

SUBJECT: THE CHIHUAHUA DISK CRASH

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On 25 Aug 74, at 2207 hrs, US Air Defense radar detected an unknown approaching US airspace from the Gulf of Mexico. Originally the object was tracked at 2,200 (2530 mph) knots on a bearing of 325 degrees and at an altitude of 75,000 feet, a course that would intercept US territory about forty miles southwest of Corpus Cristi, Texas. After approximately sixty seconds of observation, at a position 155 miles southeast of Corpus Cristi, the object simultaneously decelerated to approximately 1700 (1955 mph) knots, turned to a heading of 290 degrees, and began a slow descent. It entered Mexican airspace approximately forty miles south of Brownsville, Texas. Radar tracked it approximately 500 miles to a point near the town of Coyame, in the state of Chihuahua, not far from the US border. There the object suddenly disappeared from the radar screens.

During the flight over Mexican airspace, the object leveled off at 45,000 feet, then descended to 20,000 feet. The descent was in level steps, not a smooth curve or straight line, and each level was maintained for approximately five minutes.

The object was tracked by two different military radar installations. It would have been within range of Brownsville civilian radar, but it is assumed that no civilian radar detected the object due to a lack of any such reports.

The point of disappearance from the radar screens was over a barren and sparsely populated area of Northern Mexico. At first it was assumed that the object had descended below the radar's horizon and a watch was kept for any re-emergence of the object. None occurred.

At first it was assumed that the object might be a meteor because of the high speed and descending flight path. But meteors normally travel at higher speeds, and descend in a smooth arc, not in "steps." And meteors do not normally make a thirty-five degree change in course. Shortly after detection an air defense alert was called. However, before any form of interception could be scrambled, the object turned to a course that would not immediately take it over US territory. The alert was called off within twenty minutes after the object's disappearance from the radar screen.

Fifty-two minutes after the disappearance, civilian radio traffic indicated that a civilian aircraft had gone down in that area. But it was clear that the missing aircraft had departed El Paso International with a destination of Mexico City, and could not, therefore, have been the object tracked over the Gulf of Mexico.

It was noted, however, that they both disappeared in the same area

and at the same time.

With daylight the next day, Mexican authorities began a search for the missing plane. Approximately 1035 hrs there came a radio report that wreckage from the missing plane had been spotted from the air. Almost immediately came a report of a second plane on the ground a few miles from the first. A few minutes later an additional report stated that the second "plane" was circular shaped and apparently in one piece although damaged. A few minutes after that the Mexican military clamped a radio silence on all search efforts.

The radio interceptions were reported through channels to the CIA. Possibly as many as two additional government agencies also received reports, but such has not been confirmed as of this date. The CIA immediately began forming a recovery team. The speed with which this team and its equipment was assembled suggests that this was either a well-rehearsed exercise or one that had been performed prior to this event.

In the meantime requests were initiated at the highest levels between the United States and Mexican governments that the US recovery team be allowed onto Mexican territory to "assist." These requests were met with professed ignorance and a flat refusal of any cooperation.

By 2100 hrs, 26 Aug 74, the recovery team had assembled and been staged at Fort Bliss. Several helicopters were flown in from some unknown source and assembled in a secured area. These helicopters were painted a neutral sand color and bore no markings. Eye witness indicates that there were three smaller craft, very probably UH1 Hueys from the description. There was also a larger helicopter, possibly a Sea Stallion. Personnel from this team remained with their craft and had no contact with other Ft. Bliss personnel.

Satellite and reconnaissance aircraft overflight that day indicated that both the crashed disk and the civilian aircraft had been removed from the crash sites and loaded on flat bed trucks. Later flights confirmed that the convoy had departed the area heading south.

At that point the CIA had to make a choice, either to allow this unknown aircraft to stay in the hands of the Mexican government, or to launch the recovery team, supplemented by any required military support, to take the craft. There occurred, however, an event that took the choice out of their hands. High altitude overflights indicated that the convoy had stopped before reaching any inhabited areas or major roads. Recon showed no activity, and radio contact between the Mexican recovery team and its headquarters had ceased. A low altitude, high speed overflight was ordered.

The photos returned by that aircraft showed all trucks and jeeps stopped, some with open doors, and two human bodies laying on the ground beside two vehicles. The decision was immediately made to launch the recovery team but the actual launching was held up for the arrival of additional equipment and two additional personnel. It was not until 1438 hrs that the helicopters departed Ft. Bliss.

The four helicopters followed the boarder down towards Presido then turned and entered Mexican airspace north of Candelaria. They were over the convoy site at 1653 hrs. All convoy personnel were dead,

most within the trucks. Some recovery team members, dressed in bioprotection suits, reconfigured the straps holding the object on the flatbed truck, then attached them to a cargo cable from the Sea Stallion. By 1714 hrs the recovered object was on its way to US territory. Before leaving the convoy site, members of the recovery team gathered together the Mexican vehicles and bodies, then destroyed all with high explosives. This included the pieces of the civilian light plane which had been involved in the mid-air collision. At 1746 hrs the Hueys departed.

The Hueys caught up with the Sea Stallion as it reentered US airspace. The recovery team then proceeded to a point in the Davis Mountains, approximately twenty-five miles north east of Valentine. There they landed and waited until 0225 hrs the next morning. At that time they resumed the flight and rendezvoused with a small convoy on a road between Van Horn and Kent. The recovered disk was transferred to a truck large enough to handle it and capable of being sealed totally. Some of the personnel from the Huey's transferred to the convoy.

All helicopters then returned to their original bases for decontamination procedures. The convoy continued non-stop, using back roads and smaller highways, and staying away from cities. The destination of the convoy reportedly was Atlanta, Georgia.

Here the hard evidence thins out. One unconfirmed report says the disk was eventually transferred to Wright-Patterson AF Base. Another says that the disk was either transferred after that to another unnamed base, or was taken directly to this unknown base directly from Atlanta.

The best description of the disk was that it was sixteen feet, five inches in diameter, convex on both upper and lower surfaces to the same degree, possessing no visible doors or windows. The thickness was slightly less than five feet. The color was silver, much like polished steel. There were no visible lights nor any propulsion means. There were no markings. There were two areas of the rim that showed damage, one showing an irregular hole approximately twelve inches in diameter with indented material around it. The other damage was described as a "dent" about two feet wide. The weight of the object was estimated as approximately one thousand, five hundred pounds, based on the effect of the weight on the carrying helicopter and those who transferred it to the truck.

There was no indication in the documentation available as to whether anything was visible in the "hole."

It seems likely that the damage with the hole was caused by the collision with the civilian aircraft. That collision occurred while the object was traveling approximately 1700 knots (1955 mph). Even ignoring the speed of the civilian aircraft, the impact would have been considerable at that speed. This is in agreement with the description of the civilian aircraft as being "almost totally destroyed." What was being taken from the crash site was pieces of the civilian aircraft.

The second damage may have resulted when the object impacted with the ground. The speed in that case should have been considerably less than that of the first impact.

No mention is made of the occupants of the civilian aircraft. It is not known if any body or bodies were recovered. Considering the

destruction of the civilian light aircraft in mid-air, bodies may well not have come down near the larger pieces.

Unfortunately what caused the deaths of the Mexican recovery team is not known. Speculation ranges from a chemical released from the disk as a result of the damage, to a microbiological agent. There are no indications of death or illness by any of the recovery team. It would not have been illogical for the recovery team to have taken one of the bodies back with them for analysis. But there is no indication of that having happen. Perhaps they did not have adequate means of transporting what might have been a biologically contaminated body.

Inquires to the FAA reveal no documents concerning the civilian aircraft crash, probably because it did not involve a US aircraft nor did

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Given the small amount of data to go on and the number of years that have passed since the original incident, very little importance should be placed on this report. The group first learned of it through a verbal transmission from an Air Force Officer. He stated that he had learned of it from a report filed with the Intelligence Officer at Fairchild AFB a few days after the event. He admitted that he did not meet those filing the report, nor was he actually involved with any type of investigation. Apparently the original report as filed by a civilian was "humorous" enough to get passed around among some of the officers.

His statement (summarized):

On 24 June 71 a man and his wife came into the base headquarters at Fairchild and stated that they wished to make a report of a "flying saucer." They were turned over to the base Intelligence Officer as would be proper under AF guidelines for UFO reports at that time. He allowed them to write down their story but apparently placed very little importance in their statements for report indicated that he asked no questions and apparently told the civilians that their report would be "passed up the channels." It is not known if that was ever done, or if that officer, disbelieving the report because of the possible abduction aspect, merely filed it without following standard UFO reporting procedure. It is possible that he did not even file the report, but merely passed it around the its "amusement" value then trash canned it.

The facts remembered from the report were as follows:

On 21 June 71, Mr John Stacy (23) and his wife, Gloria (23), were in their home near Pinehurst, Idaho. Their home was a distance from the town and somewhat isolated. It was after dinner and both were sitting down, Mrs Stacy watching TV, John reading a book. At approximately 2215 hrs John's attention was caught by a light outside the window, a reddish light of rather deep color. He went to the window and saw a column of light described as "deep red" descending to the ground from above. The place where the light struck the ground was only about a hundred feet from the house and he could not see from his position what was causing the light.

After showing the light to his wife, he went out the back door, accompanied by her, to investigate. He took with him a 22 caliber pistol, the only weapon in the house. He stated that the light was like nothing he had ever seen and "a little scary." Once clear of the roof, they could see that the light was coming from the center of a circular shape hovering approximately two hundred feet in the air. The shape was dark, no lights apparent other than the red beam shining directly down from the center. He estimated the diameter of the "disk" to be fifty feet.

For a few minutes they both just stood there, staring in wonder at the thing. Then John realized that it was no longer there. He was still standing outside, looking at the sky, but there was no object and no light. He stated that he didn't remember seeing it go, just that he was suddenly aware it wasn't there any longer. And that he was suddenly chilled.

He turned to his wife but she wasn't there. He also noticed that his revolver was no longer in his hand. Puzzled, he went back into the house, searching for Gloria. She was not present. He then took a flashlight and searched the area around the house but failed to find her. Returning to the house, he was about to call law authorities when he noticed a red flash out of the corner of his eye. The light had been outside a window. He was going to the door again when he met Gloria slowly walking back into the house.

He began questioning her about where she had been but she was in a daze and unable to answer coherently except to say that she felt she had been "somewhere. n As she recovered she seemed very much afraid of the outside of the house but could put no words to her fears. He got her to bed and calmed down. The next day she could not remember where she had been and seemed anxious whenever he asked questions.

In the report, John Stacy stated that he had noticed there were red marks encircling his wife's wrists and ankles but she could not explain how they had gotten there. It appeared that the skin was somewhat raw as if rubbed or chaffed.

On the second day after the sighting, Mrs Stacy told her husband that she was sure she had been inside the "flying saucer" but still could not remember anything else. That is when he decided to go to the nearest AFB and report the incident and inquire as to what it might have been. It appears unlikely that his questions were answered by the AF officer who took their statements.

This is the end of the original verbal account, given to a member of the group in early 1983. It was recorded and filed for possible investigation but with a low priority due to the amount of time that had passed.

In 1985 one of the group happened to be not far from Pinehurst and decided to investigate. The trail was pretty cold by then. Casual interrogation of long-time residents did, however, reveal two men who remembered the couple and the incident. Apparently it had been written up in a local paper. Attempts to locate that paper proved negative as it had apparently gone out of business years before.

Additional information gathered from the locals include: Gloria Stacy died in 1980 from causes unrelated to the incident. John Stacy moved to California right after that.

The original newspaper article described only the dark "saucer" and a red beam, but not the possible abduction. Apparently the Stacy's had decided to not reveal that part. But those who knew them said that years later John told them several additional facts. Unable to sleep after the incident, John lay in bed awake for quite a while. It was then that he realized that it was far later than it should have been. He knew the time he saw the red light because of the TV show that was on. But when Gloria returned and they went to bed, it was over four hours later. Even allowing for two hours as he searched the area around the house and to calm his wife down after she returned, that still leaves approximately two hours unaccounted for.

Also Mrs Stacy had "bad dreams" for quite a while afterwards but never did remember anything additional about the time she was missing. For a couple years after the incident she would not leave the house at night.

There had been no additional incidents with unknowns or anything that could be related to the original incident, at least none that were related to the two locals interviewed.

Without the ability to interview the primary witnesses, there is little that can be made of this report. As it stands, this incident contains some of the standard elements of abduction cases, yet differs in some ways. The beam of red light has been reported only a few times, mostly not in conjunction with abductions. The missing time element is a key factor, of course. But the marks on her wrists and ankles suggest some form of physical restraint, not a common element. A similar occurrence has been related in only one other abduction, that in which the woman claimed to have been bound to a chair and left alone for a period of time by the "aliens." There is no evidence of any other marks on her body, nor of any post-abduction symptoms other than bad dreams and a nervousness about going outside at night. It is possible, considering the second-hand evidence, that such symptoms may have simply gone unreported.

This couple apparently felt it their duty to report this sighting to the AF, or perhaps because they felt that the AF might help explain to them what had happened. They certainly did not seek publicity afterwards, in fact apparently avoided it. This argues strongly in favor of a real incident of some type having occurred.

Some limited attempts have been made to local John Stacy in the Los Angeles area but have proved negative.

This case is not considered worthwhile for further investigation.

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