

Re: Mystery Mountain Meteorite Malady

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Dr.Colon.Oscopy@xxxxxxxxxx wrote:

If it were space debris would it have hit with that much energy? I don't think I've seen that much energy ever for space debris. (Except maybe that great clip of that V2 whistling in straight down near its launch pad and that perfectly V shaped explosion plume. Tho' I think that might have still been powered.).....Doc

I never could figure out if the V-2 was generating thrust on the way down or not. There is something coming out of the back, but it's hard to tell if it's exhaust. I'm pretty sure it had a live warhead on it though from the size of the blast when it hits. The Luftwaffe were very PO'd about that incident though as it came down on their test airfield at Peenemunde and severely damaged some of their test He-111Z glider tug aircraft. Based on the recent Dneper failure that blew a hole in the Kazakhstan desert when the fully fueled upper stage hit, a rocket stage with hydrazine on a ballistic trajectory would make a hole like this...but whose rocket would it be? The launch site would almost have to be in South America somewhere. Is Peru shooting off Scud missiles? There were reports in 1995-1996 that they had acquired Scud B's: http://www.janes.com/security/international_security/news/misc/sws_scud010426.shtml "Unconfirmed reports in 1995 and 1996 have suggested that `Scud B' missiles may have been purchased by Armenia, Ecuador, Pakistan, Peru and Democratic Republic of the Congo; but these might have been built in the former Soviet Union or elsewhere."

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