

Fravor's Fake UFOs?

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In just weeks, the Pentagon will report to Congress on the matter of UFOs.

Though the subject appears vast, beginning before World War II's "foo fighters" and extending right up to Colorado's ongoing (?)

"drone" mystery, the impetus for much of the recent interest comes from one source: a declassified set of telemetry data and FLIR footage from an alleged UFO encounter off the coast of California on November 10, 2004.



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Brought to the fore by former director of the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program, Luis Elizondo, and backed up by the testimony of Navy fighter pilots who took the footage, Commander David Fravor, preeminently, these videos had been hacking around the Internet for years, and repeatedly "debunked." *60 Minutes* did a segment on the subject, recently, but ignored the debunkers. So a popular junk science debunker on YouTube, an engineer known as Thunderf00t, demonstrated how the technology used by pilot

Fravor produces images of normal flying objects that can look . . . alien . . . to novices.

The problem with this debunking, as with previous ones, is that it deprecates the context. Specifically, the testimony. Thunderf00t dismisses the pilots as "UFO nuts."

But he does not directly deal with the testimony. "This is not like we saw it and it was gone or I saw lights in the sky and it's gone," Commander Fravor explains — "we watched this thing on a crystal clear day with four trained observers." He also asserts that the "things" blocked radar and behaved as if they could read minds or instantaneously crack secure Navy communications.

If the debunkers are correct about the footage being grossly misinterpreted, the surrounding testimony amounts to *lies*. We novices might be fooled by FLIR, but *not* trained fighter jet personnel. And if they are lying, then the Pentagon should know and say.

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Am I the only one who is curious?

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.