

cases a document can stand up to analyses at any given moment.

2 - With respect to a document deemed to be authentic, extracting the maximum amount of information permitting a known phenomenon to be identified or a phenomenon that is *a priori* inexplicable to be characterized (size, position, speed, albedo, energy emitted, etc.). This phenomenon will then be compared with other unexplained phenomena in order to draw possible parallels.

It is important to emphasize that the photographic as well as the video documents available come only from fortuitous witnesses; there are very few opportunities for significant data to be exploited by reason of simple statistical considerations: the chances of being witness to a rare phenomenon, the likelihood of having [camera] equipment in hand ready to use, the probability of being able to make the proper adjustments and calmly take professional quality photographs, etc.

In any case, it seems reasonable to limit in-depth investigations to cases in which the following two conditions are met:

- 1 - The original document (negative, slide, video cassette, etc.) is available.
2. - There is at least one other independent source of information (visual testimony or another sensing device).

Trick of the eye: lens-shaped clouds

[Photo]

Central bulge, broad and narrow disk, this is the definition of lenticular galaxies. It is also the definition of a type of cloud, cirrocumulus lenticularis, which forms above 7000 m altitude and up to the limits of the troposphere. Their very specific shape is due to factors such as pressure, temperature, turbulence, and very strong winds. But this shape is definitely open to every interpretation for those who wish to see it as a flying saucer...

When military craft play UFOs

[Photo]

Left:

Photographed in 1989 offshore from Los Angeles, this unpiloted surveillance unit is a