

The Calvine UFO Photographic Analysis – Impact Notes

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A research interest of mine, on which I have previously presented a number of papers at conference, relates to the myth and legend surrounding the interpretation of documentary photographs and the role of both photographs and the narratives that are constructed around them in both supporting and attacking notions of photographic objectivity.

In the summer of 2022, I was asked to produce photographic copies and digital scans of a rare and valuable photograph that my colleague Dr David Clarke had just secured for the Sheffield Hallam University Special Collections Archive. This image, which was thought to have been lost, is at the heart of a 30 year old UFO mystery which Dr Clarke has been researching and writing about for a number of years. After producing copies for research and publicity purposes I went on to produce a detailed photographic analysis of both the image itself and the print which became central to the international debate that arose around the image after it was published in a double page 'scoop' in the Daily Mail on the 12/08/22.

https://www.mailplus.co.uk/edition/features/211532?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=shared_link

The image, its story and my analysis went viral on social media with conspiracy theorists for both side of the debate using both the image and my analysis of it, along with the research undertaken by Dr Clarke and others to construct a host of conflicting theories concerning both the images production and event it appears to depict.

My analysis was quoted both in the physical and online media and reference in numerous social media posts.

Key Outputs:

I was interviewed by a U.S. radio show - WABC – Frank Morano Show, 19/08/22

<https://wabcradio.com/episode/andrew-robinson-senior-lecturer-in-photography-at-sheffield-hallam-university-08-19-2022/>

I presented my findings alongside Dr David Clarke in an online live stream Q&A event hosted by 'The Disclosure Team' (10.5k Subscribers)

<https://www.uapmedia.uk/articles/calvinerevealed>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQqt0d34nbl&t=2s>

Subsequently the analysis has been referred to and referenced in numerous newspaper articles and by online videos including:

'Best UFO Picture Ever, the Calvine Photo, Found After 30 Years Missing' – Newsweek, 15/08/22

<https://www.newsweek.com/best-ufo-picture-calvine-photo-found-30-years-missing-1733673>

'Calvine UFO - BAE Military Stealth Test Vehicle?' Simon Holland, 26/02/23. (100k subscribers)

https://youtu.be/fCHNyiaXq_w?t=691

'Investigators believe Scot could hold important clue to one of world's biggest UFO mysteries' – Daily Record, 06/03/23

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/scots-hotel-porter-could-hold-29380068>

'World's 'best ever' UFO image The Calvine Photo shows top secret & highly advanced US aircraft, says ex-intel officer' - Henry Holloway, The Sun, 25 Mar 2023.

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/21782863/worlds-best-ever-ufo-image-calvine-us/>

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