From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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Dear Dennis, GT, List and Errol,

First I would wish all on this List a most happy, healthy and  
wondrous Christmas and New Year. If not Christmas, then whatever  
it may be which you celebrate. Everybody gotta celebrate sumpin.

And to Errol Bruce-Knapp, the regards, respect, admiration and  
thanks, from our bottoms... sorry... from the bottom of our  
hearts, for doing this stuff for nothing but the phenom and us.  
The later being one crappy reason, but we thank you anyway for  
this thankless job. Seriously!

From Me, Pepe and Rosie... not in that order. Pepe demanded  
Second Billing.

Secondly, and in keeping with the spirit of the season, hello  
Dennis. I have not seen your erudition on this List in a while.  
Can't say I missed it, but that's just me. Presumably, you came  
out to play at being Santa? Or was it the ghost of Christmas

UFOs? Couldn't have been that Gripple I sent you, could it?

Anyway, in response to your response to GT, a response which I admire... mine I mean... I have this to say about that.

As usual you are quite correct in your musings. Why indeed would there be a clue as to bodies being found at or near Roz Swell? I mean they were probably gonna use them child-size caskets for the dummies. And speaking of dummies... uh... never mind. Christmas comes but once a year, Mr. Scrooge. And this being the season to be jolly, and since you have that Gripple I sent you and it did not make you jolly, I must assume that for you, there is no hope. "For the Stacey (sic Father), nothing." That, not from the Reverend Mother Helen Gaius Mohiam, but from the bottom of my bottle.

Of course, there were the witnesses who testify even unto today, about the bodies they saw. One of which (dummies of course) appeared alive. "It's alive! It's alive"

Then there are the people who claim to have seen the debris, obviously brisk debris from the mill down the street. The Brisk mill.

Come on Dennis, you can surely do sorely better than that! Can't ya?

From the pens of: Young Doctor Malone... Stella Dallas... Lorenzo Jones... Bat Man and the other voices in my head. Including Jim Mortellaro. But since it is Christmas and since my conscience is unconscious, allow me the liberty of wishing even you, a very Merry and Happy Christmas. "I'm sure it will be very merry and very happy!" (Sayeth Mr. Scrooge to his Clark).

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## Re: Sign Historical Group Proceedings On Line -

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 13:10:05 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 13:46:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: Sign Historical Group Proceedings On Line -

>From: Jan Aldrich <[project1947@earthlink.net](mailto:project1947@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Sign Historical Group Proceedings On Line  
>Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 10:1:1 -0500

>>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm@arrakis.es](mailto:lrgm@arrakis.es)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Sign Historical Group Proceedings On Line  
>>Date: Thu, 20 Dec 2001 08:46:39 +0100

>>>From: Jan Aldrich <[project1947@earthlink.net](mailto:project1947@earthlink.net)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Subject: Sign Historical Group Proceedings On Line  
>>>Date: Tue, 18 Dec 2001 20:10:28 -0500

>>Aldrich wrote:

>>>Raymond Fowler (UFO case files and other relevant  
>>>material, less his abduction research materials which  
>>>have been disposed of elsewhere)

>>Do you mean that Mr. Raymond Fowler has given up UFO  
>>investigations? Who is the recipient of his abduction research  
>>material?

>>Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

>Yes, to the first question. He is moving to Maine and wishes to  
>devote time to teaching astronomy. He is still interested in the  
>UFO subject.

>I don't know who obtained the abduction files, it is  
>confidential. You might ask Mr. Fowler.

>Jan Aldrich

Hi Jan, hola Luis, All,

Great suffering Zot! I hope the answer to the question of  
'where' the abductee files ended up isn't that dreaded four  
letter word, 'NIDS!' That freaking place is a black hole for  
UFO/abduction related information. If they have it, it's in  
Bigelow's personal "Vault." "NIDS" is his public arm.

I know I'll be having nightmares until we find out. If anyone  
has an e-mail address for Ray I'll be glad to contact him and  
ask him myself. I only hope it ended up in a library that can be  
accessed by other researchers. That would be nice. Ray Fowler  
has always come across as a straight shooter. I trust that he  
did the right thing. If he sold it all to Bigelow/ NIDS then it  
is a great loss to us all. Regardless, Ray needs to be thanked  
publicly for all his many years of investigative work. Wherever  
his files are, they represent a rich source of material for  
anyone who seeks answers to these urgent and important questions  
concerning UFOs and their activities.

Regards,

John Velez

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## Merry Christmas

From: **Minna Hyvonen** <[minna.hyvonen@kolumbus.fi](mailto:minna.hyvonen@kolumbus.fi)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 20:15:15 +0200  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 13:47:51 -0500  
Subject: Merry Christmas

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

Love,

Minna H  
Finland

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'  
>Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 08:25:16 -0800

>>From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
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>>Subject: Re: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'

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>>>Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 08:44:51 -0800

>><snip>

>>>Bravo Jan! If the Air Force had the story of a nuclear incident  
>>>to explain Roswell, they wouldn't have trotted out the pathetic  
>>>(IMHO) 'Crash Test Dummy' explanation.

>>>I agree, the website on the so-called nuclear "incidents" rely  
>>>on hearsay and a little imagination. I've been around the  
>>>Nuclear industry a bit, and some of these are true, some are  
>>>embellished, some I've never heard of.

>>GT,

>>At the risk of being labeled an Air Force Apologist, some  
>>perspective needs to be maintained.

>>In trying to answer Roswell lore about recovered bodies, the AF  
>>said we don't have any evidence of them. Could it be that  
>>accounts of same were somehow spurred by the dropping of crash  
>>test dummies, which admittedly took place years later?

>>Remember that they were basically addressing body claims made by  
>>Ragsdale, Anderson, Dennis, Kaufmann and others, most of whom  
>>have had serious doubts cast on their credibility.

>>There is very little reason to believe, or suspect, that bodies  
>>of alien beings were recovered at or near Roswell, New Mexico in  
>>the summer of 1947.

>Hello all, Dennis.

Hi GT, Sasquatch, All,

GT wrote:

>Well surprise! I'm not a member of the Roswell fundamentalists  
>on both sides. Something happened - wheather a crashed saucer,  
>or a mogul balloon I know not, but when Klass & co. trot out  
>something that stretches the imagination like the 'Crash Test  
>Dummies', and the 'foggy memory' theroy. It's just the sort of  
>thing that fuels more speculation, not less.

Well said. I have been having a private discussion with a few  
folks about this very thing. The 'tactics' (if they can be

called that) being employed by the government/Air Force and its spin doctors, ie; Klass, Oberg, and the rest, only serve to pique interest and curiosity not to quell it.

The "Official" US Air Force "explanation" for the "bodies" that were allegedly witnessed and reported in connection to the Roswell incident is one of the single-most compelling reasons to question the veracity of the information being provided to us by our governing officials. The "alien bodies" have always been one of the more 'questionable' components of the Roswell reports. Even within ufology itself it has never enjoyed any real popularity ('firm' position) as being one of the more credible aspects of the Roswell case.

Yet, the Air Force thought it was important enough to publish an official excuse/explanation for the "bodies." Makes me go "hmmmm!" when I see stuff like that coming out of military officialdom Makes me wonder why they feel they have to "explain" it at all. As GT and Alfred Lehmborg have expressed, it makes more curious not less.

>One more thing..... Dead things stink - especially in the New >Mexican, July sun - personal experience here. Crash test >dummies, unless dressed in last week's Nomex, don't.

So does the crappola that Klass and Oberg and Nickel spend all their time brushing all over anything connected to reports of UFOs, psychic phenomena, or God. According to them; There are no 'unknown' phenomena in the world. They presume to tell us with authority that nothing other than what we can see, smell, hear or touch, exists. They are convinced that they have all the answers for everything.

Balls.

Be nice to hear the truth about what is happening instead of all these deceptive lies and excuses. At some point we all need to form a popular front/organization and formally request open, public hearings on the subject of UFOs. If you're waiting for Greer to do it, you'll grow old and grey in the process.

Regards,

John Velez

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## Merry Christmas - A True Perspective

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 13:32:18 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 13:51:39 -0500  
Subject: Merry Christmas - A True Perspective

By Dr. J. Jaime Gesundt, Jr.

Christmas is a humbug! I've read all this claptrap about how everyone is wishing everyone else this Merry Christmas crappola. That's what it is. Crappola. Christmas ain't this Christmas tree stuff... or presents under the dangerous thing... I mean it could catch fire and ruin the whole night, you know? And what's this about cheer? The only cheer we got comes out of a bottle, these days. Or a needle. Or a pill. Although I much prefer the grip of a good Grip.

No people, this is not Christmas. This is a joke. I can tell you what this stupid Christmas means to everyone. Nothing. NOTHING!

But to me, Christmas means something so intangible, so undefinable that it almost exceeds defining love in complexity. And it far exceeds defining women in complexity. Such a complex idea, concept and feeling can more simply be defined by the things which we hope would represent such feelings.

The tree decorated with beautiful colored lights. The tree. A living ornament. An evergreen tree. Ever green. Always alive. Almost forever. Certainly in a man's lifetime, exceeding such by many man years. The lights, designed to bring light into your heart. Not into the world. But all the trees and all the lights, can light up a small part of this terrible place we call home for we humans. Some of it. And the gifts. They represent our love for each other. The love we forgot to remember. And so now, all we do remember is the gift.

Everybody gets all stressed at getting the gifts. Too bloody bad. Try giving something of yourself for a change. It may become a habit.

Nah!

Tree - Life - Giving - Love. I vote for defining Christmas as giving all those things. Life and love. Let's just settle for love. For in giving love, we give life. A part of our own life. And there is no greater gift than that.

So, rather than dwell on the greetings, the tree, the .gif's... sorry I meant to write "gifts, rather than dwell on the things, may I suggest that we dwell on what they mean? Regardless of what religion you practice, if one at all, just focus on what it means. The gift of love. The gift which keeps on giving. All year round.

When I was a kid, Christmas was one of those times when it just made up for every terrible thing added together in my life, and there were many of those, made up for all of them many, many times over. Just to go upstairs to the living room, to see that living tree decorated so beautifully that only care can create. And care is best demonstrated by love. The tree was love. That Jesus was born that night was not something on which I now dwell. Now, I dwell on the fact that the man on that cross gave something to us. That was Himself. It was love. And I plan on doing the same. Not because of Jesus or Christmas or any of

that ... but because dammit ... it makes me feel so wonderfully good.

Blessings, love and peace to all. And to all, a good fight. Which is what UpDates is all about.

Thank you Errol, for your gift to us.

Jim Mortellaro

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## Shermer's Last Law

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<http://www.sciam.com/2002/0102issue/0102skeptic.html>

Shermer's Last Law

Any sufficiently advanced extraterrestrial intelligence is indistinguishable from God

By Michael Shermer

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As scientist extraordinaire and author of an empire of science-fiction books, Arthur C. Clarke is one of the farthest-seeing visionaries of our time. His pithy quotations tug harder than those of most futurists on our collective psyches for their insights into humanity and our unique place in the cosmos. And none do so more than his famous Third Law: "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic."

This observation stimulated me to think about the impact the discovery of an extraterrestrial intelligence (ETI) would have on science and religion. To that end, I would like to immodestly propose Shermer's Last Law (I don't believe in naming laws after oneself, so as the good book says, the last shall be first and the first shall be last): "Any sufficiently advanced ETI is indistinguishable from God."

God is typically described by Western religions as omniscient and omnipotent. Because we are far from possessing these traits, how can we possibly distinguish a God who has them absolutely from an ETI who merely has them copiously relative to us? We can't. But if God were only relatively more knowing and powerful than we are, then by definition the deity would be an ETI!

Consider that biological evolution operates at a snail's pace compared with technological evolution (the former is Darwinian and requires generations of differential reproductive success; the latter is Lamarckian and can be accomplished within a single generation). Then, too, the cosmos is very big and very empty. Voyager 1, our most distant spacecraft, hurtling along at more than 38,000 miles per hour, will not reach the distance of even our sun's nearest neighbor, the Alpha Centauri system (which it is not headed toward), for more than 75,000 years.

Ergo, the probability that an ETI only slightly more advanced than we are will make contact is virtually nil. If we ever do find an ETI, it will be as though a million-year-old Homo erectus were dropped into the 21st century, given a computer and cell phone and instructed to communicate with us. The ETI would be to us as we would be to this early hominid--godlike.

Because of science and technology, our world has changed more in the past century than in the previous 100 centuries. It took 10,000 years to get from the dawn of civilization to the airplane but just 66 years to get from powered flight to a lunar landing.

Moore's Law of computer power doubling every 18 months or so is

now approaching a year. Ray Kurzweil, in his book *The Age of Spiritual Machines*, calculates that there have been 32 doublings since World War II and that the singularity point--the point at which total computational power will rise to levels so far beyond anything that we can imagine that it will appear nearly infinite and thus be indistinguishable from omniscience--may be upon us as early as 2050.

When that happens, the decade that follows will put the 100,000 years before it to shame. Extrapolate out about a million years (just a blink on an evolutionary timescale and therefore a realistic estimate of how far advanced ETIs will be), and we get a gut-wrenching, mind-warping feel for how godlike these creatures would seem. In Clarke's 1953 novel, called *Childhood's End*, humanity reaches something like a singularity and must then make the transition to a higher state of consciousness. One character early in the story opines that "science can destroy religion by ignoring it as well as by disproving its tenets. No one ever demonstrated, so far as I am aware, the nonexistence of Zeus or Thor, but they have few followers now."

Although science has not even remotely destroyed religion, Shermer's Last Law predicts that the relation between the two will be profoundly affected by contact with an ETI. To find out how, we must follow Clarke's Second Law: "The only way of discovering the limits of the possible is to venture a little way past them into the impossible." Ad astra!

The Author

Michael Shermer is founding publisher of *Skeptic* magazine ([www.skeptic.com](http://www.skeptic.com)) and author of *The Borderlands of Science*.

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UFO UpDates thanks The Anomalist for the lead

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**Happy...**

From: **Karl Pflock** <[Ktperehwon@aol.com](mailto:Ktperehwon@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 19:09:15 EST  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 10:19:20 -0500  
Subject: Happy...

...Humbug to Errol and all our friends, colleagues, and friendly antagonists on Updates from me and the boys on the roof.

See:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/ufoupdates/listers/122201.html>

-- Cheers, KARL

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## Re: Nuclear Accidents/Incidents - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 09:22:51 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 10:22:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Nuclear Accidents/Incidents - Hatch

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Nuclear Accidents/Incidents  
>Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 12:33:9 -0500

>>Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 19:02:19 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Subject: Nuclear Accidents/Incidents  
>>>Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 11:16:09 -0500

>>>Greetings Listers,

>>>Here is a more authoritative list of nuclear accidents/incidents.

>>>It should be noted that many such events are still classified.

>>><http://www.milnet.com/milnet/cdiart.htm>

>>Is [www.milnet.com](http://www.milnet.com) a commercial site? It seems in no way official  
>>to me.

>>I'm a little put off by spellings like "32 accidents involving  
>>nuclaer weapons"... which is OK for the Art Bell show, but a bit  
>>thin here.

>>I could spell better than that in grade school.

>>I hope that the pertinent authorities in charge of "nuclaer"  
>>weapons are better equipped than I might be.

>Hi Larry,

>Milnet is an anti-military site, but they did get the article  
>from a military publication. There annotations are indicated in  
>the article.

>I am not sure if there are spelling or scanning errors. Hey, I  
>messed up "authoritative".

Hello Jan:

I cannot spell "Bruce Naccabee" without assistance, and always  
call in the spell checker.

The S.C. is no brain trust itself, and leads to highly amusing  
cross-overs for the unlettered!

Whenever I see a message with totally desperate syntax, (there  
was no mistake about "nuclaer") I can guess what happened.  
Somebody trusted the spell-checker more than their own eyes!

... replace, replace, replace ....

No biggie. Thanks for the note. The "typo" (chuckle) was in the web page only.

Best wishes.

- Larry

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## Re: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 19:10:46 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 10:23:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Stacy

>Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 13:15:25 -0500  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'

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>it at all. As GT and Alfred Lehmberg have expressed, it makes  
>more curious not less.

John, again at the risk of being labeled an Air Force Apologist,  
the only reason why the AF addressed the issue of recovered  
bodies at Roswell in the first place is because certain  
claimants claimed same.

What is so difficult to understand about this?

The people you should be asking questions of is not the Air  
Force, but the self-discredited witnesses such as Kaufmann,  
Ragsdale, Anderson, Dennis and others, who claimed the presence  
of bodies in the first place.

The Air Force was trying to give them an out w/o labeling them  
outright liars. Why is this so hard for everyone to understand?

I don't get it.

D Stacy

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## Re: UFO TV Programme On The Internet - Lewis

From: SMiles Lewis <[smiles@elfis.net](mailto:smiles@elfis.net)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 00:37:43 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 10:26:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO TV Programme On The Internet - Lewis

>From: Bill Chalker <[bill\\_c@bigpond.com](mailto:bill_c@bigpond.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO TV Programme On The Internet  
>Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 14:55:36 +1100

>>From: SMiles Lewis <[smiles@elfis.net](mailto:smiles@elfis.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 11:12:48 -0600  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: UFO TV Programme On The Internet - Lewis

>My system operates in a Windows 98 environment using Internet  
>Explorer, with no difficulties. Likewise on my laptop which uses  
>Windows ME plus Explorer. No sound or picture difficulties,  
>other than those pointed out in my original message, re smaller  
>and less fluid image, plus good sound with 56kbps modem speed.  
>Broadband is the intended medium.

>Given you got "Doggy do's & donts", sounds like it defaulted to  
>another channel option in "Health, Life & Style". The "Doggy"  
>show is not a typo or pun, but another programme put together by  
>Bark Buster people. Great if you want to train a dog. On the  
>right hand side of the TV set there should be some channel  
>icons. Because you got "Doggy do's & donts" look above its icon.  
>There should be a "Home" channel icon. Click on "Home" and that  
>will bring up all the current channel icons, which include  
>"Health, Life & Style", "School", "People and Passions", etc.  
>"People and Passions" is the one you will want for the "UFO"  
>show. Click on it, up will come up a few more icons, one being  
>"UFO". Click on it and you'll get the programmes under it.  
>Currently there is only one - "Introduction". In coming weeks  
>there will be others programme "episodes", which can be either  
>all watched at the same time or in any order etc. There will be  
>some interesting ones coming up.

I'll try it on my work PC after the holydaze.

I had the right channel... I clicked thru exactly as you say and heard you and another fella talking about UFOs and the title in the player definitely said "Doggy do's and don'ts".

I know its a Mac thang as I had the same problem when we were developing an online trailer for the 38th NUFOC. Tho I've watched online streaming video with media player on my Mac before, occasionally their is a problem with the original encoding of the file and only the sound comes thru when viewed on a Mac.

So please do pass on the techie question to the appropriate parties. And keep working on the show. I'll keep listening and trying to watch.

SMiles

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## Windows XP Critical Internet Security Hole

From: Kurt Jonach <[eWarrior@electricwarrior.com](mailto:eWarrior@electricwarrior.com)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 03:08:39 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 10:29:38 -0500  
Subject: Windows XP Critical Internet Security Hole

Errol,

I learned about this on Friday. The FBI's NIPC has since issued some advisories. I don't know whether it's appropriate for your list.....

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The Electric Warrior : News December 21, 2001  
<http://www.electricwarrior.com/news/ewNews0039.htm>

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=BB WINDOWS XP CRITICAL INTERNET SECURITY HOLE  
science & technology news

\*\*\* Windows XP is vulnerable to hacker attack. Microsoft recommends all users download a patch \*\*\*

Windows XP, the newest version of Microsoft's popular OS, has a serious security flaw. Microsoft officials acknowledge the unprecedented severity of the vulnerability, and the company strongly urges all XP users to download a new software patch.

"This is a serious vulnerability. People running Windows XP need to put the patch on right away," said Scott Culp of Microsoft's Security Response Center.

The security bug would allow a knowledgeable hacker to seize high level control of your computer operating system, any time you are connected to the Internet.

The free patch and a security bulletin are available at:  
<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/treeview/default.asp?url=/technet/security/bulletin/MS01-059.asp>

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UNIVERSAL PLUG AND PLAY VULNERABILITY

The security bug is critical for all WinXP users running the default XP installation, but users of WinME, Win98, or Win98SE are also vulnerable if they have activated a feature called Universal Plug and Play (UPnP).

UPnP is Microsoft software designed for home networking. The technology supports automated connectivity for networked devices, such as computers, printers and other electronic gadgets. Sun Microsystems offers a competing technology called Jini, based on the Java programming language.

The default installation of WinXP comes with UPnP already built-in and turned on, even if you aren't using the feature for networking. Other recent versions of Windows (ME, 98, 98SE) do not use UPnP by default, but you can enable or install this peer-to-peer technology, and be vulnerable to the bug.

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FORMER HACKER UNCOVERS XP BUG

The security exploits were uncovered by a California security company called eEye Digital Security.

According to the Associated Press, former hacker Marc Maiffret calls himself eEye's "chief hacking officer". Maiffret and friends uncovered the bugs several weeks ago, and then worked in collaboration with Microsoft to resolve the issues.

"Microsoft understands you're never going to be perfect," Maiffret told CNET News, "you have to have a mechanism in place to react to these things quickly and comprehensively when they happen."

Even with a fix available, you must still take action on this information and download the patch, to be secure. Although it may take some weeks for hackers to learn how to exploit, the worst-case scenario for XP users is that someone can seize networked control of your computer.

As Microsoft's Scott Culp told CNET, "They might as well be sitting in front of the keyboard."

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20-Dec-01  
Microsoft Security Bulletin MS01-059  
<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/treeview/default.asp?url=/technet/security/bulletin/MS01-059.asp>  
(Microsoft TechNet) Unchecked Buffer in Universal Plug and Play can Lead to System Compromise...Maximum Severity Rating: Critical  
...Recommendation: Microsoft strongly urges all Windows XP customers to apply the patch immediately.

20-Dec-01  
Windows Vulnerable to Hack Attacks  
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A7050-2001Dec20.html>  
(Wall Street Journal/AP) A Microsoft official acknowledged that the risk to consumers was unprecedented because the glitches allow hackers to seize control of all Windows XP operating system software without requiring a computer user to do anything except connect to the Internet.

20-Dec-01  
Microsoft issues patch for "serious" XP hole  
[http://news.cnet.com/news/0-1003-200-8244349.html?tag=3Dmn\\_hd](http://news.cnet.com/news/0-1003-200-8244349.html?tag=3Dmn_hd)  
(CNET News) Microsoft may have touted Windows XP as the most secure operating system it has made, but the company on Thursday released a bug fix for a security hole that could leave some people's systems open to malicious attack.

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## Re: Shermer's Last Law - Gevaerd

From: A. J. Gevaerd <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 08:58:35 -0200  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 10:33:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: Shermer's Last Law - Gevaerd

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers - :>  
>Sent: Sunday, December 23, 2001 5:44 AM  
>Subject: Shermer's Last Law

>Source: Scientific American

><http://www.sciam.com/2002/0102issue/0102skeptic.html>

>Shermer's Last Law

>Any sufficiently advanced extraterrestrial intelligence is  
>indistinguishable from God

>By Michael Shermer

<snip>

I=I've been investigating a few abduction cases involving religious people. Some of the abductees were catholic, some protestant and at least one was a radical protestant, from one of those new founded money-making sects, Brazilian kind.

A long-time catholic, when in front of his abductors inside a UFO, asked them if they "are from God". One of the aliens telephatically told him "No. We also believe in its existence, but we don=B4t know much about it". A protestant that I interviewed, after his abduction, told me he believed that his agressors were from hell. Once inside the UFO, he asked them loudly if they "don=B4t know the rules of the Lord". According to the man, the ETs only looked themselves silently and continued their "procedures". "They even bothered to pay attention to my protest", said the poor abductee...

The radical one tried to engage in a physical fight with his abductors, claiming that he "had God=B4s strength and nothing would happen to him". One of the ETs suddenly stopped what he was doing, looked into the man=B4s eyes and telephatically said: "We also have God=B4s strength". So the radical religious stopped fighting and accepted whatever happened.

Curious, isn=B4t it? I just wanted to share that with you.

A. J. Gevaerd

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## Alfred's Odd Observation #001

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 07:20:22 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 10:41:07 -0500  
Subject: Alfred's Odd Observation #001

Alfred's Odd Observation #001 (Saturday December 22, 2001.)

For months now I've been making reference to anomalous sightings I've been having down here in the southeast US. I remind the reader that I've seen nothing conclusive; no mother ships, beam landers, or star ship shuttles, and I have only had encounters that exclusively (but strongly) suggest Hynek's close encounter of the first type.

Only strangely moving point-source lights comprise the vast majority of my observations, though these lights have done enough of the enigmatic and unusual to remove them from the category of what is "supposed" to be up there. I add that I'm a credible judge of what is supposed to be up there. I was a very highly trained and decorated career army aviator, an instructor pilot in both utility and attack branches, and a graduate of the old Instrument Flight Examiner course with more helicopter time, in peace and combat, than Oberg, Shermer, Posner, and Klass combined! <g>.

Bizarre and specifically significant "other" things are seen in the early morning skies as well, but not often. And only then because I am provided with... uh, ...inordinate TIME to secure an opportunity to observe them. Frankly, these things are making ninety degree turns, expelling red glittery stuff, and flying random senseless patterns while flashing strobes pulse at the snap-turned corners. They are coming to complete stops, flying in formation, and making vertiginous changes in magnitude with regard to speed while generating rainbows of color. They are as bright as Venus cubed, dim as a star only visible with off center viewing, and they appear and disappear with what a child might perceive as wispy playfulness. I can only wonder what they must actually be...

I mentioned that I had "inordinate" time. Retired from the Army and shunned for suspect reasons by the teaching \*professionals\* of polite local society, I've found myself with a lot of unemployed time on my hands to indulge a (seemingly rational) ufological interest. I use some of the time that I have been graced with to rock my head back and actually look up into the sky. That's the secret you know. Really looking?

Anybody could see the things I'm seeing if they just took the time to look, but most folks don't have time. They have jobs and young families, and frenetic governments provide more immediate fish for them to fry. Those who have the time don't have the inclination, and those that have inclination don't have enough inclination to provide opportunity... you have to brave the seasonal bugs and cold... UFOs go unseen. You've got to spend the time, you see, to see these things that fly so free... sorry, that just slipped out...

I go out every morning there's a clear sky and spend about an hour looking up, out, and INTO deep space. I've amassed hundreds of hours in the past couple years peering into the sky, and I've seen the damndest things, already spoken about. I've written about most of them on this list. I see these things, I think, because I try not to presuppose or pronounce on what I'm seeing. I don't self hypnotize that all sightings MUST have prosaic

explanations. I don't know that they're flying saucers, that's forgetting it's what I suspect. My suspicions are not the issue. The fact that I'm seeing "something" is.

So.

I'm going to start reporting them here. Every time I have a significant sighting of the ubiquitous weird I'm going to report it in this forum, for the record -- date and number 'em. I'll give time, degree, and description with as much significant detail as I can. I'm going to do this for two reasons.

One, I am genuinely and I think very rationally concerned about the general incompetence, neurotic behavior, and contrived cluelessness of the sullen mainstream regarding its ignored responsibility to intelligently facilitate an informed public. Presently the mainstream programs the individual, manipulates the individual, and disrespects the individual. We're not getting the whole story, the complete story, or the true story about ANYTHING! September 11th has only signaled a turn for the egregious worse... regarding the \*rest\* of that story. A story I'm convinced would be to the benefit of every individual on this planet.

Two... I had a sighting this morning so bizarre I'm busting to share it with someone out there that may be remotely simpatico, and not write me off too quickly as your garden variety Net-loon or Web Wacko... enough people going out to look for these things might energize a grass roots effort to get to the bottom of them. I would inspire the going out to look. I think that there's a reward in it. A satisfaction.

...Ok...

It was 4:50, and as it had been well over an hour (I was outside from 3:30 on this morning) and the coffee was gone, I thought it must be about time to mosey on back into the house to write... I'd just happened to glance over my left shoulder at the North Star for a final look-around before heading in when, as I watched, a bright cream colored light blinked on to the left of Polaris like an energized and pointed aircraft landing light! It was much brighter than Venus. It was perhaps Venus cubed. I thought it might be a helicopter making a precautionary landing, but the light remained stationary, briefly, about three degrees to the left of the star, and there was NO sound.

I put my glasses on it, and brought them down immediately; it was like looking into a truck headlamp from ten feet away. I continued the rest of the observation, mostly unaided, for about 30 remaining seconds. I had time to think that it might be a super nova... meteors, aircraft, satellites, ball lightning, fireworks, and gassy pelicans were considered but discarded...

Abruptly, I was startled to see the object begin to move to the north, seemingly, and as it traveled a total of about 10 degrees on that track for 20 seconds of the remaining observation, it dimmed, steadily, to the point where I felt it worthwhile to get the binoculars back on it again. I was able to keep in view, but could discern no other details outside a slowly dimming creamy light moving steadily against the clear star field. Soon I was having to use off-center viewing, even in the glasses, to keep it in view. Then it was gone.

It was a great sighting of the inexplicable, friends and neighbors, but ho-freaking-hum! I'd seen that kind of thing before. I'd seen one in California with my Mom that was better than that!

At this point I've got my backside up against a low retaining wall in my back yard, arms shoved into my pockets -- just staring off to the east and wondering what the light I'd just seen really was... when I noticed a flock of light colored goose-sized birds, flying due west in a large uneven chevron, getting ready to make a pass directly over my home. Neat.

They were still about an apparent hundred meters away, or so, and maybe a hundred feet in the air when it began to seem that they were traveling awfully fast... too fast for birds. And I couldn't see any wings beating. I threw my field glasses up to my eyes for a closer look and was astonished to discover that they were not birds, the wings were NOT flapping. It was about

20 or 25 smaller chevrons flying in the single large uneven chevron streaking through the sky directly over my head! I followed them with my glasses.

Abruptly, I lost a sense of how high they were, and I wobbled in the view field as my knees kind of buckled, I'm a little ashamed to report. I thought I was made of sterner stuff. The field glasses came down as the flight of objects silently zipped away. Perhaps you had to have been there, but this sighting was a real breath-taker even for a guy that had gotten a little jaded on peculiar stuff in his backyard sky!

...These birds weren't birds. They were too fast for birds. They didn't flap like birds. They didn't have the long necks of most formation flying birds. The field glasses were focused and in good working order, I was able to see a star field behind the objects. They looked, a little, like tiny B2 (flying wing) bombers in my binoculars, traversing about 90 degrees of clear sky in a little over ten seconds. Fast.

I hung around until the sun started to come up, but the rest of the morning was uneventful. And that's the way it was. If you look you see; if you see you find; if you find... well, I'd find out. Read on.

[Lehmberg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmberg@snowhill.com)

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EXPLORE "Alfred Lehmborg's Alien View" at his HostPros URL.

<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually. He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged -- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, scourged by scurrilous skepti-bunkies.

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## Merry Christmas

From: **GT McCoy** <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 05:59:56 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 10:42:29 -0500  
Subject: Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas! and Happy New year to all of the folks in the wild, wonderful, world of UpDates!

GT McCoy

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## Fowler's Abductee Files

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 10:17:44 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 11:23:24 -0500  
Subject: Fowler's Abductee Files

Hi Jan, Luis, All,

Well I wrote to Ray Fowler inquiring about the disposition of his abductee file archive and received the following note in response.

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Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 07:09:35 EST  
Subject: Re: Abductee files  
To: [johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)

Hi,

Thank you for you kind comments. They were purchased by someone via a 3rd party who at this time remains unknown to me except that the files will be made available to researchers in the future.

Best,

Ray

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It wouldn't be fair to Ray to speculate and I'd hate to venture a guess as to 'who' this "third party" is, but the word "purchased" in Ray's response is the one that bothers me.

The files are Ray's to dispose of as he wishes. I will make no further comment on it. I only hope they haven't been swallowed by that informational black hole, Bigelow/NIDS. He also mentions that the files will be made available to other researchers in the future which is hopeful. Let's hope that that proves to be the case.

Regards,

John Velez

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## Re: Happy... - Peterborough

From: Kelly <[kellymcg@attcanada.ca](mailto:kellymcg@attcanada.ca)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 10:36:56 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 11:26:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: Happy... - Peterborough

>From: Karl Pflock <[Ktperehwon@aol.com](mailto:Ktperehwon@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 19:09:15 EST  
>Subject: Happy...  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

Meery Christmas everyone! And thank you Karl! Hilarious - well, maybe true! I still believe in Sanata (well, I have to because I was engaged to him!)

So let it snow let it snow let it snow!

Errol: Love ya babe!

Kelly

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## UFO Investigation Or Exploitation?

From: Beverly Trout <[btufo@netins.net](mailto:btufo@netins.net)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 10:04:22 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 11:29:23 -0500  
Subject: UFO Investigation Or Exploitation?

I'd appreciate input from members of this List on an issue that I think I've made up my mind how to handle, but nevertheless, I'd be interested in hearing from anyone who'd like to comment.

A free-lance (published) writer was referred to me as State Director for MUFON in Iowa. He's interested in writing a book about what he considers to be the UFO sub-culture, going so far, for example, as to state that he would probably include at least a short segment on what he labels as UFO cults, and he seems very interested also in the encounter/abduction phenomenon.

During some exploratory conversation he's indicated that in order to emphasize the human angle, he wants to become a field investigator.

For me, red flags go up!

It seems to me that becoming an investigator in order to write a book indicates an individual starting with a somewhat self-serving purpose in mind, although in all fairness I need to say that he may see this as just simply the right way to go about writing on a subject - in a somewhat investigative reporter mode.

He says he wants to write for the literary-non-fiction-reader, and leave it up to the reader to decide what he/she thinks of UFOs. (As an aside, my guess is the book would still end up on UFO shelves mixed in with the New Age stuff!)

Many witness in Iowa are highly educated, and hold academic as well as other professional and business related positions which place them in high profile in their communities. But whether high-profile or not, most witnesses would be devastated if they were somehow identified with their sightings and/or encounter experiences. In my estimation, not only would careers/livelihood be placed in jeopardy, but also some relationships might not stand the stress of public attention.

It's obvious to me that this gentleman does not fully understand the vast difference between writing about a mundane subject such as, for example, the sub-culture of Ballet, or the sub-culture of a game like Bridge, as opposed to a subject so potentially life altering - and with an entirely different set of potential repercussions - as the UFO enigma. The very real specter of public ridicule, as well as career and relationship jeopardy does not - as far as I can tell - exist in the Ballet or Bridge world. It does, however, exist (bigtime) in the arena of UFOs. In an investigative situation, I am not interested in subjecting witnesses to an investigator who is, first of all, a free-lance writer.

Now, this gentleman may go on to write his book, and that's his prerogative. But my thinking so far is that within MUFON in Iowa, I'm not in favor of facilitating his entry into the investigative process.

If I'm missing something here, please feel free to call it to my attention.

Thanks

Bev Trout  
Iowa MUFON State Director

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## Re: Happy...

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 12:15:01 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 11:30:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: Happy...

>From: Karl Pflock <[Ktperehwon@aol.com](mailto:Ktperehwon@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 19:09:15 EST  
>Subject: Happy...  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

>...Humbug to Errol and all our friends, colleagues, and friendly  
>antagonists on Updates from me and the boys on the roof.

>See:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/ufoupdates/listers/122201.html>

>-- Cheers, KARL

Hi Errol,

Let me add my Holiday Greetings to all the rest on this List -  
and a special "well done" to you Errol for using so much of your  
time in order that we may express ourselves during the year.

Happy Holidays,

Don Ledger

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### A Christmas Rendlesham Story

From: **Georgina Bruni** <[georgina@easynet.co.uk](mailto:georgina@easynet.co.uk)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 16:22:18 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 13:34:26 -0500  
Subject: A Christmas Rendlesham Story

I wanted to share (with Mark's permission) this amusing Christmas Rendlesham post

Best wishes for a Christmas and the New Year

Georgina Bruni

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Dear Georgina,

After many years of research - and having read your excellent book I am proud to announce that I have solved the Rendlesham Forest mystery. The lighthouse is not guilty. Similarly, it was not a meteor, tractor, or crashed satellite, downed Russian or American plane.

The solution: it was Santa Claus!

Lets look at the facts (and the explanation):

1. Xmas time (often overlooked fact. Santa only travels around this time)
2. Forest (home of raindeer)
3. Flying craft (santas sleigh)
4. White lights in sky (sleigh has headlights - blasted dark at night)
5. Marks in ground (from sleigh's landing gear)
6. Radiation where craft landed (sleigh was nuclear powered)
7. Radar sighting (RAF looking for Santa to delivery Xmas presents hence they are watching)
8. Broken branches in trees (sleigh brushes against branches)
9. Craft manoeuvres away from witnesses (Santa keeping a low profile probably works for GCHQ and or NSA in off season)
10. Craft disappears when British police arrive (pretty easy one - Santa didnt have a passport or visa, an illegal alien (ha ha) pretty obvious that police would arrest a short fat man flying an unlicensed nuclear powered sleigh at night without a UK licence)
11. Red Light seen thru woods (Rudolph's famous red nose)
12. Lighthouse beam (used as navigation point by raindeer)
13. Porton Downs staff in bio hazard suits examine landing site (suits needed because raindeer shit smells real bad, take my word for it, we have heaps of raindeer in Australia, trust me on this)
14. Col Halt reports something "dripping" off the unknown craft

(ice melting from sleigh)

I fully realise that faced with this crushing body of evidence that you might possibly feel a bit disappointed - however do not feel too bad. After many years of research - two things finally tipped me off - firstly it was Xmas time - secondly a red light is seen in the forest. In a flash of inspiration - the answer came to me - Santa and Rudolph.

I suppose it could have been light reflecting off the bellies of 1200mph flying pelicans - and had it been any other time except Xmas then this would obviously be the answer. But the Xmas factor sealed it for me!

To recap - the lighthouse is NOT GUILTY!

It was SANTA !!!

Best regards  
Mark Grundy  
(posted from Chicargo)

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## Re: Shermer's Last Law - Salvaille

From: Serge Salvaille <[sergesa@rocler.qc.ca](mailto:sergesa@rocler.qc.ca)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 12:57:27 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 13:39:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: Shermer's Last Law - Salvaille

Hello List,

>Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 02:44:58 -0500  
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -  
>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Shermer's Last Law

>Shermer's Last Law

>Any sufficiently advanced extraterrestrial intelligence is  
>indistinguishable from God

>By Michael Shermer

<snip>

>Moore's Law of computer power doubling every 18 months or so is  
>now approaching a year. Ray Kurzweil, in his book The Age of  
>Spiritual Machines, calculates that there have been 32 doublings  
>since World War II and that the singularity point--the point at  
>which total computational power will rise to levels so far  
>beyond anything that we can imagine that it will appear nearly  
>infinite and thus be indistinguishable from omniscience--may be  
>upon us as early as 2050.

<snip>

Typical compuhogwash.

A computer is nothing but a tool, and a tool is nothing by  
itself. Whatever the power of a computer, you need a human to  
program it. A program only tries to reproduce human rasonning;  
it cannot grow upon itself.

The latest single CPU PowerMac or Pentium 4 reach raw computing  
power around 4 giga-flops. The Cray T3E is cooled by water, can  
align up to 2048 CPUs and reach 3 TERA- flops.

The increasing power of desktop computers is used largely to  
create more realistic game simulations. Supercomputers model  
climatic and geophysical systems to eventually predict more  
precisely temperature and earthquakes.

Is humanity better than in the pre-computer era?

Not so sure about that.

<snip>

>Although science has not even remotely destroyed religion,  
>Shermer's Last Law predicts that the relation between the two  
>will be profoundly affected by contact with an ETI. To find out  
>how, we must follow Clarke's Second Law: "The only way of  
>discovering the limits of the possible is to venture a little  
>way past them into the impossible." Ad astra!

<snip>

\_They\_ are already here. And the people won't be told.

Which brings us to the first law of non-evolution:

"Any sufficiently advanced ignorance is indistinguishable from stupidity."

Regards,

And Merry Christmass to you all.

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## Re: Happy... - Zeiler

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Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 13:44:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: Happy... - Zeiler

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>From: Kelly <[kellymcc@attcanada.ca](mailto:kellymcc@attcanada.ca)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Happy...

Well Kelly, nothing is unusual for it is man who grows up believing in Santa, then not believing in Santa and then Becoming Santa. Go figure.

Happy Holidays to all

George Zeiler

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## Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 19:56:49 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 09:09:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Hall

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>Subject: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Stacy  
>Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 10:23:38 -0500

>Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 19:10:46 -0600  
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>From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
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>>Subject: Re: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'

>>The "Official" US Air Force "explanation" for the "bodies" that  
>>were allegedly witnessed and reported in connection to the  
>>Roswell incident is one of the single-most compelling reasons to  
>>question the veracity of the information being provided to us by  
>>our governing officials. The "alien bodies" have always been one  
>>of the more 'questionable' components of the Roswell reports.  
>>Even within ufology itself it has never enjoyed any real  
>>popularity ('firm' position) as being one of the more credible  
>>aspects of the Roswell case.

>>Yet, the Air Force thought it was important enough to publish an  
>>official excuse/explanation for the "bodies." Makes me go  
>>"hmmmm!" when I see stuff like that coming out of military  
>>officialdom Makes me wonder why they feel they have to "explain"  
>>it at all. As GT and Alfred Lehmberg have expressed, it makes  
>>more curious not less.

>John, again at the risk of being labeled an Air Force Apologist,  
>the only reason why the AF addressed the issue of recovered  
>bodies at Roswell in the first place is because certain  
>claimants claimed same.

>What is so difficult to understand about this?  
>The people you should be asking questions of is not the Air  
>Force, but the self-discredited witnesses such as Kaufmann,  
>Ragsdale, Anderson, Dennis and others, who claimed the presence  
>of bodies in the first place.

>The Air Force was trying to give them an out w/o labeling them  
>outright liars. Why is this so hard for everyone to understand?

>I don't get it.

>D Stacy

Dennis,

Obviously you don't get it. Why do you keep suggesting that only  
discredited witnesses reported bodies? That is absolutely false.  
I don't think of you as an AF apologist, but I increasingly see  
you as someone whose mind is made up and seeing only the  
half-empty glass. - Dick

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## Re: A Christmas Rendlesham Story

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>Subject: A Christmas Rendlesham Story  
>Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 16:22:18 -0000

>The solution: it was Santa Claus!

There may just be time for readers to confirm this hypothesis by watching NORAD tracking Santa this Xmas eve.

Go to <http://www.noradsanta.org/> to see the faboulous effort made by NORAD to keep tabs on the fat fella with the big white beard.

Dave Bolton

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## Merry Universal Christmas!

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Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 09:15:19 -0500  
Subject: Merry Universal Christmas!

Subject: The Universal Impact of the Atonement

Date: 05.11.96

Edited By: Timothy David, Director-Synethics, [www.synethics.com](http://www.synethics.com)

As the Christmas season approaches us and its meaning seems more diluted each year, perhaps we need to look back to the 19th Century for wisdom regarding its true meaning for our world. When we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, let us remember His reason for coming and that it is His Atonement that changed our world and others forever!

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Excerpts by Albert Barnes\*

Defenition: Atonement

"...the substituted suffering for human guilt and the salvation of the soul is regarded as connected with the death of the Author of the system considered as a sacrifice or expiation for crime." -Albert Barnes\*

The Atonement (of Jesus Christ) may be an important means of sustaining the Divine government, and may thus have an important bearing on other worlds. This is a point, indeed, on which we cannot argue with much certainty; for it lies at present beyond the sphere of our observation. But there are some things which may render it not improbable that there may be bearings of the atonement on other worlds which are now very imperfectly understood by us, and which must be in a great measure hidden until we are admitted to the revelations of the future state.

In such passages of Scripture as the following it seems to be implied that the work of the Redeemer may have an important bearing on other parts of the universe, and may furnish to other worlds an illustration of the character of God which could be obtained from no other source. "Which things the angels desire to look into." (1 Peter 1:12). "And to make all men see what is the fellowship of this mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which he proposed in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Ephesians 3:9-11). "For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell, and, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven." (Colossians 1:19-20). The same idea may be expressed also in Ephesians 1:10: -"That the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth."

It is not to be supposed that we could fully comprehend all the bearings of the work of the atonement on other worlds, or the grounds of the interest which angelic beings are represented as taking in the incarnation of the Son of God; but even with our imperfect and limited vision we can see that there must be important reasons why the inhabitants of other worlds should

feel an interest in the redemption of a lost world.

(a.) The revolt of a world is an event which must attract attention. Nothing gives more conspicuity than crime. A man before insignificant and unknown becomes at once exalted to notoriety by becoming a murderer; a commander of a vessel at sea would have been otherwise undistinguished attracts the attention of nations by becoming a pirate; an officer in an army who would have been soon forgotten in performing the common duties of his station sends down his name to future times by becoming a traitor; a world that might have been undistinguished may become known to all the hosts of worlds by a revolt from the government of the Creator. The earth, therefore, though among the least of the worlds which God has made, may be among the most distinguished; for it is the theatre of revolt from the government of God, and is illustrating in scenes of sorrow the effect of violation of the Divine laws.

(b.) The question whether a race of rebels could be pardoned would be one that would be of interest to distant worlds. In illustration of this, we may assume the truth of the statement in the Bible that one other order of beings has fallen, and that the sentence of the broken law was executed upon them with no arrangements made for pardon. If we suppose that the fallen angels have been left in their state of rebellion with no provision made for their recovery; if we suppose that their revolt made it certain that they would never be restored to favor; if we suppose that there were no incipient and perceived arrangements made for their restoration; if we suppose that this had continued for a period which would constitute ages as we measure duration, and if we suppose that a new revolt, under their influence, should break out in a new world and under circumstances materially different from the former revolt, it would be too much to infer that the question about the pardon of revolted subjects of the Almighty was so definitely settled by the former revolt that it should awaken no interest in the yet unfallen ranks of beings before the throne of God.

The inquiry could not but occur whether this race would be consigned also to punishment with no hope of remission, or whether some arrangement would be made to check and stay the evil and to prevent the consequences of the apostasy. And though the question would be one which no light could be thrown from experience, yet it is not unreasonable to suppose that all the difficulties would occur in regard to the question of pardon which we have found actually to encompass it. To angelic beings the difficulties might be as much beyond their range of observation as they are beyond ours. What has surpassed all the wisdom of legislators and statesmen—the proper adjusting of the exercise of mercy with the claims of justice—might be also beyond the reach of angelic intellect.

There is no reason to suppose that the device of an atonement would have occurred to them as a practicable arrangement; it could not be supposed that they would infer that even the Divine benevolence would suggest this. It might not be that any of the expressions of that benevolence before made would suggest or justify the inference that it would prompt to the exercise of mercy. From any thing that appears, the question of pardon would be as much above the comprehension of angelic beings as it has been above the practical adjustment of the most wise and benevolent of the legislators of earth. And yet the statements in the Bible which imply that they did feel an interest in the question are such as naturally follow from all the conceptions which we must form of the benevolence of unfallen beings.

(c.) We may suppose that the inhabitants of other worlds may see in the atonement some development of the Divine character which could not be elsewhere seen. The reasons for this opinion are such as the following.

1. It is reasonable to suppose that the inhabitants of other worlds desire to become acquainted with the character and government of God; and it is equally reasonable to suppose that, in a great measure, they become acquainted with the character and government from what they see in his works. The universe seems to have been designed to convey to intelligent creatures a knowledge of God; and we have no reason to suppose that, as a great law, even unfallen beings can become acquainted with him except through his works. Those works, so vast and so varied, appear to be adapted to the eternal contemplation of created

minds. It was a great problem so to create mind, and so to adapt the universe to it, that it might have employment forever,-that the works of God should be such that there would never come over any created intellect, however exalted, the feeling that the subject was exhausted; that there remained nothing of God to be learned; that there were no fields of unexplored inquiry and thought.

2. Each one of the worlds appears to have been so made as to furnish some peculiar view of God; to teach some lesson which could not be learned from any other world; to convey some truth about the Divine character which could be seen nowhere else. This seems to be manifest from the wonderful variety in the worlds which God has made,-the variety in their size, their motions, their appendages, their orbits. Even with our very imperfect knowledge of the subject, we can see that there would be things to learn of God on the planet Mars which could not be on the earth; on Jupiter, which could not be on Mars; on Saturn, which could not be on Jupiter; on the Sun, which could not be on any of the planets; on double stars, which could not be on one solitary sun; on the distant nebulae, which could not be on the galaxy or milky way-the nebulae of which our solar system is a part. It is not improbable that on each of those worlds there may be a development of some attribute of God of which we can now form no conception; some trait of character a knowledge of which could not now be conveyed to beings with our imperfect powers, though it might be to those of a higher order; and that even beyond all this, there may be depths in the Divine nature-an infinity of attributes and perfections-which even those higher orders of intelligences have now no powers to penetrate or comprehend,-as far above them as their knowledge is above us.

3. It is probable that what is to be learned from our world of the works and ways of God is to be in connection with the manifestation of his character in the salvation of the guilty; and perhaps this is to be learned in our world alone. The greatness, the majesty, the wisdom, the goodness of God may be seen in other worlds in lessons far surpassing in impressiveness and grandeur those which can be learned from the earth. The angels do not need to come to our world to gain wisdom and knowledge on any of these subjects. The earth is not distinguished for its magnitude, for peculiar beauty, or for grandeur of movement, above other worlds. The dwellers in other worlds need not come down to us to learn lessons of grandeur from our hills and mountains, from our oceans or rivers, from our caves or cataracts. To those who have ranged from world to world amidst the works of God, there might not be any thing that would attract attention in the vast ocean, so sublime in the view of man; in the storm and tempest; in Mont Blanc or in Niagara. Still less would they be attracted by the monuments that man has reared; the works of art and power that so impress our minds; the Pyramid, the mausoleum, the triumphal arch, the monuments that have been raised to mark the place where sleep the illustrious dead. Hence, in the visits of angels to the earth, we are never told of their being attracted to Thebes or Palmyra, to the Pantheon or the Parthenon, to Marathon or Leuctra. We find them in the humble abode of Mary, and at Bethlehem; in the Garden of Gethsemane; at the grave of the Saviour; at Mount Olivet. Frequent as have been the visits of angels to our world, there is no evidence that they have been attracted to the Vatican or the Louvre, that they have felt the slightest interest in the Cartoons of Raphael, the Last Judgment of Michael Angelo, or the sculptures of Canova.

If it be asked, then, what angelic beings could be supposed to learn on earth which they could not learn in other worlds,-what gives to our world any distinction or peculiarity as illustrating the perfections of God,-our answer must be that this is to be found in the arrangements for the pardon of sin, in blending together in the work of redemption the attributes of justice and mercy. In no human government, as we have seen, have these attributes been blended. In no individual character on earth have they been perfectly combined. In no other world, so far as we know, have they been united. Angelic beings, therefore, could see in the work of redemption on earth a manifestation of the character of God more interesting by far, as we must suppose, than the exhibition of power and wisdom in the work of creation; and hence they were attracted to Bethlehem, to the Garden of Gethsemane, to the sepulchre where the Redeemer had lain, and to Mount Olivet; and hence they are

attracted to every spot where a sinner weeps over his sins and seeks pardon and salvation through the blood of the cross.

There may be bearings of the atonement on other worlds which we cannot now understand; for as yet we see but little of the effect of the great work of the incarnation of the Son of God. It is possible that some of the highest developments of the effects of the atonement may yet be made on distant worlds. No one can demonstrate that the remark of Lord Bacon will not yet be found to be true:—"All things in time and eternity have respect to the Mediator, which is the great mystery and perfect centre of all God's ways, and to which all his other works and wonders do but serve and refer."

\*The Atonement- Albert Barnes. Originally published in 1860 by Lindsay & Blakiston. Published by Bethany Fellowship, Inc. 6820 Auto Club Road, Minneapolis, MN 55438

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## Re: UFO Investigation Or Exploitation? - Goldstein

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>Subject: UFO Investigation Or Exploitation?  
>Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 10:04:22 -0800

>I'd appreciate input from members of this List on an issue  
>that I think I've made up my mind how to handle, but  
>nevertheless, I'd be interested in hearing from anyone who'd  
>like to comment.

>A free-lance (published) writer was referred to me as State  
>Director for MUFON in Iowa. He's interested in writing a book  
>about what he considers to be the UFO sub-culture, going so far,  
>for example, as to state that he would probably include at least  
>a short segment on what he labels as UFO cults, and he seems  
>very interested also in the encounter/abduction phenomenon.

>During some exploratory conversation he's indicated that in  
>order to emphasize the human angle, he wants to become  
>a field investigator.

>For me, red flags go up!

>It seems to me that becoming an investigator in order to write a  
>book indicates an individual starting with a somewhat  
>self-serving purpose in mind, although in all fairness I need to  
>say that he may see this as just simply the right way to go  
>about writing on a subject - in a somewhat investigative  
>reporter mode.

>He says he wants to write for the literary-non-fiction-reader,  
>and leave it up to the reader to decide what he/she thinks of  
>UFOs. (As an aside, my guess is the book would still end up on  
>UFO shelves mixed in with the New Age stuff!)

>Many witness in Iowa are highly educated, and hold academic as  
>well as other professional and business related positions which  
>place them in high profile in their communities. But whether  
>high-profile or not, most witnesses would be devastated if they  
>were somehow identified with their sightings and/or encounter  
>experiences. In my estimation, not only would careers/livelihood  
>be placed in jeopardy, but also some relationships might not  
>stand the stress of public attention.

>It's obvious to me that this gentleman does not fully understand  
>the vast difference between writing about a mundane subject  
>such as, for example, the sub-culture of Ballet, or the  
>sub-culture of a game like Bridge, as opposed to a subject so  
>potentially life altering - and with an entirely different set  
>of potential repercussions - as the UFO enigma. The very real  
>specter of public ridicule, as well as career and relationship  
>jeopardy does not - as far as I can tell - exist in the Ballet  
>or Bridge world. It does, however, exist (bigtime) in the arena  
>of UFOs. In an investigative situation, I am not interested in  
>subjecting witnesses to an investigator who is, first of all, a  
>free-lance writer.

>Now, this gentleman may go on to write his book, and that's his  
>prerogative. But my thinking so far is that within MUFON in

>Iowa, I'm not in favor of facilitating his entry into the  
>investigative process.

>If I'm missing something here, please feel free to call it to my  
>attention.

>Thanks

>Bev Trout  
>Iowa MUFON State Director

Hello Bev and all fellow Listerions,

I would like to start by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy  
Hannukah, and a Happy New Year.

Bev, I have always appreciated your sensible contributions to UFO  
research.

Thanks for asking this List for advice. I was a MUFON member for  
about 20 years. During that period I was a field investigator  
and a state section director in several locations in California.  
I left MUFON a couple of years ago due to problems within the  
international organization and its attempts to be both a  
research organization and a public information organization.  
There were no real objective standards for the directors and for  
the image the chapters would present to the public.

I was chosen by the state director to direct part of the state  
because I had performed a number of investigations, had started new  
groups, and put on public forums.

I don't know what your needs are in Iowa but to me thie person  
named above sounds decidedly unqualified as a state director. He  
seems to have no real interest other than a mundane view of  
abductions and excperiencers. What has he contributed on his own?  
He has not even been a field investigator. Bev, my hunch is that  
your red flags are waving for good reasons. I suggest that you look  
at the requirements of a state director of Iowa and weigh them  
against who, in all the chapters, is in a position to contribute  
the most and has the desire to coordinate the search for truth in  
Iowa and objectively present it to the public.

Take care,

Josh

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## Feliz Navidad

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Subject: Feliz Navidad

Feliz Navidad y paz para el mundo

Merry Christmas and peace for the world

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## Cydonian Imperative: 12-24-01 - Martian Hexagons?

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The Cydonian Imperative  
12-24-01

Trio of Possible Martian Hexagons  
by Mac Tonnies

Please see: <http://mactonnies.com/cydonia.html>

[image]

Possible Martian hexagons as presented by J.P. Levasseur.

Researcher J.P. Levasseur has emailed me the above image, which shows at least one strikingly faceted hexagon. Levasseur's annotations show that a right angle is produced when all three formations are viewed from above. As noted elsewhere throughout this site, hexagons are unexpectedly prevalent on Mars. While intriguing geometric shapes can occur naturally, it comes as a surprise when three such shapes happen to be arranged in a geometrically significant way.

Levasseur's hexagons could be unusual craters (although, in my opinion, they appear rather too "neat"). There is a suspicious lack of debris if these are the calderas of ancient volcanoes or impacts. Note that the formation on the far left is surrounded by possible structure at right angles to the depression (see Levasseur's tracing, inset), which isn't easily explained in geological terms. (Another example of a geometric formation at right angles to a nearby crater is the Cliff in Cydonia.)

If the hexagonal depressions are artificial, perhaps they are shafts linking underground facilities to the surface. But until new high-resolution images are taken, the precise outline of these enticing forms is likely to remain the subject of some debate.

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Ho Ho Ho

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I knew there was a reason why I liked Christmas.... from:  
[http://www.forteantimes.com/articles/118\\_santan.shtml](http://www.forteantimes.com/articles/118_santan.shtml)

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BEHIND SANTA'S GENIAL SMILE LIES A 70,000 YEAR OLD ANIMIST
TRADITION OF A BEAST MAN... PHYLLIS SIEFKER UNMASKS THE ULTIMATE
BEDROOM INVADER.

As the Christmas season engulfs us, Santa Claus, Father
Christmas, and their international counterparts beam at us from
every medium, hawking earthly treasures to delight our loved
ones.

As we watch this portly figure entice us with baubles, we are
witnessing the last remnant of the oldest sacred figure that
exists, for Santa's past is full of ancient mysteries, with a
depth few imagined. In the Middle Ages he was a Wild Man, a
beast-man who jousted with knights in Merrie Olde England and
dashed through Germanic streets during Carnival, frightening
children and adults alike. In the Sixth Century, he was a
beast-god so powerful that Pope Gregory the Great chose him to
be Christianity's poster child for evil - the cloven-hoofed,
goatish devil figure that persists even today. For millennia
before that, he was worshiped as a god whose annual death was a
necessity for life on earth itself.

Tracking the elusive Jolly Old Elf's history involved a
labyrinthine journey that would make Daedalus proud. The search
began with 19th century gift givers in America, Britain, and
Germany. These gift givers appeared at end-of-year celebrations,
but didn't travel alone; they were accompanied by a predictable
entourage, no matter what country they trod. Santa's companions
invariably included a Bessy - a man dressed as a woman - and
assorted merrymakers dressed in goat or bear skins or wearing
goat or bear masks. The other characters varied; usually there
was a comic doctor and often an archer. Of course, America's
Christmas Man wasn't called Santa at the time; he gained that
name in the mid-1800s. First, he was Pelznichol, or Nicholas in
Furs; in Nova Scotia he was the Janney; in Trinidad he was Papa
Bois; in Great Britain he was Yule until Ben Johnson christened
him Father Christmas in his 1616 Christmas Masque. His names
were as varied as the communities he both terrorized and
blessed.

The Wild Man's motley crew went door-to-door, demanding entry.
After the raucous group was welcomed, they acted out an odd play
- the leader, who dressed in goat or bear skins, argued with
another character or with the woman figure. He was killed, the
woman lamented, and the doctor comically resuscitated him, or he
spontaneously revived, declaring he wasn't dead after all.
Before the troupe left to visit the next house, they demanded
gifts. This might sound somewhat familiar; today's Halloween
trick-or-treaters carry on a juvenile version of the original
visit - going house to house, demanding gifts and treats. In the
bygone adult festival, the troupe gave its blessing and shared
fruits of the land with the inhabitants, or wreaked havoc and
cursed the homes if they weren't well received.

This invasion didn't take place at only at Yuletide; in Germany, Carnival signaled the Wild Man's wild rush into town in the Schembartlauf (run of bearded men). In other countries, the wild run usually ended winter's reign, but no matter what the time of year or what country, there were arresting similarities. In the 18th century, an emerging breed of "folklorists" noted these similarities and began to record these festivals and theorize about their origins. Jacob Grimm made a herculean effort to record Germany's folk customs before they disappeared, and scholars in Great Britain managed to accumulate some of the most extensive collection of local rituals. These rituals encompass a wide range of mumming activities with the ever-present Fool, an offspring of the Wild Man and precursor of Father Christmas.

Those who study and categorize Britain's mumming rituals sort them into three main types - the wooing ceremony, which includes Plough Monday peregrinations, the sword play, and the Saint George Play. All have a death and resurrection; of course this death and resurrection in historical festivals is a comic one, but these activities are remnants of a more serious death - the death of the Wild Man, the beast-god who was responsible for life on earth.

Richard Bernheimer pieced together the basic fertility ritual from which these plays derive in his book Wild Men in the Middle Ages. In that ritual, a town's young unmarried men went to the woods to hunt the Wild Man or stir him from his cave. The largest and strongest of the men dressed in animal skins and horns to play the role of the Wild Man. He was captured, chained, and dragged back to the village. Since he was, after all, a Wild Man, he had torn up a tree or two to drag with him, showing his power; in the village these trees became the May Pole and the Yule Log. Because he was a god of the elements of nature - thunder and lightning - the villagers fired guns and beat drums to herald his arrival.

Chains dangling from his body, the Wild Man and his companions made a mad dash into town, frightening and beating bystanders; one of the devices he used to beat villagers was a giant phallus, his symbol as a fertility god. In the village square, he mated with a village wench (or wild woman, if one was available), then was killed by an archer. He revived or was replaced by a son. The mood was bedlam; the humor as course as it comes; and everyone was both excited and terrified.

Folklorists who debated the origins of these holiday activities were delighted when world traveler and Renaissance man R. M. Dawkins happened upon a fairly untouched version of this ritual in the Balkans in 1906. In this festival, large, blackened, humpbacked goat-men shambled through the village with bells around their waists and ankles. The leader carried a huge phallus; another carried a crossbow. An old woman carried a doll in a basket. As they went from house to house, the phallic goat-man pounded the phallus on the door and demanded money. In the course of the parade, the baby grew to manhood quite suddenly and demanded a bride. When she was supplied, the pair copulated, the archer shot the newly satisfied groom, the bride grieved, and the goat man revived. After receiving a gift from the homes where they performed, the paraders dragged a plough through the village.

This discovery was Nirvana for folklorists - they found all the elements of the mumming plays; the Fool was in his original beast form; the death and execution were enacted amorally. In later plays, the Fool or beast-man is often killed by a young groom because he "makes a pass at" the Woman, and narrators explain the behavior with a comic script. In the Balkan version, the inhabitants didn't need a verbal explanation; the ritual had been part of their lives for centuries. Only in more recent times did the master of ceremonies or narrator emerge.

This Balkan festival was the finest modern discovery yet of the ancient rite of the god's birth, sacred marriage, death, and sacrifice for his people. Better yet, it was found in Greece. Scholars concluded that the hundreds of versions peppering Europe could be traced to the great goat-god Dionysus. After all, the Dionysian rites gave birth to modern theater; even the word tragedy means goat song. Under this diffusionist scenario, Dionysus and his counterparts Adonis and Bacchus spread throughout Europe with spread of the Roman Empire.

This conclusion reflected a myopic flaw in many prehistorians' thinking-that everything emanated from the Mediterranean, the "cradle of civilization." But we find these rituals in the Arctic Circle among people neither the Romans nor the Catholics found worth their time to conquer or even visit in those days. There, among the Lapps, the Vogul, and the Gilyaks some of the purist, most ancient rituals continued. We also find the ceremonies among the enigmatic Ainu, the aboriginal Japanese.

Among these Arctic peoples and the Ainu we discover the original "storyline" of the ritual that found its way to ancient Japan, Russia, Western and Northern Europe, and the Mediterranean. In these ceremonies, the Master of the Mountain sends his gods to his people as a bear to keep them from starving. In the ceremony, the people rouse the hibernating beast in its cave, and the best marksman ritually executes it with an arrow. They prepare and mount the skin and skull in a certain manner, then share the god's bounty in a feast.

In a ceremony of gratitude and honor the hunters re-enact a tale of the bear's life - how it found a mate and bore an offspring, then was killed by an archer. The people thank the bear for its gift of life and send the emissary's spirit back to the gods, until it returns next year. Here we find the arrow, the mating, the sacrifice and rebirth, and the other accouterments we find in today's mumming plays - even the ivy-crowned head.

How old is this ritual of bear and goat worship that found its way to areas as widespread as the Mediterranean and the Arctic Circle? There is evidence this bear sacrifice was carried out more than 50,000 years ago; early 20th-century German excavators of the Wild Man's Cave and other caves in the High Alps discovered altars to the bear with bearskins and skulls ritually treated exactly as the Arctic peoples treated them.

Anthropologist Joseph Campbell and investigating anthropologists made the connection between these ancient finds and the arctic rituals and dated them to about 70,000 BC.

Of course. Homo sapiens sapiens - modern humans - weren't around then; Neanderthals performed these ancient rituals. Later archaeological excavations reveal Neanderthals sacrificed in the same manner as the bears. The question inevitably arises whether the original Wild Man was a Neanderthal, perhaps performing a bear ritual.

The history of the death and resurrection of the beast-god that sired Santa is older than Greece, even older than modern humans. It was a ceremony of death and resurrection, of life and fertility, carried on by an ancient aboriginal people - called elves or fairies by later settlers - and adopted by these settlers, who replaced them and continued the sacred rituals throughout Europe.

Of course, burgeoning Christianity vigorously fought to suppress this widespread "pagan" ritual, but it persisted. In response, the church used the Wild Man's form to depict its Satan. Under pressure from Christianity, villagers, holding to their old festivals while adopting the new Christian religion, managed to keep the old Wild Man alive by transforming him. In village festivals he became the Fool; in this role he strode at the front of his old troupe as master of ceremonies, the outspoken comic who introduced the troupe and made fun of local citizens and mores. In this role he evolved into the symbol of Christmas in America, Great Britain, Sweden, Norway, and Germany. This fur-clad fool and social commentator took yet another direction in Italy, where, as Harlequin, he evolved from Medieval Devil to a primary figure in the commedia dell'arte and became a standard character in French and British Christmases. In all, the Wild Man adapted in almost infinite ways under pressures from Church, State, and the varying influences of civilisation.

In many areas, the beast-man changed little, and today the ancient festivals persist in places the great past tides of civilisation barely lapped. The hair-covered Chlaus yodel in Urnasch, Switzerland; the beast-masked Narren leap through Black Forest villages; the King of the Puck Fair is hoisted in Killorglin, Ireland; the blackened, goat-bearded berika romp in Georgia; the Perchta runners re-enact a death and resurrection ritual on the fields of Austria. The Ainu ritually enact their

sacred ritual for tourists. The Paper Boys romp in Marshfield, Gloucestershire, and Crookham, and, in Grenoside, the sword dancing team ritually "executes" their captain.

Germany's carnival elements also live on in the well-known Christmas poem A Visit from Saint Nicholas, which begins: "'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house..." There we see the old troupe preserved as reindeer: Dasher, Dancer, and Prancer are the raucous, high-stepping, hair-clad dancers that signalled the start of Carnival; Vixen is the Wild Woman; Cupid is the archer who ended the god's life; Comet the sleigh of one of the Wild Man's versions - the Wild Hunter; Donder and Blitzen (thunder and lightning) are the hallmarks of the Wild Man's dominion over nature.

In some instances the Wild Man survives as a famous folk figure - in fact, some of our best known folk characters trace their origin to this original mystery. In Britain, he became Robin Goodfellow or Puck, celebrated by Shakespeare; Goodfellow's cousin Robin Hood began life as Wood, a name for the Wild Man. In the Black Forest, the Pied Piper of Hamelin re-enacts poet Robert Browning's version of the ancient mystery.

And, of course, there's Santa Claus. As the ancient beast-god of old, he continues to bring bounty and promise to us each year, despite seemingly insurmountable odds. Gods, religions, nations and even hominid species have risen and fallen while he somehow persists. No wonder he winks as he sips his Coca-Cola.

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Eras News: Weekly Briefing 12.24.01

From: Paul Anderson <psa@look.ca>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 09:34:44 -0500
Subject: Eras News: Weekly Briefing 12.24.01

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Decoding E.T.: In Search of a Cosmic Rosetta Stone
http://www.space.com/searchforlife/seti_rosetta_011220.html

The Hand of God: Thoughts and Images Reflecting the Spirit of the Universe
http://www.space.com/spacelibrary/books/library_reagan_011221.html

Coollest Space Science Images of 2001
http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/astronomy/coolest_2001_011221.html

Bacterial Explanation for Europa's Rosy Glow
<http://www.newscientist.com/news/news.jsp?id=3Dns99991647>

Ice Melter Could Find Europa's Warm Heart
http://www.space.com/business/technology/europa_life_011219-1.html

If Santa Were a Martian
http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/solar_system/features/vortex.html

More Evidence for 'Nanobes'
http://www.abc.net.au/science/news/space/SpaceRepublish_444160.htm

The Science of Ball Lightning
http://www.pubs.royalsoc.ac.uk/phil_maths/news/balllight_template1.html

Scientists Spot New 'Mystery Squid'
<http://www.cnn.com/2001/US/12/21/giant.squid.ap/index.html>

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Re: Cydonian Imperative: 12-24-01 - Martian

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 09:58:08 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 21:45:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: 12-24-01 - Martian

>Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 20:54:51 -0800 (PST)
>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Cydonian Imperative: 12-24-01 - Martian Hexagons?
>To: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>

>The Cydonian Imperative
>12-24-01

>Trio of Possible Martian Hexagons
>by Mac Tonnies

>Please see: <http://mactonnies.com/cydonia.html>

>[image]

>Possible Martian hexagons as presented by J.P. Levasseur.

>Researcher J.P. Levasseur has emailed me the above image, which
>shows at least one strikingly faceted hexagon. Levasseur's
>annotations show that a right angle is produced when all three
>formations are viewed from above. As noted elsewhere throughout
>this site, hexagons are unexpectedly prevalent on Mars. While
>intriguing geometric shapes can occur naturally, it comes as a
>surprise when three such shapes happen to be arranged in a
>geometrically significant way.

<snip>

Dear Mac, List, Errol,

Thanks, Mac - for the thankless job of creating something which
creates controversy. It is a thankless job. Like Errol's List, like
Gesundt's Gripple and etc.

You are damned if you do and damned if you don't. Present the
anomalies and be accused of representing a theory. Don't present the
anomaly and be accused of letting others do the work. It's a curse.

So, from my bottom and the rest of me, thank you for working hard to
present a picture of Mars we would not otherwise get. Thank you for up
with putting all the criticism, the angst and the bovine excrement
which is deep seated in the bowels of everyone here. It's only nachel.
And it makes for a good deal of... uh... loudness, at times.

Remember the old saying... you will when I say it differently:

Tell one joke... just one lousy joke... and you're a joker the rest of
your life. (sigh) I shall go suck on a lollipop made from frozen
Gripple. It's so... refreshing.

With respect,

Jim

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Re: Shermer's Last Law - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 11:05:15 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 21:47:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Shermer's Last Law - Mortellaro

>Source: Scientific American

><http://www.sciam.com/2002/0102issue/0102skeptical.html>

>Shermer's Last Law

>Any sufficiently advanced extraterrestrial intelligence is
>indistinguishable from God

Dear List, Errol,

I've tried so very hard not to say anything, it being Christmas
and all. But I just cannot help myself. I have to speak.

Presumably, Mr. Squirmer... Squirter... Scherman... whatever,
presumably, your own development as a modern day 'human' (heh, heh)
has not progressed enough to not see the technology of a superior race
of entities as Divine. Too bad. Well, the rest of us have progressed
far enough to recognize flying saucers as likely not angels, God-like
creatures sent by that Big Guy, or devils in disguise.

The next time you see a flying saucer, please do not prostrate
yourself and begin to pray to the god of saucers. They might think the
rest of us are as dim a bulb as you.

>By Michael Shermer

Oy Veh.

>.....

>As scientist extraordinaire and author of an empire of
>science-fiction books, Arthur C. Clarke is one of the
>farthest-seeing visionaries of our time. His pithy quotations
>tug harder than those of most futurists on our collective
>psyches for their insights into humanity and our unique place in
>the cosmos. And none do so more than his famous Third Law: "Any
>sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from
>magic."

Yeah, if'n your name is Squirmin Sherman

>This observation stimulated me to think about the impact the
>discovery of an extraterrestrial intelligence (ETI) would have
>on science and religion. To that end, I would like to immodestly
>propose Shermer's Last Law (I don't believe in naming laws after
>oneself, so as the good book says, the last shall be first and
>the first shall be last): "Any sufficiently advanced ETI is
>indistinguishable from God."

First off, I really do not wish to hear anything about your
stimulation. Second, I pray to the Great God above, the One what made
us all, including (Oh my God -) you, that this really is your
last law!

>God is typically described by Western religions as omniscient
>and omnipotent. Because we are far from possessing these traits,
>how can we possibly distinguish a God who has them absolutely

>from an ETI who merely has them copiously relative to us? We
>can't. But if God were only relatively more knowing and powerful
>than we are, then by definition the deity would be an ETI!

>Consider that biological evolution operates at a snail's pace
>compared with technological evolution (the former is Darwinian
>and requires generations of differential reproductive success;
>the latter is Lamarckian and can be accomplished within a single
>generation). Then, too, the cosmos is very big and very empty.
>Voyager 1, our most distant spacecraft, hurtling along at more
>than 38,000 miles per hour, will not reach the distance of even
>our sun's nearest neighbor, the Alpha Centauri system (which it
>is not headed toward), for more than 75,000 years.

Wow, no kidding? Musta been sumpin OldBarge had nothing to do
with.

>Ergo, the probability that an ETI only slightly more advanced
>than we are will make contact is virtually nil. If we ever do
>find an ETI, it will be as though a million-year-old Homo
>erectus were dropped into the 21st century, given a computer and
>cell phone and instructed to communicate with us. The ETI would
>be to us as we would be to this early hominid--godlike.

No, Squirmer, it's "Cogito, ergo... Zoom!"

>Because of science and technology, our world has changed more in
>the past century than in the previous 100 centuries. It took
>10,000 years to get from the dawn of civilization to the
>airplane but just 66 years to get from powered flight to a lunar
>landing.

>Moore's Law of computer power doubling every 18 months or so is
>now approaching a year. Ray Kurzweil, in his book The Age of
>Spiritual Machines, calculates that there have been 32 doublings
>since World War II and that the singularity point--the point at
>which total computational power will rise to levels so far
>beyond anything that we can imagine that it will appear nearly
>infinite and thus be indistinguishable from omniscience--may be
>upon us as early as 2050.

>Snip

Sirs and any Madams hangin around... anyone who may understand your
culpability and iggerantz as well as I do can understand that ET is
not God. Maybe a bunch of modern day Kirk's but not God.

The Author

>Michael Shermer is founding publisher of Skeptic magazine
>(www.skeptic.com) and author of The Borderlands of
>Science.

>.....

>UFO UpDates thanks The Anomalist for the lead

Cheese... I don't see why!

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Re: Merry Universal Christmas! - Goldstein

From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 19:01:57 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 21:49:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Merry Universal Christmas! - Goldstein

>Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 17:30:15 -0600
>From: Timothy D. Hagemeister <director@synethics.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Merry Universal Christmas!

>Subject: The Universal Impact of the Atonement
>Date: 05.11.96
>Edited By: Timothy David, Director-Synethics, www.synethics.com

>As the Christmas season approaches us and its meaning seems more
>diluted each year, perhaps we need to look back to the 19th
>Century for wisdom regarding its true meaning for our world.
>When we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, let us remember His
>reason for coming and that it is His Atonement that changed our
>world and others forever!

>-----

>Excerpts by Albert Barnes*

>Defenition: Atonement

>"...the substituted suffering for human guilt and the salvation
>of the soul is regarded as connected with the death of the
>Author of the system considered as a sacrifice or expiation for
>crime." -Albert Barnes*

>The Atonement (of Jesus Christ) may be an important means of
>sustaining the Divine government, and may thus have an important
>bearing on other worlds. This is a point, indeed, on which we
>cannot argue with much certainty; for it lies at present beyond
>the sphere of our observation. But there are some things which
>may render it not improbable that there may be bearings of the
>atonement on other worlds which are now very imperfectly
>understood by us, and which must be in a great measure hidden
>until we are admitted to the revelations of the future state.

Hello Timothy and fellow Listerions,

Today is Christmas eve and I once again wish all Christian members of this list a Merry Christmas. Tim, I don't know your purpose of posting the above but for non-religious folks such as myself it is just a religious tract. I did not quote your entire message because I did not think it was appropriate. There was nothing from your own mind but just a bunch of dogma quoted from the 1800s. It is operating under the assumption that a God exists, that the Bible proves so, and that not only earthlings but also aliens must atone not only to themselves but to some personal "God".

For a more intelligent view of the God question mystery I suggest that you read the following book:

The Mind of God by Paul Davies, 1992, a Touchstone book by Simon & Schuster.

"Stimulating and exciting... Shows how scientists, like the ancient philosophers before them, continue to struggle with reconciling the eternal and the ephemeral." --The New York Times Book Review.

Thanks ,

Josh

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Re: Shermer's Last Law - Jonach

From: Kurt Jonach <eWarrior@electricwarrior.com>
Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 10:23:28 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 22:11:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Shermer's Last Law - Jonach

Errol

>-----Original Message-----
>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto [mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net]
>Sent: Saturday, December 22, 2001 11:45 PM
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - :
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Shermer's Last Law

>Source: Scientific American

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>Spiritual Machines, calculates that there have been 32 doublings
>since World War II and that the singularity point...may be
>upon us as early as 2050.

You might want to glance at the following article from the same
issue of Scientific American, about multi-layered silicon chips.
The author draws a clever analogy between skyscrapers (which
grow vertically) and shopping malls (which spread out
horizontally).

A Vertical Leap for Microchips

<http://www.sciam.com/2002/0102issue/0102lee.html>

The 3D chips are made possible because of advances in LCD
technology, the display screens you find on any modern laptop
computer. This is another example of how technology tends to
leap-frog ahead, based on seemingly unrelated capabilities.

Did you read about the quantum computing milestone that IBM
achieved? It was published in Nature this past week...

Experimental realization of Shor's quantum factoring algorithm
using nuclear magnetic resonance

<http://cryptome.org/shor-nature.htm>

Compared with the 3D silicon, the IBM development is very
experimental at this point. But, we are on the way to some
extraordinary computing, as Shermer has echoed. My guess is that
the 3D silicon will fill the "technology gap" until some of the
more theoretical technologies become viable.

>This observation stimulated me to think about the impact the
>discovery of an extraterrestrial intelligence (ETI) would have
>on science and religion.

So, what is Shermer trying to say here about about the impact of
technology on ETI? I won't put words in his mouth, but it seems
to me that we might eventually get so technologically advanced as
to appear to be "aliens unto ourselves"?

-kj

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Re: Cydonian Imperative: 12-24-01 - Martian

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 11:07:35 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 22:12:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: 12-24-01 - Martian

>Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 20:54:51 -0800 (PST)
>From: Mac Tonnies <machbot@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Cydonian Imperative: 12-24-01 - Martian Hexagons?
>To: Mac Tonnies <machbot@yahoo.com>

>The Cydonian Imperative
>12-24-01

>Trio of Possible Martian Hexagons
>by Mac Tonnies

>Please see: <http://mactonnies.com/cydonia.html>

Those are very impressive, especially the one at the upper portion of the picture. It shows a hexagon shape to the interior as well as to its exterior. I see no way that that could be any natural feature.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: UFO Investigation Or Exploitation? - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 14:50:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 22:15:28 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Investigation Or Exploitation? - Maccabee

>From: Beverly Trout <btufo@netins.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: UFO Investigation Or Exploitation?
>Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 10:04:22 -0800

>I'd appreciate input from members of this List on an issue
>that I think I've made up my mind how to handle, but
>nevertheless, I'd be interested in hearing from anyone who'd
>like to comment.

Sounds to me as if you have this situation pegged.

I gather that the guy is a non-technical person who apparently thinks that the UFO subject could be his ticket to the 'big time' if he presents a discussion based on personalities or witnesses. He probably knows nothing about the 'hardware' of the phenomenon.

At any rate he sounds like the guy who spent about 4 hours with me some 15(?) years ago to write a feature UFO article in a local paper. I had provided him with what I thought was a 'erudite' discussion of photos, analysis, etc. He began his article in a less than auspicious way:

"Well, he doesn't look like a nut....."

and it got no better after that.

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Merry Christmas

From: Murray Bott <murrayb@win.co.nz>
Date: Tue, 25 Dec 2001 09:27:02 +1300 (NZDT)
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 22:17:20 -0500
Subject: Merry Christmas

Greetings List Readers

I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year

On a more humourous side I post the following analysis of "Santa"

Regards

Murray Bott

The Science of Santa.

As a result of an overwhelming lack of requests, and with research help from that renowned scientific journal SPY Magazine (January, 1990) - I am pleased to present a scientific inquiry into Santa Claus.

1) No known species of reindeer can fly. BUT there are 300,000 species of living organisms yet to be classified, and while most of these are insects and germs, this does not COMPLETELY rule out flying reindeer which only Santa has ever seen.

2) There are 2 billion children (persons under 18) in the world. BUT since Santa doesn't (appear) to handle the Muslim, Hindu, Jewish and Buddhist children, that reduces the workload to 15% of the total - 378 million according to Population Reference Bureau. At an average (census) rate of 3.5 children per household, that's 91.8 million homes. One presumes there's at least one good child in each.

3) Santa has 31 hours of Christmas to work with, thanks to the different time zones and the rotation of the earth, assuming he travels east to west (which seems logical). This works out to 822.6 visits per second. This is to say that for each Christian household with good children, Santa has 1/1000th of a second to park, hop out of the sleigh, jump down the chimney, fill the stockings, distribute the remaining presents under the tree, eat whatever snacks have been left, get back up the chimney, get back into the sleigh and move on to the next house. Assuming that each of the 91.8 million stops are evenly distributed around the earth (which, of course, we know to be false but for the purposes of our calculations we will accept), we are now talking about .78 miles per household, a total trip of 75 1/2 million miles, not counting stops to do what most of us must do at least once every 31 hours, plus feeding and etc.

This means that Santa's sleigh is moving at 650 miles per second, 3,000 times the speed of sound. For purposes of comparison, the fastest man-made vehicle on earth, the Ulysses space probe, moves at a poky 27.4 miles per second - a conventional reindeer can run, tops, 15 miles per hour.

4) The payload on the sleigh adds another interesting element.

Assuming that each child gets nothing more than a medium-sized lego set (2 pounds), the sleigh is carrying 321,300 tons, not counting Santa, who is invariably described as overweight. On land, conventional reindeer can pull no more than 300 pounds. Even granting that "flying reindeer" (see point #1) could pull TEN TIMES the normal amount, we cannot do the job with eight, or even nine. We need 214,200 reindeer. This increases the payload - not even counting the weight of the sleigh - to 353,430 tons. Again for comparison - this is four times the weight of the Queen Elizabeth.

5) 353,000 tons travelling at 650 miles per second creates enormous air resistance - this will heat the reindeer up in the same fashion as spacecraft re-entering the earth's atmosphere. The lead pair of reindeer will absorb 14.3 QUINTILLION joules of energy, per second, each. In short they will burst into flame almost instantaneously, exposing the reindeer behind them, and create deafening sonic booms in their wake. The entire reindeer team will be vaporized within 4.26 thousandths of a second. Santa, meanwhile, will be subjected to centrifugal forces 175,000.06 times greater than gravity. A 250 pound Santa (which seems ludicrously slim) would be pinned to the back of his sleigh by 4,315,015 pounds of force.

In Conclusion - If Santa ever DID deliver presents on Christmas Eve, he's dead now.

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Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Pflock

From: **Kaarl Pflock** <Ktperehwon@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 18:41:41 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 22:19:58 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Pflock

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'
>Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 19:56:49 +0000

>>Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 19:10:46 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Fate Magazine - 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'
>>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>Obviously you don't get it. Why do you keep suggesting that only
>discredited witnesses reported bodies? That is absolutely false.
>I don't think of you as an AF apologist, but I increasingly see
>you as someone whose mind is made up and seeing only the
>half-empty glass. - Dick

Name _one_, Dick. I double-dog dare ya.

-- Cheers, KARL

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Re: A Christmas Rendlesham Story - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 07:27:00 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 22:22:26 -0500
Subject: Re: A Christmas Rendlesham Story - Hatch

>From: David Bolton <David@Bolton.SOL.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 22:45:38 -0000
>Subject: Re: A Christmas Rendlesham Story

>>From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: A Christmas Rendlesham Story
>>Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 16:22:18 -0000

>>The solution: it was Santa Claus!

>There may just be time for readers to confirm this hypothesis by
>watching NORAD tracking Santa this Xmas eve.

>Go to <http://www.noradsanta.org/> to see the fabulous effort
>made by NORAD to keep tabs on the fat fella with the big white
>beard.

>Dave Bolton

>--
>David Bolton
>David@DBolton.co.uk

Hello all:

A dumb questions I suppose, but how does Norad distinguish
between Santa/Sleigh etc. and some, er, uncorrelated target?

Best

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Ho Ho Ho - Christensen

From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 22:24:47 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 22:55:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Ho Ho Ho - Christensen

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Ho Ho Ho
>Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 03:22:36 -0600

>And, of course, there's Santa Claus. As the ancient beast-god of
>old, he continues to bring bounty and promise to us each year,
>despite seemingly insurmountable odds. Gods, religions, nations
>and even hominid species have risen and fallen while he somehow
>persists. No wonder he winks as he sips his Coca-Cola.

Thanks for forwarding this to the list... it's fascinating to
see the evolution of our cultural icons.

But don't forget who created the "modern" image of Santa -- the
Santa who sips Coca-Cola with such a sly wink. It was American
illustrator Haddon H. "Sunny" Sundblom who, in 1931, created the
first Coke Santa advertising campaign, a job he kept for over
three decades. Inspired by the imagery in Clement Moore's "
'Twas The Night Before Christmas," Sundblom's cheery,
rosy-cheeked Santa is still a Christmas icon. The original ads
were created by Sundblom, working together with adman Archie
Lee, who coined the phrase, "The Pause that Refreshes."

Purrrrrrs....
Wendy Christensen
(illustrator, AND student of illustration history)

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Re: Merry Universal Christmas! - Mortellaro

From: **Jim Mortellaro** <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 22:26:43 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 22:57:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Merry Universal Christmas! - Mortellaro

>Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 19:01:57 +0100
>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Merry Universal Christmas!

>>Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 17:30:15 -0600
>>From: Timothy D. Hagemester <director@synethics.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Subject: Merry Universal Christmas!

>>Subject: The Universal Impact of the Atonement
>>Date: 05.11.96
>>Edited By: Timothy David, Director-Synethics, www.synethics.com

>>As the Christmas season approaches us and its meaning seems more
>>diluted each year, perhaps we need to look back to the 19th
>>Century for wisdom regarding its true meaning for our world.
>>When we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, let us remember His
>>reason for coming and that it is His Atonement that changed our
>>world and others forever!

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>>Excerpts by Albert Barnes*

>>Defenition: Atonement

>>"...the substituted suffering for human guilt and the salvation
>>of the soul is regarded as connected with the death of the
>>Author of the system considered as a sacrifice or expiation for
>>crime." -Albert Barnes*

>>The Atonement (of Jesus Christ) may be an important means of
>>sustaining the Divine government, and may thus have an important
>>bearing on other worlds. This is a point, indeed, on which we
>>cannot argue with much certainty; for it lies at present beyond
>>the sphere of our observation. But there are some things which
>>may render it not improbable that there may be bearings of the
>>atonement on other worlds which are now very imperfectly
>>understood by us, and which must be in a great measure hidden
>>until we are admitted to the revelations of the future state.

>Hello Timothy and fellow Listerions,

>Today is Christmas eve and I once again wish all Christian members of
>this list a Merry Christmas. Tim, I don't know your purpose of posting
>the above but for non- religious folks such as myself it is just a
>religious tract. I did not quote your entire message because I did not
>think it was appropriate. There was nothing from your own mind but
>just a bunch of dogma quoted from the 1800s. It is operating under the
>assumption that a God exists, that the Bible proves so, and that not
>only earthlings but also aliens must atone not only to themselves but
>to some personal "God".

>For a more intelligent view of the God question mystery I suggest that
>you read the following book:

>The Mind of God by Paul Davies, 1992, a Touchstone book by Simon &

>Schuster.

>"Stimulating and exciting... Shows how scientists, like the ancient
>philosophers before them, continue to struggle with reconciling the
>eternal and the ephemeral." --The New York Times Book Review.

Dear List, Errol,

See, the whole problem as I see it is that everyone hollers
'faith' like they holler 'New York.' (Meaning to... uh...
vector vomit)

Faith ain't got nothin to do with it. Intellectual understanding
has everything to do with one's belief or unbelief. Dylan wrote,
"When you ain't got no faith, then you got unbelief." Surely it
should read, "when you ain't got no faith, then it's time to
think for yourself."

Belief or unbelief based on one's feelings, the Bible, Reverend
Billy Sol or just one's feelings has no value. This is purely
my opinion.

In religion classes they told us to 'take it on faith.' The
entire ball of wax. Faith. Faith in the mysteries of the church.
Well, after thinking for all of thirty years on the subject of
God, the Universe and Everything, I came to the conclusion that
people who scowl at the behest of their faith [when you say
something against their tenets] or the other side, people who
scowl at the mere mention of a Deity, are all in the same
league. No, not the devil's league, the league of people who
either have no intellect or don't use it.

Belief in a Deity or not, only one's intellect may judge. So
when I read the above, I too, wish to holler New York.

For the record, my personal belief system makes a whole lotta
room for a Deity. And we are all part of It.

Blessings of not faith but intellectual accuity be upon yous.
Look at any fundamentalist practitioner and tell me, please,
if you do not feel compelled to break the commandment which
says, "Thou shalt not kill ..."

Jim

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UFOs Are A Humbug!

From: **Jim Mortellaro** <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 22:56:47 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Dec 2001 07:43:57 -0500
Subject: UFOs Are A Humbug!

It is written (somewhere) that UFOs are real. Uh huh. And the check is in the mail. Right. It is also written many other places that UFO people, that's right - people! have on occasion, abducted people from earth. Right.

Everyone knows that the people who believe in UFO's or abductions by people from same, are nuts. Everyone that is, except the people on this list. You guys are indulging in some ridiculous notion that the above might actually be a possibility.

Well, I am here to tell you that there are no UFOs. There are only anomalous cloud formations, various planets misinterpreted as flying object, methane, ball lightning, aircraft and the vivid imagination of those who claim to see them as flying saucers.

When was the last time someone came to you, to anyone, with a bolt from one of those phantom thingies? Huh? And when was the last time these willo-the-wisps landed on the lawn of the White House and aksed to see our "Leader?" Huh?

I am sorry to tell you this, but I am not a believer in UFO's or abductions. In fact, I will go so far as to say that anyone who does needs a doctor.

And whilst we are at it, how about them marks? Match burns, self-inflicted melon ball scooping out of flesh, self mutilation. You loonies don't need representation in the Government, you do not require and advocacy, you merely require medical help. A tranquilizer maybe, or mood altering drugs. Or maybe it was the drugs or the alcohol what made you hallucinate this stuff.

Shermer is right. Oberg is right. Klass is right. And Hynek is a horse's patootie. One man's opinion.

Thank you Errol, for the time. And say, Oberg, Klass and Shermer ... how'd I do?

John Smith

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Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 20:51:28 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Dec 2001 07:46:31 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Tonnies

>From: Karl Pflock <Ktperehwon@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 18:41:41 EST
>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

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>>you as someone whose mind is made up and seeing only the
>>half-empty glass. - Dick

>Name one, Dick. I double-dog dare ya.

I guess "discredited" is subjective. Kaufmann still enjoys some credit has being the 'real deal', although anyone whose read Karl's book might find himself groaning.

Glenn Dennis (who only claimed to have been a second-hand witness) was caught in the web of his own story, yet many people still accept his testimony. (If there is any reason to accept it as factual, by all means post it.)

Dan Dwyer supposedly saw bodies, as well as one live alien. Unfortunately, this story comes to us from Frankie Rowe, who I think is full of it.

That leaves the guy on one of the Wright-Patterson flights, who described the skin as orange and lizard-like. And Mac Brazel, if he indeed made the comment about "little green men" not being green...

There's a residue of intriguing speculation and comments on the 'bodies', but not one source I'd bet my life on. Personally, I find Sarbacher's 'scuttlebut' about insect-like aliens more compelling than the so-called first-hand witnesses' testimony.

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Re: Cydonian Imperative: 12-24-01 - Martian

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 20:58:47 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Dec 2001 07:47:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: 12-24-01 - Martian

>Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 11:07:35 -0800
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: 12-24-01 - Martian Hexagons?

<snip>

>>Please see: <http://mactonnies.com/cydonia.html>

>Those are very impressive, especially the one at the upper
>portion of the picture. It shows a hexagon shape to the interior
>as well as to its exterior. I see no way that that could be any
>natural feature.

At the moment, neither do I. There's a clear hexagonal "wall"
around an unusually dark hexagonal pit.

What do you suppose is down there...?

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Merry Christmas To All

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Tue, 25 Dec 2001 00:03:27 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Dec 2001 07:49:10 -0500
Subject: Merry Christmas To All

We seem to be living in troubled times, and often we may disagree. But, let me join the chorus of others in wishing everyone a Joyous, Peaceful and Safe Holiday season.

Steve

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Early Christians Hid The Origins Of The Bethlehem

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Subject: Early Christians Hid The Origins Of The Bethlehem

<http://www.newscientist.com/news/news.jsp?id=ns99991713>

Early Christians Hid The Origins Of The Bethlehem Star

Marcus Chown

A US astronomer claims he has found the first mention of the star of Bethlehem outside the Bible. The reference is in a 4th-century manuscript written by a Roman astrologer and Christian convert called Firmicus Maternus.

Michael Molnar, formerly of Rutgers University in New Jersey, is the originator of the idea that the star of Bethlehem was not a spectacular astronomical event such as a supernova or a comet but an obscure astrological one.

The event would nevertheless have been of great significance to ancient Roman astrologers. After studying the symbolism on Roman coins, he concluded that the "star" was in fact a double eclipse of Jupiter in a rare astrological conjunction that occurred in Aries on 20 March, 6 BC, and again on 17 April, 6 BC (New Scientist magazine, 23 December 1995).

Molnar believed that Roman astrologers would have interpreted such an event as signifying the birth of a divine king in Judea. But he lacked proof. Now he says he has found it, in the Mathesis, a book written by Maternus in AD 334. Maternus described an astrological event involving an eclipse of Jupiter by the Moon in Aries, and said that it signified the birth of a divine king.

No names

"Maternus did not mention Jesus's name," says Molnar. "But Roman astrology was a popular craze at the time and everyone reading the book would have known the reference was to Jesus and that the astrological event was the star of Bethlehem."

So why did Maternus not mention Jesus by name? According to Molnar, early Christians hated pagan beliefs and did not want to justify the Biblical story with astrological mumbo-jumbo. The idea that the stars govern our fate flew in the face of belief in a Christian God as the controlling force in the Universe.

"Being a pagan who had converted to Christianity during his lifetime, Firmicus was torn," says Molnar. "Hence his use of astrology to support the Christian story, but in a veiled way."

According to Molnar, it was essential to early Christians that the true nature of the star be hidden, otherwise theologians would be mired in debate about celestial influences that were not part of Christianity. So they buried the knowledge of the star's astrological roots and in time it was forgotten.

"I take Molnar's work quite seriously," says Owen Gingerich, a historian of astronomy at Harvard University. "Anything he comes up with along these lines has to be considered as being very likely correct."

UFO UpDates thanks The Anomalist for the lead

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Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Dec 2001 09:15:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Merry Christmas To All - Lehmborg

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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>We seem to be living in troubled times, and often we may
>disagree. But, let me join the chorus of others in wishing
>everyone a Joyous, Peaceful and Safe Holiday season.

>Steve

It's true we live in troubled times and often disagree, and
Joyous, Peaceful, Safety is preferred - the way to be... but I'd
provide for tolerance and tyranny's demise and campaign for
courageousness we'd use to lift our eyes...

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~~=D6~~

EXPLORE "Alfred Lehmborg's Alien View" at his HostPros URL.

<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually.
He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put
one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he
gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged
-- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see
from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, scourged by
scurrilous skepti-bunkies.

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Christmas 2001

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Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Dec 2001 09:25:25 -0500
Subject: Christmas 2001

Those involved in producing the List, the Program, Relationships, Life, The Universe & Everything, hope that all you wish for yourselves, over this Season and the coming New Year, comes to pass, peacefully.....

Errol

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>I guess "discredited" is subjective. Kaufmann still enjoys some
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>Karl's book might find himself groaning.

>Glenn Dennis (who only claimed to have been a second-hand
>witness) was caught in the web of his own story, yet many people
>still accept his testimony. (If there is any reason to accept it
>as factual, by all means post it.)

>Dan Dwyer supposedly saw bodies, as well as one live alien.
>Unfortunately, this story comes to us from Frankie Rowe, who I
>think is full of it.

>That leaves the guy on one of the Wright-Patterson flights, who
>described the skin as orange and lizard-like. And Mac Brazel,
>if he indeed made the comment about "little green men" not being
>green...

>There's a residue of intriguing speculation and comments on the
>'bodies', but not one source I'd bet my life on. Personally, I
>find Sarbacher's 'scuttlebut' about insect-like aliens more
>compelling than the so-called first-hand witnesses' testimony.

Considering that a craft made of indestructible material was
(apparently) destroyed, I'm surprised there were any remains
of the occupants, dead or alive.

I mean it must have been one hell of a crash to destroy the
indestructible. Where there seismic-detectors about
back then? Just a thought (nearly anyhoo)!

Rob

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Re: UFOs Are A Humbug! - Aldrich

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Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Dec 2001 13:43:45 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs Are A Humbug! - Aldrich

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>Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 22:56:47 EST
>Subject: UFOs Are A Humbug!
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>It is written (somewhere) that UFOs are real. Uh huh. And the
>check is in the mail. Right. It is also written many other
>places that UFO people, that's right - _people!_ have on
>occasion, abducted people from earth. Right.

>Everyone knows that the people who believe in UFO's or
>abductions by people from same, are nuts. Everyone that
>is, except the people on this list. You guys are indulging
>in some ridiculous notion that the above might actually
>be a possibility.

>Well, I am here to tell you that there are no UFOs. There are
>only anomalous cloud formations, various planets misinterpreted
>as flying object, methane, ball lightning, aircraft and the
>vivid imagination of those who claim to see them as flying
>saucers.

>When was the last time someone came to you, to anyone, with a
>bolt from one of those phantom thingies? Huh? And when was the
>last time these willo-the-wisps landed on the lawn of the White
>House and aksed to see our "Leader?" Huh?

>I am sorry to tell you this, but I am not a believer in UFO's or
>abductions. In fact, I will go so far as to say that anyone who
>does needs a doctor.

>And whilst we are at it, how about them marks? Match burns,
>self-inflicted melon ball scooping out of flesh, self
>mutilation. You loonies don't need representation in the
>Government, you do not require and advocacy, you merely require
>medical help. A tranquilizer maybe, or mood altering drugs. Or
>maybe it was the drugs or the alcohol what made you hallucinate
>this stuff.

>Shermer is right. Oberg is right. Klass is right. And Hynek is
>a horse's patootie. One man's opinion.

>Thank you Errol, for the time. And say, Oberg, Klass and Shermer

>... how'd I do?

>John Smith

Happy Humbug to you, also, but hey, how do you know what I
believe?

I don't believe in anything!

'Ceptin, maybe, I believe, I'll have another one. After that,
it all gets cloudy.

Anyway, statistics prove that there are no UFOs....belief, hell!
That's a certified fact!

Most UFO arguments start off with UFO statistics. Statistics
are powerful, true, and convincing. So there!

Jan Aldrich

BTW My washing is 23.7% cleaner since I switched to Tide!

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Re: UFO Investigation Or Exploitation? - Goldstein

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Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Dec 2001 13:45:25 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Investigation Or Exploitation? - Goldstein

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>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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>Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 10:04:22 -0800

>I'd appreciate input from members of this List on an issue
>that I think I've made up my mind how to handle, but
>nevertheless, I'd be interested in hearing from anyone who'd
>like to comment.

>A free-lance (published) writer was referred to me as State
>Director for MUFON in Iowa. He's interested in writing a book
>about what he considers to be the UFO sub-culture, going so far,
>for example, as to state that he would probably include at least
>a short segment on what he labels as UFO cults, and he seems
>very interested also in the encounter/abduction phenomenon.

>During some exploratory conversation he's indicated that in
>order to emphasize the human angle, he wants to become
>a field investigator.

>For me, red flags go up!

>It seems to me that becoming an investigator in order to write a
>book indicates an individual starting with a somewhat
>self-serving purpose in mind, although in all fairness I need to
>say that he may see this as just simply the right way to go
>about writing on a subject - in a somewhat investigative
>reporter mode.

>He says he wants to write for the literary-non-fiction-reader,
>and leave it up to the reader to decide what he/she thinks of
>UFOs. (As an aside, my guess is the book would still end up on
>UFO shelves mixed in with the New Age stuff!)

>Many witness in Iowa are highly educated, and hold academic as
>well as other professional and business related positions which
>place them in high profile in their communities. But whether
>high-profile or not, most witnesses would be devastated if they
>were somehow identified with their sightings and/or encounter
>experiences. In my estimation, not only would careers/livelihood
>be placed in jeopardy, but also some relationships might not
>stand the stress of public attention.

>It's obvious to me that this gentleman does not fully understand
>the vast difference between writing about a mundane subject
>such as, for example, the sub-culture of Ballet, or the
>sub-culture of a game like Bridge, as opposed to a subject so
>potentially life altering - and with an entirely different set
>of potential repercussions - as the UFO enigma. The very real
>specter of public ridicule, as well as career and relationship
>jeopardy does not - as far as I can tell - exist in the Ballet
>or Bridge world. It does, however, exist (bigtime) in the arena
>of UFOs. In an investigative situation, I am not interested in
>subjecting witnesses to an investigator who is, first of all, a
>free-lance writer.

>Now, this gentleman may go on to write his book, and that's his

>prerogative. But my thinking so far is that within MUFON in
>Iowa, I'm not in favor of facilitating his entry into the
>investigative process.

>If I'm missing something here, please feel free to call it to my
>attention.

Hello Bev,

Oops. I responded to this post of yours right after I read it with bleary eyes at 3am. I was so tired I missed your point. Of course this person was not in line to succeed you as Iowa state director.

To me, a field investigator is someone who feels a need to objectively investigate UFO or abduction related reports from people within the investigator's region. In the field investigator manual are standards to adhere to. If this budding author has no genuine desire to do such and only wants to exploit his position, then he is not the kind of person to become an investigator. Those red flags started waving for good reasons.

Josh

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Karl-

I believe that Walter Haut has recently made statements regarding bodies that he had seen at Roswell, which is one witness that hasn't been discredited (yet). Critics will say that Haut is getting on in years and confuses his memories with stories that he has heard, or that he is being led to that conclusion by those who are interviewing him. Since it all boils down to anecdotal testimony, how is one to judge except by using your own personal beliefs as a filter. Indeed, some will see the glass as half full, while others will see it as half empty.

A recent French documentary has also provided some interesting new testimony, which in the long run is anecdotal, and hopefully the producers will be able to arrange for its broadcast in the U.S. (and elsewhere). One bit of information comes from a long time colleague of J. Allen Hynek, and it would seem that Hynek believed the Air Force had alien bodies from a crashed craft. Obviously he didn't have the "smoking gun" to prove it, or we'd have heard about it already. But, now we're faced with third party information [from a source that we have no reason to doubt] and the person who could clarify the situation is no longer with us. If I recall correctly, these "bodies" didn't necessarily relate to the 1947 Roswell incident, so this may not pertain if you're only interested in "bodies" related to that infamous case.

The article in Fate magazine is yet another interesting theory. But like the Mogul theory, it certainly doesn't prove the case beyond a reasonable doubt.

But that's just the opinion of a lurker in this field.

Steve

PS - Hope your holiday is Joyous and safe.

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Re: Early Christians Hid The Origins Of The

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Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Dec 2001 13:49:52 -0500
Subject: Re: Early Christians Hid The Origins Of The

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>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Early Christians Hid The Origins Of The Bethlehem Star

>Source: The New Scientist

><http://www.newscientist.com/news/news.jsp?id=ns99991713>

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>Marcus Chown

>A US astronomer claims he has found the first mention of the star of
>Bethlehem outside the Bible. The reference is in a 4th-century
>manuscript written by a Roman astrologer and Christian convert called
>Firmicus Maternus.

>Michael Molnar, formerly of Rutgers University in New Jersey, is the
>originator of the idea that the star of Bethlehem was not a
>spectacular astronomical event such as a supernova or a comet but an
>obscure astrological one.

>The event would nevertheless have been of great significance to
>ancient Roman astrologers. After studying the symbolism on Roman
>coins, he concluded that the "star" was in fact a double eclipse of
>Jupiter in a rare astrological conjunction that occurred in Aries on
>20 March, 6 BC, and again on 17 April, 6 BC (New Scientist magazine,
>23 December 1995).

This is but the latest astronomical attempt to explain how some
bright object in the sky could first inform the Magi where to
go, and then, from Jerusalem, lead them to Bethlehem and then
hover over ("came to rest over") the place where the child was.
Neat trick for old, familiar Jupiter.

In his book, I'm sure that Molnar doesn't imply that Jupiter
gets eclipsed by a star or two.

And actually, there was an early 2nd century mention of the
"star" of Bethlehem by Bishop Ignatius. His description is much
more complete than what's in the Gospel of Matthew. From what
I've learned, Ignatius' description came from oral tradition
rather than from Matthew, with Matthew having been written later
in the early 2nd century and being dependent upon some lines
from Ignatius's epistles. If so, Ignatius's testimony is
independent of the Bible.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: Shermer's Last Law - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
Date: Tue, 25 Dec 2001 11:27:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Dec 2001 13:51:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Shermer's Last Law - Aldrich

While Clarke is talking about seeing trees and vegetation on Mars, Shermer is composing laws.

How about this law? "The Law of Unintended Consequences." This trumps any other so-called futurist's musings.

I remember in the 1950s predictions that nuclear power plants would produce electricity so cheaply that it would make no sense to meter it.

Or in the 1960's, a picture of the home of the future with a computer in the kitchen preparing the evening's grub. Remember the huge old tape drives on Univacs. There was one right next to the refrig.

The next decade will see more progress than the last 10,000 years.

Get a grip!

How about some more useful predictions? In ten years:

Most work will still be done by muscle power.

There will still be wars - including one of the longest ones in Clarke's little paradise - and famines.

Computers will still suffer from garbage in, garbage out.

NASA might be able to convert the English system to the metric system and vice versa - although I am going out on a limb here!

And I will not be drinking a scotch and soda under a shade tree on Mars, talking to a computer which.... er, I mean who, has an avatar that looks like Lexa Doig.

As long as the old reptile brain is around, I would not expect the next decade to be that much more incremental than the last one.

Jan Aldrich

On yeah, while were at it, in the 1950's, the planet was supposedly cooling down and the next Ice Age could be expected soooooon!

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the incompetence of their denying report, while the bunkies
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banner. Zot, but ET must think we're blithering idiots in the
aggregate...

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~~=D6~~

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<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually.

He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged -- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, scourged by scurrilous skepti-bunkies.

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what he thought he was transporting. Wilcox? This is new to me,
as is Haut. What is he saying now, and why on Earth hasn't he
said it before??

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>>banner. Zot, but ET must think we're blithering idiots in the
>>aggregate...

Dear Alfred, Mr. Pflock, Listereones and Errol,

Great Suffering Zot! Who said that?

In my new position as an unbeliever in God, The Universe, Everything and UFOs... I wish to say infattingolly that Mr. Pfrakle is dead nuts on the money. Who but such as Klass, Frack, Shermer and Herr OldBerger could say a truth as absolute as such as had been told by Mr. Brack? Huh?

Lehmberg, you don't know what the heck you are talking about when you malign the man, this man, this Karl Frick, and say such unabashedly boldfaced lies. Mr. Brick was saying only truth. And in saying truth, his blessings were cast upon us. The truth shall set it's fee and Fricketty Frank Frack and his millions... minions... sorry, is more fee fi fo dum than any of you stupid believers. Fum, sorry.

In my monograph, posted on the Gripple Institoot sight, I praise this man, yes, even in the face of projectile hollering New York, which at times appears to issue forth in the guise of sincerity. Yes, Mr. Drech, I appreciate your truth. I admire your projectile hollering New York and most of all, I wish to tell you that the money you paid me to say that is quite insufferably insufficient. In the face of this paltry bribe, your truth stands so tall, that I must support you at all costs.

So, thanks for the offering. And thanks for your truth. As for you, Lehmberg, go fish!

Dr. G.

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Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 08:11:44 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 09:53:39 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Rimmer

>Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 20:51:28 -0800 (PST)
>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>That leaves the guy on one of the Wright-Patterson flights, who
>described the skin as orange and lizard-like. And Mac Brazel,
>if he indeed made the comment about "little green men" not being
>green...

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Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 09:19:34 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 10:43:20 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Clark

>Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 08:11:44 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'

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Ah, the eternal question.

While doing the research for my UFO Encyclopedia series, I came upon an item in a fine but forgotten UFO publication, Data-Net, published out of California in the 1960s by a woman named Josephine Clark (no relation to the undersigned). A reader had investigated this very question and concluded that "little green man" as a concept and phrase had come into usage through a comic strip popular in the early 20th Century.

I intended to mention this conclusion in the encyclopedia, but by the time I came to a place in the text where I could have dropped this (alleged) factoid, I'd misplaced my copy of the brief article, which still languishes in the parallel universe into which it appears to have fallen. If anybody reading these words has a copy of the Data-Net piece handy, please let us all know.

As you are aware, John, some fairy entities traditionally were described as having green skin. So the idea of green-skinned humanoids is hardly new. Of course the question is when this general notion was compressed into the three magic words "little green men."

Jerry Clark

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Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 08:59:38 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 21:07:39 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Gehrman

>Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 20:51:28 -0800 (PST)
>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>There's a residue of intriguing speculation and comments on the
>'bodies', but not one source I'd bet my life on. Personally, I
>find Sarbacher's 'scuttlebut' about insect-like aliens more
>compelling than the so-called first-hand witnesses' testimony.

Mac, EBK, and listers,

Season's greetings.

I might remind you that we do have another possible witness: the
MP.

This person contacted me about two years ago and described in
detail what he witnessed on the early morning hours of July 4th,
1947. He saw alien bodies with six fingers who looked like the
creatures in the AA footage.

I know this person's name, rank where he lives, but I'm not free
to divulge this information. I believe he's telling the truth,
but I have no proof. He was a member of this List; he still may
be. I sure wish he'd contact me again. Our correspondence
stopped abruptly over a year and a half ago; I've tried to reach
him many times, but have been unsuccessful so far.

Ed

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Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Pflock

From: Karl Pflock <Ktperehwon@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 12:15:24 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 21:12:54 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Pflock

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'
>Date: Tue, 25 Dec 2001 16:58:02 +0000

>>From: Karl Pflock <Ktperehwon@aol.com>
>>Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 18:41:41 EST
>>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'
>>>Date: Sun, 23 Dec 2001 19:56:49 +0000

Dick et al,

>>Name _one_, Dick. I double-dog dare ya.

>>-- Cheers, KARL

>Karl Stacy, is it? Names: Pappy Henderson, Sheriff Wilcox and
>family, and now Walter Haut (though I know you will try to
>discredit him too).

>Now, when we talk about "Air Force apologists" you take the
>cake. I have you on videotape eagerly embracing the crash test
>dummies. 'Nuf said, and I don't plan to waste any more time on
>you.

Glad to see you've not mellowed a bit, Dick. We need _some_
constants in this field.

Anyhoo, I'm still waiting for you to name a "bodies witness" who
hasn't been discredited. Anyone who thinks the testimony in re
Henderson and the Wilcox family - ll of it second and third hand
at best - is credible is incredibly credulous (which you didn't
used to be, Dick).

As for Walt Haut's recent claims about bodies, don't you find it
the least bit curious that for decades he emphatically claimed
not to have seen _anything_ from the alleged crashed flying
saucer, not a bit of debris, not a body - nothing? Now, getting
up in years, widowed, and in poor heath, the International UFO
'Museum' and 'Research Center' his main activity, he suddenly
recalls seeing bodies.

This is very much like Betty Hill's UFO landing field, photos,
and movies: a credible witness undermining his/her credibility
with screwball claims. Oh, yes, lest anyone wonder: I'm
convinced Betty and Barney Hill were captured by beings from
another planet. I'm also quite certain Walt Haut wrote the
Roswell press announcement as directed by Col. Blanchard. I'm
just as certain that Betty didn't have the continuing UFO
sightings, etc., she has claimed, and that Walt didn't see any
bodies.

Giving credence to such stuff only further undermines the

credibility of a field already staggering under a burden of
ridicule and doubt, a burden in no small degree self-induced.

Keep up the good work, Dick.

-- KARL

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Odd Native Story

From: Paul White Wolf <Pwitewolf@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 12:18:50 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 21:19:05 -0500
Subject: Odd Native Story

Hi Errol,

I found the following information in a book that was published before the turn of the 19th century and thought it might be of interest to some of your readers.

In peace and friendship,

Paul

The book is:

History Of The Ottawa And Chippewa Indians Of Michigan
A Grammar Of Their Language,
And Personal And Family History Of The Author,

By Andrew J. Blackbird,

Late U.S. Interpreter, Harbor Springs, Emmet Co., Mich.
Ypsilanti, Mich.:
The Ypsilantian Job Printing House.
1887.

Library of Congress
Feb 11, 1888
28149 S
City Of Washington

Quote: (from Page 95)

"There are many theories as to the origin of the Indian race in America, but nothing but speculation can be given on this subject. But we believe there must have been people living in this country before those tribes who were driven out by the Ottawas and Chippewas, who were much more advanced in art and in civilization, for many evidences of their work have been discovered. About two hundred and fifty years ago, We-me-gen-de-bay, one of our noted chiefs, discovered while hunting in the wilderness a great copper kettle, which was partly in the ground. The roots of trees had grown around it and over it, and when it was taken up it appeared as if it had never been used, but seemed to be just as it came from the maker, as there was yet a round bright spot in the center of the bottom of it. This kettle was large

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enough to cook a whole deer or bear in it. For a long time the Indians kept it as a sacred relic. They did not keep it near their premises, but securely hidden in a place most unfrequented by any human being. They did not use it for anything except for great feast. Their idea with regard to this kettle was that it was made by some deity who presided over the country where it was found, and that the copper mine must be very close by where the kettle was discovered. One peculiarity of its manufacture was that it had no iron rim around it, nor bail for hanging while in use, as kettles are usually made, but the edge of the

upper part was much thicker than the rest and was turned out square about three-fourths of an inch, as if made to rest on some support while in use. When the Indians came to be civilized in Grand Traverse country, they began to use this "Mani-tou-au-kick," as they called it, in common to boil the sugar sap in it, instead of cooking bear for the feast. And while I was yet in the government blacksmith shop at the Old Mission in Grand Traverse, they brought this magical kettle to our shop with an order to put an iron rim and bail on it so that could be hanged in boiling sugar, and I did te work of fixing the kettle according to the order.

From this evidence of working in metals and from the many other relics of former occupants, it is evident that this country has been inhabited for many ages, but whether by descendants of the Jews or of the other Eastern races there is no way for us to determine."

end quote.

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Re: Shermer's Last Law - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 17:19:12 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 21:23:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Shermer's Last Law - Maccabee

>From: Kurt Jonach <eWarrior@electricwarrior.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Shermer's Last Law
>Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 10:23:28 -0800

>>This observation stimulated me to think about the impact the
>>discovery of an extraterrestrial intelligence (ETI) would have
>>on science and religion.

>So, what is Shermer trying to say here about about the impact of
>technology on ETI? I won't put words in his mouth, but it seems
>to me that we migh eventually get so technologically advanced as
>to appear to be "aliens unto ourselves"?

For possible impact of our own technology on ourselves, read
Question Everything.... a chapter in Abduction In My Life..

Coming: medical police
6 million dollar people
how much is a human life worth?
Reversing Babel
Darwinion Anti-evolution (devolution)
No one dies
Illegal to become sick
End of Death means End of Birth.....
Humans stripped down to the
essence...brain in a bottle with
computer support.
Boredom leads to the urge to due
.....

all of these (and other) nice things await us whether or not
aliens intervene

Ho Ho Ho.

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Re: Merry Universal Christmas! - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 17:19:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 21:25:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Merry Universal Christmas! - Maccabee

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 22:26:43 EST
>Subject: Re: Merry Universal Christmas!
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>"Stimulating and exciting... Shows how scientists, like the ancient
>>philosophers before them, continue to struggle with reconciling the
>>eternal and the ephemeral." --The New York Times Book Review.

>Dear List, Errol,

>See, the whole problem as I see it is that everyone hollers
'>faith' like they holler 'New York.' (Meaning to... uh...
>vector vomit)

>Faith ain't got nothin to do with it. Intellectual understanding
>has everything to do with one's belief or unbelief. Dylan wrote,
>"When you ain't got no faith, then you got unbelief." Surely it
>should read, "when you ain't got no faith, then it's time to
>think for yourself."

>Belief in a Deity or not, only one's intellect may judge. So
>when I read the above, I too, wish to holler New York.

For a novel point of view, read my, uh, novel. (Abduction In My
Life).

I wonder why religionists don't grab onto the UFO phenomenon as
evidence that there are Other Intelligences in the universe and
hence there may be a Creator.....

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Alfred's Odd Observation #002

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 17:27:19 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 21:27:15 -0500
Subject: Alfred's Odd Observation #002

Alfred's Odd Observation #002 (Saturday December 26, 2001.)

A few mornings of miserable weather, one futile dry-run during excellent viewing conditions, and at least one iteration of liberal holiday libation... (I guess that could be placed under the category of temporary illness <g>) induced a complete lack of sighting opportunities. This explains the paucity of reports over the last couple of days. This morning proved to be an auspicious break to the short ufological famine. I would have two anomalous sightings between 03:45 and 05:15.

At 04:35 a dim greenish light appeared beneath the paws of Leo at about fifty five degrees elevation and traveled about 60 degrees of distance to the north. It maintained a steady track, but seemed to vary it's apparent ground speed. One 5 degree segment took 20 seconds to complete and another took 25 seconds in about 6 minutes of observation.

Steady field glasses could resolve no further detail but the point source of light. A typical "moving star". No sign of aircraft position lights could be seen. The "light" was dimmer than Polaris and maintained that degree of luminosity from blink on to blink off.

At 4:50 and due east a bright white strobe flashed that was brighter in magnitude than the star Sirius which chased Orion to the horizon behind me to the west. I noted the azimuth and started counting seconds. Experience with these "flashers" demonstrates that continued observation of the area is usually rewarded with another flash some 20 to 40 seconds later. The second flash occurred 23 seconds later two degrees to the left of the first flash and moving north. Twenty-three seconds later another flash was observed to travel an additional two degrees further north. This pattern cycled six times before the apparent movement took the object out of view behind a tree.

The long frequency between strobes and absence of position lights precludes aircraft. There was no sound from either sighting.

Prosaic explanations are, of course, not forthcoming, or you wouldn't be reading a report. I'm only interested in reporting the anomalous articles I observe. Read Shermer, Posner, Oberg, Korff, or Klass for prosaic explanations, as I'm not going to waste the reader's time with head-in-the-sand skeptibunky platitudes or other transparent enigma denial. I'll only report the strange.

Until next time then...

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

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EXPLORE "Alfred Lehmborg's Alien View" at his HostPros URL.
<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually.

He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged -- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, scourged by scurrilous skepti-bunkies.

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'Little Green Men' [was: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell']

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 18:38:09 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 22:57:30 -0500
Subject: 'Little Green Men' [was: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell']

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'
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While I don't know the origins of the popular term "little green men", here are some items (mostly from the Net) showing that the idea of green space aliens was certainly in the popular culture well before and circa 1947:

<http://humbabe.arc.nasa.gov/mgcm/fun/pop.html>

"Note on the origin of "little green men": This phrase is frequently used in modern English to refer to Martians or aliens. But where does it come from? In Edgar Rice Burroughs first book about Mars, A Princess on Mars, he describes the "green men of Mars" who reappear frequently in his other Martian novels. This is probably related to the origin of "little green men" although he never uses that exact phrase. The Oxford English Dictionary's first reference for "little green man" is actually from Kipling's 'Puck of Pook's Hill' (dated 1906). Its use here refers to an actual person who has been tattooed green,

and so although it actually uses the phrase "little green man", it appears to be more descriptive than a reference to aliens. The next OED reference to "little green men" is not until 1961."

The "Buck Rogers in the 25th Century" comic character started in 1928 and was very influential. A comic book cover, probably from the 1930s, shows Buck Rogers battling some green space men on Jupiter:

http://www.redboots.net/comics/other_heroes.htm

Flash Gordon appeared in 1934 in response to Buck Rogers. A Web page showing a 1935 Sunday comic strip of Flash Gordon battling green and red (but not little) "lizard men" from Mars:

<http://www.comic-art.com/media/jpegs/raymn01z.jpg>

Marvin the Martian was a Warner Brother's cartoon character dating from 1948, playing opposite Bugs Bunny and later Daffy Duck ("Duck Dodgers in the 24 and a 1/2th Century", a parody of the earlier Buck Rogers in the 25th Century comics featuring the Tiger Men of Mars). Marvin was a small humanoid character dressed in a mostly green uniform. Many millions of movie-goers of that period would have been familiar with the small, green-suited cartoon Martian.

<http://www.geocities.com/TelevisionCity/3063/Marvmart.htm>

"Marvin the Martian was created in 1948 (Marvin is 50 years old now) by Chuck Jones and has the voice of Mel Blanc. His voice, since Mel Blanc passed away, has been done by Bob Bergen. Marvin's home planet is Mars. Marvin has a spaceship called Marvin Maggot and a dog named Commander K-9. Marvin's single goal in life is to blow up Earth with his lludium Q-36 Explosive Space Modulator because it blocks his view of Venus.

"Marvin the Martian has appeared in very few Looney Tunes cartoons over the years. These are some of the cartoons that have featured Marvin the Martian.

"1948--"Haredevil Hare" with Bugs Bunny
1952--"The Hasty Hare" with Bugs Bunny
1953--"Duck Dodgers in the 24 and a 1/2th Century" with Daffy Duck
1958--"Hare-Way to the stars" with Bugs Bunny
1963--"Mad as Mars Hare" with Bugs Bunny
<=85.>"

Some pictures of Marvin the Martian in his mostly green uniform:

<http://www.geocities.com/TelevisionCity/3063/pix.htm>

<http://www.cartoon-factory.com/disney/view.cgi?ID=3D375248>

<http://www.cartoon-factory.com/disney/view.cgi?ID=3D270257>

Pulp comic books of the 1940s and early 1950s also had green space monsters and green space men, including some "little green men:"

The original Planet Comics (started in 1940) with some covers of green monsters and green space men:

<http://www.comicsoncdrom.com/lists/fictionhouse.htm>

Ziff-Davis comic book covers from the 1940's of heroes battling green space critters and men from Mars and Pluto:

<http://www.comicsoncdrom.com/lists/ziffdavis.htm>

Fox comics and "Rex Dexter" battling some sort of green alien critters from the cover of "Mystery Men Comics" sometime in the 1940's I believe:

<http://www.comicsoncdrom.com/lists/fox.htm>

Avon comics from what appears to be the late 1940's, early 1950's, featuring alien "little green men" (In particular, check out series for "Flying Saucer" and "Space Detective")

<http://www.comicsoncdrom.com/lists/avon.htm>

Some more comic book covers from the early 1950's of green monsters and a "little green man:"

<http://www.comicsoncdrom.com/comics01.htm>

In the wake of the great U.S. UFO wave of 1952, an example of the mainstream press debunking of the apparently popular conception of flying saucers representing "pixie-like" men from Mars:

U. S. News and World Report, Aug. 8, 1952

What's Going On In The Skies

"=85Men from Mars or other planets definitely are not cruising around above the U.S. No little pixies, flitting around in "flying saucers," are surveying beachheads to land explorers from another world."

An expert on the pulp comics from the 1930s and 1940s might know more about the origin of the term "little green men."

David Rudiak

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Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 22:59:27 -0500
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What has Haut said, exactly? This "bombshell revelation" must
have passed me by.

It's saddening if Haut is indeed telling tales of alien bodies,
as he has always struck me as one of the more level and
genuinely curious of the various Roswell participants.

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Re: Odd Native Story - Oberg

From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 20:59:50 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 23:03:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Odd Native Story - Oberg

>Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 12:18:50 EST
>From: Paul White Wolf <Pwitewolf@aol.com>
>Subject: Odd Native Story
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>History Of The Ottawa And Chippewa Indians Of Michigan
>A Grammar Of Their Language,
>And Personal And Family History Of The Author,

I recall that DNA testing has found some European-similar traces in the Ojibway, that appears to be pre-Columbian, and as a Swedish-American I've always been partial to the Kensington Rune Stone (its linguistic features point to inhabitants of the province of Bohus Lan in western Sweden, my own ancestral area) that documents Scandinavian activities in the Lake Superior area in the late 1300's. Early human activity in N. America looks like one of those good candidate subject where, even if the heretics don't turn out to have been right, the 'traditionalists' may turn out to have been more wrong than the 'crackpots'.

See:

<http://www.geocities.com/thetropics/island/3634/index2.html>

for a fine 'amateur' site about the Kensington stone and why both geologic and linguistic evidence appears to be mounting for its authenticity.

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Re: 'Little Green Men' [Was 'Roswell UFO

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 20:35:51 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 23:09:38 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men' [Was 'Roswell UFO

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'
>Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 09:19:34 -0600

>>Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 08:11:44 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'

>John,

>>I asked this a while ago, but don't recall receiving a
>>definitive answer. When was the phrase "little green men" first
>>applied to possible UFO occupants?. Brazel's alleged comment
>>implies it was in fairly general use at the time of Roswell,
>>which I feel unlikely. Does anyone know the history of this
>>phrase in an SF and/or ufological context?

>Ah, the eternal question.

>While doing the research for my UFO Encyclopedia series, I came
>upon an item in a fine but forgotten UFO publication, Data-Net,
>published out of California in the 1960s by a woman named
>Josephine Clark (no relation to the undersigned). A reader had
>investigated this very question and concluded that "little green
>man" as a concept and phrase had come into usage through a comic
>strip popular in the early 20th Century.

>I intended to mention this conclusion in the encyclopedia, but
>by the time I came to a place in the text where I could have
>dropped this (alleged) factoid, I'd misplaced my copy of the
>brief article, which still languishes in the parallel universe
>into which it appears to have fallen. If anybody reading these
>words has a copy of the Data-Net piece handy, please let us all
>know.

>As you are aware, John, some fairy entities traditionally were
>described as having green skin. So the idea of green-skinned
>humanoids is hardly new. Of course the question is when this
>general notion was compressed into the three magic words "little
>green men."

Jerry, John,

Oh, happy serendipity!

It so haps that the soon forthcoming The Anomalist 10 has an
article by Martin Kottmeyer entitled, you guessed it, "Little
Green Men."

Naturally, I wouldn't want to give the store away, but Kottmeyer
does have the following paragraph:

"What about comics? Starting in April 1950, Eagle comics
presented an adventure of Dan Dare that involved a short green
alien named Mekon. We can doubt its relevance to starting the
expression on several grounds. Mekon was a seriously villainous

character and not likely to invite frivolity. Though he was short, the race he ruled, the Treens was as tall or taller than humans. Thus the little green man was singular and not plural. Last, my understanding is that Eagle wasn't distributed in America and there seems no evidence that the little green men expression started in Britain."

Etc. Not much in the way of LGM in comics earlier, which is not to say that Kottmeyer turned every stone over in his quest, but a goodly number of them nonetheless.

Depending on which Roswell author you cite, Brazel raised the LGM remark independently, or in response to a question by Frank Joyce. There may even be another version or two floating around. In any event, it appears that LGM was hardly in common usage in 1947.

End of commercial plug.

Dennis Stacy
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Re: Shermer's Last Law - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 6:13:50 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 08:25:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Shermer's Last Law - Aldrich

>Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 18:32:10 -0800 (PST)
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Well, after reading this stuff, I have to say, thank heavens for the reptile brain. Because of it there probably won't be any such future! I'll take a little enhancement around the edges, thank you, but brain in a bottle, living with no mobility, is just plain stupid. No doubt lots of people would opt for that. But humanity is a restless lot.

Clarke's and lots of other futurists' musings are probably no more relevant than someone in 1850 trying to predict what 1950 would look like. If one looks at the predictions of the past,

few show any insight, they are mostly extrapolations of the current situations. So in the early 1890s one could wonder how all the horse manure would be cleaned from the cities with the increasing pressure towards urbanization; a problem the automobile solved, but then, it created new problems.

Jan Aldrich

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Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 06:53:13 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 08:29:40 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Lehmborg

>From: Karl Pflock <Ktperehwon@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 12:15:24 EST
>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'
>>Date: Tue, 25 Dec 2001 16:58:02 +0000

>>>From: Karl Pflock <Ktperehwon@aol.com>
>>>Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 18:41:41 EST
>>>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'
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>>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
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Regardless, the lay call is that we need his constants more than
your constants. You're an apparent apologist for the unadmitted
mechanism of privileged deceit, or, in for the penny you're not
in for the pound... but whatever your cant or position, it's
obvious to the aforementioned lay person that your mind is
already neatly made up, and unable to truly qualify your
position (likely based pretty solidly on the old Aristotelian
concentric crystal spheres), you ridicule those more
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Neat trick of artful fallacy - inappropriately painting Mr. Hall
with his own pet peeve. I'm sure that it's as transparent to him
as it was to me. Moreover, you conveniently confuse intellectual
courage for the merely credulous, Mr. Phlock. The hashed and

rehashed, artlessly commercialized, and haplessly recorded history of that incident all but obscures the fact that something highly strange occurred there, most of the rational would agree. Despite that, there is an unending campaign by proponents of old paradigms (POOPs) to niggle to death at corners of the old reports until the reports take on the dismissible mythological cant of specious urban legends. This handily detracts from the investigative validity (because it's spun that way) to discredit the aggregate investigation, so the short sighted status quo marches merrily on. Nice work Mr. Phlock.

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It would sound pretty suspicious to me until I remember that you are not going to be near as vociferously passionate actually looking for the evidence as you are discrediting what's been found.

>This is very much like Betty Hill's UFO landing field, photos,
>and movies: a credible witness undermining his/her credibility
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It may be that a person can tell the truth and a half when they perceive that their fellows believe half their truth is the production of a dim bulb or a lunatic... The multiverse still yawns and beckons, Mr. Phlock, but mollified by your airy identification of screwball claims, you pull your warm blanky back, snugly, up under your chin...

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The balance of your ufological contribution belies your self-proclaimed even handedness/mindedness. On balance, your efforts seem to call for the final death of investigation while Mr. Hall's call for its rebirth. Moreover, there is plenty of other evidence to suggest the highly strange that goes begging (ignored by you) while you debate the curious merits of the fetching Frankie Rae... an aging Walter Haut, or the maligned B&B Hills. Consequently, I don't believe that you believe.

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That's just traditionalist hoo-rah and specious nonsense. That burden of ridicule and doubt is fussily maintained by persons such as yourself to discourage the forced attention of the contrived mainstream on uncomfortable issues. Defeatable charlatans and their officious opposition (partners likely!) get airtime and the open mike while true investigators are mired in a lack of quality funding, ignored by corporate press, and mocked by intellectual cowards holding all the quality chairs.

>Keep up the good work, Dick.

I'm sure he will, despite your best efforts, sneering sarcasm, or reflexive ridicule. He's got the ethical high ground.

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~~=D6~~

EXPLORE "Alfred Lehmborg's Alien View" at his HostPros URL.

<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND - John will be released eventually. He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put one together for him; the bigger it is - the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged

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Karl-

I think that the lack of physical evidence to back up the claims of witnesses is being used to discredit many of them. That lack certainly makes it difficult to prove their claims, but this doesn't 'prove' that they are lying (or misguided or hallucinating). You have drawn conclusions based on the evidence you have at hand, but that merely begins the debate process with those who would interpret the information differently.

The 'Crash Test Dummy' explanation given by the Air Force was not accepted by most in the field of Ufology, and indeed it had the effect of driving the news media to the major UFO organizations for rational information on such a theory. Indeed, the outcome of the Air Force explanation was to provide a certainly amount of 'networking' between the media and major UFO groups. Perhaps we can get the coverage given to this subject out of the 'Style' section and onto the First or Second Front Page of the paper, and for this we can thank the Air Force's miscalculated explanation.

Either side in this debate can issue challenges all day long, but that only helps to inflame the discussion and certainly isn't about to change anyone's mind. You have defined it as 'incredulous' that people would still believe the testimony of the Wilcox or Henderson families and accept that as evidence, and I would say that it is just as incredulous that anyone would buy into the Air Force explanations for the Roswell incident (and I think the count is now up to three).

Steve

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Once again Karl Pflock, like the proverbial child, stirs the pot regarding the Roswell incident. Not unusual for a former CIA spook to do such a thing.

Mr. Pflock attempts to speak from authority on what Mr. Haut has stated, yet Mr. Pflock was not privy to the oral history, nor has he seen the interview. Thus, he speaks of Mr. Haut's credibility from a position of not knowing diddly squat and just thinks he does. In order to cement his authority, Mr. Pflock reguritates to UFO UpDates that Mr. Haut is widowed, in poor health and a founding member of the Roswell UFO Museum, none of which have anything to do with the credibility of Mr. Haut or what Mr. Haut has related.

I could make the same case as to suggest that Mr. Pflock is no longer credible as a ufological researcher because he is:

1. Old.
2. Has a quirky mindset (read his book and articles).
3. Is associated with the flip-flop Saucerology of James Moseley, which he writes yellow journalism for 'Saucer Smear'.
4. A nefarious 'for profit' ufological researcher who is trying to outshine Greer with CISCOP book deals.
5. A CIA spook (once in the 'Company', always in the 'Company') who will do anything to spew disinformation on UFO UpDates and any other forum he is allowed to taint.
6. Changes his own position on ufological matters, as fast as Afghans change sides during a fight, to suit his hidden agenda.
Re: Anthropomorphic Test Dummies.

In a nutshell, simple and sweet. Karl Pflock is not qualified to judge the credibility of Mr. Walter Haut. Karl Pflock has not seen the oral history of Mr. Haut and does not know what he is talking about regarding what Mr. Haut has stated and why.

I vote with Richard Hall. Time is wasted on Mr. Pflock.

Wendy Connors

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http://www.space.com/searchforlife/seti_long_distance_011227.html

The Ultimate Long Distance Call

By Seth Shostak
SETI Institute
posted: 07:00 am ET
27 December 2001

It's one thing to search for intelligent aliens, but it's another to actually talk to those we might find. This isn't just a matter of what language (if any!) to use, or even how to encode the information. Encoding for mutual understanding is merely a daunting technical challenge. For example, should we broadcast messages using pulse code modulation, AM radio, spread-spectrum techniques, or something we don't have a name for yet? Until we pick up a signal, we really haven't a clue.

As for what language to use, better minds than mine are wrestling with that particular adversary. Personally, I vote for pictures.

But aside from these difficulties, there's another problem that's as obvious as Mae West: it takes time for signals to traverse interstellar distances. The speed of light, fast as it is, is finite. Watch as CNN news anchors talk with their correspondents in Afghanistan. There's always a bit of a delay between question and answer. This isn't because the correspondents are slow-witted, but is simply a consequence of the time it takes the signals to ping-pong up to the communications satellites and back down to Earth. Annoying, but not devastating.

Of course, conversing with extraterrestrials is going to be more than merely annoying. The nearest star, Alpha Centauri, is roughly 4 light-years distant, as every school child can remind you. That's an 8 year delay between query and response. Three exchanges into the conversation, and your kids have already graduated from college.

But the aliens are unlikely to be hanging out at Alpha Centauri (which has been fairly carefully scanned for signals already). We've noted in a previous article that if there are 10,000 broadcasting civilizations in the Galaxy, then the nearest one will be 500 to 1,000 light-years away. The resultant conversational delay will be measured in millennia. That's tedious.

But it leads to a provocative thought. If the aliens are altruistic (they just want to beam information into space, and don't care about chatting), then the long turn-around time doesn't matter. But if they are "pinging" nearby stars with a giant laser in the hope of waking up their galactic neighbors, then it's reasonable to assume that they won't blast away at targets that are so distant that they can't expect a response within an alien lifetime.

This prompts a simple, but interesting calculation: for any given lifetime, how many star systems can an alien reasonably

ping?

To make the computation, we need to know the average space density of stars. Big stars, those heftier than the Sun, have a density of 0.0004 stars per cubic light-year. Smaller stars, the ones we believe are better candidates for hosting sophisticated life, are (thankfully) more plentiful, checking in at 0.001 stars per cubic light-year. Wielding that number and a bit of middle school geometry, you can work out the following:

$$N = 0.0005 t^3,$$

Where t is the lifetime of an alien broadcaster, and N is the number of stars that can be pinged with the hope of having an answer before death. Readers who have misplaced their pocket calculators can use the table below to look up N for various alien lifetimes.

t (years)	N
50	65
100	520
200	4,100
1,000	500,000
5,000	65 million

For example, if your lifetime is a hundred years and you want to chat, then there are 520 good stars within range.

What can we conclude from this? Optical communications are more likely to be deliberately targeted. But there's no point in flashing the neighbors unless you believe there's at least a decent chance of getting a reply. Even being relatively optimistic about the number of savvy societies in our Galaxy, most astronomers suspect that only one star system in a million or so is likely to host thinking beings. Bottom line? If we find flashing lights in the sky, then it's probable that the guys behind the high-powered lasers at the other end have managed to engineer themselves to have lifetimes of thousands of years or more.

It's a speculative thought, but an interesting one. If we hear from ET, not only can we expect his civilization to be an old one, ET himself may be quite long in the tooth.

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Re: 'Little Green Men' - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 09:27:54 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 10:12:53 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men' - Randle

>Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 20:35:51 -0600
>Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men' [Was 'Roswell UFO Bombshell']
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'
>>Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 09:19:34 -0600

>>>Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 08:11:44 +0000
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'

>>John,

>>>I asked this a while ago, but don't recall receiving a
>>>definitive answer. When was the phrase "little green men" first
>>>applied to possible UFO occupants?. Brazel's alleged comment
>>>implies it was in fairly general use at the time of Roswell,
>>>which I feel unlikely. Does anyone know the history of this
>>>phrase in an SF and/or ufological context?

>>Ah, the eternal question.

>>While doing the research for my UFO Encyclopedia series, I came
>>upon an item in a fine but forgotten UFO publication, Data-Net,
>>published out of California in the 1960s by a woman named
>>Josephine Clark (no relation to the undersigned). A reader had
>>investigated this very question and concluded that "little green
>>man" as a concept and phrase had come into usage through a comic
>>strip popular in the early 20th Century.

<snip, leaving in reference to Jerry's UFO Encyclopedia>

>Jerry, John,

>Oh, happy serendipity!

>It so haps that the soon forthcoming The Anomalist 10 has an
>article by Martin Kottmeyer entitled, you guessed it, "Little
>Green Men."

<snip, leaving in reference to The Anomalist 10>

>Depending on which Roswell author you cite, Brazel raised the
>LGM remark independently, or in response to a question by Frank
>Joyce. There may even be another version or two floating around.
>In any event, it appears that LGM was hardly in common usage in
>1947.

Actually, the question has always been did Mack Brazel say,
"Little Green Men", or did he say, "Green men", which, of
course, changes the equation. Had he merely said, "You know how
they talk of green men..." then it is more likely that he had
heard something or remembered something from that era.

This was a question that we researched carefully, back about a decade ago. Around the turn of the century (the last one, not the most recent), there was a comic strip know as The Yellow Kid, which was printed in yellow ink. It was wildly popular and newspaper editors kept tempting the writer with bigger pay checks and more perks so that he jumped from one newspaper to the next (and hence the term Yellow Journalism). To combat this, one editor created The Green Man, which was printed in green ink and dealt with a man from another world. Hence the idea that people not of Earth were green.

There is also a wealth of material from dozens of other sources that have kept this suggestion in the public consciousness. As mentioned by others earlier, there was the Edgar Rice Burroughs' John Carter on Mars which had a race of giant creatures that were green, though they had six arms, and could never be mistaken for human. The humans on Mars were red.

There was also a Popeye cartoon that held a copyright of 1938 in which the alien creatures that didn't look particular human were also green. And, in 1947, as a result of the Kenneth Arnold sighting, a syndicated columnist, Hal Boyle, wrote a series of stories about his adventures aboard a flying saucer in which the pilot was green.

So, the concept that aliens would be green men was, I think, well established as a cultural idea by 1947. It was so pervasive that it is not inconceivable that Mack Brazel would have been aware of it and mentioned it to Frank Joyce. That is to say, Brazel might have said "Green men", rather than "Little green men".

The term "Little Green Man" seems to be more related to a world after 1947 and seems to have come into popular use first in the 1950s.

But, the real question here, and one that I've never been able to find a satisfactory answer for is how Brazel would have seen the bodies to know that they weren't green. If we follow the Karl Pflock, et.al. school of thought, there never were bodies and Brazel therefore shouldn't have made any comment about the color to anyone.

If we follow the alien craft school of thought, Brazel found a field filled with strange metallic debris, but there were no bodies associated with that field, nothing from Jesse Marcel, Sr. who walked it to suggest that there was anything other than metallic debris (and I believe had there been bodies there, while Marcel might not have mentioned that to those who interviewed him, he would have made mention of that to his son, but apparently never did. Jesse Marcel, Jr. told me flat out that his father never mentioned bodies... though there is a report from a cousin who says that Marcel, Sr. did mention the bodies but now we move into a whole new question).

So, the question really becomes, if Mack Brazel did see bodies, where did he see them? Surely the military wouldn't have revealed them to Brazel, if he didn't already know about them. This might render all this discussion about little green men moot.

KRandle

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Re: Roswell UFO Bombshell - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 10:41:21 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 13:26:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Roswell UFO Bombshell - Clark

>From: Wendy Connors <projectsign@worldnet.att.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Roswell UFO Bombshell
>Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 06:48:13 -0700

>>From: Karl Pflock <Ktperehwon@aol.com>
>>Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 18:41:41 EST
>>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

Wendy,

>Once again Karl Pflock, like the proverbial child, stirs the pot
>regarding the Roswell incident. Not unusual for a former CIA
>spook to do such a thing.

I think that reasonable people can disagree about what did or not happen at Roswell in July 1947. Though often exasperating, the debate has been good for all of us, helping to clarify issues and hold proponents of the various perspectives to rational and evidential standards which might otherwise go by the board.

It does us no good and only harm, however, to drag in the sort of innuendo above. I am not holding you uniquely responsible, of course; I see this sort of thing all the time from all sorts of people. I've been at the receiving end myself, more than once, of charges of being a cover-up agent. In a particularly memorable moment, I was identified as such by no less than channeled extraterrestrials.

In the present instance, I see no evidence whatever that Karl is some sort of secret agent of an anti-Roswell conspiracy. Unless - an extremely unlikely prospect, in my judgment - clear and unambiguous (or even compellingly suggestive and circumstantial) evidence emerges that Karl is insincere and sinister, we would be well advised to drop the conspiratorial readings of his motives, take him at his word, and deal straight on with his serious, articulate criticisms of the Roswell incident. Maybe, at the end of this sort of debate, we'll actually get to the truth we're all looking for.

Jerry Clark

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Filer'S Files #52 - 2001

From: WeeklyFiles@filersfiles.com
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Subject: Filer'S Files #52 - 2001

Happy New Year

FILER'S FILES #52 MUFON Skywatch Investigations
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NORTH POLE REPORT -- A UFO with a red nose light was seen heading south on December 24, 2001, and has been reported almost every where by NORAD with sightings in the US , England, France, Italy, Brazil, South Africa, Australia, Finland, Russia, Afghanistan, India, and, Singapore. NORAD has tracked Santa every Christmas Eve since it was founded in 1958. Santa is resting after his long journey that included gunfire over the Middle East, falling bombs in Afghanistan, no fly zones over Iraq, the American Air Traffic Control System, and fighters launched out of Holloman Air Force Base at 2:00 AM to intercept. The NORAD Santa Cam picked up Santa Clause and nine reindeer, the lead reindeer had a red nose light.

UFOs HAVE BEEN REPORTED in Virginia, Florida, Wisconsin, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Oregon, Washington, California, and Cuba. While Santa reports increased, the number of UFO reports dropped as they have done in recent years during the Holidays.

SCIENTISTS FIND SUGAR THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE

More of the building blocks of life have been found in meteorites and comets.

A discovery by a NASA scientist of sugar and several related organic compounds in two carbonaceous meteorites provides the first evidence that another fundamental building block of life on Earth may have come from outer space. A carbonaceous meteorite contains carbon as one of its important constituents.

Previously, researchers had found in meteorites other organic, carbon-based compounds that play major roles in life on Earth, such as amino acids and carboxylic acids, but no sugars. The new research is reported in a paper, "Carbonaceous Meteorites as a Source of Sugar-related Organic Compounds for the Early Earth," by Dr. George Cooper and coworkers at NASA's Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Calif. "Finding these compounds greatly adds to our understanding of what organic materials could have been present on Earth before life began," Cooper said. "Sugar chemistry appears to be involved in life as far back as our records go." As far back as 3.8 billion years, he said. An isotope is one of two or more atoms whose nuclei have the same number of protons but different numbers of neutrons. Scientists have long believed meteorites and comets played a role in the origin of life. Raining down on Earth during the heavy bombardment period some 3.8 to 4.5 billion years ago, they brought with them the materials critical for life, such as oxygen, sulfur, hydrogen and nitrogen. Sugars and the closely related compounds discovered by Cooper, collectively called "polyols," are critical to all known life forms. They act as components of the nucleic acids RNA and DNA, constituents of cell membranes.

"This discovery shows that it's highly likely organic synthesis critical to life has gone on throughout the universe," said Kenneth A. Souza, acting director of astrobiology and space research at Ames. "Then, on Earth, since the other critical elements were in place, life could blossom."

Cooper identified a small sugar called "dihydroxyacetone" and several sugar-like substances, known as sugar acids and sugar alcohols, in his study of the Murchison and Murray meteorites. All these are important for life today. He also found glucose, one sugar alcohol, glycerol (also known as glycerin), that is used by all contemporary cells to build cell walls. The work is published in the Dec. 20 issue of "Nature" and can be found at: <http://www.nature.com>. Thanks to NASA.gov.

VIRGINIA DISK SEEN

NEWPORT NEWS -- The witness reports that on December 16, 2001, I was outside with my dog, who was looking up at the sky and backing up. Something in the sky startled the dog, so I looked up and saw there was a disc shaped object zigzagging across the morning sky from east to west at 10:30 AM. The disc was glowing, so I yelled for my boyfriend. My boyfriend said it looked like a glowing football to him, but I thought it looked like a disc. It was very fast and it seemed like it was producing it's own light. It made no sound and left no trail of itself being there. The sky had a few cirrus clouds, but the majority of the sky was clear. There was only one craft and I could see it until it met the line of trees that border the horizon, it continued to glow for the fifteen minutes we saw it. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director NUFORC www.ufocenter.com at Reporting Hotline:(206) 722-3000

FLORIDA BLINKING LIGHTS

NORTH PORT -- The witness reports while driving on interstate I-75 on December 16, 2001, between exit #33 and #34 an object appeared in the northeastern sky at dusk. It was 1000 feet up, and a mile from our current position. At first, it appeared to be a plane heading in our direction at 6:05 PM. Almost immediately the driver of the car and I realized that this was not an ordinary aircraft. There were two lights in the front of the craft like an ordinary commercial airliner but the lights were at least 10-15 feet in diameter and blinking on and off one at a time. On the top of the craft were five or six bright blinking lights similar to the strobe effect what you would see on the top of a tower. There did not appear to be any shape of a wing or tail found on either a plane or helicopter. As we got closer we saw that there was another large bright white light turning on and off and the craft was completely stationary just to the side of the interstate. I then stuck my head out the window and observed the same bright lights that were in the front and side of the craft in what now appeared to be the rear of the craft. We were going 60 MPH and as soon as I brought my head into the car the lights completely disappeared. We scoured the sky for several minutes, but it was gone. The craft was black or gray in color. There was five cars driving in the group with us and all of the people in the other cars had baffled looks on their faces. My driver and I could not identify the craft. Thanks to Peter Davenport director@ufocenter.com. Web: www.UFOCENTER.com WISCONSIN FLYING V SHAPED CRAFT

WINTERS -- Joe Trainor writes, "Here's a UFO report I received from an eyewitness in my area. I just got it today December 23, 2001. The sighting was in the heavily forested region of the Chippewa Flowage in Northern Wisconsin, south of Ashland, a notorious UFO hotspot. On August 13, 2001, at 7:00 PM, E. A. Gawlik and his two sons were standing on the shore of the Lake of the Pines. The witness says, the sun was just starting to drop below the tree line behind us. My son said, "Dad what the heck is that?" He pointed to the north and we could see an object approaching from the west at 100 feet above the tree line moving real slow to the east. It then flew two hundred feet above the water and its speed could not be more than 30 mile per hour. It was a bright silver object about the size of a dime held out at arm's length. I saw a metallic almost reflective object that without my glasses was round. My boys both said they saw a "V" shaped object. It was a quarter of a mile away moving very slowly to the east across the lake. After

fifteen seconds the object turned into a small red dot. The red dot lasted about one-second and then it vanished. Thanks to Joe Trainor, reports@ufoinfo.com and eagawlik4579@aol.com

MISSOURI

MANITOU SPRINGS -- Kevin Jones reports that he was on 20 Mile Hike with the Boy Scouts in the autumn of 1976. At 10:00 PM, after camp was pitched I was looking at an incalculable number of stars. A light that looked like a star moved slowly across the sky. The light entered a box that could be drawn with imaginary lines between four stars and started to bounce erratically never leaving the confines of this box. Next we saw a faster moving light pulsating at a rapid, standard rate pass through the sky. Then we saw another solid light rocket across the sky low, along the tree line. Before long, the sky seemed to be alive with moving objects. We saw a grouping of three stars in a triangular formation that flew across the sky but each individual point of light took turns taking the lead. It traveled always leading with the point. We saw more than a dozen lights in motion. All of this yellowish starlight lights, solid and flashing, were about the same size and intensity of bright stars.

We ran to get to camp to show the other Scouts. At about half way there I noticed larger illuminated objects floating over the fallow field. We saw relatively close lights the size of beach balls. These objects were round and internally illuminated, the color of dirty streetlights. The light did not seem to be focused in a beam but rather evenly radiating. The motion was like an under-inflated balloon over very hot pavement. As the pavement heats the balloon rises quickly. As it rises, the air in the balloon cools so it rises more and more slowly until the balloon achieves neutral buoyancy. This state lasts for only a moment until the balloon begins to sink. The sinking slows closer to the ground as the air inside reheats and so the cycle starts again. There were three or four of these bumping around over the field. They could have been the size of cars. Thanks to Kevin Jones kevinjones@earthlink.net

TEXAS AND NEW MEXICO LIGHTS ATTACKED

TUCUMCARI -- Lord Vile reports that a half dozen witnesses saw a high speed object moving southeast across the sky towards Texas on December 1, 2001, in the late evening sky. You could hear the roar of several F-16 fighters chasing the lights. These lights changed direction numerous times as the fighters gave chase. At first they flew east, then south and then a 180 degree turn to the north. Suddenly the fighters fired eight to ten air to air missiles at the evading lights. An airborne explosion was followed by what appeared to a crash of the unknown object.

The witnesses scanned the news reports for more information. Television verified that missiles had been fired at an unknown object. Later NORAD announced that a Proton rocket had been used to launch three satellites from Russia ten hours earlier. The rocket had reentered the atmosphere at approximately 2120 hours, Mountain time on Saturday, December 01, 2001. The actual Proton rocket debris was reported with white "tails", slower and larger than shooting stars were seen moving from southwest to northeast. However, accounts that reached the National Reporting Center and myself described what appeared to be more than just the reentry of a single rocket. Normally, reentry vehicles do not change course, nor are they chased by fighter aircraft.

Rick Bordignon reported to NASA he was in a commercial airliner bound for Las Vegas when he saw them. "I was looking out the left window into the starry night when I noticed an approaching light," he recalled. "I was thinking, HMMMMMM, looks like a missile. But rather than raise a general sense of panic by yelling 'Incoming!,' I did the next best thing and got out my camera. "I snapped one picture, but my camera is poor in low light. So I stopped to adjust the settings. When I looked out again I was amazed by what I saw: hundreds of objects with colorful glowing tails! So I snapped another one but it only picked up the brightest fragments -- and it was shaky, too. "The light plume [seemed to] go up and over our plane. After it was gone I looked around to judge the reactions of the other

passengers -- and I swear everyone was sleeping! "When I got off the plane, I tracked down the pilot. He said every pilot in the Midwest saw it and it was the 'buzz of the frequencies.' They had never witnessed anything like it before." See following URL for details:
http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2001/ast03dec_1.htm?list49634ed

Editor's Note: Whenever, space debris is spotted there are frequently additional UFO reports. We could simply ignore these reports, but a pattern is developing. First space debris, then numerous UFO reports, then strange associated reports not really explained such as the Louisiana report below. Are we using space debris for target practice or are UFOs attempting to penetrate the atmosphere using the standard space debris for cover?

LOUISIANA TWO LOW ALTITUDE, LARGE, SLOW MOVING CIGARS

S.BOSSIER -- Possibly connected to these reports on December 1, 2001, the witness reports hearing a tremendous roaring sound at 8:45 PM, (CST). The noise made their house vibrate, so the witness went outside on his deck and saw two large, low altitude craft, flying at about 2,000 feet or less. The craft had a strange lighting configuration, very bright red lights in the "center of both craft, and bright white lights on front and back. It was a clear night with good visibility. There were no wing lights or tail lights, just lights spanning the length of both craft! There were no green lights or other lights that FAA requires. These craft were extremely noisy, rumbling and roaring, to the point, I feared a crash was about to occur! The duration of the sighting was too long to be conventional jets, judging by their size and altitude. Being so low and large, it was hard for me to comprehend how they could stay airborne. There may have been more than two, but I only saw two craft the size of B-52's bombers. However, they were not jets like those, they flew much too low and slow! Thanks to Peter Davenport
www.ufocenter.com

ARIZONA STAR-LIKE LIGHT VISIBLE WITH THE SUN RISEN

TEMPE This may be pretty weak, but as the sun started rising this morning at 8:00 AM I saw what looked like a bright star, about 2 degrees below the moon on December 3, 2001. What was unusual was that the sun was rising, and there were no other stars out. I was driving to work a distance of 20 miles, and throughout that drive the star was still visible. Even now, with the sun entirely raised and sun beating down on the ground, the dot, though very faint is still visible. The position of the dot stayed constant relative to the moon, which leads me to believe it was very far away. It is possibly a satellite in synchronous orbit or a planet? but I've never noticed such a thing before, and certainly not with the sky so bright. It did not make any movement while I was watching it.

WASHINGTON LIGHTS

TROUT LAKE -- With over 2000 eyewitnesses here at the Sattva Sanctuary in Trout Lake, some of which are Astro/Nuclear/Plasma physicists, 14+ hours of video of ships stopping, lighting up on command, accelerating, making right angle turns, landing and morphing into as many as four brilliant lights then back to one, appearing with pre-knowledge right on schedule, and with pictures taken by UFO investigators etc., it seems this is not enough. This case, if the evidence presented in a court of law, would win hands down as proof UFOs are real. People are executed on less evidence. There are even pictures of ships stepping down in vibration. Scientists, such as Jim Todd at the Omsi Planetarium say these are nothing more than satellites. We are at a complete loss as to how a scientist with any ability to reason or apply scientific method could make such a statement after viewing the footage.

These objects are coming in every size shape and color, are seen by multiple eyewitnesses. They are shown maneuvering, responding to requests by people on the ground to light up, landing on the mountain, and flying behind trees. They allowed us to photograph them with pre-knowledge of the event. Any reasonable mind would come to the conclusion that these are unknowns, they do not fit into any know parameter and indeed need further study. There is no landing strip in the nearby

forest, and satellites do not change directions, stop, and land. Enjoy the latest photos:

<http://www.cazekiel.org/eceti/photos2.htm>

OREGON FLYING TRIANGLE

GRANTS PASS -- On December 15, 2001, the witness was driving to Eugene from Medford and happened to look out of the window and through the clouds saw a very large blinking red light. His mother was driving down the freeway so he had an opportunity to study it. It was 6:10 PM, and at first he thought it was just an airplane, but the witness states, "I kept looking at it, and was surprised by the large amount of area it was lighting up." It was moving from north to west, now very rapidly, still blinking, then I saw its huge enormous size as it was blinking and realized that this wasn't an airplane, and had to be a UFO. There was no doubt in my mind. It was a very large Flying Triangle UFO outlined with blinking red lights. The triangular shape was very large, and moving west closer down into the mountains, outlined in red blinking lights. Thanks to Peter B. Davenport, Director National UFO Reporting Center
www.ufocenter.com CALIFORNIA CIRCLE

SACRAMENTO MOUNTAINS -- On December 10, 2001, the witness a filmmaker was on a backpacking trip at Henry Cowe State Park with my father and his best friend, who were sleeping when I saw this one. I looked up and saw something moving twenty times faster than a plane at 3:00 AM. There was a sphere of light blazing through the night sky. I have always thought the existence of UFOs very possible. My father and his friend at other times have actually seen UFOs. It was way too big and didn't move like a shooting star, and it had no tail either. From what I could see in twenty seconds was white in color, like a light. It came from beyond the horizon and just as fast as it came it darted back into the sky. I thought to myself: "That had to be a UFO. think it's obvious these things exist. Thanks to Peter B. Davenport, www.ufocenter.com

CUBA UFO SEEN BY PILOTS

MANZANILLO -- Nick Balaskas writes that he just got back from Cuba and what may turn out to be a UFO encountered by the pilots of a Canadian charter airplane I was a passenger on. Our Airbus 320 Skyservice plane (flight SV524) was making a nighttime approach on December 14, 2001, to the airport near Cayo Coco, Cuba. We were startled when we heard the engines get louder and felt pushed down into our seats. This was shortly followed by a near weightlessness sensation. The captain announced that his instruments detected a false signal of another aircraft in the area and in the interest of safety he took evasive actions. This was the reason for what we felt.

My final destination was the next airport near Manzanillo, Cuba, but all the passengers were asked to disembark at Cayo Coco so the aircraft could be cleaned for new passengers. I spoke with a few of these passengers who said they saw our plane "go around" after seeing a single red light fly low over the airport as we were coming to land. They thought it may have been a small plane but could not explain why only a red light was observed. Apart from our plane, there were no others on the ground at that airport that night.

Getting back in the plane, I told the flight attendant standing by the door next to the cockpit about the red light seen by passengers at the airport (in a loud enough voice so the pilots could hear too who turned their heads in my direction). She suggested it may have been a UFO and said she would find out for me. I never heard back from her. I later told the passengers seating next me who experienced what I did and they thought they would be more comfortable with the explanation of a near collision with a UFO than the thought of flying in an airplane with faulty instruments. Is there anyway of finding out what really happened during that aborted night landing? Thanks to Nick Balaskas

NEW YORK SCI-FI VIDEO ANALYSIS

NEW YORK CITY -- SCI FI Channel has repeatedly ran an advertisement that showed the following has announcement: "Get the Whole Story@ SCIFI.com/happens", then "SCIFI Happens in NY." Then a thirty second video is shown of a women riding in a

helicopter on July 24 2000, near the World Trade Center Towers. She points to a UFO behind one of the towers that suddenly acceleration and flies past the helicopter. As it climbs up out of sight the UFO leaves a contrail. MUFON's Jeff Sainio has analyzed the video for us and has made the following findings:

"Since careful analysis of the video shows the expected westward motion of the helicopter, and even cars moving through an intersection, the background video appears real, with presumably the UFO pasted in. The violent motion of the helicopter appears difficult to explain in this scenario, with the chopper below the tops of, and only a few hundred feet away from nearby skyscrapers. Such aerobatics seem like a risk to life or a pilot's license." I improved my image-analysis software, allowing me to stabilize the image of the UFO contrail. Previously, with only cloudy reference images, the field-by-field motion of the UFO couldn't be reliably measured. With stabilization, the UFO motion is shown, toward the end of visibility, the UFO only moves every other field (i.e. every frame, not every field). This is conclusive evidence that the UFO was edited into the video by a lazy faker who didn't bother working on every field as required for a real video. I re-checked the helicopter motion and merely got better images verifying my previous conclusions that the helicopter did some violent motion, and the blades bounced around quite a bit. Thanks to Jeff Sainio, Jeffrey.Sainio@qg.com

MARS SURFACE MAY HAVE WATER

NASA reports that its Scientists already know there is water ice in the polar cap. However, water ice near the surface in warmer regions of the planet would be a remarkable and long-sought finding that would have broad implications in the search for extraterrestrial life. The data, collected during tests of Odyssey's neutron spectrometer, show signs of hydrogen, which may mean there is water. Hydrogen is one component of water but also exists alone and in other substances. NASA researchers stressed that the findings are preliminary at a meeting at the American Geophysical Union in San Francisco. The detection of hydrogen points to the possibility that there is water ice within 3 feet (1 meter) of the surface, said James Garvin, lead scientist for the Mars Exploration Program. "But whatever it is, it bodes very well for finding hydrogen in the upper few feet of Mars, and the most likely culprit is water ice." Such ice might melt in summer months and would be reachable by robotic or human explorers. It might even support microbial life, as researchers have found on Earth that wherever there is water, there is life. Bill Feldman, the principal investigator of Odyssey's neutron spectrometer reports the quantity of hydrogen detected was startling -- suggesting a huge concentration relative to what was found with a similar instrument on Lunar Prospector, which surveyed the Moon. Researchers may task Odyssey to begin mapping crustal water ice during the first week January, Garvin said.

Garvin said a great story might be about to unfold. The hydrogen detection was made during the first test of Odyssey's neutron spectrometer, a subsystem of a gamma ray spectrometer instrument. Garvin explained that the speculation of water ice is based on comparing observations over the permanent ice cap with observations farther south. Scientists know that the polar cap contains both water ice and carbon dioxide ice, commonly thought of as dry ice. "This pass suggested that hydrogen was enriched in a high-latitude region extending from around 55 degrees North to near to the edge of the North polar cap," Garvin said. "This suggests, that if the hydrogen in the northern high latitudes is water, that there is ice in the upper meter or so of this region and that it is masked by a carbon dioxide frost cover on the permanent cap." Thanks to SPACE.com.

Editor's Note: There have been strong photographic indications of water on Mars for many years.

PRAYER IS POWERFUL!

ABC News announced on Christmas Eve that prayer, chanting, meditation and similar forms of prayer have an amazing effect on the human body. Blood pressure is lowered and a feeling of relief from stress is accomplished. Praying is excellent for

your own good health and mental well being. Also, those who are sick are most likely to recover if prayed for by others.

Just before Christmas, several ministers were invited to the White House to meet with President Bush who was energetic, joyful, and very focused. One minister asked President Bush how he could seem so calm and peaceful in the midst of all the tragedy? The President's reply was, "I'm feeling stronger now than I've ever been in my life. And the reason is because every person in America is praying for me. When I stay on my knees, that's when I have power." The ministers then asked the President how he would like them to pray for him, and how their congregations back home should be praying. The President asked for clarity of mind so that he could make wise decisions, and then he asked that we pray specifically for his wife and two daughters, as he is very concerned about their safety. No human leader is perfect, so let's keep President Bush lifted up in prayer.

This years tragedies on September 11, changed the world. Terrorism was able to destroy some great buildings and kill some 3000 mostly innocent civilians. There is still a moral distinction between killing soldiers and civilians. I hope a lesson is learned that little was gained by either side by these actions. Just when the UFO Disclosure Project was starting to gain momentum the world was only concerned with terrorism and finding those responsible. May God bless America and may His glory be done in the midst of this tragedy! God reigns over heaven and earth and I hope there is a Happy New Year for us all. A prayer for us all might even help heal your own body and perhaps our world.

NEW NASA SHUTTLE VIDEO OF UFOs IN SPACE

Jeff Challender has prepared a new tape of various UFOs that were caught on recent Shuttle video footage. Jeff has over an hour-long tape of UFOs shot in space. Jeff spends hundreds of hours watching the shuttle broadcasts from space and is now an expert on NASA missions and even those onboard the shuttle are unlikely to see what Jeff does. Using Jeff's directions you will be able to learn the difference between space junk, ice crystals and real UFOs. I feel confident we could go into a court of law and convince any jury that there are UFOs moving at high speed around the Earth. Send \$25 to: Jeff Challender 2768 Mendel Way - Sacramento, California 95833-2011 Jeff has an operation his back and is still in pain, we ask you to send your prayers.

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>Subject: Re: Odd Native Story
>Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 20:59:50 -0600

>>Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 12:18:50 EST
>>From: Paul White Wolf <Pwitewolf@aol.com>
>>Subject: Odd Native Story
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>History Of The Ottawa And Chippewa Indians Of Michigan
>>A Grammar Of Their Language,
>>And Personal And Family History Of The Author,

>I recall that DNA testing has found some European-similar traces
>in the Ojibway, that appears to be pre-Columbian, and as a
>Swedish-American I've always been partial to the Kensington Rune
>Stone (its linguistic features point to inhabitants of the
>province of Bohus Lan in western Sweden, my own ancestral area)
>that documents Scandinavian activities in the Lake Superior area
>in the late 1300's. Early human activity in N. America looks
>like one of those good candidate subject where, even if the
>heretics don't turn out to have been right, the
>'traditionalists' may turn out to have been more wrong than the
>'crackpots'.

A huge paradigm shift has taken place in the discipline of pre-Columbian archaeology, where as recently as a decade or two ago it was written in stone that the people we now call 'Indians' were the first people here. We know now that Indians first show up in archaeological evidence some 8000 years ago. Other people were already here. Just how soon these people (largely, it appears, from the South Pacific) got here is still a matter of debate, with figures ranging from 15,000 to even 50,000 years ago. A number of excellent recent books discuss this fascinating subject, including E. James Dixon's *Bones, Boats, and Bison: Archaeology and the First Colonization of Western North America* (University of New Mexico Press, 1999), Thomas D. Dillehay's *The Settlement of the Americas: A New Prehistory* (Basic Books, 2000), and James C. Chatters's *Ancient Encounters: Kennewick Man and the First Americans* (Simon and Schuster, 2001).

None of these authorities, however, argues that these first peoples comprised an advanced prehistoric civilization, for which there is no evidence beyond a very few, scattered, and generally dubious artifacts..

><http://www.geocities.com/thetropics/island/3634/index2.html>

>for a fine 'amateur' site about the Kensington stone and why
>both geologic and linguistic evidence appears to be mounting for
>its authenticity.

The Kensington Rune Stone is a confessed hoax. It began as a prank by three rural Minnesotans who wanted to show up the professors. The joke was well known in the local area, where residents of Kensington and surrounding communities had actually heard the men responsible boasting about what they planned to

do. The content of the message on the stone (recounting an alleged massacre by Indians in 1362 of a party of Swedish and Norwegian explorers) is in part a nearly direct quote of a Norwegian folk ballad sung by 19th-Century Minnesota immigrants.

Runic scholars, such as (most recently) Jan Bohme of the University of Stockholm, state flatly, "The whole stone is modern." Like others before him, Prof. Bohme shows how the message could only have been written in the late 19th Century, when the KRS was "discovered." See

http://www.lysator.liu.se/nordic/archive/1997/08_06/1849-23.html

The best sources on this convoluted pseudomystery are Theodore C. Blegen's *The Kensington Rune Stone: New Light on an Old Riddle* (Minnesota Historical Society, 1968), plus a series of articles that ran in the journal *Minnesota History* in 1976 and 1977 as confessions by participants or those close to them came to light.

The KRS saga is an intensely interesting story, but not because it tells us anything to do with pre-Columbian Scandinavian explorers of the Upper Midwest.

Jerry Clark

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Re: 'Little Green Men' - Rudiak

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Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 13:39:57 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men' - Rudiak

>Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 20:35:51 -0600
>Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men' [Was 'Roswell UFO Bombshell']
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

<snip>

>It so haps that the soon forthcoming The Anomalist 10 has an
>article by Martin Kottmeyer entitled, you guessed it, "Little
>Green Men."

>Naturally, I wouldn't want to give the store away, but Kottmeyer
>does have the following paragraph:

>"What about comics? Starting in April 1950, Eagle comics
>presented an adventure of Dan Dare that involved a short green
>alien named Mekon. We can doubt its relevance to starting the
>expression on several grounds. Mekon was a seriously villainous
>character and not likely to invite frivolity. Though he was
>short, the race he ruled, the Treens was as tall or taller than
>humans. Thus the little green man was singular and not plural.
>Last, my understanding is that Eagle wasn't distributed in
>America and there seems no evidence that the little green men
>expression started in Britain."

>Etc. Not much in the way of LGM in comics earlier, which is not
>to say that Kottmeyer turned every stone over in his quest, but
>a goodly number of them nonetheless.

Dennis,

If you go to my original LGM post, you'll find all sorts of Web links showing U.S. comics from the 1930's and 1940's with green space aliens. The depiction of aliens as green, humanoid and otherwise, was quite common. Take a look at just one of these links showing a comic book cover from around 1930 of Buck Rogers battling green space men on Jupiter:

http://www.redboots.net/comics/other_heroes.htm

The aliens are not only green, they are very humanoid, and some appear to be drawn smaller than Buck Rogers as he blasts away at them. That's just one early example. Look at the other links and you'll see some more examples of early green aliens. The very popular Buck Rogers and Flash Gordon comics from the 1930s were followed by the pulp comic books of the 1940s.

On what basis do you maintain that there wasn't much in the way of LGM's prior to the British comics of 1950? It doesn't look like Kottmeyer turned over very many stones. I just barely scratched the surface myself with a Web browser and an hour of time. It would require a very thorough review of the U.S. pop culture back then to say anything definitive.

>Depending on which Roswell author you cite, Brazel raised the
>LGM remark independently, or in response to a question by Frank
>Joyce. There may even be another version or two floating
around. >In any event, it appears that LGM was hardly in common usage in >1947.

The story comes from Joyce. For those not in the know, Frank Joyce was a radio announcer in Roswell. When Brazel first came to town to announce his discovery, Joyce claims he spoke to him on the phone. After everything blew up, the base put out it's recovered disk story, Ramey debunked it as a weather balloon, Brazel was taken to be interviewed and put out his own balloon story, then retracted it at the end, etc., Brazel went to see Joyce at the radio station.

According to Joyce, Brazel at first recited his new balloon story. When Joyce challenged it, saying it was different from what Brazel had originally told him, Joyce claims Brazel told him that the military had forced him to change the story, and Joyce would be wise to go along with it. Then as Brazel turned to leave, Joyce claims he pressed Brazel some more, saying something to the effect of, "What about the part of the little green men?" To this Brazel tersely replied before finally leaving, "They weren't green."

Joyce's LGM story was always a little puzzling. Even assuming this took place and Joyce recounted it more-or-less correctly, where and when did Brazel learn of bodies, little or otherwise? For years Joyce refused to say what it was Brazel originally told him in his first phone discussion, but in the past few years he has claimed that in addition to the large debris field, Brazel told him of finding horrific smelling small bodies that weren't human. Joyce says he didn't believe Brazel, but nonetheless suggested he contact the base.

Even assuming these conversations took place, did the term "green men" or "little green men" ever enter into it? Maybe the conversations mentioned small bodies but "green" was never a part of it.

BTW, were there bodies? The Ramey teletype clutched in Ramey's hand mentions "THE VICTIMS OF THE WRECK" being "forwarded" to Fort Worth. So yes, there is now objective, documentary evidence that bodies were found. It's no longer just 50-year-old memories.

Do you suppose Gen. Ramey was discussing crash dummies from the future?

David Rudiak

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Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 15:02:07 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men' - Tonnies

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>Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 09:27:54 EST
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>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

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>So, the question really becomes, if Mack Brazel did see bodies,
>where did he see them? Surely the military wouldn't have
>revealed them to Brazel, if he didn't already know about them.
>This might render all this discussion about little green men
>moot.

The only scenario I can think of that would allow for Brazel seeing bodies would be if Brazel was flown up in a plane to help locate the impact site. But, assuming there was an impact site, why would the military need Brazel's "expertise"?

The best answer, to my mind, is that Joyce's colorful (pun intended) story of dead alien bodies is incorrect.

Dave Rudiak mentioned the interpretation of the Ramey memo as "VICTIMS OF THE WRECK." A more accurate translation of the memo is "VICTIMS OF THE MAJOR."

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Re: Roswell UFO Bombshell - Randle

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Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 14:48:29 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 15:16:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Roswell UFO Bombshell - Randle

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>Subject: Re: Roswell UFO Bombshell - Clark
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>>Subject: Re: Roswell UFO Bombshell
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>>>Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 18:41:41 EST
>>>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>Wendy,

>>Once again Karl Pflock, like the proverbial child, stirs the pot
>>regarding the Roswell incident. Not unusual for a former CIA
>>spook to do such a thing.

>I think that reasonable people can disagree about what did or
>not happen at Roswell in July 1947. Though often exasperating,
>the debate has been good for all of us, helping to clarify
>issues and hold proponents of the various perspectives to
>rational and evidential standards which might otherwise go by
>the board.

>It does us no good and only harm, however, to drag in the sort
>of innuendo above. I am not holding you uniquely responsible, of
>course; I see this sort of thing all the time from all sorts of
>people. I've been at the receiving end myself, more than once,
>of charges of being a cover-up agent. In a particularly
>memorable moment, I was identified as such by no less than
>channeled extraterrestrials.

Jerry, List, all -

I think you missed the point here, Jerry. Wendy was not suggesting that we reject Karl's analysis because he is a former CIA agent (self- admitted) but that there are those out there who would make just such an argument as an easy way to dismiss Karl's work. By pointing to Karl's background, there are those who would suggest that Karl's work was a response to what his bosses have ordered him to do. I think she was saying that we all have this sort of baggage (remember, Kevin Randle writes science fiction and he was an Air Force intelligence officer) and that it is not a fair argument to bring this up rather than discussing rationally the information.

KRandle

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>is "VICTIMS OF THE MAJOR."

How is it more "accurate?" "VICTIMS OF THE MAJOR" doesn't make sense in any context. Did somebody like Major Marcel victimize people do the point that they needed to be "FORWARDED""TO FORT WORTH"?

On the other hand, "WRECKS" do produce "VICTIMS" or casualties. If there was something very unusual about these victims, they might require shipment to higher headquarters (Fort Worth) instead of being dealt with locally.

Context is vital in disambiguating all sorts of things, not just the Ramey memo. "Victims of the wreck" makes sense; "victims of the major" does not.

However one wants to interpret this, there were indeed "VICTIMS," and Joyce's story, colorful or not, is one of several of bodies being recovered. Given the definite mention of bodies in the Ramey telegram, some of these witnesses must be telling the truth even if others were not.

Looks like we're back to the original Roswell thread instead of little green men.

David Rudiak

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New Year Agenda

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
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The issue of Roswell (or for UFOs as possible visitors from elsewhere) will not be solved by cynicism, prematurely assuming you have all the answers, and digging in of heels. In saying this, I particularly have in mind the recent cynical comments by Dennis Stacy and the presumptuous and condescending remarks of Karl Pflock, whose adoption of Jim Moseley as his "standard" of serious UFO research tells us all we need to know about him. The Roswell incident (or incidents) has been beclouded by a clash of giant egos, the moral equivalent of "disinformation" (phony witnesses, dishonest activities driven by something other than an objective search for the truth), and by skeptibunker propaganda ploys that would make Joseph Goebbels look like a rank amateur.

The only way to arrive at a meaningful conclusion about Roswell (and UFOs as visitors from elsewhere) is to thoroughly investigate all leads (quite a few central witnesses remain to be questioned on the record), expose hoaxes or false information, and to continue the search for historical documentation or the lack thereof. To assume that the final answer has been established is totally unjustified.

Unlike some of the armchair pundits, I have talked with Walter Haut, viewed his videotaped testimony about bodies (which Pflock cynically writes off as "false memory"), met and talked with members of Sheriff Wilcox's family, etc. Among the more honorable Roswell researchers has been Kevin Randle, who (like all of us) was surprised to learn that his colleague Don Schmitt was somewhat ethically deprived (as is Pflock when it comes to purloined tapes). Randle immediately acknowledged the problem and proceeded to set the record straight, taking great pains to repair the damage. I will not at present go into further detail, except to say that Randle has acted very honorably in this matter and has continued to do important research in a careful and objective manner. Pflock, by contrast, has been on the cusp of debunking all along and his Roswell book apparently could only be published by the "CSICOP Press." That also tells us something very important. In the CSICOP view, we know in advance that it can't be true; therefore no further investigation is necessary.

Pflock's glib write-off of Pappy Henderson's testimony, and that of Haut and the Wilcox family, is another indication of a totally made-up mind, if not deliberate disinformation, which Jerry Clark does not like to even consider as an alternative. (Don't get me wrong; I love Jerry Clark and consider him to be the peerless historian of ufology and one of its best informed and most articulate commentators. It's just that he and I disagree on possible real 'conspiracies' or deliberate efforts to confuse the issues.)

It all comes down to that marvelous psychology concept of "Tolerance for ambiguity." I see enough smoke about Roswell to suspect an underlying conflagration, and we won't know for sure one way or the other without a lot more careful, thorough, objective investigation by people without obvious axes to grind or track records of game-playing. I am willing to wait it out and to hope for new findings that will shed light on the issues. Unlike the skeptibunkers, I do not feel compelled to assert

final answers until more can be learned by following up on the many loose ends.

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Jerry,

What I am saying is:

1. Karl Pflock claims, among others, that Walter Haut is not a credible witness to the events surrounding the Roswell incident.
2. Karl Pflock uses his idea that Walter Haut is (paraphrased): "widowed, in poor health and a member of the IUFOMRC," as a valid reason that Mr. Haut's credibility should not be considered by anyone reading UFO UpDates.
3. Wendy Connors claims that Karl Pflock's reasoning is absolutely bogus and as far from ethical research as possible.
4. Wendy Connors shows that Karl Pflock's reasoning is not credible since she points out that Pflock's silliness and illogical reasoning can just as well apply to his own credibility because he is "old," etc.

In other words, Wendy Connors is saying to the UFO UpDates readership that, in her opinion, she believes Karl Pflock uses the sleaziest and weaseliest rationality for just about anything he spouts regarding Roswell, or Ufology in general. Mr. Pflock's exuberance to be right at all costs is a disservice to the UFO Updates readership.

That's what I was saying and I stand behind what I said.

Wendy Connors

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Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Tonnies

From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 19:46:06 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 09:09:34 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Tonnies

>From: Wendy Connors <projectsign@worldnet.att.net>
>To: <UFOUpdates@home.com>
>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'
>Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 17:10:53 -0700

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>What I am saying is:

>1. Karl Pflock claims, among others, that Walter Haut is not a
>credible witness to the events surrounding the Roswell incident.

After years in which Mr. Haut could have divulged his claim to have seen bodies, he never did. That he is only now mentioning some sort of involvement with bodies--after vocally denying any sort of firsthand involvement (except drafting the notorious press release)--mitigates against his credibility.

Pflock doesn't discount Haut's involvement with the Roswell events as they have been established, and doesn't claim that he is not a credible witness to aspects of whatever happened in July, 1947.

But Haut's claim to have seen bodies is certainly incredible, if nothing else, and deserves to be taken with serious skepticism.

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>valid reason that Mr. Haut's credibility should not be
>considered by anyone reading UFO UpDates.

All Pflock has done is make us (rightfully) reconsider what Haut is telling us. Glenn Dennis is a member of the IUFOMRC and he is lying. Haut's close affiliation with the IUFOMRC and Dennis naturally leads one to wonder just how particular this organization is with what constitutes historical truth.

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>absolutely bogus and as far from ethical research as possible.

That's certainly your right, but I have to disagree. Pflock is neither indulging in inept debunkery nor character assassination; he is simply addressing a testimonial anomaly. Liking or not liking the implications of what the testimony tells us has nothing to do with Pflock's intentions.

>4. Wendy Connors shows that Karl Pflock's reasoning is not
>credible since she points out that Pflock's silliness and
>illogical reasoning can just as well apply to his own
>credibility because he is "old," etc.

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Pflock's insights into the Roswell event are among the most

valuable this List has seen, in my opinion. Implying that Pflock is "sleazy" because you don't like the story he addresses is, well, sleazy.

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Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 09:11:38 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men' - Tonnies

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 17:26:33 EST
>Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men'
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

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>However one wants to interpret this, there were indeed
>"VICTIMS," and Joyce's story, colorful or not, is one of several
>of bodies being recovered.

The context of the word "VICTIMS/MAJOR" is tenuous at best--and even more so when one takes into account the highly abbreviated, often ungrammatical nature of known teletypes dating from 1947.

>Given the definite mention of bodies in the Ramey telegram,

Not "bodies" - "victims". Who's talking bodies? "Victims" is delightfully vague. If there is one thing the Ramey memo isn't, it's 'definite'.

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Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 00:20:31 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 09:14:07 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Gates

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'
>Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 08:59:38 -0800

>>Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 20:51:28 -0800 (PST)
>>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>There's a residue of intriguing speculation and comments on the
>>'bodies', but not one source I'd bet my life on. Personally, I
>>find Sarbacher's 'scuttlebut' about insect-like aliens more
>>compelling than the so-called first-hand witnesses' testimony.

>Mac, EBK, and listers,

>Season's greetings.

>I might remind you that we do have another possible witness: the
>MP.

Alleged witness is a better description. Ed, did you happen to get enough information about the dude to send a request to the National Personnel Records Center to see if in fact a copy of his military record is available? Most people don't even try and rely on the fact that the 73' Fire destroyed all records, which it did not.

His records would be a useful contribution to verifying his tale, i.e. he was in fact stationed in Roswell, etc etc.

Also what his unit was. You can get unit historys and verify that he in fact appears in the unit history records.

If this story is only being taken on the basis of "Well so and so said, and I really trust him because he sounded sincere..." I would remind list members of the tales and storys about mass landings in the Desert SW that was supposed to take place on April 24th 1997, the dude who maintained that ET radio waves would "bathe the earth on January 24 1997 and that would begin a new day for humanity" and so forth. Point being is people actually believed and trusted these people.

>This person contacted me about two years ago and described in
>detail what he witnessed on the early morning hours of July 4th,
>1947. He saw alien bodies with six fingers who looked like the
>creatures in the AA footage.

>I know this person's name, rank where he lives, but I'm not
>free to divulge this information. I believe he's telling the
>truth, but I have no proof. He was a member of this List; he
>still may be. I sure wish he'd contact me again. Our
>correspondence stopped abruptly over a year and a half ago;
>I've tried to reach him many times, but have been unsuccessful
>so far.

There may be a reason (good or bad) why he doesn't want anybody to know anything about him

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: 'Little Green Men' - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 00:54:42 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 09:21:43 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men' - Stacy

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 13:07:30 EST
>Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men'
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

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>Dennis,

>If you go to my original LGM post, you'll find all sorts of Web
>links showing U.S. comics from the 1930's and 1940's with green
>space aliens. The depiction of aliens as green, humanoid and
>otherwise, was quite common. Take a look at just one of these
>links showing a comic book cover from around 1930 of Buck Rogers
>battling green space men on Jupiter:

>http://www.redboots.net/comics/other_heroes.htm

>The aliens are not only green, they are very humanoid, and some
>appear to be drawn smaller than Buck Rogers as he blasts away at
>them. That's just one early example. Look at the other links and
>you'll see some more examples of early green aliens. The very
>popular Buck Rogers and Flash Gordon comics from the 1930s were
>followed by the pulp comic books of the 1940s.

>On what basis do you maintain that there wasn't much in the way
>of LGM's prior to the British comics of 1950? It doesn't look
>like Kottmeyer turned over very many stones. I just barely
>scratched the surface myself with a Web browser and an hour of
>time. It would require a very thorough review of the U.S. pop
>culture back then to say anything definitive.

David,

Thanks for posting the above link again. I'll pass it along to Kottmeyer. I'm sure you'll agree with me that it's premature to assess his article w/o having read it in its entirety, based on a single paragraph that I quoted.

But to summarize, the point is not whether or when green 'others' were first portrayed (Kottmeyer cites numerous instances of same himself), but when same became accepted as common currency for flying saucer occupants. When, in other words, did LGM reach the tipping point, as it were?

We don't have the same problem, for example, with 'flying saucer'. Its coinage and adoption can be pretty precisely determined as the summer of 1947. It doesn't matter if one can go back and find precedents in sci-fi pulps and other instances of popular culture; what matters is when the phrase became common. If you said you'd seen a flying saucer in 1945, for example, the other person would probably ask for an explanation. But if you said it in 1949, he or she would 'know' exactly what you were talking about.

Aliens were portrayed as all sorts of colors, shapes, and sizes prior to what we think of as the UFO phenomenon. The question remains: why and when did LGM become the commonly accepted

reference to same? If it were a simple matter, people wouldn't still be writing articles about it.

>>Depending on which Roswell author you cite, Brazel raised the
>>LGM remark independently, or in response to a question by Frank
>>Joyce. There may even be another version or two floating
>>around. In any event, it appears that LGM was hardly in common
>>usage in 1947.

>The story comes from Joyce. For those not in the know, Frank
>Joyce was a radio announcer in Roswell. When Brazel first came
>to town to announce his discovery, Joyce claims he spoke to him
>on the phone. After everything blew up, the base put out it's
>recovered disk story, Ramey debunked it as a weather balloon,
>Brazel was taken to be interviewed and put out his own balloon
>story, then retracted it at the end, etc., Brazel went to see
>Joyce at the radio station.

>According to Joyce, Brazel at first recited his new balloon
>story. When Joyce challenged it, saying it was different from
>what Brazel had originally told him, Joyce claims Brazel told
>him that the military had forced him to change the story, and
>Joyce would be wise to go along with it. Then as Brazel turned
>to leave, Joyce claims he pressed Brazel some more, saying
>something to the effect of, "What about the part of the little
>green men?" To this Brazel tersely replied before finally
>leaving, "They weren't green."

>Joyce's LGM story was always a little puzzling. Even assuming
>this took place and Joyce recounted it more-or-less correctly,
>where and when did Brazel learn of bodies, little or otherwise?
>For years Joyce refused to say what it was Brazel originally
>told him in his first phone discussion, but in the past few
>years he has claimed that in addition to the large debris field,
>Brazel told him of finding horrific smelling small bodies that
>weren't human. Joyce says he didn't believe Brazel, but
>nonetheless suggested he contact the base.

>Even assuming these conversations took place, did the term
>"green men" or "little green men" ever enter into it? Maybe the
>conversations mentioned small bodies but "green" was never a
>part of it.

In fact, there are about three different versions of this conversation floating about. Though if Brazel had indeed found bodies on the Foster ranch, one would think he would have beat it into town immediately and that the presence of bodies would have been the *first* - not the last - thing he would have mentioned. Ditto Marcel, etc.

>BTW, were there bodies? The Ramey teletype clutched in Ramey's
>hand mentions "THE VICTIMS OF THE WRECK" being "forwarded" to
>Fort Worth. So yes, there is now objective, documentary evidence
>that bodies were found. It's no longer just 50-year-old
>memories.

>Do you suppose Gen. Ramey was discussing crash dummies from the
>future?

>David Rudiak

I've always wondered about that. Is it being clutched or just clasped?

Dennis Stacy

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Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 00:54:42 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 09:23:48 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Stacy

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>To: <UFOUpdates@home.com>
>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'
>Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 17:10:53 -0700

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Roswell UFO Bombshell - Clark
>>Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 10:41:21 -0600

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Re: Roswell Aliens Vs. Crash Dummies

From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
Date: 28 Dec 2001 06:12:27 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 09:32:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Roswell Aliens Vs. Crash Dummies

I found an example of a retired Air Force Colonel's response to the Crash Dummy explanation given to the reported alien bodies found at the Roswell wreckage site. This was posted to the Skywatch List and UFO UpDates in 1997.

Other than a detailed description of the wreckage of the object at the Roswell crash site from a credible source, it is the finding of non-human bodies that makes the Roswell case for an extraterrestrial origin and a magnet for interest.

Dummies weren't classified, says retired colonel

[The Associated Press]

GRANTS -- A retired Air Force officer says he worked with high tech crash test dummies in the 1950s, and that there's no way they'd be confused with aliens described in rumors arising from the Roswell Incident.

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Raymond A. Madson said he isn't buying the latest Air Force explanation of what occurred in Roswell in July 1947. The Pentagon issued a report this week saying the Air Force believes crash test dummies used in the 1950s were mistaken for the rumored 1947 aliens and suggesting that UFO buffs just got their dates mixed up.

Madson, 66, who now lives near Grants, said he was project officer for Project High Dive at Holloman Air Force Base for four years starting in the 1950s.

He told the Grants newspaper, the Cibola County Beacon, that the Project High Dive dummies were used to test problems pilots might encounter with the ejection mechanisms for bailing out of new generation jet aircraft.

Madson said he sent photographs of Project High Dive dummies to the Pentagon for inclusion in the Air Force document issued this week, 'The Roswell Report: Case Closed.'

But he said the dummies do not match the descriptions of the very small, almost childlike beings purported to have been seen in 1947 near Roswell.

'They were testing these things (dummies) to try to protect grown men. They would never have used (dummies of) children for such experiments,' he said.

Madson also served at Wright Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio, before coming to Holloman. His wife worked at Wright Patterson as a secretary in the base medical laboratory, as well, he said.

Both of them heard serious talk about little green men who had been brought onto the base and studied secretly, he said.

The subject of aliens never came up at Holloman, however, he

said.

'I think it was a highly kept secret at that time,' he said.

In contrast, there was nothing secret about his dummies, he said.

'The dummies were not covered up or hidden (when transported), and there was no security in the dummy drop phase of the experiments,' he said.

And because the windblown dummies might end up falling just about anywhere, the Air Force even offered \$25 rewards to local residents around Alamogordo to return the dummies to the base, he said. They were all stamped with labels identifying them as Air Force property, Madson said.

Comment: Here is the reference to Little Green Men again.

Bill Hamilton

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Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Clark

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Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 11:00:02 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Clark

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says he read your words otherwise) that Karl Pflock is a secret
agent on a sinister mission. Your remarks above don't address
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Cordially,

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Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 10:35:06 -0500
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Would everyone who has come to this discussion with an open mind that has no pre-conceived notions regarding the Roswell case please stand up. Someone! Anyone? Okay, so this is more like a sports event where we stand on the sidelines and cheer our team to victory.

I believe that name calling is not helpful in this type of discussion, but I think Wendy's frustration with those who seem to have entered the discussion to stand on their soap box promote their opinion as gospel is understandable.

Karl has established his opinion regarding the Roswell incident (and has long been known to most researchers in the field). I believe he has worked very hard to back up his contentions in his new book (which I have, but haven't had time to read). But if he had any actual proof of his theories we'd have seen that evidence laid out here and on the nightly news, which I have yet to see. I have to read his book before I make any comments on it directly (and probably wouldn't get into that debate anyway). But, I've seen no reason to believe his theories over those of Kevin Randle or Stanton Friedman (who have each promoted their

own interpretation of the incident). In the end, it seems to come down to the beliefs and faith of the reader, and what that person expects to get out of the book.

As far as Walter Haut is concerned, the fact that his story has changed in the past number of years could have a variety of reasons. Perhaps age is indeed a factor here, or perhaps he has decided to express a secret that he has maintained for years (hoping to one day come clean when the facts of the incident are proven by other research and fear of prosecution was minimized). It comes as no surprise that his inconsistency and age have been questioned, and the threat of his becoming hounded by researchers and others has apparently caused him to retreat from further discussion of the matter. Karl is certainly pointing out factors in this that should be considered, but that shouldn't be confused with proof.

In science one isn't required to prove the negative, which means that anyone who has to prove the existence of alien space craft has to prove the case with evidence at hand. Those who are skeptical aren't required to prove that they don't exist. However, this is an historical discussion, not scientific. Anyone attempting to establish historical facts is required to prove their case, and otherwise one is left with theories and allegations.

I hope everyone has a safe New Year,

Steve

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SDI Wrap-Up Of 2001 With Mr. M.J.Woods

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 09:32:56 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 11:15:49 -0500
Subject: SDI Wrap-Up Of 2001 With Mr. M.J.Woods

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From: Wendy Connors <projectsign@worldnet.att.net>
Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 09:48:02 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 12:24:33 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Connors

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 09:36:44 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Clark

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Roswell UFO Bombshell - Clark
>>>Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 10:41:21 -0600

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>>>>From: Karl Pflock <Ktperehwon@aol.com>
>>>>Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2001 18:41:41 EST
>>>>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'
>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

Jerry,

I know you appreciate my work, etc. We have been friends for a long time, gaffed down booze together, lamented the folibles of Ufology, etc.

My objections to Mr. Pflock's opinion regarding Mr. Haut and others is the methodology he used in conveying it. He uses guilt by association and other nefarious skeptibunkering folderol that have nothing to do with ethical research or sound conclusions.

So, one more time. My original posting was nothing more than using the same technique Mr. Pflock used to show or imply that Mr. Haut, Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Henderson were not credible. I used Mr. Pflock's own technique to illustrate that Mr. Pflock's credibility can be questioned in the same vein. Thus, the method Mr. Pflock was using was bogus and the UFO Update members were shown that it was.

The oral history of Mr. Haut contains not only his recollections, but the reason why he has refrained from disclosure. His reasons are sound and credible. Just because I won't publicly disclose his oral history until he has passed on is not a valid basis for attacking his credibility, because Mr. Pflock is reaching conclusions not based upon knowledge or documentation.

Mr. Pflock knew of the oral history, but became rabid when I would not share same with him. He was concerned only because of the impact it could have on his book. As a matter of fact, he became so incensed over my refusal to allow him to view the oral history, that he went on a private list rampage that bordered on defaming Mr. Haut. At that point I removed my association with

Mr. Pflock and his ranting and raving. I told him never again to come to my home, call me or email me. Yes, Jerry, there is the "public" Mr. Pflock and the Mr. Pflock behind the door. I personally advise, from experience, guarding your research as tightly as possible when Mr. Pflock comes a knock'n at your door.

Personally, I don't care what Mr. Pflock believes. I personally consider him irrelevant in the field of crypto-aeronautic studies and in my personal opinion, so should the thinking members of UFO UpDates. To be fair, he did a good job on researching the Mogul Balloon project, but nothing more.

Wendy

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From: **Jim Mortellaro** <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 12:04:21 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 12:26:49 -0500
Subject: Re: SDI Wrap-Up Of 2001 With Mr. M.J.Woods -

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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Dear Alfredo, Listerions, Woody Woods and Errol,

Cheeses, Al, I was gonna write the same thing, use the very same words too. Alas and a lackey, you beat me to the punch. What a co-inky-dink, eh? (Eh's galore for them Canahovians). Of course with a vocabulary like mine (I scored in the upper 50 percentile in my fourth grade vocabulary test and did a whopping "C" in my Hooked on Phonics course), anyway, with my vocal blue lorry I would'a shown yous up. Lucky you got here first.

At satire, I am not the master. Only a prince without portfolio. But at satirizing satire, I am the mensche di tutti munchies. And I shall use my own cutting wit, my rapier snapping, biting, insulting and otherwise horridly degrading commentary with which to obfuscate the already foggy atmosphere on this list... List. Say, didn't he write music or sumpin'? Or am I thinking of someone who talks funny?

Nay, verily I say unto yous, Woody, stick to hummer ... humor, sorry. I find your commentary filled with more than a glimpse through the haze of those who hail from a place called Lilly Putz. These are small people, with small minds and smaller respect for the opinions of others. Ain't your style, eh? (I am told that with every "eh" I get another dozen fans in Canahoovia ... I must have at least a dozen by now, eh?)

So, leave the satire to Gesundt, the maiming and ranting to those who enjoy the sport, the insults to those from whom we expectorate it expect it ... and stick to your previously marvelous commentary.

Oh, and before I forget, may I call you Woody, Woody?

Morty

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From: Wendy Connors <projectsign@worldnet.att.net>
Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 10:39:55 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 13:10:23 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Connors

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 00:54:42 -0600
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Stacy

>>From: Wendy Connors <projectsign@worldnet.att.net>
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>>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'
>>Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 17:10:53 -0700

>Wendy,

>At the risk of being labeled a Pflockapologist...

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>I'd say it's part caution and common sense. Far too many
>experiences escalate in the telling and retelling, including the
>example Pflock cited of Betty Hill. But maybe you believe
>everything Betty Hill has ever said, too.

>Anyway, that's my story and I'm sticking with it.

>Dennis Stacy

Dennis,

I obviously do know what I am talking about regarding Mr. Haut and Mr. Pflock. Much more so than Mr. Pflock's "opinions." I did the oral history and have had personal discussions with Mr. Haut many times. I also did an on-camera interview with him for French TV-2. Therefore, what I have expressed regarding Mr. Pflock's methodology is certainly not in error as it applies to Mr. Haut's credibility.

What it all boils down to is who ya gonna believe? A man who writes for "Saucer Smear," or a person who did the interviews and has the documentation? I really haven't reached a conclusion regarding the Roswell incident, but I categorically know that Mr. Haut is a credible, moral and ethical man and as an ethical researcher, will defend Mr. Haut to my last breath.

I've never met Betty Hill. Why would you assume that I "believe everything Betty Hill has ever said, too," or even include it in your remarks? This is a bogus comment. More on the level of Pflockism.

You're certainly many things, Dennis, but probably not a "Pflockopologist" A PflockaGroupie, perhaps. Anyway, that's my take and I'm sticking with it.

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Re: New Year Agenda - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 11:38:51 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 13:16:30 -0500
Subject: Re: New Year Agenda - Clark

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: New Year Agenda
>Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 23:37:54 +0000

Dick,

>It all comes down to that marvelous psychology concept of
>"Tolerance for ambiguity." I see enough smoke about Roswell to
>suspect an underlying conflagration, and we won't know for sure
>one way or the other with out a lot more careful, thorough,
>objective investigation by people without obvious axes to grind
>or track records of game-playing. I am willing to wait it out
>and to hope for new findings that will shed light on the issues.

I think you're right on target about the need for tolerance of ambiguity. In fact, I used the same phrase in a private e-mail to Karl Pflock earlier today. Maybe the hardest thing humans can do is not to pretend we know more than we know. But if you can't do that, maybe you ought to pursue something other than ufology.

If ever human beings have bitten off more than they can chew, it's from that giant carrot otherwise known as the UFO phenomenon.

Happy New Year,

Jerry Clark

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Re: 'Little Green Men' - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 14:32:19 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 12:38:28 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men' - Rudiak

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>>Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men'
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>>On what basis do you maintain that there wasn't much in the way
>>of LGM's prior to the British comics of 1950? It doesn't look
>>like Kottmeyer turned over very many stones. I just barely
>>scratched the surface myself with a Web browser and an hour of
>>time. It would require a very thorough review of the U.S. pop
>>culture back then to say anything definitive.

>David,

>Thanks for posting the above link again. I'll pass it along to
>Kottmeyer. I'm sure you'll agree with me that it's premature to
>assess his article w/o having read it in its entirety, based on
>a single paragraph that I quoted.

Aliens were commonly portrayed as green in the Sunday newspapers
and pulp comics prior to 1947, as my Net search quickly
demonstrated. You represented here that Kottmeyer could find no
such instances prior to a British comic book alien character
from 1950. Then you added that you seriously doubted the term
LGM could date back to 1947. That is what I was responding to.

I don't know what Kottmeyer wrote, but your representation of
the situation was inaccurate.

>But to summarize, the point is not whether or when green
>'others' were first portrayed (Kottmeyer cites numerous
>instances of same himself), but when same became accepted as
>common currency for flying saucer occupants. When, in other
>words, did LGM reach the tipping point, as it were?

The point is when they became accepted as a common, put-down
term for aliens, not "flying saucer occupants."

>We don't have the same problem, for example, with 'flying
>saucer'. Its coinage and adoption can be pretty precisely
>determined as the summer of 1947. It doesn't matter if one can
>go back and find precedents in sci-fi pulps and other instances
>of popular culture; what matters is when the phrase became
>common. If you said you'd seen a flying saucer in 1945, for
>example, the other person would probably ask for an
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>Aliens were portrayed as all sorts of colors, shapes, and sizes
>prior to what we think of as the UFO phenomenon. The question
>remains: why and when did LGM become the commonly accepted
>reference to same?

Right, to portrayal of aliens in general, not specifically

"flying saucer occupants." I'm making an issue of this because the two are not the same. If LGM was in the oral vernacular prior to 1947, then it might also be used by people in 1947 to refer to space aliens in association with the new "flying saucer" phenomenon.

I've looked at a lot of newspapers from July 1947, but have yet to see a specific LGM reference. Kevin Randle mentioned a spoofing column by Hal Boyle about a green alien piloting a saucer, though not using the term 'LGM'. However, it's a good indication that the mental imagery of aliens being green was out there.

I also have an article or two with people toying about the possibility of the saucers being piloted by "men from Mars." E.g., the Daily Illini article of July 9, which has provided a valuable chronology of AP bulletins on the Roswell events, ended with a statement of relief over the prosaic weather balloon explanation, saying, "A solution might be more than embarrassing. It might be calamitous. What if there really were 'men from Mars!'"

>If it were a simple matter, people wouldn't
>still be writing articles about it.

Since it's not a simple matter and nobody has nailed it down yet, then you shouldn't be making blanket statements about the term LGM not being around in 1947.

>>>Depending on which Roswell author you cite, Brazel raised the
>>>LGM remark independently, or in response to a question by Frank
>>>Joyce. There may even be another version or two floating
>>>around. In any event, it appears that LGM was hardly in common
>>>usage in 1947.

<snip>

>>According to Joyce, Brazel at first recited his new balloon
>>story. When Joyce challenged it, saying it was different from
>>what Brazel had originally told him, Joyce claims Brazel told
>>him that the military had forced him to change the story, and
>>Joyce would be wise to go along with it. Then as Brazel turned
>>to leave, Joyce claims he pressed Brazel some more, saying
>>something to the effect of, "What about the part of the little
>>green men?" To this Brazel tersely replied before finally
>>leaving, "They weren't green."

>>Joyce's LGM story was always a little puzzling. Even assuming
>>this took place and Joyce recounted it more-or-less correctly,
>>where and when did Brazel learn of bodies, little or otherwise?
>>For years Joyce refused to say what it was Brazel originally
>>told him in his first phone discussion, but in the past few
>>years he has claimed that in addition to the large debris field,
>>Brazel told him of finding horrific smelling small bodies that
>>weren't human. Joyce says he didn't believe Brazel, but
>>nonetheless suggested he contact the base.

>>Even assuming these conversations took place, did the term
>>"green men" or "little green men" ever enter into it? Maybe the
>>conversations mentioned small bodies but "green" was never a
>>part of it.

>In fact, there are about three different versions of this
>conversation floating about. Though if Brazel had indeed found
>bodies on the Foster ranch, one would think he would have beat
>it into town immediately and that the presence of bodies would
>have been the *first* - not the last - thing he would have
>mentioned. Ditto Marcel, etc.

There are certainly problems with the story and I have some of the same questions in my mind as you do. However, conceivably bodies could have been the very last thing Brazel found, after first finding the debris. This could be what finally prompted him to "beat it into town."

As to what exactly Brazel told Sheriff Wilcox and his staff we don't know. But apparently there was some skepticism over the story. Wilcox sent out deputies to check out the story.

I have spoken to Joyce recently myself, and he said he had to coax the part about the bodies out of Brazel when he first spoke

to him. Originally, according to Joyce, Brazel mentioned only the large quantities of debris, and was upset over the clean-up involved. Joyce said he could sense there was more and thus pressed for more details. That's when Brazel in a very agitated voice allegedly first brought up the subject of small, smelly bodies, something Joyce himself said he found very hard to believe.

As to Marcel denying knowledge of bodies in public interviews, he could have been like Walter Haut. It is only recently that Haut has mentioned knowing personally of bodies. Of course this raises the question of why the change of story? It could be that talking of strange events or debris is one thing, but saying that there were non-human bodies is quite another. The first is intriguing but still ambiguous in origin or implications; the second, however, is not ambiguous and an open invitation to intense disbelief and personal attack. There may also be the sense of having crossed the line and seriously broached an explicit or implicit security oath. So some may find it better not to raise the subject or deny personal knowledge when it is raised.

(Incidentally, I also spoke recently to Walter Haut, who doesn't know me from a hole in the wall. He would speak to me only in the vaguest generalities, and I couldn't get him anywhere near the subject of bodies. It strikes me that this is generally a taboo subject for Haut.)

My point is that there are psychological and personal ramifications if somebody were to bring up the issue of nonhuman bodies. It's a Pandora's box they might prefer not to open if they can avoid it.

>>BTW, were there bodies? The Ramey teletype clutched in Ramey's >>hand mentions "THE VICTIMS OF THE WRECK" being "forwarded" to >>Fort Worth. So yes, there is now objective, documentary evidence >>that bodies were found. It's no longer just 50-year-old >>memories.

>>Do you suppose Gen. Ramey was discussing crash dummies from the >>future?

>>David Rudiak

>I've always wondered about that. Is it being clutched or just >clasped?

>Dennis Stacy

Dennis, you certainly have a knack for focusing on the remarkably unimportant.

How about dealing instead with the obvious implications of the phrase "THE VICTIMS OF THE WRECK YOU FORWARDED TO ?????? AT FORT WORTH, TEX."?

David Rudiak

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Re: Insights Into T-2 Intelligence & Col. McCoy

From: Wendy Connors <projectsign@worldnet.att.net>
Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 03:23:26 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 12:42:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Insights Into T-2 Intelligence & Col. McCoy

Wendy Connors and Michael Hall have reviewed the Officer Military Record jacket for Col. Howard Monroe McCoy, Commanding General of T-2 Intelligence during Project SIGN. The information contained in these documents present some interesting information.

One of the most interesting bits of information concerns ranks held by Col. McCoy. His DD 13 form shows the following dates of rank:

2nd Lt.	12 Jun 30
1st Lt.	26 Aug 35
Capt.	17 Jun 40
Major	30 Jun 41
Lt. Col.	24 Jan 42
Major	1 Feb 42
Colonel	1 Mar 42
Lt. Col.	10 Dec 42
Colonel	1 Aug 44
Major	12 Jun 47
Colonel	2 Apr 48

Even more interesting are the chronological record of his military service involving assignments. To wit:

1 Jan 42 to 27 Apr 43 Ass't Chief Propeller Laboratory
28 Apr 43 to 28 Jan 44 Chief of Propeller Laboratory
29 Jan 44 22 Jun 44 Student
23 Jun 44 to 5 Jul 44 Prep & enroute to European Theater of Operations
6 Jul 44 to 31 Dec 44 Office Director of Technical Services
1 Jan 45 to 15 Jul 45 Director of Technical Services
16 Jul 45 to 17 Oct 45 A-2 Section (Air Intelligence)
18 Oct 45 30 Jun 46 Chief, Analysis Division & Chief of Air Documents Division
1 Jul 46 to 14 Oct 47 Acting Deputy Commanding General of T-2 Intelligence
15 Oct 47 to 24 Aug 49 Chief, Intelligence Department*
25 Aug 49 to 13 Jul 50 Student
14 Jul 50 to 9 Mar 51 Air Technical Intelligence Officer at Headquarters, Central Control Group of the Central Intelligence Agency*
10 Mar 51 to 24 Jun 52 Director Physical Security Equipment Agency
25 Jun 52 to 24 Feb 53 Senior Air Force Member, Physical Security Equipment Agency

1 Jun 53 to 30 Jun 54 Director, Physical Security Equipment Agency

1 Jul 54 to 2 Aug 54 Intelligence Staff Officer

*IMPORTANT NOTES: McCoy spent from 23 Feb 49 to 18 Apr 49 on TDY (Temporary Duty Yonder) to the European Theater of Operations. No indication of his duties while in the ETO. It is interesting to note that he was in the ETO while Grudge was in play. Further, it is extremely interesting to note that Col. McCoy, one month following the Grudge Report, was ATIC Officer with the Central Control Group of the CIA.

Wendy Connors & Michael Hall

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Re: New Year Agenda - Pflock

From: Karl Pflock <Ktperehwon@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 16:22:29 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 12:49:47 -0500
Subject: Re: New Year Agenda - Pflock

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: New Year Agenda
>Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 23:37:54 +0000

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>Pflock, by contrast, has been on the cusp
>of debunking all along and his Roswell book apparently could
>only be published by the "CSICOP Press." That also tells us
>something very important. In the CSICOP view, we know in advance
>that it can't be true; therefore no further investigation is
>necessary.

Dick, Colleagues, Friends, Enemies et al,

Dick Hall has left something important conveniently unstated here: The bulk of my early Roswell work was funded by a grant from the Fund for UFO Research (when Dick Hall was Fund Chairman). My interim report on my research and findings, Roswell in Perspective, was published by the Fund in June 1994 (while Hall was still Chairman). It is still being sold by the Fund. My book 'Roswell: Inconvenient Facts And The Will To Believe', published by 'CSICOP Press' (aka Prometheus Books), incorporates, updates, and expands upon the core material in RiP, with additional material included and all based upon my work subsequent to RiP's publication.

I am convinced by eight years of intensive, definitely not armchair research and investigation - much of it underwritten by the Fund for UFO Research, none of it by CSICOP - that the essential elements of the truth about what did and did not happen at and in the general vicinity of Roswell are solidly established, and that there was no crash-retrieval of a flying saucer involved, let alone the recovery of the bodies of a saucer crew, the same being true anywhere else before mid-1955 (and most likely since).

However, make no mistake about it, I remain open to any new credible, solidly backed-up, carefully vetted, etc., information to the contrary. If and when such information is brought forward, I'll be the first to embrace it, and it will require no prodding for me to declare my error - publicly, loudly, and even gleefully. For, contrary to Hall's assertion that I've "been on the cusp of debunking all along", I got involved in the Roswell mess because I really thought there was a good chance there was something to it and, like so many others who've been immersed in this field for so long, had high hopes that 'something' was physical proof of what I have been subjectively certain of for many years: we've been visited by beings from another world. I'd love to be proven wrong about Roswell. Alas, I doubt that's going to happen.

Best wishes to all for the coming new year - yes, even you, Dick and Wendy.

-- Cheers, KARL (MJ-SKEPTIBUNKER/NOT!)

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Re: New Year Agenda - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 21:26:25 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 12:54:41 -0500
Subject: Re: New Year Agenda - Hall

List,

Just to give you a little more idea about the man, as a result of my December 27 post here, Karl Pflock has privately threatened me with a lawsuit via e-mail. Birds of a feather Pflock together: Karl, CSICOP, Klass, Moseley... skeptibunkers, and the ethically challenged in general.

- Dick

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Re: Roswell Aliens Vs. Crash Dummies - Hale

From: Scott Hale <sh5259a@american.edu>
Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 17:04:56 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 12:59:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Roswell Aliens Vs. Crash Dummies - Hale

>Date: 28 Dec 2001 06:12:27 -0800
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>Subject: Roswell Aliens Vs. Crash Dummies

>I found an example of a retired Air Force Colonel's response to
>the Crash Dummy explanation given to the reported alien bodies
>found at the Roswell wreckage site. This was posted to the
>Skywatch List and UFO UpDates in 1997.

>Other than a detailed description of the wreckage of the object
>at the Roswell crash site from a credible source, it is the
>finding of non-human bodies that makes the Roswell case for an
>extraterrestrial origin and a magnet for interest.

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>Dummies weren't classified, says retired colonel

>[The Associated Press]

>GRANTS -- A retired Air Force officer says he worked with high
>tech crash test dummies in the 1950s, and that there's no way
>they'd be confused with aliens described in rumors arising from
>the Roswell Incident.

>Lt. Col. (Ret.) Raymond A. Madson said he isn't buying the
>latest Air Force explanation of what occurred in Roswell in July
>1947. The Pentagon issued a report this week saying the Air
>Force believes crash test dummies used in the 1950s were
>mistaken for the rumored 1947 aliens and suggesting that UFO
>buffs just got their dates mixed up.

>Madson, 66, who now lives near Grants, said he was project
>officer for Project High Dive at Holloman Air Force Base for
>four years starting in the 1950s.

<snip>

Having seen Lt. Col. Madson's deposition in the 'Roswell: Case Closed' report I decided I'd give him a phone call and discuss the report with him. He answered the phone and was very polite and helpful.

I asked if he felt anything he said had been taken out of context in the report. His answer was that nothing was directly taken out of context, but he did make it clear to the officers doing the report that nobody could be mistaken as to the true nature of these dummies.

He said, once, during a test at Wright Patterson Air Force Base one of the dummies fell into the back yard of one of the base commander's houses. He said at first the General's family was horrified when they saw what appeared to be a man in a parachute fall to the ground, but quickly realized it was a 250 pound mechanical dummy.

So, he said, they basically left out the parts where he suggested that nobody would really mistake the dummies for

anything living, but that was about it. I also asked him about anything he may have seen or heard up at Wright Patterson AFB that he would count as strange or unusual. His response was something along the lines of he knew the Little Green Men stories well but that he wouldn't feel comfortable talking about those, as it might betray some old friends.

Scott Hale

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Alfred's Odd Observation #003

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 06:24:26 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 13:55:28 -0500
Subject: Alfred's Odd Observation #003

Alfred's Odd Observation #003 (Saturday, December 29, 2001.)

My enthusiasm's boundless, and I'm soaring through the night in an early morning cleaving where the lights that move are bright, when Ursa, slowly rolling like that Gentle bear of lore, presented one new diamond that then moved across her floor. The Gem was bright as Sirius, and so slowly did it groove, I'd count out fifteen seconds - one degree was all it moved. It rolled just under five degrees, due north I watched it fall, but lost it to bring glasses to my eyes to watch it crawl...

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

It was about 04:15, and I was still high from some great letters I'd gotten yesterday from people who "got it" and had briefly celebrated the "getting it" with me in an exchange of some very satisfying E-mail <metaphoric cigarettes smoked all around <g>.>... a little slice of heaven... but... back at the ranch!

...It blinked on, just slightly below the big dipper, and started (immediately) to move to the north. Movement was so slow I thought I might be confused by some optical illusion initially, but no, it moved against the star field, bright as Sirius, about one degree in fifteen seconds. I watched it move for four or five degrees, then brought my field glasses to my eyes to see the obligatory but still anomalous point source of light (just bigger), when the light disappeared. Not finding it in my glasses, it was gone, subsequently, for my unaided eyes, too.

...And did it occur to any other sky watcher out there that Ursa was female? If not, then where did the "little" bear come from? <g>.

And so it goes for the intrepid anomalous observer <g>. Read on!
And thanks for the mail!

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Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 08:26:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 14:13:11 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Friedman

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'
>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 10:35:06 -0500

>>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 00:54:42 -0600
>>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'
>>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

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>>>That's what I was saying and I stand behind what I said.

>>>Wendy Connors

>>Wendy,

>>At the risk of being labeled a Pflockapologist...

>>It would behoove you to know what you're talking about. I
>>dare say that Pflock has no quarrel or question whatsoever
>>with Haut's original, consistent testimony re his involvement
>>with the Roswell incident.

>>It's the recent "mutation" - escalation or whatever you
>>prefer to call it - of same that Pflock has - in my humble
>>opinion legitimate - problems with.

>>Apparently, you don't, which is your choice. But that hardly
>>makes Pflock's assessment of Haut's change of story "as far
>>from ethical research as possible."

>>I'd say it's part caution and common sense. Far too many
>>experiences escalate in the telling and retelling, including
>>the example Pflock cited of Betty Hill. But maybe you believe
>>everything Betty Hill has ever said, too.

>>Anyway, that's my story and I'm sticking with it.

>Would everyone who has come to this discussion with an open mind
>that has no pre-conceived notions regarding the Roswell case
>please stand up. Someone! Anyone? Okay, so this is more like a
>sports event where we stand on the sidelines and cheer our team
>to victory.

>I believe that name calling is not helpful in this type of
>discussion, but I think Wendy's frustration with those who seem
>to have entered the discussion to stand on their soap box
>promote their opinion as gospel is understandable.

>Karl has established his opinion regarding the Roswell incident
>(and has long been known to most researchers in the field). I
>believe he has worked very hard to back up his contentions in
>his new book (which I have, but haven't had time to read). But
>if he had any actual proof of his theories we'd have seen that
>evidence laid out here and on the nightly news, which I have yet
>to see. I have to read his book before I make any comments on it

>directly (and probably wouldn't get into that debate anyway).
>But, I've seen no reason to believe his theories over those of
>Kevin Randle or Stanton Friedman (who have each promoted their
>own interpretation of the incident). In the end, it seems to
>come down to the beliefs and faith of the reader, and what that
>person expects to get out of the book.

>As far as Walter Haut is concerned, the fact that his story has
>changed in the past number of years could have a variety of
>reasons. Perhaps age is indeed a factor here, or perhaps he has
>decided to express a secret that he has maintained for years
>(hoping to one day come clean when the facts of the incident are
>proven by other research and fear of prosecution was minimized).
>It comes as no surprise that his inconsistency and age have been
>questioned, and the threat of his becoming hounded by
>researchers and others has apparently caused him to retreat from
>further discussion of the matter. Karl is certainly pointing out
>factors in this that should be considered, but that shouldn't be
>confused with proof.

>In science one isn't required to prove the negative, which means
>that anyone who has to prove the existence of alien space craft
>has to prove the case with evidence at hand. Those who are
>skeptical aren't required to prove that they don't exist.
>However, this is an historical discussion, not scientific.
>Anyone attempting to establish historical facts is required to
>prove their case, and otherwise one is left with theories and
>allegations.

>I hope everyone has a safe New Year,

Unlike Steve, I have read Karl's book. There are many items with which I am in agreement about what he calls "conventional wisdom".

However, I am in total disagreement with his conclusions.

I expect to do a long review at some time, but briefly his chief tool for dismissing the testimony of Pappy Henderson, Dr. John Kromshroeder, Jesse Marcel Sr., Colonel Blanchard is unsupported character assassination. He provides no basis for dismissing Pappy as a practical joker or for his false claim that Pappy was passing off a piece of a V-2 as a piece of wreckage. (A Kal Korff unsubstantiated claim) I have met with Pappy's daughter, wife, and Kromshroeder, and spoken with his son and son-in-law (who also handled the small piece of wreckage), and his WW 2 bombardier Vere McCarty (To whom Pappy told the story at a reunion in the early 1980s). As well as with Walter Haut about Pappy. Karl does seem to rely on a comment from Kal Korff (also presented without evidence) about the V-2 piece. He accepts Bob Todd's vicious attack on Marcel, but doesn't mention David Rudiak's outstanding and detailed refutation.

Blanchard had four big promotions after Roswell winding up a 4 star General and Vice-Chief of Staff of the USAF... at the time of his death. He had also served as Inspector General for the Air Force. At least his last promotion had to be approved by Congress. The loose-cannon charge is from an anonymous source. Certainly there were people who didn't like Blanchard. I spoke with Paul Tibbits - the Enola Gay pilot - who certainly didn't care for Blanchard, as noted in Tibbitt's book. But his record alone refutes the loose-cannon charge. I also spoke with, then retired 4 Star USAF General, Jack Ryan who was a close friend and a West Point Class mate who only had good things to say. I spoke with Blanchard's first and second wives, and his three children among others. Karl does not back up his claims.

Karl also decries Roswell on the basis of a bunch of documents (almost all SECRET, and none TOP SECRET Code Word) which said nothing about Roswell. How could they have? He has provided no TS Code Word documents. Absence of evidence is not evidence for absence. Karl knows better than to suggest that TSCW info would be released in lower-level documents.

Perhaps it should be pointed out that, legally, one cannot defame a dead person. So Karl can't be sued for defamation by the relatives of Henderson, Marcel, Blanchard and Kromshroeder, all of whom are deceased.

I haven't seen Wendy's Haut tape. So can't comment.

I have met with the Sheriff's daughters and at least 2 granddaughters. I can see no reason to reject the testimony of any of them and Karl has not provided any. Incidentally, rejecting Kromshroeder because he accepted the Billy Meier story is also baseless. John knew from Pappy's testimony that saucers were real, so he was interested in everything about them.

I will say that in my opinion Karl's book is the best of the three anti-Roswell books published by Prometheus and that they would never have published a book that concluded that Roswell involved recovery of at least one alien spacecraft.

Stan Friedman

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Subject: Alfred's Odd Observation #003 <addendum>

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The bear, Ursa, is female!

In Greek mythology Callisto, daughter of King Lycaon, was chosen as a young child to be one of Artemis's companions. Now Artemis was Apollo's sister, patroness of childbirth and protector of babies and of suckling animals. The one thing she prized above all was her chastity; she even asked Zeus for eternal virginity, which he granted.

Artemis gathered about her a number of young nymphs. Reflecting her own vows on chastity, she also required complete fidelity from these young women (girls actually, who would grow into womanhood). One of these was Callisto.

Zeus had the habit of rogering the young maidens, and eventually he got around to Callisto. When Artemis discovered that Callisto was pregnant, she took her revenge. Artemis loved to hunt; she would take her revenge in the chase. So she changed Callisto into a bear. (Remember that Artemis is the same goddess that caught Actaeon watching her bathe. She turned him into a stag then set his own hounds on him. They ripped him to pieces.)

So Artemis's plan was to have Callisto, as a bear, hunted down and killed. But Zeus took pity, and sent Callisto to the heavens, keeping the same form of a bear. Her son Arcas would grow up to be the ancestral founder of the Arcadians, before he too joined his mother in the heavens as Ursa Minor.

Wow! Read on!

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Australian 'Drury UFO' Film?

From: Leigh Blackmore <troswell151@optusnet.com.au>
Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 00:23:01 +1100
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 14:20:18 -0500
Subject: Australian 'Drury UFO' Film?

Hello List,

I trust everyone had a Merry Christmas.

I'm after any information on the Drury UFO film that was allegedly handed to a U.S. Intelligence Agency, by our Australian Government and was subsequently destroyed.

Can anyone enlighten me on this alligation, and anything else pertaining to this event.

Greatly appreciated.....

Regards,

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Re: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Bourdais

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Subject: Re: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Bourdais

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
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>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'
>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 10:35:06 -0500

>Would everyone who has come to this discussion with an open mind
>that has no pre-conceived notions regarding the Roswell case
>please stand up. Someone! Anyone? Okay, so this is more like a
>sports event where we stand on the sidelines and cheer our team
>to victory.

I tried to study Roswell with an open mind, back in 1995. I went to Roswell, where I met, twice, with Walter Haut, and to the MUFON Symposium in Seattle, where I met with Karl Pflock, after having read his book with interest.

I had a little discussion with him, pointing out that, according to descriptions of the debris field, there had been a violent explosion there. After trying to avoid the question, he finally admitted that, well, there could have been an explosion. But, a couple of hours later, at the final debate, he stated again, without the slightest reservation, that it was a Mogul balloon train.

Helium filled balloons cannot explode!

That behavior alone lead me to distrust anything that Karl Pflock would say.

A few months later, I was not surprised to discover in the USAF Roswell Report, that Sheridan Cavitt called him "our best debunker"!

On the contrary, I had a very strong feeling of honesty on the part of Walter Haut. He insisted, twice, on the fact that there was very tight discipline at Roswell. My understanding of that, today, is that he was trying to tell me that he was tied to secrecy and could not tell everything. Therefore, his new revelations are credible to me. This may be the behavior of a man wants to give his testimony before his death.

And many thanks to Wendy Connors for coming out and giving her own testimony on this List.

Gildas Bourdais

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2002: Year Of The Mothman?

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<http://downtoearth.ncbuy.com/newscenter/weirdnews.html?qdate01-12-28&nav=VIEW&id=CJ3VZ141507011228>

Wireless Flash Weird News: December 28, 2001

2002: Year Of The Mothman?

POINT PLEASANT, W.V. (Wireless Flash) -- A hideous creature called the "Mothman" may soon be as well-known as Bigfoot or the Loch Ness Monster.

The Mothman is a 6-foot-tall creature with wings that haunts the town of Point Pleasant, West Virginia -- usually appearing just before a major disaster, such as a bridge collapse that killed 46 people in 1967.

Locals are afraid to discuss the Mothman, but they may not be able to avoid it starting next month, when a new movie, "The Mothman Prophecies," opens in theaters.

Mothman expert Loren Coleman fears media attention will turn Point Pleasant into a paranormal tourist trap "a la" Roswell, New Mexico, and create more myths than facts.

As a result, he's trying to get Point Pleasant locals to spill the beans about the Mothman now, before tourism changes everything.

[UFO UpDates thanks The Anomalist: <http://www.anomalist.com/> for the lead]

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Is Menzel To Be Re-Published?

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At a local Border's Books a search of their computer listing showed that Dr. Menzel's 'The UFO Enigma: The Definitive Explanation of the UFO Phenomenon' is to be reprinted for sale. On their web site I can only find a used copy of the work, but I'm really curious as to what would trigger the reprint of an older work?

Steve

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Re: 'Little Green Men' - Clark

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Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men' - Clark

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 14:32:19 EST
>Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men'
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 00:54:42 -0600
>>Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men'
>>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
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>>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>>>Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 13:07:30 EST
>>>Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men'
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

Dennis and David,

>>But to summarize, the point is not whether or when green
>>'others' were first portrayed (Kottmeyer cites numerous
>>instances of same himself), but when same became accepted as
>>common currency for flying saucer occupants. When, in other
>>words, did LGM reach the tipping point, as it were?

>The point is when they became accepted as a common, put-down
>term for aliens, not "flying saucer occupants."

As far as that goes, it would be interesting to know exactly when
the concept of "flying saucer occupants," by that name, came into
common usage.

>>Aliens were portrayed as all sorts of colors, shapes, and sizes
>>prior to what we think of as the UFO phenomenon. The question
>>remains: why and when did LGM become the commonly accepted
>>reference to same?

>Right, to portrayal of aliens in general, not specifically
>"flying saucer occupants." I'm making an issue of this because
>the two are not the same. If LGM was in the oral vernacular
>prior to 1947, then it might also be used by people in 1947 to
>refer to space aliens in association with the new "flying
>saucer" phenomenon.

>I've looked at a lot of newspapers from July 1947, but have yet
>to see a specific LGM reference. Kevin Randle mentioned a
>spoofing column by Hal Boyle about a green alien piloting a
>saucer, though not using the term 'LGM'. However, it's a good
>indication that the mental imagery of aliens being green was out
>there.

I think that last point has been conclusively established. It
seems to me that the question of whether Brazel could have
referred to "green men" or "little green men" - he could have
said either - has been settled, in the affirmative. Further
argument on this arcane matter is surely pointless.

That doesn't answer all the other questions, of course, but this
issue, though one of relatively little consequence in the larger
context of the Roswell bodies issue, at least has been resolved.

Jerry Clark

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Dead Aliens

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Subject: Dead Aliens

Hello all.

In a previous post I brought up the question - did the Alien bodies ah, smell, after laying in the hot summer sun of Roswell?

Apparently they did and were quite fragrant, as in fetid, stinkaroo, gagging, etc.

Brazel and possibly others, commented on the stench. Now the next question, even the most jaded pathologist can be overcome if the subject is sufficiently 'ripe'. Why in the 'Alien Autopsy' isn't anyone (cameraman included) heaving their toe-nails out?

The 'tent footage' is, again, in the hot summer sun and nobody appears to be dressed for a very stinky autopsy. This is a problem.

GT McCoy

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Re: 'Little Green Men' - Stacy

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>Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men'
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>Dennis, you certainly have a knack for focusing on the
>remarkably unimportant.

>How about dealing instead with the obvious implications of the
>phrase "THE VICTIMS OF THE WRECK YOU FORWARDED TO ?????? AT FORT
>WORTH, TEX."?

>David Rudiak

David, and you have a remarkable knack for changing the subject, which, in case you forgot, was the origin of the phrase 'little green men' and when it became common currency, as in, was it a common expression in 1947, as Joyce or Brazel's alleged testimony would seem to indicate?

If so, it would had to have been dang common in order to be an understood phrase in rural New Mexico in 1947. I repeat: there is no evidence that that was the case.

Read Kottmeyer's article or don't. I don't care. Of "comic strip series like Alley Oop, L'il Abner, Popeye, Buck Rogers, Flash Gordon and Superman", Kottmeyer says that "the phrase remained elusive and drawings of aliens never seemed to fully match the idea. Green aliens were either not-little or not-man-like while little men were not-green."

Further on: "A fellow ufologist, Luis Gonzalez Manso, queried a superhero comics expert jjnevin@ix.netcom.com [I think his name is Jess Nevin] and he affirms use of LGM in comics does not predate 1948 or so. He adds, 'The big vogue for putting aliens in the comics did not really start until 1949 or 1950, and the aliens were many different shapes and colors. In this case, I'm afraid, the phrase sprang from science fiction rather than the comics.'"

BTW, the green aliens on the Buck Rogers comic you linked are smaller as a matter of perspective. Look at it again. They are further away than the humans in the foreground, hence 'shorter'.

As for the contents of Ramey's teletype, that's a whole different kettle of fish, as you well know. My take on it - as if you're interested - is that it is extremely interesting and may yet have much to reveal. I'm also aware, as I presume you are, that even the most ardent proponents of said smoking gun and/or holy grail, have yet to unanimously agree on its contents.

You are entitled to your personal interpretation of it - and with that there is no arguing.

Much as I might like to.

Re: 'Little Green Men' - Stacy

Needless to say, you are also entitled to your interpretation as to the anomalousness of the material displayed in Ramey's office.

Meanwhile, Happy New Year!

May Little Green Men not darken your doorstep. Or little gray ones, for that matter.

Dennis Stacy

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The Final 'UFO Forum'

Appearing in the coming days is Issue 19 of 'UFO Forum', the technical journal from the C.I.S.U. which appears every four months under the editorship of Giuseppe Stilo.

Among the articles in this issue: the catalog of Italian pre-ufological cases of 'antiquity'; reflections on the 'teleportation' of Scorze; the history of state UFO research in the U.S.S.R.; a critique on the historic-ufological materialism of the 'Men in Red'; the stories of 'crashed UFOs' in the Nineteenth Century.

As announced, this will be the final issue of 'UFO Forum', since beginning with the coming year, the banner will be incorporated into the periodical 'UFO - Rivista di informazione ufologica' ('UFO Information Magazine'), which thus becomes quarterly.

[Communication by Gian Paolo Grassino.]

Another (Bad) UFO Book

On the heels of the one by Lissoni, Macro Edizioni of Cesena is sending to bookstores a second UFO book: "Extraterrestri Amici e Ostili" ('Extraterrestrials: Friends and Foes'), by the American George Andrews, originally published in 1993 (455 pages, 18 Euro or 34,835 Lire).

It concerns not only the umpteenth translation of a horrible book, but a veritable 'cult,' because the author is one of the exponents of the anti-American, para-ufological conspiracy view and this text was one of the best-sellers of pseudo-ufological trash overseas.

[Report by Maurizio Morini.]

The "Golden Little Martian" Cinematography Award

Speaking of 'trash': going to Michelangelo Visconti (for his short film "Close Encounters") is the "Golden Little Martian" Cinematography Award presented by Progetto Cinema of the Italian Center for UFO Studies during the course of the 6th Festival of Trash Cinema, which concluded in Turin on 16 December.

The award is intended to recognize the 'inclusion of elements specific to the UFO phenomenon, in an ironic and iconoclastic sense.' The plot: two boys in a brewery uncover the truth behind an invasion by microscopic UFOs, which makes itself known in a sudden and not inconspicuous manner.

[Collaboration by Fabrizio Dividi and Matteo Leone.]

Collaborators on this edition were: Fabrizio Dividi, Gian Paolo Grassino, Matteo Leone and Maurizio Morini.

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NEW WEB SITE, E-NEWS SERVICE FOR FIELDS OF DREAMS RADIO SHOW

Starting January 1, 2002, the Fields of Dreams webcast radio show will have its own web site and e-news e-mail service which will provide the latest updates on show schedules and upcoming guests.

Fields of Dreams is the premier webcast radio show (monthly) on the crop circle phenomenon, part of the Night Search Paranormal Network (<http://www.nightsearch.net>). FOD will not be a part of CCCRN specifically, but an independent program encompassing the phenomenon as a whole, and will continue to feature leading researchers from around the globe, providing an audio forum for discussion of all aspects of this fascinating subject. CCCRN will continue to focus on investigation of the phenomenon in Canada, as usual.

Fields of Dreams web site (under construction):

<http://www.geocities.com/fieldsofdreamsradio>

Fields of Dreams e-news service (program / guest updates):

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<http://www.topica.com/lists/fieldsofdreams>

The first Fields of Dreams update will be sent out January 1, with details for the next show on January 2, with Colin Andrews (please note: while Colin's recent views have caused much controversy in the crop circle research community, it is the purpose of FOD to provide an objective forum for all viewpoints). Previous guests so far since the program's start last fall have been Beata Van Berkom, Nancy Talbott and Linda Moulton Howe.

Please note: to receive the e-mail updates, you will need to subscribe yourself as per above, as Topica will not allow me to add addresses manually as a privacy / anti-spam precaution feature. The same is true for the CCCRN News updates.

Thanks again to Eddie, Colleen, Bob and everyone at NSPN for making possible this and all the programs on the NSPN network.

Happy New Year to everyone.

Paul Anderson
Host

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...Especially one so easily, righteously, and roundly
discredited, even if I do say so myself. Is this another bit of
projectile vomit from the Promethean press and so therefore
another mirage of the ubiquitous non-conspiracy? <g>.

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one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he
gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged
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from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, scoured by
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>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@space.com>
>>Subject: Roswell Aliens Vs. Crash Dummies

>>I found an example of a retired Air Force Colonel's response to
>>the Crash Dummy explanation given to the reported alien bodies
>>found at the Roswell wreckage site. This was posted to the
>>Skywatch List and UFO UpDates in 1997.

>>Other than a detailed description of the wreckage of the object
>>at the Roswell crash site from a credible source, it is the
>>finding of non-human bodies that makes the Roswell case for an
>>extraterrestrial origin and a magnet for interest.

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>>Dummies weren't classified, says retired colonel

>>[The Associated Press]

>>GRANTS -- A retired Air Force officer says he worked with high
>>tech crash test dummies in the 1950s, and that there's no way
>>they'd be confused with aliens described in rumors arising from
>>the Roswell Incident.

>>Lt. Col. (Ret.) Raymond A. Madson said he isn't buying the
>>latest Air Force explanation of what occurred in Roswell in July
>>1947. The Pentagon issued a report this week saying the Air
>>Force believes crash test dummies used in the 1950s were
>>mistaken for the rumored 1947 aliens and suggesting that UFO
>>buffs just got their dates mixed up.

>>Madson, 66, who now lives near Grants, said he was project
>>officer for Project High Dive at Holloman Air Force Base for
>>four years starting in the 1950s.

><snip>

>Having seen Lt. Col. Madson's deposition in the 'Roswell: Case
>Closed' report I decided I'd give him a phone call and discuss
>the report with him. He answered the phone and was very polite
>and helpful.

>I asked if he felt anything he said had been taken out of
>context in the report. His answer was that nothing was directly
>taken out of context, but he did make it clear to the officers
>doing the report that nobody could be mistaken as to the true
>nature of these dummies.

>He said, once, during a test at Wright Patterson Air Force Base
>one of the dummies fell into the back yard of one of the base
>commander's houses. He said at first the General's family was
>horrified when they saw what appeared to be a man in a parachute

>fall to the ground, but quickly realized it was a 250 pound
>mechanical dummy.

>So, he said, they basically left out the parts where he
>suggested that nobody would really mistake the dummies for
>anything living, but that was about it. I also asked him about
>anything he may have seen or heard up at Wright Patterson AFB
>that he would count as strange or unusual. His response was
>something along the lines of he knew the Little Green Men
>stories well but that he wouldn't feel comfortable talking about
>those, as it might betray some old friends.

>Scott Hale

I met with retired Colonel Madson in Albuquerque a few years ago. His picture with crash test dummy Sierra Sam and another officer is in 'The Roswell Report: Case Closed' on page 29. He was most gracious and stressed that the crash test dummies indeed had to be the size and weight of pilots for the tests to be meaningful. He also noted that during his work at WPAFB both he and his wife, who also worked there, had independently heard of there being alien bodies at the base. He also noted that one project he worked on was so classified that his boss didn't know what he was doing and gave him a bad rating which was corrected by the supervisor on the special project.. related to the U-2.

It is interesting that the map showing the locations of the dropping of crash test dummies is used three times. Rather amazingly there were no dummies dropped near either crash site. But then when did the USAF or Roswell debunkers ever let the truth stand in the way of their debunking?. A typical example might be generally ignoring the comment in many articles that the wreckage was found last week from July 8 which surely rules out the Mogul Balloon launch so often brought forth.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Dead Aliens - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 17:56:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 18:02:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Dead Aliens - Kaeser

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>Subject: Dead Aliens
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>Hello all.

>In a previous post I brought up the question - did the Alien
>bodies ah, smell, after laying in the hot summer sun of Roswell?

>Apparently they did and were quite fragrant, as in fetid,
>stinkaroo, gagging, etc.

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>next question, even the most jaded pathologist can be
>overcome if the subject is sufficiently 'ripe'. Why in the
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>their toe-nails out?

>The 'tent footage' is, again, in the hot summer sun and
>nobody appears to be dressed for a very stinky autopsy. This
>is a problem.

I don't seem to recall Mac Brazel actually seeing any bodies. He had complained about the debris field to authorities, but I've seen nothing to indicate that he had discussed either bodies or a 'craft'.

As far as alien fragrance is concerned, we've got some (generally third-party) anecdotal testimony that described the stench, but I think the implication was that they gave off a terrible odor as aliens, not because they'd had time to begin decomposition in the hot sun. IMO, as far as the AA footage is concerned, we need a bit more provenance from Ray Santilli before it deserves any further discussion.

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>I'm really curious as to what would trigger the reprint of an
>older work?

UFOs! If the 'definitive' explanation doesn't take the first time, try again. NASA, taking a 'neutral stance', stated in 1998 that they hoped the new image of the Face on Mars had "scotched this thing for good." Fortunately it didn't, and JPL is once again falsifying data in a valiant attempt at 'scotching'. Debunkers hate it when things don't go away.

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Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 15:20:42 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 19:06:03 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell' - Tonnies

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto
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>Subject: Re: 'Roswell UFO Bombshell'
>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 19:25:34 +0100

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>On the contrary, I had a very strong feeling of honesty on the
>part of Walter Haut. He insisted, twice, on the fact that there
>was very tight discipline at Roswell. My understanding of that,
>today, is that he was trying to tell me that he was tied to
>secrecy and could not tell everything. Therefore, his new
>revelations are credible to me. This may be the behavior of a
>man wants to give his testimony before his death.

What, specifically, does Haut have to say about the alleged
bodies? I would love to know more about this.

--Mac

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Re: Dead Aliens - Tonnies

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Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 19:08:01 -0500
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>(generally third-party) anecdotal testimony that described the
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>decomposition in the hot sun.

Glenn Dennis' "testimony" is the most graphic, concerning the
aliens' odor.

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>provenance from Ray Santilli >before it deserves any further
>discussion.

So do I. But if real, I don't think it's related to the Roswell
crash. In any case, the pathologists are decked out in isolation
suits that (one would like to think) keep the smell at bay.
Also, there is a plaque on the wall indicating a "maximum
working time" of one hour.

See my thoughts at: <http://mactonnies.com/aa.html>

--Mac

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Re: New Year Agenda - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 16:44:51 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 19:11:18 -0500
Subject: Re: New Year Agenda - Stacy

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: New Year Agenda
>Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 23:37:54 +0000

>The issue of Roswell (or for UFOs as possible visitors from
>elsewhere) will not be solved by cynicism, prematurely assuming
>you have all the answers, and digging in of heels. In saying
>this, I particularly have in mind the recent cynical comments by
>Dennis Stacy and the presumptuous and condescending remarks of
>Karl Pflock, whose adoption of Jim Moseley as his "standard" of
>serious UFO research tells us all we need to know about him. The
>Roswell incident (or incidents) has been beclouded by a clash of
>giant egos, the moral equivalent of "disinformation" (phony
>witnesses, dishonest activities driven by something other than
>an objective search for the truth), and by skeptibunker
>propaganda ploys that would make Joseph Goebbels look like a
>rank amateur.

Dick,

I take exception to your remarks as far as they pertain to me personally. If you'll reread my most recent remarks, you'll see that I was responding to someone who made completely cynical and conspiratorial remarks about the test dummies. I didn't say I accepted or supported the AF point of view -- I merely pointed out that there was another way of looking at it, regardless of whether one agreed with it or not. Now I'm in league with Karl Pflock!

So who's the cynic here? Obviously, you equate cynicism and disinformation with anyone who might be inclined to accept any Air Force statements to the effect that they really *don't* have a crashed flying saucer and alien corpses in their possession.

Your pompous piety and appeals to "tolerance for ambiguity" are beginning to wear a bit thin. The fact of the matter, as you well know, is that it is damnably difficult to disprove a negative. When, for example, will you agree that I've stopped beating my wife?

The indisputable fact of the matter is that your mind is just as made up as those you criticize of cynicism (or worse). There is nothing, nothing, nothing that could be discovered or uncovered, published or revealed, that would or ever could dissuade you of the fact that nothing unusual occurred at Roswell and that, in fact, the AF has not had alien bodies on ice for the last 50+ years. Not the McCoy document, not Kent Lorenzo's [I hope I have the name right] testimony to the contrary, not the exposure of one after another less than honest "eyewitness" -- in short, nothing.

I just wish you would dispense with the hypocrisy of pretending to occupy the objective high-ground - when your own mind is most emphatically and demonstrably made up. After all, you've talked to Roswell witnesses!

As if I (or anyone else) had some sort of role in the creation of the Kauffmanns, Dennises, Corsos, Rowses, Andersons, and

others out there.

Who's dissembling who here? Do you know? Of course not, but that's hardly an impediment to your pretending as if you did. So what do we outsiders take as our 'veracity' barometer re. Roswell? The fact of whether the great, objective, non-cynical Dick Hall happened to interview a particular 'witness' or not? Have you been able to convince, say, Stanton Friedman, or for that matter, Don Berliner, that Gerald Anderson just may not be the most reliable person on the planet? I thought not.

To paraphrase Joe Ely: If you want cynicism, I'll give you cynicism.

>The only way to arrive at a meaningful conclusion about Roswell >(and UFOs as visitors from elsewhere) is to thoroughly >investigate all leads (quite a few central witnesses remain to >be questioned on the record), expose hoaxes or false >information, and to continue the search for historical >documentation or the lack thereof. To assume that the final >answer has been established is totally unjustified.

So, have you talked to Kent Lorenzo? For that matter, have you talked to anyone who claimed to have been at Roswell at the time and who didn't testify to anything untoward taking place? And you publicized same... where?

>Unlike some of the armchair pundits, I have talked with Walter >Haut, viewed his videotaped testimony about bodies (which Pflock >cynically writes off as "false memory"), met and talked with >members of Sheriff Wilcox's family, etc. Among the more >honorable Roswell researchers has been Kevin Randle, who (like >all of us) was surprised to learn that his colleague Don Schmitt >was somewhat ethically deprived (as is Pflock when it comes to >purloined tapes). Randle immediately acknowledged the problem >and proceeded to set the record straight, taking great pains to >repair the damage. I will not at present go into further detail, >except to say that Randle has acted very honorably in this >matter and has continued to do important research in a careful >and objective manner. Pflock, by contrast, has been on the cusp >of debunking all along and his Roswell book apparently could >only be published by the "CSICOP Press." That also tells us >something very important. In the CSICOP view, we know in advance >that it can't be true; therefore no further investigation is >necessary.

People talked to Anderson, Kaufmann, Rowe, Ragsdale, and Dennis, too. Unfortunately, it didn't render the former anymore truthful for it.

>Pflock's glib write-off of Pappy Henderson's testimony, and that >of Haut and the Wilcox family, is another indication of a >totally made-up mind, if not deliberate disinformation, which >Jerry Clark does not like to even consider as an alternative. >(Don't get me wrong; I love Jerry Clark and consider him to be >the peerless historian of ufology and one of its best informed >and most articulate commentators. It's just that he and I >disagree on possible real 'conspiracies' or deliberate efforts >to confuse the issues.)

>It all comes down to that marvelous psychology concept of >"Tolerance for ambiguity." I see enough smoke about Roswell to >suspect an underlying conflagration, and we won't know for sure >one way or the other with out a lot more careful, thorough, >objective investigation by people without obvious axes to grind >or track records of game-playing. I am willing to wait it out >and to hope for new findings that will shed light on the issues. >Unlike the skeptibunkers, I do not feel compelled to assert >final answers until more can be learned by following up on the >many loose ends.

No, of course you don't. While asserting your own final answer and accusing anyone who dares differ with charges ranging from cynicism and game-playing to disinformation, and so on. (Which takes us back to: what evidence would persuade you that nothing untoward happened at Roswell? It would almost have to be government evidence/documents at this point, wouldn't it? But, wait: we all know what you think of gov't documents and denials, as in not to be trusted. So you'll always have an "out." Lucky man, you! No more McCoy-like docs need apply, presumably however persuasive.)

Put another way, name someone who disagrees with your current assessment of Roswell who is open-minded, non-cynical, non-disinformative, and, by all appearances, not a planted mole. (As we could never know for sure, could we?)

I understand it may be a short list, but try, anyway.

In other words... do you and Roswell have any honorable critics? Or just pond scum?

Please be objective, open-minded, and tolerant of ambiguity in your response. Like the rest of us (who are apparently none of the above) are supposed to be.

There, I knew you could do it!

Dennis Stacy

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Re: 2002: Year Of The Mothman? - Friedman

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Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 08:57:14 -0500
Subject: Re: 2002: Year Of The Mothman? - Friedman

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>Subject: UFO UpDate: 2002: Year Of The Mothman?

>Source: Down To Earth

><http://downtoearth.ncbuy.com/newscenter/weirdnews.html?qdate01-12-28&nav=VIEW&id=CJ3VZ141507011228>

>Wireless Flash Weird News: December 28, 2001

>2002: Year Of The Mothman?

>POINT PLEASANT, W.V. (Wireless Flash) -- A hideous creature
>called the "Mothman" may soon be as well-known as Bigfoot or the
>Loch Ness Monster.

>The Mothman is a 6-foot-tall creature with wings that haunts the
>town of Point Pleasant, West Virginia -- usually appearing just
>before a major disaster, such as a bridge collapse that killed
>46 people in 1967.

>Locals are afraid to discuss the Mothman, but they may not be
>able to avoid it starting next month, when a new movie, "The
>Mothman Prophecies," opens in theaters.

>Mothman expert Loren Coleman fears media attention will turn
>Point Pleasant into a paranormal tourist trap "a la" Roswell,
>New Mexico, and create more myths than facts.

>As a result, he's trying to get Point Pleasant locals to spill
>the beans about the Mothman now, before tourism changes
>everything.

I must object to calling Roswell a tourist trap. Prices for everything are very reasonable. Entry in to the museum is free.

Fine steaks at reasonable prices at the Cattle Baron, there is a Walmart and lots of friendly people.

On the other hand I have not at all been impressed in my dealings years ago with John Keel about Roswell (FUGO balloons indeed), about the use of plutonium, about the notion that Jews didn't get high level security clearances because Hoover was antisemitic, that all government documents in the 1947 time frame were on 8x10.5" paper etc ad nauseum. He even had Goddard running his rocket tests in Aztec rather than near Roswell..

Our UFO group in Pittsburgh did go down to WV and talked to Woodrow Derenberger... Keel's men in Black imagination is also questionable. I will take Roswell any time.

Stan Friedman

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Since when is Pflock the evil-minded conspirator he's so often
made out to be on this List? I've read every book on Roswell
that I know of, and Pflock's is the most rigorous, well-written,
and illuminating of them all, even if I take issue with some of
the particulars (and I do).

While 'Roswell: Inconvenient Facts and the Will to Believe'
argues against an ET explanation for Roswell, it's certainly not
a glowing endorsement of the AF's 'explanation'. There's always
the possibility that his conclusions are wrong. But in the
meantime, I'm tired of seeing his name lumped with all that is
despicable and dishonest about the Roswell affair.

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Hello Steve:

Its nice that Menzel had a "Definitive Explanation" for the UFO
phenomenon. I sure don't.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: 'Little Green Men' - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 00:41:47 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 09:17:17 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men' - Young

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 14:32:19 EST
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men' - Rudiak

<snip>

>As to Marcel denying knowledge of bodies in public interviews,
>he could have been like Walter Haut. It is only recently that
>Haut has mentioned knowing personally of bodies. Of course this
>raises the question of why the change of story? It could be that
>talking of strange events or debris is one thing, but saying
>that there were non-human bodies is quite another. The first is
>intriguing but still ambiguous in origin or implications; the
>second, however, is not ambiguous and an open invitation to
>intense disbelief and personal attack. There may also be the
>sense of having crossed the line and seriously broached an
>explicit or implicit security oath. So some may find it better
>not to raise the subject or deny personal knowledge when it is
>raised.

>(Incidentally, I also spoke recently to Walter Haut, who doesn't
>know me from a hole in the wall. He would speak to me only in
>the vaguest generalities, and I couldn't get him anywhere near
>the subject of bodies. It strikes me that this is generally a
>taboo subject for Haut.)

David, List:

Is there a citation for Haut recently mentioning bodies?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Dead Aliens - Haggard

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>Autopsy' isn't anyone (cameraman included) heaving their toe-nails out?

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>appears to be dressed for a very stinky autopsy. This is a problem.

This is a good point, but I think it is a better point for the discussion on the crash test dummies. Anyone ever smelled a dummy out in the sun for a few hours? I doubt they have the same decomposition problems as living flesh.

Michael Haggard

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Re: SDI Wrap-Up Of 2001 With Mr. M.J. Woods - Woods

From: Michael Woods <mike.woods@sympatico.ca>
Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 20:07:53 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 09:32:03 -0500
Subject: Re: SDI Wrap-Up Of 2001 With Mr. M.J. Woods - Woods

Hello Listers,

So, evidently some of you were disappointed by the year-end review I did on Errol's show, 'Strange Days... Indeed' last week. Some felt I was too depressed and depressing, too dismissive, too heavily influenced by 9-11.

Too bad.

No matter what you call me, I'm still going to think Dieting for Disclosure was nothing more than the kind of childish, hunger strike both my sons tried on me when they were young. They were sent to their rooms. They soon saw the light. Maybe you think we should all buckle under to emotional extortion and blackmail - if so, cure yourself of that belief.

No matter how much of the more-in-sadness-than-in-anger tone is taken about my intellectual short-comings, I still think the 9-11 attacks reduced the UFO Disclosure movement to a small footnote on the political scorecard. If it were any other way, I'd have even less respect for the leaders of the U.S. and Canada... and I don't have much to begin with. Perhaps developing a sense of proportion might help some of you.

While I believe there are UFOs visiting earth, I know terrorists have flown passenger aircraft into buildings.

Even the supposed efforts of hardcore researchers can be trivial without my trivializing it. Does anyone really think the fourth or fifth debate about the Alien Autopsy footage makes any of us look bright? Can you point to a single event in the last 12 months that moved the UFO issue forward?

At the core of the UFO issue is a bonafide mystery, one worthy of scientific research until it's resolved. However, it's acne compared to the cancer that currently threatens the body politic of the West... and if the cancer isn't treated first, it will kill us.

But to be honest, I couldn't care less if anyone agrees with me... or even sees what I'm getting at.

Hope everyone has a Happy New Year.

Mike Woods
(No, I won't turn in my licence plates!)

The Truth can STAY out there...
Send in a good FANTASY!!

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>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 13:25:55 -0600

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 14:32:19 EST
>>Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men'
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

<snip>

>>I've looked at a lot of newspapers from July 1947, but have yet
>>to see a specific LGM reference. Kevin Randle mentioned a
>>spoofing column by Hal Boyle about a green alien piloting a
>>saucer, though not using the term 'LGM'. However, it's a good
>>indication that the mental imagery of aliens being green was out
>>there.

>I think that last point has been conclusively established. It
>seems to me that the question of whether Brazel could have
>referred to "green men" or "little green men" - he could have
>said either - has been settled, in the affirmative. Further
>argument on this arcane matter is surely pointless.

>That doesn't answer all the other questions, of course, but this
>issue, though one of relatively little consequence in the larger
>context of the Roswell bodies issue, at least has been resolved.

Jerry,

I'm surprised at you. That "last point has been conclusively
established"? Conclusively established? By whom and when?
"Settled, in the affirmative"? By whom and when? Cite
references, please. You've already admitted that you lost track
of your own LGM exclusive.

Did I miss something?

"... but this issue... at least has been resolved."

By whom, where, and when? By Rudiak's post? Again, what did I
miss? Cite references, please.

Are you referring to the paragraph you're responding to in which
the author (Rudiak) admits he couldn't find any references to
LGM? And yet this somehow explains and resolves things?

Jeez!

LGM is an etymological issue, not a call for allegiance to
Roswell as an ET phenomenon or not. Think William Safire, as
opposed to David Rudiak, and that will put you in the ballpark,
as opposed to out of it.

The good news is that you'll get a comp copy of TA10.

Dennis Stacy

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Bottom Line On Walter Haut

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 23:21:26 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 09:41:55 -0500
Subject: Bottom Line On Walter Haut

The bottom line on Walter Haut, seems to be:

- 1) Haut gave an Oral history interview where he describes or discloses certain information that he knew about Roswell concerning bodies and other things. He has not previously disclosed them and the reasons for not disclosing them is also in the Oral History, apparently only available to researchers after he is dead.
- 2) In essence, what Haut has done, is not previously disclosed all that he actually knew and saw.
- 3) So all the researchers who thought they had mined and gotten every piece of information from Haut have simply been mistaken
- 4) I predict that when the Oral History becomes public all the researchers who didn't get a chance to view and see the history will belittle and debunk everything in it for the usual assortment of reasons, stories and so forth. We will be treated to tales about how Walter's reasons (which may have been totally heartfelt by him) were really wrong, misleading and why he was a total liar.
- 5) Speculating about the contents of Walt's Oral history interview is similar to a newspaper speculating and theorizing about the contents of a classified document, without actually seeing what was written in the document. The bottom line is no matter what or who says what, the information won't be available for awhile.
- 6) As for Roswell, this isn't the end, just a mid-point.

While many people seem captivated with the idea of 'Well Walt didn't tell the story earlier, so all this is age, or misleading, or tall tale telling.'

Over the years there have been many people who didn't 'tell all the story at the time'. For example Richard Bissell, who worked on the then highly classified Corona Recon Sat Project, told a little bit of the information he knew over the years but until the project was declassified we didn't know everything. People will instantly claim what Haut knew is different than a classified project. This is true, but people do have reasons for 'not telling everything'.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Dead Aliens - Cameron

From: Cory Cameron <kecksburg@cnwl.igs.net>
Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 23:46:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 09:59:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Dead Aliens - Cameron

>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Dead Aliens
>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 23:18:48 -0800

>You wrote:

>Hello all.

>In a previous post I brought up the question - did the Alien
>bodies ah, smell, after laying in the hot summer sun of Roswell?

>Apparently they did and were quite fragrant, as in fetid,
>stinkaroo, gagging, etc.

>Brazel and possibly others, commented on the stench. Now the
>next question, even the most jaded pathologist can be overcome
>if the subject is sufficiently 'ripe'. Why in the 'Alien
>Autopsy' isn't anyone (cameraman included) heaving their
>toe-nails out?

<snip>

I remember distinctly certain portions of the AA video where it appears that one of the so-called doctors seems to be breathing heavily, as if he or she is having difficulty coping with the situation. Now this doesn't coincide with vomiting, but I believe there is an argument to be made here.

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Re: Dead Aliens - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 10:02:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Dead Aliens - Tonnies

>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Dead Aliens
>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 23:18:48 -0800

<snip>

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>next question, even the most jaded pathologist can be overcome
>if the subject is sufficiently 'ripe'. Why in the 'Alien
>Autopsy' isn't anyone (cameraman included) heaving their
>toe-nails out?

As I tried to address in a previous post:

- 1.) There is no compelling reason to assume the AA has anything to do with Roswell.
- 2.) If the body in the AA is indeed a decomposing corpse (alien or otherwise), the pathologists are wearing isolation suits. One would like to think these would insulate them from whatever stink the body is emitting. (Also, there is an interesting "maximum working time" plaque present in the corner of the operating room.)

>The 'tent footage' is, again, in the hot summer sun and nobody
>appears to be dressed for a very stinky autopsy. This is a
>problem.

Not much of one, since the "tent footage" is an admitted fake. It was filmed in England in the 1990s. I'm unsure what the weather conditions were at the time.

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Re: SDI Wrap-Up Of 2001 With Mr. M.J. Woods - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 02:01:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 10:10:24 -0500
Subject: Re: SDI Wrap-Up Of 2001 With Mr. M.J. Woods - Velez

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: SDI Wrap-Up Of 2001 With Mr. M.J.Woods
>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 09:32:56 -0600

Hello Alfred, hi All,

This post from you is really for Mike Woods to respond to. I didn't want to jump in before Mike could speak for himself, but you've made a couple of statements that I'd like to respond to if I may.

>... Listened to Errol's year end SDI wrap up of 2001* with the
>usually much appreciated Mr. M.J.Woods via VSN, and was
>respectfully disappointed with the cant of the entire segment.

That's allowed Alfred. The 'point' of the editorial reports/commentaries is to hopefully stimulate people into thinking about the subject. A 'Year End Wrap-Up' can be an expression of the commentators own takes/views. There are no rules which dictate that it must consist of a straight or even unbiased presentation. And... not everybody is going to like or agree with everything that is said. Woods is allowed to do his thing and you are allowed to disagree, or not to like it.

As for Woods, whether I agree with what he is saying or not... I always appreciate his input. Mike is an honest, intelligent man and an experienced journalist. Because of that I am "respectfully disappointed" in your statements about him.

>I would suggest that Mr. Woods let the ninth month color his
>entire summation and that he was needlessly cynical with regard
>to more than a few of the year's events.

Yeah well, that's kind of understandable isn't it? Hasn't it colored your own life in a discernable way? I know it has colored mine. What I really object to is the following:

>Regarding "speakers that are provocative and then surprised when
>people are provoked..." There is much that is provocative and an
>abundance of people to be justly or unjustly provoked, but there
>is much more "beneath contempt" than the almost universally (and
>perhaps even righteously) detested Dr. Greer and his frank
>admonition that the events of September 11th might have been
>precluded by a more timely ufological disclosure. I don't think
>that Greer's admonition is that far off the mark, requires
>little stretch in the covering, and I wrote, early on, the exact
>same thing on UpDates, months ago. In fact, I think Greer copped
>the thought from me.

>I consider it regrettably inaccurate that Mr. Woods feels "the
>linkage to be offensive," and the "notion to be ludicrous," even
>IF Dr. Greer can "be found to be dismissible." My take is
>that if we knew that we were being observed from space by
>intelligent beings we'd clean up our entire cultural act,
>toot-sweet. People don't commit crimes when they know they're
>being observed. This includes running loaded passenger craft
>into sky scrapers and any process, philosophy, or real-politick
>that might have helped precipitate that egregious act.

Let me tell you what I consider to be an "egregious act".

There is a black, smoking hole in the middle of my hometown, (I was born and raised on the island of Manhattan) that doubles as the largest mass grave in the US. To use it as a 'tool' for debate, or as it was used by the Disclosure organization is, to me, beneath contempt and a desecration of the memory of those so recently deceased. Where has your sensitivity gone? Don't tell me you cannot see how insensitive it is to use that tragic event the way that Greer's group (and now you by lauding it) is.

I hate to mess with your buzz, but this post from you made me cringe. More than anything else, your comments/usage of the WTC tragedy (again!) left an especially bad taste in my mouth. As intelligent, and for the most part rational adults that we are, I think we can all agree that that tragedy has nothing to do with our immediate subject of interest... UFOs. Therefore, it has no legitimate place in our organizational appeals for support, unless we are expressing our deepest sympathy for the victims and their families.

Can we please leave the World Trade Center tragedy out of our ufological debates/discussions/support appeals? It's unnecessary. I don't know about anybody else, but it makes me sick to my stomach to see it come up this way. I have seen and smelled that still smoldering mass grave. Let me say it again, that's a mass grave that you and that rep from the Disclosure Project have been casually kicking around in your idle speculations.

Mike Woods expressed his disgust at the way it was used by the disclosure group. As a thinking, feeling human being, I whole-heartedly agree with him and I join him in his expression of outrage at the way this tragedy was opportunistically employed.

As for Lara Johnstone; all those posts are a part of the public record (UFO UpDates Archives) and there is no reason to rehash that painful business again here. We've wasted enough time and energy on that one. It is best to simply learn from it as the object lesson that it was to so many of us, and just move on.

"Don't follow leaders and watch yer parking meters!"

Regards,

John Velez

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Re: Australian 'Drury UFO' Film? - Chalker

From: **Bill Chalker** <bill_c@bigpond.com>
Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 19:18:38 +1100
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 10:19:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Australian 'Drury UFO' Film? - Chalker

>From: Leigh Blackmore ><trowell51@optusnet.com.au>
>Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 00:23:01 +1100
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Australian 'Drury UFO' Film?

>Hello List,

>I trust everyone had a Merry Christmas.

>I'm after any information on the Drury UFO film that was
>allegedly handed to a U.S. Intelligence Agency, by our
>Australian Government and was subsequently destroyed.

>Can anyone enlighten me on this alligation, and anything else
>pertaining to this event.

>Greatly appreciated.....

Hello Leigh,

I have undertaken a lot of research into this affair. I published a detailed report in 2 parts (a total of 17 printed pages) in the Australasian Ufologist Volume 5 No.1 & 2, earlier this year. The Ufologist is published by Robert Frola and Diane Harrison and deserves your support. I'm sure back issues are available via them.

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For those interested, I can generate a printed copy with colour and black & white images, etc., at a cost of \$10 that covers costs, time plus postage. This report prints out to some 31 pages. Contact me via email: bill_c@bigpond.com

Hope this helps. Below I've appended the report abstract and conclusion.

Best wishes,

Bill Chalker

P.S. The Victorian group PRA, who apparently reads this List,

claim to have further info on the case, but to date have not shared it with me, or with Diane Harrison of the Ufologist Magazine. PRA promised a report on the case by John Auchettl by last October for publication. Perhaps you might have some luck with them. If so I'm sure we would be interested to see any such material. I've gone as far as I can. I received the close co-operation of the Drury family in the preparation of my report.

The Drury UFO Film Affair

A Study Of A Celebrated Australian Case

by Bill Chalker (Copyright 2000)

The daylight filming of a UFO over Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (an Australian territory at the time), during 1953, became a milestone case for civilian researchers, with its official investigation and disposition engendering an enduring controversy about whether it represented evidence for a bona fide UFO, for an official cover-up or a complex milieu more indicative mishandling, misrepresentation or misinterpretation. This study brings together a detailed retrospective investigation of the affair, utilising official and civilian information to try to properly reconcile the nature and lessons of such a historic UFO case.

Conclusion

While a definite identification has not been confirmed, the object Tom Drury filmed on August 23rd, 1953, over Port Moresby, might have been a missile. Until certainty is determined, the Drury silver dart remains an unidentified flying object, a UFO that has commanded extraordinary attention from official and civilian circles, been cultivated as the holy grail of ufology, and been the centre of an extraordinary controversy. I hope this study has revealed a clearer perspective on this fascinating affair.

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'Aliens Landed On My Farm'

From: John W. Auchettl <Prauf@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 06:43:27 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 10:25:56 -0500
Subject: 'Aliens Landed On My Farm'

List and EBK,

Source: Sunday Herald-Sun - Melbourne, Australia

http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5478,3508614%255E2862,00.html

30 Dec 2001 - p24.

Aliens Landed On My Farm
by
Jon Ralph

A Victorian farmer believes his property may have been visited by aliens after finding a mysterious outline in his back paddock.

John Gleeson discovered the U-shaped mark on the border of his Yambuk farm last week. The mark has two parallel lines of withered grass that meet in a horseshoe shape, with lush grass untouched in the middle.

After thinking at first that it might have resulted from hand spraying, he reported his discovery to the Victorian UFO Research Society.

Mr Gleeson said the shape might have been made by a UFO hovering over his property, or possibly landing on it.

The shape was too perfect to be man-made, he thought.

"Normally with boom spraying, the nettles would be withered to non-existence," he said. "But when we found it the grass had died and the nettles had not. It is usually the other way around."

UFO Research Society investigator Jason Groves told Mr Gleeson the shape was like another recently found in Mildura.

The society will send an investigator to Mr Gleeson's farm, near Warrnambool, to examine the mark.

Mr Gleeson said that while he believed it was possible there was extraterrestrial life, he was a no-nonsense farmer.

"I found it a few days before I reported it and I agonised over it," he said.

"I thought, 'this will cause publicity if I open my trap'."

"I would like to think I have some ideas that these things do exist, and there are a lot of sightings, which mean there may be some substance."

Mr Gleeson's son, Greg, is undecided.

"I really don't know whether it is real or not real. It has happened. The grass is dead as a maggot," he said.

"It is something I have never seen before. My old man carries on a bit about it. We thought it needed to be reported to the experts. I won't make a big fuss of it."

Greg Gleeson, who also lives on the property, said neighbours did not support the UFO theory.

"They laugh and think it's a joke," he said. "I don't think it's funny; not when it is your land. I don't know if anyone is playing a joke."

End

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Re: SDI Wrap-Up Of 2001 With Mr. M.J. Woods -

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 10:39:58 -0500
Subject: Re: SDI Wrap-Up Of 2001 With Mr. M.J. Woods -

>From: Michael Woods <mike.woods@sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: SDI Wrap-Up Of 2001 With Mr. M.J. Woods
>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 20:07:53 -0500

>Hello Listers,

>So, evidently some of you were disappointed by the year-end
>review I did on Errol's show, 'Strange Days... Indeed' last
>week. Some felt I was too depressed and depressing, too
>dismissive, too heavily influenced by 9-11.

Dear Woody, Listers, Errol,

>Too bad.

The phrase is 'tough toenails!'

>No matter what you call me, I'm still going to think Dieting for
>Disclosure was nothing more than the kind of childish, hunger
>strike both my sons tried on me when they were young. They were
>sent to their rooms. They soon saw the light. Maybe you think we
>should all buckle under to emotional extortion and blackmail -
>if so, cure yourself of that belief.

I ran away once from home. I got four blocks and turned around.
Instead of getting sympathy for my surly, never to return
departure, in lieu of the shock and surprise (not to mention
joy) at my early homecoming, my dad was really pissed at me for
being the jerk.

However, I learned from that lesson. Wanna know what I learned?
Always stay the course or you'll get no sympathy and look
stupid. Unnastan, Dan?

>No matter how much of the more-in-sadness-than-in-anger tone is
>taken about my intellectual short-comings, I still think the
>9-11 attacks reduced the UFO Disclosure movement to a small
>footnote on the political scorecard. If it were any other way,
>I'd have even less respect for the leaders of the U.S. and
>Canada... and I don't have much to begin with. Perhaps
>developing a sense of proportion might help some of you.

Hmmm. Cornspiracy? Hark! Do I hear footprints? Hey, Woody baby,
it's the way of life, eh? Heard a news (Hah!) reporter (make
that mouthpiece or CIA handler) say, "Geez, nobuddy is torkin
about nuttin but dem WTC thingies. Whuteva happened to da
noooss?"

Duh!

>While I believe there are UFOs visiting earth, I know
>terrorists have flown passenger aircraft into buildings.

How do you know it wasn't the CIA, the Israeli's or the
'Take America Back' movement? Huh?

>Even the supposed efforts of hardcore researchers can be trivial
>without my trivializing it. Does anyone really think the fourth

>or fifth debate about the Alien Autopsy footage makes any of us
>look bright? Can you point to a single event in the last 12
>months that moved the UFO issue forward?

Shall we dance instead? Keep on investigating like it was just a moment ago the thing happened. Else, there is no knowledge. And every stupid word, phrase and dimbulb, every jerk on the Internet, every person who voices an opinion - no matter how good or bad - has advanced the movement. For then we know who the idiots are and who the good guys are. The more idiots, the better the rest of the good guys look, eh?

Avanti, Priscilierdi!

>At the core of the UFO issue is a bonafide mystery, one worthy
>of scientific research until it's resolved. However, it's acne
>compared to the cancer that currently threatens the body politic
>of the West... and if the cancer isn't treated first, it will
>kill us.

The cancer has metastasized. It has spread to the vital organs. We have no choice but to apply the chemicals and operate on the tumors. This is life or death, pal. And we are dying. Time's a wasting. We'd better hurry.

>But to be honest, I couldn't care less if anyone agrees with
>me... or even sees what I'm getting at.

That's because you refuse to join the Gripple Revolution. Try a Grip. I promise you'll not care and be happy about it. Right now you are just surly.

>Hope everyone has a Happy New Year.

Your mouth to God's ears.

>Mike Woods
>(No, I won't turn in my licence plates!)

Me needer. Mine say, "MUAD DIB, MENTAT and ARRAKIS!"

>The Truth can STAY out there...
>Send in a good FANTASY!!

What the hell have you been doing here after all these years, Woody? Most of what you hear here is fantasy!

Jim

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Re: New Year Agenda - Stacy

From: **Dennis Stacy** <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 09:11:49 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 04:42:56 -0500
Subject: Re: New Year Agenda - Stacy

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: New Year Agenda
>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 21:26:25 +0000

>List,

>Just to give you a little more idea about the man, as a result
>of my December 27 post here, Karl Pflock has privately
>threatened me with a lawsuit via e-mail. Birds of a feather
>Pflock together: Karl, CSICOP, Klass, Moseley... skeptibunkers,
>and the ethically challenged in general.

>- Dick

Gee, Dick,

That wouldn't have anything to do with your use of the word
purloin, would it?

And for the record, have Klass, CSICOP, and Moseley also
threatened you with lawsuits recently, as in birds of a feather?
Or are you just particularly pissed off and paranoid these days?

Inquiring minds would like to know.

Dennis

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Uninvited White Things On My Lawn

From: **Larry Hatch** <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 08:52:48 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 04:43:52 -0500
Subject: Uninvited White Things On My Lawn

Dear sirs and Mmes:

All sorts of uninvited hack restaurant reviews and gawd knows what else wind up on my poor unmowed California lawn.

Its awful really, and mostly my fault for being lazy and too cheap to hire decent assistancias.

The good part is that the muck just sits there, and does not fly around causing all sorts of crap like I am now cataloging from 1952 etc.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: SDI Wrap-Up Of 2001 With Mr. M.J. Woods - McCoy

From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 12:54:16 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 04:46:10 -0500
Subject: Re: SDI Wrap-Up Of 2001 With Mr. M.J. Woods - McCoy

Hello, all, Mike.

>From: Michael Woods <mike.woods@sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: SDI Wrap-Up Of 2001 With Mr. M.J. Woods
>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 20:07:53 -0500

>Hello Listers,

>So, evidently some of you were disappointed by the year-end
>review I did on Errol's show, 'Strange Days... Indeed' last
>week. Some felt I was too depressed and depressing, too
>dismissive, too heavily influenced by 9-11.

>Too bad.

>No matter what you call me, I'm still going to think Dieting for
>Disclosure was nothing more than the kind of childish, hunger
>strike both my sons tried on me when they were young. They were
>sent to their rooms. They soon saw the light. Maybe you think we
>should all buckle under to emotional extortion and blackmail -
>if so, cure yourself of that belief.

Given that some of us were the recipient of some bizzare E-mail
from she who shall not be mentioned, I agree.

>No matter how much of the more-in-sadness-than-in-anger tone is
>taken about my intellectual short-comings, I still think the
>9-11 attacks reduced the UFO Disclosure movement to a small
>footnote on the political scorecard. If it were any other way,
>I'd have even less respect for the leaders of the U.S. and
>Canada... and I don't have much to begin with. Perhaps
>developing a sense of proportion might help some of you.

I have a cousin on the USS Cole, plus two Cops and a Fireman in
my family (My cousin was 20 ft. from the blast, saved by a
bulkhead.) Her mom was surprised, but still supportive, when she
re-upped (again) for another tour-on the Cole. All these young
people are not yet 30.

>While I believe there are UFOs visiting earth, I know
>terrorists have flown passenger aircraft into buildings.

Yet there are some who can't see the motives and even with a
video confession by the perp,-still doubt the obvious. I see
parallels to the UFO phenom too, blatant truth, yet denied or
debunked.

>Even the supposed efforts of hardcore researchers can be trivial
>without my trivializing it. Does anyone really think the fourth
>or fifth debate about the Alien Autopsy footage makes any of us
>look bright? Can you point to a single event in the last 12
>months that moved the UFO issue forward?

No, I confess, nothing has changed, even with Monty Greer's
flying circus. I even jumped in on Roswell, something I don't
normally do, and of course, there be more important things now.
Like a fight for Civilization.

Of course, maybe if Greer added something like the 'Dead Parrot Routine'...

>At the core of the UFO issue is a bonafide mystery, one worthy
>of scientific research until it's resolved. However, it's acne
>compared to the cancer that currently threatens the body politic
>of the West... and if the cancer isn't treated first, it will
>kill us.

It isn't just politics, governments, it is Civilization vs Barbarity. Light vs Dark. Good vs Evil. Simple enough to understand if you are willing to see that there are people that have a dark heart, and are not 'good' by their very nature (this goes for the UFO community -in spades) who, for their own agenda, are willing to destroy everthing that exists.

Of course, there are the good guys-and gals too, who are willing to take the heat and bullets for a just cause, and I'm not talking UFO's here, but in a small way it does apply, but to take up the fight for what is a battle of good vs evil affects us all, and Mike, you have at least one who agrees with you.

>But to be honest, I couldn't care less if anyone agrees with me... or even sees what I'm getting at.

I've been re-reading Tolkien's 'Ring' Trilogy after seeing the movie, and whether it's due to the (I'm not a Jungian) for lack of a better word the "Zeitgeist" of the times, which applied to Tolkien's world at the time of the writing of the 'Lord of the Rings' which was the rise and fall of the diabolical Third Reich. Now, we are in a simular fight, with one who cares not one whit about human life or liberty. We can only hope that his last view of this world was a cloud of dust and smoke from a 'Daisy Cutter' blast as it rushed down upon him like the collapsing Twin Towers did on so may innocents and Heros.

I too, hope everyone on this list,(and I am thankful we have a great, free North America to express ourselves in) have a happy and prosperous, and safe New Year.

GT McCoy

"Not all who wander are lost"- Tolkien

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Re: SDI Wrap-Up Of 2001 With Mr. M.J. Woods -

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@rocler.qc.ca>
Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 12:08:19 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 04:48:40 -0500
Subject: Re: SDI Wrap-Up Of 2001 With Mr. M.J. Woods -

>From: Michael Woods <mike.woods@sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: SDI Wrap-Up Of 2001 With Mr. M.J. Woods
>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 20:07:53 -0500

Hello all,

<snip>

>At the core of the UFO issue is a bonafide mystery, one worthy
>of scientific research until it's resolved. However, it's acne
>compared to the cancer that currently threatens the body politic
>of the West... and if the cancer isn't treated first, it will
>kill us.

<snip>

This "cancer" is neither current nor new. It's a chronic condition that has been with the West since, lemme see, the British Empire?

Selfish leadership by a small portion of rich - very rich - people, at the expense of the general public necessarily leads to what we see today. Not only today, mind you, but yesterday, and the day before, and the years before, and the decades before.

The present crisis may just prevent those guys from doing their job: they can't be bothered by poverty, social issues, education, welfare, health.

The catch is that, in the absence of the present crisis, they wouldn't be doing their job either.

Attend a cocktail at your preferred embassy or just booze around with your favorite politician and tell me what you see.

The UFO mystery in all of this? The absence of solution is the symptom of a society not oriented towards truth but towards pretentiousness to truth.

For that reason, we are talking about free countries with an increasingly larger chasm between the ones who have and the ones who have not, advanced societies that reserve education mainly to the high class, and a free press that's not free at all but has long lost the sense of its own purpose, playing the part of the illusionist.

<snip>

>The Truth can STAY out there...
>Send in a good FANTASY!!

<snip>

Turn on the TV at CNN or get \$14 for the drink and the pop corn and go see "Lord of the Rings".

Fantasies with a twist... One is done for your pleasure, the

other at your expense.

Regards,

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Re: SDI Wrap-Up Of 2001 With Mr. M.J. Woods -

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 11:32:51 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 04:51:04 -0500
Subject: Re: SDI Wrap-Up Of 2001 With Mr. M.J. Woods -

>Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 02:01:13 -0500
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>Subject: Re: SDI Wrap-Up Of 2001 With Mr. M.J. Woods

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: SDI Wrap-Up Of 2001 With Mr. M.J.Woods
>>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 09:32:56 -0600

>Hello Alfred, hi All,

>This post from you is really for Mike Woods to respond to. I
>didn't want to jump in before Mike could speak for himself, but
>you've made a couple of statements that I'd like to respond to
>if I may.

Disapproved! Resubmit in 30 days for final disapproval! <g>.

>>... Listened to Errol's year end SDI wrap up of 2001* with the
>>usually much appreciated Mr. M.J.Woods via VSN, and was
>>respectfully disappointed with the cant of the entire segment.

>That's allowed Alfred. The 'point' of the editorial
>reports/commentaries is to hopefully stimulate people into
>thinking about the subject. A 'Year End Wrap-Up' can be an
>expression of the commentators own takes/views. There are no
>rules which dictate that it must consist of a straight or even
>unbiased presentation. And... not everybody is going to like or
>agree with everything that is said. Woods is allowed to do his
>thing and you are allowed to disagree, or not to like it.

This must have been for the casual observer Johnny. It was
carrying coal to Newcastle for me. I had this understanding well
couched.

>As for Woods, whether I agree with what he is saying or not... I
>always appreciate his input. Mike is an honest, intelligent man
>and an experienced journalist.

No argument here. I'm enamored with Woods and everybody else in
the line-up... even that Coffee bush bangin' Juan Valdez
character...

>Because of that I am
>"respectfully disappointed" in _your_ statements about him.

...But WHOA! Forgetting for a moment that this seems to
contradict what you had lectured in a preceding paragraph, I was
on my very best behavior (I think you can tell), did not make
any statement that pandered to fallacy or utter a deconstructive
statement about him. His commentary seemed canted and biased and
I remarked on it, s'all. I'm respectfully disappointed that
you're respectfully disappointed.

>>I would suggest that Mr. Woods let the ninth month color his
>>entire summation and that he was needlessly cynical with regard
>>to more than a few of the year's events.

>Yeah well, that's kind of understandable isn't it? Hasn't it
>colored your own life in a discernable way? I know it has
>colored mine.

Yes -- but I would make more of an effort, respectfully <g>, not to let that color bleed into my journalistic and broadcast responsibilities. My sensibilities are as smudged as yours are, perhaps more so with a son now on active military deployment, and myself in a position (as a regular Army officer on temporary retired status) where I could be called up to fight at any time. I have to try as hard, maybe harder than you to keep my eyes on the prize. It's worth the trying.

>What I really object to is the following:

>>Regarding "speakers that are provocative and then surprised when
>>people are provoked..." There is much that is provocative and an
>>abundance of people to be justly or unjustly provoked, but there
>>is much more "beneath contempt" than the almost universally (and
>>perhaps even righteously) detested Dr. Greer and his frank
>>admonition that the events of September 11th might have been
>>precluded by a more timely ufological disclosure. I don't think
>>that Greer's admonition is that far off the mark, requires
>>little stretch in the covering, and I wrote, early on, the exact
>>same thing on UpDates, months ago. In fact, I think Greer copped
>>the thought from me.

>>I consider it regrettably inaccurate that Mr. Woods feels "the
>>linkage to be offensive," and the "notion to be ludicrous," even
>>IF Dr. Greer can "be found to be dismissible." My take is
>>that if we knew that we were being observed from space by
>>intelligent beings we'd clean up our entire cultural act,
>>toot-sweet. People don't commit crimes when they know they're
>>being observed. This includes running loaded passenger craft
>>into sky scrapers and any process, philosophy, or real-politick
>>that might have helped precipitate that egregious act.

>Let me tell you what I consider to be an "egregious act".

>There is a black, smoking hole in the middle of my hometown,
>(I was born and raised on the island of Manhattan) that doubles
>as the largest mass grave in the US.

...Wasn't that the exact egregious act I identified in my
paragraph, John?

>To use it as a 'tool' for
>debate, or as it was used by the Disclosure organization is, to
>me, beneath contempt and a desecration of the memory of those so
>recently deceased.

I don't speak for Greer, but I meant and stand by exactly what I said. I'd back down (you've seen me do it), but I think I have the moral high ground, and I reject a suggestion (would resent it from anyone else) that I make that statement merely to win a point in the continuing debate. It's not a mere debate to me. It's a discussion on our quality, our validity, and our way of life. Forget Greer. A disclosure regarding the ufological would provide for a new expansive way of looking at things that would likely preclude the kind of horror that went regrettably down in your home town. If you thought about it dispassionately, I think that you'd agree.

>Where has your sensitivity gone?

My sensitivity is where it always is. Where has your objectivity gone? You're over 50, hoss, and embroiled with the contrived and manipulated hoo-rah a little like a rank teenager. There's a little more to this than Rupert Murdoch and his "Fox Friends" would let on.

>Don't tell
>me you cannot see how insensitive it is to use that tragic event
>the way that Greer's group (and now you by lauding it) is.

...who "lauds" John? I made a rational observation, before Greer, I believe. Where was your critique when I wrote this months ago? Moreover, do you really think you're painting me with a fair brush? Aren't you trying to discredit my position with an association that will occur only in what you are writing about it. I'm not aligned with the devil, I'm not

agreeing with Greer, though he may agree with me -- that's not my problem.

>I hate to mess with your buzz, but this post from you made me
>cringe.

...your post to me has me matching you cringe for cringe, and my "buzz" is un-messable.

>More than anything else, your comments/usage of the WTC
>tragedy (again!) left an especially bad taste in my mouth.

I regret that you took it that way. Here, have a cyber Certs, seriously.

>As
>intelligent, and for the most part rational adults that we are,
>I think we can all agree that that tragedy has nothing to do
>with our immediate subject of interest... UFOs.

No dude! I think it's wrapped up part and parcel. I don't think that you can parse the one out from the other. I think they are entertained so inextricably that it might become obvious to all eventually that the forced separation of them only leads to the... not getting to the bottom of EITHER of them... any of them. The tragedy came as a result of ignorance all around, ignorance created and then exacerbated by crass religious fundamentalism and the moderates that don't keep that fundamentalism in check and under control. That ignorance has many different heads, but only one heart. I would address that one heart, rip it from the chest of the aggregate ignorance, and dash it beneath my feet.

>Therefore, it
>has no legitimate place in our organizational appeals for
>support, unless we are expressing our deepest sympathy for
>the victims and their families.

I have nothing but the deepest sympathy (no... empathy. I've BEEN to war...) for the victims and their families. So? Perhaps I can count on the surviving victims and their families to say a caddish for my son and I when we march off to fight this CURRENT war for the justification of the contrived ignorance that created it... creates them all, and then return home in subsequent body bags?

>Can we please leave the World Trade Center tragedy out of our
>ecological debates/discussions/support appeals? It's
>unnecessary.

I won't if nobody else does, and I'm very hesitant to rule anything out as unnecessary. I don't want to hurt feelings, but I do want to cut to the chase.

>I don't know about anybody else, but it makes me
>sick to my stomach to see it come up this way. I have seen and
>smelled that still smoldering mass grave.

Yeah -- I know what they smell like. And you know, they smell the same way to everybody, whenever they occur, and where ever they are. They are not more horrible, smell any worse, or provoke more stomach distress because they happen to someone personally. You're smelling the history of the ignorant world up close and personal. Somebody, somewhere is going to smell that smell until we make the ignorance as endangered a snail darter. I regret that it's you smelling it now, truly. But somebody's gonna smell it.

>Let me say it again,
>that's a mass grave that you and that rep from the Disclosure
>Project have been casually kicking around in your idle
>speculations.

...Uncalled for, John. I don't make idle speculations, there is nothing "casual" about my approach, and what I kick deserves the kicking. You KNOW that, and have known it since 96.

>Mike Woods expressed his disgust at the way it was used by the
>disclosure group. As a thinking, feeling human being, I
>whole-heartedly agree with him and I join him in his expression
>of outrage at the way this tragedy was opportunistically

>employed.

Say what you want about Greer, John, but try to remember that you and I are supposed to have a better history. You err to put us in the same box. I won't be there next time you look.

>As for Lara Johnstone; all those posts are a part of the public
>record (UFO UpDates Archives) and there is no reason to rehash
>that painful business again here. We've wasted enough time
>and energy on that one. It is best to simply learn from it as
>the object lesson that it was to so many of us, and just move
>on.

I wouldn't have said a word...

>"Don't follow leaders and watch yer parking meters!"

OK! Some levity! So you still love me then? Then love my consistency, love my focus, love my ability to have a tested conviction. I'll do the same for you.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

~~=D6~~

EXPLORE "Alfred Lehmborg's Alien View" at his HostPros URL.

<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually. He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged -- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, scourged by scurrilous skepti-bunkies.

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Re: New Year Agenda - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 04:53:03 -0500
Subject: Re: New Year Agenda - Hall

>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 16:44:51 -0600
>Subject: Re: New Year Agenda
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Subject: New Year Agenda
>>Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 23:37:54 +0000

>>The issue of Roswell (or for UFOs as possible visitors from
>>elsewhere) will not be solved by cynicism, prematurely assuming
>>you have all the answers, and digging in of heels. In saying
>>this, I particularly have in mind the recent cynical comments by
>>Dennis Stacy and the presumptuous and condescending remarks of
>>Karl Pflock, whose adoption of Jim Moseley as his "standard" of
>>serious UFO research tells us all we need to know about him. The
>>Roswell incident (or incidents) has been beclouded by a clash of
>>giant egos, the moral equivalent of "disinformation" (phony
>>witnesses, dishonest activities driven by something other than
>>an objective search for the truth), and by skeptibunker
>>propaganda ploys that would make Joseph Goebbels look like a
>>rank amateur.

>Dick,

>I take exception to your remarks as far as they pertain to me
>personally. If you'll reread my most recent remarks, you'll see
>that I was responding to someone who made completely cynical and
>conspiratorial remarks about the test dummies. I didn't say I
>accepted or supported the AF point of view -- I merely pointed
>out that there was another way of looking at it, regardless of
>whether one agreed with it or not. Now I'm in league with Karl
>Pflock!

Dennis,

You throw up clouds of swamp gas here, which I will endeavor to
penetrate. My comments are interspersed (some items deleted).

>So who's the cynic here? Obviously, you equate cynicism and
>disinformation with anyone who might be inclined to accept any
>Air Force statements to the effect that they really *don't* have
>a crashed flying saucer and alien corpses in their possession.

First off, I was not aware that being called a cynic was all
that big an insult. If you take it that way, I apologize. I am
cynical about many facets of modern life, but not UFOs.
"Cynical" (Webster's Third Intl): "Given to or affecting
disbelief in commonly accepted human values and in man's
sincerity of motive or rectitude of conduct...exhibiting
feelings ranging from distrustful doubt [hell, I do that all the
time!] to contemptuous and mocking disbelief...often implies a
disbelief in sincerity, benevolence, rectitude, or
competence..." I'll leave it to list members to decide whether
the shoe fits your postings over the past year or so.

>Your pompous piety and appeals to "tolerance for ambiguity" are
>beginning to wear a bit thin. The fact of the matter, as you

>well know, is that it is damnably difficult to disprove a
>negative. When, for example, will you agree that I've stopped
>beating my wife?

Have you really stopped beating your wife? (Just kidding!)
"Pompous piety" eh? Sounds like something Moseley or Pflock
would say about me in his filthy rag. I have not asked you to
prove a negative. However, you appear to be claiming to have
done so. Roswell is dead! No further investigation required.

>The indisputable fact of the matter is that your mind is just as
>made up as those you criticize of cynicism (or worse). There is
>nothing, nothing, nothing that could be discovered or
>uncovered, published or revealed, that would or ever could
>dissuade you of the fact that nothing unusual occurred at
>Roswell and that, in fact, the AF has not had alien bodies on
>ice for the last 50+ years. Not the McCoy document, not Kent
>Lorenzo's [I hope I have the name right] testimony to the
>contrary, not the exposure of one after another less than honest
>"eyewitness" -- in short, nothing.

I dispute your indisputable comments. My call for
open-mindedness, continued investigation, tolerance of ambiguity
is equated with a "made up mind?" Sounds pretty, er, cynical to
me. I don't know what the hell crashed at or near Roswell but I
am morally certain that it was not Krash Test Dummies or Mogul
balloons. What could dissuade me that nothing unusual occurred
there (i.e., prove a negative)? Full debriefing of all the
relevant witnesses and wrapping up all the loose ends by
relatively objective investigators and finding some disproof or
a total lack of supporting evidence. The McCoy document sure as
hell doesn't disprove anything, and I guess you are referring to
Kent Jeffrey's badly flawed screed.

>I just wish you would dispense with the hypocrisy of pretending
>to occupy the objective high-ground - when your own mind is
>most emphatically and demonstrably made up. After all, you've
>talked to Roswell witnesses!

Again, very Moseley-Pflock-like and disappointing coming from
you. As a matter of fact, I am being far more objective than
you, certainly, who decries the job of being required to prove a
negative but implicitly claims to have done so. And your last
sentence is pure, unadulterated sarcasm/cynicism.

>As if I (or anyone else) had some sort of role in the creation
>of the Kauffmanns, Dennises, Corsos, Rowses, Andersons, and
>others out there.

I gather that your logic is as follows: Some witnesses have made
false or inaccurate statements, therefore no witnesses are
trustworthy. Again, sounds very cynical to me. If you get one or
two false witnesses in a criminal trial, does that trump the
reliable witnesses?

>Who's dissembling who here? Do you know? Of course not, but
>that's hardly an impediment to your pretending as if you did. So
>what do we outsiders take as our 'veracity' barometer re.
>Roswell? The fact of whether the great, objective, non-cynical
>Dick Hall happened to interview a particular 'witness' or not?
>Have you been able to convince, say, Stanton Friedman, or for
>that matter, Don Berliner, that Gerald Anderson just may not be
>the most reliable person on the planet? I thought not.

Nasty, nasty! It is not my job to convince anyone anything here,
and I am not a Roswell "specialist." My stance on the case can
be read in The UFO Evidence, Volume II. One of your many false
assumptions here is that Don Berliner still supports Anderson.
He disowned him as a reliable witness long ago in public
remarks, but apparently you missed that. I disagree openly with
Stan Friedman on this issue and on many other things, and have
said so.

>>The only way to arrive at a meaningful conclusion about Roswell
>>(and UFOs as visitors from elsewhere) is to thoroughly
>>investigate all leads (quite a few central witnesses remain to
>>be questioned on the record), expose hoaxes or false
>>information, and to continue the search for historical
>>documentation or the lack thereof. To assume that the final
>>answer has been established is totally unjustified.

>So, have you talked to Kent Lorenzo? For that matter, have you
>talked to anyone who claimed to have been at Roswell at the time
>and who didn't testify to anything untoward taking place? And
>you publicized same... where?

Again, do you mean Kent Jeffrey? Many of us analyzed his Roswell
debunking article and published responses to it pointing out
many flaws. Apparently you missed those too. And again, your
logic is very strange. Sounds like something Phill Klass (guilt
by association not intended) said once about Socorro. Since some
old geezer he interviewed lived or was staked out near the site
and didn't see anything, nothing unusual happened at Socorro.
Potential witnesses who weren't trump witnesses who were.

>>Unlike some of the armchair pundits, I have talked with Walter
>>Haut, viewed his videotaped testimony about bodies (which Pflock
>>cynically writes off as "false memory"), met and talked with
>>members of Sheriff Wilcox's family, etc. Among the more
>>honorable Roswell researchers has been Kevin Randle, who (like
>>all of us) was surprised to learn that his colleague Don Schmitt
>>was somewhat ethically deprived (as is Pflock when it comes to
>>purloined tapes). Randle immediately acknowledged the problem
>>and proceeded to set the record straight, taking great pains to
>>repair the damage. I will not at present go into further detail,
>>except to say that Randle has acted very honorably in this
>>matter and has continued to do important research in a careful
>>and objective manner. Pflock, by contrast, has been on the cusp
>>of debunking all along and his Roswell book apparently could
>>only be published by the "CSICOP Press." That also tells us
>>something very important. In the CSICOP view, we know in advance
>>that it can't be true; therefore no further investigation is
>>necessary.

>People talked to Anderson, Kaufmann, Rowe, Ragsdale, and Dennis,
>too. Unfortunately, it didn't render the former anymore truthful
>for it.

Yes, bad or unconvincing witnesses trump good or reliable
witnesses.

>>It all comes down to that marvelous psychology concept of
>>"Tolerance for ambiguity." I see enough smoke about Roswell to
>>suspect an underlying conflagration, and we won't know for sure
>>one way or the other with out a lot more careful, thorough,
>>objective investigation by people without obvious axes to grind
>>or track records of game-playing. I am willing to wait it out
>>and to hope for new findings that will shed light on the issues.
>>Unlike the skeptibunkers, I do not feel compelled to assert
>>final answers until more can be learned by following up on the
>>many loose ends.

>No, of course you don't. While asserting your own final answer
>and accusing anyone who dares differ with charges ranging from
>cynicism and game-playing to disinformation, and so on. (Which
>takes us back to: what evidence would persuade you that nothing
>untoward happened at Roswell? It would almost have to be
>government evidence/documents at this point, wouldn't it? But,
>wait: we all know what you think of gov't documents and denials,
>as in not to be trusted. So you'll always have an "out." Lucky
>man, you! No more McCoy-like docs need apply, presumably however
>persuasive.)

What final answer did I assert? This paragraph is chock-full of
false assumptions (some of them in very, er, cynical language)
which I won't even bother to rebut.

>Put another way, name someone who disagrees with your current
>assessment of Roswell who is open-minded, non-cynical,
>non-disinformative, and, by all appearances, not a planted mole.
>(As we could never know for sure, could we?)

My comments about your cynicism were not even specially or
specifically directed at your views on Roswell, but they
certainly apply there as well. I'm sure a lot of open-minded,
etc., witnesses think Roswell has been solved or is a non-issue.
I think Tom Deuley feels that way (although I can't put words in
his mouth). I think Kent Jeffrey is quite an honest and
reputable guy who has now lost his previous objectivity and
declared the case dead. But I don't accuse him of
disinformation. Just of being mistaken, as you think I am.

>I understand it may be a short list, but try, anyway.
>In other words... do you and Roswell have any honorable
>critics? Or just pond scum?

>Please be objective, open-minded, and tolerant of ambiguity in
>your response. Like the rest of us (who are apparently none of
>the above) are supposed to be.
>There, I knew you could do it!

Whew! Such contemptuous and mocking disbelief. - Dick

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Re: Aurora 1897 - Aubeck

From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@yahoo.com>
Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 18:23:05 +0000 (GMT)
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 04:55:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Aurora 1897 - Aubeck

>From: Richard D. Nolane <raynaud@total.net>
>Date: Sun, 23 May 1999 17:04:56 -0500
>Fwd Date: Sun, 23 May 1999 20:54:24 -0400
>Subject: AURORA 1897

>Dear List members,

>I'm very interested by the "pre-arnoldian" UFO
>history (I have published a book in France about
>it: "Autrefois les OVNI..."(1998)) and I was
>thinking that the famous 1897 "Aurora, Texas
>Crash" was nothing more than an hoax.

>But I found in Jim Marrs' "Alien Agenda" some
>new info about that case which seems a little
>disturbing and which throws a new light on the
>Aurora story. Jim Marrs have found and interviewed
>at the beginning of the seventies one witness
>present in 1897, a man named Charlie C. Stephens,
>who stated that the story of the crash was true.
>This contradicts the affirmation that all the
>very few witness found by modern researchers said
>that it was an hoax.

<snip>

>Best wishes,

>RDN

Dear List members,

When this was posted here back in 1999 it brought up an interesting point: the fact that Jim Marrs has published information from three or four witnesses that seems to corroborate the Aurora tale (the letter quoted above only mentions the most interesting of these, Charlie Stephens.)

See:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1999/may/m23-018.shtml>

The replies Mr. Nolane received, from Kevin Randle:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1999/may/m24-011.shtml>

and Jerome Clark:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1999/may/m26-002.shtml>

give a more or less balanced view of the case, and I am inclined to agree with them. Anyone familiar with the kind of articles being published in America towards the end of the 19th century would be naturally sceptical of a tale about an alien aircraft crashing into a windmill.

However, what concerns me is the fact that Marrs does present the views of people from the area that give the impression that something did actually take place, and this "new information"

was not dealt with by either Randle or Clark in their replies.

I do not want to open up the whole "Aurora UFO crash" debate again, but I do think the issue of Marrs' alleged witness testimonies has been very conveniently ignored. If he was lying in his book, which seems on the face of it unlikely, how might this be shown? If not, what should we make of the evidence he presents?

(Marrs' book is widely available and I don't think I need to reproduce long fragments from it here.)

Sincerely,

Chris Aubeck

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Re: Bottom Line on Walter Haut - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <projectsign@worldnet.att.net>
Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 15:27:10 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 05:00:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Bottom Line on Walter Haut - Connors

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 23:21:26 EST
>UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Bottom Line On Walter Haut

<snip>

>4) I predict that when the Oral History becomes public all the
> researchers who didn't get a chance to view and see the
> history will belittle and debunk everything in it for the
> usual assortment of reasons, stories and so forth. We will be
> treated to tales about how Walter's reasons (which may have
> been totally heartfelt by him) were really wrong, misleading
> and why he was a total liar.

>5) Speculating about the contents of Walt's Oral history
> interview is similar to a newspaper speculating and
> theorizing about the contents of a classified document,
> without actually seeing what was written in the document. The
> bottom line is no matter what or who says what, the
> information won't be available for awhile.

<snip>

>While many people seem captivated with the idea of 'Well Walt
>didn't tell the story earlier, so all this is age, or
>misleading, or tall tale telling.'

Robert,

Perhaps your thoughts above are the forboding elements yet to come. Many have certainly been vociferous enough already to condemn in half-truths, etc, unshamelessly, in order for the few to pompously prance in their own egotistical foppery in order to convince themselves that they are the masters of that which no other persons should be allowed to contemplate or bear witness.

I am no longer sure the more congregate of crypto-aeronautics deserve that which would be revealed, strictly from the previous assassination of credibility, in regard to knowledge or enlightenment that might be shared.

Therefore, I am pulling in my public involvement with crypto-aeronautics and will, from this point forward, keep my work, research and discoveries private. Shared with only the closest associates I trust. Most of my work and archives will be available publicly only after my death and in the interim, by invitation only. This will be my last post to UFO UpDates.

Wendy Connors

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Re: 'Little Green Men' - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 12:42:12 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 05:01:51 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men' - Clark

>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 18:52:58 -0600
>Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men'
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men'
>>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 13:25:55 -0600

>>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>>>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 14:32:19 EST
>>>Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men'
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

Dennis,

>I'm surprised at you. That "last point has been conclusively
>established"? Conclusively established? By whom and when?
>"Settled, in the affirmative"? By whom and when? Cite
>references, please. You've already admitted that you lost track
>of your own LGM exclusive.

>Did I miss something?

I wouldn't presume to speak for you. Perhaps you've been reading a different thread from the one I'm following, which pretty much turns 1947-era "green men", little or otherwise, into a dead issue. We now know that Brazel could have said something like that. The more interesting questions remaining are (1) if he did so and (2) if so, what that may imply.

>The good news is that you'll get a comp copy of TA10.

Thanks. The Anomalist is one of my very favorite Fortean publications, one of the few I read from cover to cover. Yes, you can quote me.

Cordially,

Jerry Clark

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Re: SDI Wrap-Up Of 2001 With Mr. M.J. Woods -

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 13:38:39 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 05:03:27 -0500
Subject: Re: SDI Wrap-Up Of 2001 With Mr. M.J. Woods -

>Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 02:01:13 -0500
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>Subject: Re: SDI Wrap-Up Of 2001 With Mr. M.J. Woods

>There is a black, smoking hole in the middle of _my_ hometown,
>(I was born and raised on the island of Manhattan) that doubles
>as the largest mass grave in the US. To use it as a 'tool' for
>debate, or as it was used by the Disclosure organization is, to
>me, beneath contempt and a desecration of the memory of those so
>recently deceased. Where has your sensitivity gone? Don't tell
>me you cannot see how insensitive it is to use that tragic event
>the way that Greer's group (and now you by lauding it) is.

How do you know Greer is trying to 'use' the 9/11 disaster as a
'tool' for debate? And why do you put quotation marks around the
word 'tool' as if you are quoting Greer actually saying that was
his intent? Maybe he's just expressing an opinion (albeit a very
biased one, IMO). If anyone is engaging in cynical exploitation
of the tragedy, it's the Bush administration with its assertions
that the events of 9/11 justify the need for a 100-billion
dollar star-wars defense that most likely won't work against a
nuclear missile attack that most likely will never happen.
Attempting to panic American taxpayers into unreasoned support
for a program that will only enrich defense contractors and big
campaign contributors is what I would consider to be beneath
contempt.

Greer's perceived linkage of compartmentalized technology that
has not been proven to exist to the terrorist attack is, in my
opinion, extremely tenuous. But it still makes a heck of a lot
more sense than the supposed linkage between the star wars
defense against ICBMs and nuts armed with box cutters and
plastic explosives in their shoes.

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Re: Is Menzel To Be Re-Published? - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 15:37:46 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 05:06:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Is Menzel To Be Re-Published? - Ledger

>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 06:12:39 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Is Menzel To Be Re-Published?

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Is Menzel To Be Re-Published?
>>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 14:13:16 -0500

>>At a local Border's Books a search of their computer listing
>>showed that Dr. Menzel's 'The UFO Enigma: The Definitive
>>Explanation of the UFO Phenomenon' is to be reprinted for sale.
>>On their web site I can only find a used copy of the work, but
>>I'm really curious as to what would trigger the reprint of an
>>older work?

>Its nice that Menzel had a "Definitive Explanation" for the UFO
>phenomenon. I sure don't.

A boring and simplistic read. And Menzel never did. Another
spook with an agenda?

Don

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The Measure Of Dick Hall

From: Ktperehwon@aol.com
Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 16:12:07 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 05:12:17 -0500
Subject: The Measure Of Dick Hall

Dear Fellow List Fiends -

First, an apology to all for having started this virtual shouting match with an mildly intemperate taunt directed at Dick Hall. I can only plead "all too human." The simple truth is that, while I have great respect and admiration for Dick Hall's contributions to ufology and, ironically, agree with him on far more ufological issues than I disagree, I can't stand the man personally. Obviously, he feels the same about me. It's unfortunate personalities have to get in the way of collegial discussion of important substantive issues. I'll do my best to avoid contributing such unneeded and debilitating heat to this list in the future (honest, Errol. I will!).

Second, I had hoped to have ended this thread with my last posting, but Dick found it necessary once again to overstep the bounds of good manners and good sense with the following posting:

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: New Year Agenda
>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 21:26:25 +0000

>List,

>Just to give you a little more idea about the man, as a result of my December 27 post here, Karl Pflock has privately >threatened me with a lawsuit via e-mail. Birds of a feather >Pflock together: Karl, CSICOP, Klass, Moseley... skeptibunkers, >and the ethically challenged in general.

>- Dick

So I'm left with no choice but to respond. Rest assured that this is my final word (here) on this matter. Note that, as Errol has reminded me, legal and ethical considerations prevent me from quoting directly from private communications I've received from Dick and Don Berliner, so I am constrained to paraphrase. I assure List members that my paraphrasing accurately represents both the tone and substance of these communications. If Dick and Don think otherwise, they need only post their unexpurgated messages to me on UpDates. Now then...

On 28 Dec, I sent this off-list message to Dick:

"MR. HALL - Quoting from your 27dec01 post to UFO UpDates, which I've retained for future reference if necessary:

" 'Among the more honorable Roswell researchers has been Kevin Randle [I most definitely agree - KTP], who (like all of us) was surprised to learn that his colleague Don Schmitt was somewhat ethically deprived (as is Pflock when it comes to purloined tapes).'

"Look who's calling whom ethically deprived! Don't push it, buster, or you'll find yourself on the short end of a very unpleasant and expensive legal action. - Most sincerely, KARL

PFLOCK"

To this Dick replied (same date) with a childish retort of the sort most of us left off of in junior high school, but which those of us who know the private, real Dick well have come to expect from him at the slightest provocation.

To which I oh-so-maturely responded (same date): "How very mature of you..."

Obviously, what's at issue is Dick's subtle attempt to raise questions in list members' minds about my integrity: "as is Pfllock when it comes to purloined tapes." Here's what's behind this sleazy and baseless canard:

(1) When I was conducting my Roswell research under a grant from the Fund for UFO Research, Fred Whiting, then an officer and board member of the Fund, loaned me the Fund's collection of uncut videotape interviews with Roswell witnesses and "witnesses" so that I would have the benefit of full knowledge of what these people had to say and how they said it.

(2) On February 29, 1996, I returned ALL tapes to the Fund through Dick Hall, then chairman of the Fund.

(3) More than three years later, on June 15, 1999, in response to a request from Tom Tullen and Jan Aldrich for a listing of the materials in my UFO library and research files for inclusion in the Proceedings of the Sign Historical Group UFO History Workshop, I sent Tom and Jan a very hastily written e-mail message summarizing my holdings. With reference to my Roswell materials, I wrote: "...includes complete set of all uncut videos of Roswell witnesses and 'witnesses' done by and for FUFOR." I hit the Send button without reviewing what I'd written. Had I taken a couple of moments to check my words, I would have caught my error and rewritten thus: "includes research notes taken while viewing..." etc. Haste makes waste (and worse!).

(4) On Sept. 11, 1999, I recieved a remarkably intemperate - no, downright nasty and threatening - letter (dated Aug. 31) from Don Berliner, Dick's successor as Fund chairman. Don advised that he'd been told I had a complete set of the Fund Roswell interview tapes and was planning to make copies available to Sign Historical Group Workshop participants. He then ranted that I had no right to the tapes and that Fred Whiting had no authority to loan them to me and had done so without the knowledge of his Fund colleagues. (Hmmm... I had a Fund grant to investigate Roswell, but it was inappropriate to make available to me important primary research materials possessed by the Fund?)

He went on to tell me that if I didn't immediately return all copies of the tapes, the Fund would take legal action against me. To underscore the Fund's resolve, he pointed out that such action had been taken against Steven Greer for distributing copies of a UFO Research Coalition publication.

Don and I know each other fairly well and have even worked together on some aspects of Roswell. Yet instead of approaching me like a colleague, inquiring if the information he had was accurate - it wasn't in any respect - and, if so, noting that it appeared that I'd forgotten the tapes were Fund property and to please return them, he assumed the worst and acted the bully.

(5) On Sept. 11, '99, I replied to Berliner in part:

"For the record: (1) Fred Whiting, in his capacity as an officer and member of the board of the Fund, loaned the Fund Roswell witness/'witness' tapes to me as research material for use during my Fund-supported Roswell investigation. Clearly, this was entirely proper and appropriate to the work I was doing on behalf of the Fund. (2) On February 29, 1996..., I returned all Fund tapes to the Fund via Dick Hall at the Fund post office box address. (3) With the return of the Fund tapes, I no longer had any Fund property of any sort in my possession and have not since. I regret my haste in preparing information designed to facilitate cooperation and information sharing among colleagues led to this misunderstanding and trust this letter and its enclosures, as well as my action today to straighten things out with the SHG folks [e-mail correcting the reference to the

tapes; see corrected information on p. 197, Proceedings], will bring this matter to a close.

"It is unfortunate you chose to be so confrontational and threatening in your initial communication to me. School-yard-style bluster and threats of legal action are hardly the way to begin addressing such an issue with a colleague or, for that matter, anyone else. However, since you chose such a course, I feel it is incumbent upon me to put you on notice that I will not hesitate to take legal action against you personally and, if appropriate, the Fund and its officers and board should it come to my attention that you or anyone associated with the Fund have made any utterances of any kind in any context calling into question my honor, integrity, and professionalism with respect to the Fund tapes and my use of them. I regret the necessity for the foregoing statement, but I've suffered enough blackguarding at the hands of ufological paranoids, fools, and opportunists [believer & debunker alike], and I'm not about to take any such from you without exacting a heavy price."

This is where the matter stood until Dick chose to insinuate it into his ad hominem attack on me here on UpDates, thus precipitating my "have a care" message to him.

There is no doubt that Dick Hall is fully aware of all of the foregoing. He knows damn' well there was nothing underhanded or in the least out of line involved. His and Don's problem is that I, a Fund grantee, had arrived at the "wrong" conclusions about Roswell.

I leave it to List members to decide for themselves how Dick and I measure up ethically.

Sincerely,

KARL

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Re: An Idea For Consideration - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 21:20:19 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 05:14:36 -0500
Subject: Re: An Idea For Consideration - Hall

On Strange Days... Indeed Saturday night we briefly discussed an idea I suggested based on Don C. Donderi's chapter in 'UFOs & Abductions' (University of Kansas Press, 2000). There he states and discusses the thesis that, "Science is not the only profession that collects and analyzes evidence." In analyzing the "almost complete rejection of the UFO evidence by scientists" he argues that because of its narrow approach the scientific enterprise is ill-equipped to deal with UFO reports and that the approaches of lawyers and military intelligence analysts are more appropriate. I think this is a very important insight.

Based on it, I am throwing out for comment and discussion the idea of establishing a fact-finding commission to analyze UFO data. In broad outline, it would include a Board of Directors (or Commissioners) of prominent citizens whose names and reputations would ensure respect and news media attention. (This served NICAP well in the 1960s and 1970s as did something approximating a military intelligence network.) Teams of "Presenters" with legal or military intelligence analysis background and training would periodically appear before the Commissioners in a public forum and present data and analysis on UFO sightings (recent when possible, and collective historical cases). The Commissioners would question the Presenters in a judicial manner. At some point they would, like every study commission ever formed, develop and publish a report and recommendations on how to proceed.

Your comments are invited.

- Dick Hall

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Marcia Smith On Future of Space

From: sgquishy@altavista.com
Date: 30 Dec 2001 13:24:06 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 05:16:29 -0500
Subject: Marcia Smith On Future of Space

I am quite sorry that my good friend Jimmy Oberg did not E-mail me, and tell me that he and Marcia Smith would be guests on December 27 on the radio show "Face the Nation," which is broadcast on National Public Radio. I hear that Jimmy is about to become a regular on the Rense show, so I hope he can bring his friend Marcia to appear with him from time to time.

Jimmy should know we all don't have the time he has to search around on the Internet. I would have liked to have asked Marcia about the "real future of space," that she discovered in her two UFO reports for President Carter. I have posted the following message to the discussion board at NPR so all their listeners will know exactly what they missed:

I was very sorry to have missed this show on future NASA make work projects. I would like to have had the chance to question guest Marcia Smith. For readers who are not aware Marcia Smith was the lady who on behalf of the Science and Technology Committee in the House, prepared two reports for President Jimmy Carter. One was on UFOs, and one was on extraterrestrial intelligence.

As a part of those studies for the President, Marcia Smith brought on board Daniel Sheehan, a famous lawyer who has been involved in Watergate, the Pentagon papers, the Karen Silkwood case, and Iran Contra. Sheehan reported that Ms. Smith told him that President elect Carter had requested all the UFO files, from then Director of Central Intelligence George Bush, and was told that he as President would have no need-to-know for this particular subject.

Sheehan has also reported on many occasions that Marcia Smith got him access to the classified portions of the USAF Project Blue Book files, which he was able to view in a basement vault in the Madison Building in Washington. While viewing these files, Sheehan reported that he viewed a number of photos of a crashed flying saucer in a snowbank, being investigated by USAF members.

Marcia Smith knows exactly what the future of space is. Unfortunately, it doesn't appear that she told the listeners of NPR.

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Re: 2002: Year Of The Mothman? - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 14:45:36 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 05:19:11 -0500
Subject: Re: 2002: Year Of The Mothman? - Stacy

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: 2002: Year Of The Mothman?
>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 20:17:00 -0400

<snip>

>I must object to calling Roswell a tourist trap. Prices for
>everything are very reasonable. Entry in to the museum is free.

>Fine steaks at reasonable prices at the Cattle Baron, there is a
>Walmart and lots of friendly people.

Stan,

There are tourist traps and Tourist Traps. Roswell may not have the high prices characteristic of a bona fide Tourist Trap, but it has many of the trappings of a lower case tourist trap, nonetheless. It's a classic case of a small town with a stagnant economy taking advantage of its newfound claim to fame. Not that there's anything wrong with that. If I were on the Roswell Chamber of Commerce board, I'd probably do the same thing.

But the town has definitely been occupied by aliens. Alien suites, alien burgers, alien martinis, alien this and alien that. Hardly a store downtown doesn't have some sort of alien theme in its signage or window displays. Tacky alien souvenirs are for sale everywhere.

Inevitably, this sort of thing takes its toll on objective history. To cite but one hypothetical example: a typical family of four pulls into a gas station, fills up, and asks the attendant where the UFO crashed. The attendant, a freshman in high school, isn't going to say "I don't know," or "You don't mean to tell me you believe that stuff?" No, he or she is going to direct them to the "official" crash site on the Corn Ranch.

And what is our typical tourist family of four going to think after touring the Corn Ranch? That this is where something might have happened, according to which controversial anecdotal account you accept?

No, they're going to be shown a tourist dog and pony show that accepts claims and allegations made by certain individuals as indisputable historical fact. So much for the tolerance of ambiguity that history supposedly demands. (Are you listening, Dick Hall?)

You won't find much tolerance of ambiguity in the Roswell UFO Museum, either. What you will find is....a tourist trap, masquerading as a museum; in other words, a very profitable souvenir shop. Hell, I wouldn't charge admission, either! (And I must admit I love my little alien ashtray I purchased there.)

Back home in St. Paul, Poughkeepsie, or even London or Tokyo, our tourist family is asked where they went on vacation. "Oh, we went to that place in New Mexico where the UFO crashed in 1947, where they found the alien bodies, you know, the ones they

showed in that autopsy film."

"Cool! Did they have a Wal-Mart?"

"As a matter of fact, they did! And the food and accommodation prices were really quite reasonable."

"Great! Maybe we'll take the family there next year."

"If you do, go in the winter, as the summers can be quite hellacious. Besides, it's not far from Ruidoso and White Sands. And did you know that Billy the Kid was killed nearby?"

Dennis Stacy

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Re: Dead Aliens - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 19:55:29 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 05:21:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Dead Aliens - Morris

>>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Dead Aliens
>>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 23:18:48 -0800

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>>Autopsy' isn't anyone (cameraman included) heaving their toe-nails out?

>>The 'tent footage' is, again, in the hot summer sun and nobody
>>appears to be dressed for a very stinky autopsy. This is a problem.

The AA 'Tent Footage' is an agreed hoaxed piece of footage..

But, if you look closely at the AA 'Debris Footage' you can notice distinct sweat marks showing on the shirt of the person holding up the 'control panels' for the camera, indicating either an excellent eye for detail on behalf of the makers, or maybe it was truly shot in a hot, i.e. summer desert location.

For those Listers with the Debris footage on the AA CD's.

See frames 85 - sweat stain on back of shirt near belt.

Frames 1600 ->1800 - sweat mark visible under armpit.

Neil

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Re: Dead Aliens - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 20:25:12 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 05:23:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Dead Aliens - Morris

>From: Cory Cameron <kecksburg@cnwl.igs.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Dead Aliens
>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 23:46:04 -0500

>>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Dead Aliens
>>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 23:18:48 -0800

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><snip>

>I remember distinctly certain portions of the AA video where it
>appears that one of the so-called doctors seems to be breathing
>heavily, as if he or she is having difficulty coping with the
>situation. Now this doesn't coincide with vomiting, but I
>believe there is an argument to be made here.

If you're referring to the AA footage other than the hoaxed
"tent footage.

It's possible to see some movement in the helmet of one on the
suits worn by one of the "doctors" that would indicate
breathing, but remember the cameraman claims the air supply was
fed into these suits from an external source via tubes attached
to the suit legs, and though he himself claims he took off his
helmet he makes no comment of smells etc. Also if we accept his
account as true, his event is not the "classic" Roswell
event of early July 1947, but an earlier event in May/June.

Neil

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Re: 'Little Green Men' - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 18:51:34 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 05:25:18 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men' - Rudiak

>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 13:40:24 -0600
>Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men'
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 14:32:19 EST
>>Subject: Re: 'Little Green Men'
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

><snip>

>>Dennis, you certainly have a knack for focusing on the
>>remarkably unimportant.

>>How about dealing instead with the obvious implications of the
>>phrase "THE VICTIMS OF THE WRECK YOU FORWARDED TO ?????? AT FORT
>>WORTH, TEX."?

>David, and you have a remarkable knack for changing the subject,
>which, in case you forgot, was the origin of the phrase 'little
>green men' and when it became common currency, as in, was it a
>common expression in 1947, as Joyce or Brazel's alleged
>testimony would seem to indicate?

However, it is related. The FACT that the Ramey teletype mentions "victims of the wreck" being "forwarded" to "Fort Worth" lends considerable credence to witness statements of alien bodies being recovered at Roswell. Specifically, it lends credibility to the Joyce and Brazel conversation of small bodies, green or otherwise.

>If so, it would had to have been dang common in order to be an
>understood phrase in rural New Mexico in 1947. I repeat: there
>is no evidence that that was the case.

There is also currently no clear evidence that it wasn't the case, and is a minor side issue at best anyway. Joyce and Brazel could have had the two conversations about small, nonhuman bodies that Joyce claims whether the phrase "little green men" was ever used or not.

>Read Kottmeyer's article or don't. I don't care. Of "comic strip
>series like Alley Oop, L'il Abner, Popeye, Buck Rogers, Flash
>Gordon and Superman", Kottmeyer says that "the phrase remained
>elusive and drawings of aliens never seemed to fully match the
>idea. Green aliens were either not-little or not-man-like while
>little men were not-green."

Without question, however, aliens were portrayed as simultaneously green and humanoid in comic strips prior to 1947, as just that one example from an early Buck Rogers strip from around 1930 clearly illustrated.

BTW, this is the same Martin Kottmeyer who proposed the theory that the greys represent a prebirth memory of the human fetus? Needless to say, I find most of the of the theories of the pure psychosocial school of Ufology, of which Kottmeyer seems to be a

member, to be downright stupid. Hopefully his scholarship on the LGM etymology is a little better.

>Further on: "A fellow ufologist, Luis Gonzalez Manso, queried a
>superhero comics expert jjnevin@ix.netcom.com [I think his name
>is Jess Nevin] and he affirms use of LGM in comics does not
>predate 1948 or so. He adds, 'The big vogue for putting aliens
>in the comics did not really start until 1949 or 1950, and the
>aliens were many different shapes and colors. In this case, I'm
>afraid, the phrase sprang from science fiction rather than the
>comics.'"

Edgar Rice Burroughs wrote sci fi stories of Mars called the "Martian Tales", including mention of the "green men of Mars" dating back to 1911. Again of my previously mentioned links:

<http://humbabe.arc.nasa.gov/mgcm/fun/pop.html>

Buck Rogers dates to 1928; Flash Gordon to 1934. Pulp comic books of the 1940s prior to 1947 portrayed green, humanoid space aliens. Planet Comics, started in 1940, was pure space alien fare. Again, here are some links showing Sunday serials and comic book covers with green aliens pre-1947:

Buck Rogers comic book cover around 1930 battling green humanoids on Jupiter:

http://www.redboots.net/comics/other_heroes.htm

Flash Gordon battling partially green Martian reptile men in 1935:

<http://www.comic-art.com/media/jpegs/raymn01z.jpg>

Planet Comics, starting 1940, putting out 6 issues a year. Check out the green, humanoid aliens on the covers of issues #1, #10, #27, #29, #35, & #41 (thus issues from 1940 through about 1947):

<http://www.comicsoncdrom.com/lists/fictionhouse.htm>

Ziff-Davis Comics from the 1940s. Check out Space Busters #1, Space Patrol #2, again showing green humanoids:

<http://www.comicsoncdrom.com/lists/ziffdavis.htm>

Maybe the "vogue" for putting aliens in the comics didn't start until after 1947, but indisputably there are many examples of alien comics prior to that. Furthermore, there were also frequent portrayals of green, humanoid aliens in the comics pre-1947 and in sci-fi dating back to at least Edgar Rice Burroughs and his "green men of Mars" in 1911.

>BTW, the green aliens on the Buck Rogers comic you linked are
>smaller as a matter of perspective. Look at it again. They are
>further away than the humans in the foreground, hence 'shorter'.

Maybe, maybe not. They can be perceived as smaller, whether that was the artist's intent or not. Unquestionably, however, they are green and humanoid.

>As for the contents of Ramey's teletype, that's a whole
>different kettle of fish, as you well know. My take on it - as
>if you're interested - is that it is extremely interesting and
>may yet have much to reveal. I'm also aware, as I presume you
>are, that even the most ardent proponents of said smoking gun
>and/or holy grail, have yet to unanimously agree on its
>contents.

Since when does it require "unanimous agreement?" Would better than 90% be sufficient?

There must be at least that much agreement that the message mentions "the victims" being forwarded to Fort Worth and that this message also is about Roswell, since words like "disc" and "weather balloons" are clearly in it as well. That's all you need to know, even without further agreement about any of the rest of it. There were "victims" associated with Roswell. How does a Mogul balloon crash explain that?

I would like to further comment on your demand for "unanimous agreement." It is impossible to get 100% agreement on who was behind the Sept. 11 attacks. It's generally impossible to get

"unanimous agreement" on just about anything. Even scientists usually settle on some sort of consensus among the experts based on current best interpretations of available evidence, and still there will always be some diehard retrograde fuddy-duddies or visionaries who disagree with that consensus. If "unanimous agreement" was required of everything, nothing would ever be learned or accompanished.

Demanding "unanimous agreement" is just another ridiculous and arbitrary debunking "standard of evidence" not applied to any other field of human knowledge.

>You are entitled to your personal interpretation of it - and
>with that there is no arguing.

>Much as I might like to.

Why don't you try looking at it first before opining about it in the negative? Is that too much to ask?

>Needless to say, you are also entitled to your interpretation
>as to the anomalousness of the material displayed in Ramey's
>office.

You must have me confused with somebody else.

My opinion originally was and continues to be that Ramey displayed a weather target and a balloon brought in as a prop for his cover story.

>Meanwhile, Happy New Year!

>May Little Green Men not darken your doorstep. Or little gray
>ones, for that matter.

Amen.

David Rudiak

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Re: Bottom Line On Walter Haut - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 17:42:13 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 05:27:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Bottom Line On Walter Haut - Stacy

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 23:21:26 EST
>Subject: Bottom Line On Walter Haut
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

>The bottom line on Walter Haut, seems to be:

>1) Haut gave an Oral history interview where he describes or
>discloses certain information that he knew about Roswell
>concerning bodies and other things. He has not previously
>disclosed them and the reasons for not disclosing them is
>also in the Oral History, apparently only available to
>researchers after he is dead.

<snip>

Robert,

Hard to argue with the points you've raised.

Still, it's curious as to why Haut was interviewed so many times
- by numerous leading ufologists yet! - and yet seemingly chose
to bear his soul only to Wendy Connors, the details of which are
only to be released after his death: no follow up questions
permitted.

Well, maybe this is the right way to handle things... and maybe
it isn't.

One thing for sure: anyone who dares cast doubts on Haut's
posthumous testimony will surely be labeled a grave robber at
best.

And, I assume, a skeptibunker at worst.

Touche, indeed!

Dennis Stacy

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Roswell - Tourist Trap? [was: 2002: Year Of The

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 08:30:13 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 09:41:29 -0500
Subject: Roswell - Tourist Trap? [was: 2002: Year Of The

>Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 14:45:36 -0600
>Subject: Re: 2002: Year Of The Mothman?
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: 2002: Year Of The Mothman?
>>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 20:17:00 -0400

><snip>

>>I must object to calling Roswell a tourist trap. Prices for
>>everything are very reasonable. Entry in to the museum is free.

>>Fine steaks at reasonable prices at the Cattle Baron, there is a
>>Walmart and lots of friendly people.

>There are tourist traps and Tourist Traps. Roswell may not have
>the high prices characteristic of a bona fide Tourist Trap, but
>it has many of the trappings of a lower case tourist trap,
>nonetheless. It's a classic case of a small town with a stagnant
>economy taking advantage of its newfound claim to fame. Not that
>there's anything wrong with that. If I were on the Roswell
>Chamber of Commerce board, I'd probably do the same thing.

Dennis, I am pleased that Roswell has been demoted to a tourist
trap instead of a Tourist Trap!! Personally I find Houston, Las
Vegas and Phoenix to be much more uncomfortable in the summer
than Roswell... perhaps because of its altitude.

Perhaps you didn't notice the letter on the museum wall about
the fact that the Corn Ranch land was not accessible by vehicle
in 1947 from a member of the McKnight Family who then owned what
is now called the Corn Ranch?

Remember Roswell isn't on the way to anywhere (Roughly 200 miles
from Amarillo, El Paso, Albuquerque). Nobody forces people to go
there. Remember, too, that the base was closed for purely
political reasons when NM didn't vote democratic (for Lyndon
Johnson). Seems poetic justice for some current prosperity
because of a very significant event and a bunch of government
misrepresentations (see my 27 page paper 'The Roswell Incident,
USAF, and NY Times'). I suppose the Chamber of Commerce could
do more to publicize the world's largest Mozzarella factory in
Roswell..... That will surely bring in the public.

My wife and I visited Fredericksburg, Virginia, on the way back
from Williamsburg. Big claim to fame with souvenir shops all
over is that thousands of troops were killed there in one of the
bloodier battles of the civil war. Tourist Trap??

Incidentally the Museum is my best customer for books, CD-ROMs,
videos etc. Proves some people are seeking the facts.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Is Menzel To Be Re-Published? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 04:34:49 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 09:45:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Is Menzel To Be Re-Published? - Hatch

>Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 15:37:46 -0400
>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Is Menzel To Be Re-Published?

>>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 06:12:39 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Is Menzel To Be Re-Published?

>>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Subject: Is Menzel To Be Re-Published?
>>>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 14:13:16 -0500

>>>At a local Border's Books a search of their computer listing
>>>showed that Dr. Menzel's 'The UFO Enigma: The Definitive
>>>Explanation of the UFO Phenomenon' is to be reprinted for sale.
>>>On their web site I can only find a used copy of the work, but
>>>I'm really curious as to what would trigger the reprint of an
>>>older work?

>>Its nice that Menzel had a "Definitive Explanation" for the UFO
>>phenomenon. I sure don't.

>A boring and simplistic read. And Menzel never did. Another
>spook with an agenda?

Hello Don:

The very first pages of Loren Gross' latest UFO booklet (UFOs A History: 1952 June-July 20th) are devoted to some revealing papers turned up by Professor Michael Swords. These were Ruppelt's personal papers, unpublished by Ruppelt elsewhere, possibly due to their unflattering description of Menzel.

Its way too much to quote here, but Ruppelt describes an amazing meeting at the Pentagon with General Garland (who reported to Gen. Samford), Dr. Stephen Possony, Col. Dunn, and other brass and luminaries.. including Menzel.

Menzel was apparently attempting to jam the 'UFOs are Nonsense' view down the throats of the military instead of it being the other way around! Perhaps the military came 'on line' later.

Menzel announced that he had sold a story to Time and Look Magazines to that affect, and wanted the brass to back him up on it. He held that most sightings were hoaxes among other things. General Garland, Possony and others objected to this, they knew better.

Checking up on Menzel afterward, Possony (etc.) discovered some shady deal where Menzel had tried to sell the Navy on a munitions contract where he was one of the backers.

Further inquiries cast high doubts on his "'high-school physics' explanations of UFOs.

This man was a respected scientist in other regards. His

closed-minded approach has been the subject of various theories. One of these (Michael Hall and Wendy Connors) is that Menzel was a mouthpiece for Dr. Harlow Shapley of Harvard.

Shapley apparently held that UFOs were "a distraction to rational science".

Others might theorize that his 'agenda' (I dislike that word) was motivated by something related to national security, too many people watching the skies and reporting secret US missile tests or whatever as UFOs, while our adversaries lapped up whatever crumbs of info were thus made available.

Still others suspect darker motives.

Still, it seems inconceivable that a man of science could say "talking to witnesses was a waste of time"... that from Jerry Clark's UFO Encyclopedia, Vol. II L-Z pg.387, as quoted by Gross.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: New Year Agenda - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 07:23:12 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 09:49:26 -0500
Subject: Re: New Year Agenda - Lehmborg

>Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 09:11:49 -0600
>Subject: Re: New Year Agenda
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Subject: Re: New Year Agenda
>>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 21:26:25 +0000

>>List,

>>Just to give you a little more idea about the man, as a result
>>of my December 27 post here, Karl Pflock has privately
>>threatened me with a lawsuit via e-mail. Birds of a feather
>>Pflock together: Karl, CSICOP, Klass, Moseley... skeptibunkers,
>>and the ethically challenged in general.

>>- Dick

>Gee, Dick,

>That wouldn't have anything to do with your use of the word
>purloin, would it?

Who had contested possession of the articles in question, and
would they still be in that person's possession if that
possession was not questioned. Absence of evidence, evidence of
absence?

>And for the record, have Klass, CSICOP, and Moseley also
>threatened you with lawsuits recently, as in birds of a feather?

This question seemed a little leading and suggestive. That they,
perhaps, would, seems likely. I watched Mr. Moseley suggest,
thinly, to a harried hotel clerk at a Gulfbreeze Conference
several years ago that legal action could be forthcoming when
Mr. Moseley didn't get the room rate that he thought he
should... I think I observed the situation correctly, and would
have hung around a bit to see the outcome, but Linda Moulton
Howe walked into the room, and I wanted to get into position to
benignly stalk her... <g>.

>Or are you just particularly pissed off and paranoid these days?

Firstly, there's more than enough reason to be pissed-off these
days, and secondly, where there is an actual threat there is
no paranoia. Cynicism, sarcasm, and baseless ridicule can be
pretty threatening in the hand of an adept, or why would you
blow into this smoking hole in the hopes of provoking the fire
of a more heated response. Pretty transparent... No - one gets
ta stay icy with an adept. I'm sure Mr. Hall can mimic liquid
nitrogen if the situation calls for it. I know I can.

>Inquiring minds would like to know.

This inquiring mind first considers the source.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

~~=D6~~

EXPLORE "Alfred Lehmborg's Alien View" at his HostPros URL:
<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually. He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged -- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, scourged by scurrilous skepti-bunkies.

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From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 07:28:53 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 09:53:24 -0500
Subject: Re: The Measure Of Dick Hall - Lehmborg

>From: Karl Pflock <Ktperehwon@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 16:12:07 EST
>Subject: The Measure Of Dick Hall
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

<snip>

>I leave it to List members to decide for themselves how Dick and
>I measure up ethically.

While remaining open to any new information... but going where
the data leads...

...After years of personal observation regarding the flavor of
your performance on video tape, providing witness to your
obvious socio-political bias and subsequent ufological cant, and
after acknowledging your high placement in an institution
implicated arguably in citation after citation of suspicious,
unethical, and flagrantly criminal acts... I can report from the
observational field that you and Mr. Hall, weighed in the device
you suggest, has Mr. Hall banging so heavily off the bottom of
the scale with regard to fidelity, integrity, and scholarly
correctness that you require supplemental oxygen as a result of
being tossed too far up into the air.

One lister's opinion, not to put too fine a point on it. My
likely unwelcome advice? ...Keep the LOX handy.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

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EXPLORE "Alfred (...that's not a pants leg, that's an electric
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Eras News: Weekly Briefing 12.31.01

From: Paul Anderson <psa@look.ca>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 09:57:39 -0500
Subject: Eras News: Weekly Briefing 12.31.01

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The Ultimate Long Distance Call

http://www.space.com/searchforlife/seti_long_distance_011227.html

Kepler Mission to Find Earth-Like Planets Gets Green Light

http://www.space.com/news/kepler_go.html

Kevlar vs. Comets: Bullet-Proof Craft to Get Closest Comet Views Ever

http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/contour_mission_011226-1.html

Analysis: Top Technology Stories for 2001

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Re: An Idea For Consideration - Hale

From: Roy Hale <roy.hale@ntlworld.com>
Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 14:30:46 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 11:59:40 -0500
Subject: Re: An Idea For Consideration - Hale

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: An Idea For Consideration
>Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 21:20:19 +0000

>In broad outline, it would include a Board of Directors
>(or Commissioners) of prominent citizens whose names and
>reputations would ensure respect and news media attention.

Hi People,

UFO research is littered with such bodies, and commissions. Personally, I feel that once a person hits the big time in ufology, i.e. book deals and other notoriety, they become estranged to the public at large, a kind of invisible barrier. Much like, we know who they are, we see their books, go to their lectures but there not like Joe around the corner, their time is taken up by too much beauracratc BS, the simpleness has gone out of the game.

And then what happens? Well, remember we are the humans, and yes you've guessed it, the human ego kicks in, and then the seismic shift in opinions settle in, and then' well the rest is history.

And as for Science? I am beggining to feel this is a lost cause for Science, scared to come out to the middle of the ring, I mean - here we have these Science guys, with all the qualifications under their belt and where are they? Just a mere handful come to the table, and so much for the challenge of mankind, and it's new scientific discoveries!

Cowards are they?

Maybe we should all admit (UFO community) that in some way we have let down the masses (World public), due to our own agendas replacing the real search to the question posed by the innocent, who simply ask you after a sighting, "Did I see an Alien Spacecraft?"

Who knows, maybe when the military decide to open on this subject a little more, regarding their REAL findings, then I guess we can all keep guessing.

Happy New Year to all,

Roy..

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Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 10:23:42 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 12:02:56 -0500
Subject: Positivite Thoughts, Please

We would be deeply gratefull for your prayers, or for those who pray not, your positive thoughts, on behalf of my mom who is going through some very tough times. Since I ain't done with her yet, I suspect that the Good Lord and I have a battle to fit. She's in tough straits.

See, who wins depends on how many folks take umbrance with His desire. Hey, people win the Lottery and besides, we need her more than He does.

End
Jim Jr., Jim Sr., Rosie and Pepe

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Re: Is Menzel To Be Re-Published? - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 10:23:27 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 12:05:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Is Menzel To Be Re-Published? - Maccabee

>Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 15:37:46 -0400
>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Is Menzel To Be Re-Published?

>>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 06:12:39 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Is Menzel To Be Re-Published?

>>>At a local Border's Books a search of their computer listing
>>>showed that Dr. Menzel's 'The UFO Enigma: The Definitive
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>>>I'm really curious as to what would trigger the reprint of an
>>>older work?

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>>phenomenon. I sure don't.

>A boring and simplistic read. And Menzel never did. Another
>spook with an agenda?

A Definitive Explanation for the Arnold Case was presented in
Menzel's last book:

Water drops on the windshield

Menzel pointed out that he (Menzel) had been temporarily fooled
into thinking that water drops on the window of an airplane he
was flying were large objects at some distance from the plane.
Then he refocused his eyes and realized the objects were only
inches from his face (on the outside of the window). Menzel
pointed out that "many queer things" happen at high altitudes in
the atmosphere, and this was justification for suggesting that
Arnold saw water drops.

Definitive?

In his 1947 letter to the Air Force Arnold pointed out that he
turned his airplane sideways and rolled down the window to look
out without any chance of reflection ,etc.

It's a wonder Menzel didn't propose water drops on Arnold's
eyeballs.

Maccabee's First Rule For Debunkers:
Any publicized explanation is better than none.

Oh, by the way, did I mention that Menzel had previously
suggested other "definitive explanations" for Arnold's sighting?
billowing clouds of snow from Mt Rainier reflections in a haze
layer orographic clouds mirage of the mountain tops

All _very_ definitive!

Maccabee's Second Rule For Debunkers:
if the first explanation doesn't work or doesn't seem convincing,

publicize another.

(Can pelicans be far behind?)

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Re: Is Menzel To Be Re-Published? - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 11:41:18 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 12:08:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Is Menzel To Be Re-Published? - Ledger

>Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 04:34:49 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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>Hello Don:

>The very first pages of Loren Gross' latest UFO booklet (UFOs A
>History: 1952 June-July 20th) are devoted to some revealing
>papers turned up by Professor Michael Swords. These were
>Ruppelt's personal papers, unpublished by Ruppelt elsewhere,
>possibly due to their unflattering description of Menzel.

>Its way too much to quote here, but Ruppelt describes an amazing
>meeting at the Pentagon with General Garland (who reported to
>Gen. Samford), Dr. Stephen Possony, Col. Dunn, and other brass
>and luminaries.. including Menzel.

>Menzel was apparently attempting to jam the 'UFOs are Nonsense'
>view down the throats of the military instead of it being the
>other way around! Perhaps the military came 'on line' later.

>Menzel announced that he had sold a story to Time and Look
>Magazines to that affect, and wanted the brass to back him up on
>it. He held that most sightings were hoaxes among other things.
>General Garland, Possony and others objected to this, they knew
>better.

>Checking up on Menzel afterward, Possony (etc.) discovered some
>shady deal where Menzel had tried to sell the Navy on a
>munitions contract where he was one of the backers.

>Further inquiries cast high doubts on his '"high-school physics'
>explanations of UFOs.

>This man was a respected scientist in other regards. His
>closed-minded approach has been the subject of various theories.
>One of these (Michael Hall and Wendy Connors) is that Menzel was
>a mouthpiece for Dr. Harlow Shapley of Harvard.

>Shapley apparently held that UFOs were "a distraction to
>rational science".

>Others might theorize that his 'agenda' (I dislike that word)
>was motivated by something related to national security, too
>many people watching the skies and reporting secret US missile
>tests or whatever as UFOs, while our adversaries lapped up
>whatever crumbs of info were thus made available.

>Still others suspect darker motives.

>Still, it seems inconceivable that a man of science could say
>"talking to witnesses was a waste of time"... that from Jerry
>Clark's UFO Encyclopedia, Vol. II L-Z pg.387, as quoted by
>Gross.

Hi Larry,

Certainly as well Menzel's [shady ?] intelligence connections
have to be explored. As you say Menzel's 'high school physics'
approach to the UFO inigma back in those early years was a major
turn-off for me when reading his book. One would have expected
better of the man [shades of Condon]. I must confess the man
really puzzles me, though before Stan Friedman brought out
Menzel's connection to the intelligence community-I'd simply put
him down to just another scientist unwilling to give the
phenomenon a serious look.

Imagine also my surprise to discover in Vallee's 'UFO Chronicles
of the Soviet Union: A Cosmic Samizdat' that at the absolute
height of the cold war in the early 60's that Menzel was being
published in Pravda as a serious debunker to the UFO question,
in support of the Soviet government's official anti-UFO line.

How weird is that?

Best in the New Year,

Don Ledger

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Re: Marcia Smith On Future of Space - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 10:48:37 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 12:11:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Marcia Smith On Future of Space - Lehmborg

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This story has been told in many different venues for months
now... why wouldn't this suspicious denial have surfaced before?
I smell one of your rats Mr. Oberg.

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Mr. Sheehan doesn't need underground vaults and crashed saucer
photos to look important. He has Watergate, Wounded Knee,
Iran-Contra, Karen Silkwood, and Harvard's Dr. Mack to do all
that. And it remains that Jimmy Carter, perhaps the best example
of an American President in (at least) the 20th and 21st
centuries, was told by the father of Forest Gump JR that he did
not have a "need to know" regarding a subsequently _obvious_
collection of UFO evidence, and reported a UFO himself at one
time as the Governor of a State. Carter _would_ have a reason to
get to the bottom of the aggregate conundrum, wouldn't he, and
he might employ such a mechanism as has been reported. Your
trademark ridicule is once again seen for what it is, a
distraction from the issues at hand with derisive smoke and
mirrors and the usual baseless character assassination. BUSTED!

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>telling it.

So you've spun it. But unlike Fox's Bill O'Riley (at _least_ a
man unashamed of his apostrophe) and his mere proclamation of a

"no spin" zone, UFO UpDates, I think, actually aspires to it. As you've pronounced upon it, I'll wait and see, but frankly expect the opposite.

Lehmberg@snowhill.com

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Re: Positivite Thoughts, Please - Peterborough

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Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 12:10:41 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 17:52:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Positivite Thoughts, Please - Peterborough

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Your mom and family are in my thoughts and prayers Jim.

Warm wishes,

Kelly

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'Dustbunny' Hunt?

From: Ingrid Hanson <froggy@rio.com>
Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 09:44:31 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 17:53:20 -0500
Subject: 'Dustbunny' Hunt?

Does anyone have any information about what finally happened
with this?

Inquiring minds are inquiring yet again....

Ingrid

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Re: New Year Agenda - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 11:28:04 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 18:02:16 -0500
Subject: Re: New Year Agenda - Stacy

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: New Year Agenda
>Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 17:33:01 +0000

<Big ol' snip>

Dick,

I'll keep my remarks as brief and cheery-minded as possible.

You've called for an open, objective investigation of Roswell.
(With which I concur.)

I assume that means that each witness is to be analyzed and weighed with the same set of scales.

So when I use Kent Lorenzo as an example, it's not to suggest that one Roswell witness who claims nothing untoward happened there should trump two who claimed a spaceship with little bodies crashed. It's to ask where Lorenzo is in all the books, monologues, and videotaped interviews ufology has made over the last several years. Where are all the other eyewitnesses interviewed by Roswell investigators who had nothing extraordinary to say about it?

Where, in other words, is the vaunted objectivity and balance?

I realize that "Roswell Witness Says Absolutely Nothing Happened!" doesn't make for much of a headline; but if that's truly half of the story, I sure haven't seen it promoted that way in most of the Roswell material I've read and looked at.

How many other Roswell witnesses haven't been heard from because they didn't have any tale to tell? Lorenzo was, I believe, the second commanding medical officer at the hospital at the time. Had bodies been brought in, he would almost undoubtedly have been aware of them.

As near as I can tell, however, Roswell investigators have yet to beat a path to his door.

Kent Jeffrey's long report may indeed have had its flaws. But when he says he talked to a number of 509th veterans who said nothing untoward took place, I have to take him at his word. Did fellow ufologists ask him who his contacts were so they could conduct follow up interviews? Or was he effectively hounded out of the field?

Ufology's track record on Roswell is pretty self-evident: you can do almost anything and remain a member in good standing - just don't criticize Roswell.

Dennis Stacy

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Re: New Year Agenda - Rudiak

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Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 14:12:12 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Dec 2001 18:08:42 -0500
Subject: Re: New Year Agenda - Rudiak

>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 16:44:51 -0600
>Subject: Re: New Year Agenda
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>

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>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Subject: New Year Agenda
>>Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2001 23:37:54 +0000

>The indisputable fact of the matter is that your mind is just as
>made up as those you criticize of cynicism (or worse). There is
>nothing, nothing, nothing that could be discovered or
>uncovered, published or revealed, that would or ever could
>dissuade you of the fact that nothing unusual occurred at
>Roswell and that, in fact, the AF has not had alien bodies on
>ice for the last 50+ years. Not the McCoy document, not Kent
>Lorenzo's [I hope I have the name right] testimony to the
>contrary, not the exposure of one after another less than honest
>"eyewitness" -- in short, nothing.

Poor Kent Lorenzo. Dennis regularly drags him out as his personal poster boy for Roswell witnesses who supposedly disprove anything happened. But all the man basically had to say was , "I wasn't aware of anything happening."

Put Dennis in charge of a criminal investigation and have him canvas a neighborhood for witnesses. He finds 5 people who claim to know something and 30 who were watching television and say they didn't hear or see anything.

That would be the end of the investigation on Dennis' beat. There was no crime. The 30 no-nothings would trump the 5 possible know-somethings. Those who claim to know something must be mistaken, liars, or loonies. That seems to be the logic at work here.

>No, of course you don't. While asserting your own final answer
>and accusing anyone who dares differ with charges ranging from
>cynicism and game-playing to disinformation, and so on. (Which
>takes us back to: what evidence would persuade you that nothing
>untoward happened at Roswell?

Likewise, what evidence would persuade you that something "toward" happened at Roswell?

>It would almost have to be
>government evidence/documents at this point, wouldn't it?

There is a document of unimpeachable provenance that proves something 'toward' happened at Roswell. It's called the Ramey telegram. It states unequivocally that there were "victims" and then it goes on to discuss that something "in the 'disc'" was going to be shipped.

So there were 'victims' and there was an object Ramey calls a "disc". How does a Mogul balloon crash produce "victims"?

Furthermore, can you explain why Ramey would be calling the

crash object a "disc"?

Think carefully Dennis. This is an intelligence test. If your typical, knee-jerk, skepti-bunky response is that a Mogul radar target was the "disc", then you have to explain why Ramey talks about something "in the 'disc'" being shipped. Radar targets didn't have any insides.

>But,
>wait: we all know what you think of gov't documents and denials,
>as in not to be trusted. So you'll always have an "out".

What's your "out" Dennis, to ignore what the Ramey telegram says? Or is it to demand 'unanimous agreement' as to what it says, a standard of evidence not applied to any field of human knowledge, not even the hard sciences.

>Lucky
>man, you! No more McCoy-like docs need apply, presumably however
>persuasive.)

I think it is self-evident to anybody that if a spacecraft from an advanced technological civilization were dumped in our laps, it would be classified Top Secret with highly restricted access, along the lines of the Manhattan Project.

Looking at documents from 1944 classified lower than Top Secret that say, "We know nuttin' about any atom bomb project in the U.S." does not prove there was no A-bomb project." Even if the writers of such documents knew of such a project, they could not reveal it in lower classified documents, especially if the intended readers of such documents did not have the necessarily clearance themselves.

Similarly, lower-classified documents from 1947 and 1948 that say they have no physical evidence of the saucers proves nothing.

Even Top Secret documents, if they existed, with similar denials would prove nothing if the sender and/or recipient lacked the proper clearances. Because of compartmentalization, even if all the parties had Top Secret clearances, this does not mean the parties would be privy to all Top Secret information.

As to Col. Howard McCoy and Project Sign, I wonder if Dennis Stacy has any idea just how low a classification Project Sign had? To save him the trouble of looking it up, it wasn't Top Secret. It wasn't even Secret. It was classified at a very lowly "Restricted" level.

So there are some lower-level documents with McCoy saying, "Heck, I wish we had a crashed saucer but we don't," and that somehow proves something?

>Put another way, name someone who disagrees with your current
>assessment of Roswell who is open-minded, non-cynical,
>non-disinformative, and, by all appearances, not a planted mole.
>(As we could never know for sure, could we?)

>I understand it may be a short list, but try, anyway.

>In other words... do you and Roswell have any honorable
>critics? Or just pond scum?

What did pond scum ever do to you to deserve an insult like that?

David Rudiak

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>So you've spun it. But unlike Fox's Bill O'Riley (at _least_ a
>man unashamed of his apostrophe)

You've lost me. What apostrophe am I accused of being ashamed
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