

Alien Balloons

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Now that news energy has slowed down enough to reduce the likelihood of imminent repeats caused by more human attention poured onto this latest bonfire of bullshit set aflame to distract us, I ask The Committee to explain why this real time cartoon captivated attention of the press.

Q: *Well?*

C: Ratings.

Q: *The press didn't need pressure, incentives, coercion, payoffs, threats...*

C: No and rarely. This topic was sure to generate interest but both un- and fortunately however, the success accomplished was beyond expectations.

Q: *Who launched the balloons?*

C: China in coordination with the USA.

Q: *Who asked whom?*

C: The USA asked China.

Q: *From where?*

C: Many locations, Guam, naval ships, Okinawa and Japan among them.

Q: *Does China ever do it, by themselves?*

C: Yes, of course.

Q: *Why?*

C: Weather observation, metering and general atmospheric data gathering. Just as does many a nation.

Q: *But they're hazardous to aviation.*

C: So they have nearly always been equipped with self-destruct devices to bring them down long before reaching places where conflicts might occur.

Q: *They're not spy balloons?*

C: This idea is, as humans would say, ridiculous.

Q: *Why was it reported that fighter jets and missiles were used to shoot them down in a few cases?*

C: To further titillate and excite the people willing to believe this.

Q: *What was the distraction intended to conceal, draw attention away from or cover-up?*

C: All the things which received little or no attention from you because you were looking, thinking about, asking related questions and generally devoting mental energy to spy balloons from China. To ask what was it that you did not see? It doesn't matter now, you didn't see it at

a time when you were not supposed to but might have.

Q: This is the original problem with press bias, distortion, slant and twist; what is ignored is often more powerful than outright lies and deceptions. How much of what occurs like this, finds its way into the news?

C: Over what period and in which places? No overall answer can be given which has relevance to you, because you do not because you cannot, give proper attention to the many places news is offered. Planned distractions such as this example are to adults what candy is to children. The large majority will grab ahold; your minds seize such things more easily now than ever before. The HCPs who control the planners of these stupid events approve mightily.

Q: So how do we know we're being offered a load of fresh bullshit in the news?

C: A strong indicator is the sensation, speculation and rapid public interest, which feeds more news organizations to follow the leaders, for fear of missing out on the audience.

We suggest you consider news to be similar to operating a vehicle in traffic, be it a bicycle or automobile. At any given moment, depending on density and speed, several to more than a dozen vehicles could strike yours or cause yours to hit another. How many of the riders or drivers are prudent, careful and conscious of this risk, at nearly all moments? Even the lifelong pedestrian who has merely observed bicycles or motor vehicles knows the likelihood of risky, dangerous operation is ever-present; the challenge is which one will do it and when? A quick review of just one city for one week of activity will show that a percentage are always driving badly, encountering consequences.

You are a driver and the news reported in your direction is the surrounding traffic. Watch out for more Chinese spy balloons by another name.

Q: Thank you, Esteemed Committee.