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Crashed UFOs: A Worldwide History

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Any discussion of crashed UFOs and recovered alien bodies inevitably brings to the fore the so-called Roswell Incident of July 1947. And while Roswell is certainly the most extensively investigated alleged UFO crash-retrieval case – with more than a dozen books and several government and military reports published on this one event alone – it is not isolated.

Indeed, there are numerous similar accounts that span the decades – and even the world. And in light of this, I would like to give you a summary of some of the more intriguing cases that have occurred across the planet since the late 1940s; and which will hopefully lead to an appreciation of the sheer scale of this aspect of the larger UFO controversy.

Before doing so, however, I would like to draw your attention to a seldom-seen series of documents concerning a reported UFO crash retrieval in Mexico that demonstrates that – contrary to public and media opinion – there *are* official documents available that concern UFO crashes in the formative years of the late 1940s and early 1950s.

But if UFOs are crashing to Earth and have done so on regular occasions since at least the 1940s, who is recovering them and how is the secrecy being maintained? To begin with, we need to look at an operation known as Project Moon Dust.

Ostensibly, Project Moon Dust (and a related project known as Blue Fly) was designed to secure for U.S. exploitation purposes foreign space debris such as crashed satellites, rocket boosters, etc. However, there is ample data to show that Moon Dust has been involved in the recovery of much more than mere earth-based technology.

A 1961 U.S. Air Force document, for example, a copy of which I obtained direct from the USAF, states:

In addition to their staff duty assignments, intelligence team personnel have peacetime duty functions in support of such Air Force projects as Moon Dust, Blue Fly, and UFO, and other AFCIN directed quick reaction projects which require intelligence team operational capabilities.

The author of the paper elaborates:

1. Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO): Headquarters USAF has established a program for investigation of reliably reported unidentified flying objects within the United States.

2. Blue Fly: Operation Blue Fly has been established to facilitate expeditious delivery to Foreign Technology Division of Moon Dust or other items of great technological intelligence interest.
3. Moon Dust: As a specialized aspect of its overall material exploitation program Headquarters USAF has established Project Moon Dust to locate, recover, and deliver descended foreign space vehicles.

Here, then, is a link between unidentified flying objects, "items of great technological interest," and classified projects designed to "locate, recover and deliver" non-U.S. spacecraft to American authorities. But what do the files of Project Moon Dust tell us about the project's involvement in the crashed UFO controversy, and particularly from (a) a historical perspective and (b) a global perspective?

It is quite clear from examining the now many pages of official documentation on Moon Dust that have been declassified by the Air Force, Defense Intelligence Agency, and Department of State, that the vast majority of Moon Dust recoveries *did* focus on earth-based technology such as Soviet satellites, rocket boosters, etc. However, not every case can be explained so easily.

Consider the following from Moon Dust files of 1960:

On 30 September 1960, a TWX report was sent to the Pacific Air Forces on a sighting of an unidentified object that entered the water near the village of Ctaru. The report originated with the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force (GSDF) headquarters and was relayed to us by the Japanese Air Self Defense Force (JASDF). According to the report, a fiery object fell from the sky and into the sea, making a fountain of water which was described as looking like a 'geyser.' Technical intelligence personnel from Tokyo took over the case, but were unable to locate or reclaim the object.

Perhaps, more than 40 years on, it still lies dormant deep below the Pacific, its secrets still waiting to be plundered. And there are yet more Moon Dust reports that have a bearing on the UFO controversy, as the extracts from USAF files as seen below, reveal:

1. The White Saucer: On 18 October 1960, a pilot of the 4th Fighter Interceptor Squadron reported that he had seen an object as large as a saucer about eight inches in diameter. The object was white, and it had a white tail about 16 to 20 times as long as the diameter of the object. It appeared from about 30 degrees above and 20 degrees to the right of the aircraft and passed by the aircraft's right side, disappearing towards the rear of the aircraft in a downward arc.
2. The Bubble: On 11 October 1960, a pilot over the beach east of Kisawa observed an orange flash on the horizon. He described the phenomenon

as being distinct and looking like a great bubble. The area in which the phenomenon could be observed was along the southern coast of the Soviet Kuril Islands.

3. The Green Pea: On 14 September 1960, a pilot was flying an F-86D between an overcast above and below him when a greenish-white object appeared from the overcast above him. The object fell straight down, and disappeared in the overcast below. The object was described as looking like a green pea. Preliminary investigation could not identify any balloons or other known objects in the area which could have accounted for the sighting.

By the mid-1960s, Moon Dust was still receiving credible data and reports on crash events that appeared not to involve Soviet space satellite or rocket debris. Perhaps most interesting from this time period is a 1965 document on Moon Dust made available to me by the CIA. Titled, "Fragment, Metal, Recovered in the Republic of the Congo, Origin Believed to be an Unidentified Flying Object," it states:

The purpose of this report is to present the results of the exploitation of a metallic fragment recovered near the town of [illegible] in the Republic of the Congo. Fragment recovery was the result of a ground-level search which was coordinated after an unidentified flying object exploded and fell to earth in the area. The sighting and recovery took place sometime between 10 and 15 October 1965. Other than a reported east-to-west direction of flight for the UFO, specific observation and recovery details are lacking.

Also lacking from the file are any further discernible parts of the report! Was this intentional? Certainly, the opening paragraph promises revelations of extreme significance. I have to assume that this event was one still considered "sensitive" by U.S. authorities.

Nevertheless, two years later, UFOs were still very much in the minds of Project Moon Dust personnel. Two Defense Intelligence Agency reports in particular conclusively make this point. The first report, titled "UFO Sighting at Kasba Talda, Morocco" and referencing Moon Dust, states:

This report forwards a translation of an article which appeared in the *Potit Marocain* [newspaper], 2 April 1967. This item was not carried in the other daily newspapers, but is significant as it indicates continued local interest in the subject of UFOs.

The second report, also from Morocco, and also dated 1967, states the following with regard to a UFO encounter over Agadir:

This report forwards translations of two articles which appeared in the *Potit Marocain* [newspaper]. Each article is separately identified as to source. Although the two articles are very contradictory, the page one coverage afforded this sighting demonstrates a high level of interest in the subject of UFOs, and presages future reporting which could be valuable in pursuit of Project Moon Dust.

Similarly, a Department of State telegram of August 1967 from the American Embassy at Khartoum to Washington, states:

Local press 17 Aug 1967 reported that a satellite, cube shaped, weighing approximately three tons discovered 3 August 50 miles from Kutum. Satellite described as made of soft metal presumably light aluminum in oblong cubes measuring two inches by one inch tightly fastened together and covered by a silky material. Nationality not identified as no inscriptions evident on outer surface. Local authorities in El Fasher have photographs and with difficulty cut samples.

In this case, it is difficult to ascertain whether the object was terrestrial in origin, or far more exotic in nature. The key point, however, is that Moon Dust personnel were quick to react to this crash and quick to ascertain all relevant data – all of which would be essential to the containment and recovery anywhere in the world of a crashed UFO.

But the one case that – more than any – convinces me that crashed UFO cases and Project Moon Dust are deeply connected, occurred in Bolivia in 1978, and is actually supported by an intriguing body of official documentation.

The genesis of the affair appeared to come from a U.S. Department of State telegram transmitted from the American Embassy in La Paz, Bolivia, to the U.S. Secretary of State, Washington, D.C., on 15 May 1978. Captioned “Report of Fallen Space Object,” it stated:

1. The Bolivian newspapers carried this morning an article concerning an unidentified object that apparently recently fell from the sky. The paper quotes a “Latin” correspondent’s story from the Argentine city of Salta. The object was discovered near the Bolivian city of Bermejo and was described as egg-shaped, metal and about four meters in diameter.
2. The Bolivian Air Force plans to investigate to determine what the object might be and from where it came. I have expressed our interest and willingness to help. They will advise.
3. Request the department check with appropriate agencies to see if they can shed some light on what this object might be. The general region has had more than its share of reports of UFOs the past week. Request a reply ASAP.

The Department of State was not the only branch of government that took an interest in the case, as a CIA report – also of 15 May 1978 – makes abundantly clear:

Many people in this part of the country claim they saw an object which resembled a soccer ball falling behind the mountains on the Argentine-Bolivian border, causing an explosion that shook the earth. This took place on May 6. Around that time some people in San Luis and Mendoza provinces reported seeing a flying saucer squadron flying in formation

The news from Salta confirms that the artificial satellite fell on Taire Mountain in Bolivia, where it has already been located by authorities. The same sources said that the area where the artificial satellite fell has been declared an emergency zone by the Bolivian government.

Scanning the CIA's declassified UFO files, I was able to locate a second report that referenced the crash, and that added important data to what was already in hand. Dated 16 May 1978 and titled "Reports Conflict on Details of Fallen Object," the document reads thus:

We have received another phone call from our audience requesting confirmation of reports that an unidentified object fell on Bolivian territory near the Argentine border. We can only say that the Argentine and Uruguayan radio stations are reporting on this even more frequently, saying that Bolivian authorities have urgently requested assistance from the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration in order to determine the nature of that which crashed on a hill in Bolivian territory. Just a few minutes ago Radio El Espectador of Montevideo announced that there was uncertainty as to the truth of these reports. Argentine sources indicated that the border with Bolivia had been closed but that it might soon be reopened. They also reported that an unidentified object had fallen on Bolivian soil near the Argentine border and that local Bolivian authorities had requested aid from the central government, which, in turn, had sought assistance from the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration to investigate the case.

A La Paz newspaper said today that there is great interest in learning about the nature of the fallen object, adding that local authorities for security reasons had cordoned off 200 km around the spot where the object fell. The object is said to be a mechanical device with a diameter of almost 4 meters which has already been brought to Tarija. There is interest in determining the accuracy of these reports which have spread quickly throughout the continent, particularly in Bolivia and its neighboring countries. Is it a satellite, a meteorite, or a false alarm?

I continued to peruse the files of both the CIA and the Department of State, and discovered that on 18 May 1978 the U.S. Embassy in La Paz again forwarded a telegram to the Secretary of State, Washington, D.C. Classified "Secret," the telegram disclosed the following:

Preliminary information provided has been checked with appropriate government agencies. No direct correlation with known space objects that may have re-entered the Earth's atmosphere near May 6 can be made; however, we are continuing to examine any possibilities.

Your attention is invited to State Airgram A-6343, July 26, 1973 which provides background information and guidance for dealing with space objects that have been found. In particular any information pertaining to the pre-impact observations, direction of trajectory, number of objects observed, time of impact and a detailed description including any markings would be helpful.

Six days later a communication was transmitted from the U.S. Defense Attaché Office in La Paz to a variety of U.S. military and government agencies, including NORAD, the U.S. Air Force, and the Department of State. Its contents make for intriguing reading:

This office has tried to verify the stories put forth in the local press. The Chief of Staff of the Bolivian Air Force told DATT/AIRA this date that planes from the BAF have flown over the area where the object was supposed to have landed and in their search they drew a blank. Additionally, DATT/AIRA talked this date with the Commander of the Bolivian army and he informed DATT that the army's search party directed to go into the area to find the object had found nothing. The army has concluded that there may or not be an object [sic], but to date nothing has been found.

So what exactly did occur on that fateful day back in May 1978? While the available U.S. government records certainly point towards the probability that something out of the ordinary occurred, they also raise more questions.

The CIA's report of 15 May 1978 clearly stated that the object had fallen to earth on Taire Mountain, Bolivia, and had "already been located by authorities." Furthermore, on the following day, the CIA learned that the object had "been brought to Tarija." In contrast, the Bolivian Army and Air Force advised the U.S. Defense Attaché Office that their search for the mystery object had drawn a blank and nothing was found. Was the CIA misinformed, or were the Bolivians keeping the Department of State in the dark? Regardless, of the answers to those questions, the story does not end there.

Tantalizing information suggests that the object was indeed recovered by U.S. authorities and that both the CIA and NASA played key roles in the case. From researcher

Leonard Stringfield, I learned that in June 1979 he had been contacted by the Argentinean investigator Nicholas Ojeda, who had some interesting data to impart with regard to the crash. According to Ojeda: "There is a report of a group of investigators who vanished mysteriously in the area. I really think something big happened in Salta. NASA investigated, but there was no news of it. I have to tell you that in La Paz, Bolivia, a huge Hercules C-130 carried 'something' from the area where the UFO crashed."

In addition, Stringfield's research led to a disclosure that a CIA source known to the researcher Bob Barry confirmed that the C-130 flight took place and that he was aboard the aircraft. "No comment" was the reply that Barry received when the issue of the aircraft's cargo was raised.

So, the available evidence still did not answer that crucial question: what was it that crashed at Bermejo, Bolivia in May 1978? I discount the possibility that the object was a meteorite, primarily because of the description given in the Department of State's telegram of 15 May: "The object was...egg-shaped, metal and about four meters in diameter."

What of the possibility that the object had been a man-made satellite? Again, that theory was thrown into doubt by the Department of State's "Secret" telegram of 18 May, which clearly stated that, "No direct correlation with known space objects that may have entered the Earth's atmosphere near May 6 can be made." Moreover, what of the statement of the CIA that, "people in San Luis and Mendoza provinces reported seeing a flying saucer squadron flying in formation;" and the Department of State's revelation that, "the general region has had more than its share of reports of UFOs the past week?"

Faced with this overwhelming body of official evidence, I concluded that there was a strong argument for believing that the object that plummeted to the ground on Bolivian soil was indeed a genuine UFO. And it was by no means a unique event in Bolivia.

While filing routine Freedom of Information Act requests with a variety of agencies to determine if additional data on the Bolivian crash of 1978 existed, I came across a batch of reports from the Defense Intelligence Agency that showed that in the following year (specifically the month of August), a number of strange objects had been found on farmland in the Santa Cruz area of Bolivia.

As I scrutinized these reports, there did not seem to be a direct link between the later events and the initial incident of 1978, but the evidence was nevertheless compelling. For example, a series of Department of Defense papers forwarded to me by the DIA (and referencing Moon Dust) revealed that:

On late afternoon [8 August 1979] the Embassy here received information that a strange object had been found on a farm near Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Source stated that the object was about 70 centimeters in diameter and two meters in circumference with a hole in one side and a metal skin covering of approx one-half inch thickness. Later the object was described as "about three times the size of a basketball."

A second report, filed shortly afterwards, showed that U.S. authorities were taking a considerable interest in the situation:

A second fire ball fell from the sky early in the morning of the same day that the first one was found near Cotoca. This second one was found 200 kilometers north of the city of Santa Cruz on the farm of Jan Saavedra by the Campesino Gonzalo Menacho Viveras. The place is in the area of Buen Retiro near the Yapacane River. According to the information given by the Campesino, around 12.30 a.m. on Friday last week he heard a loud whistling sound and saw a fire ball followed by an explosion. He said that the next evening a silent aircraft that had three lights was flying over the explosion area.

After dawn on Friday morning the Campesino started looking around the area of the impact and found a sphere. As it was not heavy, he took it home where he kept it until his friend, Nataniel Mendez Hurtado, learned of the other sphere in Cotoca and passed on information concerning this second sphere.

The mystery of finding these two spheres, exactly alike, is that according to the witnesses they were fire balls. That is to say that these spheres became real balls of fire when they entered the atmosphere because of the friction and after a high speed fall they hit the ground. *However, in the area where they've been found, there were no signs of the impact and [it] looks as though the spheres landed smoothly.*

As I continued to peruse the various reports at my disposal, I noted with interest that U.S. authorities had received, "A roll of 35 mm film for color prints and a roll of Kodachrome 40 movie film. The 35 mm film will be developed and printed here in La Paz. The movie film will be forwarded to DIA."

Questions abounded: From where did the spheres originate? What was the "silent aircraft" that flew over the crash site displaying three lights? And how had the spheres apparently negotiated a smooth landing? Perhaps the still photographs and movie footage in the possession of the Defense Intelligence Agency would supply the answers.

Naturally, I was keen to get my hands on what could conceivably be invaluable evidence, and I duly fired off a further FOIA request in an attempt to obtain copies. Regrettably, the material appeared to have vanished from the archives of the Defense Intelligence Agency and my quest turned up no additional data – with one exception.

Having filed numerous FOIA requests with a host of U.S. governmental and military agencies over the years, I was accustomed to receiving through the mail all manner of envelopes and packages adorned with official emblems and stamps; however, on filing

requests specifically for data on the Bolivian crashes, I noted that on each envelope I received there was a small emblem with which I was not familiar.

Closer scrutiny revealed that the emblem was in fact that of a little-known body within the British Ministry of Defense known as DIALL – the Defense Intelligence Agency Liaison Office, which had its headquarters at the MoD's main building in Whitehall, London, England.

What was so important about the Bolivian events that it required such high-level Anglo-American liaison? Was it possible that both parties were implicated in the crash-retrieval operations? Given that the event occurred well away from U.K. territory, no other explanation seemed reasonable.

On reflection, therefore, consider the data in hand: Here was a U.S. operation – Project Moon Dust – the goal of which was to recover as expeditiously as possible, (a) “descended foreign space vehicles;” and (b) “items of great technological interest.” Moreover, Moon Dust had an undeniable link with the UFO phenomenon. More significantly, from my point of view, I had uncovered a number of documents that referred to both Moon Dust and UFOs under the same banner.

But Moon Dust aside, there is still a long history of UFO crash reports on a worldwide basis that spans decades. From the CIA, I was able to obtain several pieces of intriguing data relating to a UFO-crash incident that allegedly occurred off the northern coast of Norway on the island of Spitsbergen in mid-1952. I reviewed the CIA's papers for August of that year:

Writing in the German magazine “Der Flieger,” Dr. Waldemar Beck says that a flying saucer which recently fell at Spitsbergen has been studied by eminent Norwegian and German rocket experts. He writes that Dr Norsal, a Norwegian expert in rocket construction, went to the place where the flying saucer had fallen a few hours after it had been discovered in the mountains of Spitsbergen by Norwegian jet planes. In the wreck of the apparatus the expert is said to have discovered a radio piloting transmitter with a nucleus of plutonium transmitting on all wavelengths with 934 hertz, a measure that has been unknown so far. The investigation has also shown that the flying saucer crashed because of a defect in its radio piloting system. The saucer which carried no crew has a diameter of 47 meters. The steel used in the construction is an unknown alloy. It consists of an exterior disc provided at its peripheral with 46 automatic jets. This disc pivots around the central sphere which contains the measurement and remote control equipment. The measurement instructions have an inscription in Russian.

Was there some substance to this report? And if so, was this crashed flying saucer Russian or extraterrestrial in origin? I dug further, and came across several pages of U.S. Air Force material that showed that shortly after the incident was reported by the media, the

intelligence arm of the U.S. Air Force made inquiries with the Norwegian military who asserted that they had no knowledge of the crash. But still the story refused to die.

Three years later, I discovered, a seldom-seen account of the crash was printed in a Stuttgart newspaper, the *Stuttgart Tageblatt*. A translation of the account read:

Oslo, Norway, Sept. 4, 1955 – Only now a board of inquiry of the Norwegian General Staff is preparing publication of a report on the examination of remains of a UFO crashed near Spitsbergen, presumably in early 1952. Colonel Gernod Darnbyl, during an instruction for Air Force officers, stated: “The crashing of the Spitsbergen disc was highly important. Although our present scientific knowledge does not permit us to solve all the riddles, I am confident that these remains from Spitsbergen will be of utmost importance in this respect.”

I continued to review the article, and was intrigued to see that Colonel Darnbyl was now specifically denying that the disc was Russian in origin: “Some time ago, a misunderstanding was caused by saying that this disc was of Soviet origin. It has – this we wish to state emphatically – not been built on earth. The materials used in its construction are completely unknown to all experts who participated in the investigation.”

The *Stuttgarter Tageblatt* had still more data to impart: “According to Colonel Darnbyl, the Board of Inquiry is not going to publish an extensive report until some sensational facts have been discussed with U.S. and British experts. We should reveal what we found out, as misplaced secrecy might lead to panic.”

The newspaper continued: “Contrary to information from American and other sources, Second Lieutenants Brobs and Tyllenson, who have been assigned as special observers of the Arctic regions since the event at Spitsbergen, report the flying discs have landed in the polar regions several times. Said Lieutenant Tyllenson: “I think the Arctic is serving as a kind of air base for the unknowns, especially during snow storms when we are forced back to our bases. I have seen them land and take off on three separate occasions. I notice that, after having landed, they execute a speedy rotation around their discs. A brilliant glow of light, the intensity of which is variable with regard to speed at landing and at take off, prevents any view of the things happening behind this curtain of light and/or inside the disc itself.”

These are certainly fantastic revelations, but how much can be authenticated? I pursued a number of leads. The British researcher Philip Mantle, for example, had looked into the case in 1985 and had received an outright denial that anything remotely resembling the Spitsbergen crash had ever occurred on Norwegian soil. “*The whole story seems utterly unfounded,*” Mantle was told by Arild Isegg, the head of the Information Division, Norwegian Royal Ministry of Defense.

However, Spitsbergen refused to roll over and die. Bill Moore spoke with the French investigator Jean Sider, who had uncovered a clipping from a Nancy-based newspaper that

referred to a Nazi-developed craft built in the closing stages of the Second World War, the description of which sounded remarkably like the craft recovered at Spitsbergen.

By far the most intriguing aspect of this saga, however, came from none other than the National Security Agency. From the NSA I had obtained a translation of a 1960s Russian media article on the UFO subject. Contained within the article, I was interested to see, was a passing reference to the Spitsbergen incident, which stated:

An abandoned silvery disc was found in the deep rock-coal seams in Norwegian coalmines on Spitsbergen. It was pierced and marked by micro-meteor impacts and bore all traces of having performed a long space voyage. It was sent for analysis to the Pentagon and disappeared there.

This was certainly a new slant on the case; but what really caught my eye was the National Security Agency's reaction to the mention of Spitsbergen. Instead of dismissing the matter as a hoax, a still-unidentified NSA agent circled with paragraph of the article referencing Spitsbergen, and wrote in the margin the word "PLANT" in bold capitals.

Had the NSA been exposed to data that could conclusively lay the legend of Spitsbergen to rest, once and for all? If that was the case, the NSA wasn't saying, and no further evidence pertaining to National Security Agency involvement in the Spitsbergen incident came to light.

And yet, that curious one-word note, scrawled many years previous by an anonymous NSA employee, continued to puzzle me. Rather than indicating an outright hoax, the "PLANT" reference suggested that the Spitsbergen story (even if bogus) had been disseminated officially, possibly to cloud the rumors surrounding crashed-UFO incidents in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Of the many accounts relating to retrieved UFOs throughout the world that caught my attention, I considered one of the most credible to be that of Wilbert Brockhouse Smith, who in the 1950s worked – in a top-secret capacity – with the Canadian government's Department of Transport.

Although it is very clear that Smith was careful about what he said and to whom, he made a number of positive comments on the UFO subject. For example, in November 1961, Smith – in response to questions from the investigators C.W. Fitch and George Popovich – stated:

Our Canadian Research Group has recovered one mass of very strange metal. It was found within a few days of July 1, 1960. There is about three thousand pounds of it. We have done a tremendous amount of detective work on this metal. We have found out the things that aren't so. We have something that was not brought to this Earth by plane nor by boat nor by helicopter. We are speculating that what we have is a portion of a very large device which came into this solar system. We don't know when but it had

been in space a long time before it came to Earth; we can tell that by the micrometeorites embedded in the surface. But we don't know whether it was a few years ago – or a few hundred years ago.

In addition, Smith made the following, significant announcement to an audience of the Illuminating Engineering Society in Ottawa on 11 June 1959:

We have in addition to visual evidence a variety of confirmation in other forms. Many sightings have been confirmed by radar with identical positions being established. Physical evidence of witnessed landings, such as imprints in soft ground, broken bushes, withered vegetation, etc., is plentiful and well confirmed. Various items of 'hardware' are known to exist, but are usually promptly clapped into security and therefore are not available to the general public.

From the former Soviet Union there are equally intriguing revelations. Bryan Gresh, Senior Vice-President of Altamira Communications Group, and the investigator George Knapp conducted an interview with Valeriy Burdakov, who, in the 1950s, worked in a scientific capacity with the Moscow Aviation Institute, and revealed that the Russian Premier, Josef Stalin, had taken a keen interest in the events at Roswell, New Mexico in 1947.

And from Russia we turn to Australia. In his 1991 book, *Alien Liaison*, the investigator Timothy Good had related the account of a man who, from 1956 to 1960, was employed as a radio technician at the Weapons Research Establishment in Salisbury, southern Australia.

As the man recalled, in either 1958 or 1959, a strange, spherical object was recovered at the Woomera Test Range that was described as being a sphere, approximately 2 feet 9 inches in diameter, with a color that was described as a mid-gray. Good's source informed him that: "*We tried to cut it, and could not even mark it with hand tools – saws, drills, hammers, chisels – nothing.*"

Shortly afterwards, Good was informed that U.S. authorities claimed that the material was American space debris, whereupon it was transferred to Wright-Patterson AFB.

"Perhaps this is foolish," Good's source advised him, "but for many years now I have believed that what we held in those several days was perhaps not merely space debris, was perhaps not even some material left by a UFO, but that it was perhaps some form of UFO itself."

I was intrigued by this account for one specific reason: from New Zealand's Joint Intelligence Bureau, I learned that numerous such spheres had been recovered throughout Australia in the period 1963 to 1972; and, curiously enough, all had been claimed by U.S. authorities to be a shaving originating with their space program.

All of the spheres were approximately two feet in diameter, and had been recovered in areas including New South Wales, Western Australia, and Queensland. Whether the Australian authorities were satisfied with the explanations put forth by the Americans was not made clear from the files; however, it was evident that the governments of New Zealand and Australia were involved in the recovery of at least twelve such spheres in less than ten years.

By far the most interesting piece of evidence made available to me by Australian and New Zealand authorities was a 1972 newspaper clipping that referenced one of the sphere crashes on Australian territory in 1963. According to the report, two spheres had been recovered approximately one hundred and fifty miles north of Broken Hill; and the Broken Hill Police arrange to have the two spheres flown to the National Weapons Research Establishment at Adelaide for examination.

However, upon examination, it was determined by the staff at the base that the spheres were neither Russian nor American in origin. The newspaper apparently did not know their point of origin either and the story died in the media as quickly as it had surfaced.

In August 2004, Jonathan Downes and I — Downes being a speaker at last year's UFO Crash Retrieval Conference — traveled to Puerto Rico with a team from the Sci-Fi Channel to film a new series titled *Proof Positive*. And although the purpose of the show was to investigate the so-called Chupacabras — a mysterious creature said to inhabit the forests and jungles of the island — myself and Jon spoke with a number of witnesses who knew of crashed UFO incidents on the island in the 1980s. Specifically, we were told of 2 incidents, one in 1984 and one in 1987, where objects had reportedly crashed in the El Yunque rainforest and — along with their extraterrestrial and dead crews — had been recovered by U.S. military personnel.

Of relevancy to this, is an account from the acclaimed UFO crash-retrieval researcher, Leonard Stringfield; who related data provided to him by the researchers Barry Greenwood and Jorge Martin concerning an unidentified flying object that reportedly crashed in the El Yunque rainforests/mountains on February 19, 1984. The object was round, white, self-luminous, and with a “tinge of orange at its rear outer edge.” Knowledgeable sources stated to Martin that a diversionary tactic was put into place to keep people away for the crash site — the cover story being that the object was a meteorite. The object was reportedly recovered by U.S. forces and transported to the United States by aircraft. This case is significant in the sense that there are numerous people who have testified to the fact that something unusual occurred. These include: (a) Barry Greenwood, (b) Jorge Martin, (c) Benjamin Gascot, officer for the air rescue division at Isla Grande Airport on the island; and (d) Michael Pazo, who operated a refueling station at Isla Grande Airport.

Certainly, in my opinion at least, the strangest report that I have come across can be found in a 3-page document, titled “Somaliland President Egal Speaks on Mysterious Bomb Blast,” that dates from January 1996 and concerns a series of “mysterious explosions” that had occurred in the same month and year in the eastern part of Somaliland. The report (that

originated with the CIA and that was forwarded to the State Department, Defense Intelligence Agency and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base among others) states that in some quarters the explosions had been attributed to UFOs. Interestingly, the document also states that the physical and mental health of both animals and people in the region had been adversely affected by whatever it was that had exploded. Symptoms included dementia, skin rashes, boils on the skin, aching stomachs, and skin shedding. The document states that the object that crashed or exploded was moving at supersonic speed but due to the size and remoteness of the area, a search for debris had been unsuccessful. Interestingly, the reference to people having physical reactions is not unlike the references in the "Majestic 12 1st Annual Report" and the "Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit" document about individuals having adverse (and fatal) reactions to an alien virus at the scene of a UFO crash site in 1947.

As I hope the evidence cited above shows, the crashed UFO controversy extends far beyond Roswell both geographically and in time. It may well be the case that when the complete truth surrounding the issue of crashed UFOs finally surfaces, it surfaces not from the New Mexico desert but from China, Russia, Japan, Bolivia — or indeed just about anywhere. Beyond doubt, the crashed UFO puzzle is a global one.

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10 March 1950

Dr. Robley D. Evans
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Evans:

Inclosed you will find a Memorandum Report on the Psychological Analysis of Reports of Unidentified Aerial Objects, which was prepared by one of our psychologists at the Aero Medical Laboratory at Wright Field. As you will note, this report is almost a year old and was originally classified "confidential". However, the classification has recently been changed to "restricted", therefore, this report is for your information only.

I have also received information that a new report is in the process of being published and will be classified "top secret". I regret to say that I do not know what this latest report contains, however, I will attempt to get a copy as soon as it is published.

It has recently been rumored that one of these so-called flying saucers crashed in Mexico; however, the details are somewhat bizarre at this moment. When you have finished with the inclosed report, will you please return it to this office.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

ROBERT H. BLOUNT
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Chief, Medical Research Division
Office of the Surgeon General

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5. SUMMARY:

1. This report forwards translations of two articles which appeared in the Petit Marocain, 14 January 1967. Each article is separately identified as to source. Although the two articles are very contradictory, the page one coverage afforded this sighting demonstrates a high level of local interest in the subject of UFO's, and presages future reporting which could be valuable in pursuit of Project MOON DUST.

AGADIR: 13 January (from our private correspondent): Science fiction or science? A luminous object goes across the sky and falls down into the sea. This phenomenon took place on Thursday evening. Complete disagreement among the witnesses: some say that there was a big explosion, others assert that they didn't hear anything. On Thursday, around 1930 hours, the sky above Agadir was crossed by a very luminous object flying in the northeast - southwest direction. The white trail left by the object turned into a rainbow. The object fell down into the sea with a deafening sound, according to some witnesses. Is it one of those rockets which go out of control from time to time? It is possible but the idea that it might be a meteorite seems to be prevailing among the population.

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Referring to the announced nuclear powerplant in this city, Castro Madero said that if it is decided to install a nuclear energy-driven powerplant in the area, "we will have economic and nonpolluting source of energy." He explained: "But that depends on plans of the energy secretariat."

He also spoke of the future of a heavy water plant in Arroyito, Neuquen Province, regarding which he said that "the plans remain firm" but there are problems of international regards, which is why that technology is being held back. So Argentina has taken the step of installing a pilot plant at Atucha." He concluded by saying: "When Argentina is in a position to define its industrial plan and has the technology, I believe it will be installed in Arroyito."

Castro Madero concluded by referring to Atucha II, Embalse Rio Tercero and other plants which are being drawn up, regarding which he said that he is "waiting for the final report from the energy secretariat, which has finished the first part." He asserted: "What is, decisions have been made on the electrification network up to the year 1955 and the second stage, from that year until 2000, is being planned."

BOLIVIAN ARMY COMMANDER VILLALPANDO TO VISIT

PL130255Y Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 2150 GMT 12 May 78 FY

[Text] Buenos Aires, 12 May--According to a responsible source, Gen Alfonso Villalpando, commander in chief of the Bolivian Army, will arrive here next Monday. This high-ranking military officer is scheduled to arrive at Ezeiza at 1300.

RELATIVES OF MISSING PERSONS SUBMIT PETITION TO GOVERNMENT

PL121300Y Santiago Chile Radio Minería Network in Spanish 1030 GMT 12 May 78 FY

[Text] Buenos Aires--A group of relatives of missing persons has submitted to the government a petition with 37,005 signatures. The group expresses its concern over the fate of thousands of missing persons. The document, which was also released to the press, adds that the group wishes to hold a meeting with a presidential advisory committee to find out "about our dear relatives."

INTERIOR MINISTRY REPORTS ARRESTS, RELEASES

PL130253Y Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 2342 GMT 12 May 78 FY

[Excerpt] Buenos Aires, 12 May--The Interior Ministry reported today that as of 5 May five persons were arrested and placed at the disposal of the executive branch while eight persons were released. One person was authorized to leave the country within the same period of time.

AUTHORITIES REPORT SATELLITE DOWN IN BOLIVIA

PL142357Y Madrid EFE in Spanish 1740 GMT 14 May 78 FA

[Text] Salta, Argentina, 14 May--The strange object that some people in the northern zone of Salta Province, 1,700 km from Buenos Aires, claim they saw falling was in fact an artificial satellite which already has been located in Bolivian territory, official sources in Salta announced Sunday.

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ITEM 29: DETAILS: ONE OF THE LEADING DAILY NEWSPAPERS OF LA PAZ, "EL DIARIO", CARRIED A FRONT PAGE STORY ON 790519 STATING THAT A SECOND UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT VERY SIMILAR TO THE FIRST ONE REPORTED, HAD BEEN FOUND IN SANTA CRUZ DEPARTMENT. (SEE IR-6 000 0057 79 REGARDING FIRST OBJECT REPORTED.) THE HEADLINE OF THIS STORY STATES QUOTE: NEW SPHERE FELL FROM SPACE IN SANTA CRUZ - UNQUOTE. AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE ARTICLE FOLLOWS. QUOTE: A SECOND FIRE BALL FELL FROM THE SKY EARLY IN THE MORNING OF THE SAME DAY THAT THE FIRST ONE WAS FOUND NEAR COTOCA. THIS SECOND ONE WAS FOUND 200 KILOMETERS NORTH OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ ON THE FARM OF JUAN SAAVEDRA BY THE CAMPESINO GONZALO MENACHO VIVERAS. THE PLACE IS IN THE AREA OF BUEN RETIRO NEAR THE YAPACANE RIVER. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN BY THE CAMPESINO, AROUND 19130 AM ON FRIDAY LAST WEEK HE HEARD A LOUD WHISTLING SOUND AND SAW A FIRE BALL FOLLOWED BY AN EXPLOSION. HE SAID THAT THE NEXT EVENING A SILENT AIRCRAFT THAT HAD THREE LIGHTS WAS FLYING OVER THE EXPLOSION AREA.

AFTER DAWN ON FRIDAY MORNING THE CAMPESINO STARTED LOOKING AROUND THE AREA OF THE IMPACT AND FOUND A SPHERE. AS IT WAS NOT HEAVY, HE TOOK IT HOME WHERE HE KEPT IT UNTIL HIS FRIEND NATANIEL MENDEZ HURTADO LEARNED OF THE OTHER SPHERE IN COTOCA AND PASSED ON INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS SECOND SPHERE. THE MYSTERY OF FINDING THESE TWO SPHERES, EXACTLY ALIKE, IS THAT ACCORDING TO THE WITNESSES THEY WERE FIRE BALLS. THAT IS TO SAY THAT THESE SPHERES BECAME REAL BALLS OF FIRE WHEN THEY ENTERED THE ATMOSPHERE BECAUSE OF THE FRICTION AND AFTER A HIGH SPEED FALL THEY HIT THE GROUND. HOWEVER, IN THE AREA WHERE THEY WERE FOUND, THERE WERE NO SIGNS OF THE IMPACT AND LOOKS

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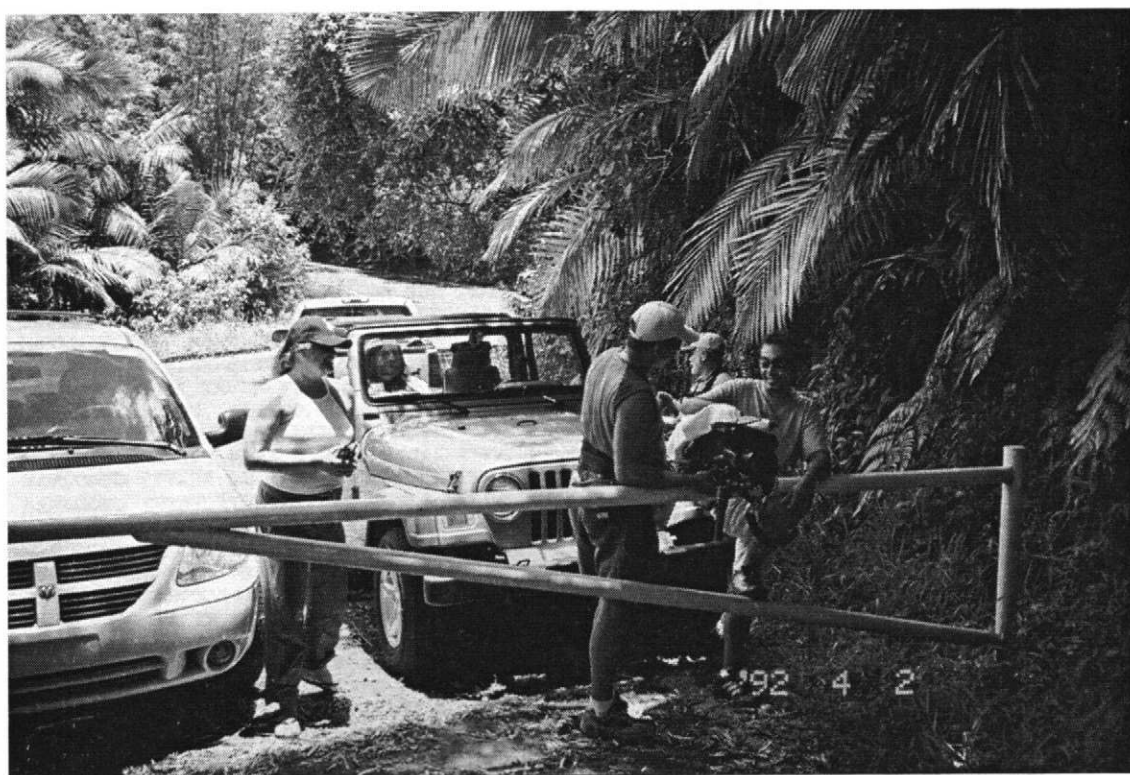


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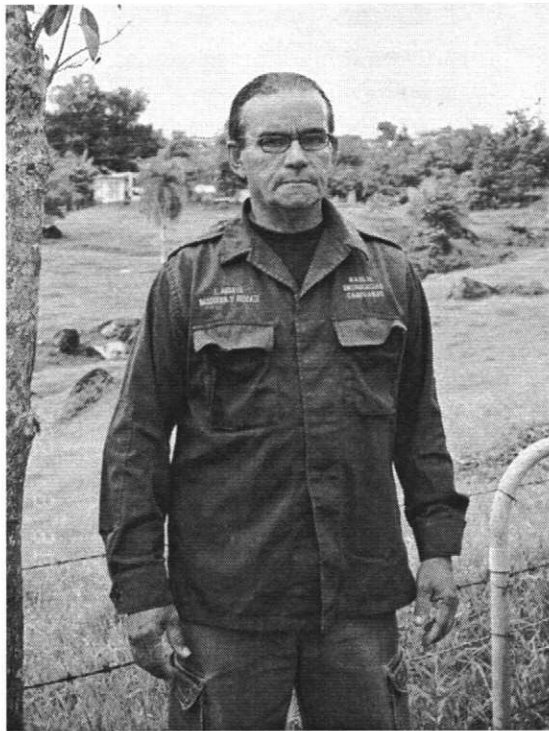


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MATTER. ON THE LINE TO HARGESA, TIMOTHY SCOTT ASKED HIM WHAT HE THOUGHT HAD BEEN GOING ON.

EGAL RECORDING EGAL WE HAVE THESE MYSTERIOUS REPORTS FROM OUR NOMADIC POPULATION THERE, AND THEN, I SENT A FOUR-MAN COMMISSION, TWO DOCTORS, A VETERAN DOCTOR, AND ONE MINISTER, AND THEY HAVE SUBMITTED TO US A REPORT, WHICH IS VERY, VERY ALARMING. THEY SAID THAT THEY WENT THERE ALMOST A FORTNIGHT AFTER THIS THING WAS TAKEN PLACE AND THEY FOUND MOST OF THE ANIMALS IN THE AREA ARE STILL IN A SORT OF A DEMENTED STAGE. THEY WERE NOT GRAZING, THEY WERE JUST STAMPEDING ALL OVER THE PLACE.

SCOTT YOU SAID THE ANIMALS WERE DEMENTED. WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE LIVING THERE?

EGAL SOME OF THEM, WHO WERE VERY CLOSE TO THE AREA, HAVE GOT SKIN RASHES, AND SOME OF THEM ARE HAVING VERY, VERY BIG PROBLEM. THEY ARE ALMOST (?SHEDDING THEIR OUTER SKIN), THERE ARE WORDS INDISTINCT BOILS ALL OVER THE PLACE, AND SOME OF THEM ARE HAVING STOMACH ACHES, YOU KNOW, AND VERY UNUSUAL MOTIONS -- STOMACH MOTION -- AND A LOT OF SYMPTOMS HAVE BEEN REPORTED. WE ARE SENDING BACK SOME DOCTORS TO ACTUALLY EVALUATE THE HUMAN DAMAGE AND THE ANIMAL DAMAGE THAT HAS BEEN DONE.

SCOTT DID ANYONE GET AN EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT OF WHAT THIS EXPLOSION MIGHT HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY?

EGAL THE PEOPLE WHO WERE THERE, YOU KNOW, THE STORIES THEY TELL IS THAT THEY HEARD NO NOISE. APPARENTLY WHATEVER EXPLODED WAS MOVING AT A SUPERSONIC SPEED, BECAUSE THERE WAS NO PRIOR NOISE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. YOU KNOW, THEY JUST HEARD A VERY, VERY, VERY LOUD EXPLOSION WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE AND THE LIGHT, YOU KNOW, THE LIGHT OF THE EXPLOSION IN THE AIR. THE AREA IS SO BIG THAT THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE CAPABILITY OR THE TIME TO INVESTIGATE THE WHOLE GROUND AND TRY AND PICK UP ANY DEBRIS THAT MIGHT HAVE FALLEN. THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO THAT.

SCOTT WHATEVER YOUR AUTHORITY IS CLAIMING THAT THIS MIGHT HAVE BEEN, SOME OF THE NEWS AGENCIES ARE TALKING ABOUT UFO'S.

EGAL NO, NO, NO, NO, WE ARE NOT MAKING ANY CLAIMS OF THAT OR ANY FANTASTIC CLAIMS LIKE THAT, YOU KNOW. WHAT WE THINK HAPPENED IS THAT THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A MISSILE FIRED FROM SOMEWHERE, WHICH HAS EXPLODED EITHER DELIBERATELY OVER OUR COUNTRY OR WHETHER IT WAS EXPLODED INADVERTENTLY, WE CAN'T TELL. SO, WHAT WE ARE ASKING NOW, PEOPLE LIKE THE ENGLISH, AND FRENCH, AND ESPECIALLY THE AMERICANS WHO MONITOR THE WORLD, THEY MUST KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, YOU KNOW. THEY DEFINITELY KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, THEY ARE MONITORING THE WHOLE WORLD, RECONNAISSANCE 24 HOURS A DAY, YOU KNOW. AND THEY KNOW WHAT HAPPENED. IF IT WAS SADDAM HUSAYN WHO FIRED THE MISSILE, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IN THE HEADLINES ALL OVER THE WORLD. BUT APPARENTLY WHOEVER FIRED THE MISSILE IS STILL IN THE GOOD BOOKS OF THOSE WHO KNOW, AND THEY DON'T WANT TO PUBLICIZE IT. BUT WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO US SO THAT AT LEAST WE WILL KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH IT.

SCOTT IS ANYBODY OFFERING YOU HELP TO INVESTIGATE AND TO LOOK AFTER THE PEOPLE YOU SAY HAVE BEEN INJURED?

EGAL WELL, WE HAVE SENT IT -- YES -- TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, YOU KNOW. WE HAVE SENT IT TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY, WE HAVE SENT IT

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Subject: Bacteriological Warfare Article

Forwarded herewith is a further instalment of a series of articles at present appearing in the publication "KRISTALL" by Dr. STUMMMEYER.

2. Your attention is also drawn to the article on "Flying Saucers" appearing in the same publication.


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The Very First UFO Crash Retrieval?

Jim Marrs

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April 17, 1897, dawned clear and cool in North Texas when out of the south came a large silver cigar-shaped object dropping lower and lower as it approached the small hamlet of Aurora, Texas, less than 20 miles northwest of Fort Worth. There it struck a windmill and exploded scattering debris — and at least one small body — in all directions.

Or did it?

Despite straight-faced coverage in the local newspapers at the time, the Aurora crash continues to be a source of controversy. Every few years the story is brought up again by various newspapers and periodicals. Each time, some debunker argues that the Aurora spaceship crash story was a hoax, a fake story planted in the area newspapers to draw attention to the little town which was dying after being bypassed by the railroad.

Early in my newspaper career with the *Fort Worth-Star-Telegram* it was my turn to investigate the Aurora story. Here's what I learned:

In the spring of 1973, Bill Case, aviation writer for the now-defunct *Dallas Times Herald*, wrote a series of articles about the Aurora crash after being told the story by Hayden Hewes of the International UFO Bureau. Case immediately looked up the April 19, 1897, article in *The Dallas Morning News* microfilm library.

The story stated:

About six o'clock this morning the early risers of Aurora were astonished at the sudden appearance of the airship which has been sailing throughout the country. It was traveling due north, and much nearer the earth than before. Evidently some of the machinery was out of order, for it was making a speed of only ten or twelve miles and hour and gradually settling toward the earth. It sailed over the public square and when it reached the north part of town collided with the tower of Judge Proctor's windmill and went to pieces with a terrific explosion, scattering debris over several acres of ground, wrecking the windmill and water tank and destroying the judge's flower garden. The pilot of the ship is supposed to have been the only one aboard, and while his remains are badly disfigured, enough of the original has been picked up to show that he was not an inhabitant of this world.

Mr. T.J. Weems, the U.S. Signal Service officer at this place and an authority on astronomy, gives it his opinion that he was a native of the planet Mars. Papers found on his person — evidently the records of his travels — are written in some unknown hieroglyphics and cannot be deciphered. This ship

was too badly wrecked to form any conclusion as to its construction or motive power. It was built of an unknown metal, resembling somewhat a mixture of aluminum and silver, and it must have weighed several tons. The town today is full of people who are viewing the wreckage and gathering specimens of strange metal from the debris. The pilot's funeral will take place at noon tomorrow. Signed: E.E. Hayden.

A similar story was published in the *Fort Worth Register*, but in this account, it did not mention the hieroglyphics and stated simply, "The pilot, who was not an inhabitant of this world, was given Christian burial in the Aurora Cemetery."

The similarities between the Aurora account and modern UFO cases — silver, metallic cigar-shaped object, small humanoid occupant, unreadable hieroglyphs — were striking and argued against the hoax thesis.

At the time I was aviation/aerospace writer for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and decided to follow the Aurora story. I contacted Bill Case and found him to be exactly what one would expect of an aviation writer. He was a practical man who was highly knowledgeable of the aircraft industry and, like most people in that field, very precise and technical in his approach to issues.

Case told me he had spoken to some of the old timers in Aurora and was convinced that something had indeed occurred there in 1897. I met Case at the Aurora Cemetery, where he showed me what he said was the airship pilot's grave. The grave was not full size. It was obviously the grave of a child or very small man.

At the head of the grave was a crude rock headstone. It appeared that half of the marker had broken off and was missing. On the remaining half was etched a design which resembled a large V lying on one side. Inside the V shape were three small circles. The entire design indeed resembled one end of a saucer-shaped structure and the small circles seemed to be portholes. I was acquainted with the old cemeteries in the area, many containing the graves of early settlers and the Maltese Cross markers of Confederate soldiers. This was a very unusual and intriguing marker.

Case told me that he had used a metal detector on the grave site and it indicated at least three large pieces of metal in the grave. While Case set out to find someone to analyze whatever might be retrieved from the grave, I began researching the 1897 period, trying to put the Aurora story in perspective. What I discovered was astounding. The Aurora story was not an isolated incident. The microfilm editions of area newspapers of the period were filled with various accounts of flying objects and even contacts with their crews.

It was the Great Airship Mystery of 1896–97, which all started in the fall of 1896 when a large airship was seen in California on the evening of November 17, 1896, by several hundred residents of Sacramento. Observers were able to discern a definite oblong shape behind the light and said it was moving purposely against the prevailing wind.

From California, sightings of the Great Airship began moving across the country. Tens of thousands reported seeing the ship, or ships, and estimates of its speed ranged from five miles per hour to more than 200 mph. The reported high speeds are noteworthy. I recall reading an article in the 1897 papers in which prominent scientists asserted with authority that humans could not survive speeds greater than 40 mph. Therefore, considering that the fastest transportation of the day — trains — crawled along at speeds no greater than 35 mph, to claim something moved at greater than 100 mph meant it was traveling faster than anything known.

It should be noted that in 1978, a Denison, Texas, farmer named John Martin saw a dark flying disk high in the sky. According to the *Denison Daily News*, Martin described his UFO as a “saucer,” thus first coining a term which would not come into common usage for nearly 100 years.

There were hoaxes associated with the flap. In the 1960s, an aging railroad telegrapher confessed that the entire airship story was just a joke concocted by railroad men in Iowa. He said when the joke spread to Texas, railroad worker Joseph “Truthful” Scully was selected to initiate the tale. Pranksters in Iowa admitted they made luminescent hot-air balloons out of tissue paper and candles, provoking sightings across the southern portions of the state on April 10, 1897.

Yet hoaxes could not account for all the sightings. It was clear that something was flying through the air in 1897. If that something was a manmade dirigible, no one ever came forward to take credit. The first recorded dirigible flight in the United States was in 1904 when Thomas Balwin’s “California Arrow” lifted off from Oakland, California.

Author and debunker Philip J. Klass, after reviewing reports of the airship, concluded, “The events demonstrate that when the public has been conditioned by the news media to believe that there are strange objects in the skies, many people will report having seen such objects — even when the objects do not really exist.” While Klass’s thesis undoubtedly is sometimes true, it does not hold up when considering the slow transportation and communication of 1897. Radio was nonexistent and newspapers took days, even weeks, to be delivered. Many of the airship witnesses in small Texas towns could not have heard of the other far-flung sightings.

After reviewing the airship literature, I could not draw any firm conclusion, so I began interviewing people in Aurora.

The population of the little hamlet in 1973 was less than 500. They seemed almost evenly divided in their beliefs concerning the crash — half claimed it really happened while the other half claimed it was merely a hoax perpetrated by Hayden, a “stringer” for local newspapers who had previously written several satirical pieces.

I learned that Etta Pegues, a “stringer” for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* in 1973 was a major source for the news media regarding the crash. “It’s all a hoax,” she said flatly. “I have talked to people who were alive then. They all said Judge Proctor had no windmill.” Her primary source of information was Robbie Hanson.

Robbie Reynolds Hanson said, "They're still trying to bring up the hoax about the spaceship." She was 12 years old on the day of the crash, her family lived outside of town and no one knew anything about it until a man rode by several days later and told the story. "I remember my father remarked that the judge outdid himself that time," she recalled. Wise County Historical Commission Chairwoman Rosalie Gregg has consistently decried the Aurora story as a hoax. Her primary source of information was Etta Pegues. So Hanson, who by her own account had no first-hand knowledge, told her friend Pegues the story was a hoax and this was passed along to Gregg. It was this version, the hoax version, that most frequently found its way into media accounts.

Brawley and Etta Oates bought Judge Proctor's property in 1945 and lived there for years. Brawley died about the time the 1973 publicity about Aurora broke. "I heard the story for years," said Mrs. Oates, adding, "Nothing grew for years in that one spot in the field where that spaceship is supposed to have hit." The Oates family all suffered serious health problems, including cysts and goiters, which they told me were caused by drinking water from the old well where the crash occurred. "I've been told it's radioactive," Mrs. Oates confided.

By 1973, there were only three people still living who may have had direct knowledge of the crash. One was Robbie Hanson, who admitted she had no personal knowledge. Another living witness was Mary Evans, then almost 92 years old. She said, "I was only 15 at the time and had all but forgotten the incident until it appeared in the papers recently. We were living in Aurora at the time, but my mother and father wouldn't let me go with them when they went up to the crash site at Judge Proctor's well. When they returned home they told me how the airship had exploded. The pilot was torn up and killed in the crash. The men of the town who gathered his remains said he was a 'small man' and buried him that same day in Aurora Cemetery. That crash certainly caused a lot of excitement. Many people were frightened. They didn't know what to expect. That was years before we had any regular airplanes or other kinds of airships."

Of these two elderly women, neither had any direct knowledge and one said it happened because her parents told her about it while the other said it was a hoax because that's what her father said. Pro and con, you could take your pick.

Then there was Charlie C. Stephens. He was 83 in 1973 and, although somewhat physically enfeebled, appeared to retain a clear mind. Speaking through the screen door of a relative's house, he told me that he had always declined to talk to reporters about the crash because he "didn't want to get involved." Finally, after some neighborly conversation — in my part of the country they call it "visiting" — Stephens loosened up and gave this account.

As a boy less than 10 years old, he was with his father putting some cattle out to pasture on the morning of April 19, 1897, when the pair saw a cigar-shaped object with a bright light pass overhead. The craft was very low and moved straight ahead toward Aurora about three miles to the north. The pair then heard what seemed to be an explosion and a fire lit up the

northern sky for several minutes. "I wanted to go immediately and see what had happened," Stephens recalled. "But my daddy said we had to finish our chores."

Stephens said his father rode a horse into town the next day. Returning to the family farm, he described a mass of torn metal and burned rubble. He made no mention of the pilot. This struck me as a credible detail. According to the contemporary accounts, the pilot was buried the same day as the crash. So when Stephens' father was in town, there was no body to view and, being a conservative farmer type, he declined to talk about anything he had not personally seen. But the elder Stephens had no trouble talking about the crash.

"During the years I was growing up he told me the story many times," recalled Stephens, adding he was almost 20 years old before he heard about the dead pilot.

A chart of the Masonic Cemetery showed no unidentified graves. However, Mrs. Isla Finlayson, a resident of nearby Rhome who cared for the cemetery in the 1960s and 70s, said many people were buried without headstones and that early maps did not list all burials. "There are a lot of people out there we don't know about," she told a reporter.

On it went. For every claim, there was a counter claim. All I was left with was one witness, Stephens, and some bits of metal gathered from the crash site. It was hardly convincing evidence.

Then the story took an intriguing twist. After analyzing some of the metal from the Aurora crash site, physicist Dr. Tom Gray of the University of North Texas in Denton stated in a news release that at least one fragment was "puzzling." Gray said three of four samples he studied using "highly sensitive" equipment had "properties and content common to metals of this area." But the fourth "may require more investigation," he said. The fourth fragment appeared melted and looked as if it had been "splattered on the ground." Gray said the most intriguing aspect of the fragment was that, although it was made up primarily of iron, it displayed no magnetic properties. He added that the piece was shiny and malleable instead of dull and brittle like iron. The piece was determined to contain 75 percent iron and 25 percent zinc with "a few trace elements." Yet it was not magnetic like stainless steel which contains only 15 percent iron.

Debunker Klass later wrote, "Subsequent analysis of the fragments by scientists at the National Aeronautical Establishment of Canada reportedly showed the metal fragments to be commonplace, without unusual composition or structural characteristics." However, Klass offered no citation for this statement and I have remained unaware of this development. Anyone with a suspicious mind might ask if the Canadian study actually took place and if so, did they receive all of the original fragments or just the commonplace ones. As will be seen, there is a reason for my suspicions.

While the fragments were being studied, Bill Case had written further on the Aurora story and had generated some interest in exhuming the small grave. I was excited. An exhumation might settle the matter once and for all. But it was not to be.

Despite the fact that no legal action had been taken to seek an exhumation, several Aurora residents, including cemetery directors, stood guard at the cemetery to prevent any

unauthorized digging and threaten to seek a restraining order against anyone who tried. "They are afraid you'll dig up grandma," explained Decatur attorney Bill Nobles. H.R. "Pig" Idell, then Aurora's city marshal, "rode shotgun" on the cemetery for about two weeks to prevent any digging." We didn't call out the National Guard," Idell recalled. "There was me, the sheriff and a couple of deputies. That was enough." The night after the patrols stopped, the strange headstone was stolen.

Vandals, souvenir hunters, anyone could have taken the headstone. More unexplainable was the fate of the metal in the grave. A few months after the exhumation furor had died away, Bill Case met me at the Aurora, saying there was something he wanted to show me. Running his metal detector over the small grave, there was no readings. He knelt down and showed me three small holes which had been drilled in the exact location of the metal. "They took it away," he said cryptically. "Who do you think did this?" I asked. Case looked me in the eye and replied, "The government." Case died about a year later.

With the headstone and grave metal missing, an exhumation impossible and even the old timers squabbling over the truth of the crash, excitement over the Aurora story quickly faded.

Displaying an obvious lack of understanding about the crudeness of life in 19th century rural Texas, debunker Curtis Peebles in his book, *Watch the Skies! A Chronicle of the Flying Saucer Myth*, summed up the Aurora crash thusly, "In retrospect, it is clear there is nothing to back up the story of the Aurora 'crash' except the single newspaper article. There were no follow-up articles, no photos, no police reports, no letters or diaries mentioning the crash, no samples of the wreckage, nor were the spaceman's papers ever published. The other airship stories in the *Dallas Morning News* were all 'tall tales.' There is no evidence the newspaper or its readers ever believed it was more than that."

I continue to be undecided. I have tried to convince myself there was nothing to the story, but there were too many oddities — the context of the Great Airship Mystery, the small grave containing significant bits of metal, the "puzzling" fragment, the deformities of the Oates family, the recollection of Charlie Stephens. And, if the story was merely a hoax, why would anyone use sophisticated equipment to surreptitiously remove the metal from the grave?

To compound the puzzle, years later my wife who was teaching school in the area was told in all seriousness by Pig Idell's son, James Idell, that his grandfather had helped bury the pilot, described as "a three-foot-tall, big-headed spaceman." The son also said his father knew who took the headstone but was helpless to do anything about it. As a law enforcement officer powerless to do anything about a crime, his statement indicated some kind of official secrecy by a higher level of authority.

My investigation came to a climax in the spring of 2003, when I obtained a copy of the full front page of *The Dallas Morning News* for April 19, 1897.

There were 16 news stories squeezed into the seven columns of the old newspaper. All 16 concerned the object flying across the skies of North Texas!

The reports were from correspondents from as far north as southern Oklahoma to as far south as Austin. The object was referred to mostly as the “airship” but also as “the great aerial wanderer,” the “flying jenny” and the “aerial monster.”

The correspondent in Wortham, Texas, reported, “Capt. John A. Lilly, a prominent and respectable citizen of this place, a Mexican War veteran, claims that he saw the mysterious airship last night [April 18] at 9:30. He says it was going straight up. The captain is noted for his truthfulness.”

Another story may have provided insight into the often-asked question of why UFOs don’t just land and ask to be friends. In a story datelined Grandbury, Texas, it was reported, “Newt Gresham last night at 9:10 o’clock, while drilling the Riddle Rifles, discovered that mysterious flying jenny of which we have heard so much. Newt is a very warsome young man, being a populist, but he could not stand the sight of the air machine, so he ordered the company to open fire on the object, which it did, and the whole town was soon aroused.”

Apparently there was even some communication with the flying object. A Mr. C. G. Williams of Greenville, Texas, reported he was strolling in a field at night when “suddenly I was aroused by a brilliant light in front of me. I was dazzled by the light and frightened almost out of my senses. I should have left the place at once but my legs refused to move.”

Williams said he saw three figures come out of the craft and approach him. One said, “See here, young man, don’t give this thing away. We are experimenting with this vessel. So far, it’s a surprise. We expect to revolutionize travel and transportation.” One stranger explained that they had developed the craft in a secret lab in New York State and had decided to take it for a test flight. “About two weeks ago, I started accompanied by these two assistants to make a trial trip,” the stranger explained. “We started at night to avoid being seen. Everything worked so well that I decided to keep going, and I soon found myself passing over the state of Indiana.”

Yet another witness, a Judge Love of Waxahatchie, Texas, claimed to have encountered the silver, cigar-shaped object on the ground being attended to by five “peculiarly dressed men” who said they came from a secret tribe that lived at the North Pole. After receiving detailed information about this strange land to the north, Judge Love said, “We then shook hands with the crew and they stepped into their ship, rose in the air and started toward Waco.”

“Until tonight the airship has been regarded as a fake by our people. There is, however, no unbeliever now,” reported the correspondent R. M. Tate of Peden, Texas. “At 8:36 p.m., just as the northbound passenger train No. 12 pulled into the station, the ship was seen traveling in a southern course, moving at the rate of about forty-five or fifty miles an hour...”

The accounts continued story after story. Something big and fast — though sometimes slow — was flying through the skies of North Texas in 1897, six years before the Wright brothers flew at Kitty Hawk, NJ, six years before anything man made was in the air.

While the Aurora crash story underscores the problems and issues involved in seeking the truth of the UFOs, it is now clear to me that the Aurora spaceship crash story is based on reality, a reality that flew over America in the late 1800s.

The Shag Harbor Incident

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Part 1: The Beginning

When 18 year old fisherman Laurie Wickens dialed the number of the Barrington Passage Detachment of the RCMP on the night of October 4, 1967, he probably had no idea of the chain of events that would unfold as a result. Nonetheless, he really had no choice after what he had just witnessed.

Several minutes earlier, Wickens, along with four women in his vehicle, had been traveling west on "old" Highway No. 3 in Nova Scotia. Wickens was returning these people to their homes after meeting them at a function nearby. While entering into the fishing village of Shag Harbor from the east, he caught sight of some lights in the sky through the car's windshield. He watched them for a few seconds while negotiating turns in the road. More and more the lights seemed to demand his attention. They were peculiar to him; something about them was not right not the least of which was their odd position in the starry sky.

The were four, sometimes five lights, flashing sequentially-first from one end, then from the other, and sometimes they were all on at once. They were angled downward at a 45 degree angle and seemed to be losing altitude, though not rapidly. The object that these lights were attached to could not be seen but the positioning of the lights gave an overall impression of being quite large. What really bothered Wickens was their angle and the fact that this object was coming down into the harbor and that a crash seemed imminent.

Wickens' vehicle crested the hill beside the Presbyterian Church, coasted down the hill and into the village proper, his speed now increasing so as to keep the lights in sight. He now revised his original estimate of the impact sight. It was beginning to appear that the object was coming down just to the west of the Shag Harbor, at best a mile further on. Rushing along at a good speed now, Wickens did his best to keep the object in sight, thankful for the fact that in a tiny village like this on a Wednesday night at nearly 11:30 in the evening there was no traffic to contend with.

Wickens wheeled his vehicle around a turn just past the entrance road to the Prospect Point pier on his left, just as the lights reached the tops of the tree line in their downward trajectory. The driver knew that once he had cleared this line of trees he would have nothing between him and open water except a hundred feet of embankment and shoreline. The lights went out of sight behind the tree line, lost from Wickens' and his passengers view for a few precious seconds. Their car rounded the turn, crested a small hill and came into the open area. One of the girls in the back though she heard a whooshing sound and a bang.

Just ahead a couple of hundred feet was the Irish Moss Plant with its large gravel parking lot, deserted at this late hour. Laurie Wickens slowed down and pulled his car onto the lot, jamming on his brakes. Everyone jumped out of the car and ran to the embankment overlooking the broad ocean expanse of "The Sound" a few meters in front of them. They scanned the waters for whatever had come down there, not knowing what to expect. Then they saw it, six or seven hundred feet from the shore.

It wasn't very impressive, not at first, because then they didn't know what they were looking at. Wickens and the others were under the impression that it was an airplane of some type, but were not sure. What they saw was a pale yellow light on top of a vagueness, a dark object of some description, perhaps 60 feet wide and 8 to 10 feet high. There was no moon that night so the visibility was poor. Whatever it was it was either making its way or drifting out to sea. Being a fisherman and knowing the waters around Shag Harbor as he did, Wickens figured the "light" was drifting with the ebb tide assisted by a natural 3-4 knot current that flowed through that area.

Wickens and the four women discussed what they should do. Laurie figured that there wasn't much they could do on their own and he decided to drive a little further down the coast to a pay phone at an Irving Station in Woods Harbor. Everyone got back into the car and Wickens wasted no time covering the mile or so to the pay phone in Woods Harbor.

Corporal Victor Werbicki was the only one in the Barrington Passage RCMP Detachment at this hour, and he picked up the phone when it rang. Laurie Wickens was on the other end of the line and sounded to Werbicki as if he was very excited. Wickens told the Mountie that he thought an airliner or big plane had just crashed into the Sound next to Shag Harbor.

Corporal Werbicki's first question to Wickens was "have you been drinking?" Wickens was caught off guard by the question but recovered and huffily replied that he had not. He informed Werbicki that they had seen the plane out on the water and it still had one light on.

Werbicki's other phone began ringing so he asked Wickens to remain where he was after getting the payphone number and hung up on him. Wickens was miffed, but stayed by the phone anyway while his passengers plied him with questions.

Werbicki answered the other line. The caller was one Mary banks, who lived over on Maggie Garrons Point which incidentally just happened to look directly down the Sound. She was calling to express her concerns that a big airplane might have just crashed into the Sound. She said she had seen some lights coming down and had heard a bang. Werbicki could get no other details from her and hung up. But the phone rang again. This time it was an unidentified male caller from Bear Point, several miles to the east of Shag Harbor, who informed Werbicki that he had seen lights descending somewhere near Shag Harbor and thought it might have been an airplane crashing.

Werbicki thanked the man and went over to the radio and called the only cruiser he had out on patrol. Constable Ron Pond, accompanied by Constable Ron O'Brien were in the process of returning back to the detachment from his position in an area just west of Woods

Harbor, where they had been looking for deer jackers, when Werbicki contacted them by radio. He informed them that there was a possibility that a plane had crashed into the Sound near Shag Harbor and wanted them back at the detachment ASAP. O'Brien, who was working the radio, informed his superior that they had just gone through Shag Harbor, headed east, and had seen nothing out of the ordinary. In fact they had probably passed Laurie Wickens who was waiting patiently by the phone in Woods Harbor.

Werbicki was still not convinced that an airplane had gone into the water there, and was thinking it might have been a meteor, so O'Brien's statement probably served to reinforce his suspicions. But it had to be checked out. He called Laurie Wickens at the payphone and asked him more questions and Wickens told him about the lights they had seen coming down out of the sky, flashing on and off. Werbicki asked the young fisherman if he would mind returning to the Irish Moss plant and keep an eye on the light out on the Sound until his officers arrived, to which Wickens readily agreed.

Corporal Werbicki had no sooner hung up the phone when another call came in from a woman who lived over in Cape Sable Island which is about 13 miles to the east of Shag Harbor. She informed the Mountie that she and her daughter had just arrived home and a few minutes earlier they had seen lights coming down out of the sky, flashing in sequence, and looked like they were on something that might have crashed over near Shag Harbor. That was the second time Werbicki had heard about those "flashing lights in a line" and for the first time he entertained the idea of an aircraft accident near the Harbor. He grabbed his winter coat off the coat rack, a list of fishermen's names attached to the Coast Guard Marine Rescue Auxiliary, and headed out of the office. He was standing beside his cruiser putting on his coat when Officers Pond and O'Brien turned into the parking lot, having made good time from the Bear Point area.

Some minutes earlier, while returning from dropping off their girlfriends in Cape Sable Island, Dave Kendrick and Norm Smith had had a similar experience to that of Laurie Wickens. They too were on Highway No. 3 heading west toward Shag Harbor, however they were several miles further to the east between the two entrances of the Bear Point road loop. This area incidentally would have major import in the life of Norm Smith's uncle some three years later.

The two young men, both 18 years of age were in Dave Kendrick's Chevy II, talking about girls, when Norm noticed some lights up in the night sky. There were 4 or 5 of them, big lights, about 15 feet apart in a straight line, red/orange in color, flashing on and off and pointing downward at a 45 degree angle. He pointed them out to Dave.

Dave looked up through the windshield to the right, the angle being bad for him. He saw the lights, seeming to hang in the sky in a straight line, observing them for a few seconds before the winding and hilly old road commanded his attention once more. Norm had rolled down his window in order to get a better look at the object or objects in the sky. He watched it for a few moments until the combination of descending a hill and the objects downward motion caused it to go out of sight behind the trees ahead of them.

Shortly afterwards they arrived at the outskirts of Shag Harbor where Norm lived with his father. Dave dropped him off and went home, told his mother about the weird lights in the sky that they had seen, then went to bed. In the meantime Norm, after being dropped off, watched Dave's car drive off, then began to walk up the driveway to the house. His attention was drawn upward by some motion and he was surprised to see, once again, the same string of lights he had seen in the sky earlier, now up above the trees again. He watched for only a few second before running into the house, and, seeing his father, Wilfred, was still up, dragged him outside to see them.

Father and son were in time to see the object with the large red/orange lights descending at a fast pace once more behind the trees and in a direction that surely would see it impact some where in the waters of Shag Harbor. They agreed that something serious was about to happen and decided to head over in that direction to see if they could be of any help. Wilfred went hurriedly inside and threw on some warm clothes then he and Norm got into the father's truck and backed down the driveway then jammed on his brakes to avoid backing out in front of one of the RCMP's cruisers that flew by with its red light flashing.

Something was going on for sure. Wilfred backed out of the driveway and chased down the road after the cruiser, through the village, and out past Prospect point road. They came around the curve in the highway and saw the cruiser pulling into the gravel parking lot beside the Irish Moss plant. Wilfred pulled in beside it and another cruiser that he had not even suspected was behind him pulled in beside his truck. In front of them standing on the edge of the bank overlooking the Sound, Norm saw Laurie Wickens and some of the girls with him. Corporal Werbicki was there with Laurie and the latter was pointing outward, toward the water. Norm went out on the bank and looked too. It was then that he saw the pale yellow light out on the Sound.

Corporal Werbicki, having now seen the light, literally, put Ron Pond in charge of taking statements from Laurie Wickens and the other witnesses. He asked around some of the others gathered there — the area was now becoming a popular place to gather — looking for a rowboat to attempt a rescue of what he considered were possible survivors of a plane crash. In fact, everyone there was of the opinion that an airplane was in distress out there. The object on the water had "drifted" out much further than when first observed by Wickens and his friends.

During the time it took to do a quick search for a rowboat along the shore things began deteriorate offshore. It seemed that the object or at least the light on it had settled deeper into the water, perhaps sinking. There had been a perception for years, mostly due to a misleading press report, that two of the Mounties and a fisherman had attempted to get out to the site in a rowboat, but the witnesses say that that was not the case. When it appeared that the object was sinking, which was really only a few minutes after the Mounties had arrived on the scene, Werbicki decided to resort to his list of fishermen in the area with their own Cape [Sable] Island boats; he would phone some of those right in the village and ask for their assistance.

In the meantime Werbicki had Constable O'Brien go to the nearest phone and contact the RCC in Halifax and inquire about missing aircraft and bring them up to date, then go to the Government Wharf in the center of the village and wait for him there. He himself would get to a phone and call some of the local fishermen. Radio communications were not as sophisticated in the mid-60s as they are today. They could not radio direct to other locales in the Province.

Constable Pond would stay at the Irish Moss plant, keeping an eye on the light's progress and continue taking statements. Just as the two Mounties were about to leave the situation became critical. The light suddenly disappeared; either it went out or the structure supporting it sank.

Part 2: The Search

Fifteen minutes later, the two Mounties met at the Government Wharf in the center of the village. Werbicki had been fortunate with his calls to some of the local fishermen who owned boats. One of the Captains was Lawrence Smith owner of the *Rhonda D* and the other Captain was Bradford Shand owner of the *Joan Pricilla*. Both had agreed immediately to go out, and as luck would have it, both boats were tied up on the outside of all of the boats moored at the wharf.

Others were present at the dock including Wilfred Smith and Norm Smith. Wilfred went aboard *Lawrence Smith*, his brother's boat. It is one of those little twists of timing in people's lives that Lawrence had not been privy to the sight of the UFO in the sky when Norman and his father witnessed it, because Lawrence lived in the same house at the time at the opposite end — it being a duplex of sorts. Wilfred had thought that his brother was probably asleep at that hour and did not want to wake him and his wife.

Norm Smith went over to Bradford Shands vessel, the *Joan Pricilla* and climbed aboard with Corporal Werbicki. Norm, a fisherman himself, worked with Bradford (his friends called him "Brath") as crew quite often and so was knowledgeable about the vessel. Werbicki told Constable O'Brien to go out with Lawrence Smith so they would have an official presence on both boats.

O'Brien reported to Werbicki that RCC did not have any aircraft listed as missing; however they were going to commence a radio and phone search all up and down the eastern coast to ascertain just who might have been flying in the area, including American military and civilian aircraft. They were also contacting a Coast Guard vessel, Life Boat 101, in Clarks Harbor on Cape Sable Island and advising them to proceed to the crash site.

The would-be rescuers were in such a hurry that they cast the lines off of their boats rather than untying from the dock and put out into the Harbor. At this time there were only these two boats with four or five people on each, however there would be as many as six "Cape Islanders" plying the waters of the Sound within the hour. Lawrence Smith's "Ronda D" was first away from the wharf and he now steered his vessel toward the western entrance of Shag Harbor over by Prospect Point, which would take him directly out into the Sound.

The Sound is a body of water about 2 kilometers wide by 3 kilometers long. It is bound on the east by Maggie Garrons Point, Inner Island and Stoddart Island and on the west by three kilometer long, Outer Island. The water goes little deeper than 12 or 13 meters and is mostly a clean sandy bottom with the odd outcropping of rock and kelp beds.

On the north eastern side of Outer Island about 100 meters from a sand spit is a permanently anchored buoy called the Budget Light. It had been by estimating the height of the "Dark Object" compared to the known height of the Budget Light [8 feet] above the water that the fishermen at the Irish Moss Plant were able to estimate the thickness or height of the pale yellow light above the water. At the very first of this sighting the fishermen, Laurie Wickens and Norm Smith, had assured the Mounties that the "pale yellow light" they were seeing on the water was "not" a buoy light because they were more than familiar with every buoy and buoy light in the Sound and this was not one of them.

At any rate since Lawrence Smith's boat was in the lead, and having been told of the approximate position of the "light" before it sank, and also aware of the types of current running there, and the amount of time that past, he opted to "run a line down" on the Budget Light and let the current/ebb tide carry him to the south. Over on the shore at the Irish Moss plant, Ron Pond saw the two fishing vessels come out of the western entrance and slowly cross the Sound.

Though the night was cool, it was clear of clouds and there was no wind. What wave action there was out on the Sound was long, slow swells caused by the tide and the current. Aboard the two boats there was a feeling of apprehension. Norman Smith remembers being very tense and nervous and was not looking forward to seeing dead bodies floating in the water. The Mounties, of course, were no strangers to death by misadventure, and it was an occupational hazard that they were constantly called on to deal with near dead or dead and mangled corpses during the course of a day's work, but that was not to say they were inured to it.

When they had traveled about halfway across the Sound, Lawrence had one of the men switch on the seal beam light on the top of the wheelhouse and shine it out over the water. He slowed the speed of his vessel and the men started calling out to any possible survivors. It was only a matter of seconds when they came upon the foam, which at first they thought was a patch of sea foam. The light picked it out, a yellow, glittery and thick substance floating 3 or 4 inches thick on the water's surface. Lawrence pulled the *Ronda D's* engine back to idle and drifted into the stuff. The light on the wheel house played back and forth over it. The patch was huge and all around them.

The *Joan Pricilla*, her engines at idle, drifted up to them a short distance to port. Lawrence called over to Bradford. "What do you make of this Brath?"

"Don't know what it is. Can't say as I care for it." Bradford replied.

Lawrence did not "care for it" either; however they had no choice but to sail through the stuff. Lawrence remembers it as smelling of sulfur and there were bubbles coming up through it. In no way did this stuff resemble ordinary sea foam, the fishermen stated years

later. Both Lawrence and Norman Smith said they had never seen anything like it before or since, did not like to sail through it at the time, and avoided that general area for years after when sailing through the Sound.

They reached the other side of the foamy patch which was about two boat lengths, or approximately 25 meters [80 feet] wide. After awhile they were able to determine that the smelly patch of foam was over a half mile [805 meters] long. Reluctantly they steamed back and forth through the foam and the surrounding waters, looking for wreckage and survivors.

At one point one of the younger men on Constable O'Brien's vessel stuck his arms up to his elbows into the foamy water and pulling them out found that the foam did not stay on his clothing. O'Brien examined the young man's arms and clothing but could not detect a smell coming off of it, such as a fuel odor like kerosene, diesel or gasoline. The Mountie thought that the foam might have been the by-product of jet fuel or gasoline leaking from the fuel tanks of a submerged aircraft, or barring that perhaps from the fuel tank of a fishing boat that might have been though there earlier. But there were no fuel slicks or even the smell of it and if fuel tanks had broken open or not on an airplane, there would have been residue of some sort with its accompanying odor. But there was none.

Only the foam.

Shortly after midnight, on the morning of the 5th, Coast Guard Cutter 101 arrived at the site after steaming the 14 miles from Clarks Harbor on Cape Sable Island. This brought the total number of vessels searching the Sound up to seven, including four more fishing boats that had joined the search within the first half hour. They moved further to the south, criss-crossing the Sound, making track lines east and west while CG 101 went out to the mouth of the Sound and worked its way back in case the current had carried debris, survivors, and those less fortunate out to the southern entrance to the Sound. Once past that point there was "The Rip" to contend with, a fast moving current caused by the meeting of the North Atlantic and the current through the Sound. The behavior of the waters then change dramatically, as this writer can attest to, having been there myself and being tossed about in short steep seas on a vessel not much different than those that Lawrence and Bradford were using back in the 1960s.

Shortly after the Coast Guard vessel arrived, her skipper Ronnie Newell radioed Lawrence Smith's boat and asked for Corporal Werbicki. Werbicki took the microphone and Captain Newell informed him that he had been in radio contact with the Rescue Coordination Center in Halifax. RCC wanted to inform him that his request for a search for a missing aircraft had been carried out and that an exhaustive search had been done and there were no aircraft missing from Labrador to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. Werbicki thanked Newell and gave the microphone back to Lawrence who asked him: If they were not looking for a downed airliner, then what were they looking for? Since the message was on the open marine band, the crews in the other boats in the little fleet heard this as well.

RCAF Squadron Leader, William Bain, handling the "Air Desk" in Ottawa later that day had already received a brief report from the RCC in Halifax stating that no aircraft or vessels

were missing and also a conveyed message from the RCMP officer in charge in Shag Harbor, stating that they had found nothing after nearly five hours of searching. He read the message and scribbled three capital letters on the top right hand portion of the report and underlined it three times: UFO. But he was late in his assessment of the situation. Werbicki and the rest of the searchers were calling it that by 2 o'clock on the morning of the 5th. When you called something a UFO, then as far as the fishermen were concerned, they were now looking for a crashed flying saucer, or survivors from it.

The fishermen and crews of the six fishing boats that had been the first to go out into the Sound had been told to go back in by 4:00 a.m. the next morning. They were tired and had been up for at least 24 hours. But the search continued with other boats and fresh crews.

In Halifax, the RCC had put the Navy's Fleet Diving Unit on notice that they were going to Shelburne to look for a downed UFO in Shag Harbor at the request of the OIC RCMP in Barrington Passage. They would be augmented by RCMP divers from Halifax Subdivision. Four Divers from the Fleet Diving Unit, stationed on the "HMS Granby" a decommissioned destroyer permanently anchored in Halifax Harbor, loaded their equipment and supplies into a deuce and a half they called "Old Sid." When their orders were cut they set out for Shag Harbor and arrived there on Friday morning, October 5th.

By 1:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon the divers were ready to get into the water. They and their RCMP counterparts were working off of the CG 101 and a couple of the local fishing boats. They searched the bottom of the Sound until before dusk with no results then went at it again the next morning. Still nothing was found. Donald Nickerson, a local fisherman, recalls seeing the men bringing up debris of some description, looking like aluminum, but found the divers to be closed mouth about what they were or were not finding. Nickerson also wondered why there were submarines off the coast, one of them a U.S. Navy sub.

The next day in the Saturday edition of the *Chronicle Herald*, the front page headline read:

**Could Be Something Concrete in Shag Harbor UFO — RCAF
Continue Search Today**

A spokesman for a special and little known Royal Canadian Air Force Department for the investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects said last night a series of bright lights which glided into the ocean off Shag Harbor, Shelburne County, Wednesday night may be one of the extremely rare cases where "something concrete" may be found. The spokesman, who identified himself as Squadron Leader Bain, said his department was very interested in the matter.

The report, under the byline of Staff Writer, Ray MacLeod, went on to say that "we get hundreds of reports every week" which is news to this writer because they certainly aren't available in the archives, federally or provincially. In any event the search did go on for the rest of the day but the divers were ready to wrap it up by mid afternoon on Saturday.

One of the “Granby” divers, Rick Wood, remarked to me that “We didn’t find any flying saucer down there, just kelp and lobsters.” He informed me that they were ready to call it quits on Saturday afternoon, but the Mounties got a message from RCC telling them to continue the search for a few more days, which kept the divers at it until Monday, October 8th at 6:30 pm.

Maritime Command called off the search, reporting that with reference to the Shag Harbor “crash” they had found, “Not a trace...not a clue...not a bit of anything.”

And so it seemed to end there, with a few days of hype in the press and some fears by the fisherman of the object possibly resurfacing under or near them while they were fishing in or passing through the area. There were three possibilities offered then, as to why the object had not been found:

1. The object was swept by the tides further out to sea where it came to rest. The area that far out was never searched.
2. The object, crippled, made it out into deeper waters under its own power, then sank. Again the area was not searched beyond the Sound.

The first two possibilities raise some questions. First since everyone was aware of the strong currents and ebb tides in that area, therefore making it entirely possible that some object could have been swept out to sea and deeper water, why then was the area offshore not searched as well with sonar and other methods available to the Navy? Or was it? One remembers Donald Nickerson’s observation of some submarines off the coast. Were they looking? That is not known, and no records are available to substantiate Nickerson’s statement. If they were not looking offshore then there must be a reason why, and the only reason could be: Why bother to look, if you knew in the first place that the object was not there. That then makes reason number three look more attractive if you are a UFO investigator. And reason number three was:

3. The object submerged, still under intelligent control, and continued to another destination along the coast.

Part 3: The Story

About a year and a half before I got involved in the Shag Harbor investigation, Chris Styles had been doing an exhaustive search of all of the records he could find both in Nova Scotia and in Ottawa. When I came on the scene as the new guy in town, Chris and I eventually tied up on this thing, though at first my part of the job was to start chronicling the material and putting it together in a book, which I did. In order to do that I had to do many interviews with Chris and then go out and re-interview many of the same witnesses he had. As I got more and more involved with the “Incident,” I uncovered witnesses of my own and learned details and anecdotal evidence that Chris so far had not uncovered.

During my interviews with Chris he said that he had contacted or had been contacted by some people who had been in the military, each of whom had a story to tell and each of which, save one, did not want their name mentioned in connection with the case. The fact that none of these story tellers were connected or known to one another made their stories very convincing, even intriguing. It fell to me then to get the stories separately, which I did with three out of five of the witnesses. One has not been located and the other has clammed up completely, the latter being one of the witnesses who was interviewed by Chris and his friend Bob MacDonald on the same occasion. Since they both told me the same story of their interview with this man, one of the divers, I see no reason not to believe it.

The details of what might have happened, and what I believe happened because I now know all of the witnesses save one, the diver, are so lengthy and detailed that they cannot be completely conveyed here. Instead I relate the gist of what we have learned. At the risk of plugging another book of mine and my co-author Chris Styles, suffice it to say that should it eventually be published with the full details of the investigation and the complete story will be relayed.

One afternoon Chris Style, a bachelor, was at a Laundromat in his neighborhood for obvious reasons, and since, as everyone knows, Laundromats can be very boring places, he had brought with him a briefcase loaded with his files on the Shag Harbor case. While he was there a worker at the place noticed what he was reading and remarked on it. He said he was only a kid at the time but he remembered the Shag Harbor crash and went on to say that at the same time, all kinds of weird things had been going on outside of the town of Shelburne, off the base at Government Point. Something to do with a UFO.

The Government Point location rang a bell with Chris because while interviewing one of the divers supposedly involved with the Shag Harbor diving search, he discovered that the man had not been involved with the Shag Harbor dive. This was despite the fact that his source had tracked down the operations journal for that time and his name and 6 others had been in the journal for those dates. Still here was the diver saying, well I remember diving on two UFO operations (Two!!...Never mind, the second is not pertinent here) but though he remembered something about Shag Harbor (probably his fellow divers) he recalled diving off Government Point.

Chris Styles wished at the time that he had been aware of this second incident, because he kept trying to relate this to Shag Harbor but the square piece would not fit into the round hole. Finally it was beginning to get through to him what the man was talking about. He was saying that he was involved in an operation that specifically involved 6 or 7 supply and warships that were anchored over not one, but two UFOs that were in 80 to 90 feet of water off Government Point at the mouth of Sheburne Harbor. They were there for a week observing these objects on the bottom and photographing them before some of the ships had to steam away from the area to intercept a Russian sub that had violated the 12 mile

limit of the time. At that time the alleged submerged UFOs lifted off the bottom and vacated the area to the south.

Now here was this Laundromat worker alluding to the same incident, admittedly without too much detail, having occurred during the same time period. The worker mentioned the names of some of the Lighthouse keepers that worked Cape Roseway Light that overlooked the Government Point area and suggested that Chris try and track them down. Maybe they saw something. Chris took the names not really expecting anything and sure enough he found three of them, one of whom was in charge of Lighthouse maintenance. Unfortunately neither of the lighthouse keepers was on duty at that time but mentioned a third man who probably was. Chris was unable to track him down after nearly 30 years, but I did late in 1997 and interviewed him shortly after.

He could not remember seeing anything in the nature of a flotilla of ships off the light station, but then he recalls that during that period they had gone on the sea for some 32 days straight. He also recalls the island being used as some sort of military exercise as well, but could not be certain of the date.

Once more we return to Chris Styles who after these two instances runs into a friend of his who had retired some years before from the Air Force. They hadn't seen one another for about three years. They worked together in the circulating department of a local newspaper. The friend was with his son and all three were at the West End Mall in Halifax. When asked by the friend what Chris was up to these days, Chris took him over to his car and showed him some of the material he had in his briefcase on Shag Harbor and explained that he had been investigating the case for over a year.

Chris' friend floored him by saying, "Oh yeah, the Shag Harbor crash. But you know...the real story was over off Shelburne."

Taken aback, Chris asked him what he was talking about. His friend replied that he had spent a week sitting on a ship off Government Point. Chris stated that he was in the RCAF, so what the heck was he doing on a ship. The friend informed him that he was there as an aircraft identification expert and explained his job in the RCAF was to identify aircraft that crashed in a remote area or in deep waters from only fragments of the craft, such as a rudder or aileron hinges for example. He explained that he had been kept below for a whole week waiting to do his job, but nothing ever came of it. He related however that he overheard some of the divers talking, during supper one night, about what they had seen below. They were promptly dressed down by some American naval officer for not keeping their mouths shut.

American? Chris wanted to know what the hell American naval officers were doing giving orders to RCN divers on a Canadian Naval vessel? His friend could not help him there. After seven days some of the vessels left the area at full revs and shortly afterwards he was returned to shore with no explanation. At that point Chris' friend said that he had to leave and left Chris with his mouth hanging open.

It didn't end there. Later Chris was contacted, once directly and once indirectly by two other ex-military personnel who told him essentially the same story. They probably had seen Chris on a couple of television programs, one national and the other local, where he had been telling the story of the Shag Harbor Incident. I was in the picture after awhile and re-interviewed these people and learned additional information from one of them. He was an ex-RCAF crewman involved in electronic intelligence who at one point was ready to appear in an American TV show, *Sightings*. The night before he was to do the segment he contacted Chris and backed out. We were not to find out why until 18 months later while I was interviewing him. It is a shame because he was the one witness prepared to go on record with his story. Again the details are too involved to get into here.

Again, I reiterate that without these men that I have mentioned going on the record, this remains a story. It is fact to Chris and I but to the public it has to remain a story. However, it is a story that is not yet completed, but seems to expand as more details come out. Perhaps some day we will be able to tell it with some degree of credibility.

Part 4: Resolution?

Seven days after the Shag Harbor Incident and almost to the hour, Lockland Cameron was having TV problems. There was a white line across the screen and it was "going all squiggly." He went outside to have a look at his antennae. It was about 10:00 p.m. on October 11th. From his location at the back of his house in Woods Harbor, which overlooked the Sound, he was startled to see a string of bright red lights climbing upward, away from the water about a half mile from his location. They then stopped and hung in the sky for some time, about 7 or 8 minutes. Ockland was not alone in his observation. He was accompanied by his wife Lorraine, his daughter Luella, his brother Havelock Cameron, Havelock's wife Brenda, and their two children.

They all agreed that the lights from one end to the other measured about 55 to 60 feet and that the object stayed stationary at an altitude of between 500 and 600 feet about 3/4 of a mile offshore before it disappeared. But that was not the end of it. Four of the red lights reappeared a short time later in the sky, this time at a 35 degree angle. They seemed to descend northwest toward the horizon in the direction of Big Tusket Island. The colors of the lights slowly changed from red, to yellow, to orange, and then went out of sight.

After that, things seemed to go back to normal in Shag Harbor.

The Bentwaters/Woodbridge UFO Incident: New and Previously Unpublished Pieces of the Puzzle

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On three successive nights in late December 1980, England's rural Suffolk, East Anglia was the setting for what is now regarded as the most significant military-UFO incident in the history of the United Kingdom. Buried in secrecy from the start, the true nature of these events were suppressed and confounded under the American National Security Act of 1947 and Her Majesty's Official Secrets Act. The story was soon relegated to the colorful realm of East Anglian folklore where it remained until October 2, 1983. That Sunday the story literally exploded in the British press, thanks to the fact that one of the eyewitnesses, former USAF Airman First Class Larry Warren, had gone public and become the case's whistleblower. The incident has remained in some corner of the public eye ever since.

When *Left At East Gate: A First-Hand Account of the Bentwaters/Woodbridge UFO Incident, Its Cover-Up and Investigation* first appeared in U.S. and U.K. bookstores more than seven years ago, our intention had been to give Larry an opportunity to tell his side of this story and its very personal aftermath, to make public the case we had built and the evidence we had assembled, and to encourage others who had been involved to come forward. Since then, new information has irregularly continued to make its way to us, a goodly percentage of which has a real bearing on what we know about the incident as a whole, and on Larry Warren's involvement in particular. Additionally, some of the material that did not make it into print — letters, e-mails, personal accounts, interviews, were every bit as significant as the entries that did. This paper then was an opportunity to pull together some of these loose ends and present them as a cohesive update on what actually happened in those woods that night, and what happened after the fact to some of the key witnesses. First though we should briefly review the known events which constitute the Bentwaters/Woodbridge UFO Incident, then go on to the new and previously unpublished pieces of the puzzle.

To begin with, the Bentwaters incident had two chilling Cold War 'back stories.' At the time of the 1980 events, the U.S. military maintained a stockpile of something like three hundred and fifty thousand kilotons of nuclear ordinance under the twin base complex, in full violation of our treaty with the United Kingdom at the time. While secret, this fact was well known to personnel like Warren who possessed Secret security clearances and had been specially trained to work around nukes. The other variable was rooted in Warsaw Pact concerns over the pro-democracy movement then taking hold in the shipyards of Gdansk, Poland. The Soviet Union had quietly massed more than one hundred thousand troops on the Polish border and NATO bases all over Europe and the U.K. had gone to red alert. Red is one level below black and black is war.

On the first night UFOs were observed in the skies above the twin bases and the Rendlesham Forest that connects them. Airmen in the Bentwaters (nuclear) Weapons Storage Area first saw the unknowns from their observation tower as well as on radar. Also that night Law Enforcement Police (LE) at the East Gate of RAF Woodbridge observed unidentified lights in a wooded area outside the base's East Gate. Although there was no indication of a crash — no sound or vibration or fire, the lights could not be accounted for and the LEs radioed in for permission to leave their post to investigate. Permission was granted and the four men headed off base and into the woods.

As they entered the area of concern their Motorola radios began having transmission problems and then ceased functioning. The men were then out of communication with the base for the next few hours. They soon came upon a machine of unknown origin. It was triangular in shape, had a black glass-like surface, measured approximately two meters on each side, and was found slowly maneuvering through the trees at about chest height. Airman Penniston got close enough to see unknown symbols or letter forms on the craft's surface. Airman Burrows got even closer and pulled his sidearm on it. Three of the four men returned to base hours later with incomplete memories of their time in the woods. The fourth man did not return with the others and remained missing for some days.

On the second night UFOs were again seen, this time moving in a seemingly organized grid-type pattern over the area. Evidence of landing sites were found in the surrounding countryside in the form of circular depressions in the soil that were triangular in pattern. Beta and gamma radiation readings in the depressions registered in excess of ten times the norm for the area. Similar readings were recorded where tree bark had been ripped off of trees in the landing zones.

Events culminated on the third night. With UFO sightings continuing, Deputy Base Commander Charles I. Halt recorded his and his men's reactions as the unknowns flew overhead, irregularly shooting down laser-like beams of light into their immediate area. They also documented a landing zone and made plaster casts of the circular impressions in the ground. But even more significant was what occurred in a farmer's field less than a mile from the perimeter of RAF Woodbridge. This was the event that involved my co-author Larry Warren.

Larry had been on guardmount (guard duty) that night and listened in on his Motorola as other airmen described the UFOs they were seeing several miles down the line. He was soon ordered to close down his perimeter post and wait for a vehicle that was being sent to pick him up. That truck was soon joining other vehicles converging on the base motor pool. Military light-alls had their tanks topped off and were hooked up to trailer mounts. Sometime after midnight the caravan rolled out into the night, its destination was a remote logging road about six miles from Bentwaters, but close by away RAF Woodbridge's East Gate. Upon disembarking the men were disarmed, broken up into three man groups and ordered deeper into the woods to "investigate a disturbance." With their flashlights and radios failing, they made their way into the farmer's field called Capel Green. Here they

encountered a strange glowing ground fog that they were ordered to surround. Light-alls that had been brought out to the field refused to function. Not long after, an unidentified red light came in over the field from the direction of the North Sea. As it did, it 'exploded' without a sound, but with such brightness that it burned the retinas of Warren's and other men's eyes.

It took several seconds for the men's eyes to adjust, but when they did, a large machine unlike anything they had ever seen before stood on the spot. Some men fled but the majority stood their ground, even when three small, glowing life forms appeared next to the craft. Soon a senior officer stepped through the circle of men and 'faced off' with the beings. This occurred with no words or violence: just a human being looking at three non-human beings and them looking back at him. The event went on until the small hours of the night.

The witnesses were ordered not to speak to anyone about what they had seen, but at the next day's debriefing were told that the craft and beings were not of this earth. They were also threatened, in so many words, that if they broke security they would regret it. That night (the forth night), Airman Warren and other eyewitnesses were chemically subdued and taken against their will to a huge facility below the base where they were held and subjected to mind-altering efforts. Larry Warren left the Air Force with an honorable discharge five months later and went on to become the first man to go on record with what he knew about the incident. The story might never have broken without the information he supplied.

What makes the Rendlesham Forest UFO incident so significant among UFO cases? Almost everything. Ground-to-air sightings confirmed by radar; evidence of abduction among some of the men involved; illegal nuclear weaponry; documented physiological changes to organic material in landing zones; burns on the retinas of my co-author's eyes confirmed in his Air Force medical records; beams of light being shot from the craft to the ground, within the Weapons Storage Area and the surroundings; military documents, letters, and paper trail; the testimony of many military and civilian witnesses; memorable, multiple animal reactions to the UFOs; photographic and historic evidence, and the fact that Suffolk, East Anglia, has long been the setting for considerable military weapons development and testing and intelligence activity. The area is also rich in myth, legend, and alleged paranormal activity.

This has been the briefest of treatments of the Bentwaters incident. *Left At East Gate* is almost five hundred pages long, though a good part of the text focuses on the impact that going through such an experience can have on an individual's life after the fact.

Early on Larry and I decided upon a writing strategy, one aspect of which was that we did not want to use pseudonyms for the names of any of the witnesses. We did not presume to tell their stories, but did give the specifics of what we maintained were their relevant interactions and conversations with Larry, or of their being or not being in a certain place at a certain time. We were also careful not betray any confidences they may have shared with Larry. But to 'name names' in print, in this case those of former and still-active United States Air Force personnel, then to cite what you maintain were there roles in or knowledge of

December 1980's chain of events, was to put ourselves very much on the line. The risk however proved to be worth taking.

Our publisher began receiving mail addressed to us not long after we hit the bookstore shelves. Some of these letters (all specifically addressed to Larry) were from men we'd named in the book, men who had now read the book. Of these, not a single one had written to criticize or correct what we'd written about them. They confirmed key points of my co-authors account and offered details and particulars that in some cases were new to us. These letters have remained in Larry's files since. Excerpts from half a dozen of them follow, beginning with Mark Thompson, former 81st Security Police Specialist, D Flight, the same Flight Larry was assigned to. Mark is mentioned on page 141:

Its real, it happened to us, and we will never forget it. Your book brought it all back for me. ... (How) Halt can put it all into a little box is beyond me. He should take at least some responsibility for helping to keep the lid on the thing! Oh sure, he talks about what he saw but what about the hell we went through afterward. Thanks for fighting for us Larry, I'm grateful. Now maybe we can all get a good night sleep.

Steve LaPlume, another former Security Police Specialist assigned to D Flight, named on nine separate pages:

Larry, I asked your publishers to forward this to you. 17 years blew by quick — I tried to forget the UFO, but *Left At East Gate* brought it all back! How can Halt play it down — you were there and so was I. We got debriefed after and some guys like you got f**ked over later for asking too many questions — I remember that Navy guy saying that "Bullets are cheap." The difference between us I guess is that I believed him. ... People died after this for God sake. Maybe they were right when they told us that civilians were not ready for this yet. I will try to get in touch with other witnesses and let them know about *East Gate*.

Greg Battram, former 81st Security Police Specialist, D Flight, name appears on fifteen pages. Witnessed the craft in Capel Green with Larry and was with him the next day when Larry called his mother from a base phone:

I know you were out in that forest cause I saw you out there, and we were all on duty with full PRP. Col. Halt should review the regs on posting. I just wish I knew why those things landed and what they wanted, isn't that the most important question? No light houses and theories from people who don't have a clue. ... I remember that call to the States that you made, then you were gone for a few days. Holy shit. I had no idea. ...

Ed Cavanasc, former 81st Security Police Specialist, C Flight, and witness to the first night's events:

I was out in the forest with Burroughs, Penniston and Dule on the first night. I worked C Flight and remember you from shift changes. I liked your book and learned some things about the base that I only suspected. We got debriefed for hours also! And I know we got injections ... I think now more than ever we were not supposed to remember certain things. ... (mentions the name of an innocent but involved party here) _____ was missing, but he followed us out and we didn't know until later that he was lost or taken. I think they got him back, snapped him out and sent him home, like a lot of other guys. We were ... scared, Burroughs drew his weapon on it and we went blank. Someone was inside that damned thing, you could feel it. The UFO did come back the next two nights so you must have been on D Flight. Rumors? Bullshit. No one was talking. ... But it was not from Earth.

From Adrian Bustinza, former C and D Flight Supervisor. Adrian stood next to Larry in the field that night and is referred to on thirty six pages of *Left At East Gate*. He is also the subject of a separate fifteen page interview:

No one can give us back what we lost over there. All people will do is rip us off and never understand the truth. ... Larry remember "duck and cover" cause your book is gonna set off a lot of powerful people that have a lot to lose if this gets out. I wish I didn't encourage you to go public, none of us knew what we were getting into, but I guess we never really had a choice. God bless and stay safe.

Mike Verrano, then Captain, 81st SPS, referred to on five pages:

I was at the motor pool because no O Level was available that night. I was on call, other command people were busy elsewhere, maybe on sight? I remember the malfunctions with the lightalls very well. Do you recall the vehicle malfunctions? I did drive Williams (Major Gordon Williams, RAF Bentwaters Wing Commander) to an F-16 on the Bentwaters tarmac the AM of the 30th. He had two canisters of 35 mm footage with him, bagged in a T.S. satchel. He told me directly that it was actual footage of the UFOs, etc. on the ground. That film was shot on your night in the forest. ... The film went to USAFE, West Germany that day and I never heard its deposition after that.

There were definitely three nights of UFO incidents. C Flight shift worked the first two nights, D Flight rotated back on the 28th. The log book for the

month and plans and blotters were missing after D Flight's first night after break, I think because the sightings that night involved far too many people to fully contain. C Flight's blotter still exists and the incident involving Burroughs, Penniston, Cavanasac and Dule is noted, I've seen that log entrance. I saw a lot of out of place civilians after the fact on base but we couldn't ask anything. I personally think your underground memory was Black Ops and agree with Halt that you and others were meddled with after the fact. Good luck.

An important though often sensationalized aspect of Larry Warren's account is the existence of a huge underground facility located below the twin base complex. Larry has maintained that on the evening following his involvement, he was chemically subdued, then forcibly taken from in front of his billet and brought to such a facility where for the next one to two days he was held, very much against his will. During this time, he and other eyewitnesses were subjected to a series of procedures that seemed geared to confound or confuse their actual memories with purely implanted ones. Given the scale of such a claim, I continued to work the avenues of investigation open to me, even after we'd gone into print. Two breaks came in quick succession toward the end of our 1997 U.K. book tour.

On June 27, a local friend introduced me to "B," an independent civilian contractor who had been employed for the Air Force for more than twenty years and still held the appropriate security clearances. He and the crews he supervised had worked all over the Bentwaters complex, and occasionally under it. He agreed to an interview but kept it fairly brief. At the time we and two colleagues were sitting in a van parked by the back gate of RAF Bentwaters, now decommissioned. Larry and three other friends were on the inside reconnoitering and watching out for patrol vehicles. We in the van were keeping in touch with them by walkie-talkie.

"B" told me that underground concrete tunnels ring the base just below the surface. Pulley hooks are set in the tunnel every thirty feet to enable hand-pulled trolleys to move through. "B" had been down there a number of times and thought these tunnels connect to the underground bunkers. RAF Bentwaters possessed the largest bomb dump in all of Europe down there. Huge banks of infrared lights as wide as a car were used to maintain the ordinance at a certain temperature (103°F) with multiple backup systems to insure that the temperature would remain at that constant. The fixtures were still in place, as were the huge generators which powered them. "B" also told me that:

(Pointing out the window) "Just literally the far side of that mound where that concrete bomb-proof hanger is, yes? At the far side of that, there's a mound. And that's where that concrete tunnel finishes, bricked up with concrete bricks. At the far side of that mound is what I think is false water tanks, 'cause we tried to release the water and it didn't go. The valves don't work. It's made to look authentic. I think if they move in a mobile (inaudible)

those tanks would actually virtually lift out and underneath them is probably the staircase that goes to the underground bunker.”

Following “B’s” instructions, our team behind the wire radioed in to report that the first manhole cover they'd found into the ‘water pipe’ had been welded shut:

They’ve been welded bloody shut since the (my) last visit, that’s interesting. ... Now why have they decided to weld them all shut, if that’s what they done. Why would you want to do that for a water pipe? That’s interesting, isn’t it? (Indicating toward the base perimeter) they had portable radar units just inside here, missiles, live missiles, right there, ground to air missiles, and it’s the RAF used to man them, not Americans. ... They had four radar sites on here, live missiles — nukes, ... Sharp points, air to ground.

(The manhole covers) go right round the base, literally, round the base. They completely go round the base. I’ve been down ‘em. ... If he keeps trucking in that direction, he’ll come to the substation, now that’s an area of about fifty yards square, underground, where the under-tunnel comes off and that’s a big (inaudible) inspection area. All for water? Your kidding. That (indicating) goes to a reservoir that’s never been used. (In the tunnels) there’s perfect air. There’s not an air problem. We took an air thing (air quality measuring device) down, you know, we done an air test: perfect air. It don’t makes sense mate. They were put in there for water so why bother?

Two days later a close local friend introduced me to George Nursey, at the time a resident of the town of Woodbridge, Suffolk. Seven or eight years earlier he had been employed by the Property Services Agency (PSA), a now-defunct British governmental organization which looked after the upkeep of military and governmental buildings.

G. At the time I was a quantity surveyor, just working for the PSA. Now, why the PSA would have a document such as this, I don’t know. I see architect’s drawings all the time, I’ve moved out of this field now. ... Why they would have a plan such as that, I, you probably know this already but I saw plans showing three tunnels which exist between (RAF) Woodbridge and Bentwaters.

Was this plan physically on the table?

G. Pulled it out of a drawer, not secured, nothing like that. Once again, every base in the country has probably got, you know, the population of the two bases together was probably four and a half thousand people. I saw enough space there to house these people, for a year, all of them. Now, we’re talking tremendous amounts of space, underground. That’s a lot of space. That’s

what I saw. Now, okay, it's a nuclear place. Nothing to hide there, nothing to do with UFOs...

P. Could you tell from the specs, actual measurements, or how far underground, or how large...

G. No. It wasn't a topographical chart at all. It didn't give me depths or anything like that. Just *three tunnels*.

Could you tell from the plans, about the size of the tunnels, how long or how wide?

I'll tell you what, in comparison to the Channel Tunnel, the one that exists between Dover and Calais, we're talking three tunnels of a similar size.

G. The area around here is pretty flat, it's a military and it has been for hundreds and hundreds of years. If you walk, if you go down Friday Street, there's a part of ground that dips. Now that looks like its subsidence from a tunnel that has been bored, years ago. You know where I'm talking about, and if you look, down a line, you can see a dip, and that's a man-made dip. It's as simple as that. And it goes into the base that way, through the fence, you can see it, and that is interesting to me.

When was this that you saw the plan?

I worked for the PSA between '88 and '90. They don't exist anymore, they've been disbanded and that's all private contracting these days.

G. I would like to rent a light aircraft and have a look around from an aerial position to be able to see those dips, because if there are three dips, of subsidence for those three tunnels, then I've got a marker, and I can mark it on an ordinance survey map...

Before retiring from active military service, the late Admiral Lord Peter Hill-Norton served as both Admiral of the Fleet (highest ranking officer in the British Navy), and as MoD Chief of Staff, the equivalent of our Head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Following his retirement he assumed the role of the UK's highest ranking critic of excessive UFO secrecy, especially with regard to the Bentwaters/Woodbridge UFO incident. Lord Hill-Norton continued to serve his country as a member of the House of Lords, and during the October 28 1997 session asked the Secretary for Defence a series of questions* drawn from *Left At East Gate*:

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government: Whether the allegations contained in the recently published book *Left At East Gate*, to the effect that nuclear weapons were stored at RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge in violation of U.K./U.S. treaty obligations are true.

Lord Gilbert: It has always been the policy of this and previous governments neither to confirm nor to deny where nuclear weapons are located either in the U.K. or elsewhere...

Lord Hill-Norton: Whether they are aware of reports from the United States Air Force personnel that nuclear weapons stored in the Weapons Storage Area at RAF Woodbridge were struck by beams of light fired from an unidentified craft seen over the base in the period 25-30 December 1980, and if so, what action was subsequently taken.

Lord Gilbert: There is no evidence to suggest that the Ministry of Defence received any such reports.

Lord Hill-Norton: What information they have on the suicide of the United States Security Policeman from the 81st Security Police Squadron who took his life at RAF Bentwaters in January 1981, and whether they will detail the involvement of the British Police, Coroner's office, and also other authorities concerned.

Lord Gilbert: MoD has no information concerning the alleged suicide. Investigations into such occurrences are carried out by the U.S. Air Force.

Lord Hill-Norton: What information they have on the medical problems experienced by various United States Air Force personnel based at RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge, which stemmed from their involvement in the so-called Rendlesham Forest incident, in December 1980.

Lord Gilbert: Information on medical matters relating to U.S. personnel is a matter for the U.S. Air Force...

In late January 1998 I was contacted by Lori Rehfeldt, recently retired from the Air Force after twenty years service. She had been stationed at RAF Bentwaters from May 1978 until December 1980. One of only a small handful of women attached to the 81st Security Police at the time, Lori worked as a gate guard at Bentwaters and occasionally drove patrol at either of the bases. She had missed the Bentwaters incident by a matter of weeks but had had her own ten months prior:

In February of 1980, I was on patrol — Police Four, D Flight, with a fellow Security Police member. It was about 0200 hours in the morning when out of a dark sky, we saw a bright light that moved up, then down then right then left. The movements were very deliberate. Then it burst into four pieces and disappeared. The aircraft's movements were nothing I'd seen, and because it was night the only other strange trait was *no sound*. I knew the sound of

fighter aircraft which was so loud the noise could blow out windows at East Gate.

I reported what I saw over my Motorola radio to police control at Bentwaters, when I was instructed to go to the air tower and check to see if they saw anything. The attitude from the desk sergeant voice over the radio was, "Rehfeldt's losing her mind, now she's seeing UFOs." We went to the tower and the guy in the tower looked like he just woke up. He reported nothing. It was now day break, and with the negative attitude from the desk sergeant, well, I didn't need the added aggravation. Remember, I was trying to survive my time there and didn't want to be snapped, so I dropped the entire issue. It wasn't till almost twenty years later I read on the Web about the sighting of December 27-28, 1980.

In late January 1998 I received a call from Timothy Egercic, another D Flight alumnus. We spoke for about an hour. Two weeks later I received a letter delineating his personal involvement in the incident. Tim had been stationed at RAF Bentwaters from March 1979 until March 1981 as a Security Policeman for the 81st Security Police:

It was around Christmas 1980 and we, D Flight, were finishing up our last swing shift (3 p.m.–11 p.m.) when a Woodbridge Patrol called in a report of strange lights outside of the base. We went off duty and turned over the report of the strange lights outside of Woodbridge to C Flight... Upon coming to work the next night to start our three mid shifts (11 p.m.–7 a.m.), we asked Bob Ball during guardmount (a briefing fifteen minutes before going out to post) if C Flight had seen the strange lights also. The answer we were given was "no."

For the next three nights, between midnight and 2 a.m., our Woodbridge patrols reported strange lights over Rendlesham Forest... During the last night of the UFO sightings, a person from Communications was let into the WSA to observe the lights from the tower in the area. I was asked by our area supervisor if I wanted relief to go to the tower also. I declined. The radio transmissions from witnesses were more than the three previous nights so I didn't want to miss anything. I remember repeating the transmissions from witnesses over the air so our troops at Bentwaters could hear what was being seen by our Woodbridge personnel. The WSA tower operator that night was either Rick Bobo or Dennis Karnatz. He informed me he could see two to three, maybe more lights dancing in the sky atop the tree line towards Woodbridge base. Late in the shift, Bob Sliwowski, a friend and co-worker and I were so desperate to see something, we stood on sandbags surrounding the Alarm Monitor building and looked upwards. We both

thought we saw something at the same time, but it was only a building structure light in our own area.

As the end of our shift neared on that last night of the sightings, so did the radio transmissions reporting lights in the sky.

When we returned to work from break three days later, we learned no other flights reported any strange lights. It was then I believe, Bob Ball said at guardmount, "I can't tell you what we saw, but there was definitely something out there." Rumors quickly circulated about the impressions in the ground that formed a perfect triangle and about someone taking radioactivity readings on these impressions.

More than ten years later, I received a call from Dock Rhodes, a former D Flight L.E. (Law Enforcement personnel) and a good friend from Mississippi I hadn't heard from in several years. He called to say he saw previews to *Unsolved Mysteries* and wanted to alert me that the show was going to be about the UFO incident that occurred while we were stationed at RAF Bentwaters. ... Testing my own memory hours before the *Unsolved Mysteries* episode, I told some friends and fellow employees this exact information:

- The UFO sightings occurred on consecutive nights around Christmas, 1980.
- Bob Ball was the Flight Chief and went into the forest with other Air Force personnel where the strange lights were seen.
- Three impressions in the ground were found and formed a perfect triangle.
- Someone was sent to take radioactivity readings of the impressions.

All of these facts were mentioned on the episode.

In September 1997, a good friend and former Bentwaters D Flight Security Policeman, Bob Kozminski gave me the book *Left At East Gate*. He purchased the book after hearing a radio talk show with Robbins and Warren as the guests.

In October 1997 I read a sixteen page interview in the book with Adrian Bustinza, another former Bentwaters Security Policeman. I tracked him down using the Internet and called him at his home in _____. Adrian backed up most of Larry Warren's claims during our ninety minute conversation including the part of the landing and the surrounding of the craft by himself and other Air Force personnel. He also recounted the debriefing of the witnesses where they were told "bullets are cheap."

Another Bentwaters veteran e-mailed me in June 1999. He had been stationed there between 1971 and 1974 and had written to let us know that he'd been a witness to two UFO incidents while on duty there:

The first one occurred while I was working a midnight shift in the fighter alert area. This area had F-4 Phantoms that were loaded with nukes ready to take off at a moments notice. The area was situated near the end of the main runway. At about 3 a.m. I noticed what appeared to be a large landing light hovering over the end of the runway. I thought it was just a plane landing and did not pay that much attention to it. A few minutes later I saw the base fire/rescue trucks respond to the end of the runway with their emergency lights on. When they arrived at the end of the runway they turned their spotlights on the hovering light. The light appeared to be about a hundred feet in diameter and was not moving. That is when I realized it wasn't a plane landing. The object never moved while the emergency crews were shining their spotlights on it. After about 5 minutes the light suddenly vanished like someone pulled a switch. There was no sound except for the emergency trucks engines. The crews continued to shine their spot lights into the darkness for about ten more minutes and then finally returned to their hangar. Nothing was ever said about the incident the next day. This occurred in 1973.

The second incident occurred just at dusk in 1974. I was working in the nuke storage facility at the main radio station when one of the border guards radioed that there was a strange light in the sky. I went outside and saw what appeared to be the North Star but then suddenly it drew smaller and disappeared. A minute later the object reappeared in another area of the sky. At this time two F-4 fighters took off from our base and headed directly for the object with afterburners on. As they approached this light in the sky it became smaller and disappeared only to reappear in another part of the sky. As the fighters changed course and headed into the area of the light it would disappear again and reappear somewhere else as if it was playing with the fighters. This lasted about 30 minutes when it finally disappeared and didn't come back. The fighters stayed up another 30 minutes patrolling the skies before eventually returning to base. There was approx: 20 eye witnesses to this because it was shift change. Again nothing official was said about the incident. I was not surprised to hear about what happened at RAF Bentwaters/Woodbridge in 1980. This is the first time I've ever wrote about this.

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The Ministry of Defense's first major information update on the events of 1980 occurred in the summer 2000 when they released several dozen documents related to the incident. While these papers did not contain a 'smoking gun,' they did generate renewed interest in the case and underscored the official government and military interest that many of us had suspected.

In December 2002, the Ministry released more than one hundred and fifty pages of event-related letters, reports, public inquiries and Parliamentary correspondence. As had been the case two years earlier, none of these pages represented a smoking gun, but they continue to generate some interesting smoke. One document discusses the increased background radiation now associated with a landing zone, another acknowledges the fact that certain nearby radar stations had switched their systems off when the "unexplained lights" were in the area. We also learned that their logs revealed no entry on the radar anomalies which other stations had recorded, and that both British and American military officers were very interested in getting hold of copies of Colonel Halt's audio recording.

With the release of these documents this twenty-two year old news story was news again, and the subject of headlines and coverage all around the U.K. and beyond, including a feature article in the *New York Times*. An indirect result of this coverage was being asked to be the Bentwaters incident guest on the *The O'Reilly Factor* — three weeks later in London, I was. The segment runs about six minutes and will be screened at the UFO Crash Retrieval conference.

I wanted to conclude this presentation with some thoughts from another investigator, though one not known for his involvement in this case. Budd Hopkins is arguably the best known and most highly regarded ufologist in the world today. And while he has done more than anyone to build and advance the field of alien abduction research, circumstances have put him in a unique position to comment on Larry Warren's veracity, and on his involvement in the Bentwaters/Woodbridge UFO incident.

Budd and Larry first met more than twenty years ago at a MUFON conference in June 1983. Both were scheduled to speak, Larry for the first time. Budd's presentation on the missing time phenomenon bothered Larry a great deal, and that afternoon he told Budd about a very unusual experience he had had with his mother in upstate New York almost ten years later. He also gave Budd his mother's phone number should Budd wish to speak with her about it. The two met again in September 1984 at a conference in Brewster New York. In early December Budd spoke at length with Joann Warren about her seeming abduction related memories.

June of 1986 again found Hopkins and Warren again speaking at the Massachusetts MUFON conference. In July 1987 both were featured speakers at the annual national MUFON conference, that year held at American University in Washington. In February 1988, I arranged for both to speak before the physicians, therapists, and invited guests of a private scientific college in Princeton, New Jersey. For the next half a dozen years or so, Larry would occasionally attend support groups in Budd's home, and being fortunate

enough to have Budd as a friend and colleague, I kept him updated on the book's development as well as my take on Larry. My point here is that the two have a relationship going back to Larry's first going public more than twenty years ago.

Nonetheless, it was still with some surprise that I took Larry's call in early July 1995. He had continued to be troubled by partial memories of the time he had spent in the underground facility, so much so that he asked me to find out if Budd might be able to schedule an hypnotic regression with him, and soon. A session was arranged for the 15th, during which I sat and watched in silence as Budd brought Larry back to the night following his Air Force UFO incident. While there did not seem to be any aliens in the underground facility, Larry did encounter some of the men who had also been witness to the previous nights' events. It was a session I will not soon forget and it left quite an impression on Budd as well.

This past summer, a film crew from Teamwork Productions, a Philadelphia-based documentary film production company, spent an afternoon with Budd in his studio. They were shooting footage for a proposed non-fiction series tentatively titled *UFO Cover-ups*. While the questions posed were primarily aimed at his abduction work, the producer asking them had recently read *Left At East Gate* and asked Budd if they might do a separate segment on his thoughts about the incident in general and Larry Warren's participation in particular. Budd was glad to oblige, and in doing so has given us an unbiased and thoughtful note to close on. Its screening here today marks the first time it has been shown anywhere, outside of the editing room. My thanks go to Teamwork Productions and to Budd Hopkins for allowing us to be its first audience.

This new and previously unpublished information hardly resolves the world-class mystery known at the Bentwaters/Woodbridge UFO Incident. It does however add to the body of case knowledge in several important respects, including detailed and often poignant observations from a number of the men who were caught up in this storm. Larry and I both hope that this presentation, like *Left At East Gate*, will encourage some of the remaining individuals involved to come forward and put their accounts on the public record. For those who have already had the courage to come forward, thank you. I am confident that more particulars on these collective incidents will emerge as time passes. In any case, another Bentwaters/Woodbridge UFO Incident update will be scheduled accordingly.

* These questions appeared in the *Parliamentary Daily Record* for 28 October 1997; Written Answers 232, "RAF Bentwaters and Woodbridge: Nuclear Weapons Allegations."

UFO Crash Retrievals: U.S. Government Policy of Denial in the Interest of National Security

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I would like to begin today with a statement by former New Mexico State Representative Jon Andrew Kissner, written in 1994 after years of private interviews with employees at White Sand Proving Ground, the Naval Research Laboratory, the old Atomic Energy Commission labs, former military officers, private defense contractors and Office of Naval Research about aerial discs that crashed in the Roswell and White Sands region in 1947. Rep. Kissner also shared his information with New Mexico Congressman Steve Schiff.

SLIDE #1: Cong. Steve Schiff (R), Albuquerque, NM 1st Congressional District

Congressman Schiff in 1993 had asked the Government Accounting Office (GAO) to investigate the alleged July 1947 Roswell UFO crash. Cong. Schiff died on March 25, 1998, at age 51, after a long battle with skin cancer.

SLIDE #2: GAO Report, July 1995

United States General Accounting Office: "Government Records: Results of a Search for Records Concerning the 1947 Crash Near Roswell, New Mexico"

After his death, *The Washington Post* and Associated Press wrote: "Congressman Schiff gained headlines in 1993, reopening a federal investigation into the so-called Roswell Incident, in which extraterrestrial beings were purported to have crashed northwest of Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947. Rep. Schiff asked the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm, to seek Air Force documents relating to the incident. The Air Force said a secret high-tech spy balloon crashed, not an alien spacecraft." Later even the Air Force contradicted its own explanation.

SLIDE #3: USAF Report Cover, *The Roswell Report: Case Closed*

In July 1994, the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force concluded an exhaustive search for records in response to a General Accounting Office (GAO) inquiry of an event popularly known as the "Roswell Incident." The focus of the GAO probe, initiated at the request of a member of Congress, was to determine if the U.S. Air Force, or any other U.S. government agency,

possessed information on the alleged crash and recovery of an extraterrestrial vehicle and its alien occupants near Roswell, N.M. in July 1947.

The Defense Department did not, or would not, provide Cong. Schiff 1947 documents from the Roswell Army Air Field. The excuse was that messages sent from the Roswell base in 1947 had somehow been destroyed without authorization. That DOD reply so angered Cong. Schiff that he held a special press conference to express his frustration.

Schiff told reporters: "The GAO report states that the outgoing messages from Roswell Army Air Field (RAAF) for this period of time were destroyed without proper authority." Schiff pointed out that these messages would have shown how military officials in Roswell were explaining to their superiors exactly what happened.

Congressman Schiff said: "It is my understanding that these outgoing messages were permanent records, which should never have been destroyed. The GAO could not identify who destroyed the messages, or why." Schiff said the GAO thought the messages were destroyed over 40 years ago, making further inquiry about their destruction impractical.

Schiff also added, "At least this effort caused the Air Force to acknowledge that the crashed vehicle was *no* weather balloon. That explanation never fit the fact of high military security used at the time."

SLIDE #4: USAF Paragraph stating weather balloon: was cover-up for Top Secret program.

The Roswell Report: Case Closed by Headquarters United States Air Force, 1994.

Today I have information from New Mexico State Rep. Andy Kissner to share about why the Truman Administration allegedly authorized a classified Executive Order and extension of the War Powers Act that would enforce a strict cover-up of all matters related to an extraterrestrial presence on this planet from 1947 to this day. For several years, one of Andy Kissner's most important sources was a high ranking officer at White Sands Proving Ground who died in 1998.

What are Rep. Kissner's bottom line reasons for why the U.S. government has lied and misinformed for more than half a century?

- Government insiders with the need-to-know realized they were challenged by non-terrestrial advanced technologies;
- government insiders saw on radar and photographs advanced aerial devices that could easily keep pace with our rapidly moving V-2 rockets and all other human-made aerial vehicles;
- government insiders were shocked that an advanced beam technology can lift up and lower animals and people;
- that government insiders concluded at least one non-human agenda is harvesting genetic material from animals and people transported by that beam technology;

- and government insiders learned that the non-human intelligence has, and will, retaliate if attacked.

SLIDE #5: Las Cruces Sun-News: May 16, 1947

V-2 Goes Astray, Lands in Six Miles of Alamogordo

Here is a statement written in 1994 by Former New Mexico State Rep. J. Andrew Kissner, from Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, in his unpublished manuscript entitled *Peculiar Phenomenon – Early United States Efforts to Collect and Analyze Flying Discs*, based on his discussions with White Sands Proving Ground and Naval Research Lab employees.

At 4:11 p.m., Mountain Standard Time, Thursday, May 15, 1947, above the Tularosa Basin in south central New Mexico, the most highly classified episode in American military history began – a series of events, decisions and actions that ultimately resulted in the crash and recovery of at least two, probably three and possibly four, extraterrestrial ‘flying discs.’ This was accomplished by deliberate antiaircraft artillery fire and/or use of surface-to-air missiles by units of the U.S. Army National Antiaircraft Artillery School at Ft. Bliss, Texas and/or U.S. Army Air Force fighters based at Alamogordo Army Air Field at Alamogordo, New Mexico. The well-publicized ‘Roswell’ (Corona), New Mexico flying disc was one of these.

Historical research suggests, however, something even more controversial than the ‘shoot downs.’ The U.S. Army’s actions either caused, or were a response to, offensive overt acts initiated by flying discs themselves. Even though unproved, it appears that flying discs might have been a contributing factor in the deaths of over six hundred military personnel and civilians in 1947 – over a two month period from May 9 to July 31. Whatever flying discs were, or are, they were not, and are not, defenseless. Their ‘special weapons’ were, and even now are, unconventional. Flying discs were immediately defined by the U.S. military in 1947 as an ‘enemy weapons system.’

A T-Force assigned to secure flying disc crash sites and collect debris.

[David Devorkin described the T-Force in his 1992 book, *Science With A Vengeance*. The T-Force was a specialized, often inter-service, U. S. military unit assigned a mission to take, hold and defend a specialized enemy facility or specific piece of enemy equipment possessing high scientific or technical value as defined by Office of Scientific Research & Development and the Joint Chiefs of Staff during W. W. II.]

SLIDE #6: Vannevar Bush and Forrestal

Dr. Vannevar Bush shaking hands with first Secretary of Defense, James Forrestal, after Dr. Bush was sworn in as Chairman of the Research and Development Board on September 30, 1947. From: *The Forrestal Diaries* © 1951 edited by Walter Millis.

Once collected, discs were processed and analyzed for Dr. Vannevar Bush, Chairman of the JCS's JRDB and Director of OSRD, in cooperation with the Atomic Energy Commission's Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory and its Z Division at Sandia Base. Military support was provided by the Air Material Command and personnel stationed at the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project at Sandia Base, Albuquerque. Further analytical effort was provided by the staff members of the Department of Terrestrial Magnetism (DTM) at the Carnegie Institution in Washington, D. C., and by Dr. Detlev Bronk, Chief, Division of Aviation Medicine, JRDB. Personnel selected from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Brookhaven National Laboratory, the RAND Corporation, the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics (NACA) and the Rockefeller Institute, appear to have played major roles in the months immediately following the 1947 crashes.

It also appears likely that custody of flying discs was permanently vested in civilian authorities by classified Presidential Executive Order in July 1948. The relevant civilian authority was the Atomic Energy Commission and its national laboratories with participation of the Department of Defense's Air Force Systems Command, the Naval Research Laboratory and the Research and Development Board (RDB) of the Secretary of Defense, established in late July 1947. The Research and Development Board coordinated all scientific inquiry. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff provided military support. The National Security Council (NSC), newly formed in August 1947, served as overall program coordinator.

It should be noted that within these major institutions, the investigations and retrieval operations of 'flying discs' were and are classified in 'compartments' that are very small. It is not the entire institution that has knowledge. Rather it is only specialized components within much larger complexes that have need-to-know access about the non-human presence.

The May 15, 1947, incident has remained a special access, compartmentalized experience for the past 57 years with few, even in the relevant contemporary government, aware of how it all began.

SLIDE #7: V-2 Rocket Launcher, 1947; White Sands Proving Ground, NM

The V-2 research program moved fairly quickly, with flights scheduled at the White Sands Proving Ground, New Mexico. The first static engine test firing of a German V-2 on U.S. soil occurred on March 14, 1946. The missile used for this engine test became the first German V-2 launched in the U.S. on April 16, 1946. The U.S. V-2 series of launches concluded in 1952. Some of the launches employed V-2 missiles equipped with scientific instrumentation designed to study the upper atmosphere. These types of V-2 launches were managed by the V-2 Upper Atmosphere Research Panel, which was established in January, 1947 and evolved into the Upper Atmosphere Rocket Research Panel in March, 1948. Source: *Encyclopedia Astronautica* (www.astronautix.com/sites/whislc33.htm)

In the history of the V-2 rocket program, an internet archive called *Encyclopedia Astronautica* states: "1947 May 15 V-2 Flight Launched 16:04 local time. Reached 135.5 km. Carried cosmic and solar radiation, temperature, ionosphere, photo experiments for Naval Research Lab. Landed east of the impact zone on the outskirts of Alamogordo, New Mexico."

But what actually happened during that May 15, 1947, V-2 rocket launch? State Representative Andrew Kissner learned from his confidential sources that the facts remain classified and off limits to public and media to this day.

SLIDE #8: Newspaper Headline, May 22, 1947: *Las Cruces Sun-News*

'Peculiar Phenomena' Is Blamed as V-2 Rocket Goes Astray

There is a clue in a 1947 statement given by Lt. Col. Harold Turner of the U.S. Army/Ordnance and White Sands Proving Ground Commander:

Lt. Col. Harold R. Turner, White Sands Proving Ground commanding officer, blamed "peculiar phenomena" for the erratic test flight of a German V-2 rocket which landed only six miles east of Alamogordo" on May 15.

How was the "peculiar phenomena" described? Andrew Kissner says it was: "A radar target that instantaneously appeared next to the ascending V-2 missile" and immediately the V-2 rocket changed course. Andrew Kissner says his White Sands military officer source saw a photograph of a flying disc taken from a camera aimed through a V-2 rocket window.

What was the "peculiar phenomena" linked to? It was considered the cause for the V-2 rocket at White Sands Proving Ground on May 15, 1947, to "change course, taking a northeasterly track, one that brought the rocket crashing to earth two minutes later only six

miles east and slightly north of the community of Alamogordo, New Mexico – 40 degrees off the V-2's projected flight path.”

New Mexico State Representative Andrew Kissner also wrote after his personal interview with the Army officer at White Sands Proving Ground:

Whatever had mysteriously appeared and vanished after observing a V-2 in flight in close proximity to the rocket, it apparently affected the rocket's trajectory. That event became an immediate priority within a very small, closed circle of highly ranked general staff officers and civilian scientists assigned to the Joint Research and Development Board (JRDB) of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) under whose authority weapons test ranges were established and operated and chaired by Dr. Vannevar Bush.

The 'peculiar phenomenon' object was defined as *hostile* in that it appeared to have affected the V-2 rocket's trajectory. It was by every definition an advanced foreign weapons system. Effort would be expended to guard against further intrusions, and high priority was assigned to collect a *specimen* of the technology for further analysis, covertly if possible.

That phrase, “High priority assigned to collect a specimen of the technology,” meant the creation of covert American government units to bring down the unidentified flying object that could pace ascending V-2 rockets and cause them to veer off course. Those retrieval units operated under Projects Moon Dust and Pounce which were assigned security of air space over White Sands Proving Ground. One of their classified missions was to aggressively bring down the advanced discs for study and potentially back-engineering.

I was first exposed to the idea that the American government might have aggressively gone after flying discs when I talked with UFO crash retrieval researcher and author, Leonard Stringfield, in the early 1980s. He told me he had personal knowledge about U. S. Air Force orders to shoot down foreign aerial discs at the end of the 1940s. But, he said, “we lost so many of our own airplanes that the order was rescinded in the early 1950s.”

Alien Retaliation to U. S. Attacks on Discs?

SLIDE #9: 22-millimeter canon

Did the United States deliberately use weapons to bring down one or more foreign discs?

A 'yes' answer to that question was related to Andy Kissner by a good friend who had previously worked for the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL).

AUDIO EXCERPT # 1 (1:00)

Andrew Kissner: "Back in the mid-1960s (while working at the NRL), he had been taken to a facility somewhere in the state of New Mexico that was underground. There was a warehouse and a flying disc inside the warehouse, inside this bunker. He noted visually and was told verbally by the briefing officer that this was one of several flying discs shot down at Roswell in 1947.

"What he observed and was told is that it was shot down with either 20 or 40 millimeter canon fire and he observed on the flying disc penetrations of the skin and exit holes through the top of the flying disc. He was told it was the product of 20 or 40 millimeter canon fire."

SLIDE #9-A: 1945 Supersonic Test Vehicle; Surface-to-Air Missile; Project Bumblebee

Original full-scale replica of the Supersonic Test Vehicle called Bumblebee, or the "Flying Stovepipe," which made a demonstration flight on October 16, 1945, at Island Beach, New Jersey, and reached speed of 1,400 mph. Produced by Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory.

According to history written by the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, "in July 1944, the Navy's Bureau of Ordnance requested Section T of the Office of Scientific Research and Development (OSRD) to study anti-aircraft missiles to counteract the Japanese Ohka piloted bombs and other suicide weapons sent against the U.S. in the Pacific. The requirement was for a missile to shoot down a plane at a range of 20,000 yards at an altitude of 30,000 feet."

Four months later by November 1944, the Navy's Bureau of Ordnance assigned the Applied Physics Laboratory of the Johns Hopkins University in Silver Spring, Maryland, to undertake the development of radar-guided surface-to-air missiles. This project became known as Bumblebee which produced several ramjet-powered missiles which evolved from the 1945 STV to the 1951 Terrier to the 1958 Talos.

SLIDE #10: Las Cruces Sun-News, June 1, 1947

Round-the-World Series of Plane Wrecks Kills 180

Rep. Andy Kissner studied newspaper archives and came to the startling conclusion that "it does not appear that flying discs were passive actors in 1947.

Between May 9 and July 31, more than 600 military and civilian airplanes crashed worldwide."

SLIDE #11: Arizona Republic, June 18, 1947

Airplane Crash Board Convenes

President Truman's special board of inquiry held a secret session today seeking means to prevent air crashes such as have taken 146 lives on commercial air lines since May 29, 1947.

The peak seemed to come after the famous May 29, 1947 "Juarez, Mexico" explosions which were reported as another V-2 rocket veering 180 degrees off course.

SLIDE #12: El Paso Times, May 30, 1947

V-2 Rocket, Off Course, Falls Near Juarez
38 Lose Lives In Worst Plane Crash In U. S.

But the truth was, Kissner says, that May 29, 1947 event, was the American military's *first test of a surface-to-air missile strike against an unidentified radar object.*

The morning of May 29th, Lt. Col. Harold R. Turner, White Sands Proving Ground commanding officer, was planning a SECRET V-2 rocket launch. But problems kept delaying lift-off.

Andy Kissner says:

At 7:15 p.m. MST, on May 29, 1947, it is believed that at least one Wasserfall surface-to-air missile, complete with a 674-pound high explosive warhead, was fired at one or more radar targets hovering to the southwest of WSPG Launch Row. At approximately 7:20 p.m., at an altitude above 60,000 feet, the proximity fuse on the warhead detonated ten miles north and slightly west of Mt. Franklin.

The explosion was witnessed by Major General John L. Homer, Commander of Ft. Bliss from 1946 to 1950. The *El Paso Times* reported the next day on May 30, 1947, that the first explosion occurred more than ten minutes before a second explosion at least 25 miles further south. General Homer dispatched troops to look for missile wreckage and to investigate the first crash site ten to fifteen miles northwest of Ft. Bliss towards WSPG.

The surface-to-air missile's mysterious target, possibly crippled by the explosion, continued to fly in airspace north of Ft. Bliss, eventually impacting within one mile of the new Buena Vista Airport only six miles south of downtown Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, at 7:32 p.m. Local residents described "a blinding flash of light" followed by a tremendous pressure wave and the appearance of a mushroom cloud. The concussion of the blast was sufficient

to crack windows six miles north of the crash site, while an electric clock stopped at the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, apparently due to the blast effect.

Whatever the mysterious radar object had been was not apparent – it was totally vaporized by the explosion. Small shreds of 'burned, gray metal fused with molten sand and rock,' were found near a 50 feet by 50 feet by 24-foot-deep crater outside Juarez, Mexico. There was no V-2 rocket body at the bottom of the crater hole — nor anything else. (*The El Paso Times*, May 30, 1947) It was never learned what the security detail dispatched by General Homer found at the site of the first explosion on the west side of the Franklin Mountains east of Anthony, New Mexico – twelve minutes *before* the explosion in Juarez, Mexico.

An effective cover story was immediately provided to the press that another V-2 launched from White Sands Proving Ground had gone astray, experienced a total gyroscope failure, flew 180 degrees off course and crashed in Mexico.

The entire Juarez Garrison's rocket recovery efforts resulted in a small pile of debris that fit on top of a desk. There was no explanation why the launched missile vaporized.

That missile, according to Rep. Kissner, was actually a SECRET surface-to-air rocket attack on one or more unidentified radar targets.

Another mysterious and important visual detail was provided by the editor of the *Las Cruces Sun-News* who watched the May 29, 1947, launch and said there were two "first magnitude stars" near the missile before it headed down out of the daylight sky to crash.

SLIDE #13: Graphic

Total Reported Airplane Accidents, May 9 to July 31, 1947
(Biggest spike from May 29, 1947, for 72 hours after Juarez Incident)

Andrew Kissner reports that within 72 hours of the "Juarez Incident," twenty-nine airplanes crashed around the world killing 198 people. The worst disaster was near La Guardia Airport in New York where a United Airlines plane took off, crashed and burned, killing all 38 people aboard. While government Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) investigators were returning from the La Guardia crash, an Eastern Airlines CD-4 went nose down and crashed, killing everyone aboard.

According to an eyewitness of the second crash, "I saw the plane in a steep glide and several gleaming things, like metal, fell away from the plane as it hurtled down." Were those

“gleaming things” more of the “unusual phenomena” that appeared on radar along side V-2 rocket launches?

More than one pilot who survived airplane crashes in 1947 said their airplane was at high takeoff speed going down the runway, but there was no lift at all under the wings.

SLIDE #14: Arizona Republic, June 16, 1947

Aviation Inquiry Ordered

June 15, 1947, Washington — “President Truman — acting to end the wave of death-dealing airline disasters across the nation — appointed a special board of inquiry today to make a sweeping investigation of American air safety.”

By June 15, 1947, President Harry S. Truman ordered a special board of inquiry to investigate American air safety. Among his appointees was Dr. Jerome C. Hunsaker, Chairman of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NASA) — and also on the TOP SECRET Majestic-12 list advising President Truman on the extraterrestrial presence.

SLIDE #15: Linda Moulton Howe, working on 1983 HBO Documentary

In 1983, I was working on a Home Box Office TV special called, *UFOs: The E. T. Factor*. On April 9th, I had a meeting at Kirtland Air Force Base's Office of Special Investigations in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with an AFOSI Special Agent named Richard Doty. Agent Doty showed me an alleged briefing paper for the President of the United States about “unidentified aerial vehicles” and entities. One of the pages contained a list of locations where American military and intelligence units had retrieved aerial vehicles described as “extraterrestrial,” along with humanoid bodies — both dead and alive. In addition to the well known name Roswell, other sites on the crash retrieval list included Magdalena near the Plains of San Augustin; Kingman, Arizona; northern Mexico south of Laredo, Texas; and Aztec, New Mexico.

SLIDE #16: UFO CRASH AT AZTEC – A WELL KEPT SECRET

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In 1986, William S. Steinman and Wendelle C. Stevens wrote a book entitled: *UFO Crash At Aztec - A Well Kept Secret*. The front cover photograph is familiar to those of us who...

SLIDE #17: Hart Canyon Mesa on cloudy day

Field trip to Aztec crash site in Hart Canyon twelve miles northeast of Aztec during the March 22-24, 2002, Aztec UFO Conference in Aztec, New

Mexico. This is the mesa upon which the 99-foot-diameter silver disk was supposed to have impacted on or around March 16, 1948. Photograph © 2002 by Linda Moulton Howe.

... have made the trek to Hart Canyon about twelve miles northeast of Aztec, New Mexico, where a 99-foot-diameter silver-colored lens-shaped craft was allegedly found on top of the mesa in a spot where even the rocks had been sheared off, apparently by the force of the craft's impact.

SLIDE #18: Aztec UFO Conference Speakers, Alleged Disc Crash Site, Hart Canyon

Grey plaque on stand marks the alleged location where the large, silver disk came to rest on the mesa above Hart Canyon, possibly on the night of March 16, 1948. Left to right: Karl Pflock, Jim Marrs, Stanton Friedman, Linda Moulton Howe, Scott Ramsey and Stan Gordon. Photograph © 2002 by Linda Moulton Howe.

Here's a group of us at the alleged landing site in March 2002 at a conference. We're standing around a plaque on a stand that was erected where eyewitnesses said the disk was when they got there. Some of those eyewitnesses were policemen from Aztec and Cuba, according to their surviving families today. The investigator who found those families is businessman Scott Ramsey, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Express Wire Services in Charlotte, North Carolina. He's standing between me and Stan Gordon on the right in this group photograph.

Scott Ramsey's curiosity was provoked by tantalizing details in the Bill Steinman book, combined with a reference in Frank Scully's 1950 book, *Behind the Flying Saucers*. Scully talked about the early detection of an aerial disc by Top Secret radar bases in New Mexico — a disc that allegedly was tracked by radar down through the atmosphere to Aztec, New Mexico.

At the same time, Rep. Kissner was doing an official New Mexico historical research project trying to find pre-Cold War artifacts — meaning secret bases to put on the New Mexico historical landmark list. So Andy's and Scott's research efforts came together to find out whether top secret radar bases had existed in New Mexico as Scully described.

Another question the two men wanted to answer: Was there really a crashed disc near Aztec? To help get more military facts, Andrew Kissner, in his official state legislator position, arranged to travel with Scott to Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Alabama, to start looking for anything that had to do with the Cold War and might also relate to the U. S. government's TOP SECRET efforts to track discs in the skies.

Eventually, Scott and Andy confirmed that three powerful radar sites had been built in a triangular configuration to protect the super secret Los Alamos Laboratory which had built the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the end of World War II.

SLIDE #19: Map of radar sites

A triangle of sensitive geographic areas and three secret experimental microwave radar stations. Construction on the three secret experimental microwave radar stations began in late 1947. The primary one near Los Alamos was first called Los Alamos Radar Base (AFS-P8). Later its name changed in the 1950s to Tierra Amarilla and by 1957 had been renamed a third time as El Vado Radar Base. The other two were Moriarty (AFS-P7) northeast of Albuquerque, and Continental Divide (AFS-P51) a bit east of Gallup. The three radar stations were part of the U.S. Aircraft Control and Warning (AC&W) system that also became known as LASHUP.

Los Alamos was a good place to test the new, powerful radar because the Manhattan Project lab had a restricted air space. That was important because it was clear to the Defense Department that *any* metallic object that flew through that trio of radar sites when they were fired up would not come out of those strong microwaves without damage — ours, or someone else's.

The three classified radar sites became operational in 1948, but no one in the public and media knew anything about them until the February 2000 New Mexico legislature was in session. El Vado is the only secret radar base in New Mexico that survived with buildings and other structures intact. So, Representative Kissner was successful in having that once-secret experimental microwave radar station north of Los Alamos added to the New Mexico State Historical Register. The importance of the El Vado radar site is underscored by the fact that its construction was specifically authorized by President Harry Truman himself. One of El Vado's specific missions was to protect the Los Alamos Laboratory and the Atomic Energy Commission's Sandia Base in Albuquerque. Both were involved with atomic bomb production.

El Vado officially functioned in secret from 1948 to 1958 and was also known as Tierra Amarilla Air Force Station-P8. The other two radar sites were Moriarty (AFS-P7) east of Albuquerque, and Continental Divide (AFS-P51) a bit east of Gallup. Those three radar sites became part of the American Aircraft Control and Warning system known as AC&W which expanded to 411 radar sites throughout the United States and eventually evolved into NORAD, the North American Air Space Defense Command. AC&W also became known as LASHUP.

SLIDE #20: LASHUP Map, 1948-1952

Here is a historic map of the LASHUP program and its Aircraft Control and Warning radar stations provided to Representative Andrew Kissner by the Air Force Historical Research Agency at Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama.

SLIDE #21: Hart Canyon Mesa

During Scott Ramsey's research about the three classified radar bases, he looked for evidence that a disc crashed near Aztec. Eventually he was lead to families of two Aztec and Cuba, New Mexico, police officers, who told their families about the UFO disc each saw in Hart Canyon. The year given was 1948.

Now, for the first time on the record, Scott Ramsey has told me what the policemen said they saw on the Hart Canyon mesa during a night in 1948 — probably March.

AUDIO EXCERPT # 2 (2:35)

Scott Ramsey: "He (Police Officer) finally said to the family — 'That actually did happen. I was one of the police officers at the crash site that day.' Going back to the family members, they remember him saying, 'I was one of the police officers at the scene.' Apparently, though, there were three involved. The one I will mention — and that was Andy Andrews — he was probably in his 50s back at the time of the Aztec incident. We don't really pinpoint him at the crash site, although he may have been with the Cuba police officer going up Highway 44 the night of the alleged crash.

WHAT EXACTLY DID THEY DESCRIBE?

Large saucer-shaped object, no visible markings, no seams, rivets, weld marks. Perfectly smooth. More pewter in color. Going back to Ken Farley and Doug Nolan and the two police officers and going back and retrieving the testimonies from the families, they kept using the words, 'Looked like it had been molded absolutely perfectly. No seams.' Very smooth, pewter in color, sort of a dull grey color. Two lenses put together with a 15-to-18-foot-diameter bubble in the middle.

WHAT ABOUT ENTITIES?

Doug Nolan did say he saw at least two. Again, to give you a little bit of background on Doug Nolan. He was a 19-year-old employee of the El Paso Oil Co. back at this time frame. That's why we are pinpointing it to 1948 based on his 19-year-old age. He was getting ready for work. They started very early out in the oil fields. His boss, Bill Ferguson, who is also deceased, when Doug picked him up said, 'We've got to get out to Hart Canyon immediately. There's a bad brush fire and it's near one of the drip tanks the company owned.' They went out and Bill Ferguson being the lead man at the time, the senior man, and there lay the disk out on the end of the mesa.

WERE THERE ENTITIES THERE?

Doug and Bill Ferguson climbed up on the craft and looked in the window and Doug said he could see two human-like humanoid beings slumped over.”

Testimonies from policemen and eyewitnesses before their deaths about a large, silver disc on the Hart Canyon mesa near Aztec highlight how well the U.S. government was able to keep secrets as required in the Truman Administration’s strict order of denial and cover-up in the interest of national security that has been in effect for nearly 60 years.

If denial and misinformation in the interest of national security have been the game since 1947, was a silver disc shot down as a *foreign enemy’s weapon system* by the U. S. military in 1948, twelve miles northeast of Aztec on the Hart Canyon mesa?

SLIDE #22: MAP of Farmington, Aztec, Los Alamos

Farmington and Aztec, New Mexico, 100 air miles northwest of the Los Alamos National Laboratory where the atomic bomb was secretly developed in the 1940s. Espanola, the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, Chama, Tierra Amarilla and Dulce are all areas where many unusual bloodless, trackless animal mutilations have also been reported since at least the 1960s.

There have been unofficial leaks by military people and others about the discovery of a large disc near Aztec. Beyond the alleged presidential briefing paper I was shown at Kirtland AFB in 1983, I have seen other information about a 99-foot-diameter silver disc with a dome discovered in the Farmington and Aztec region.

SLIDE #23: Silver Disc, “Farmington” Computer Simulation of B&W Photograph Military Base Classified Library File

“A computer simulates the disc-shaped craft as it was seen intact on the ground in the actual photograph,” seen by former military officer. Source said diameter of silver-colored disc was 99 feet, found near Farmington, New Mexico prior to 1950.

Several years ago I received a military officer’s confidential interview entitled “The Report on the Crash at Farmington.” The officer said he saw a black and white photograph of a silver disc in a classified file. This image is his computer recreation of that black and white photograph. The geographic location was given as Farmington, New Mexico, “prior to 1950.”

The military officer said dead non-human beings were found inside the craft. The name Farmington in the file title was thought to have been used instead of Aztec because in 1949, Farmington was a larger town than the nearby rural farming community of Aztec. [Note:

American Indian tribes in the region tell of green fireballs and an explosion west of Farmington, which might mean there was more than one UFO crash — as there had been at Roswell and White Sands. But, so far, the tribal story is only anecdotal.]

The military officer said he had a special security clearance that enabled him to access a restricted military base library prior to 1970. Due to the highly sensitive nature of the information, and possible risk to this individual, no information is provided which could be used to identify him or the location of the military base in which he said he read the classified file.

The following excerpts are not verbatim, but were compiled from notes after four separate conversations with the military eyewitness.

He said: "I discovered a file on the subject of an alien craft and its dead occupants that had been retrieved. The file contained a report, a separate black and white photograph, and a book by Major Donald Keyhoe.

"There was a perfectly intact, circular-shaped craft and it was lying somewhat tilted to one side on the ground in the desert. There did not appear to be a crater or other ground-surface disturbance in the photograph that would indicate a crash, but I could not tell for sure...it was stated that the craft was retrieved somewhere near the town of Farmington, New Mexico, prior to 1950. As I could see in the photograph, the material of the craft was metallic, and resembled brushed aluminum. It was stated in the report that there were portholes on the cabin part of the craft, but they were not made of any type of glass. I couldn't make out this feature in the photograph.

"A porthole had a puncture that was the diameter of a pencil; that was the only defect discovered on the entire ship. Our people tried diamond drills, an acetylene torch — everything they could come up with on the porthole where this opening was located, but nothing would break through it. They couldn't enlarge the hole, either. The material was tougher than anything we were familiar with on earth.

"It was concluded that they would have to somehow gain access through this hole and they eventually did because a door popped open. It appeared from a place where there were no obvious seams or other indications of a door. The report said that it was 'almost as if the material of the craft had liquefied and then solidified again,' leaving no clue of the door's location upon closing. If there was a seam, it was so tight it couldn't be observed.

"The report said that the two bodies were badly charred. So was the interior of the cockpit of the craft. The report also said that the bodies were about four feet in height. There was no description of their features beyond that.

“According to the report, we were not responsible for bringing this craft down. (Implication was the U.S. had shot other disks down.) There was mention of a magnetic fault, or opening, or something like that, located in the area where this craft came down. There were three of these faults or openings located in North America: one was located in the Southwest, around the Texas/New Mexico area; one was somewhere in the Carolinas; and one was somewhere in the Northeast sector, but I can't remember exactly where.

“The report referred to ‘*crashes*’ and the Farmington crash information was used to relate general information on similarities with other crashes.

“Officials felt that only people in professional levels were capable of dealing with this information. Based on what occurred with the Orson Welles *War of the Worlds* radio presentation, this information could create panic. Then it would threaten to break down the industrial complex that supports the military complex; it would obviously undermine it. And it could possibly reduce our ability to counter an attack by a hostile alien culture. But it was also clear that the intent of these particular beings was not known.”

Animal Mutilations

On May 15, 1947, when the unidentified object on radar appeared with the ascending V-2 rocket that immediately went off course, perhaps no one in the U.S. government knew that around them another “peculiar phenomenon” was taking place that might be directly linked to the intelligence inside the discs. That phenomenon is the worldwide animal mutilation mystery.

For 25 years as an investigative reporter, I have tried to find facts about the important question: What does the United States government actually know about entities and technologies from UFO crash retrievals which have provoked an American policy of misinformation and denial in the interest of national security, since at least 1947 — while at the same time, the American government and corporations have back-engineered the very same alien technology they deny exists.

Back in 1983, while working on the documentary project for HBO (*UFOs: The E.T. Factor*), I met an elderly rancher who lived in Corona, New Mexico. He said he had known Mack Brazel, the rancher who found strange debris on his land and went to the Roswell Sheriff to report his discovery on July 4, 1947. The Corona resident said, “I heard there was a horrible secret about that crash.”

Perhaps the answer to the “horrible secret” is why there has been an official American policy ever since to deny ET existence — at all costs. That policy apparently began with the fear and shock that President Truman and his close associates felt when they allegedly learned that dissected humanoids and animal parts were found inside and near at least two of

the UFOs that crashed in New Mexico in 1947. "Animal parts" takes me back to September 1979 when I began my first research into the worldwide mystery called "animal mutilations."

SLIDE #24: Linda Moulton Howe and TV crew, Denver, Colo.

I began to investigate the worldwide animal mutilation phenomenon back in the fall of 1979. I had graduated from Stanford University with a Masters Degree in Communication in which I made documentaries at the Stanford Medical Center and the Stanford Linear Accelerator. Then I was hired by the NBC television affiliate in Los Angeles to do news reporting and documentaries, worked also for Boston's ABC affiliate producing medical and science programs and then became Director of Special Projects at the CBS television station in Denver, Colorado. There I received a national Emmy nomination, several regional Emmys and many other journalism awards for my documentary films and live television studio programs about science, medical and environmental issues.

SLIDE #25: Linda and Rich with mutilated steer, Walsenberg, Colo.

In the summer of 1979, hundreds of animal mutilations of cattle and horses were reported in Colorado again as they had been since the 1960s. I wanted to get to the bottom of what was causing the unusual animal deaths and began an investigation which produced the documentary, *A Strange Harvest*.

SLIDE #26: *A Strange Harvest* Documentary

The bizarre, bloodless animal mutilations were not happening only in Colorado. Animal mutilations were occurring all over the United States, Canada and many other countries, all with the same pattern of tissue removed from their bodies:

SLIDE #27: Mutilated Cow's Head, Sterling, Colorado, July 26, 1977

An ear, an eye, a circle of flesh around the eye, half the jaw flesh, the tongue removed in a vertical cut deep within the throat, as in this Sterling, Colorado, case back on July 26, 1977...

SLIDE #28: Mutilated cow's head, Caldwell, Kansas, January 31, 1992

...and this steer in Caldwell, Kansas, discovered on January 31, 1992. A veterinarian pathologist examined tissue from the mutilated excisions and confirmed the cuts had been made with high heat.

SLIDE #29: Horse mutilation, Raymer, Colorado, June 22, 1993

And this horse found dead and mutilated in Raymer, Colorado, on June 22, 1993.

SLIDE #30: Slit throat white cow, Red Cloud, Neb., November 27, 1989

The trachea and esophagus often taken

SLIDE #31: Circle excision on abdomen

... along with sexual organs such as the complete udder on this cow in Benton County, Arkansas back in 1993...

SLIDE #32: Four teats removed, Nounan, Idaho, October 9, 1989

...or like this cow from Nounan, Idaho, back on October 9, 1989. All four teats were cleanly and bloodlessly removed from the udder.

SLIDE #33: Penis and testicles removed, Grove Oak, Alabama, February 10, 1993

Four years later on February 10, 1993 in Grove Oak, Alabama, the penis and testicles were cleanly and bloodless removed from this young male calf.

SLIDE #34: Rectal excision from goat, Stella, Missouri, October 26, 1993

Rectal tissue is almost always taken from both sexes, such as this goat examined by a local veterinarian in Stella, Missouri on October 26, 1993. And vaginal tracks are often removed along with rectal tissue from females...

SLIDE #35: Alabama cow, 1993

... As in this cow in Alabama in 1993.

SLIDE #36: Rectum and tail removed, Nounan, Idaho 1989.

Sometimes along with the rectal and vaginal tissue, even tails are removed as occurred in this Nounan, Idaho, case in 1989.

SLIDE #37: Apple Valley, Washington Van Huisen cow

In fact, animals were found dead and mutilated on wet sand without a single track around them, not even their own tracks.

SLIDE #38: Serrated edge, 1990 steer in Oregon

And dozens of times the excisions have had a serrated edge which veterinarian pathologists have confirmed were made with high heat. Lasers are an obvious first thought. But the problem is, animal excisions upon examination under a microscope do not have carbon residue which is commonly found after veterinarian and human laser surgeries.

SLIDE #39: Serrated edge, Oct. 6, 2001, Valier, Montana

Here's another serrated edge on a cow in Valier, Montana found on October 6, 2001.

SLIDE #40: Serrated edge, 1995, OREGON (gloved hand holding skin)

In this 1995 Oregon case, the investigator shows the serrated edge in contrast to the scalpel cut he made to excise the tissue from the dead animal for analysis.

SLIDE #41: Close-up serrated edge, 1990 steer, Oregon

This is what a close-up view of some of the bizarre serrated edge cuts look like that don't match any known veterinarian or medical cutting tool.

All of this done *without* blood, signs of struggle or tracks at the scene.

SLIDE #42: Newspaper of animal rising in beam of light

That's why law enforcement looked to the sky, and newspapers started illustrating what ranchers said they had seen, like this drawing in the November 2, 1980, *Greeley Tribune* in Greeley, Colorado.

And the United States military had knowledge of Something coming from the skies and killing and mutilating animals around the world since at least the early 1950s — according to retired Lt. Col. Philip J. Corso, now deceased — God rest his soul — who wrote the important 1997 book, *The Day After Roswell*.

SLIDE #43: *The Day After Roswell* (Book cover)

In his book, Col. Corso describes many advanced technologies that the United States government retrieved from crashed non-human aircraft and back-engineered. One of those technologies, according to Col. Corso, was what came to be known as a laser scalpel in modern Earth medicine.

SLIDE #44: Laser scalpel

On Page 47 of his book, Col. Corso said, "Why did the extraterrestrial inhabitants of the craft have a cutting device like this aboard their ship? It wasn't until later, when I read highly classified military reports of cattle mutilations in which entire organs were removed without any visible trauma to the surrounding cell tissue, that I realized that the light-beam cutting torch... was being used by the aliens in medical experiments on our livestock."

SLIDE #45: Col. Corso with me in Roswell, July 4, 1997

Before he died, Col. Corso talked to me in private about the many classified documents he had seen in Washington, D. C. when he returned from his World War II assignment in Italy. He told me that he had read with his own eyes highly classified reports *dated as early as 1951* about animals found in several parts of the world with the bloodless excisions and no tracks around them. Col. Corso said the classified reports specified that the animal mutilators were "extraterrestrial biological entities."

SLIDE #46: Tim Fint's colored drawing of cow in beam, August 27, 1989, Portland, Oregon

The subject was so sensitive, he told me, because the United States government was scared that if the public knew that something from outer space was able to pick up heavy animals in beams of light, remove tissue and liquids with instruments that cut with light, and then return the animals dead and mutilated to pastures — that Americans, and the world, would panic. Also, the advanced technologies needed to be kept out of the hands of human enemies and developed and patented by American companies.

SLIDE # 47: Disc in horse pasture in Arkansas, 1970s.

I think the Corona rancher's reference to a "horrible secret" at the Corona, New Mexico, crash had to do with the worldwide animal mutilation phenomenon which seems linked to a large scale genetic harvest of this planet.

SLIDE #48: IPU summary title

TOP SECRET ULTRA INTERPLANETARY PHENOMENON UNIT SUMMARY
INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT File Ref. 001947122-A.1206

"The extraordinary recovery of fallen airborne (misspelled in document) objects in the state of New Mexico, between 4 July to 6 July 1947."

SLIDE #49: Authority of and approved by and date

The IPU Intelligence Assessment was dated September 4, 1960 by the authority of Lt. General John A. Samford, Director, National Security Agency, and approved by Allen Dulles, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency and stamped TOP SECRET MAJIC ULTRA.

This is one of the documents leaked to Bob and Ryan Wood in their accumulation of files on Majestic-12.

SLIDE #50: Original IPU para. about bodies dissected as one would a frog

On Page 6 of the document, five alien bodies are described as they were found with a crashed aerial vehicle at a site on the northern end of the White Sands Missile Range in July 1947. The site is called LZ-2 in the report, which means, "Landing Zone 2." Landing Zone 1 is defined as the notorious crash site between Corona and Roswell. A third Landing Zone 3 is defined as 30 miles east of Alamogordo. All three crashes occurred between July 2 to July 6, 1947, according to the MJ-12 report.

SLIDE #51: Clean typed version of Para. 12, IPU

Paragraph 12 of the Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit Summary Intelligence Assessment states: "The most disturbing aspect of this investigation was that there were other bodies found not far from Landing Zone 1 between Corona and Roswell that looked

as if they had been *disected* (misspelled in report) *as you would a frog*. It is not known if Army field surgeons had performed exploratory surgery on these bodies. *Animal parts were reportedly discovered inside the craft* at Landing Zone 2 in the northern part of the White Sands Missile Range, but this cannot be confirmed.”

Dissected humanoid bodies and animal parts inside one of the craft must have scared President Truman and his colleagues so badly that they all agreed that a tight lid had to be placed on UFOs — a policy of complete denial in the interest of national security while they tried to learn more and figure out what they were up against. Thus, the National Security Act of 1947 that created the Central Intelligence Agency, the Majestic-12 Special Studies Group and presidential executive orders that required everyone associated with the extraterrestrial investigation to *lie and misinform the press and the public in order to prevent panic and to maintain national security*.

SLIDE #52: TITLE OF Majestic-12 , First Annual Report, Page 104

On top of the dissected humanoids and animal parts, there was another disturbing event that would also have provoked the Truman Administration’s decision to keep all the real facts about UFOs and what was in them from the press and public. In the year 1952, Truman’s appointed Majestic-12 issued its first annual report as “A Review of the President’s Special Panel to Investigate the Capture of Unidentified Planform Space Vehicles by U. S. Armed Forces and Agencies.”

SLIDE #53: Biological warfare programs

On Page 5 of the TOP SECRET MJ-12 report under a paragraph entitled “Biological Warfare Programs,” it states:

Biological Warfare programs in the U.S. and U. K. are in field test states. Discovery of new virus and bacteria agents so lethal that serums derived by genetic research can launch medical science into unheard of fields of biology. The samples extracted from bodies found in New Mexico have yielded new strains of a *retro-virus* not totally understood, but give promise of the ultimate biological warfare weapon. The danger lies in the spread of airborne and bloodborne outbreaks of disease in large populations with no medical cures available.

Retro-viruses was not even a common medical concept in 1947. Examples of retroviruses are HIV, leukemia and the deadly Ebola virus that causes its victims to hemorrhage blood from every orifice. Retro-viruses are composed only of RNA which can end up getting healthy DNA to incorporate the insidious RNA instructions into the genome of the cells which then destroy.

[Any of a group of viruses that contain two single-strand linear RNA molecules per virion and reverse transcriptase (RNA to DNA)]

Definition: Any virus in the family Retroviridae that has RNA as its nucleic acid and uses the enzyme reverse transcriptase to copy its genome into the DNA of the host cell's chromosomes. Many cancers in vertebrates are caused by retroviruses.

Definition: A member of a class of RNA viruses that utilizes the enzyme reverse transcriptase to reverse copy its genome into a DNA intermediate, which integrates into the host cell chromosome. Many naturally occurring cancers of vertebrate animals are caused by retroviruses.]

SLIDE #54: Dead security team

On Page 9 of the TOP SECRET MJ-12 report it states:

8. "The Panel was concerned over the contamination of several SED personnel upon coming in contact with debris near the power plant of the craft security. One technician was overcome and collapsed when he attempted the removal of a body. Another medical technician went into a coma only four hours after placing a body in a rubber body-bag. All four men were rushed to Los Alamos for observation. All four later died of seizures and profuse bleeding. All four were wearing protective suits when they came in contact with body fluids from the occupants.

9. Autopsies on the four dead SED technicians are not conclusive. It is believed that the four may have suffered from some form of toxin or a highly contagious disease. Tissue samples are currently being kept at Fort Detrick, Maryland.

10. The Panel was also concerned with the detection of air-borne release of radiation over the state of New Mexico. AFTAC detachment from McClellan AFB has conducted several airborne monitor flights over crash Site L-2 at white Sands. Radiation readings indicate a high neutron count was recorded as the plane flew over the site. Neutron count dropped off as the plane flew a considerable distance from the site. A report has been filed with the USAIDS.

13. In the opinion of the senior Atomic Energy Commission medical officer, current medical equipment and supplies are wholly inadequate in dealing with a large scale outbreak of the alien virus."

Slide #55: Las Cruces Sun-News, May 20, 1947

Secrecy Shrouds Test of American Rocket This Week

It would seem that compartmentalized insiders of the U.S. government have been running scared since at least 1947 — and trying to keep any signs of their fear and lack of control from the press and public.

The “peculiar phenomena” could simply appear in flight with Top Secret V-2 launched rockets and apparently cause the V-2 rockets to change course.

Then when the government allegedly used weapons to forcefully bring some of the “peculiar phenomena” down to Earth, human airplanes seemed to crash at an alarming rate between early May and end of July 1947, provoking President Truman to call for a special investigation of the aviation crisis. Former New Mexico State Representative Andrew Kissner thinks many of those airplane crashes were retaliation for U.S. aggression against the foreign discs.

Perhaps the “peculiar phenomena” was here — or still is here — only to monitor Earth for whatever reason and has never intended harm until threatened by human military aggression.

But then there were the dissected bodies — including animals — referenced in the government’s own highly classified Interplanetary Unit and Majestic 12 reports. Plus, the hemorrhaging deaths of security men who handled crash site bodies.

The animal mutilations are famous for being bloodless, without tracks, associated with mysterious lights and beams, and continue worldwide to date. And what about all those human abduction complaints since the 1960s, also associated with mysterious lights and beams?

Col. Turner’s “peculiar phenomena” have continued into the 21st Century. But someone seems to have stopped disks crashing. Did the “peculiar phenomena” change? Or did we — because payback was too painful?

The Presidents and the Hard Evidence (Part 1)

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Long before Harold Shermom wrote his famous 1946 book *The Green Man* about an alien visiting the earth, there were indications that key people inside the United States government had a crashed saucer in their possession.

According to one popular story, Roosevelt's Secretary of State Cordell Hull showed his cousin Reverend Turner Hamilton Holt a craft and pickled alien bodies in the sub-basement of the U.S. capitol.

Despite the lack of documents in presidential files there are strong indicators that the early presidents were aware of UFO crashes and controlled the secrecy surrounding the subject. Many of the main men who were involved in rumored UFO crash retrievals were close to the president.

There is lack of supporting evidence which would clearly show the president's role in crashed saucers. The reason for this is that the president is purposely kept clear of any paperwork. The president is kept up to date on events but much of it is done orally to prevent a traceable paper trail.

General Robert Landry, who was the Air Force aide to President Truman, discussed this protection mechanism in two oral history interviews that he gave to the Truman Library. General Landry said that part of his job was to brief the President on UFOs. He stated that this was done every three months from February 1948, when Landry came to the White House, and continued until Truman left office in January of 1953. This would have amounted to 19 or 20 briefings. Landry told the interviewer that the UFO briefing given to the President was always oral.

More evidence that Truman was being kept orally briefed on important UFO events comes when we look at the President's role in the UFO crash at Roswell. There are no records White House files showing that he met with any of the key Roswell participants. However, the little evidence we have shows conclusively that he met "off the record" with at least two key Roswell participants.

The first was Edwin Easley who was the Provost Marshall at the Roswell Army Air Base. His job was to provide security at the UFO crash site. A check at the Truman Library will show no record that he ever talked to, corresponded with, or met with Truman.

However, when asked about what he saw at the crash site, Edwin always stated that he had promised Truman his silence. When he was on his deathbed in 1992 he broke his promise and admitted to his family that he had seen more than a weather balloon at the crash site. In a Roswell special done by the Sci-Fi channel his daughter stated,

Whenever we would ask him about Roswell, he would simply tell us that he had promised President Truman that he would not talk about it, and he wouldn't talk about it.

In 1992, he was dying and already on high doses of morphine. My niece kept asking him, "Well Pappy – What did you see out there? What did you see? What did you see? And finally he said, "Creatures."

General Roger Ramey is second example of a key player who has no White House record of ever having met with, talked, or corresponded with President Truman. He played a key role in Roswell, coming up with the weather balloon theory to cover up what had actually been found. Later in the second Truman term he led the debunking effort in front of the press corps after UFOs were spotted flying over the White House twice in July 1952.

Although the written official record shows no contact between Ramey and the President, an interview done with Ramey's wife after his death showed that not only did the two meet, they were good friends and Truman and his wife had actually visited the Rameys on more than one occasion at their home in Fort Worth, Texas.

The interview was done by Major George Filer, a former intelligence officer in the United States Air Force. Filer told me,

Mrs. Ramey told me that she and her husband had been visited by Truman on several occasions. She indicated that they were quite friendly.

Major Filer further informed me that he had learned of another Truman connection to Roswell. That connection was that he had been "told by a Wright Patterson historian" that "Truman sent out award letters to the Wright Patterson Base Commander" following Roswell.

President Truman was the first president to actually have to publicly deal with the "UFO age." He and the government of the day were scrambling to secretly put the pieces together so they could react to what most were viewing as a challenge to the security of America. What many don't know is that those in charge of the American efforts were reaching out to other countries to help get an answer.

One of those countries that was "in the loop" was Canada. The fact that Canada was aware that America possessed a crashed saucer is one of the many untold stories of Ufology.

The "crashed saucer truths" were known by Canada as early as 1950, only three years after the first explosion of flying disc stories on American newspapers front pages. The Canadian who was in charge of collecting this material for the Canadians was Wilbert Brockhouse Smith. His brief 12 years of UFO research is one of the most amazing stories in Ufology.

Smith was the head of the *official flying saucer investigation* run by the Canadian government. The project was known as Project Magnet. It ran from December 1950 to

August 1954. It is important to this conference because it dealt in part with crashed saucers and hardware. Moreover, much of what was discovered was documented in writing.

According to Mrs. Smith, her husband, Wilbert, was dealing directly with the then Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent. She cited an example in 1952 when an interim Project Magnet report sat on the Prime Minister's desk for three months before Smith and the Prime Minister jointly decided the time was not right for the release of the report.

When the government was confronted about Project Magnet in the Canadian parliament in the 1960s, a government minister insisted that that the Canadian government never had any serious interest in flying saucer investigation, and that Wilbert Smith's UFO work had only been a hobby that he did in his spare time.

Fortunately, the government lie was exposed for all to see a couple decades after the minister's denial. It was exposed by Smith himself who had then had been dead for 20 years. Smith, you see, was dying of cancer of the lower bowel. When he realized that he would not survive his illness he gave his wife, Murl, instructions to hide his UFO files to protect them from the government people who he had come to totally distrust. He predicted they would be coming to recover the files following his death.

The files were hidden at the home of his eldest son James, and true to his prediction, once Smith died people representing the Canadian, United States, and Soviet Union approached Mrs. Smith asking for the files. They all claimed the files would be used for research purposes.

Mrs. Smith told me that each of the representatives was told that she had destroyed the files. They left, but at that point, as Murl told me in a 1978 interview, the break-ins at the house began. On more than one occasion, the door would be forced open but nothing in the house was taken. Mrs. Smith was convinced it was the work of people looking for the files.

Decades later when Smith's files were placed at the University of Ottawa, the true extent of Smith's work became open for all to see. It became clear that Smith had been the head of an official flying saucer investigation funded and approved by the Canadian government.

In an October 28, 1955 letter to prominent UFO contactee Dan Fry, Smith wrote about his government status related to flying saucers:

You may know that I am the fellow who was in charge of the Canadian government's Project Magnet, which was the official saucer study.

Smith's flying saucer investigation even involved the setting up of the only official government flying saucer observatory known in the western world. It was in operation from 1953 to 1954 when it was shut down along with Project Magnet. It consisted of a small shack on Defense Research Board property outside of the nation's capitol. It tracked five different elements that Smith believed might be affected by the flyover of a flying saucer.

The station gained worldwide notoriety in August 1954 when Smith and his team of scientists and technicians claimed they had detected an unknown object that put some of the

detecting instruments right off the scale. Smith's statement to the press was that it did not resemble any known phenomena. The ensuing publicity from papers all over the country was too much for the Canadian government and Smith. The flying saucer station was closed down, Project Magnet was shut down, and the official government flying saucer investigation went underground.

Much of what happened inside Project Magnet was Top Secret, and there is no record of it in Smith's files. There were however, a glimpse of what was going on and it was very leading edge research.

The biggest untold story was actually leaked by the government itself. In 1967, the centennial year of the country, the Defense Minister Paul Hellyer went to St. Paul Alberta to open a UFO landing pad built by the town as a centennial project. During his speech opening the pad, Hellyer stated that in 1954 the government had opened a Top Secret Base for UFOs to land.

Knowing that this would have been part of the secret Project Magnet work I contacted Murl Smith and asked her if Wilbert had been involved. She stated that he had in fact been at the center. She told me that Wilbert had found a way to communicate with an alien and that he had convinced the Canadian government to open a base so the alien and his craft could land.

The base was known as Suffield Research Station. It is Canada's equivalent to Area 51. It had a restricted fly zone over it, and it did a lot of Top Secret research such as the early testing of nerve gas.

What happened, according to Murl, is that an agreement had been made where the government would allow the alien to land without trying to shoot it down, the alien would land, the government would meet with the alien, and then the alien would fly off. Three groups were involved: the Prime Minister, the military running the base, and the RCMP. Each would all have to sign off on every aspect of the operation.

The agreement started to fall apart when the military could not give a 100% guarantee the alien would be allowed to take off again. The Prime Minister had a cabinet meeting, and no guarantee was forth coming. Smith called off the landing.

Years later I was one of three researchers who went after Hellyer for the records of the event. He was widely quoted as having disclosed the event and was in a box. His only out was a poor memory and that was the card he played. He stated that he had been told about the experiment by his UFO expert when he was Defense Minister in 1967. The thing was he couldn't remember his name. We pressured him and he then claimed to have gone to his government files that were then being offered up to the National Archives. Not surprisingly he stated that he couldn't find the UFO files that he had been provided by the expert.

The Project Magnet Shutdown

In Smith's files there were a number of letters that described why the Canadian government shut down the flying saucer program. These insights into the shutdown are important for two reasons.

1. They are reasons being listed by Wilbert Smith who was the head of the program.
2. They give an insight into why governments around the world are keeping the alien presence secret.

According to a January 26, 1956 letter that Wilbert Smith sent to Dan Fry, one of the key reasons for the shutdown and subsequent cover-up was embarrassment.

Fact is when certain government people came face to face with the reality of the space people, and realized that wasn't anything that they could do about it; they promptly closed their eyes and hoped the whole thing would go away.

(Underlined in the original letter)

Furthermore, Smith said that the Canadian government felt helpless. In an interview with the *Sudbury Star* newspaper Smith stated: "The only reason that those in authority have said nothing about it is that they simply don't know what to do about it."

In a February 2, 1959 letter to a Canadian researcher Smith added:

No minister in his right mind is going to release ANY report which may prove embarrassing or give rise to questions which he or his colleagues might find difficult to answer.

Despite the fact that all governments have chosen to cover up the ET presence, Smith stated that all government knew. In a February 23, 1959 letter Smith stated:

For your information EVERY nation on this planet has been officially informed of the existence of the space craft and their occupants from elsewhere, and as nations they must take responsibility for any lack of action or for any official position they may take. There is nothing more to be done along these lines, and effort in this direction is wasted.

Prior to the shutdown of Project Magnet, Smith conducted many studies and met with some of the top people in the United States flying saucer program. This included contact with Dr. Vannevar Bush who has always been rumored to have been the main scientist directing flying saucer research in the United States.

The United States Evidence Trail: How it all Began

Smith had become interested in flying saucers after reading flying saucer books written by Major Donald Keyhoe and Frank Scully. He described his initial investigation in the United States to one newspaper and how it led to the creation of Project Magnet.

In 1950 I was attending a rather slow-moving broadcasting conference in Washington D.C. and having some free time on my hands, I circulated around asking a few questions about flying saucers, which stirred up a hornet's nest.

I found that the U.S. government had a highly classified project set up to study them, so I reasoned that with so much smoke maybe I should look for the fire.

The fire that Smith eventually found included conclusive evidence that the "officials" in the United States had crashed flying saucers and had chosen to cover it up.

After asking a number of questions in the U.S., Smith returned to write an official TOP SECRET memo to the Canadian government detailing what he had learned. The memo, written in November 1950, did not become public until 1979 when researchers forced the Canadian government to release it.

On page two of the three page memo Smith wrote:

- The matter is the most highly classified item in the United States, rated higher than the hydrogen bomb (which was still in a classified development stage at the time). Flying saucers exist. Their modus operandi is unknown but concentrated effort is being made by a small group headed by Dr. Vannevar Bush. The United States authorities are investigating along quite a number of lines, which might possibly be related to the saucers such as mental phenomena. The entire matter is considered by United States officials to be of tremendous significance. The Canadian government reaction to the TOP SECRET memo was one of approval. The deputy minister in the Department of Transport wrote at the bottom of the memo. "OK, go ahead with it and keep me posted from time to time."

The material that Smith was getting from the United States was coming through the Canadian Embassy down the road from the White House in Washington D.C. In his hidden files Smith left copies of letters to and from the embassy which pointed out how seriously Canadian officials were taking the information that was being gathered by military liaisons working out of the embassy.

Based on the information gathered, both Smith and the embassy officials knew the reality of saucers. One high ranking official at the Embassy wrote Smith:

The official position here is that nobody knows anything at all about the matter at all. We are, of course keeping our eyes and ears open and if anything does develop you will probably hear about it through the Wright and Solandt channel. On the Ambassador's instruction no one at the Embassy, apart from Wright and myself, is to discuss the matter with anyone.

The embassy was so certain of the material that had been gathered that they were actually anticipating the U.S. government might soon make a public statement. Gordon Cox at the Embassy wrote Smith.

The ambassador and I would be particularly interested in any indication you may have heard while you were here on the possibility of any U.S. government statement.

The evidence that the Canadians were basing their evaluation on was wide and deep. It even extended to the rumored head of the United States flying saucer program — engineer Dr. Vannevar Bush. Bush was the technology czar of the U.S. military complex during world WWII that created such things as the atomic bomb, the homing torpedo, radar, and dozens of other inventions.

Smith had identified Bush as the head of “a small group” that was investigating the flying saucer situation on behalf of the American military and government. Smith's personal files showed that Smith had even had contact with Bush.

After writing the TOP SECRET memo, Smith requested a clearance to talk to American officials and scientists on classified flying saucers issues. He received the clearance and prepared a paper on a theory for flying saucer propulsion based on the eye-witness sightings that had been collected by Project Magnet.

The paper was couriered to Dr. Bush by prominent UFO researcher and writer Major Donald Keyhoe. In a letter written to Gordon Cox at the Canadian Embassy Smith detailed the Bush contact:

I understand that Keyhoe was to have taken it to Dr. Bush for clearance. I do not know what Dr. Bush's reaction to the material contained in the main portion of the article and my revision, but his reaction should certainly be interesting and I should like to have a talk with Keyhoe sometime at your convenience to ascertain this point.

Some of the information Smith received in the United States came from Dr. Robert Sarbacher. He, like Smith and Vannevar Bush, was an electrical engineer who ran the Washington Institute of Technology - Oceanographic and Physical Sciences, which was just

down the street from the Canadian Embassy. Dr. Sarbacher had done work for the Canadians including working on the DEW line radar stations that were built to detect a Russian bomber attack from over the North Pole.

On September 15, 1950 Wilbert Smith conducted an interview with Dr. Sarbacher through the Canadian military liaison at the Canadian Embassy. Sarbacher gave Smith confirmation that the flying saucer situation was very real:

WBS: I am doing some work on the collapse of the earth's magnetic field as a source of energy and I think our work may have a bearing on flying saucers.

RIS: What do you want to know?

WBS: I have read (Frank) Scully's book on the saucers and I would like to know how much of it is true.

RIS: The facts reported in the book are substantially correct.

WBS: Then the saucers exist?

RIS: Yes, they exist.

WBS: Do they operate as Scully suggests on magnetic principle?

RIS: We have not been able to duplicate their performance.

WBS: So they come from some other planet?

RIS: All we know is that we didn't make them, and it's pretty certain they didn't originate on the Earth.

WBS: I understand the whole subject of saucers is classified.

RIS: Yes, it is classified two points higher than the H-bomb. In fact, it is the most highly classified subject in the U.S. government at the present time.

WBS: May I ask the reason for this classification?

RIS: You may ask, but I can't tell you.

WBS: Is there any way in which I can get some information, particularly as it might fit in with our own work?

RIS: I suppose you could be cleared through your own Defense Department and I am pretty sure arrangements could be made to exchange information. If you have anything to contribute we would be glad to talk it over, but I can't give you any more at the present time.

Years later Dr. Sarbacher recalled that the information he had gathered came from overhearing stories about a series of briefings on crashed flying saucers that had been held at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Dr. Sarbacher had been invited to go but had declined due

to a busy schedule. He did however hear scientists talking about what they had learned from the briefing sessions.

When the Sarbacher-Smith interview transcript became public to researchers in the early 1980s, Stanton Friedman tracked Sarbacher down to get details on the crashed saucer briefings that had been held at Wright Patterson, and to see if he could add anything more to what he had told Wilbert Smith in 1950. He is part of the transcript of the conversation:

Sarbacher: I had to run my own business, my laboratory, and I couldn't go to all the meetings. Now they did have, at least I was told, that's when Karl Compton was down there...

Friedman: Yeah.

Sarbacher: I was told that they had recovered a UFO with some people in it.

Friedman: Bodies, whatever.

Sarbacher: I don't know, that's what I think I was told.

Friedman: Did he tell you where?

Sarbacher: Well we were having a meeting at Wright Field and I couldn't go. But later on one of the fellows said to me that those guys if they were people were made like insects.

Friedman: Did you get any clue as to where the crash had occurred?

Sarbacher: It was somewhere out west.

Friedman: OK. Any idea what year this was?

Sarbacher: Well, yeah. Let's see... Freddie (Darwin) was there in Washington. It was in the early '50s.

Friedman: OK. Did they imply that the crash had just happened or that this had happened some time before?

Sarbacher: Well yes. The conversation was that it had been recovered. The crash. That's what we were talking about. We were going to have a meeting...going out to discuss it.

Sarbacher's comments indicate that a UFO crash had occurred, and that top scientists associated with the military had been called in. It was therefore this information that Sarbacher used to answer Wilbert Smith's September 1950 questions.

Wilbert Smith and the Crashed Saucers

The fact that Smith had knowledge of crashed saucers and bodies was known to me, and people who had been close to Smith, since the 1970s. It was not announced to the public until 2002.

Wilbert's oldest son James was the one that made the fact public. In an earlier conversation with me, he had said that he was covered under the official Secret Act of Canada and therefore couldn't discuss it. I reminded him that I had been told by one of Smith's close UFO associates, a military scientist by the name of Art Bridge, that the official Secret Act lasted 25 years. Therefore, I explained, after 1987 he should be free to talk about it because that would have been 25 years after his father's death. At that point James then started to talk.

In an interview with the Canadian UFO show *Strange Days Indeed*, James first talked about all the UFO hardware that had been sent to his father by American officials for analysis:

James: Many times I do remember blue military cars pulling up to the house and leaving packages of things for him to do metallurgic analysis on. We asked him what they were and he said they were chunks of unidentified things that the military had either shot down or found.

SDI: Unidentified things, or did he actually use the word flying saucers?

James: Yes, on a couple of instances I remember packages about the size of a loaf of bread coming in. The box would contain a chunk of metal that he had been told that the Air Force had shot off a chunk of a flying saucer. They had already done some analysis it and wanted him to have a go at it too.

SDI: Now was this the American or the U.S. Air Force?

James: Well I don't recall what color the plate was. But it came from the States. Whether it was delivered to the house by the Canadian or...

SDI: So it came from the States?

James: Yes.

SDI: You actually saw some of these pieces as well, Jim?

James: Oh yes, I saw them when he unpacked the boxes to see what was in there, and take a look at it.

SDI: How old would you have been then?

James: Well looking... 10 to 17...in that age group.

SDI: Did you get to handle any of them? How would you know what was an unusual looking piece of metal at 17?

James: I got to handle a few of them. One was a chunk about the size of a brick — semi circular in shape. It was a very smooth metal except for the jagged edges where it had been disconnected from whatever it belonged to. It was quite heavy in terms of its size. He had an analysis done of that one. I remember seeing that particular analysis sheet.

Others close to the Smith UFO work in the 1950s told similar stories about this small UFO hardware that was being sent from the states for analysis. Art Bridge, the military metallurgist working with Smith, openly stated he had handled it. When I asked him “Exactly how much of it he and Smith had actually handled,” he paused for a long time and then said, “Lots of it.”

Another story came from Bob Groves who was a school teacher and a UFO researcher belonging to the Cleveland Ufology Project. A few months before Wilbert died, Groves was in Ottawa visiting him. Although Smith was very sick, he took time to talk with Groves. Groves was interested in the work Smith had done on UFO propulsion, but part of what was discussed involved the UFO hardware that Smith had received for analysis from the United States. When Groves arrived back in Cleveland he gave an interview in which he detailed what Smith had told him:

During the actual operation of this, when Mr. Smith was on his feet, he was constantly visited by both Canadian government officials as well as American government officials. These were, of course, upper echelon people with attaché cases that were chained and locked to their wrists to make sure that none of the information was dropped or left in a bus station. So he had a number of these visits. They had samples they wanted him to analyze of hardware that is actually metal that they had found.

According to Mr. Smith, the United States military intelligence has tons of hardware. They had readily admitted this to Mr. Smith upon interview when he was the director of this research project (Project Magnet) in Canada, and they also had much film.

Carol Halford Walkins, who was the wife of one of Smith’s close UFO associates, described another story Smith had told about UFO hardware in possession of U.S. officials. She stated that she recalled Wilbert Smith had talked about a special room that was in the Pentagon. In this room, according to Smith, was a collection of small UFO fragments for display. Smith had been there himself.

In Smith’s files there are letters that detail more about the hardware, and who controls it. In a letter to a Mr. Popowitch Smith wrote:

In posting your representative with questions be sure the questions asked are exactly what you want to know. If you ask, “Does the U.S. Air Force have

UFO hardware?" you will get "No" truthfully. The hardware is **not** held by the Air Force.

In a letter to another member of the Cleveland Ufology Project Smith wrote:

You seem most interested in "UFO hardware." There is a great deal of this around, most of it in official (not USAF!) hands.

In a phone interview with the same researcher, Smith talked again about hardware and about the secret group to whom the UFO fragments were being returned:

Fitch: You say that you had to return it (a piece of hardware) — did you return it to the Air Force, Mr. Smith?

Smith: Not the Air Force. Much higher than that.

Fitch: The Central Intelligence Agency?

Smith: (Chuckles) I'm sorry, gentlemen, but I don't care to go beyond that point. I can say that it went into the hands of a highly classified group. You will have to solve that problem — their identity — for yourselves.

Wilbert Smith and Crash Retrievals

In his correspondence Wilbert Smith made a few direct references to the fact that he was aware of UFO crash retrievals:

I do have knowledge from excellent sources that saucers **HAVE** crashed and fallen into the hands of "Earth people." I have even handed "hardware," but all this is buried deep in classification and may as well be in the fourth dimension for all the good it is in evaluating the reality of the craft or the people who manipulate them.

In a 1955 letter Smith made another comment about crashed saucers.

I think there are several of them in Earth people's hands, but I am afraid that they won't learn much about them from inspection; about as much as a Hottentot would learn about one of our aircraft. One must go to kindergarten before one goes to college.

James Smith, who had come forward about the hardware his father handled, also stated he was aware his father had been involved in craft retrievals. He told Errol Knapp on the *Strange Days* UFO radio show:

SDI: Jim, you mentioned that he (Wilbert Smith) was shown bodies at one point.

James: Yes, he was in the States a lot, partly due to his work as Superintendent of Radio Regulations. So he had to deal with frequency allocations, channels, radios, and that sort of business.

So he was frequently on committees in the States where they were working out joint allocations, for example. On several occasions he was invited off to be shown things along this line. That was pretty much under the Official Secrets Act he told us. However, just before he passed away in 1962, when he felt the Act couldn't get him anymore, I did ask him and he said, "Yes he had seen the bodies."

SDI: Did he describe them at all? Do you recall?

James: Not that I can recall except that the descriptions that had been out and about were fairly accurate...I think there were descriptions of smallish types. I don't exactly remember about the coloring. I don't remember a lot of those details. It just satisfied my curiosity that he had seen them, and that they were real.

I interviewed James on the same subject and he confirmed the fact that Wilbert Smith had also seen a downed craft. This was a story that one of Smith's close associates had been telling since the 1970s:

Cameron: Buchanan told the story about crashed flying saucers and you mentioned the bodies.

James: Yes.

Cameron: And Buchanan mentioned the story that your father had seen a crashed flying saucer at an Air Force Base outside of Washington.

James: That's right.

Cameron: Did you ever hear that story?

James: Yes.

Cameron: OK. Did you hear that story from other people or did your dad tell you that.

James: No my dad told me that.

The one crash story that seems to back this Smith account of a crashed saucer outside of Washington is a story that was related by the first crashed saucer researcher, Len Stringfield, in his January 1980 Status Report #2.

The story was told by a former Army Intelligence officer, who Stringfield called Mr. JK. JK told Stringfield that he had been stationed at Wright Patterson Air Force base and had heard the story that there was a saucer being stored at Langley. Perhaps this is the saucer that Smith saw.

In Status Report #2, Stringfield related a story he had been told about alien bodies being stored at Langley. The story was a claim made by aviation historian Air Force Major Truman Weaver, who was a friend of UFO researcher Don Berliner. Weaver showed a letter to Berliner from Robert Thompson, a friend of his, who was in the aviation business and who claimed in 1953 to have worked "right across the alley" from where 13 alien bodies were being stored. Thompson stated that the strong odor of embalming fluid used to waft over to where he was working. In his letter to Weaver he stated that the bodies were later moved to a small Air Force Base (Langley) at Hampton Roads, Virginia.

When Stringfield tracked him down he confirmed that he had worked across from Building 18F, and that although he had not seen the bodies he had seen an "interim report" by his boss, named McAdams, which confirmed the fact that the alien craft and bodies were on the base. He confirmed to Stringfield that his understanding was that the 13 bodies and two craft had been moved to Langley. Thompson said that he had heard about the move of the bodies and craft from an unreachable source in Canada.

In Status Report #3, Stringfield had another witness who reported that four bodies from a crash in New Mexico had been seen at Langley.

Another story that shows that Smith had access to the crashed saucer data comes from the story of the Aztec UFO crash in 1948. The story had been written up by Frank Scully in 1950 in a book called *Behind the Flying Saucers*.

In his September 1950 interview with Dr. Robert Sarbacher, Smith asked about how accurate the Aztec story was. Sarbacher replied, "The facts in the book are substantially correct."

The Scully story has generally been written off by most Ufologists as a hoax put over on Frank Scully by oil well prospector Silas Newton. However, a single line in a book published in 1983 now indicates that Silas Newton may have been telling the truth. The 1983 reference also gives added weight to the argument that Smith saw the bodies.

The important reference is found in a book called *UFO Dynamics* by Berthold Schwartz. Speaking of Newton, Schwartz wrote:

Newton became acquainted with several high-ranking geophysicists who had actually seen the downed craft and occupants, and according to Sherman, through the intervention of Wilbert Smith, electronics expert and organizer of Project Magnet, Newton actually saw the bodies himself.

The importance of the statement is twofold:

1. If Newton was making up this part of his story, it makes no sense that he would say that he received access to alien bodies from a foreign national who would have slim chance at being read into American ultra Top Secret secrets. He surely would have said he was shown by some high ranking U.S. official or scientist.
2. The story that Smith had access to crashed saucers and bodies was not made public until 20 years after Schwartz wrote of Newton's claim.

Dr. Eric Walker

Wilbert Smith's statements and files led to other confirmable gold mines of information. Dr. Eric Walker is a prime example.

When Stanton Friedman tracked down Dr. Robert Sarbacher in 1983, he asked him to identify someone who had been at the crashed saucer briefings held at Wright Patterson who might still be alive. Sarbacher named off a number of people but all were dead. Then he identified one man from Pennsylvania who had attended all the meetings, but he couldn't remember his name.

I remember there was one guy. Frankly I didn't like him very much. He had some company as I had. Seemed to me he was in Philadelphia. He was going to all the meetings, and acting very smug about it.

To make a long story short, research was conducted and the name Eric Walker seemed to fit. Walker had a long a distinguished career which included being president of Penn State University for 15 years.

Walker had also been Executive Secretary of the Research and Development Board in the early 1950s. He was close to all the big names rumored with UFOs and MJ-12. He stated, when asked, that he knew all the men listed on the MJ-12 document released by Stanton Friedman and Bill Moore. In fact, when he first entered the Pentagon in 1951, he took over the office of Dr. Vannevar Bush who was at the time leaving public service.

Dr. Sarbacher was re-contacted and he confirmed that Dr. Walker was the man who had attended all the crashed saucer briefings.

Six researchers around the world then contacted Walker over the period of eight years to get him to tell what he knew. Dr. Walker was a reluctant witness, but he could not hang up the phone. He eventually gave up enough information to clearly show he had been a key player and that the crashed saucers stories were very real.

The first researcher to contact him was former California researcher Bill Steinman. After Steinman got a confirmation from Sarbacher that Walker was at the meetings, he immediately phoned Walker and asked him if he had attended briefings at Wright Patterson regarding the "military recovery of flying saucers and the bodies of occupants." Walker replied, "Yes, I attended the meeting concerning that subject matter; why do you want to know about that?"

In the same interview Steinman asked him about the MJ-12 document which had been made public only weeks before. Walker replied, "Yes. I know of MJ-12. I have known of them for 40 years. I believe that you're chasing after and fighting with windmills!"

The term "fighting with windmills" was strange and he was asked a question years later to try and get him to elaborate. In the end it appeared that Dr. Walker thought UFOs were so advanced only those with the "mind of Einstein" could comprehend it, and Ufologists were wasting their time trying to get through the government secrecy that surrounded the subject. On one occasion, for example, he stated:

You are delving into an area that you can do absolutely nothing about. So why get involved with it or concerned about it? Why don't you just leave it alone and drop it? Forget about it!

Often in his contacts with researchers Walker tried to get across the fact that "This is a subject I don't talk about." He would try to talk around the questions he was being asked, but ended up giving up little pieces with every interview. Some of the pieces were very confirming.

He volunteered the fact that he had notes from the crashed saucer meetings:

I am sure that I have notes of those meetings at WPAFB. I would have to dig them out and read them over in order to jog my memory.

In 1990 Walker was interviewed by Armen Azadehdel, who claimed to me that he could get Dr. Walker to talk. Azadehdel told me that he and a German friend of his had come across a crashed flying saucer in a mountain area of Bolivia in 1977, while searching for rare orchids, which was a hobby of his.

He proceeded to tell the story to Walker to get him talk. Walker asked a number of questions trying to ridicule the story, but when Armen stuck to the story, he suddenly told Armen that he could not help him saying, "I have no resources at all, no friends for these things where I am now."

Armen took the opportunity to get something concrete:

Q: Have we captured anything? We must have.

A: Sure.

Q: Anything, did we learn anything?

A: Yeah. I think so.

In a later interview Armen asked Walker more questions about the MJ-12 type group running things:

Q: Are there government scientists?

A: Everyone mistakes this issue. I gather by that you mean whether they work for the Defense establishments of the military?

Q: Yes, Doctor, that is what I meant.

A: Well, that is where you are wrong. They are a Handful of Elite. When you are invited into that group I would know.

Q: Are the members 10, 12, 14? Are they all Americans?

A: I cannot give you the numbers, and no, not necessarily, they are not all Americans.

On crashed saucers Dr. Walker said this:

Q: Have we captured any saucers or any material from the discs to study?

A: The technology is far beyond what is known in ordinary terms of physics that you take the measure and obtain measurements. You are pushing for answers aren't you?

Based on many interviews we concluded that Dr. Walker himself had probably been at the UFO crash in Kecksburg, Pennsylvania. He lived only 100 miles away, and had identified 1965 as the last time that he had been involved with UFOs. Azadehdel agreed to interview Walker on the subject. Surprisingly, Walker confirmed immediately that he had been there, although he would not talk about what was found.

Well, we went there... There were two from the military — but not on duty.

Years after Dr. Walker died Canadian researcher and writer Palmiro Campana phoned Dr. Walker's son who had been in charge of Dr. Walker's papers after he died. Palmiro asked him if he had seen anything in his father's papers related to UFOs. Brian confirmed that he had seen something. Campagna related to me what Brian told him.

He (Brian Walker) saw a file that contained a number of official government documents but he claims he did not read them. He recalls that there were drawings but does not mention of what i.e. disks, bodies, etc. He claims the file contained information on an event in Pennsylvania (Kecksburg perhaps?) and one in the southwestern U.S. He does not recall seeing any mention of other persons. He thinks his father destroyed it before his death, as it was never located afterwards.

Arthur Lundahl

The final trail I wish to review related to Wilbert Smith's work is the UFO connection to Arthur Lundahl. Lundahl was considered the premiere intelligence officer of the 1950s in the United States.

Lundahl ran the National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC) which was responsible for analyzing all the U-2, SR-71, and satellite surveillance photos. He briefed many presidents on this collected intelligence, such as when he went into President Kennedy's office with his large photographic charts to brief the President on the missiles in Cuba.

Lundahl was a very powerful Washington official who happened to be extremely interested in UFOs. This interest was illustrated in a 1971 handwritten note from Lundahl to UFO researcher Dr. James McDonald. The February 2, 1970 letter read in part, "I am glad you are keeping up the good work and assure you that my interest is just as high as ever."

In another April 7, 1970 letter to McDonald on April 7, 1970 Lundahl wrote, "Will look forward to seeing you and engaging in more discussion of a most important subject — the UFOs."

Lundahl played some big roles in UFO history. He was rumored to have been the CIA briefing officer on UFOs for at least three U.S. presidents. He was rumored to have been using intelligence satellites to look for UFOs. He is confirmed to have directed the analysis of all the photographic evidence that was used in the 1953 CIA Robertson panel report on UFOs. At the time Lundahl was working for the Navy. Months after doing the Robertson Panel UFO photographic work he was hired by the CIA.

It is important to note at this point out that there is also a close connection between Arthur Lundahl and the Majestic Documents that Bob and Ryan Wood have been analyzing for the last number of years.

The main figure at the center of the Majestic Documents is Tim Cooper. In the past year, the Woods have released a commendation that was received by Tim's father, Harry. It was signed by Curtis LeMay and cited Cooper for:

His exemplar knowledge of film processing and printing techniques provided necessary aids and photographic production for intelligence evaluation of gun camera and still photographs requested on call by the Foreign Technology Division and the National Photographic Interpretation Center in their contribution to the USAF UFO Program.

Harry Cooper therefore was doing UFO related work for Lundahl's National Photographic Interpretation. It may be a factor in why his son would become the vehicle for government documents after he started filing FOIAs on UFOs.

One of Lundahl's first UFO roles involved a story that occurred when he was still in the Navy (the group that Smith had the most contact with in the United States).

In July of 1952, UFOs flew over the U.S. capitol on two separate weekends. Days after the first flyover the CIA had a piece of hardware that was believed to have been related. It had been recovered by Alvin Moore who was the head of the Naval Bureau of Aeronautics Technical Information Branch of 'BuAer.'

When Moore joined the CIA, he showed the piece to Arthur Lundahl, who had been a reserve officer in the Navy. Moore said that he and Lundahl had a lot in common, "especially about flying saucers." Lundahl must have been impressed with the piece, as he was still talking to Dr. James McDonald about it in 1970.

Shortly thereafter Moore sent the UFO piece — and a gelatin-like substance that was found at the same time and place — to none other than Wilbert Smith in Canada for analysis.

We know of no letter that went back from Wilbert Smith following his analysis. All Moore described was an analysis from the National Bureau of Standards saying it was not a natural stone. The piece eventually disappeared from Moore's locked safe in his CIA office.

Wilbert Smith also had a piece related to the 1952 Washington sightings over the White House. Some had concluded that it is the same piece recovered by Alvin Moore. Smith stated that his piece had been shot off a two-foot-wide disc by a jet. It was similar to the Moore/CIA piece but not exactly:

Q: I have been told by a mutual friend that in 1952 you showed Admiral Knowles a piece of a flying saucer. Is that statement correct?

A: Yes. That is correct. I visited with Admiral Knowles and I had with me a piece which had been shot from a small flying saucer near Washington in July of that year — 1952. I showed it to the Admiral. It was a piece about twice the size of your thumb which had been loaned to me for a short time by your Air Force.

Q: What about this particular piece from that UFO near Washington... did it differ from conventional materials? Was there anything unusual about it?

A: Well the story behind it is this: The pilot was chasing after a glowing disc about two feet in diameter.

Q: Pardon me, sir, but did you say two feet?

A: That is correct. I was informed that the disc was glowing and two feet in diameter. A glowing chunk flew off and the pilot saw it glowing all the way to the ground. He radioed his report and the ground party hurried to the scene. The thing was still glowing when they found it an hour later.

The second story that involved both Lundahl and Wilbert Smith is a fascinating story of an incident that occurred in 1959. It was a story which showed how two different countries

could quickly jump on good UFO cases with the best people they had. It involved the same alien that was supposed to land at Suffield Station before the deal fell apart.

The story began in 1954 when Smith's friend Admiral Herbert Knowles was contacted by a woman in his home town of Elliot, Maine, by the name of Francis Swan (Knowles would later go on to become one of the board members of NICAP).

Mrs. Swan claimed that she was being contacted by aliens many times a day that were orbiting the Earth. Knowles watched to see how the contacts were being made. He was impressed and contacted Wilbert Smith, the head of Navy Intelligence, the FBI, and President Eisenhower.

Smith and the FBI showed up immediately to check out the claim. Smith was fascinated with the contact and remained in regular contact with Mrs. Swan right up to his death in 1962. The FBI reported what they had seen and sent it off to the Air Force. The White House held on to the Knowles information and then sent it off to the Secret Service.

Lots of very interesting things happened related to Mrs. Swan and U.S. government agencies, but because it is a long story let me just cite one wild tale, and then move on to 1959 when Arthur Lundahl gets involved.

Author and UFO investigator Major Donald Keyhoe reported in his writings that the United States Air Force had detected large satellite objects orbiting the Earth in the fall of 1952 with new long range radar that had just been developed. Keyhoe reported that panic set in within the Air Force, and the race was on to do something about it.

The White House was also became involved. The key point man on the satellite issue for President Eisenhower was his national security advisor General Robert Cutler. Cutler, like Eisenhower, was a fanatic about secrecy.

Cutler was the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council and may be known to many Ufologists as the author of the now infamous Cutler-Twining MJ-12 memo which was discovered in the Suitland Archives. He may also be known by researchers as the man inside the NSC who received the Robertson Panel Report when it was sent to the White House in 1953.

What happened on the mysterious satellite issue was that Stewart Alsop, a powerful syndicated columnist with the New York Herald Tribune, published the story that two mysterious satellites had been discovered. According to Major Keyhoe's account of the event Cutler was so angry about the leak that people inside the NSC were afraid to be around him.

Lundahl Talks to an Alien

In 1959 Lt. Commander Robert Neasham and U.S. Navy Commander Julius Larsen found the report about Mrs. Swan's contact with the aliens, and decided to fly from Washington to Maine to investigate her.

Neasham was a close friend of Lundahl's, and with Lundahl had been one of the founding members of NPIC. Neasham had created the enhanced light source that was used on the NPIC film tables.

Neasham had also worked on the team with Lundahl that had analyzed the CIA Robertson Panel UFO photographic evidence. In fact, he actually testified to the committee, stating that after 1000 hours of analysis of the objects in the Utah (Tremonton) case, the analysts had determined that the film showed self-luminous objects that could not be accounted for by any known physical phenomenon.

Neasham and Larsen stayed at the Swan house for a couple of days, and to make a long story short Mrs. Swan taught Commander Larsen how to contact the one of the aliens named AFFA.

Neasham and Larsen raced back to Washington with their discovery and headed to the NPIC to show Arthur Lundahl. Lundahl was very interested and asked Larsen to sit down and make a contact with AFFA.

Larsen sat down and subsequently went into trance. Lundahl and Neasham asked questions. Larsen used automatic writing to answer the questions.

After a series of questions a request for proof was made. Neasham asked, "Can we have proof of your existence?"

Larsen switched from automatic writing to talking and things started to happen.

AFFA: What kind of proof do you want?

Neasham: Can we see your craft?

AFFA: When do you want to see it?

Neasham: Now.

AFFA: Go to the window. (Everyone races to the window.)

Neasham: Are we looking in the right direction?

AFFA: Yes.

According to a Dr. J. Allen Hynek, hand written reproduction of the Lundahl written CIA memo describing the incident:

At this time, approximately 1400, 6 July, 1959, these three men saw what they have indicated was a flying saucer. They described the object as round, with the perimeter brighter than the center. Lt. Commander Neasham checked with Washington Center (Radar) and was informed that for some unknown reason radar return from the direction in which the ship was supposedly seen had been blocked out at the time of the sighting.

Major Friend from Blue Book was called in for an emergency meeting. In this meeting they attempted another contact which failed. Friend returned to write up the event to his commanding general, but was told to drop it because another agency would handle it.

As a top intelligence official, Lundahl would have had a lot of the answers to the mystery of UFOs that interested him so much.

Former Director of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, Todd Zechel, saw Lundahl's personal library outside of Washington. He said it appeared that Lundahl had every UFO book that had ever been written.

Unfortunately the files related to Lundahl's UFO work remain hidden. Even Lundahl himself is very much a mystery, perhaps because of his very secret government work. For example, my request to the FBI came back with a reply that they had "no file" on Arthur Lundahl.

The story of the CIA talking to an alien never became public while it was going on. It only became known in the 1970s when Robert Emenegger and Allen Sandler were approached by the Pentagon officials and told the story. They were then encouraged to tell the story in a government directed UFO documentary.

This leads to Part 2 of this talk which looks at how the government has carefully leaked to the public the history of UFO crashes and the secret government handling of the UFO presence on Earth.

Correlating Leonard Stringfield's Crash-Retrieval Reports

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“Our justice system is based on witnesses”

Even with increasing technology, the DNA reports, fingerprint reports, all become evidence only when supported by the testimony of the expert witness. So, ALL evidence is still dependent on the witnesses and what they say. Len Stringfield sensed that the large numbers of people whom he interviewed represented an amazing story of the covert retrieval of crashed or downed UFOs over decades. When he died, he had published, while protecting the anonymity of the witnesses, many dozen reports. Today we will look at these reports and what they suggest as a conclusion.

Before we begin, however, let me tell you what will be covered. See Slide 2. First, I want to tell you who he was; then present a table of his findings from 80 different witness reports. This table and its sources will be the central basis for most everything that follows. The master table of eighty reports cited show Report Number, whether aliens were noted, whether a craft was noted, whether recovery personnel were present, whether witnesses or researchers other than Stringfield are identified, and whether there is a reference to one of the Questioned Documents (QDs) that Ryan and I have been evaluating. I will display examples of cases representative of each of these categories. Then, a look at some of the arguments against this scenario offered not only by the skeptics but by the ordinary citizen today. The specific issue of transportation feasibility will be discussed. Then, some conclusions for us to keep in mind as we continue to probe the corners of UFOs and all that their reality implies.

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I have been fortunate to have had the services of Nick Redfern to assist me in doing some of the background work for this presentation and paper, and he can be proud of his accuracy and reliability. I am willing to claim any errors.

Leonard H. Stringfield

Leonard Stringfield was arguably the world's premier collector and disseminator of data on the subject of UFO crash-retrievals. Born on December 17, 1920, he was nicknamed “Webster” in high school, due to the astonishing fact that he actually memorized the entire dictionary.

OUTLINE OF TALK

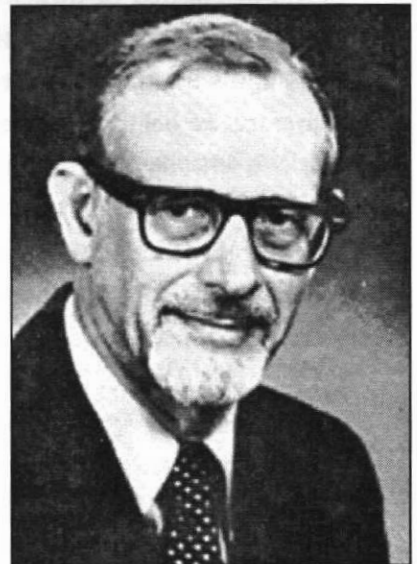
- Len Stringfield, the man
- His publications
- The master table of reports
- Some statistical conclusions
- Five sets of examples, including cases
- Discussion of some skeptical claims about secrecy and transportation
- The amazing conclusion: it's mostly true!

Slide 2

WHO WAS THIS MAN?

- Born circa December 17, 1920
- Graduated from college in 1939
- Joined AF as journalist, intelligence officer
- Saw UFOs near Iwo Jima during WWII in C46
- In 1950, joined Dubois Chemical for 31 years, became Director of PR and Marketing
- Got involved with UFOs publicly about 1953
- First book was *Inside Saucer Post 3-0 Blue*
- Second book was *Situation Red, the UFO Siege*
- Gained reputation with seven "status reports" on UFO Crash Retrievals
- Died December 18, 1994

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Leonard Stringfield

STATUS REPORTS WRITTEN BY STRINGFIELD

- 1. Status Report I; *Retrievals of the Third Kind*, MUFON Symposium, July 1978
- 2. *The UFO/Crash Retrieval Syndrome, Status Report II: New Sources, New Data*, January 1980
- 3. *UFO Crash/Retrievals: Amassing the Evidence*, Status Report III, June 1982
- 4. *The Fatal Encounter at Ft. Dix-McGuire: A Case Study*, Status Report IV, July 1985
- 5. *UFO Crash/Retrievals: Is the Cover Up Lid Lifting?* Status Report V, January 1989
- 6. *UFO Crash/Retrievals: The Inner Sanctum; Status Report VI*, July 1991
- 7. *UFO Crash/Retrievals: Search for Proof in a Hall of Mirrors*, Status Report VII, February 1994

Slide 4

Salient aspects of his life and two books are shown on Slide 3, and Slide 4 lists the Status Report titles and dates. After graduating from college in 1939, Stringfield joined the 5th Air Force directly out of Wright Field, Ohio, and subsequently served in Australia, the Philippines and Japan, first as a journalist and then later in the fields of intelligence and counter-intelligence. Following the Second World War, he worked for 31 years at the DuBois Chemical Company, Ohio, where he almost single-handedly created their art department and retired, in 1981, as their Director of Public Relations.

But it was on August 27, 1945 that Stringfield was thrust into the mysterious world of the UFO, when — at Iwo Jima in the Pacific Theater — he encountered three *Foo-Fighter*-style objects flying perilously close to his aircraft. As Stringfield himself noted: "The orderly world I thought I knew was no more."

Between 1953 and 1957, Stringfield developed his UFO studies and served as Director of CRIFO — the Civilian Research, Interplanetary Flying Objects group — and edited the group's monthly newsletter, *Orbit*; copies of which are, today, much sought after.

Beginning in 1954, Stringfield worked cooperatively with the Air Defense Command of the U.S. Air Force; and until 1957, regularly screened and reported to the USAF details of UFO activity in the tri-state area of Southeastern Ohio, northern Kentucky and southeastern Indiana.

As Stringfield himself recalled:

At that time, many UFO sighting reports came to my home from police departments, sheriff's offices, state police, the media, and citizenry. I was assigned a code number — Fox Trot Kilo 3 Zero Blue — which would identify me at the telephone exchange to report, by phone, to the Air Defense Command Air Filter Center at Lockbourne AFB, in Columbus, Ohio. If my screened UFO report was confirmed by radar, or other means, Air Force interceptors were scrambled. At this point, I was told that the resultant actions were classified. The Air Force paid my phone bills.

Stringfield's Publications

In 1957, Stringfield's first book, *Inside Saucer Post 3-0 Blue*, was published and related the results of Stringfield's research up until that time. In that same year — 1957 — and until 1970, Stringfield served as Public Relations Advisor for NICAP, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. He also served on the Board of Directors of MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network; as an Associate-Investigator for CUFOS, the Center for UFO Studies; and as President of the Cincinnati UFO Society.

A landmark year for Stringfield was 1977: he served as an advisor in November of that year to Prime Minister, Sir Eric Gairy of Grenada, who proposed to the United Nations a plan to establish an agency specifically designed to undertake UFO research. Also in 1977,

MASTER TABLE OF 80 REPORTS

- Report number
- Event Year
- Location and Country
- Alien? (yes or no)
- Vehicle? (yes or no)
- Retrieval Action? (yes or no)
- Confirmation sources exist? (yes or no)
- References to QDs? (yes or no)
- Confirmation sources listed
- Stringfield references to status reports
- Case highlights and comments

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SLIGHTLY SURPRISING CONCLUSIONS

- 79% of reports have checkable sources
- 71% report UFO craft
- 66% report aliens
- 44% report or imply retrieval operations
- 13% relate to questioned documents

Some correlations exist between reports

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WHAT THE NUMBERS SAY

- 53 reports with aliens, some on site
- 57 reports with craft, some on site, some not
- 35 reports involving recovery teams or personnel, some on site, some not
- 63 reports with one or more backup sources to go to
- 7 reports alluding to questioned docs

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Doubleday Books published Stringfield's second book, *Situation Red: The UFO Siege*, that chronicled in detail the results of Stringfield's investigations from the 1950s to the 1970s, and included references to the crashed UFO controversy.

It was the positive feedback that Stringfield received from his readers on this mention of crashed UFOs in *Situation Red* that spurred him on to dig deeper, and ultimately exclusively, into this particular aspect of the UFO phenomenon.

Between 1978 and 1994, Stringfield self-published a number of well-received *Status Reports* on crashed UFO incidents that revealed a wealth of data from numerous named and un-named sources on crashed UFO incidents and that — collectively — amounted to hundreds of pages of previously unseen and vitally important data.

As Stringfield noted in his final *Status Report* published in February 1994: "If this should be my last monograph on UFO crash/retrievals, I feel a warmth of satisfaction that my contributions have made a dent into the credibility that UFOs have had fatal failures."

Leonard Stringfield passed away on December 18, 1994; having died in his sleep one day after his 74th birthday, and after fighting a long battle with lung cancer. He had continued his research and writing to the very end. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Dell, and by his daughters Collette Rhodes, Denise Sparks, and Camille Reynolds.

The Master Table of Reports

The documents that Len created cover many years, and include different numbering systems and sometimes additional reports on the same case at a later time. Therefore, every publication has been read and assigned a Report Number, relating the year involved — preferably a crash retrieval if possible. But some of the reports are just people looking at alien bodies or craft in a secure facility, so the date used is the date of the examination. This has been also made into a master summary electronic file, capturing the highlights of each case. The table has eleven columns, as shown on Slide 5, which is self-explanatory. The detailed table is shown as Table 1 below:

Table 1. Complete listing of Stringfield's cases from his Crash/Retrieval reports show a wide variety of credible, checkable reports of aliens, craft, and recovery teams.

No	Year	Location	A	C	T	O	D	Contacts	Report References	Summary and comments
1	1941	Cape Girardeau, Missouri, USA	1	1	1	1	1	Family Member Charlette Mann	VI, 69-71	UFO, bodies recovered; photo of alien seen
2	1942	"State North of Georgia", USA	1	1	1	0	1	Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit document	VII, 5-6	UFO and 90-100 pound bodies recovered; interior craft descriptions
3	1944	Hawaii, USA	1	1	0	1	0	Researcher Don Worley	III, 18-19	Death of alien being in swordfight!
4	1946	Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, USA	1	1	1	1	0	Researcher David Dobbs	VI, 71-72	UFO and bodies recovered;" pear-shaped heads"
5	1947	Papagos Reservation, Arizona, USA	1	1	1	1	0	Researcher Bill Hamilton	III, 17	UFO sunk in sand guarded by military

6	1947	Summer, Southwestern USA	1	1	1	1	1	1	Researcher Mia Adams; see detailed interview	VII, 17-26	UFO and five bodies in "well-guarded old hangar"; Einstein present
7	1947	Roswell, New Mexico, USA	1	1	1	1	1	1	Numerous Open Sources/Books	II, 16-17; V, 12-15; VI, 12-13	UFO and bodies recovered, new sources confirming known reports
8	1948	White Sands, New Mexico, USA	1	1	1	0	0	0	Witness V.A. Postlethwait	III, 10	100 foot UFO with blown window, "suffocation of five occupants"
9	1948	Rio Grande, Mexico	1	1	1	1	0	0	Witness Leon Crice	III, 32	UFO recovered shown on TV, screen black when bodies mentioned
10	1948	Unknown, Mexico	1	0	0	1	0	0	Researchers John Meloney and Lorraine Duchesne	III, 26	Witness saw alien corpse, white face, triangular head to pointed chin
11	1948	Aztec, New Mexico, USA	1	1	1	1	0	0	Researchers Tommy Blann, Chuck & Vicki Oldham, Tom Adams	III, 33; VI, 39-49	UFO recovered, fractured porthole, bodies four feet long; multiple sources
12	1949	Unknown, Mexico	1	1	1	1	0	0	Researcher Tom Deuley	V, 5-6	Sailor, messenger on command ship reported task force retrieved UFO and bodies but some got away
13	1950	Unknown, USA	1	0	0	1	0	0	No names or corroboration	III, 37	Head-band transceiver recovered, "worn by some members of alien crews"
14	1950	Unknown, Mexico	1	1	0	1	1	1	Researcher William Draeger	II, 22	US and Mexican military; consistent with EBD 1950 crash
15	1950	Sunnyvale, California, USA	0	1	0	1	0	0	Researchers William D. Leed & Bill Leet and witness Duward Haak	II, 20	"Captured flying saucer" seen in Naval Air Station, row of windows
16	1951	Florida, USA	0	1	1	0	0	0	No names or corroboration	II, 24	Witness told of classified book showing AF personnel holding saucers by rims
17	1953	Wright-Pat AFB Ohio, USA	1	0	0	0	0	0	Witness "YR" only	III, 19-20	Bodies observed while installing radiation device; "short, with large heads, clammy with the skin of a reptile"
18	1953	Aurora, Ohio, USA	0	1	1	1	0	0	Researcher Jerold Johnson	VI, 67	UFO cut power lines, recovered, gouged crater; hidden successfully from media
19	1952	Unknown, USA	1	0	0	0	0	0	No names or corroboration	II, 10-13	Alien autopsy details; participant doctor; 3.4 - 4.5 feet, eyes large, nose vague
20	1952	Wright-Pat AFB, Ohio, USA	1	1	1	1	0	0	Researcher Richard Hall	III, 27-30	UFO struck at high speed, body removed from scene in suitcase; meeting was in 1952; crash was earlier
21	1952	Bronx, New York, USA	1	1	0	0	0	0	Witness Robert Oliveri	VII, 26-29	Newspaper report on crashed UFO; papers collected; destroyed them
22	1952	The Pentagon, Washington DC, USA	1	0	0	1	0	0	Researcher Raymond Jordan	V, 4	Woman saw by mistake alien body held at Pentagon, pickled in glass tank

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23	1952	Wright-Pat AFB, Ohio, USA	1	1	0	1	0	Newsman Tom Shell of ABC-TV	II, 5-6	Witness to alien bodies at Wright-Pat; 4 ft tall, skin smooth and gray; head large
24	1952	Wright-Pat AFB, Ohio, USA	0	1	1	0	0	No names or corroboration	III, 27-30	Source's father worked on alien craft at WPAFB, "knew retrieval operations"
25	1953	Kingman, Arizona, USA						See separate report on Kingman	Multiple refs.	UFO and bodies recovered
26	1953	Ft. Polk, Louisiana, USA	1	1	1	1	0	Researchers Dr. Peter Rank and Lois Kukick	III, 4-5	Witness watched object crash, saw medics remove dead and live aliens
27	1953	Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, USA	1	1	0	1	0	Researcher Joan Jeffers	II, 15-16	Source witnessed movie showing UFO and "Mongoloid" bodies; film declared hoax
28	1953	White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico, USA	1	1	1	1	0	Researcher Richard Hall	III, 25-26	UFO unharmed, unoccupied, four occupants all dead nearby
29	1954	New Mexico, USA	1	1	1	1	0	Researchers Fred Schaefer, Gerald Miskar, Linda Thompson, 33p report	III, 5-9	Recovery crew, ping pong, by helicopter to craft crashed, 4 bodies, large heads
30	1955	Unknown, USA	1	0	0	0	1	No names but similar to Corso account re back-engineering	VI	Witness saw "Museum" of crashed UFO high tech artifacts; four bodies in aquariums
31	1956	Wright-Pat AFB, Ohio, USA	1	0	0	1	0	Researcher Warren Nicholson	III, 27-30	Witness possessed photos of "alien cadavers"
32	1957	Southwest, USA	1	1	1	0	0	Researcher Debbie Valerio	II, 6-7	Four humanoid burned bodies recovered, suits fused to flesh; shipped by rail, camouflaged, "rockets"
33	1957	Clovis, New Mexico, USA	1	1	1	1	0	Researcher Debbie Valerio	VII, 29-32	Strange debris recovered only
34	1959	Wright-Pat AFB, Ohio, USA	1	0	0	1	0	Researchers Charles Fumoux and Dr. John Gille and alleged witness Leon Visse	III, 27-30	Bodies autopsied
35	1962	Wright-Pat AFB, Ohio, USA	0	1	0	1	0	Researcher Tommy Blann	III, 12-13	UFO seen in hangar
36	1962	New Mexico, USA	1	1	1	1	0	Researcher Robert Barry	II, 7-8	UFO and bodies recovered, occupants 42 inches high, gray-pink skin, 20 people involved in investigation and research
37	1962	New Mexico, USA	1	1	1	1	0	Researcher Tommy Blann	III	UFO and bodies recovered, "silver, skin-tight flight suits"
38	1963	Unknown, USA	1	1	0	1	0	Researcher Bill Hamilton	III, 26-27	Source witnessed movie showing UFO and bodies
39	1963	Unknown, USA	0	1	0	1	0	Researcher Michael Johnstone	V, 4	UFO witnessed at military base; personnel attempting to get inside
40	1964	Wright-Pat AFB, Ohio, USA	1	0	0	0	0	No name or corroboration	III, 32-33	"Wired torso" seen at Wright-Pat AFB

41	1964	UK & Germany	0	1	0	1	0	"Cosmic Crashes" by Nick Redfern;	VI, 72-73	UFO breaks-up in flight; UK and Germany retrieval
42	1964	Ft. Riley, Kansas, USA	0	1	1	1	0	Researcher Todd Zechel	II, 13-15	UFO witnessed as "grounded, impacted in soil, stood at a tilt"
43	1965	Kecksburg, Pennsylvania	0	1	1	1	0	Researcher Stan Gordon	II, 19-20;V, 11-12;VI, 56-62	UFO recovered, transported and probably seen subsequently at WPAFB. Cover-ups in place.
44	1965	Air Force Museum, Fairborn, Ohio	1	0	0	0	0	No name or corroboration	III, 17-18	Live alien encounter
45	1967	Unknown, Germany	0	1	0	0	0	Researcher Clark McClelland	III, 27-30	Jets downed UFO near Mannheim; UFO recovered
46	1967	Yuma, Arizona, USA	0	1	0	0	0	Proven hoax	III, 34-35	UFO seen in hangar; hoax to test Springfield
47	1967	Western USA	0	1	0	1	0	Additional data in APRO files	III, 10-12	UFO seen in hangar; empty body bags seen
48	1968	Wright-Pat AFB, Ohio, USA	0	0	0	0	0	No name or corroboration	V, 9	UFO "material" held at base; "No fire trucks allowed"
49	1968	Big Springs, Texas, USA	0	1	1	1	0	Researcher Thomas Olsen	III, 20-23	UFO recovery operations witnessed by several military students
50	1970	Mexico	1	1	1	1	0	Researcher Richard W. Heiden	III, 34	Ike said he saw disc and cadavers
51	1972	Cambodia	1	1	0	1	1	Researcher Don Ecker	VI, 50-52	Firefight with aliens; MAJIC; Bodies recovered
52	1972	St. Geniez, France	0	1	0	1	0	Researchers Olivier Rieffel & Jean Sider	V, 6-7	UFO crashed; recovery not confirmed but 3 pages of firsthand reports
53	1973	Norton AFB, California, USA	1	1	0	1	0	Researcher John Lear	V, 18-19	Photographer, 3 dead aliens and UFO seen in hangar
54	1973	Colorado, USA	1	1	0	1	0	Researcher John Ford	V, 20	FBI knowledge of crashed UFO and bodies from FBI agents in training
55	1973	Wright-Pat AFB, Ohio, USA	1	0	0	1	0	Researcher Chris Coffey	V, 5	Witness Astronaut Onizuka aw movie of dead bodies
56	1973	Unknown, USA	1	0	0	0	0	No name or corroboration	II, 3-4	USAF policeman guarding 3 humanoid bodies
57	1973	Great Lakes Naval Base, USA	0	1	0	1	0	Researcher Don Jemigan	III, 13	UFO seen in hangar while guarding Quonset hut
58	1974	New Mexico, USA	0	0	0	1	0	Researcher Randall Clement	III, 23-4	Knowledge of C/R in New Mexico mentioned during California training for CHP
59	1974	Texas, USA	1	1	1	1	0	Researcher Barbara Schutte	III, 37	Professional photographer took pictures of "live aliens" from crash-site
60	1974	Wright-Pat AFB, Ohio, USA	1	0	0	1	0	Researcher Pat Packard	VII,13-16	Witness saw alien body in morgue drawer
61	1975	Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA	1	0	0	1	0	Researcher Randall Clement	II, 20-21	AF technician saw "dismembered and charred" body in "underground facility"

Correlating Leonard Stringfield's Crash-Retrieval Reports

62	1974	Chihuahua, Mexico	0	1	1	1	1	Researcher Elaine Douglas	VII, 32-37	UFO recovered; Mexican crash recovery team dead
63	1975	Near Ohio border, USA	0	1	0	1	0	Witness Betty Shilling	II, 21	UFO crash; recovery unconfirmed
64	1977	Lumberton, Ohio, USA	1	1	1	1	0	Researcher Bob Pratt	II, 25	Shootout with aliens; 11 American casualties
65	1978	Ft Dix-McGuire, New Jersey, USA	1	1	1	1	0	Researchers Richard Hall and Bruce Maccabee	III, 9-10; IV all; V, 15-17	MP fired five rounds into alien; body found on runway at base
66	1978	Ohio, USA	1	1	1	1	0	Researcher Jeffrey Parks	II, 4-5	WPAFB employee saw extensive UFO files, bodies
67	1978	Bolivia	0	1	1	1	1	<i>Cosmic Crashes</i> by Nick Redfern; see Appendix 3	II, 22-23	UFO recovered; relates to Moon dust
68	1979	Oregon, USA	0	1	1	1	0	Researcher Bruce Molon	VI, 67-68	Crash retrieval Marine helped recover UFO and debris; also saw artifacts and bodies at Grafford AFB in 1973 or 1974
69	1979	Pennsylvania, USA	1	0	0	1	0	Researcher Larry Moyers	II, 25-26	Pocono Mts., Johnson put alien in freezer; hoax?
70	1979	Modesto, California, USA	0	0	0	1	0	Researcher Randall Clement	II, 20	Officers saw falling craft; UFO malfunctioning?
71	1979	Ohio, USA	0	0	0	1	0	Witness John Mosgrove and friend Bruce Phillips and researcher Stan Friedman	VII, 10-13	Dental impression of ET; Knowledge of alien body at WPAFB
72	1980	Houston, Texas, USA	1	1	0	1	0	Researcher Norma Lindblad	III, 36	Radar specialist saw recovered UFO and aliens with large heads
73	1981	Germany	1	1	1	1	0	Researcher Michael Hesemann	III, 30-31	UFO and bodies recovered from Crash in Soviet sector
74	1982	Texas, USA	0	1	0	1	0	Researcher Tommy Blann	III, 14-17	Witness had knowledge of C/R helicopter units, underground installations
75	1984	Puerto Rico	0	1	1	1	0	Researchers Barry Greenwood & Jorge Martin	V, 17-18	Feb 19 crash, U.S. UFO recovery, meteorite cover story
76	1985	New Orleans, Louisiana, USA	1	0	0	1	0	Researcher Kurt Thiel	VII, 13-16	Examination of live alien
77	1986	Russia	0	0	0	1	0	Researchers Michael Hesemann & Dr. Marina Popovich	VI, 74-75	Jan 29 crash of "Ball-shaped object"; fragments recovered
78	1987	Kentucky, USA	1	0	0	1	0	Cincinnati radio-host. Bill Boshears	V, 7-8	Doctor found skeletal remains, USAF coverup
79	1987	Ohio, USA	1	1	0	0	0	No names or corroboration	V, 8-9	Farmer found crashed disc and alien bodies, MIB coverup
80	1990	Edwards AFB, California, USA	1	1	1	1	0	Researcher Ron Madeley	VI	Madeley interview with "Dr. Epigoni"; UFO and bodies recovered
Totals			53	57	35	63	10			
Percentages			66	71	44	79	13			

A look at the percentages at the bottom of the table gives some slightly surprising conclusions, noted in Slide 6. It has been assumed that Len was so protective of his sources that, now that he is dead and access to his papers has been allegedly rejected on several occasions, that there is no way to verify his cases. This would seem to be false, since 79% of the cases cited have references to others, many of whom are known to be living. Furthermore, a careful perusal of his cases shows that in most instances, the first person to contact the witness was not Stringfield but another source, often identified. The second surprising fact (to me, anyway) is the large percentages of aliens and craft seen. Nearly half identify recovery teams, thereby reinforcing the credibility of an elite group (MOONDUST) poised and dedicated to covertly recovering items falling. Prior to satellites in 1957, they would have had to be dedicated towards UFO recoveries. Finally, there are several reports that allude to items noted in some of the Questioned Documents that Ryan and I have been attempting to authenticate. These will be discussed later.

The table does not include six reports provided by Tim Cooper, including three reports on behalf of his father, Harry Bob Cooper, and three reports from others submitted by Tim. These should have been included for completeness, and would make for a total of 86, not 80 reports. However, most of the data were made available to Stringfield in an unpublished Cooper document, "The White Sands Proving Ground UFO Incidents of 1947: A Preliminary Report" (May, 1993).

Slide 7 provides a different perspective of the same data, using a numerical instead of percentage count. This may be useful in attempting to estimate the total number of crashes recovered, a number that has widespread interest. A next step might be to count the on-site aliens, craft, and recovery teams from the table by going to the original reports.

Slide 8 shows that there are nine reports that may represent only five crash recoveries. These correlations are not proven, but only speculated based on the sometimes meager data in the reports.

Unusual Reports of Interest

After reading about 80 reports, and thinking about all of these different perspectives, I was moved to try to give the audience a flavor of the nature of the typical ones, and so the next few slides do just that for the five categories that I have tabulated numerically.

Alien Reports

Beginning with aliens on Slide 9, I offer three reports that attracted me as unusual. They are self-explanatory, and more detail can be found by going to the original references.

Craft Reports

Slide 10 gives three craft reports that I felt were unusual. The first case is a good counter to the argument that the desert is usually swarming with prospectors and explorers,

POSSIBLY THE SAME CRASH RETRIEVAL?

- Report 6 and Report 7 (1947): Einstein report and Roswell cases
- Report 9 and Report 10 (1948): News on TV and Mexico crash
- Reports 35-36-37 (1962): all three reported disc in a hangar
- Report 59 and Report 60(1974): Photographed aliens could have been same ones seen later at WPAFB

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THREE UNUSUAL REPORTS WITH ALIENS

1. Report 34, WPAFB, French professor asked to measure historic weight of sample, shown two alien corpses." Tall, mutilated, long blond hair, Asiatic look"
2. Report 60, "Emily" shown alien body in morgue drawer prior to employment at WPAFB. "Gray, 4 feet tall, iguana skin"
3. Report 76, Geriatric specialist near Los Alamos examined alien with paralyzed larynx in New Orleans Vet Hospital, per "Beth"

Slide 9

THREE UNUSUAL CASES WITH CRAFT

1. Report 5, Papagos Reservation, Arizona, Jan 1947. Jeep drivers looking for property came upon Air Force personnel, saw disc-shaped object with dome, 30 feet diameter, windows. No heavy equipment there yet.
2. Report 53, Norton AFB, 1973. AF photographer took photos of UFO underground in net suspended by crane. 3 dead aliens, 5 feet tall. "Interior larger than exterior."
3. Report 68, Oregon, 1979. Source known to Molon was Marine in C/R incident, deep ruts, object placed in large flat semi with tarp. Source helped load crates onto helicopter.

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and why wouldn't they be noticing the recovery activity? Here's exactly one example case. The second case is remarkable to me because it begins to get close to some of the truly anomalous observations hinting at new principles of science, where the inside of the craft seemed larger than the outside. I have heard of this in other reports, and regard it, if accurate, as a critical issue for improving our understanding of space, time, and the physics of the ETs. The last one is neat because I know Bruno Molon, the source, and the witness was a member of the recovery team. An interview with such a person could be helpful in confirming our understanding of the recovery procedures of that era.

Recovery Team Reports

Slide 11 give three examples of recovery team cases. The first one occurred before there was the problem of recovering satellite debris, when a power line repairman supervisor had come across some debris in a large gouged crater that included a box emitting a beep. Recovery crew arrived with two tractor-trailer vehicles, removed all, and left it pristine. Media coverage zero. The second report is interesting because it was witnessed by military personnel, and included three live aliens being assisted out of the craft. Significant were the extensive debriefings and follow-ups, consistent with apparent policy. The last one I think to be remarkable because we had expected to have a dispute with the Mexican recovery team, but they had beaten us to the site. However, they were all dead, lying around the craft.

Checkable Reports

Of the 63 reports that have secondary references, several of them are known to people who are still active in the UFO research community. They are shown on Slide 12. Identifying the people who would be able to offer identities or confirm details of the reports publicly could be logically challenged as an invitation to the "men in black" to silence them. However, all this information has been in the public domain for years. To do an effective assessment, it would be probably necessary to arrange for private interviews with some understanding of what would happen to the information. So, it is not as trivial as just picking up the phone and expecting to get the next level of detail. Furthermore, many of my friends are careful about what they say on the phone. I am personally acquainted with six of the seven listed, never having met Michael Hesemann personally.

Relation to Questioned Documents (QDs)

Slide 13 shows the seven reports that have some correlation with the QDs that have been the subject of my other presentations. The first is the classic reference to the recovery case of 1941 in the 24 September 1947 report by General Twining. This was presented in detail at last year's conference by Ryan Wood and is included in those proceedings.

The second case, Report 2, describes four crew members taken alive, five feet in height, correlates with the description of the Special Operations Manual SOM 1-01, page 6, of EBE

THREE CASES WITH RECOVERY TEAMS

- 1. Report 18, Aurora, Ohio, 1953. Power repairman saw 30-foot crater, wreckage. Military cleaned up site, bulldozed crater flat, no media coverage.
- 2. Report 26, Fort Polk, Louisiana, 1953. Top brass and medics took one body on stretcher, three live crew aided as though injured. Crash witnessed by troops. Debriefings and follow-ups.
- 3. Report 62, Chihuahua, Mexico, 1974. Quick response helicopter team found Mexican recovery personnel dead. Lethal biological agent correlates with QDs.

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EASY TRAILS TO CHECK

- R5, R38: Bill Hamilton active, helpful to the community and may have notes
- R12: Tom Deuley may know identity of source and have other notes on the alleged 1950 Mexico crash
- R20, R28, R65: Dick Hall was involved and may have notes
- R51: Don Ecker may know more about this Cambodian fire fight
- R62: Elaine Douglas, active researcher – Mexican bodies
- R68: Bruno Molon is personally known to me, has provided Stringfield correspondence
- R73: Michael Hesemann may know more about this East Germany crash retrieval

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SEVEN REPORTS REFERENCING QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS

- Report 1, Cape Girardeau, 1941: "White Hot" document
- Report 2, near Georgia, 1942: alien description agrees with SOM1-01 Type I
- Report 6, SW USA, 1947: Einstein present agrees with the Einstein memo
- Report 14, Mexico, 1950: date agrees with the Eisenhower Briefing Document
- Report 30, USA, 1955: artifacts suggest reverse engineering attempts, correlating with "1st Annual Report"
- Report 51, Cambodia, 1972: Group name of MAJIC correlates with the code word
- Report 62, Chihuahua, Mexico, 1974: death of Mexican recovery team correlates with the IPU and 1st Annual Report deaths reported

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Type I. Slide 14 is a rendition by forensic artist Bill McDonald of the description therein. Slide 15 shows both EBEs in underground settings.

The third entry, Report 6, deals with an extensive interview held by researcher Mia Adams with one of Einstein's assistants who allegedly joined him in a visit to recovery sites and proved detailed descriptions of aliens, and selected reactions of Einstein. This, of course would provide strong endorsement of the authenticity of the "Einstein/Oppenheimer" unsigned draft memo dated June 1947, to the extent that he would have had first-hand involvement and would have been a logical person to draft such a memo. See The Majestic Documents, page 8, or visit www.majesticdocuments.com.

Report 14 describes a UFO that allegedly crashed "30 miles northwest of Del Rio," which could correlate with the Eisenhower Briefing Document's reference to the body impacting "in the El Indio-Guerrero area of the Texas-Mexican border" on page 005 thereof. Unfortunately these are imprecise location designations. This is also specifically referenced in the 1st Annual Report, item 12, page 11 thereof.

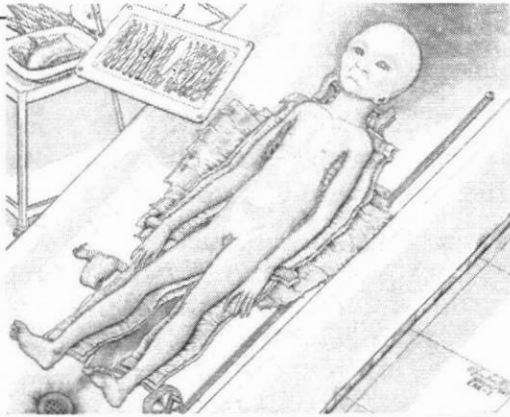
Report 30 deals with an alleged 1955 viewing of the famous "Blue Room" at WPAFB. More significant to me than the aliens in aquariums was the extensive display of parts and equipment and the clear inference of "reverse engineering" in progress. This dovetails with the entire flavor of the "1st Annual Report," where the portion under "IV. DISCUSSION" is about the impact of the ET technology on our capabilities.

Report 51 specifically describes the details of armed conflict with aliens outside of their craft on the ground. Several alien casualties and one human death resulted before the remaining aliens boarded and left. Subsequent interrogations of the military personnel included narcotics and hypnosis. They were interrogated also by civilians who were representatives of "MAJIC." This, of course, is the code word associated with several QDs, such as the Bowen manuscript, the SOM1-01, the 1st Annual Report first page, the Humelsine to President Memo Eyes Only stamp referencing Executive Order 092447 appearing also in another document.

Report 62, which deals with the crash in Mexico where our recovery team found the Mexican team dead, correlates strongly both with the 1st Annual Report, page 9, item 9 discussing "autopsies on the four dead SED technicians" — suggesting a toxin or highly contagious disease; also therein on page 5 is the discussion of Biological Warfare Programs that is relevant. Also, the Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit summary report written 9 July 1947 identified the deaths of three technicians, with autopsies schedule to determine cause of death.

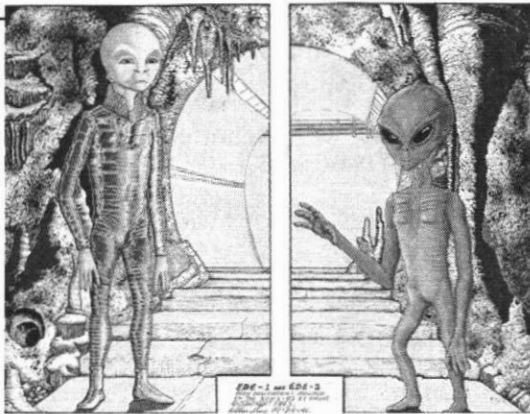
In summary, seven of the reports have correlation with several of the QDs, thereby enhancing the authenticity of both the QDs and the witness reports.

EBE I AS DESCRIBED IN SOM 1-01



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BOTH EBE I AND II



Slide 15

WHAT DO THE SKEPTICS SAY?

General:

- How do we know they're not hoaxes?
- Why would the Government keep this quiet?
- How could they possibly keep such a thing secret over the years?

Specific:

- How did the military retrieval teams operate and enforce long-term secrecy? (Answer by Don Berliner in MUFON Journal, 1988; see SOM too)
- How did the military retrieval teams covertly ship large UFO parts by truck or rail? (Answer: they couldn't have, according to George Earley)

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What Do the Skeptics Say?

So, if there have been numerous craft recovered over the years, why doesn't the common man understand this to be so? Actually, the opposite is so. Neither the media nor the average person is convinced that we have been recovering crashed flying saucers all these years, let alone reverse engineering them. However, people generally and almost universally have an interest in the UFO topic, sensing intuitively that the government is not telling us all they know. They are right.

Nevertheless, skepticism is an important part of the scientific method, and we should be able to deal with reasonable questions even from unreasonable people. I sense two layers of skepticism on this topic: the first is quite general, and the second is increasingly specific. Slide 16 displays both sets of concerns. Generally, it is reasonable to try to make sure that the witness testimony that Len collected is free of hoaxes. Then there are the usual questions everyone needs to have a genuine and believable answer for: WHY would this be kept secret? And HOW could it be kept secret so long; wouldn't such secrets leak? There have been a number of specific objections to the ETH (extraterrestrial hypothesis), nicely summarized by Jacques Vallee in the *Journal of Scientific Exploration* (1990): Too many sightings leading to too much traffic; aliens are too much like us; abductions often inconsistent with high technology expected; reports from prior centuries weaken the ETH; behavior inconsistent with physics. These arguments were rebutted one by one in my response, "The Extraterrestrial Hypothesis is Not That Bad", *JSE*, 1991. These arguments and rebuttals are not particularly focused on crash retrievals, however. There have been two specific issues relating to crash retrievals: (a) Would not such a retrieval team have to have exceptionally significant training and planning in order to do this work both quickly and covertly? (b) How would they have been able to ship such large recovered craft to our secret locations when roads were so narrow and train restrictions so clear (tunnel height, for example).

Hoaxes

The first issue is that of hoaxes. In hindsight, it appears that Len was "taken in" (to the extent that he put them in his reports) by four hoaxes. We have included two of the four in the master list of 80 reports and they are shown on Slide 17 as Report 46 and Report 69. The other two were treated in considerable detail by Stringfield, and it was in part this detail that help expose them as hoaxes. The first was the now-famous South Africa crash saucer hoax of 1989, and the second was an alien vessel recovered in Carp, Canada, also in 1989. Both cases are sufficiently complex that it would be unproductive to attempt to summarize the details. However, to my knowledge, the perpetrators have not "confessed" to either of these cases.

Slide 18 gives my summary of how why some hoaxers may do it. Often, it is just a relatively innocent trick to get a laugh at fooling witnesses, such as the candle on a hot-air balloon. Sometimes, however, it is a well-planned, beautifully executed scheme to get a hoax

FOUR REPORTS ARE PROBABLY HOAXES

- Report 46, 1967, UFO seen in hangar in Yuma; conclusively proven hoax
- Report 69, 1979, Pocono Mountains; body found by Johnson, placed in a freezer; Johnson did not check out; probable hoax
- Status report VI includes two now-accepted hoaxes: the 1989 South Africa crash and the 1989 Carp, Canada "retrieval"

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WHAT SOME HOAXERS DO

- Create a false claim like the anomalous reports
- Plant the claim with a researcher
- Await the researcher to claim publicly
- Announce it was a hoax to discredit researcher
- Hope that this kills the (useless) research

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WHY KEEP IT SECRET?

- First motivation was during war for technology advantage (Nazis, Soviets)
- Early genuine fear of panic (War of Worlds)
- Apprehension about impact on religion
- Later, cover illegal or unconstitutional acts
- Now, to maintain the status quo

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“into the system.” One example occurs to me, implemented by a couple of CSICOP (Committee for the Scientific Investigation of the Claims of the Paranormal) members. They “planted” a psychic into a Washington University project that the non-profit McDonnell Foundation was supporting to collect evidence for psychic phenomena. The plant had several sophisticated tricks planned that totally fooled the investigators, who adopted the data as genuine. When the truth came out, the sponsors were so embarrassed that the project was canceled.

Why Keep it Secret?

The next topic, why would the government keep this secret, is highlighted on Slide 19. We have mentioned that there was a 1941 crash, and several of the QDs under study report on the Los Angeles “air raid” of February 1942 as resulting in the recovery of two craft — one by the Army in the San Bernardino Mountains and one by the Navy at sea. We were essentially on a wartime basis then, and in 1947 we had the Cold War starting, with the U.S.S.R. So, there is no doubt that it was common sense to make sure that our enemies or potential enemies did NOT gain access to the possibly high technology that might come from interplanetary craft. Furthermore, the *War of the Worlds* Orson Wells program had just aired on Halloween in 1938 and the perception was that the public reacted strongly to the idea of alien invasion. None of the world’s main religions provide room for ETs, other than being other creatures of creation. ETs that look like *Homo sapiens* and are maybe even smarter may cause a potential dilemma. The actions reported by other enforcement (military or intelligence) personnel often are violating our laws if not our constitution, in the name of National Security. The National Security Act of 1947 gave huge powers, possibly unconstitutional, to permit continuing protection of the UFO secrecy. Finally, today it is truly unclear to me who is in charge of this recovery program. I don’t think it is the government of the United States any more. But, there are lots of reasons to keep everything the same instead of rocking the boat. It is difficult to imagine a plan to reveal what has happened to the public without there being recriminations and a big change.

How the Secrets are Kept

Sophisticated secrecy probably began in the United States government with the establishment of the Manhattan Project, now known for its compartmentalization, security levels, screening of personnel, cover stories and document control. The UFO recovery program intertwined with the Manhattan Project early on, in that in one case, recovery personnel and a craft were taken to Los Alamos for study, according to more than one report. The Army, Navy, and FBI all had security processes in place, and as each agency became exposed to the recovery of UFOs, they no doubt implemented the best procedures they had. They all include deception. There is a stamp, “Not for Public Disclosure,” that has been used on some of the questioned documents, but the legitimacy of the stamp has not

“SUCH SECRETS WOULD LEAK”

- Manhattan Project security procedures have been adapted to our modern security world
- They are designed to prevent leaks
- Yet, we have 76-80 leaks via Stringfield
- If 90% are suppressed, then we've had 800 crash retrieval witnesses
- The media are “controlled” as part of the process

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SOME SECRETS ARE KEPT

The secret of...

- The Trinity Burst was not a “dynamite shack”
- Upshot-Knothole nuclear testing was not essentially harmless; covered up
- Rocky Mountain Arsenal having nuclear contamination and cover-ups for nerve gas
- JFK was not killed by Oswald acting alone; official cover-up: open in 2038?

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CRASH RETRIEVAL PROCEDURES CLEAR

- Don Berliner's article in the MUFON Journal sets the stage
- Select personnel, security area around crash, packaging procedures, control of aliens separately, debriefing procedures
- This led to Don's receiving Special Operations Manual SOM1-01

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been questioned. The Special Operations Manual SOM 1-01 is an excellent summary of the procedures that would have been used by the recovery teams. The idea of covert operations to fool the public began with the Manhattan Project and has been getting better and better ever since. See Slide 20.

Generic Secrecy

In spite of the security surrounding crash retrievals, there HAVE been some leaks. The existence of these 80 reports represent some of the leaks. The leaks of the QDs that have come my way represent about another 10 leakers. If only 10% of the people tell tales against instructions and security oaths, then this represents potential reports of 800 to 900. If only 1% tell, then our numbers imply a huge number of thousands of witnesses, more or less consistent with the number of people who might have been involved in recovery operations over the years. A concluding but critical factor is the "control" of the media. One of our QDs states, "One of the most difficult aspects of controlling the perception in the public's mind of government attempts of denial and ignorance — is actual control of the press." (underline in original). Psychological warfare has specifically been planned and documented for the American public, and the authentic stamp, "Not for Public Inspection" symbolizes this.

Some of you out there may be thinking, "Well, he's just a 'conspiracy theorist.'" Some conspiracies are not theories, beginning with the Manhattan Project. It was a huge conspiracy, with deception and cover stories all part of the process. I offer in Slide 21 a summary of three specific secrets that were at one time part of a conspiracy and kept from public acceptance, but have now become accepted by the public as facts. The first secret was that the Trinity burst was a nuclear bomb explosion; the newspapers were all fooled to report it as a "dynamite shack" that had exploded in the desert. The second secret was that the atmospheric testing of the 50's was not harmless, but did major radioactive exposure both to our troops as well as to civilians. Here, the motive for secrecy was money...to avoid having to pay potentially huge liability suits. Those involved felt that it was better to cover up by changing the calibration of the monitoring units than to drain our treasury. A similar motive applies to the case of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal, where even today the State of Colorado is involved in litigation with the DoD regarding the cover-ups of the contamination of the surrounding territory, the cover-up of disposal of nerve gas (actually, at the end of the old Denver Stapleton Airport runway) and the use of deception in the entire process. They regularly lie in order to "protect" this Army institution. Finally, except for a few people who have accepted faithfully the Warren Commission's report, I personally know of almost no one who believes that Lee Harvey Oswald was the "lone gunman" in JFK's assassination. Even the classified version of this report (that has been torn to shreds by many skeptical authors) will not be released until I think 2038. Why keep something secret this long? Obviously, this is almost the definition of a cover-up.

GEORGE EARLEY'S CONCERNS ABOUT COVERT TRANSIT

- George Earley used to ship windmills
- He found that it took months of planning to get 100-foot blades on an approved route that hadn't changed
- He doesn't believe that the dozens of UFOs described in Stringfield's reports could possibly have been moved unobserved in a few days
- Many of the UFOs were wider than the road or the railbed

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POSSIBLE ANSWERS TO EARLEY'S CONCERNS

- The military don't need to get approval to move equipment
- Plans for moving outsized equipment have been in place for years.
- Army Corps of Engineers knows how to do this
- First crash was in 1941 and it's easy to visualize a current plan from A to B, where B is just a few sites.
- Some reports specifically mention rail transport
- Size distribution is not always >100 feet

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MAXIMUM SIZE DISTRIBUTION REPORTED

- Less than or equal to 20 feet: 3(R2, 27, 35)
- 21-30 feet: 5 (R5, 18, 37, 53, 57)
- 31-50 feet: 2 (R29, 42)
- 51-100 feet: 2 (R36, 49) (R49 = "50 to 100")

Conclusion: 2/3 of Stringfield's reported maximum sizes were less than 30 feet

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Specific Secrecy—Specific Recovery Procedures

Going back to Slide 16, we see that I identified a couple of very specific issues some skeptics have raised. The first has to do with the apparent efficiency of the recovery teams and their methodical and comprehensive approach to covertly and effectively removing the craft and aliens, and keeping the public in the dark. If the first big crash occurred in 1947, how come the Roswell cleanup crew was so ready for this? Answer: they had been practicing since the Cape Girardeau crash of 1941 and the L.A. "air raid" crashes of 1942. Actually, the present Chairman of the Fund for UFO Research, Don Berliner, wrote an extremely innovative paper in 1988(?) outlining the procedure that would have been in place for use by such crash retrieval teams. See Slide 22. I believe that Len and Don were good acquaintances, and Len's reports may have influenced his scenario. In any case, five years or so later, Don was the recipient in the mail from LaCrosse, WI, of a package containing the original negative of Special Operations Manual SOM 1-01, available as a reprint from Bob and Ryan Wood. Presumably he was selected as the recipient because he came so close to guessing the details right, presumably by the leaker who mailed the document. A study of this manual pretty much answers many of the procedural questions of the recovery team, although it doesn't deal with the debriefing procedures that have been used to allegedly threaten so many witnesses.

Specific Secrecy—Transportation by Road and Rail

In 1981, shortly after Len did his first Status Report in 1978, a skeptic George Earley published a two-part article in *Fate Magazine* raising issues about the feasibility of shipping the recovered UFOs covertly and quickly. His background, although not so stated in the articles, had involved shipping of windmills and their parts around the country before our Interstate Highway System had been started, and therefore makes him quite credible in this area. Although he uses some near *ad hominem* inferences (alluding to "retrievalists and their followers") and relies on an interview with one MD to seek his opinion on how the government "would have" autopsied the aliens (requiring as many as 100 specialists to do it right), I think that Earley is asking a fair question about how the retrieval teams were able to move the UFOs so well. See Slide 23. It took him months of planning to get some smaller windmill blades across a few states, and that was with the cooperation of their law enforcement agencies. A proper answer to the issues he raises would actually require access to some early road records, perhaps. He does make the excellent point that some of the larger craft reported (over 50 feet) would not pass between the telephone poles in places, or go through some tunnels, or fit under the underpasses. Shipment by rail might have been even more difficult, with tunnels and other railroad restrictions making for an absolute height limit of 14 feet 3 inches east of Kansas City and width limit of 12 feet. He also correctly notes that in the early days, our helicopter and airborne shipping capability were significantly limited to sizes smaller than those reported by Springfield.

LEN'S CONCLUSIONS

- Len said: "For 50-50 chance there were ten crash retrievals"
- Len might have been conservative; his own data suggest more like 30
- He figured out what was going on long before most researchers

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HINTS AT "INTERPLANETARY WAR"

- Stringfield sometimes speculated about this
- SOM1-01 talks about "captured" craft and says wreckage may be result of "military action"
- See Frank Feschino's new book, "The Braxton County Monster" showing impressive evidence of battle with 3 UFOs in Sept 1952
- Soviet fighter pilot testimony of USSR policy in this area

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MY CONCLUSIONS

- Stringfield's reports suggest dozens of crash retrievals, many with aliens
- They are not inconsistent with his speculation of a secret "interplanetary war"
- Dozens of leads could be followed with time and money
- The most important secret is the secrecy itself
- The silencers are possibly still at work for some witnesses

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So, what's the answer? Slide 24 notes some of the possible solutions. In the first place, an Army convoy does not need to get approval from the various states if national security is involved, and these specially trained troops had all the clout they needed. Presuming this to have been in the plans since the early 40s, clearly these retrieval units would have had preplanned routes identified depending on the width and size of their load. (Incidentally, Earley assumes that the UFOs are heavy – actually, there is evidence that some of them have been lifted by just a few personnel.) In any case, large flat trailers have been often reported as part of the recovery equipment. The routes to be taken were presumably limited to just a few destinations, such as WPAFB (where many of the reports originated), Los Alamos, or Area 51. The latter two sites are surrounded by much land easily controlled by the government, so the critical routes might have been those to Wright-Patterson. Going overland would certainly have been an option, although it seems easier to use roads if they are indeed wide enough. The Army Corps of Engineering would seem to be a perfect institution to work this problem out. Perhaps some research time in the Archives would yield emergency plans for moving large equipment such as big guns in the 50s. In a few reports, some of the smaller UFOs were reported to have been sent by rail. In any case, not all of them were large. Slide 25 gives the distribution of sizes for all of the twelve reports that state a size estimate. You can see that two-thirds of them were less than 30 feet, which I think would have been a very manageable number given the authority of the recovery teams to go wherever they wanted to. In conclusion, these recovery teams treated the transportation problem as just one more part of the retrieval process. The famous Kecksburg retrieval is an excellent example (see Report 43).

Conclusions

I had the good fortune to meet with Len at MUFON symposia, and I think in about 1990 or 1991 I introduced myself, and asked him the question, “Len, if you had to make an even-money bet and let me pick high or low, what, in your opinion is the number of crashes that we have recovered? (In other words, equally likely that it is less than this number as it is more than this number). His answer to me was not recorded, but my recollection is that he said, “Ten.” See Slide 26. This was much larger than I had expected at the time, since I hadn't studied the topic much. Actually, I think he was low. His own data suggest that he could argue for on the order of 30 crashes, especially if you include those that he may not have known about such as the L.A. air raid cases, since none of those documents had leaked at that time. Len's insight to the phenomena, provided by his merely listening to the witnesses and assessing their integrity and circumstances, permitted him to figure out long before most of the rest of us that we had a healthy crash retrieval program underway for years, hiding the truth from everyone without a need to know. “Not for Public Inspection.”

The crises of earlier years have been coming out slowly. Len speculated that we may have had an “interplanetary war.” See Slide 27. Remarkably, in the last few months I have run across evidence that this may be the case. In the process of reading a new book by Frank

Feschino, *The Braxton County Monster*, I was stunned by the clarity and certainty, together with the usual cover-up, of an aerial battle with three UFOs in September 1952. By the way, it is a great book about the Flatwoods monster, which probably turned out to be a vehicle not an alien. Finally, I have a first-hand report from a former Soviet pilot who has personally shot at UFOs as ordered. These, together with the QD discussions of "captured" and "downed" craft are suggestive of an aggressive plan to get them in our laboratories. My conclusions, based on active work in this area since 1967, are shown on Slide 28: Large number of craft and aliens recovered and captured, and at one time we had so much military activity that one could have described some of the actions as an interplanetary war. The work of Leonard Stringfield has been excellent, and surprisingly, offers many leads even today for checking up on some of these reports, although as Stan Friedman often says, it is a race with the undertaker.

I feel that one of the most important reasons for the secrecy is the strong desire of those in charge to not reveal the enormous control they have over what the public thinks. The UFO secrecy process, if revealed, would also show the techniques used to convince the public of most anything.

Closing Speculation

Most of what I have said so far, in my opinion, is strongly supported by the witness testimony and other records. Now I'll do a little speculating about some of the possible secrets that are *still* being kept — but without giving you enough to try to convince you: just enough to make you wonder. Take three secrets maybe still being kept from the public shown on my last Slide 29. Remember, we started with deceptive practices back in the 40s with the Manhattan Project.

Anyone who is technically inclined can follow the arguments in either *The Downing of TWA Flight 800* by James Sanders (1997) or a more current summary of what probably happened in *First Strike* by Jack Cashill and James Sanders (2003). Essentially, the radar data show another aircraft, the Navy was present within 6 miles of the explosion, unidentified surface ships were present, photos were confiscated and never released, the underwater sea floor coverage was edited, explosive residue was found on both bodies and parts, the nose gear door was blown inward, explosive was found on the wing, witness drawings are missing, seats were missing, the Flight Data Recorder was removed and altered, the Cockpit Voice Recorder analysis is still classified, pellets penetrated the bodies of victims, 244 witness reports have been suppressed, including those of the Defense Intelligence Agency's Missile and Space Intelligence Center.

If you look at some of the less reported fact of the JFK Jr. death, you will find (a) an explosion was heard by witnesses on the ground; (b) the wreckage of the plane was never displayed; (c) the bodies were never shown; (d) the burials were accelerated completely past any objective coverage; (e) JFK Jr. said he saw the runway lights and was in contact with the tower; (f) excerpts from the FBI report on the recovery stated, "The recovered aircraft

shows evidence of an explosive device having been glued or affixed within the tail luggage compartment.”

Finally, if you look at a DVD or video called, *911-In Plane Site*, you will see that it clearly was not a commercial aircraft that hit the Pentagon, and that the aircraft that hit the North Tower had an object attached to its underside, also suggesting that it was not a commercial jet. What’s going on? I don’t know, and neither do you. But, somebody does. This is a secret cover-up so huge that it will live in history as the greatest cover-up since the crash retrieval program.

ARE THESE CONSPIRACIES STILL CONCEALED?

- **Flight TWA 800 was shot down, not gas tank overheat (July 1996)**
- **JFK Jr. was assassinated by explosive device, not due to flying ineptitude (July 1999)**
- **The 9/11 Pentagon strike was not a commercial plane (Sept 2001)**

Slide 29

The Road To Roswell: Primer of Undisputed Facts and Factual Disputes

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In his classic science-fiction novel, *The War of the Worlds*, H. G. Wells begins with an unforgettable sentence. "No one would have believed in the last years of the nineteenth century that this world was being watched keenly and closely by intelligences greater than man's and yet as mortal as his own; that as men busied themselves about their various concerns, they were scrutinized and studied, perhaps almost as narrowly as a man with a microscope might scrutinize the transient creatures that swarm and multiply in a glass of water."

Let's imagine that instead of writing about the 1800s, Wells was writing about the last years of the 20th century. Do his words ring true? No one would have believed mankind was the object of surveillance by extraterrestrials? That sounds right. Mainstream science wouldn't have believed it. Nor would the public, except for a small minority who studied and pondered UFOs. And not the reigning authorities? Certainly not, if we go by what we read in the papers and hear on the news.

However, consider for a moment the premise that the reigning authorities knew for a fact, since 1947, that mankind is being scrutinized by unearthly intelligent beings from elsewhere in our galaxy. Would they have told us? The Roswell Incident, as it has evolved as a contemporary legend, and as it is interpreted in its darkest light, says this is exactly what has been happening, and they have not told us. The secrecy is explained by a host of reasons that includes the government's desire to shelter the human race from disturbing facts that would strip us of our illusion of primacy among living creatures.

The Roswell Incident stares us in the face like a dire proposition, and that is precisely the reason so many people debunk it, dismiss it, ignore it or make light of it. A small minority believes that extraterrestrials crash landed in Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947, and they believe it in part because men such as Senator Barry Goldwater, Mercury Seven Astronaut Gordon Cooper, Lunar Astronaut Edgar Mitchell, Lt. Col. Philip Corso of the Foreign Technology Division of Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dr. Robert Sarbacher (Dean of the Post Graduate School of Georgia Tech and Pentagon advisor), and Major Jesse Marcel (the Roswell intelligence officer who was first sent to the debris field to investigate and recover wreckage) have all stated categorically that it *is* true that extraterrestrial technology *has* been recovered, with the exception of Senator Barry Goldwater, who merely went so far as to imply in strong terms that it very well may be true. Furthermore, astronaut Edgar Mitchell and the late Dr. Robert Sarbacher as well as Lt. Col. Philip Corso have each confirmed the recovery of extraterrestrial biological remains. On top of that, there is the

historical enigma of statements by General Douglas MacArthur, who was quoted in the New York Times on October 8, 1955, stating: "The nations of the world will have to unite, for the next war will be an interplanetary war. The nations of the earth must some day make a common front against attack by people from other planets." We have no explanation for why MacArthur spoke of interplanetary war, or why he stated in a speech at West Point in 1962 that there would be an "ultimate conflict between a united human race and the sinister forces of some other planetary galaxy."

We'll get back to these men and what they have to say later. But to begin, let's consider the "truth" of the Roswell Incident the Clinton Administration declared it to be. The military investigation during the Clinton presidency concluded that the Roswell Incident is much ado about nothing — or rather much ado about some Scotch tape and crash dummies.

Charles Moore, head of Project Mogul, a secret balloon project in 1947, declared in interviews with Air Force Investigators, almost fifty years after the Roswell Incident, that he believes his Project Mogul explains the Roswell mystery. He claimed that they used a lot of sticky tape for the Mogul balloon arrays that they launched near Roswell, New Mexico, and that they acquired surplus tape from a toy company. The toy tape just happened to have strange designs on it, according to Charles Moore's testimony in 1994. About a half century after the Roswell Incident, he publicly concluded that when soldiers from the Roswell Army Air Field saw debris of a Project Mogul balloon array, they couldn't recognize what the debris was and thought the designs on the sticky tape might be part of some space alien's alphabet.

Is this even remotely plausible? We must remember that the Roswell Incident happened about two weeks after the first major UFO sighting by Kenneth Arnold in 1947, just two weeks after the term flying saucer entered the English language. People at that time were panicked and reacted hysterically to silly things. It was similar to the way people had behaved when Orson Welles performed a radio broadcast of *The War of The Worlds* in 1938, when many people thought the Martians had landed and began jumping out of windows. So was the Roswell Incident little more than a case of misidentified Scotch tape? Before we share Charles Moore's conclusion, let's consider a thing or two.

Let's begin with nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman, well known to everyone in the field of UFO research.

UFO lecturer Stanton Friedman suspects or believes that some unidentified flying objects *are* the spacecraft of an extraterrestrial civilization, and that, just as H. G. Wells stated in his fiction, there is a near certainty that the human race *is* being scrutinized today in the post-atomic era. Friedman even asserts that we as a species may have been observed by these "visitors" for thousands or millions of years. Among the group of ufologists that Stanton Friedman represents, there is a constant vigilance for evidence, for proof, for the Holy Grail that will once and for all settle these questions irrefutably. After more than fifty years of dispute about UFOs, we still do not have that Holy Grail.

For some researchers, including Stanton Friedman, and for Robert and Ryan Wood, who are the sponsors of this conference, the closest thing to that Holy Grail may be what is known as the MJ-12 documents. Some of these documents have been received only as photographic copies but others appear to be original papers, arguably appropriate for their time period of history, that apparently tell the inside story of government complicity in withholding this critical information about extraterrestrial contact from the general public.

The authenticity of these documents is still held open to question, of course, which is in part the motivating reason for this annual UFO Crash Retrieval Conference. The MJ-12 papers, first made known to a small group of UFO researchers in 1984, describe details of the historic event that has come to be known as The Roswell Incident, and Roswell in turn has become “ground zero” for the debate about whether there is an official cover-up of evidence of intelligent extraterrestrial visitations of Earth.

Whether Roswell deserves this distinction — whether it is in fact what Stanton Friedman and so many others have assumed it to be — is a topic for which there are many *undisputed facts* and many *factual disputes*. It is in that spirit that I offer here a sort of primer or guidepost of the Roswell Incident.

In 1994, I was executive producer and co-writer of a cable television film called *Roswell*, made for the Showtime Network with a distinguished cast that included Kyle MacLachlan, Martin Sheen, and Dwight Yoakam. We carefully followed the key facts of the Roswell UFO case as we understood them to be at that time. The trailers for the movie, which played on both cable and network stations, were somewhat explosive for their time, as they made clear a TV movie was coming out that would throw down the gauntlet and call authorities to task for a half century long cover-up.

Today we'll consider the extent to which any of our underlying assumptions have been shaken or altered by events of the last decade. And there have been many developments since our film was first broadcast. But let's begin with some of the inarguable history.

The U.S. Army Air Force first opened the door to all sorts of extreme speculation about visitors from outer space by authorizing a press release by Lieutenant Walter Haut in July 1947. This resulted in a declaration by the Roswell Daily News that “RAAF Captures Flying Saucer on Ranch in Roswell Region.” RAAF is of course the Roswell Army Air Field. The military reversed itself within twenty-four hours, declaring the matter to have been a misunderstanding about a downed weather balloon.

How did this all come back into the public eye, after having been essentially forgotten after the official retraction on July 9, 1947?

This was due in large part to certain statements by Jesse Marcel in February of 1978. Lt Col. Jesse Marcel, formerly Major Jesse Marcel of the 509th Bomb Group, who served in the 1940s in the U.S. Army in Roswell, New Mexico, in 1978 was a retired ham radio enthusiast in Houma, Louisiana. Marcel sometimes spoke to his ham radio buddies about an incident that happened when he was in the army, though he could no longer remember what year it had happened. The base commanding officer, Colonel Blanchard, had sent him to a ranch

north of Roswell to check out rancher William “Mac” Brazel’s report to the local sheriff about unusual debris spread across the sheep ranch where he was foreman. (It was the Foster ranch, on New Mexico Bureau of Land Management terrain.) Jesse Marcel would tell his ham radio buddies that he couldn’t identify the debris then and still didn’t know what it was, but it had many unusual properties and it had unidentifiable symbols or writing on some of the pieces.

On February 21, 1978, Marcel received an inquiry call from Stanton Friedman, a nuclear physicist whose lecture called “UFO’s Are Real” was popular on many university campuses throughout the U.S. Friedman elicited a few more details from Marcel, which Friedman describes in his 1992 book *Crash at Corona*, co-authored with Don Berliner, an aviation and science writer. Marcel told Friedman he had taken a CIC officer out to the ranch with him but couldn’t remember the man’s name — he thought maybe it was “Cabot.”

According to Jesse Marcel, there had been a massive amount of debris strewn over a path a few hundred feet wide and three-quarters of a mile long. Much of the material was foil-like, as thin as the foil in a pack of cigarettes, very light-weight and exceptionally strong. There was other light and strong material that somewhat resembled heavy paper or parchment. There were also small thin beams that had undecipherable symbols. Later, we would learn that the rancher’s son and the rancher referred to those symbols as “Chinese” or “Japanese” — not because they thought the writing was actually in one of those languages, but to indicate it was unlike Western writing. We would also learn later that Marcel’s son, Jesse Marcel Jr., remembered that strange writing from when he was shown a piece by his dad when Jesse Jr. was eleven years old in 1947. Jesse Jr. referred to it as being like hieroglyphics.

Friedman explains that at the time of his first interview with Marcel, there was little follow-up he could do, not having a date for the incident. Evidently Marcel didn’t remember to tell him that it had been a headline of the Roswell Daily Record and that stories about the incident had been published in papers nationwide. Two subsequent clues rang bells for Friedman that began to convince him that the testimony from Marcel might be incredibly important. One clue came from Lydia Sleppy, who worked at an Albuquerque radio station when the story broke about the crash of a flying saucer near Roswell. Sleppy told Friedman she was stopped by the FBI from transmitting the story on a teletype wire. The FBI gave her an electronically transmitted warning to cease and desist.

The other clue came from a New Mexico resident named Vern Maltais, who told Friedman about his good friend “Barney” Barnett, a government engineer who was a very honest person, a “real straight shooter.” For years, Barnett told friends how he had come upon the site of a crashed flying saucer in New Mexico at about the same time a group of archeologists stumbled upon it. There were bodies of small alien spacemen at the site. The military quickly arrived and warned Barnett and the archeologists not to reveal what they had seen. Nevertheless, for years Barnett told the story to friends. There is uncertainty about whether this was in fact the so-called Roswell saucer, or whether it may have been another

incident, closer to Magdalena. UFO writers such as Karl Pflock, who is the severest skeptic of the Roswell Incident, and Kevin Randle, consistently a believer, have both attempted, in a co-authored article in the *MUFON Journal*, to discredit the Barnett story by analyzing Barnett's diary for the month of the Roswell Incident. The incident is never mentioned in Barnett's diary, and the diary doesn't place Barnett near the purported crash site or debris field during the week in question. Of course, there the possibility that he didn't write of the incident in his diary specifically because of the warning he received. There is also the possibility that Barnett was speaking of a different UFO crash other than the Roswell Incident, at a different time, since there have been several reports of such a crash in the Southwest.

In any event, the three clues — Jesse Marcel, Lydia Sleppy and “Barney” Barnett — put Stanton Friedman directly on the trail of the crash of a flying saucer in New Mexico. In this respect, he was essentially following a trail left by another writer: *Daily Variety* reporter Frank Skully, who wrote a best-selling book entitled *Behind the Flying Saucers*, published in the early 1950's. And yes, Skully's name *was* the inspiration for the name of the *X-Files* character played by Gillian Anderson who partnered with Fox Mulder. *Inside the Flying Saucers* was the first book to claim that an alien spaceship crashed in the Southwest and that the U.S. military recovered the remains of the ship and its alien occupants, put the bodies on ice and kept the truth under wraps.

Frank Skully's sources were later discredited as con-men, and they were even put on trial for fraud over a scheme to find oil using a contraption they called a “doodlebug.” However, it's quite possible that the tales Skully heard were a sort of smokescreen for a real incident that *did* take place in the Southwest. After adding up the implications of the testimony of Jesse Marcel, Lydia Sleppy and Vern Maltais, Friedman pursued the matter relentlessly. He shared his information with an English teacher named William Moore, whose interest in UFOs was well known to Friedman. Moore listened to the information, did research of his own and followed new leads, and he then partnered with Charles Berlitz in writing the book that became *The Roswell Incident*, the first book about the Roswell case, published in 1980.

It is interesting to note that the Roswell Incident is never mentioned in Project Blue Book, the official Air Force UFO study that continued until 1968. In spite of the fact that it appeared in so many newspapers, it was also never mentioned in the most prestigious UFO book of the 1950s, *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*, by Captain Edward Ruppelt, head of Project Blue Book. It seems strange that it is omitted. There isn't even a passing reference or a joke about it. This is one of the first alarm bells indicating a cover-up for serious researchers.

Another major book about the incident followed twelve years after *The Roswell Incident* book, in 1992. Entitled *UFO Crash At Roswell*, it was written by Air Force Captain Kevin Randle and Donald R. Schmitt, who was then Director of Special Investigations for the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies. Randle and Schmitt conducted their own

investigation, interviewing the living witnesses first hand, and they came to the same conclusion as Berlitz and Moore: space aliens *did* crash at Roswell and the government covered it up.

The Randle and Schmitt book was the basis for our Showtime film, *Roswell*. Randle and Schmitt later revised their timeline for the incident and many of the details in a follow-up work called *The Truth about the UFO Crash at Roswell*. For that book, they may have been led astray by testimony from a Roswell resident named Frank Kaufman. Kaufman had a lot of Roswell tales and false documents to go along with them, however the fact that his documents were fraudulent was not proven until recently, following his death. Mysteriously, he left the evidence of the fraud behind in his home office, crammed behind file cabinets or stuck between shelves of a drawer.

Of the two Randle/Schmitt books about Roswell, I far prefer the first one, which seemed to me to present the issues in the date, and the undisputed facts and factual disputes, more concisely than any other source or forum up to that time.

Since the two Randle/Schmitt books, many more books have been published on the Roswell Incident. Most are purported to be non-fiction, but there are also numerous fictional accounts and novelizations of the premise. There may even be hundreds of such books now. There have also been dozens of films and television shows that incorporate some aspect of the Roswell Incident, including *Men In Black*, *Independence Day*, *Hangar 18*, our film *Roswell*, an episode of *Unsolved Mysteries*, an episode of *In Search Of...*, the TV series *X-Files*, *Dark Skies*, and *Seven Days*, the Spielberg Sci-Fi channel mini-series entitled *Taken*, the documentary film *Six Days In Roswell*, and many others, including the television series called *Roswell*, which is a serial of pure fiction.

And then, of course, there was the notorious “alien autopsy film” first shown to the public in a Fox TV special in 1995. That film has widely been considered to have been a fraud, which is not to say that actual autopsy film of alien beings might not exist somewhere, if indeed the Roswell Incident happened as the “believers” claim.

How do we sort all this out, and what reasons are there today to take this incident seriously, as possible proof of extraterrestrial intervention in Earthly affairs, after multiple government reports that seem to close the door on this possibility — and after the ceaseless work of ferocious debunkers?

One of the foremost issues in the Roswell UFO case has to do with that strange writing on pieces of the debris. Friedman quotes Marcel at one point as saying the writing was pinkish-purple, and later qualified it as being lavender. Jesse Marcel Jr., who is now a physician in Helena, Montana, agrees and insists those hieroglyphics were embossed onto the surface of the metal of the small beams. His Dad was so impressed with the debris he took pieces home to show to him before turning it all in at the base. Bessie Brazel, rancher Mac Brazel’s daughter, said in an interview with Stanton Friedman and Bill Moore in the 1980s: “Some of the pieces had a sort of tape stuck to them, but even though the stuff looked like tape, it could not be peeled off or removed at all. Some of these pieces had

something like numbers and lettering on them, but there were no words we were able to make out.”

Between Jesse Marcel Jr.’s testimony and Bessie Brazel’s statements there is a gigantic chasm — a chasm that the Air Force exploited effectively in declaring Roswell to be nothing more than the remnants of a Project Mogul research balloon array. If Bessie Brazel is correct, and there were designs on tape, that certainly doesn’t sound like something bizarre or extraterrestrial. However, if Jesse Marcel Jr. is correct, and there were undecipherable symbols embossed directly onto unusual metal, which is something else entirely.

As I indicated earlier, Charles Moore, the head of the University of New York secret Mogul balloon research project, has testified that some of the parts of the Mogul arrays were held together by an unusual tape that had pinkish-purple flowery designs. Connecting this with statements by Bessie Brazel, one gets a sense of why the government has felt comfortable in its assertion that the case is closed, and that no extraterrestrial spaceship crashed near Roswell.

To those who are inclined to accept the most recent official explanation, and who would like to put the Roswell Incident out of their minds, it is not reassuring that Charles Moore has been unable to produce any of this tape as an example, nor has he or anyone else produced any photographs that display the tape. He explained that the tape was provided by a toy company, and that in color and design it approximates the witnesses’ description of what they saw. However, diagrams of Project Mogul and its notorious tape show the tape to be quite wide — perhaps an inch wide. Jesse Marcel Junior and his father described much smaller, more delicate symbols.

Bessie Brazel seems to have been the first person to mention “tape” as part of the debris in a 1980 interview with Bill Moore, a couple years after a National Enquirer story by Bob Pratt about Jesse Marcel and the flying saucer. Bessie Brazel became a “government witness” during the Air Force investigation of Roswell in 1994. However, according to her late brother Bill Brazel, she was not even there to see the debris as she claims. There is definitely a brother-sister dispute about the facts. It is surprising and curious that Bessie Brazel claimed that her rancher father, Mac Brazel, was never held in detention or interrogated or pressured by the Army to change his story, when there are numerous witnesses who say that he was. Those witnesses include KGFL newsmen Frank Joyce, Judd Roberts, and Walt Whitmore — and of course the rancher’s son, the late Bill Brazel, who recounted that his father wasn’t released to return to the ranch for a week after reporting the existence of the debris.

Bessie Brazel also said that she made the 70 mile round trip with her father to Roswell and back in one day, that they spent very little time dropping debris off with Roswell Sheriff Wilcox — that they spent more time having a picnic before returning to the ranch in Corona that night. This contradicts what many others have said, including those who saw Brazel accompanied by military guard a subsequent day, as he was ushered to the radio station to make a retraction. Whatever happened, it seems it was no picnic.

As I stated earlier, Jesse Marcel said that a counter-intelligence man Marcel thought was named "Cabot" went out to the debris field with him. It turns out his name was Sheridan Cavitt, and before he died, he became a government witness, too. He said it was nothing but a weather balloon — that they snatched up the debris and stuck it in one jeep and there was nothing more to it. He denied categorically that the debris was spread out for nearly a mile. Of course, at first he denied he was even there. He couldn't remember the thing had ever been written up in a newspaper. And he cautioned interviewers Randle and Schmitt: "If you fellows uncovered something that threatened our national security, you wouldn't release it now, would you, boys?" When Colonel Weaver later interviewed Cavitt for the Air Force Investigation of the Roswell Incident, he referred to Sheridan Cavitt, presumably with a smile on his face and a wink in his eye, as "our official debunker." In our film, *Roswell*, Sheridan Cavitt was played by Xander Berkeley, well known as the villain in the film *Air Force One*. We called him Sherman Carson in the movie, keeping Cavitt's initials but avoiding use of his real name at that time.

Charles Moore, when interviewed by Bill Moore (no relation) for *The Roswell Incident* book in about 1980, declared unequivocally that there was *no possibility* any of his balloon projects were an explanation for the Roswell incident. About fifteen years later he declared exactly the *opposite*. You would think that if Mogul were the cause of the misunderstanding, Charles Moore would have gotten the word on that back in 1947, and he never would have denied its connection to Roswell when speaking with Bill Moore. His connecting his work to the Roswell Incident is something that came up very suddenly, when the Air Force investigators in 1993 came to him looking for a statement.

When the Air Force summoned Charles Moore for its 1993 investigation, he changed stories and suddenly started remembering things, like the tape from the toy factory. And suddenly he found records of winds aloft at that time that he claimed proved that their Mogul Balloon Launch #4 was headed right toward Mac Brazel's ranch when it was lost. Other researchers dispute this "winds aloft" data and claim just the opposite is true. It is also curious to note that Charles Moore is on record as being a UFO "believer," having made UFO reports of unexplained flying objects he felt could not have been manufactured on Earth.

So what in the world is going on here? Were the Charles Moore, Sheridan Cavitt, and Bessie Brazel statements deliberate fabrications given under government pressure, or were they honest appraisals based on their memories of something that happened long ago? And if their memories are accurate, then the opposing statements of upstanding people such as Jesse Marcel Sr. and Jr., relatives of Sheriff Wilcox, friends of base commander Colonel Blanchard, radio station personnel and scores of 1947 military personnel are then not accurate at best or are outright lies at worst. This is why the Roswell Incident has become a sort of mine-field one must navigate. Certain sworn testimony is utterly contradictory, and one is almost forced to take sides in the debate.

What was going on regarding the Roswell Incident during President Clinton's administration? What prompted not one but *two* more Air Force Reports explaining Roswell away, including the rather silly crash dummy report that suggested witnesses were confusing space aliens with crash dummies they may have seen in the desert five or seven years after the Roswell Incident happened.

Why was Bill Clinton the first president in fifty years to make a statement about the Roswell Incident? While traveling in Ireland as President, he answered a schoolboy's question about it in front of a brigade of the press. "As far as I know," he said, "no alien spaceship crashed in Roswell New Mexico in 1947." That prompted roars of laughter from the crowd. Network news broadcasts cut the President's remarks right there. But actually Clinton continued his remark by saying, "But if it did happen, the Air Force hasn't told me about it, and I would like to know!" In response to that comment by the President, I wrote him a letter and sent him our film, plus tapes of witness testimony and the book *UFO Crash at Roswell*. My father had been Bill Clinton's professor of diplomatic history at Georgetown University, and so my package reached him and even received a reply. Ironically, the book *UFO Crash at Roswell* was one of a few volumes found on the President's private bookshelf at the White House by the FBI during the Monica Lewinsky investigation. It was sandwiched between a book on Churchill and a book on phone sex that was a gift from Ms. Lewinsky to the President.

The debunkers, in dismissing the Roswell Incident, often claim that no fifty year cover-up of such profound dimensions could ever be kept from the public. However, there are many examples of cover-ups that lasted decades. *Operation Exercise Tiger* is one such example, which had to do with a rehearsal for D-Day that went awry and was covered up for decades. Japan's use of chemical weapons in World War II was long covered up after the war, to spare the Japanese Emperor the embarrassment of a War Crimes trial. Wilber Smith, a Canadian scientist, reported in a classified study entitled PROJECT MAGNET, that he had learned from highly placed U.S. scientists, such as Dr. Vannevar Bush, that flying saucers were the most highly classified topic in the American government, exceeding the secrecy level related to the hydrogen bomb. His paper was eventually declassified by Canada and found its way into the hands of U.S. UFO researchers. If the classification level was *that* high, couldn't the cover-up be continuing today?

This is another *disputed fact*, as to whether such a longstanding cover-up could even be possible or feasible, given the kinds of leaks that plague our government and national security bureaus. Of course, believers point to the fact that there have been "leaks" — dozens of them, and that the nay-sayers generally deal with such leaks by attempting to discredit the source... or the source's documents. Some say bogus documents that essentially state the hidden true facts are deliberately "leaked" into the public arena, for the very purpose of making the information they contain highly questionable. The sort of situation we all saw in the national news regarding phony documents about George W. Bush's national guard service are a case in point, an example of the sort of research challenge

the UFO community has experienced for decades. Dan Rather took the bait he was offered. Many times UFO researchers are offered bait. Why? For what purpose or motive, if the information contained in such forged papers is complete fiction? This is another *disputed fact*.

There are government regulations, in effect for decades, that serve to suppress the open sharing of information about UFO incidents — regulations such as AFR200-2 and JANAP-146, that provide penalties including fines and prison both to military personnel who release such information and also civilian airline pilots.

For those who believe that Project Blue Book told the whole tale of flying saucers, and that there was no hard evidence, they should recall the declassified Bollander Memorandum, that declared that UFO incidents affecting national security were never part of the Blue Book system and were sent to Ft. Belvoir rather than Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

A September 25, 1947, secret report written by General Nathan Twining declared that flying saucers are real phenomena, not something visionary or fictitious. His report described intelligently controlled flight patterns and maneuvers of some UFOs. However, the report, about three months after the Roswell Incident, lamented that no physical proof had been obtained and that there had been UFO crash recoveries.

Critics point to the Twining letter as proof positive that Roswell could not have been the recovery of a downed flying saucer. Captain Kevin Randle has argued, however, that if the Roswell Incident was “Above Top Secret,” as Senator Barry Goldwater indicated in letters to constituents, and as Canadian scientist Wilber Smith indicated, that information about it could not have been placed by Twining in a report that was only of the “Secret” level. Thus, the Twining report becomes another *disputed fact* about the Roswell Incident.

In many versions of the Roswell Incident, General Roger Ramey, head of the 8th Air Force, stationed in Forth Worth Texas in 1947, is the villain. It was General Ramey, after all, who said the flying saucer recovery story was just full of “hot air.” It was Ramey who ordered the debris flown to his office and then called in a press photographer, J. Bond Johnson. He also called in an army weather expert, Irving Newton, who identified the debris as that of a weather balloon and a radar target. General Ramey was holding in his hand a telegram that day, while he was being photographed. One photo in particular captured the telegram at an unusual angle where it can partially be read. General Ramey could not have fathomed that fifty years later, computers on the desk of every school child could be used to enhance the photographic glimpse of what may have been a top secret telegram about the Roswell Incident.

The debate about what that telegram says is incendiary. Some say it mentions two sites, and that at one of the sites there were “victims of the wreck.” If those had been human beings, wouldn't it have referred to them as “casualties of the wreck?” So just who were those victims, and what did a wreck have to do with a weather balloon? Other researchers cannot read the words “victims of the wreck” or anything else on the piece of paper in Ramey's hand. They dispute whether it is even a telegram. They say grainy photographic

emulsion from fifty years ago is like a Rorschach Test — you can see in it whatever you wish to see.

Nevertheless, consider this: General Ramey's adjutant, Thomas Jefferson DuBose, who in 1947 had the rank of Colonel but later was a Brigadier General himself, declared in a taped interview that they had faked the weather balloon debris in General Ramey's office to throw the press off the trail. He also described sensitive military procedures by which the real debris was immediately sent to Andrews Air Force Base in Washington and other sensitive locations, such as Los Alamos and Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. He said he was never told what the stuff actually was, and he never saw it. But it was no weather balloon. And by implication, we are invited to conclude it had nothing to do with Scotch tape from a toy factory.

An FBI memo released at the time declared that the "flying saucer" from Roswell was being flown to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, and that it had been declared (by General Ramey) that it was a balloon with a hexagonal radar target, but that telephonic communication *had not borne this out*. The line about telephonic communication not bearing this out was omitted from the Air Force Roswell Report of 1994, giving a misimpression of the actual contents of that FBI telegram.

Isn't it difficult to picture Major Jesse Marcel, after a day spent picking up the unusual debris at the Brazel ranch, rushing home to wake up his wife and son late at night in order to show them balsa wood sticks with tape from a toy factory? It's harder still to imagine that this key intelligence officer, at the only base in the world at that time that had the atomic bomb and the planes to fly it, would have mistaken this for pieces of an alien spaceship and written symbols possibly created by an alien species.

The biggest criticism of the government claim about Project Mogul is that although the purpose of the Mogul balloon experiments may have been secret, all of the materials used in the construction of the balloon array were conventional. Note that the Roswell witnesses — such as Jesse Marcel Senior and Lewis Rickett, who was Sheridan Cavitt's immediately underling in counter-intelligence — did not report debris of flying saucer propulsion systems and intricate control mechanisms. They described something much less complex. There were masses of a plastic-like substance resembling bakelite.

As stated before, there was foil-like material spread out over many miles, some of which had a memory component by which it could resume its original shape seamlessly after being folded. Other thin foil was so strong and resistant to bending it could not be dented with a sledgehammer. There was a string-like substance that was not string and could not be cut with a knife. Was this fiber optics, or a new type of twine for the balloon array? There was a thin, parchment like material that could not be torn. Lastly there were objects resembling wood, the color of wood with no grain, but this was not wood and these members could not be cut, burned, or whittled.

Polyethylene had recently come into existence and was being used in some balloons, but not in the Project Mogul balloons of that time. The Project Mogul balloon flight that

coincides within a week or two of the Roswell Incident used the old neoprene rubber that any enlisted man at the Roswell Army Air Field could have identified instantly. If it was indeed Project Mogul, there would have been no mystery about the materials, and if they *did* sweep that field clean under armed guards, as many witnesses claim, surely *someone* would have found the label that said: IF FOUND, PLEASE CONTACT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY.

Even Charles Moore, director of Project Mogul, admitted that the materials used in his balloon arrays were conventional, ordinary materials. Are we to conclude that the descriptions of the Roswell debris as strange and unearthly are all just a big myth, the sort of exaggerations that come with time and the re-telling of an unusual tale? That's very hard to believe. The videotaped first-hand testimony of Roswell counter-intelligence officer Lewis Rickett is coherent, definite and credible. The stuff was so strange, he insisted, that years later when he met up with a counterpart from Washington (Joe Wirth), the word from Rickett's confidant was that they *still* couldn't figure out what it was. Bill Brazel, the rancher's son, was both credible and precise in describing how he found about a dozen very small bits and pieces of the stuff while riding the range, years after the army had come by to vacuum the field. When he bragged that he had this stuff in a bar in Corona one day, it wasn't long before soldiers paid him a visit to retrieve it. They reminded him that his father had been patriotic and cooperative and insisted he behave in the same way, and he did. It is completely inconceivable that several years later, soldiers would have been sent to retrieve the debris of Project Mogul, which would have been of no value to anyone.

Another *disputed fact* involves whether there was an actual crash on the ground that left a gouge. Jesse Marcel Sr. was quite explicit that there was no gouge. He assumed that the object, whatever it was, had exploded in the air and rained the debris down over a very large area. This is supported by statements of the rancher who said he heard a massive explosion on a night when there was a thunderstorm. The explosion was louder than any of the thunder. However, Brigadier General Arthur Exon, who was Base Commander of Wright Patterson Air Force Base in the 1960s, and who has declared on audiotape in a recorded phone conversation that there *was* an extraterrestrial spaceship crash and a *massive* and *endless* cover-up, claimed in an interview that there *was* a gouge in the ground and that he flew over it soon after the incident to check it out from the air.

There is another facet of the Roswell story that involves the gouge. That is that there may have been a second site where the main body of the alien spacecraft plunged to earth, and that site, the location of the gouge, is where alien corpses were found. The second site has been identified as one location or another by many people who claim to be in the know, but most contradict one. From Hal Puthoff comes a report of an interview with a private pilot who claimed to have seen the second site and bodies from the air soon after the crash in 1947, and who claimed that rancher Mac Brazel and a child who accompanied him saw alien bodies there too. (The child would have been a neighbor's son who liked to ride the range with Mac, named Dee Proctor.)

Was the discovery of alien bodies within a couple miles of the debris field the reason why Mac Brazel was interrogated at length and held at the base for a week before returning to the ranch? Or did that never happen, as rancher Mac Brazel's daughter Bessie insists?

Provost Marshal Edwin Easley, head of the Roswell military police in 1947, when interviewed in a recorded phone conversation in about 1990 by author Kevin Randle, stated that he still could not talk about the case because he was sworn to secrecy. Easley's daughter confirmed later that her father said he had made a promise to President Truman that he would not discuss the incident. On Edwin Easley's deathbed, when asked about whether the account in *UFO Crash At Roswell* was true, he muttered, in what were nearly his last words, "Oh yes, the creatures..."

Roswell pilot Oliver "Pappy" Henderson also waited until late in life to reveal the story to his wife, Mrs. Sappho Henderson. He also revealed it to his dentist, Dr. John Kromschroeder, claiming that he was the pilot who had flown the crashed flying saucer to Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, and that there were dead aliens from outer space. He confessed it like a tortured man who had to get something off his chest.

Senator Barry Goldwater, in several of his letters, identified the location of the UFO artifacts as being in the so-called Blue Room at Wright Patterson. Brigadier General Arthur Exon, as noted, served at Wright Patterson, and Lt. Col. Philip Corso, co-author of *The Day After Roswell*, served under General Arthur Trudeau in the Foreign Technology Division of Wright Patterson. They all lead us to believe there were aliens. And yet the public relations personnel at Wright Patterson Air Force Base have spent decades denying this flying saucer story and every aspect of the tale. They scoff at the tale. They despise it. They cannot even laugh at it. They wish it would go away.

And maybe the aliens did go away. Some say they were flown to Edwards Air Force Base, where President Eisenhower may have gone to see them after a visit to Palm Springs. Or maybe, he was just visiting his dentist, as reported. Mysteriously, the same day the news erroneously reported that President Eisenhower had died of a heart attack. That was another of those new "mistakes" that was quickly retracted. There are other locations suggested as the final resting place of the aliens. We have all heard the tales about Area 51, Nevada. In a moment, we'll consider Homestead Air Force Base in Florida, where there reportedly is a top secret space medical facility.

To reject the current official explanation, the version the Air Force force-fed us during President Bill Clinton's administration, requires a belief that the facts are still being withheld by deliberate, cold calculation. A couple of prominent Roswell researchers, who once believed in that type of Roswell cover-up, have since changed sides in the debate.

Kent Jeffrey, who spearheaded what was called The Roswell Initiative in 1997, is one example. He was a fanatic about the Roswell case and busy making demands that the truth be disclosed, up until about the time the alien autopsy film was first shown in a museum on London. He mysteriously declared it a fake before he even saw it. He went on the Ted Koppel show to declare that former top officers at Wright Patterson Air Force base told him

it never happened, and therefore it never happened. He turned one hundred eighty degrees, dismayed that he and his father could never confirm some of the wild claims of "witness" Frank Kaufman, and sickened by the belief that actual, deformed human bodies had been used to film the alien autopsy.

William Moore, co-author of the first book on this case, *The Roswell Incident*, is another believer who took it all back. He also publicly declared that there are "better explanations for Roswell than the extraterrestrial one."

However, to Roswell UFO believers, both of these men have become discredited "suspects." Kent Jeffrey, a commercial airplane pilot, first began to reject the Roswell UFO case after one of the wings of his airplane inexplicably became unattached and fell to the runway as he was navigating down the runway for take-off with a full load of passengers. Was this really an "accident," or was it a very pointed threat? Author of the book *The Roswell Incident*, William Moore, though never speaking publicly anymore about UFOs, apparently turned against the extraterrestrial explanation for Roswell after being sued and nearly bankrupted by a lunar astronaut, according to Moore's former associate and publisher of the alternative magazine *The Excluded Middle*, Greg Bishop. Moore had made some claims in *The Roswell Incident* that the astronaut in question had UFO sightings, and the astronaut considered the statements false or somehow libelous. Co-author Charles Berlitz had the money to settle the dispute, but reportedly William Moore was taken to the cleaners and never recovered.

Thus, for the UFO believer, the fact that there have been converts to the official position can be explained by skullduggery. Reports of threats and worse, to silence witnesses, have been part of the Roswell scenario for a long time. The grand-daughter of Sheriff Wilcox, the Roswell sheriff who first saw the rancher's debris, has said that her grandmother told her space aliens did crash at Roswell, and the reason Sheriff Wilcox never ran for re-election was because he was fed up and broken in spirit because of the military's pressure to silence him. The sheriff's grand-daughter spoke of death threats, and so did the daughter of a local fireman and Glenn Dennis, who worked for the local mortuary. Glenn Dennis also reported that a Roswell nurse had told him about the autopsies that took place at the base hospital. The nurse could never be located by the name Dennis provided, and the story was never corroborated. Nevertheless, Dennis stands by it to this day.

Leonard Stringfield, who meticulously documented details of alien autopsies given to him by *unidentified* physicians, said his sources were afraid of physical threats if their names were printed. Stringfield himself was whisked away from a Mutual UFO Network Symposium where he was to make startling revelations. The reason? Death threats against him. Best-selling author Sidney Sheldon, in the last chapter of his fiction book about a government cover-up of alien visitors, *The Doomsday Conspiracy*, lists the real names of dozens of scientists and others involved with top secret research, some of which may have had to do with UFOs, that were not only threatened, they were apparently murdered or otherwise made to vanish.

Apart from obvious disappearances, murders and threats, there also have been some surprising and untimely victims of fast-acting illnesses, most notably Congressman Steven Schiff of New Mexico, whose search for answers about Roswell from the Pentagon were considered to be both an annoyance and a provocation by many people in Washington. However, before Schiff's death, the Government Accounting Office inquiry that he initiated made one curious determination. Namely, that all of the outgoing messages from the Roswell Army Air Field for the time period in question were mysteriously destroyed without authorization.

Let's take another look at the some of the prominent men I mentioned early in this report who have supported the alien version of the Roswell story. The fact is that Astronaut Edgar Mitchell, one of a dozen men who have walked on the Moon, stated recently in a public lecture in Roswell, New Mexico, that he received a high-level briefing on the Roswell Incident from reliable sources, and that there was an extraterrestrial spaceship recovered, along with alien bodies. I was in the audience to hear him say it. Astronaut Gordon Cooper concurs, one of the first of the original Mercury astronauts, fought hard in 1976 to try to get the United Nations to take up the issue of UFOs. As a reward, he was debunked and made persona non grata for years. Talk about punishing the messenger because you don't like the message. The late Lt. Colonel Corso, who once gave credible testimony before Congress on the issue of Korean War POWs being held in camps in the Soviet Union, co-wrote a book called *The Day After Roswell* in which he claimed to have seen one of the alien corpses. Not only that, Corso claimed to have disseminated debris from the Roswell crash to American industry under an Army Research and Development program that he states resulted in many scientific leaps of the late 1900s. You may not have found an obituary for this distinguished American in the *Washington Post* or the *New York Times*. Was there no obituary because they would have had to bring up his claims about the Roswell Incident?

As I stated previously, the late Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona encouraged the belief that an extraterrestrial spaceship was recovered at Roswell in 1947. He even did so on a Larry King show on CNN. Here's a history of his correspondence on the matter.

Senator Barry Goldwater on March 28, 1975, wrote a letter in which he first told of the Air Force prohibiting him from gaining access to UFO information he sought, which he said "is still classified Above Top Secret." Goldwater confirmed a plan underway to release some if not all of the information. On April 11, 1979, Barry Goldwater confirmed in a letter to Lee Graham of Monrovia, California that he was denied access to a facility at Wright Patterson and he said "we both know the rumors." He stated he had "intelligent friends who have (seen UFOs)." On October 19, 1981, Barry Goldwater again wrote to Lee Graham that he had given up trying to gain access to the so-called Blue Room at Wright Patterson. He confirmed: "This thing has gotten so highly classified... it is just impossible to get anything on it."

On June 20, 1983, Barry Goldwater wrote essentially the same thing to author William S. Steinman. On July 26, 1994 (a few days before the first broadcast of our film *Roswell*),

Goldwater wrote to commercial airlines pilot Kent Jeffrey confirming that "Roswell has long been a point of great interest to me. Butch Blanchard was a very close friend of mine. I worked with him in the Air Force, and am almost certain that I knew your father, the Colonel. There is not much we can do about getting the things about Roswell that you would like. I tried diligently to get them from General LeMay, and the only cussing out he ever gave me was when I vociferously asked him for the information." Goldwater's acknowledgement of close relationship with Colonel Butch Blanchard, commanding officer of the Roswell Army Air Field in 1947, is interesting in that obviously Blanchard never discouraged Goldwater's interest in the UFO crash or told him there was nothing there worth inquiring about.

Furthermore, the esteemed Dr. Robert Sarbacher, who was once the Dean of the Post Graduate School of Georgia Tech and who was also a longtime Pentagon advisor, did confirm in a letter to author William Steinman the reality of the UFO cover-up and that the government has extraterrestrial bodies from UFO crashes. The fact that Dr. Sarbacher actually did write that letter was confirmed by several people, including Stanton Friedman, who interviewed him. Dr. Sarbacher is probably the most distinguished member of the scientific community ever to declare, unequivocally, that the U.S. government does have absolute proof positive of extraterrestrial spaceships and the organic remains of deceased extraterrestrial pilots. He explained that autopsies determined them to share some biological characteristics with insects of earth, in that their bodies were able to withstand colossal "G" forces associated with rapid acceleration and deceleration of their vehicles.

There are also less scientific but better known personalities who have also weighed in with first person accounts, including actor Jackie Gleason who reported to close confidants that President Nixon once took him to see the alien bodies at Homestead Air Force Base after he and the President played golf. Reportedly, learning of the Ultimate Secret shocked Gleason, who had always had a curiosity about UFOs. When he died, his UFO book collection was massive. Friends report he was somehow never the same man after receiving confirmation of the answer to the UFO mystery.

In 1979 Disney animator Ward Kimball came up with a similar surprise at the MUFON International Symposium. He confirmed that the government has hard evidence of the existence of aliens visiting earth, and that he was privy to talks between Disney Studios and authorities which might have led to Disney producing a documentary film disclosing facts about extraterrestrial UFOs and biological remains of ETs. He said that those plans for disclosure were suddenly withdrawn after the preliminaries had begun.

Officially, there are no alien bodies, only crash dummies that have been mistaken for dead extraterrestrials. The Clinton Administration, which had an excellent record for declassifying millions of documents dating back to World War I, somehow does not have as good a record when it comes to declassifications regarding UFOs. They not only brought us the Mogul balloon report on Roswell, but also another report declaring that crash dummies, released from airplanes into the southwestern deserts, could account for all the stories of

dead aliens picked up by the military. In fact, these crash dummies weren't released from planes until about five or seven years after the Roswell Incident, but we are asked to believe that people tend to forget the dates and years that they saw all these dead space aliens. The Air Force under Clinton even coined a new term to describe a person's state of confusion about when he or she saw a crash dummy and thought it was the carcass of a spaceman. The Air Force calls it "time compression."

Those are the highlights of the *undisputed facts* and *factual disputes* of the Roswell Incident. There isn't much that is undisputed, and those disputes have been getting increasingly heated. Some of the major researchers and authors aren't even on speaking terms any more. However, the town of Roswell, New Mexico, which became a household word in the aftermath of its depiction in so many films and TV shows, has established the International UFO Museum and Research Center as one of its primary claims to fame. More than a million visitors have passed through that museum in search of answers to their questions that the government will not answer to their satisfaction.

Permit me to close this report as I began it, with the words of H. G. Wells. Here's a bit more of that opening paragraph of his science-fiction masterpiece, *The War of the Worlds*. Let it serve as a small reminder that there may be much more at stake in debates over whether extraterrestrials are visiting earth than what seems to be involved in petty arguments about flowery designs on Scotch tape from a toy factory and crash dummies dropped from Air Force planes into the deserts of the Southwest. H. G. Wells states that:

With infinite complacency men went to and fro over this globe about their little affairs, serene in their assurance of their empire over matter. No one gave a thought to the older worlds of space as sources of human danger, or thought of them only to dismiss the idea of life upon them as improbable or impossible. Yet across the gulf of space, intellects vast and cool and unsympathetic, regarded this Earth with envious eyes, and slowly and surely drew their plans against us...

I hope H. G. Wells got it wrong and that no one deep in the void of space is drawing plans against us, even though General Douglas MacArthur publicly mentioned that dire prospect as a near certainty, on two occasions. One thing is for sure, though. Unless the authorities declassify quite a large number of documents that are now deemed too sensitive for our consumption — and unless unnamed persons cease and desist from destroying important records without proper authorization, as the GAO tells us occurred at Roswell, public understanding of the truth, whatever it may turn out to be, will continue to be very slow in coming.

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Kyle MacLachlan as Major Jesse Marcel at the debris field (right kneeling). Xander Berkeley as Sherman Carson (based on CIC Officer Sheridan Cavitt) stands watching. From *Roswell*, the showtime movie.



Martin Sheen as a UFO secret informant in *Roswell, The Movie*.



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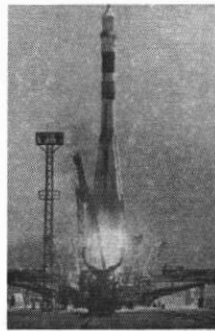
Inside the USSR Majestic 12

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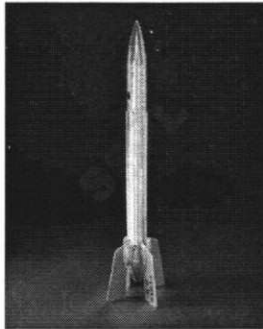


Marshal M. Tukachevsky

- Brilliant General
- Renaissance Man
- First military man to see military potential of rocketry
- Tsarist Rocket: Did he know?
- Revered by Trotsky:

GIRD-09-State of Soviet Rocketry 1933

- In 1933 GIRD, a group of Soviet scientists and engineers devoted to the field of rocketry, launched the GIRD-09 rocket.
- Design by Sergei P. Korolev and M.K. Tikhonravov.
- Fuelled by a mixture of liquid oxygen and benzene paste, it reached a height of 400 meters (1300 feet).
- GIRD was essentially a rocket club run by enthusiasts, but with its early successes, the implications of its work attracted interest from the Soviet military.
- Marshal Tukachevsky, commander of the Red Army in 1933 believed that the new technology of rocketry could benefit the army, and recruited leading members of GIRD including Korolev.



Tukachevsky's Fall

- Was Joe Stalin an OKHRANA agent?
- "Some further evidence by way of corroboration has been provided by Alexander Orlov, a high ranking Soviet Secret police (NKVD) officer who defected to the West in 1938.
- According to this source, Vissarionov had a secret file which contained reports and letters in Stalin's handwriting addressed to the Vice-Director on his activities as an "agent provocateur", 'who had worked assiduously for the tsarist secret police'.
- As will be related later, this file survived the Revolution and unexpectedly turned up during the purge trials in the late 1930's, where it was to play a sinister part in the fate of Marshal Tukachevsky
- Some Legend has it that Tukachevsky knew of the Tsarist Rocket. Beria then used this file to frighten Stalin into having Tukachevsky executed to "prevent a military coup d'etat", though speculation is that the Tsarist rocket might have put Tukachevsky in an unassailable position. Further study is needed.

Trotsky on Tukachevsky

- Trotsky, *L'armée contre Staline* (6 March 1938). *L'appareil*, pp. 197, 201.
- 'The army needs capable, honest men, just as the economists and scientists, independent men with open minds. Every man and woman with an independent mind comes into conflict with the bureaucracy, and the bureaucracy must decapitate the one section at the expense of the other in order to preserve themselves

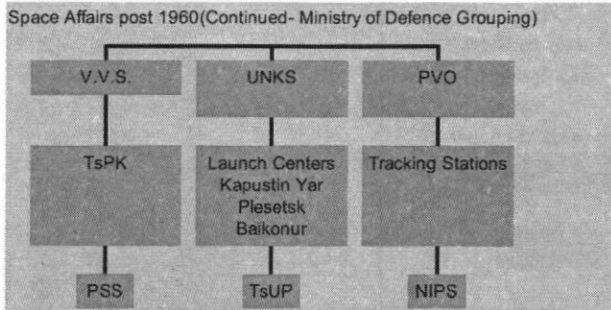
Trotsky on Tukachevsky II

- A man who is a good general, like Tukhachevsky, needs independent aides, other generals around him, and he appreciates every man according to his intrinsic value. The bureaucracy needs docile people, byzantine people, slaves, and these two types come into conflict in every state.'

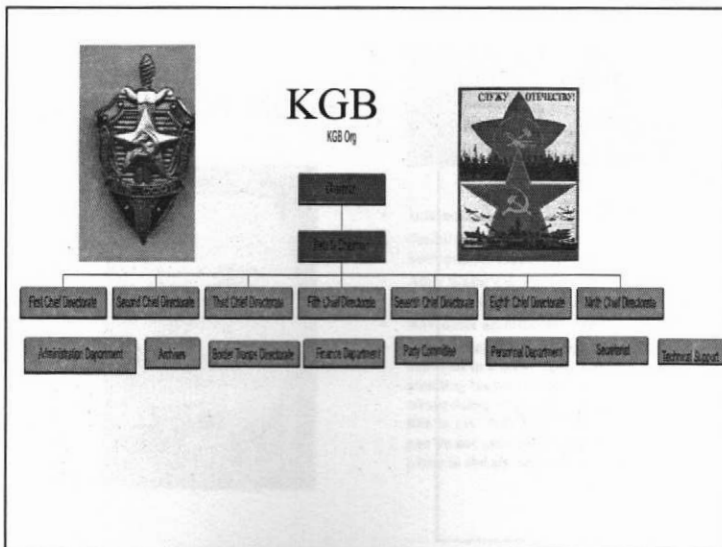
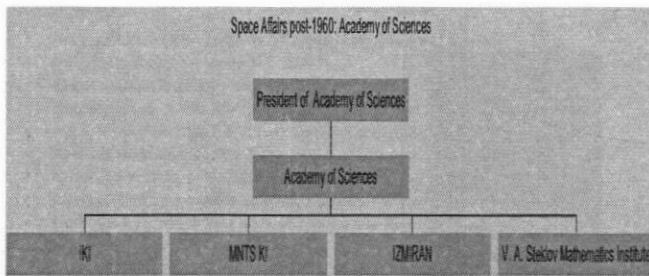
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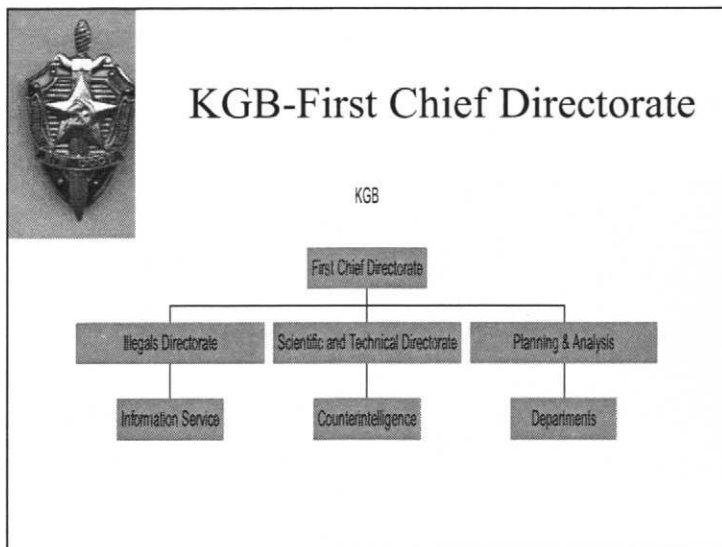
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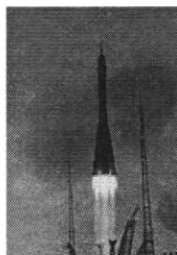
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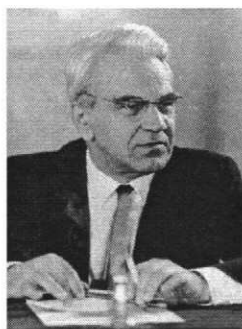


List of Abbreviations from Tarasenko

- GKGM: Government Committee for Hydrometeorology
- GKNT: Govt. Committee for Science and Technology
- GUGK: Main Admin. For Geodesy and Cartography
- IMBP: Institute of Medical and Biological Problems
- MAP: Ministry of Aviation Industry
- MEP: Ministry of Electronic Industry
- Minsvyazi: Ministry of communications
- Minzdrav: Ministry of Health
- MNTS KI : Interdepartmental Scientific & Technical Council on Space Research
- MOM: Ministry of General Machine Building
- MOP: Ministry of Defense Industry
- MRP: Ministry of Radio Industry
- MSM: Ministry of Medium Machine Building
- NIP: Ground Measuring and Tracking Stations
- PSS: Search and Rescue Service
- PVO: Air Defense
- TsPK: Cosmonaut Training Center
- TsUP: Center of Flight Control
- UNKS :Administration of Chief of Space Means
- VVS: Air Force
- From Tarasenko, M.B., *Voennye Aspekti Sovetskoi Kosmonautiki*(Moscow, Nikol,1992)



Mstislav Keldysh



“Theoretician of Space”
 President USSR Academy of Sciences
 Attended Steklov Mathematics Institute
 Worked extremely well with Korolev
 Had far reaching vision on reverse engineering



Artem Mikoyan



Family of Engineers, Test
Pilots, and Ministers
Mikoyan-Gurevich aka
MiG best known
USSR design bureau
Brother of longtime
politico Anastas
Mikoyan



USSR Post WWII

- No completed Atomic, Super, or Hydrogen bomb program
- No delivery craft to match the U.S. B-29's
- Department of STBI-Scientific and Technical Bureau of Intelligence under Beria
- Espionage in place, Los Alamos, L.A., J.P.L., East Coast
- Approach to Niels Bohr(MJ-12 backchannel?) in Copenhagen,1945
- Ancillary research, Ioffe, Zel'dovich , Sakharov, Kurchatov,etc.
- Captured Nazi V-2(A-4) missiles moved to Kapustin Yar
- Korolev, Glushko and others moved to Kapustin Yar
- Later in early 1960's a UFO study unit placed near Kapustin Yar

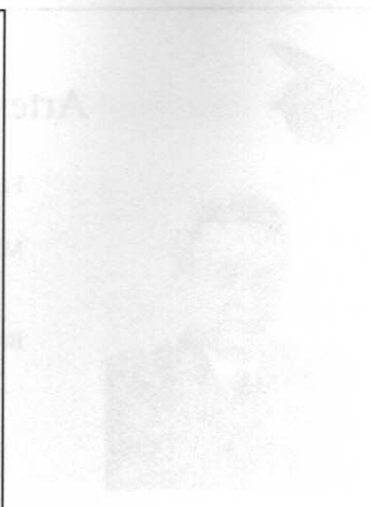
Lavrenti Beria



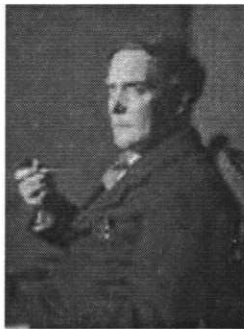
- Infamous as head of NKVD
- Stalin's personal choice to oversee both nuclear and rocketry programs
- After Stalin's death, installed his son Sergei as head of design bureau
- Anecdotes describe the man
- 1. From Sakharov: "...one professor confined in a labor camp was pleading his innocence of any wrongdoing, when Beria interrupted him to say, "My dear man, I know you're not guilty of anything. Get the plane in the air and you'll go free."

Beria vs. Time Travel

- In 1952, head of the Soviet secret police organization Lavrenti Beria initiated a case against researchers participating in the experiments, as a result of which 18 professors were executed by shooting and 59 candidates and doctors of physical sciences were sent to camps .



Pyotr Kapitsa



- Nobel Laureate
- Work on Ball Lightning
- Much Western Exposure at Cambridge

Yakov B. Zel'dovich



- Worked in Space and Nuclear Weapons Program
- Designed nuclear warheads for Rockets
- Halted a Nuclear Warhead being detonated on the moon.
- One of Most Talented Cosmologists in History

A. F. Ioffe



- Coworker with Kurchatov, Zel'dovich, and Sakharov on Bomb

U.S.S.R. MJ-12 Counterparts

- Sergei Korolev (MJ-12 Backchannel)
- Lavarenti Beria (MJ-12 Backchannel)
- Pyotr Kapitsa
- Marshal Zhukov
- Yakov Zel'dovich
- A. Ioffe
- Yakov Terletsky
- Mstislav Keldysh
- Igor Kurchatov
- Lev Landau
- Vladimir Chelomei
- A.I. Mikoyan
- N.S. Khrushchev

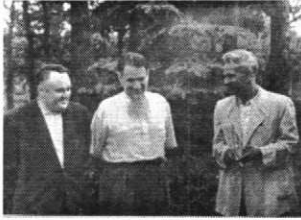


Sergei P. Korolev



- Chief Designer of USSR Space Program
 - Extremely Dynamic Management Style
 - Headed All Aspects of USSR Space Program
- Built world's first ICBM, the R-7
Headed OKB-1

Three Giants of Space Research



- Korolev, Kurchatov, and Keldysh at Dacha

Vladimir Chelomei



- Worked on cruise missiles for decades at Stalin/Beria's orders
- In 1940's went to Stalin and told him he could build a rocket which would better the V-1
- Designed and built the Katyusha rocket known derisively as the obscene form of "Stalin's male organ."

MJ-12's USSR Analogue

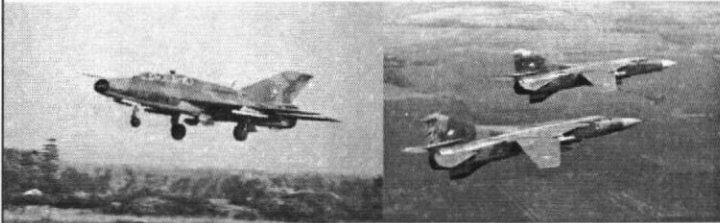


- U.S.S.R.
- Program more physically distributed in nature, as UFO study areas are created near top-secret military bases
- Complementary research carried on in immediate vicinity.
- Structure of Academy of Sciences
- IZMIRAN
- Bekhterev Brain Institute- Psi
- Parapsychology as Academic Discipline
- Reverse Engineering-Craft-Sukhoi Design Bureau
- Reverse Engineering-weapons-Sharyshagan

MiG-21/MiG-23 Intercept(Failed) from Secret KGB UFO Files

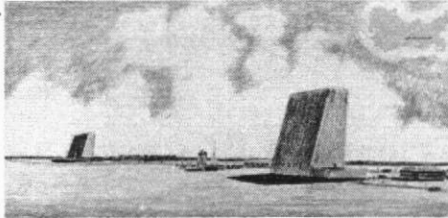
MiG-21

MiG-23



Krasnoyarsk

- Phased Array Radar
- Numerous UFO Crashes
- Gen. Aleksandr Lebed
- Restricted Access
- Underground Laboratories?



Shary-Shagan

- SDI apparatus
- Advanced Optical Weaponry
- State of the Art Lasers
- Fiber Optics
- Reverse Engineering

Novosibirsk

- Very Large Akademgorodok
- Center for Artificial Intelligence Studies
- Near-Perfect facilities and personnel for Reverse Engineering

Semipalatinsk

- Kurchatov's Nuclear Bomb Exploded there
- Center for Remote Viewing
- Pat Price killed by remote assassination

Post-Korolev/Gagarin Era

- Glushko
- Chertok
- Glushko had many successes, but also many failures

Igor Kurchatov

- USSR's Oppenheimer
- 40 When Appointed head of Nuclear Research
- Also Research on Time Travel
- Many Other Things



Reverse Engineering USSR

- Sukhoi Su-37 Zolotoy Berkut
- Forward Swept/ Canard Wings
- Stealth
- Cloaking
- More maneuverable than the F-22



Nikita S.Khrushchev

• We shall erect an obelisk to the people who have created the rocket and the artificial earth satellites. We shall inscribe their glorious names in gold to make them known to posterity for centuries. In due time the photographs and glorious names of these people will be widely known by the people. We highly value these people, we prize them and protect their safety from hostile agents who might be sent inside to destroy these outstanding people, our valuable cadres. But now, in view of the safety of the country and the lives of those scientists, engineers, technicians, and other specialists, we may not as yet make public their names and other photographs"

July 9, 1958

- **Black Ops when Black Ops weren't cool**
- **Korolev unknown until his death on operating table**
- **Korolev allowed to publish as "Prof. Sergeev"**

Yakov Terletsky

- Beria Controlled operative
- Interrogated Niels Bohr
- Worked on Zero Point Energy
- Correspondence with Prof. H.T. Bondi Of U.K.'s Ministry of Defense
- Backchannel to MJ-12?

Design Bureaus Widely Distributed



- Mikoyan-Gurevich
- (MiG)
- Sukhoi
- Yakovlev
- Ilyushin

Tsarist UFO Flap of 1892

- March 12 to April 1 1892
- In excess of 100 objects sighted
- Temporal range brief, spatial distribution huge
- From Poland in the west to Georgia in the East, a Saucer Curtain descended across the continent(two continents)
- Cities Involved in:
 - Poland-Lomza(greatest concentration near Prussian border)
 - Finland
 - Baltic States
 - Bessarabia
 - Belarus
 - Moscow(start 12 March)
 - Ukraine-Lutsk, Raigorod(End 1 April)



Some explanations are anything but new: A Proto-Template for Roswell Apologists

- **Natural**
 - Venus
 - Meteors/Meteorites
 - Ball Lightning
 - Northern Lights
- **Artificial**
 - Balloons
 - Hostile neighbors spying on Russia with some new invention



The Big One: Tunguskaya, 1908

- Crash site, or mid-air explosion?
- EBE's built devices to interdict any incoming meteorite?

The Valley Of Death?

- Linked to Tunguska explosion
- Emit low frequencies, causing distress to Humans and animals

Tsarist Rocket?

- Originally found near end of 19th century, or very beginning of 20th century, by famed archaeologist Vikentiy Khvyoka who discovered Tripolian culture.
- Governor of Kiev examined craft on invitation from the Tsarist police and ordered it buried again because he didn't wish to take responsibility for such an inexplicable object.
- Discovered near Kiev during substantial reconstruction necessary for city after WWII due to high volume of armored combat in the Ukraine.

Tsarist Rocket (cont.)

- In 1947, top Soviet Scientists and missile engineers designers performed an examination of the re-discovered object and its attendant equipment at a Podlipki (later Kaliningrad) lab near Moscow.
- S.P. Korolev lead the team of examiners, who were baffled by the enigmatic craft. Was this the reason for first assembly of the USSR's MJ-12 counterpart?
- "The eyes can see, but the teeth cannot chew."
- Later analysis showed that the crash most likely occurred between 3,500 and 5,000 years ago.



Tsarist Rocket Exam Results I

- Only front cockpit area survived
- Original length estimated to be 11-12 meters
- Engine component not found
- Front section "appeared as if cut away by laser beam"
- Cabin was empty



Tsarist Rocket Exam Results II

- Craft contained two small seats for occupants estimated to be 1.2 meters in height
- Sophisticated controls equipment purportedly found inside, including contour controls for hands
- Materials were subjected to intensive analysis lasting for decades

Tsarist Rocket Exam results III

- After COCOM restrictions were dropped, (likely before) U.S. laser equipment used to section the craft for reverse engineering analysis.
- Extensive Materials Science Studies Performed
- Unknown inscriptions in unseen languages
- Linguistic Analysis performed by Philologist Sukhoveev; leaks from son, Azizova, quoted by Anfalov
- Comparison with Sanskrit (dubious?)



RE-CREATION OF CRASH RETRIEVAL IN USSR

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- This is a rather difficult section to write as the policies have evolved somewhat. Those alluded to herein will be limited to Soviet times.
- 1. Initial observation may be made either by military or civilian sources. If the sources are civilian, there are different procedures whether they come forward volitionally or not. Taking a hypothetical sighting, if we assume that there has been radar or pilot sighting, the predicted crash area is calculated by PVO if possible.

RE-CREATION OF CRASH RETRIEVAL IN USSR II

- . Government organs are then sent forth, first consisting of the local law enforcement personnel, MVD. The area is cordoned off and strict security implemented.
- IF there are living EBEs present, shoot-to-kill orders are in force in the event witnesses approach. State security is then dispatched with great haste, and the OIC is of full Colonel rank. If possible, Spetsnaz are dispatched to guard the wreckage. The crash site is designated Area 1.

USSR Crash Retrieval Procedures and Policies III

- Helicopters are dispatched to this area, Mi-24 with two Mi-8s is the usual detachment.
- On occasion, planes are scrambled, but in the past orders to fire have produced disastrous results, and fighter jets are not summoned save in rare instances. All possible efforts are made to remove the EBEs immediately.
- The nearest MVD facility sufficient to house witnesses and remains is called AREA 2.

USSR Crash Retrieval Procedures and Policies IV

- All witnesses are detained by MVD and debriefed by KGB.
- In some cases a psychiatrist is summoned after the MVD physician establishes a diagnosis of mental instability. The patient is then sedated with haloperidol (Haldol in the USA) and removed to a psychiatric facility with the designation of "Politically Unreliable".

USSR Crash Retrieval Procedures and Policies V

- The Haloperidol, Psychiatric Institutionalization, and politically unreliable classification were all employed in the case of the Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and father of the USSR's hydrogen bomb Academician Andrei Sahkarov, who was removed to a psychiatric hospital of internal exile in the then-closed town of Gorky. (Now Nizhniy Novgorod)
- All witnesses are required to sign a document saying that dissemination of the information discussed will result in summary execution without judicial process.

USSR Crash Retrieval Procedures and Policies VI

- . In the event there has been communication with EBEs, the citizens are admitted to psychiatric facilities and their political reliabilities judged. In the event that a witness is judged unreliable politically, the KGB OIC determines his/her fate.
- Intimidation of witnesses, unless they are government affiliated, is SEVERE. Even with high-level government affiliations, there is no immunity from retribution in the event certain aspects of these operations are revealed or critiqued, save in conditions of extreme secrecy, without ironclad authorization

USSR Crash Retrieval Procedures and Policies VII

- The EBEs are then removed to the nearest Medical or Dental facility and autopsies performed or life support initiated in the instance of living EBEs.
- In the instance of living EBEs, an officer of Flag rank is often summoned to supervise the transfer to a secure facility of undisclosed location.

USSR Crash Retrieval Procedures and Policies VIII

- Remains of craft are transported by the most efficient means available in the area, to the nearest sizeable military installation, or in some instances, factories working on classified military material, but these are definitely a secondary and transient choice.
- This is where preliminary, but officers of flag rank make well-documented examination , along with cosmonauts, etc.
- Ideally the KGB/FSB Nachalnik for UFO's should be present .

USSR Crash Retrieval Procedures and Policies IX

- . Once the material, biological, and technological is removed to its ultimate destination, highly credentialed scientists study it at length.
- In the event, greater expertise is needed (usually an individual of singular ability) is summoned for indefinite duty. A list of politically reliable individuals is maintained for this purpose.

USSR Crash Retrieval Procedures and Policies X

- There is a final destination analogous to Groom Lake in the USA.
- This may be considered the terminal point for any recovered EBEs and/or craft.
- As there exist several such installations on former USSR territories, given the distributed nature of USSR UFO research, aimed at maximum exploitation of both physical and biological aspects of the EBE's, the protocols appear to be a bit more established than in the USA

Philology of Viktor Kostrikan

- Resident of Nalchik
- Internationally quoted
- Murdered by Mafiosi?

Sverdlovsk Crash

- In 1969 a crashed UFO was found near Sverdlovsk, with a rather damaged corpse of an EBE (type?)
- Autopsies were performed under KGB direction at an Institute for Stomatology

Tomb Of the Visitor

- At Nasser's invitation USSR archaeologists allegedly found an EBE in the great Pyramid of Cheops at Giza in Egypt.

Kapustin Yar Crash of 12.08.89

- Disk was Eight-nine meters in diameter by three meters tall

Kalinino, Volgograd region

- Two deceased EBE's inside 1.2-1.3 meters in height.
- Defense Ministry and KGB involvement

Krustakrogs, Latvia, USSR Crash in December 1990

- 1998 Taken to Novaya Zemlya for Analysis
- Lev Melnikov, source, Tsiolkovski Academy

Poland 1997

- Outside Wegorzewo, Suwalki Province, Poland March 15, 1997 05:31 PM
- Disk or egg-shaped object, silver or mercury-like colored, about 5 m in diameter and circa 2 m high, completely seamless

Vladivostok ,USSR Spring 1989

- Dead EBE's recovered, not confirmed

Poland 1997

inside Wegorzewo, Sunday
March 15, 1997. The
object was egg-shaped
and metallic-like color
and circa 2 in diameter
and 1 in length.

The Presidents and the Hard Evidence (Part 2)

Grant Cameron

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Astronaut Dr. Edgar Mitchell has stated publicly that his sources have told him that after President Kennedy the cabal that controlled the UFO presence stopped briefing the President on what was going on. If this scenario is correct it represents a serious constitutional problem in America.

The evidence I have seen shows that although the Presidents may not have been given the whole story they appeared to have had enough information to make the security related decisions required of the commander-in chief of the military.

I think some of the confusion lies in the fact that the President has been shielded from any questions that would reveal anything he might know about UFOs, or what he has done to deal with the mystery.

Surprisingly, the President of the United States has only publicly taken a question on UFOs twice since 1947. The first was a couple days after the Roswell crash when President Truman was asked whether he knew anything about the flying discs that were on the front pages of major American newspapers in July 1947.

The second UFO question came during a December 1954 press conference when President Eisenhower was asked what he thought about UFOs. The question had been inspired by a major flap of sighting that was taking place in Europe at the time.

That was the last time the President was asked, or in other words, the President has not been asked a question in 50 years. It is not hard, therefore, for the public to come to the conclusion that the President doesn't know anything.

There are a number of incidents, testimonies and statements that show the President has been in the loop all along. President Lyndon Johnson is an example.

Gordon Cooper, the pioneer astronaut who died recently, told a key story in his book *Leap of Faith: An Astronaut's Journey into the Unknown* that when he was flying on Gemini 5, photos he had taken of Area 51 had been confiscated, and that President Johnson told him personally, "Son, I ordered it classified." The statement shows a president in charge.

Johnson also seemed to have inside knowledge about UFOs when one views the events that took place in the days following the Kecksburg UFO crash which occurred in December of 1965.

On the night of the crash Leo Bourassa, who ran Mount Weather where the President and top staffers would be taken in the event of a nuclear attack, was involved in the phone traffic about the crash. He passed on the fact that he had received word of recovered metal in Michigan.

As I mentioned at this conference last year, Bourassa was also important because he was the Director of the Special Facilities Division which was described by former USAF

physicist Robert Collins as a cover for the MJ-12 group. In addition, Brigadier-General Steven Lovekin stated that during his time with Signals Corp that Mount Weather had facilities to track UFOs.

NASA was reportedly at the crash site and the next morning, the head of NASA James Webb, landed at Johnson's Texas ranch to meet with the President. At almost the same time, all the members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff landed at the ranch to meet with Johnson. That afternoon the Governor of Pennsylvania flew to the ranch to meet with Johnson.

When Johnson arrived back in Washington a couple days later one of his first meetings was Leo Bourassa's boss, Lionel Ellington, the head of the Office of Emergency Planning. If Johnson did know and have control he would have been the perfect president for the job. He had a fascination with the space race right from the night he stood out on his Texas ranch and watched Sputnik orbit overhead in October 1957. He had the biggest collection of outer space files of any president, and a correct reading of history will show that it was Johnson who talked Kennedy into going to the moon. Kennedy was actually not very interested in outer space.

It was only months after Johnson left office that Project Blue book shut down, and it is not certain what role he played in this. One of the people who did play an unintentional role in the closing of Blue Book was then Congressman Gerald Ford. In 1965, Ford had a flap of UFO sightings take place in his Michigan constituency.

He demanded a congressional investigation into the UFO phenomena. In a 1966 interview with *Face the Nation*, Congressman Ford spoke forcefully about the UFO situation:

"Mr. Ford, what about flying saucers? You've had some in Michigan in the past week. Do you really believe in flying saucers — you've called for a congressional investigation?"

"Dave, we've had several incidents in Michigan in the last week — incidents that many reliable good citizens felt were sufficient to justify some action by our government and not the kind of flippant answer that was given by the Air Force where they passed it off as 'swamp gas.' And in addition there are other incidents that have happened from time to time — reportings by people who basically I think are fully sincere and who are honest.

"It appears to me that this mystery that has been around the country with all the various sightings does require that the Congress take a good look at it. Bring up these witnesses from the Air Force and the National Aeronautics and Space Agency. Have them interrogated by members of the House or Senate Committees. Let them put their records on the line. Let the people who have allegedly seen these Unidentified Flying Objects come and testify.

"I think the American people would be more assured that there were or were not if a public hearing were held."

The pressure that was exerted by Ford did get the Congress to briefly look at UFOs, but it also gave the Air Force a platform where they were able to get a seemingly independent university to publicly state future investigation was a waste of time. The Air Force took this University of Colorado analysis as the prime opportunity to pull the plug on Project Blue Book, and to get out of the UFO controversy forever.

In terms of what I am about to explain, this dumping of Project Blue Book was an important event. When the Air Force dumped Blue Book they were able to completely divest themselves of UFOs, or any discussion of UFOs. UFOs had been a public relations nightmare for the Air Force since 1947.

Consider, for example, the trepidation towards the UFO subject expressed by Colonel Hector Quintanilla in a book that he wrote in the 1970s. Quintanilla was the head of Project Blue Book from 1963 till it shut down in 1969. Quintanilla said:

Little did they (Air Technical Intelligence Center) know at the time that a pseudo scientific project was about to be dropped in their laps... on a long-term basis it turned out to be a monumental headache for all its Commanders. ATIC Commanders (would) cringe on hearing the term "Flying Saucers."

It was a dream come true when Air Force Secretary Robert C. Seamans, Jr. summed up the final position of the government on the subject. "Continuation of the Project," said Seamans, "cannot be justified either on the ground of national security or in the interest of science."

When the Air Force dumped Blue Book they were in a position where they would never again have to put up an Air Force spokesman to make up a wild explanation of how some major UFO sighting the night before was explainable by some natural phenomena.

In Canada, the Air Force and government got out of public UFO investigation about the same time as in the states. The Canadians, however, never got back in. There has never been any major leaks, no intelligence officers telling stories of things going on behind the scenes. It would appear they got out and stayed out.

In the United States, exactly the opposite took place, and it all started with the Presidency of Richard Nixon. In 1973, military officials contacted two film producers in Los Angeles, and asked them to produce a government sponsored UFO documentary. The documentary would tell the public the story that the government not only knew there were UFOs, but that they had actually interacted with the aliens on more than one occasion.

The government would in effect get out of the frying pan in 1969, and in 1973 not only get back in the frying pan but jump right into the fire. The disclosure of UFO truths, however, would be carefully controlled. It would be a plan that worked so well it is still being used today to mold our UFO world view.

If you look back about what we believe regarding UFOs, you will find what we believe is not an accumulation of things we have discovered, but things that have been leaked to us.

Consider crashed saucers and dead aliens which were largely pushed by a series of unnamed sources who approached Len Stringfield in the mid 1970s. Consider the notions of an MJ-12 cabal and a captured live alien that were leaked to Bill Moore and Stanton Friedman in the early 1980s. Consider our notion of Area 51 which was leaked by Lazar and a couple other sources who claimed to have worked inside the base. We have been directed to believe what we now accept as fact.

The Plan

Almost from the beginning of the modern UFO era, there have been strong indications that the cabal behind the UFO cover-up have performed a dual role of both releasing and covering up key parts of the UFO story such as crashes, communications with the aliens, and recovered dead and live aliens. The two elements are then mixed with disinformation and a lot of confusion to prevent anyone from confirming any important part of the UFO story. That has always been the plan.

An early example of this can be illustrated in a story told by Ward Kimball at the 1979 MUFON conference. Ward was a close friend of Walt Disney, working as one of the nine original key animators in the Disney Company.

Kimball stated in his MUFON presentation that the USAF had approached Walt Disney in the mid 1950s requesting that Disney do a UFO documentary to acclimatize the public to the fact that we were being visited by extraterrestrial beings. The officers approaching Disney stated that he would be provided with UFO film from government archives that could be used in the film to help convince the people that UFOs were extraterrestrial.

Disney accepted the offer and began to produce the documentary. Near the end of production, however, the USAF notified Disney that the film would have to be withdrawn. Disney was forced to finish the UFO documentary without the film. The message got out and the cover-up remained intact.

As bizarre as the Disney UFO story is, it has a second part. It occurred when famous British photographer, Mike Maloney visited the Disney Company in 1972. The story he told in 1995 hints at the fact that the Disney Company might just have gotten possession of some of the secret UFO footage, and wanted Maloney to do something with it in Britain.

Maloney stated that while in Los Angeles he had dinner with the head of the Disney Studios, and four of the nine original Disney animators. Ward Kimball was one of the four at the table. During the encounter Maloney was introduced to a "well known Disney employee" who offered to show him some unusual film footage. What Maloney ended up seeing was "old footage of UFOs," and "two beings that he was told were aliens." British UFO researcher Georgino Bruni described what Maloney told her about the alien footage.

One, which appeared to be dead, was laid out on a table — or slab, the other was clearly alive and moving around on the floor. He was given no

information as to the source of the footage, which he was told was “top secret,” but he was in no doubt that it was a genuine piece of old film. Mike described it as being similar to the alien autopsy footage that had been shown on television. At no time did he say it was the same, just similar. Of the footage he personally viewed, he said: “If the film that I saw was a fake, it was a brilliant fake.”

The Maloney encounter with the alien footage in 1972 was only one event of a number of key events during the 1970s that appeared to be attempts to mold the world view of UFOs for generations to come. The rumor was that this plan was set up by Richard Nixon and that it was sidetracked by Watergate. The events that have been named as part of this molding include *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* and the NBC TV show *The UFO Project*. The key event however was the Holloman Alien Landing story, which I think is one of the most important events in UFO history.

The Alien Landing at Holloman

The Holloman story is not a crashed saucer story as such but it is a critically important story because I believe it forms the basis for understanding the MJ-12 leaks of the 1980s and the 3,000 plus pages known as the Majestic Documents that began to be leaked in the 1990s.

The story of the film is that it is the real life story of the movie *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. The government figures out how to communicate with the aliens, and the aliens are directed to Holloman Air Force Base where they are greeted by base officials. The whole event is captured on film.

I believe that a full understanding of the Holloman film story would lead to a full understanding of how the government has chosen to deal with the UFO mystery behind the scenes.

I believe the attempt to release the Holloman film was orchestrated by Richard Nixon. Nixon will probably always be seen as simply the president who was brought down by the Watergate scandal. Almost everything else he did and everything he was interested in will be forgotten.

My study of the Holloman AFB story and the Nixon presidency, however, has led me to believe that when the true UFO story is finally revealed to the public, Richard Nixon will be a key player in the story of UFO disclosure and the Holloman AFB story will go down as the first real attempt to be upfront with the American public about what the government really knows.

If you have read what I have written about Nixon, you will know that there are many rumors about the fact that Nixon was fascinated with the subject of UFOs. We have the famous story how Nixon made it possible for comedian Jackie Gleason to view dead alien bodies at Homestead Air Force Base. This is a story that was first told by his second wife Beverly McKittrick, and which she has reconfirmed as being true twice in the last year.

There is a story from a very reliable source I know that Nixon actually showed some visitors pictures of dead aliens that he had in a filing cabinet in the White House.

K.T. Frankovich, a friend of Nixon, who lived near his Key Biscayne southern White House, described Nixon's interest in UFOs in a long interview with me.

He would just like to sit out on the back porch and just watch the bay — Key Biscayne Bay, and so forth. The stars would come out and the conversation would go to psychic, and then there would always be the question "Do you believe?" I would always say, "Yes, what are you crazy?"

Question: In terms of psychic or UFOs?

UFOs. I would always say yeah. I would always say, "What — Are you nuts? You can't be stupid enough to believe that we are the only beings," and he would kind of chuckle. There would be questions like "What do you think they are like?" Just normal conversations and curiosity — but he never let on that he had seen Homestead — at least not to me.

The Holloman story started in 1973 when Robert Emenegger and his partner Allen Sandler were approached by the Pentagon to produce a series of documentaries on advanced projects in the military such as 3-D holography, cancer research, lasers, and the like. As a side note to these subjects, the officials also made a request for a documentary on UFOs.

Emenegger was a skeptic on UFOs but thought "Oh well." He had no idea of what was about to happen. Emenegger had been working as an advertising executive in Los Angeles, and told me he had also worked on the 1972 re-election campaign for Richard Nixon even — though he confessed "I didn't do anything." The work on the re-election campaign was the only reason Emenegger could come up with as to why he had been picked for the government sponsored UFO documentary.

Emenegger, however, did have some background that fit nicely into an attempt by the government to mold the UFO story, and he did have a direct contact to President Nixon. Emenegger had applied in 1968 to work for the United States Information Agency, which had been formed by President Eisenhower in 1953 to "centralize foreign information dissemination programs."

The application he put in for the job stated that he had "specialized in the study of motion pictures as an instrument of propaganda — and its influence on public behavior." He had written his graduate thesis on "The Influence of Motion Pictures on Human Behavior." He appeared to be a perfect candidate for getting across the government message on UFOs.

In addition to his educational background Emenegger had a very strong link to the Nixon White House. He listed on his application one reference for the job: Bob Haldeman — President Nixon's Chief of Staff who had been a member with Emenegger at the same UCLA fraternity.

One of the key government officials who negotiated the UFO documentary on behalf of the government was Col. Bill Coleman, who had been the Project Blue Book Liaison from 1961 to 1964. He later went on to produce the NBC TV show *Project UFO* for two years in the late 1970s.

Emenegger described the initial approach which was made during a visit to the military audio visual repository at Norton Air Force Base in California:

We went to Norton Air Force Base to discuss other things, among them 3-D moving holography, laser and cancer, all of the R&D advance research — ARPA kind of projects, and the UFO thing was brought up to us, which I just couldn't believe, but said "Oh well — I'll go along with it." And one conversation led to another, a contact with the Pentagon. Everyone couldn't have been more open about what we were doing. Anyone along the line could have questioned, and said — and I expected them to say, "Like — what the hell are you guys talking about?"

The man at Norton responsible for pulling the Holloman film and giving it to Emenegger and Sandler was Paul Shartle, the Security Manager and Chief of Requirements at the Defense Audio Visual Archives which was stationed at the base.

Years later on a show called *UFO Cover-up...Live*, Shartle stated he had viewed the film and described what was on it:

Shartle: I saw footage of three disc shaped crafts. One of the crafts landed and two of them went away.

Question: Why did it land?

Shartle: It appeared to be in trouble because it oscillated all the way down to the ground. However, it did land on three pods. A sliding door opened. A ramp was extended and out came three aliens.

Question: What did they look like?

Shartle: Well they were human size, had an odd gray complexion and a pronounced nose. They wore tight fitting jump suits, thin headdresses that appeared to be communications devices, and in their hands they held a translator, I was told. A Holloman base commander and other Air Force officers went out to greet them.

Emenegger and Sandler took the film and started preparing the government's documentary on UFOs about the stunning interaction at Holloman Air Force Base.

Some of the negotiations related to the documentary script took place at the Pentagon. Emenegger told me that when they went there everyone seemed to know who they were. They didn't even have to sign in at the Pentagon entrance. They just walked in.

We headed for the Pentagon and we walked into the building — I remember the two of us, and for some reason we were sort of herded by two plain clothes men into a little narrow room with fluorescent lights over it and I just remember, and some man sitting behind a desk and he pointed at us and he said “We’re very concerned about you bringing up the subject of UFOs. He said when people like you put these things on the air it causes the phone lines — it ties up our phone lines. It is not part of our assignment, our duty, our national defense,” and on and on. I was under these fluorescent lights watching these three plain clothes men. I thought I was going to die there for a minute.

But again my partner had enough sense to say “Hey! We were invited by Mr. Hatch by Colonel Coleman, and they said “Okay, well just a warning.” So we went of to meet Colonel Coleman. Now he’s the one that looks like Hemmingway with the beard walking through the E-ring at the Pentagon. The first thing he says to us was, “You know if you come across information or technology which is against the interest of our national defense — you can be fined and imprisoned.” So it was like warning #2.

Then we went into his inner office, and a strange thing happened. He said, “Come on boys. Sit down. Let me tell you something.”

Emenegger told me that he was a skeptic on the subject of UFOs and he was surprised at how no one disputed the story of aliens landing and talking to base officials at Holloman. He said the conversation was no different than negotiating any other film he had ever obtained.

Well they all had a chance. As a matter of fact, you know, one of our agreements was to go over the script at the Pentagon, and if there was any question about anything they had the right to ask about it. Strangely enough, no one even questioned the thing about the landing at Holloman Air Force Base — like, “Well OK.”

The two producers were passed from person to person in the Pentagon, and everyone seemed serious and laid back about the project.

It all unfolded. One would call another. For instance Coleman said “Hold on” as we were sitting in his office. He would put a call into (General) George (Weinbrenner) and say, “Do you want to talk to these guys?” A day later I think we went down into the bunker, and there confronted George. I couldn’t have — I think I was pretty straightforward. First question was,

“What about the landing of the alien craft at Holloman Air Force base.” He kind of went “Yeah, well, I’ll tell you.”

Emenegger went ahead with the UFO documentary and like Disney just before they were to proceed they got a phone call from Coleman saying the government had changed their mind and they would not be allowed to use the Holloman alien segment in the documentary. Like Disney they were forced to use recreations about an incident that might occur in the future, even though they knew it had occurred in the past. The film was transported back to the Pentagon.

Emenegger and Sandler were given other explosive things for the documentary such as the story of Francis Swan that I discussed earlier. Arthur Lundahl allowed himself to be interviewed by Emenegger and confirmed that the story had taken place. He wouldn’t appear on camera though, and the film producers were left with just another story.

Emenegger stated that they were given many other films as well, which were also pulled. One example was,

We were given a film — Top Secret - it was still Top Secret on it — Quintanilla’s name was on it, of a launching at Vandenberg of which three cameras followed the one missile take-off. Behind it you saw two little white — looked like transparent moons sort of just trailing and following it their way but from every camera — no matter what position — so it wasn’t a reflection. We had Bob Baker who was the guy who did the 1952 Robertson Panel guy. Anyway Bob Baker was very well known at that time. So he came in and analyzed it and said it’s a million to one that it’s anything but — its not Venus — it’s not a reflection — it’s this — it’s unknown stuff.

I asked Emenegger if he thought President Nixon was behind the attempt to disclose using the documentary. Emenegger said that this was a possibility and that after the film was pulled he had even asked his friend Bob Haldeman if he knew anything about the landing of aliens at Holloman. In a Q&A session during a Houston lecture, Emenegger spelled out his belief about what had really happened when asked if he had been used to acclimatize the public on UFOs.

Q: Are they trying to slowly get our minds ready?

A: As to why they pulled that. I can’t really tell you. It was during the end of the Nixon regime. I even ran into Bob Haldeman who I knew, who was in our fraternity at UCLA, but was ahead of me, and I remember having a conversation if he had ever heard about a landing at Holloman Air Force Base. He kind of said he kind of remembered something, but that didn’t go anywhere.

I don't know if it was a complete concerted effort to cooperate with us, or if someone at the very last. I assume there are people – I understood there was one General who wasn't particularly happy about what we were doing, and he could have stopped. As what happens in a lot of cases you go up to a point and you go up to your commanding officer and he says "don't go any further with it. I will handle it."

Robert Emenegger asked Colonel Coleman why the film had been pulled many times. Each time he asked Coleman would have a different answer. He stated that it had been pulled because the camera crew had used special lenses that they didn't want the Russians to know about. On another occasion he stated the government didn't have diplomatic relations with the aliens, and therefore couldn't release the film. At one point according to Emenegger:

Bill once joked with me, "One day I'll take you out on a boat and tell you what it really was, but then afterwards, I'll have to kill you."

There is much more I could say about this amazing story but let me end the Nixon segment by saying that in a conversation with Linda Howe she told me that during a visit to Emenegger in Los Angeles he had showed her a letter that he had received from President Nixon.

Linda recalled that the letter indicated that Nixon knew exactly what was going on and he was thanking Emenegger for his part in the documentary. As Emenegger had never discussed this, I immediately phoned Bob and asked him if he had gotten a letter from Nixon. He said that he did, but he thought the letter had more to do with his work for the re-election campaign, "even though" said Emenegger, "I didn't do anything."

I immediately filed a Freedom of Information request with the National Archives and they confirmed they had material in the Nixon files on Emenegger. Alas, when the material arrived, the letter Emenegger confirmed receiving had gone the way of the missing 18 minutes on the Watergate audio tape.

The missing letter did however seem to confirm that it could not have been a simple letter thanking Emenegger for the re-election effort. There would have been no reason to destroy that one.

President Jimmy Carter

Other presidents have tried to release the UFO story to the American public. Jimmy Carter, for example, asked for the hidden UFO files when he received his intelligence briefings as President elect. The briefing was given by George Bush senior who told him that if he wanted the files he would have to go to the House of Representatives Science and Technology Committee to get them declassified.

Carter was determined to get the UFO truth to the public, but his ability to release was limited by national security considerations related to UFOs, which he had promised to abide by. Carter explained the situation in one interview:

I don't see any reason to keep information like that secret but there may be some aspect of the UFO information with which I am not familiar that might be related to some secret experiments that we doing that might involve our national security — our new weapons systems. I certainly wouldn't release that. But if it was something removed from our national security, in my opinion as President I would go ahead and release that. I see nothing wrong with that.

Contrary to the prevailing opinion that President Carter did not fulfill his promise to release the UFOs files, the record shows that Carter did go to the House and was able to expose the classified files if only for a day.

The person that got to see the files on behalf of the President was Daniel Sheehan, who at the time the Chief Council to the Jesuit Headquarters in Washington D.C.

Sheehan had originally been contacted to obtain the Vatican UFO files for two studies on UFOs that President Carter had requested.

I was contacted by Marcia Smith, the head of the Science and Technology Division of the Congressional Research Service, to see if I as chief counsel for the United States Jesuit Headquarters in Washington D.C. International Social Ministry Office could obtain access to the Vatican Library section that had the information about extraterrestrial intelligence and the UFOs in the Vatican Library in Rome. I agreed to do that as a special consultant to the Congressional Research Service.

After two attempts Sheehan was unable to get the files for the presidential studies, but he was given a second project by Marcia Smith who was writing the report.

Sheehan was asked to give a lecture to the top 50 SETI people inside the Jet Propulsion Laboratory on the "Religious Implications of Extraterrestrial Contact with Earth."

In order to prepare for the lecture Sheehan requested the classified Blue Book files for review. Marcia Smith worked on the request and Sheehan was eventually told to report to the basement of the new Library of Congress Madison Building. Sheehan described what happened:

Back in 1977, when I was asked to participate as a special consultant to the Library of Congress research group analysis for President Carter, I was given access to the Project Blue Book files — the classified sections of them — during the preparation for a seminar which I was asked to present to the top

50 scientists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California in the SETI program. In that context I was allowed to review the classified sections of the Blue Book Project.

In that section I came across absolutely clear pictures — photographs — of a UFO that was on the ground. It had apparently crashed. It was stuck in the side of an embankment. There was snow all around in the photographs, and there were United States Air Force personnel in the photograph measuring this particular craft — taking photographs of it.

Sheehan reported the two studies were completed by Marcia Smith, and that he was allowed to read them before they were sent to the House Science and Technology Committee. The first one on extraterrestrial intelligence concluded that there were visiting ET races:

She (Marcia Smith) went forward and supervised two of the final studies. The first study reached the conclusion — this was an official United States government Congressional Research Service report that was prepared by the Congressional Research Service Science and Technology Division and sent to the Science and Technology Committee of the House of Representatives, who in turn sent it to the President. In this report they concluded that there were from two to six — at least— from two to six highly technological intelligent civilizations other than on our planet here in our galaxy.

The second study on UFOs, according to Sheehan, stated that a certain percentage of UFOs represented these two to six extraterrestrial races.

And secondly, they prepared a full report on the UFO phenomena. It actually had diagrams of all the different shaped UFO craft that were there, and in fact projected that it appeared to be that in a certain number of cases, and they indicated that from 5% to 6% of these cases — of these sightings — that there was absolutely no other rational explanation for these phenomena, given the caliber of the witnesses, the caliber of the collaboration of the sightings, to lead to any other conclusion than the fact that they appeared to be coming from one or more of these two to six extraterrestrial civilizations in our galaxy.

There was further confirmation that Carter did get the UFO facts, but was unable to release it to the public. This came from a comment made by Carter's friend, actress Shirley MacLaine, when she appeared on the *Larry King Live Show* in May of 1995.

Actor Nicholas Cage had been on the *David Letterman Show* a couple weeks before, and during his interview he stated that Shirley MacLaine had told him that President Carter had told her that he had gained access to the crashed saucers and dead alien bodies.

When MacLaine appeared on *Larry King Live* she was faced with a question about what Cage had said. In reply to the question which came from a Florida caller Shirley stated that Carter had tried but couldn't release the information.

He told me many times that when I first wrote *Out on a Limb* that he would support me, *that it was true, that there were occupants*. Why should we be the only people in the universe? He wanted to shine the sunshine laws on intelligence, to expose it, to see how the people would react, but he *didn't and wouldn't and couldn't*, as he explained to me.

Another confirmation of the fact that Carter did get to the UFO secret and was unable to release it to the public came from a story that was being researched a few years back by PBS in Washington D.C. The story centered on a man by the name of Jack McGeorge who was a counter terrorism specialist and secret service agent inside the Carter White House.

According to the story that had been researched by Harry Lebelson, then the UFO editor at *OMNI* magazine, McGeorge claimed to have been in a UFO briefing that had been given to President Carter. Shortly before he died, Lebelson gave a lecture in which he told McGeorge's story of what happened inside the Carter UFO briefing:

Jack McGeorge was a member of the Special Forces Green Beret who now runs a school for the anti-terrorist tactics, and for the preparation of presidential body guards. I came to know Jack McGeorge vicariously through one of my contacts. This contact, also a member of the Special Forces Green Beret, had been in Vietnam, and when returning from Vietnam after serving his time went into the reserves. Camp Drum was a location in which members of the Green Beret Special Forces were trained at least twice a year just to keep up their proficiency. It was at one of these training sessions that lasted about two weeks that my contact met Jack Mc George. Jack McGeorge and he immediately took a liking to each other and became fast friends. They would go out drinking at night. Jack McGeorge held an incredible position in the Carter White House. He was advisor for National and International Terrorism and his office was located one floor below that of Jimmy Carter. What's unique about Jack McGeorge is that he also a member of the Secret Service, and he was the first member of the Secret Service other than the head of the Secret Service to ever have witnessed a presidential briefing on UFOs.

The reason that Jack McGeorge was allowed in the presidential briefing is because during his tenure at the White House he had struck up a friendship with Jimmy Carter. Carter considered him a close friend and confided in him on confidential matters at least twice a day. So upon Carter's insistence despite of protestations from the National Security Agency, McGeorge was admitted to the briefing session on UFOs given to Jimmy Carter. There were two briefings given to President Carter and Jack McGeorge attended at least the initial briefing.

McGeorge told my contact basically what goes with the briefing and I would like to give you that information to the best of my ability. Once the President was in the room seated at a table — McGeorge at another table. A member of the NSA would give an overall briefing on the phenomena stating its historical characteristics and bringing it up to the present time. At that point a number of documents describing the evolutionary habits of the beings, the reasons they were here, and other matters of that consequence were shown to Jimmy Carter. The next thing to be shown to Jimmy Carter was a 15 minute film taken at Holloman Air Force Base in which UFO inhabitants and military personal made physical contact. It was a color film. After that that would be followed by some more briefing and talks by National Security people, and basically that was the end of the briefing.

President Ronald Reagan

Like Nixon it appeared that Reagan had attempted to get out some of the UFO facts using back door cloak and dagger methods.

About the same time Reagan was coming into office a researcher by the name of Bill Moore was publishing the first revealing book on the Roswell crash called *The Roswell Incident*. The topic was suddenly popular and Moore gained a lot of credibility for his research efforts. While Moore was on the speaking tour for the book he, like Disney and Emenegger before him, received an offer to view UFO information that would help to unravel the mystery for the public.

Greg Bishop, a close friend of Moore's, and a speaker here last year, described how the contact was made:

As a result of these books, and him going on some kind of publicity tour for them, he was called at a couple places on his trip by somebody at a nearby Air Force Base. Once in Omaha, Nebraska, and once when he was in Albuquerque. And it turns out that the person who called him when he was in Albuquerque and said "You know we think you really know what you are talking about and we would like to talk to you." That person was Richard

Doty, it turns out to be. He set up a meeting with Bill Moore. What a lot of people don't know is that was the first time they met. He met in an Albuquerque restaurant with this guy that became known as the Falcon, and he will still not divulge this person's real name. Neither will Richard Doty or anyone else.

This guy (Falcon) — who turns out to have worked for the DIA (Defense Intelligence Agency) — which is like the military CIA, he presented Moore with a deal. He said, "If you will cooperate with us," (and he didn't tell him what that cooperation was — the nature of it) "then we will give you what you are looking for which is UFO information from the government — as much as we can release to you, and we will do that over a period of years if you cooperate with us."

And he (Moore) said "well OK, I guess so — it sounds good — sure."

In an interview on Bishop's radio show, Moore described how the game of getting UFO information from the government was played:

You know when you are approached and essentially recruited into something and you're given a choice — you're either in or you're out. You really don't know what you are getting into because they don't really tell you very much about what you are getting into. It's sort of a step thing. It's one step at a time. You just get lured in further and further into it, and at any point you can get out of it — and if you do you do. That's the way it is.

Q: There's no such thing as you are in so far you can't get out?

Well I don't know about that. There wasn't for me. I was a little bit careful about how I did things. But in any case you are faced with a choice like that and someone says "We would like you to involve yourself in this counterintelligence thing," basically that is what it was, and you have a choice — either you are in or you are not in.

If you are not in you don't know anything. If you are in then you see where it goes. Well, of course, what do you do? I chose to go with it. I guess I'm really glad I did. If I had it to do over again I would probably do the same thing, and I think most people would if they were approached in the same way I was and given the choice would have opted into it. Virtually any UFO researcher worth his salt would have. Why me? — I don't know. I didn't make that choice as to why me. I had the choice to make — yes it will be me or no it won't be me.

What came out of Moore's contact with the government were a number of important things about how the government had covered up and controlled the ET presence. The main thing Moore received that people here would know is the MJ-12 document and the Cutler-Twining memo.

Many have concluded that this document is a fraud, and yet many of the same researchers accept the concept described in the document of a small cabal, independent of the government. The MJ-12 concept has become a key component of the modern ufological world view, based on a leaked document. Prior to the MJ-12 document, ufologists believed it was the Air Force that was running the show.

Say what you will, we have had a number of confirmations of the MJ-12 group from a number of different sources. Let me add one that you won't have heard.

Earlier this spring while speaking at a convention I was approached by a man and his girlfriend. I was told by the man that he worked in the National Archives in the classified vault. He stated that his girlfriend was very interested in UFOs, and that in being around the field for a while he had become interested in the MJ-12 document controversy.

Having a blanket Q clearance, and being the guy who actually declassified the documents, he began to watch for documents that might talk about MJ-12 or documents where MJ-12 was noted as being in the distribution list for the document. He asked me where he should look to find such documents.

I really couldn't answer his question so I asked Stanton Friedman and passed on what Stan recommended. When I was speaking at the X-conference in Washington, I arranged to meet with this man and his girlfriend. We met at the National Archives and went to meet his girlfriend. We spent a whole evening discussing the search for MJ-12.

He told me a number of things which add to our understanding of MJ-12:

- The MJ-12 designator is not on a classified list of designators. It would therefore be releasable if found.
- He had not yet found a document, and if he did he would only declassify it if it did not have any other security restrictions.
- He had all the other members of his team promise they would alert him if they found a document with MJ-12 on it.
- Although he had not yet found any MJ-12 documents, he did have a friend who had done declassification on the records of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. This man stated he *had seen documents with MJ-12 on them*. I was given his first name.
- He stated that he had been up to the stacks and his opinion was that the Cutler-Twining document appeared legit. He stated many reasons including the fact that the document had been put in a plastic sleeve, indicating that the archives was treating it as a legitimate document.
- Asked if he believed there were people in the archives searching for MJ-12 documents to destroy, he said no. Based on his years in the vault he believed there were still some MJ-12 documents scattered about.

So, was the MJ-12 concept part of an effort by the Reagan administration to release information and mold the ufological world view? Consider the following stories that seem to support that notion.

In 1983, Robert Emenegger, who had produced the UFO documentary *UFOs Past, Present, and Future* in 1974 for the government, was approached again by Colonel Coleman. Coleman stated that the government wanted Emenegger to do another UFO documentary.

Emenegger immediately asked who was behind this new plan. Was this coming from President Reagan? Emenegger stated that there was no denial and no answer. Once again Coleman and others made offers of all sorts of films that the government wanted released to the public.

In an interview with me, Emenegger told me about the new UFO documentary offer. He was directed to meet with the two top men at the Defense Audio Visual Agency (DAVA) at Norton Air Force Base who were offering up the UFO films. Both men were Reagan appointees and rabid UFO buffs. One of the men, General Glen Miller, turned out to be the man who had gotten Reagan his first acting job in Hollywood. Emenegger described the encounter:

You do know — I don't know if it was in the book maybe not — that during the Reagan administration I met with Bob Scott and Miller at Norton, and they wanted another program like we had done, and we spent a lot of time discussing it. Bob Scott was a Reagan appointee. He was the head of USIA when I first met him — Bruce Hershenson — I don't know if you know who Bruce was in Washington? That's how I knew him. Then he popped up as the head of DAVA — that film repository. He had a Glen E. Miller, retired General, as his aide, or second in command. We spent a lot of discussion about — there was stuff in the vault that he wanted to get out. I even had General Miller come to our house to meet Hynek and his group to take them out to Norton so they could look around. Miller was, interestingly enough, was head of one of the studios in Hollywood — one of the old ones, and got Reagan his first contract.

The catch to this documentary deal was that government officials wanted J. Allen Hynek and Jacques Vallee to be involved in the documentary and to give it their blessing. Emenegger described Hynek being brought to Norton and being offered the film:

Anyway, after Hynek came here, and he wanted to see UFO footage, and I think they started pulling it out, and Shartle stepped in — now I hope you have the characters correct. Miller said to him, "I want you to show Hynek all the UFO footage."

Shartle told me that he said, "I'm sorry, Sir, you know — you will have to give me a written request for that."

The answer came back, "Listen, I'll have your ass. You're going to do it."

I was not there to know all this craziness that went on, but I do know that three months later Casper Weinberger sent a telegram relieving both Scott and Miller of their posts. Why I don't know. I don't even know if it was related.

Vallee, however, was "negative and skeptical" about the offer to release the UFO films being offered by Miller and Scott. He and Hynek felt that if the government wanted the film released all they had to do is go and offer it to an organization like the National Academy of Sciences. They felt that the offer of the UFO films was another attempt by the government to mislead the public, and they refused to buy into the conditions that had been set out by General Miller and Colonel Coleman. Without the support of Vallee and Hynek the deal fell apart and the documentary was never finished.

Linda Howe was another researcher who was offered films, exclusive interviews, and documents. Like Moore she was told the story of MJ-12. These offers were made starting in 1983 as well. She dealt with many of the same people that Moore and Emenegger were dealing with.

Linda had just produced an Emmy Award winning documentary, *A Strange Harvest*, on the cattle mutilation phenomena that was haunting the farmers in the western United States. Through a series of contacts she was called for a meeting in the Kirkland Air Force Base office of Air Force Office of Special Investigations Special Agent Richard Doty.

At the time of her contact with Doty she was preparing a UFO documentary for Home Box Office (HBO). He intended to interview Doty related to some UFO events that he had been involved with. What she got was something much different.

She stated that Doty began the interview by telling her that "government people" in Washington were very upset with her cattle mutilation documentary. Then after asking Linda to sit in a chair situated in the middle of the room, he presented her with a document that purported to be a UFO briefing document for the President of the United States.

He (Doty) said "my superiors have asked me to show you a document that you can read. You cannot take notes, and I want you to move from the chair you are sitting in — I want you to move to the chair in the center of the room..." but as I look at that page, which was dramatically all caps, typing where the type is in the paper. It said — each line was centered on the page — "BRIEFING DOCUMENT FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE SUBJECT OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL VEHICLES."

In addition to this document Doty offered Linda thousands of feet of black and white and color film "between 1947 and 1964 showing crashed discs and extraterrestrial bodies." In addition she was offered the now infamous Holloman Air Force Base film for use in the HBO documentary.

Just like Disney and Emenegger, there were delays in producing the film. Doty then stated the historic film could not be released until a future date because of "political delays." Without the promised film, HBO pulled the plug on the UFO project. When confronted, Doty stated the government would still like to release the Holloman and crashed saucer films, but do it through PBS, as they had better control over that network. Howe told me how the government planned to control the documentary she wanted to do:

They don't want me to go forward with HBO. They want me to go forward with PBS. Well in this process he is saying how much would you take, and would you be willing to work exclusively on a military base?

And I remember saying, "Look, if you guys want to hire me to edit film and be part of a production that says this is a production of the United States government, I'm happy to do that. But I'm not going to put my name on a film that I have done if everything about it is 100% controlled by the United States government. I can't do that.

Howe had many offers from other branches of the government during the Reagan administration. They all claimed they wanted the UFO truth to get out. At one point she even got an offer to an exclusive interview with the last surviving member of the MJ-12 group.

Well I think he was an original MJ-12er, and I believe he would have been the last on the list of the original twelve. That is my understanding of who somebody was trying to get me to meet with. I am saying I was supposed to have had a dialogue with one of the original MJ-12.

After writing his best selling 1987 book *Communion*, Whitley Strieber was contacted to communicate a similar message to what Linda Howe and Robert Emenegger were given. Whitley told what he was offered and why he chose to turn it down:

I was approached by a retired officer from the Air Force Office of Secret Intelligence with all kinds of stories, about how the government had taken 16mm film of an alien that they had done an operation on in 1952 which enabled it to talk through otherwise atrophied vocal cords. A story that struck me as... I wouldn't have written it as fiction because it was too ridiculous. They tried to make me believe that aliens had claimed that they had something to do with creation of Jesus Christ and all sorts of ridiculous

things which if I had gone out into the public with would have make me look like a fool.

The live alien story was pushed early and often during the Reagan administration. It was also the theme of the movie *ET: The Extraterrestrial*, which was screened for Reagan at the White House in 1982.

Most people know that near the end of the screening Reagan leaned over to Spielberg and stated, "I bet there aren't six people in this room who know how true this whole thing is." There were 37 people in the room representing some of the most powerful people in the country.

A couple months after the ET screening, Reagan pushed the idea a bit further when he traveled to the old Army Air Base at Roswell, New Mexico. There, in front of the west hanger where it was rumored they had stored the Roswell crash bodies before flying them out, Reagan made a campaign speech for Apollo 17 astronaut Harrison Schmitt where he made a passing reference to ET in the opening lines.

It is not surprising then that researchers were approached during the Reagan years and the point was hammered home — we had and still do have a live alien.

Bill Moore for example was being told that the government had a live alien that had actually written a book called the Yellow Book which told the history of the alien interaction on Earth throughout history.

Linda Howe was first told of a live alien that was recovered in a 1949 crash in her April 1983 meeting with Richard Doty. A few years later she received an interview with "the keeper" of the first captured live alien. This military officer had actually lived with a live alien captured in a late 1940s UFO crash. The alien died in 1952, and the officer had been with him the whole time. Like Disney, Emenegger, and others, the interview deal was pulled at the last moment:

It was in all these discussions about my being able to go to where this man was in a hospital in Texas with prostrate cancer to talk with him directly, because I said even if I could tape record him, this is too valuable. Those were real discussions. In that process this man was identified as one of people so valuable because he was able to get these telepathic thoughts.

Q: This was an offer made to you. Is Richard Doty making you this offer?

No it came in a completely different way. It came in a FedEx proposal to me — where I would go — who would meet me — how I would be able to interview a man who was dying and who had stayed with the Eben at Los Alamos.

I got an airline ticket! I had an airline ticket!

Q: You bought it or they bought it?

I bought it. He was dying of prostate cancer in a hospital in Texas, and I was so serious from this communication that I got an airline ticket — paid for it to go. It was I think the night before the morning I was to leave I got a call that said “We’re sorry — he says it’s off.”

And I said “Why?” And he says “He just says it’s off.”

In yet another case, Robert Emenegger was offered an interview, by the Paul Shartle who had been in charge of the UFO films at the DAVA, with a live alien which was being held in New Mexico.

That’s not right. You’re right. Someone did say you can meet an alien down in New Mexico.

Paul Shartle once asked me if I would be interested in going down to like New Mexico, to meet with — you know — some alien. This sounds like what you are talking about, although it never came about.

Conclusion

The examples I have shown about how the various White Houses might have built our world view of UFOs through various leaks are only the tip of the iceberg. There are scores of other examples such as the thousands of pages of leaked documents that Bob and Ryan Wood are now researching.

I will let the Woods tell the story of what they have got, and how it ties into an official policy to slowly disclose the history of government handling of the ET presence.

Most of the Majestic Twelve documents were leaked under the Clinton administration. I have not yet found an indication that Clinton had anything to do with it. There are no stories I am aware of that indicate Bill Clinton had been given the UFO truth. This is despite the fact that many things happened during the Clinton administration which shows that Bill and Hillary had a strong interest in the subject. Some examples are:

- Webster Hubbell stated in his 1997 book *Friends in High Places* that Clinton had asked him to go out and investigate UFOs.
- The Roswell book *UFO Crash at Roswell* was found in Bill Clinton’s personal library during the Monica Lewinski investigation.
- Clinton talked more about UFOs than any other president. On my website I have an article called “President’s UFO Talk” in which I refer to at least 26 incidents during the presidency that Bill or Hillary Clinton spoke publicly about UFOs or aliens.
- Both researchers William LaParl and Derrel Sims claimed to have been approached indirectly by Hillary Clinton looking for UFO information.
- Clinton had an understanding of UFO history. One example of this is that he was familiar with the Reagan alien invasion remark and brought it up many times. To a

group of schools for example he said, "If we were being attacked by space aliens, like in that movie, *Independence Day*, we'd all be looking for a foxhole to get in together and a gun to pick up together. The absence of a threat sometimes causes us to lose our sense of focus, our center, our concentration... And what I'm saying is — you all laughed when I said this before, I referenced that movie, *Independence Day* — but, you know, if we were being attacked by space aliens, we wouldn't be playing these kind of games. These kinds of games are only possible because the economy is strong and the American people are self-confident..."

Yet despite the remarks it appears that Bill Clinton may not have been fully briefed on the subject. According to a remark quoted to long time Washington White House reporter Sarah McClendon, Clinton reportedly stated when asked why he didn't do something about UFOs, "There's a secret government within the government and I don't control it."

So Who's Briefed?

So if Bill Clinton wasn't briefed, who was and what are they told? Ford and Bush Sr. have admitted off the record that they were briefed. They have further admitted that the Holloman Air Force Base film was part of the briefing.

Richard Nixon almost certainly seemed to have been apart of effort to get the Holloman film out into the public, so it appears that the showing of the Holloman film at the presidential UFO briefing was his idea. Nixon definitely knew what was going on.

Harry Lebelson stated independently that he had been told by Secret Service agent McGeorge that the Holloman film was part of a Carter UFO briefing. Carter therefore did get told some of what was going on after forcing the issue. He attempted to get it out but couldn't.

Reagan had two personal UFO sightings, and made the bizarre comment about how few people knew that *ET: The Extraterrestrial* was a true story, so I am sure he was told at least some of the story. One source, Jon Hunter, told me, however, that Reagan had told him that (like Clinton) he had no control over it.

George W. Bush made a joke about the UFO link to Roswell when he was visiting there in January of 2004, so he must have received some of briefing telling him what was going on. I doubt, however, that he spends more than five minutes a month thinking about the subject.

I change my opinion often on the subject of presidential UFO knowledge. What I would say today is that all the presidents except perhaps Clinton knew the basic facts of what is known about UFOs and crashed saucers. Based on the fact that Carter, Reagan, and Clinton all reported said they had no control over what was being done, I would conclude that the President is bound by many factors, such as security oaths and a lack of public interest and support, which keep him quiet and subservient on the issue.

Murder and Majestic 12: An Investigation of UFO-Related Deaths

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- Methodology
- The CIA & Mysterious Deaths
- The UFO Death Database
- Specifically, Who Was Murdered?
 - Why were they murdered?
 - Probability against chance
 - Intuitive says...
- Overall Conclusions



Analysis Methodology

- Linkages to the UFO field and Majestic-12
- Investigation and literature review
- The credibility quotient i.e. how dangerous is the person to the status quo
- Official cause of death
- Probability of death
- Remote Viewing ...Psychic says..

Statistical Methodology

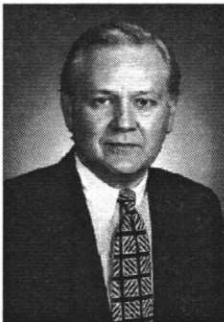
- 2001 Social Security Actuarial Tables – probability of death (more conservative than historical tables)
- Legal cause of death - National Safety Council estimates based on data from National Center for Health Statistics and U.S. Census Bureau.
- Suspected “true cause of death”

Remote Viewer – Joe McMoneagle



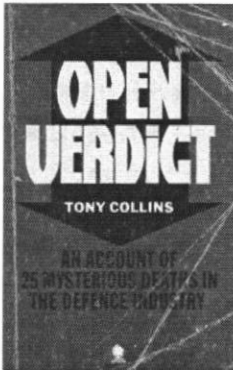
- 26 blind target coded envelopes
- Some with obituary feedback
- Key questions
 - Was the target murdered (Y/N)
 - Why murdered
 - How murdered
 - Who murdered them

Andrew J. Ceroni Jr. – Meridian Novel



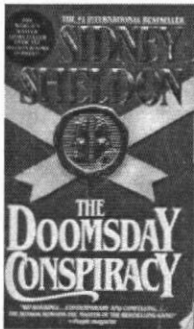
- Gripping “Clancy like novel” deep in the UFO world with live ET’s and Top Secret Codeword, Level 7 Must Know clearances
- Distinguished career as a Special Agent with the CIA Counterespionage and antiterrorism operations during the height of the cold war. BS from US Air Force Academy, MA Case Western University
- Personal correspondence with author confirms “officially sanctioned murders”

25 Mysterious Deaths in Defence Industry



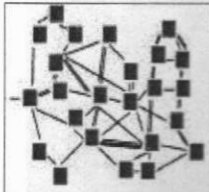
- Mostly computer programmers in Britain's defence industry
- Despite a wide range of projects they are linked by a common theme of Electronic Warfare

Doomsday Conspiracy



- Fictionalized yet plausible accounts of "officially sanctioned termination" in the name of national security
- Methods are mostly standard "TV plot" killings: broken necks, stabbings, shootings, poisonous snake

The UFO Linked Death Database



- Name, role, date of birth, death
- Credibility Quotient
- Legal declared cause of death
- Links to UFO field, military service
- Remote viewing data
- Probability of death
 - Social Security perspective
 - Legal odds
 - Likely true odds



Ruled Out as Not MJ-12 Related

- **Dr. Winford Porter Larson 1947 – Suspected examination of alien biology – death from own experiments with new strains of influenza**
- **Dr. Robert G. Green 1947 – founder and prompter of “retrograde virus” theory of virus evolution hence “retro-virus” of the MJ-12 1st annual report circa 1952.**



Ruled Out as Not MJ-12 Related

- **Dr. John Mac – Famous abduction researcher – died vehicular manslaughter**
- **Dr. Robert J Oppenheimer – MJ12 maverick member – died throat cancer**
- **Congressman Schiff – Embarrassed MJ12 control group, re Roswell, but died because of damaged gene structure that allowed virulent skin cancer**



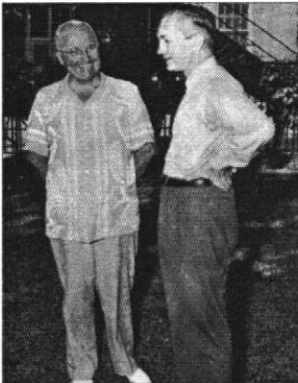
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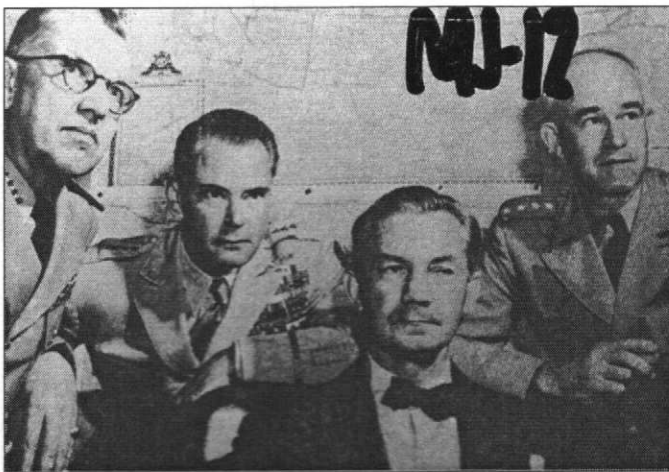
MJ-12 Linked Deaths

- James Forrestal
- John F Kennedy
- Robert F Kenney
- Dorothy Kilgallen
- Marilyn Monroe
- Martin Redmond
- William E Colby
- Edward J Ruppelt
- Dr James E McDonald
- John Ferry
- Frank Edwards
- Malcolm Puddy

Forrestal & Truman



- “ We are being invaded and can’t stop it” JF - date



Henry Forrestal (brother)

- Henry Forrestal and new SECDEF Johnson agreed that his brother was in fine shape and hospital officials admitted he would be released soon.
- Henry considered it odd that he died just a few hours before he was to arrive that morning

Majestic Annex C Fragment -

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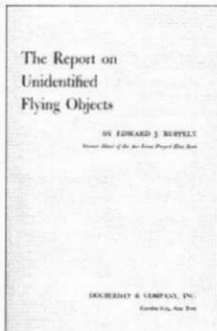
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Edward J Ruppelt



- Head of Project Blue Book
- He knew he was the front end of a cover story
- Died suddenly age of 37 of "apparent heart attack"

The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects



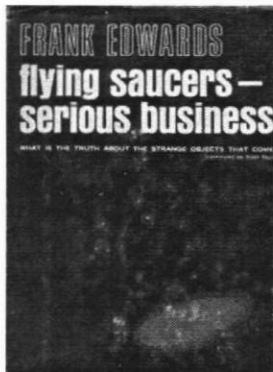
- He did a 180 turn from his pro ET stance in his 1956 book from the 1st to the 2nd addition
- Chapter 18, p243..”Four years have passed...”
- RV answer: murdered in cold blood via a poison to induce heart attack.
 - Why: His intent to share classified UFO knowledge of his employers with the public

Frank Edwards



- Close friends with Donald Keyhoe
- National Radio Program

Flying Saucers – Serious Business



Journalist Dorothy Kilgallen



- In the *Los Angeles Examiner* newspaper of 23 May 1955:
- *"I can report today on a story which is positively spooky, not to mention chilling. British scientists and airmen, after examining the wreckage of one mysterious flying ship, are convinced these strange aerial objects are not optical illusions or Soviet inventions, but are flying saucers, which originate on another planet.*
- *The source of my information is a British official of Cabinet rank...*

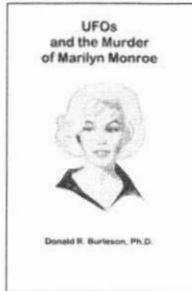
Death of Dorothy Kilgallen

- Father stated she died of heart attack sitting up in bed
- Corner said the heart was fine official cause of death "natural in bed"
- RV Answer: murdered by injection, unusual back then with a sophisticated drug
 - Why: by government agency in order to prevent her from disclosing information she had received from others that had disposed of.

Marilyn Monroe & Dorothy Kilgallen



Marilyn Monroe's Death



- Suicide via alcohol and barbiturate overdose is the official cause of death
- RV Answer: Murdered made to look like a suicide
 - Why: People she associated with
 - Things she knew, but didn't realize
 - Politics
 - Something someone else was going to do, but for which she had no advanced knowledge

Moondust & Marilyn Monroe



- Source: CIA Archivist to Tim Cooper to Milo Speriglio 1994
- Mentions 54-12 group and MJ-12, Signed James Jesus Angleton
- Several obscure authentic markers

William R Lovelace II, MD



- Aerospace Medicine expert
- On Board of Lear Corporation – where son (John Lear) heard several times that Lovelace was involved with alien matters
- Plane crash near Aspen, CO 1966, someone (Military?) ransacked plane before rescuers arrived

William Randolph Lovelace II Death

- **RV Answer: He died several months latter of Lymphoma Cancer**
 - **Twist – Why was his death faked in a plane crash?**

William Eagan Colby



- Tenth Director of CIA in September 1973 – January 1976 – Ford asked for resignation.
- On April 27, 1996 he disappeared while canoeing on the Wicomico River near his home in Maryland, and his body was found several days later.
- His death was ruled an accident, and authorities presumed he had suffered a heart attack before falling into the water.

Colby's Death

- **RV Answer: Chemically induced heart attack – cold blooded murder**
- **Why:**
 - He choose to pry into an area (UFO's ETs) that was closed even to him
 - He could hurt to many people and institutions
 - He represented to much power in the hands of one individual

John Philip Murphy Jr.



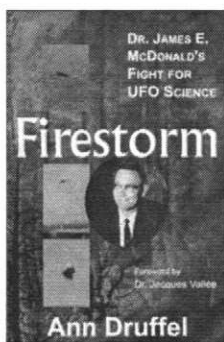
- 1st press on the scene at Kecksburg UFO Crash, allegedly handed over photographs to military
- Hit buy by Volkswagen bus, 101 S in Ventura County while crossing road at 10:05PM on a clear night with two others
- Coroner botched toxic screening
- RV answer: pictures are still out there; was murdered with roadside pipe; he did not give up the information

Dr. James E McDonald



- During the mid-late 1960s, McDonald became intensively involved in UFO research
- Interviewing hundreds of UFO witnesses and lecturing widely on the subject to professional societies.
- His talks emphasized the need for a serious scientific study
- He considered the best reports to be evidence of extraterrestrial visitation.
- He also played an important role in Congressional UFO hearings in 1968

Firestorm – Ann Druffel



- He lectured in Washington, D.C., and argued that UFOs were "the greatest scientific problem of our times," which received widespread media coverage.
- He was particularly scathing of the Condon Report considering it "seriously deficient" and its conclusions "almost incredible."
- A few weeks before his first attempt at suicide he told Bob Wood "I've found out what's behind it"... "All I can tell you is, I think I'm hot on the trail."

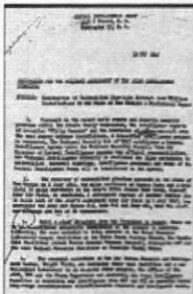
McDonald's Death

- Just before dawn on April 9th, wrote a short note to Betsy, he took a gun and fired, it missed his brain and landed in his optic nerve, he was blind but alive.
- On June 13, 1971, he was shot through the head with a pistol in the desert near Tucson – Ruled a suicide
- RV Answer: Individual pushed methodically to the brink of self-obliteration by systematically manipulating his social infrastructure - PSYOP

Martin Redmond – (MP)

- British Member of Parliament
- Posed a wealth of questions about British MI6 UFO activities and linkages to CIA & NSA on the record
- Died from cancer in 1997 at age of 59

Central Intelligence Group 19 Sep 47



- The title of this document is "Memorandum for the Military Assessment of the Joint Intelligence Committee."
- The four paragraphs say we need a classified intelligence project; we recovered one craft, captured one.
- It also says Wright Field has a new biological laboratory, the Joint Research and Development Board and the FBI, MI5, MI6 are helping.

Redmond's Death

- **RV Answer: Murdered by massive injection of potassium in combination with air.**
 - **Why: to derail his official investigation of UFOs, CIA, MI6, NSA**

John Ferry



- **Marconi Director (UK)**
- **He died August 1988 electrocuted in his flat after narrowly missing death the day before when a runaway lorry hit his car.**
- **Former Army Brigadier**
- **Married, four children**

Death of John Ferry

- **RV Answer: He was working on an instantaneous, transverse-complex, cross-universe communications transmission system**
- **Why:**
 - **He was considered an information leak having to do with a power source, which was simple, self-sustaining and unlimited**

President John F Kennedy



- **Why assassinated?**
 - Usual reasons, pissed off CIA, Military, Mob etc. and...
 - Joint partnership with Russians in space? NSAM 271
 - Tell the truth about ET presence in Dallas as alleged in National Inquirer article?

The Harry B Cooper Story



- According to Tim Cooper he came home in 1964 to find his father with his head in his hands with the TV on about the JFK assassination.
- Young Tim said what's wrong? and Harry responded, "Oh my God they (MJ-12) really did it"

LeMay – USAF UFO Program

1957 to 1 June 1963. His exemplary knowledge of film processing and printing techniques provided necessary aids and photographic production for intelligence evaluation of gun camera film and still photographs requested on call by the Foreign Technology Division and the National Photographic Interpretation Center in their contribution to the USAF UFO Program. His exemplary leadership as a Non-Commissioned Officer in the United States Air Force Office of Special Investigations reflect great credit upon himself, the Air Defense Command and the United States Air Force.

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Aztec 1948: A Documentary Re-Appraisal of the Original Crashed Flying Saucer Story

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Background

I am by training an historian and a lawyer, and by vocation a filmmaker. I have a long-standing interest in the UFO phenomenon, as, I think, do the majority of people who grew up in the era of both space travel and *Star Wars*. I have made three documentaries about particular aspects of the UFO phenomenon for Canadian television; one a biography of ufologist Stanton Friedman, one an examination of the original Majestic-12 documents, and most recently, one on the 1948 Aztec alleged flying saucer crash.

Being trained as an historian and a lawyer teaches you to look at all the evidence before coming to a conclusion. When dealing with the UFO phenomenon, in each case I have approached the subject as objectively as possible, with no pre-conceived opinions as to the truth or fiction of the issue at hand. I have provided — much to the chagrin of a few ufologists — equal time to skeptics, primarily because I am always skeptical myself. Of course, the debunkers (and, remember, “debunkers” and “skeptics” are not the same thing; we should all be skeptics) usually counter that I give the ufologists too much time and credit. So, to paraphrase the old saying: if you can't satisfy everyone, you should at least satisfy yourself.

For example, in the MJ-12 documentary *Do You Believe in Majic?* I was perfectly willing, despite the great respect I have for Stan Friedman's work, to see the documents proven to be a hoax, if that was where the evidence led. My conclusion in that film — that the original documents are *probably* real, but that their authenticity cannot be proved beyond a reasonable doubt — is based upon my reading of the evidence.¹ Some supporters of the authenticity of the original documents found this insufficient, but, to me at least, any more definitive conclusion is simply unsupported by the available evidence. Conversely, the documents cannot simply be labeled as obvious hoaxes, as some opponents of their authenticity are fond of doing. That kind of conclusion is also unsupported by the available evidence. This is, of course, frustrating to those who want desperately to believe, or to disbelieve, but I'm not interested in “belief” or “disbelief.” I'm interested in evidence, and in facts, wherever they might lead.

Accordingly, the cases that intrigue me are the ones, like Roswell and MJ-12, where the jury is still out, and where there is evidence that can be objectively analyzed, and then accepted or discarded as one attempts to reach the most logical and reasoned conclusion possible, even if it isn't always a clear-cut conclusion, or the one that they might have been

hoping, or expected, to find. That is, in my opinion, what distinguishes both “believers” and “debunkers,” two sides of the same coin in my book, from those of us who just want to get at the truth, no matter what it may be.

Given this, many in the ufological community might ask, “what the heck is he doing making a film about the Aztec UFO incident? Doesn’t Kimball know that the whole thing was clearly a hoax, perpetrated on the good citizens of the American southwest — and one incredibly naïve reporter, Frank Scully — in the late 1940s and early 1950s, by two proven con-men, Silas Newton and Leo Gebauer?” The prevailing opinion in ufology has long been that of skeptic Dave Thomas, who concluded that Scully’s book was written “without a shred of evidence.”²

Still, old stories, long buried, even when they are untrue, are interesting too, particularly if they illustrate the dark side of ufology — what Karl Pflock has labeled the “will to believe” even when confronted by obvious hoaxers.³ Having attended more than a few UFO conferences over the past couple of years, I’ve met some of these folks. They are always well-meaning, but they are people to whom an unscrupulous person could sell snake-oil as a cure all for the common cold. A documentary bringing the greatest of all proven UFO hoaxes back into the public eye seemed like a good idea, particularly in this era of spin; a cautionary tale to be a critical thinker, and not believe every guy with a clever line and a winning smile, whether his last name is Lazar, Corso, Anderson, Kaufmann or, in the case of Aztec, Newton and Gebauer.

My initial research quickly led me to Scott Ramsey, a businessman from North Carolina — and a straight shooter, if ever I have met one — who shared my “just the facts, ma’am” approach to the search for the truth. Unbeknownst to a lot of folks in ufology, Ramsey had quietly been conducting his own research into the “story” behind the Aztec story since 1988. Much to my surprise, Ramsey convinced me that new evidence which he and others had uncovered indicated that there was more to Aztec than just the “it was all just a hoax” theory that had been the established version for so many years.

As a result, my latest UFO documentary project had become another search for the truth based upon the evidence, fifty years after the “truth” had supposedly been established beyond any reasonable doubt.⁴

My kind of story!

So, I started digging further, but this time with a broader self-directed mandate. Karl Pflock and Bill Moore provided me with the “it’s all a hoax” side of the story, which has changed surprisingly little from the original *True Magazine* article by J. P. Cahn in 1952, and which essentially boils down to the “Gebauer and Newton were con-men” argument.⁵ Nick Redfern and Stan Friedman also provided valuable insight, Nick on Newton and Gebauer in particular (more on that in a bit),⁶ and Stan, who has since been convinced by Ramsey that there is something to the Aztec story after all, general background on the UFO phenomenon and New Mexico in the late 1940s.⁷ But it is Ramsey who has done the most to refute the

traditional view of the Aztec story as a hoax, by finding evidence that may counter several of the key arguments raised over the years by the skeptics.⁸

Eyewitnesses

One of the facets of the Roswell incident which has kept people interested for over three decades, since it first became public, despite the various conflicting versions offered by different ufologists, the barrage of attacks from debunkers, and the denials from the United States government, is the fact that the story is replete with people who claimed to be witnesses to some element of the case. Where, the skeptics have always asked, are the witnesses for Aztec, who could back up the claims made in Scully's book?

It turns out that they've been there all along — it just took a while to find them.

Two of the most important witnesses, both now deceased, but each interviewed by Ramsey and others before their deaths, were Ken Farley and Douglas Nolan, neither of whom knew the other, either in 1948 or later in life. Nolan had been working in the Aztec area in the oil fields, while Farley, on his way to San Diego, had just picked up a pal nearby for the last part of his journey. Both claimed to have been at the crash site on the mesa above Hart Canyon Road, just outside of Aztec, both claim to have seen the crashed saucer, and both claim to have witnessed the military retrieval effort. They also mentioned a number of very interesting tidbits added authenticity to their accounts — Nolan, for example, recounted the presence of a helicopter circling the mesa, which he found almost unbelievable, as he had never seen one before.⁹

What is most interesting, however, is that their accounts support each other, particularly on one very contentious point amongst skeptics, namely the number of police officers who were at the alleged crash site. Ramsey interviewed Farley in 2000. Farley, who had just gotten out of the military, had stopped in Cedar Hill, near Aztec, to pick up a friend who was traveling with him the rest of the way to the West coast. The friend said he had just heard about some sort of ruckus out near Aztec. Farley and his friend drove out to Hart Canyon Road to take a look. Ramsey recounts the rest of Farley's story:

Ken and his friend got to the crash site and walked out to the western side of where the disc was, and at that point saw a group of people from Aztec — the oil field people, two law enforcement officers who were already at the scene. We found Ken's story believable, but we had a hard time digesting the two police officers. We figure today if you were out there and called 911, you'd be lucky to get one in a reasonable time. No disrespect to the local law enforcement, but it's in the middle of nowhere. The fact that [Ken said] there were two police officers out there, we had a little bit of a problem with. We didn't write off his interview, however — we kind of parked it in the holding pen until we got more eyewitnesses.¹⁰

In 2003, Ramsey interviewed a dying Doug Nolan, who ended up providing unexpected support for the Farley story that he had “parked” a few years earlier:

Doug told an interesting story, which was very believable, backed up with names of other local residents, but about three quarters of the way through the interview he mentions the ‘other’ police officer. I stopped Doug and I said, ‘What other police officer?’ He said, ‘Well, we had the local police officer, and then another gentleman, a young guy.’ Well, Doug was nineteen at the time, and said that [the younger] police officer was about his age, slightly older. That police officer didn’t seem to intermingle with the locals, so Doug went over to talk to him and he said he was from the town of Cuba, New Mexico, which is southeast of Aztec. That police officer claimed that he had followed the object along the old highway 44.¹¹

Ramsey continued:

Doug also said — he was going through who was at the crash site that day. He could remember all but two people, because he didn’t know who they were. I asked him who and he said two young guys, maybe three, that stood at the western side of the crash site. At that point, that tied in to Ken Farley’s story, also backing up his claim about the two police officers.¹²

This is a little something we lawyers call corroboration, and it’s hard to ignore. It is independent testimony that does not rely on either Newton or Gebauer and, therefore, it helps make the issue of whether or not they used the Aztec story as part of a con irrelevant.

There are other witnesses, with more coming forward now that the case has been re-opened and is in the public eye.¹³ As with Roswell, not all of them are or will be genuine, but when two dying men, who have no reason to lie, and who have never met each other, tell the same story, this provides the kind of evidence that makes people like me sit up and take notice.

Of course, I haven’t even touched on the man who is perhaps the most significant witness of all, the one the debunkers rarely, if ever, mention in connection with the Aztec incident. Dr. Robert Sarbacher, a distinguished American scientist,¹⁴ confirmed to Canadian government engineer Wilbert Smith in 1950 that the “facts reported” in *Behind the Flying Saucers* were “substantially correct,” an assertion he reiterated decades later when tracked down by Aztec researcher William Steinman, as well as Stan Friedman and Dr. Bruce Maccabee.¹⁵

Leo Gebauer and the mysterious “Dr. Gee”

So, there are witnesses who appear to corroborate the Aztec story as told in Frank Scully’s original account, *Behind the Flying Saucers*. This requires us to take a step back and re-

examine the role of Silas Newton and Leo Gebauer, in light of this new supportive evidence. Were they really just a couple of con-men on the make, or is there more to them than meets the eye? For the purposes of this presentation, with an exception that I will cover later, I will focus on Leo Gebauer, who has been identified as the “Dr. Gee” cited by Scully as his key source for the details of the Aztec incident, ever since Cahn’s 1952 *True Magazine* article.¹⁶

The key question is whether or not “Dr. Gee” really was Leo Gebauer? Scully went to his grave maintaining that “Dr. Gee” was *not* Gebauer, but in fact a composite of eight different scientists, and that he had simply created the moniker “Dr. Gee” to protect their identities.¹⁷ This is, of course, not so far fetched as debunkers may have us believe. As Stan Friedman often reminds people, we still don’t know who “Deep Throat” was. Scully was a journalist, and journalists often go to great lengths to protect their sources, including, on occasion, spending time in jail for refusing to reveal the names of those sources. It is certainly possible that this is what happened in the Aztec case.

Indeed, when J. P. Cahn interviewed Scully for his initial article on the Aztec story for *True Magazine*, he asked Scully to reveal the identity of “Dr. Gee,” and Scully, much to Cahn’s apparent chagrin, declined.¹⁸ According to Cahn, Scully stoutly maintained that “he was pledged to secrecy... [and that] he had promised Dr. Gee not to reveal any more of the story than he had set down in his book, and by God, he wasn’t going to break that promise. If the government cracked down on Gee, it wasn’t going to be Scully’s fault.”¹⁹ That this would be the behavior one would expect from a journalist protecting a source (or sources) seemed to elude Cahn, just as it seems to have eluded debunkers ever since.

These scientists had supposedly divulged various details of the Aztec incident to Newton and Gebauer, who in turn had divulged the details to Scully. It seems unlikely that Newton would have been a recipient of such information, but Gebauer may be another story altogether. According to Nick Redfern, it is “a proven fact that in the 1940s he was employed as chief of laboratories at the Air Research Manufacturing Company” in Phoenix, Arizona. Redfern also points out that one of the four UFO crash retrievals discussed in *Behind the Flying Saucers* allegedly occurred north of Phoenix, at Paradise Valley, in 1947. He speculates that, if this incident did occur — and it should be noted that the Paradise Valley case remains extremely controversial — it occurred relatively close to where Gebauer had been employed in the aerospace industry, and he may as a result have obtained details from former colleagues at Air Research, or others he may have met in his time there.²⁰ In other words, he may have been “in the know.”

This leads us to the matter of Leo Gebauer’s FBI file. Would a simple con man — no matter how sophisticated — have an FBI file that is almost four hundred pages in length? Unlikely. Even more interesting is the fact that only half of the file has been declassified, and many of the documents that remain classified are held there “in the interest of national defense. As Redfern notes, there is no doubt that Gebauer was engaged in some “questionable” activities, but these activities — whether they were cons run with Newton, or anti-American statements made in the early 1940s²¹ — hardly seem to warrant the continued

classification of significant parts of his file, decades later, on the grounds of national security. In Redfern's opinion, "It's a big leap for someone to be a con artist, then to find the FBI considers them a threat to national security. So, this sort of begs the question, do the withheld documents contain far more on the Aztec case than has been published and put into the public domain by the FBI?"²² Perhaps, if Gebauer was indeed "in the know" about something big, like crashed flying saucers.

Even Karl Pflock, who has consistently argued that the Aztec incident was just a hoax, admitted that "it's possible there's something in there that would bear on [the Aztec story], and give us some answers, and maybe they would prefer, for reasons which may or may not be legitimate, to keep that quiet."²³

As a result, the objective observer of the Aztec incident is left with a very real question about Leo Gebauer — was he Scully's "Dr. Gee?" The only evidence ever presented to that effect is in J. P. Cahn's original *True Magazine* article, wherein he claims that Scully admitted to him that Gebauer was "Gee," but then reneged on a verbal agreement to go public if Gebauer denied it, which he did.²⁴ Cahn was, in fact, never able to prove that Gebauer was "Dr. Gee," and yet he wrote his article as if he had. Unfortunately, everyone who has written about the Aztec incident since has simply accepted Cahn's unproven conclusion as fact.

What *is* an undisputed fact is that both Gebauer and Scully maintained until their deaths that Gebauer was not "Dr. Gee." If he was "Dr. Gee," with the undeniable con aspect of the story long since exposed by Cahn, why would they continue to play the game, particularly Scully, who had absolutely nothing to gain from it?

Pride? Perhaps. After all, Scully wouldn't have been the first person in human history to deny making a mistake, to avoid confronting the truth. No one likes to admit they were duped.

There is, however, another possibility — that they really did know the eight scientists, and that perhaps there really was a genuine crashed flying saucer incident at Aztec.

This leads to the question — is there information in *Behind the Flying Saucers* which "Dr. Gee" — meaning the eight scientists — told Scully, that Scully, Newton, and Gebauer could not have known?

The Secret Radar Bases

Behind the Flying Saucers contains a reference to "secret radar bases." For decades it was believed that there were no such bases, which were alleged to have caused the UFO crash through the use of their high-powered radar. This part of the Aztec story, wrote Dave Thomas, like all others, had been "firmly traced to the yarns spun by [Newton and Gebauer],"²⁵ and so was discredited.

In July, 1998, Ramsey, unwilling to accept the established version that no such bases exist, began to look for them. The reason was simple. If allegations from the Scully book could be verified as facts that only insiders could have known at the time the book was written, this would go a long way to establishing the credibility of the Aztec incident.

Ramsey discovered that there was indeed a secret radar base in northern New Mexico, at El Vado. But then he ran into a problem. The Air Force records, which were classified until Ramsey got them de-classified, showed that the bases had been operated by the Air Force from 1950 onwards. This was of no help, as the Aztec incident was supposed to have occurred in 1948.

But there was something about the Air Force records that seemed odd to Ramsey. For example, in the first quarterly report of their capital expenditures at El Vado, there were requisitions for a new roof, a water heater, and some electrical transformers. Ramsey asked himself the logical question, "If this base had just been built, why would they need a new roof, a water heater and some electrical transformers?"²⁶

Further research showed that the bases (there were two others besides El Vado, one in Moriarty, New Mexico, and one in Continental Divide, New Mexico) had actually been built in 1946, but were operated by the Atomic Energy Commission until the Air Force took them over in 1950.²⁷ Their purpose was to protect the various atomic weapons research facilities in the area. As Ramsey notes, the three formed "a perfect triangle around Kirtland Air Force Base, Sandia National labs, and Los Alamos."²⁸

Even those convinced that the Aztec incident was just a hoax had to now admit that the bases did exist, but that didn't stop them from continuing to deny their relevance. Karl Pflock, for example, now refers to the bases as "World War Two retreats, essentially." They were, he adds, "nothing exotic," and certainly not the kind of top secret bases referred to in *Behind the Flying Saucers*.²⁹

According to Ramsey, however, these installations were using very sophisticated (for their time), high-powered radar, particularly at El Vado, which had an experimental high-microwave system from the United States Navy.³⁰ Far from being what Pflock dismisses as a "vague, feeble attempt to provide for defense against air attack at Los Alamos,"³¹ Ramsey maintains that these were in fact the best systems available at the time.

So, which is it? I'm not an expert on fifty year-old radar systems (or modern ones, for that matter). However, I can read de-classified Air Force reports as well as the next guy, and they seem to indicate that Pflock is closer to the mark. For example, the *Special Historical Study of the Air Defense of Atomic Energy Installations, March 1946 to December 1952*, states that in a study of early July, 1950 — two years after the Aztec incident — the "present radar deployment in the Albuquerque Air Defense Area does not provide adequate effective coverage necessary to defend the area... specifically... over the Los Alamos and Sandia area." In order to provide a "reasonably effective air defense of that area," the recommendation was made to "equip the El Vado station with a CPS-5 search radar and a CPS-4 height finder for Direction center operations."³² Even these replacement systems were less than ideal, according to the *Study*, which noted that the El Vado station, as a Direction Center, was to be equipped with a FPS-3 search radar and an FPS-6 height finder, but initially had to accept the less powerful CPS-5 and CPS-4 systems, due to production delays.³³

However, there is no denying that the radar bases, whatever equipment they may have been using, existed at the time of the Aztec incident, just as reported in *Behind the Flying Saucers*, and that this was a fact which was top secret at the time the book was written, which begs the question — if the whole story was fake, how did Scully get this specific detail right? Did he really have “insider sources” as he claimed (“Dr. Gee” as the eight scientists)? Or did Newton and Gebauer just happen upon this information in their travels through the southwest, and weave it into their tale to add an aura of authenticity?

More grist for the mill.

The Newton “Diary”

There is a final piece of “information” — I am unwilling to use the term “evidence,” for reasons that I will outline below — that I want to be cover with respect to the Aztec incident. This is the matter of Silas Newton’s alleged diary, in which he supposedly admits that the entire Aztec story was indeed a con job, but that he was contacted by government agents, after the story became public knowledge with the publication of Frank Scully’s book *Behind the Flying Saucers*, who wanted to see what Newton knew about flying saucers. As Newton allegedly writes, “They never said so, but I could tell they were trying to find out if I *really* knew anything about flying saucers that had landed. Did not take those fellows long to decide I did not. But I sure knew *they* did.”³⁴

Wow. That seems to cinch it. Aztec *was* a hoax, *but* something else may have been going on out in New Mexico that warranted the government’s attention!

There’s only one problem. No one, other than Karl Pflock — and the anonymous source who he says showed it to him — has actually seen the diary. Pflock claims that, having seen both Newton’s will and his purported diary, there is “no doubt in my mind that he wrote the journal.” Of course, Pflock also admits that “I’m certainly not a handwriting expert.”³⁵

This, of course, is the whole point. Let’s assume, for the moment, that Pflock really did see something that might have been a diary, and it might even have been written by Silas Newton. Indeed, it might be the “smoking gun” that finally lays the Aztec story to rest. However, no one else has ever seen it. It cannot be independently examined. Even the MJ-12 documents, which Pflock so vociferously derides as an obvious hoax, can be viewed and examined for content, even if they are only copies of the originals. With the alleged Newton diary, we do not even have a copy. With the original MJ-12 documents, for example, type face, the writing styles, and a host of other aspects of the copies can be examined in the attempt to determine their authenticity; with the Cutler-Twining Memo, the original still exists. Not so the Newton diary.

Making things even more tenuous, Pflock has refused to divulge the identity of his anonymous source, so no independent verification is possible there. And, unlike Deep Throat, or even “Dr. Gee,” the alleged diary has not led to any corroborative evidence which

— like the testimony of Farley and Nolan referred to above — would buttress claims made by an otherwise unreliable source of information.

Think about it this way: if Stan Friedman brought forward this kind of “evidence” to prove the MJ-12 documents to be real — for example, a “diary,” allegedly written by Donald Menzel, and which only Friedman and some anonymous source had seen, in which Menzel supposedly claims that MJ-12 was real — Pflock would be the first to cry foul. And rightly so. There would also, no doubt, be claims that Friedman was making the whole thing up, to support his position on MJ-12. There would be no way to disprove that theory, just as there is no way to prove that Pflock isn’t making the whole thing up to support his conclusions on Aztec. Accordingly, the “Newton diary” — whatever it may be, if it even exists at all — is, at best, hearsay. It is not, at least at this point, real evidence that can be admitted in any meaningful discussion of the Aztec incident.

A final note about the diary angle. Pflock, who has always been extremely gracious with his time when participating in our UFO documentaries, and who is one of the better authors I have found in the UFO field, nonetheless seems to have a penchant for using unsupported anonymous “evidence” to back up claims that just happen to support his theories. Take, for example, this critical assertion as to the character of Colonel William Blanchard, found in Pflock’s book *Roswell: Inconvenient Facts and the Will to Believe*:

[His] tendency to let eagerness overpower prudence created detractors among his military colleagues, got him into scrapes and tight spots, some of them potential career stoppers, earned him his nickname, “Butch,” and, according to a general officer who knew him very well, a reputation as a “loose cannon.”³⁶

In one fell literary swoop, Pflock paints Blanchard, the commander of the 509th Bomb Group and Roswell Army Air Field at the time of the Roswell incident, and a very key player in the Roswell story, as a “loose cannon,” thereby undermining his credibility and punching a sizeable hole in the case of the pro-Roswell advocates.

It seems convincing, too, until you read the endnotes (historian’s note: *always* read the endnotes, *particularly* where something controversial and/or too good to be true is being asserted in the general text), wherein one finds the *only* source for Pflock’s claim — a “retired air force general who *prefers to remain anonymous* and who knew Blanchard well.”³⁷ This, despite the fact that in my film *Do You Believe in Magic*, Pflock said of the original MJ-12 documents “the first big problem with them is that there’s no provenance for them; we don’t know where they came from.”³⁸ Unfortunately for Pflock, what’s good for the goose is good for the gander — provenance is a double-edged sword. In other words, to paraphrase an author I know, beware of “inconvenient facts and the will to *disbelieve*.”³⁹

Conclusion

So, where does this leave the Aztec Incident?

There is, of course, more — more witnesses (with new ones being uncovered by Ramsey and others with each passing month), more details about the radar bases, more about Newton and Gebauer, particularly Gebauer's FBI trial, and more about the alleged crash site and surrounding area. There's always *more*, which is what the documentary, or Ramsey's forthcoming book, or even, maybe someday, Pflock's anonymous witness, are for. I encourage people who are interested to seek out those — and other — sources of information, from both sides of the issue, and come to their own conclusions.

For now, we're left with a question that has been largely ignored by mainstream ufology for so many years, but which can be ignored no longer — did an alien spacecraft crash on a mesa above Hart Canyon Road in March, 1948?

Beyond a reasonable doubt? Absolutely not. There are still too many unanswered questions, and there will probably always be the taint of Silas Newton and Leo Gebauer as hucksters to leave a reasonable doubt in any objective observer's mind.

On the balance of probabilities, however...

Well, let's just say that the jury is still out. As Stan Friedman has said, "just because con men told the story about Aztec, doesn't mean that there wasn't a genuine Aztec story to tell."⁴⁰

To me, however, one thing is certain — the Aztec incident has finally reclaimed its place, for good or ill, in the first ranks of ufology's crashed saucer cases.

The search for the truth, ever elusive, continues.

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Report on the Ramey Office Photos

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The Roswell story is well known, and has been told and retold countless times. This is not another rehash of that. Instead, this speaks to three important aspects of the Roswell event: the latest “read” on the memorandum held by Gen. Roger Ramey in two of the photographs; precisely when were the photographs taken; and, finally, was there or was there not a press conference?

After Maj. Jesse Marcel and Capt. Sheridan Cavitt recovered material from the New Mexico desert, Maj. Marcel was ordered to courier the debris via B-29 to Gen. Roger Ramey, Commander 8th Army Air Corps at Fort Worth, Texas. The planeload of debris arrived for Ramey’s inspection at around 2:30 p.m. Several wrapped packages were delivered to Gen. Ramey’s office where photographs were taken of Gen. Ramey, Col. DuBose, and Maj. Marcel posed with some debris spread out on the floor.

These photographs were virtually ignored for the next 50 years, until George Filer received a telephone call from Mrs. Ramey, widow of Gen. Roger Ramey, former commander of the 8th Army Air Force. She was upset because someone made disparaging remarks about Gen. Ramey ostensibly swapping the actual Roswell crash debris with some “junk,” thus lying to the American public. Could George help?

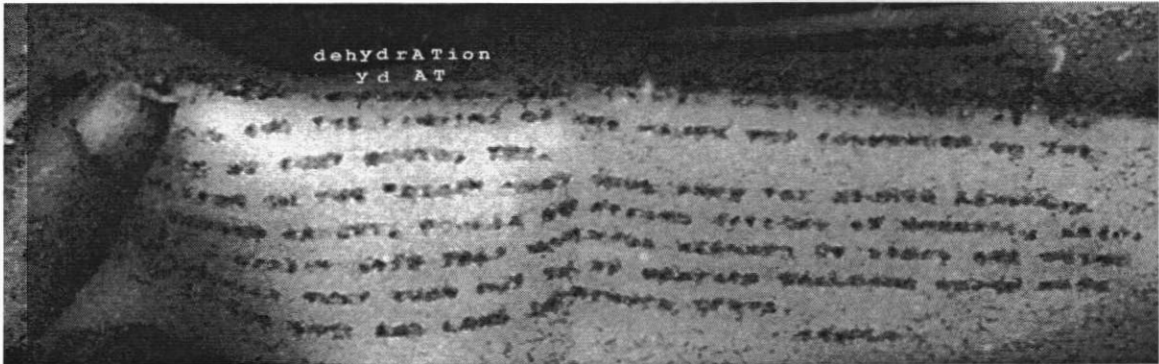
Filer, it turns out, knew James Bond Johnson. In 1947, Bond was the reporter/photographer for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram credited with taking photographs of Gen. Ramey, Col. DuBose, and Major Marcel posing with the alleged crash debris from the Roswell UFO. Filer asked Bond (as Johnson prefers to be called) his opinion. Specifically, did Bond recall any “hieroglyphics” in any of the photographs, as reported by witnesses of the actual crash debris?

Bond looked for strange markings or any other evidence on the one photograph he had at the time, and believed he could make out something that wasn’t quite right. Within a few days, Bond contacted Debbie Stocks and me, intending for us to start an investigation into the photographs.

We ordered 16 x 20 prints of each image from the University of Texas, Arlington. After receiving them we noticed one of the “I-beams” had peculiar markings, some of the debris looked strangely like fabricated metal, and in one of the photographs, General Ramey is clutching a typed message with the lettering just barely discernible on a 16 x 20 print.

First, I scanned the image at 2400 dots per inch, printed out the results, and looked at the now 3” x 6” image of the memo with my naked eye. Three words were immediately discernible— “Fort Worth, Tex.” The hunt was on!

Soon we had assembled an eclectic group dedicated to solving the riddle of Roswell: Debbie Stock, a professional photographer from Huntington Beach, CA; Neil Morris, a brilliant technician at the University of Manchester, UK; Andrew Lavoie, a Canadian engineer; Marilyn Ruben, graphics expert; Jesse Marcel, Jr., son of Maj. Jesse Marcel; a schoolteacher from Kazakhstan; and myself. Bond acted as our cheerleader and provided historical context to many of the puzzles we encountered.



Other words were soon found, and all of these with NO image manipulation. In fact, the only “manipulation” we’ve done is to vary the brightness and contrast. No filtering, no fancy computer enhancement stuff—nothing but brightness and contrast changes. Furthermore, the Roswell Photo Interpretation Team (RPIT) members are using off-the-shelf software, which has been around for 10 or 11 years, and not anything new and exotic.

Let me present a “best read” of what we have found to date by combining the efforts of four independent researchers into this one small portion of one of the images we call the Ramey memo. Note these four people are not doing “combined” research, but independent reads. I do my research into the images and coordinate their efforts from a remote site in Utah. What have we found? By combining the “best read” of each of the researchers, we arrive at the following message. Granted, this is a composite, and not everyone agrees on every word, but we’re still looking—and invite everyone who’s interested to order his or her own print and share in this great treasure hunt.

On this memo, there is a letterhead or logotype in the upper right-hand corner, address block flush left above the text, eight lines of text, and a typed “signature.” The text is all capital letters, and each letter takes an equal amount of space. We believe the text was typed on a typewriter and not a Teletype message. Further, we suggest Gen. Ramey received the message on his way into his office and he had not read it before the photos were taken. Why do we believe this?

A close look reveals Ramey is holding both his glasses and the memo in the same hand. Johnson, the photographer, took 4 photos using a Speed Graphic 4 x 5 camera with a “peanut” flash—two of the General and two of the General and his assistant, Col. TJ DuBose. Johnson then returned to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram to hastily process the film and get the photos on the wire for the East Coast evening papers. Johnson is alive today,

and is firmly convinced he was the last civilian to view the debris. Further, he's convinced if Gen. Ramey had had time to read the message, the photographs would never have been processed and the Roswell crash would be just another groundless rumor.

Here is the most current "read" of what RPIT terms the Ramey Office Memo:

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Line 2

****JULY 4TH. THE VICTIMS OF THE WRECK YOU FORWARDED TO THE

Line 3

TEAM AT FORT WORTH, TEX.

Line 4

****ESSOR ON THE "DISK" MUST HAVE SENT TO LOS ALAMOS A*****D.

Line 5

****URGENT POWERS ARE NEEDED SITE TWO NW ROSWELL, N.MEX.

Line 6

MIDDAY 509TH TOLD NEWSPAPER MEANING OF STORY AND MISSION

Line 7

ONLY SHOW****BY WEATHER BALLOONS WOULD MAKE

Line 8

****509 HAS LAND SURVEYOR CREWS.

Line 9

TEMPLE

Following is a composite of the best opinions of the various "reads" by different researchers. These demonstrate the high degree with which we agree. I use upper-case letters to show those having a high degree of confidence, lower-case letters to show those having a lesser degree of confidence, and asterisks to act as placeholders where we know there is a letter and not a space, yet are unable to determine what the letter is.

- (M) Neil Morris, RPIT team member
- (B) Don Burleson (MUFON Journal, March 2000)
- (C) Tom Carey/Don Schmitt
- (DR) Dave Rudiak
- (G) Glenn Fishbine
- (MN) William McNeff (MUFON Minnesota Journal, issue #102)

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 (MN) TeAM AT FORT WORTH, TXE.

Line 4

(M) *****ESSOR ON THE "DISK" MUST HAVE SENT TO LOS ALAMOS A*****D.
 (B) **SS** ON THE "DISK" MUST*HAVE SENT *o *A* AM**A*****D
 (C) *****ESSOR ON THE "DISK" MUST THUS SAVE FOR ATOMIC LABORATORY
 (DR) **At 505 Pm THE "DISC" THEY will ship FOR A3-AS2 Arrived(.)
 (G) **** * L The BLACK box* WAS *value tac AEC mer Equipment
 (MN) device IN THE BLACK BOX MUST SAVE FOR atomic AnALySts

Line 5

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 (B) **** URGENT POWERS ARE NEEDED SITETWO AT CARLSBAD, NMEX**
 (C) ** URGENT.POWERS ARE NEEDED SITE TWO NW ROSWELL, NMEX.
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 (G) execute on order AAF APPEARS ***** IT WOULD ** A*****
 (MN) **o**ure EXECUTE ORDERs HQ APEARS ASSURED IT WOULD BE MAJOR

Line 6

(M) MIDDAY 509TH TOLD NEWSPAPER MEANING OF STORY AND MISSION
 (B) *** **SAFE TALK NEWSPAPER MEANING OF STORY AND *****
 (C) SAFE TALK WANTED FOR MEANING OF STORY AND MISSION
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 (G) ****Day **** SEND **TIONS RecovEr IS ORDER AEC *****
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Line 7

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 (B) ONLY SHOW **** ** BY WEATHER BALLOONS 400KW WAVE
 (C) NEXT CREW OUT TODAY. WEATHER BALLOONS WOULD MAKE
 (DR) they next SEND OUT is OF WEATHER BALLOONS would fare
 (G) **** NEXT could you ** IF WEATHER BALLOONS WOULD MAKE
 (MN) *****NEXT THEY SAY PR OF WEATHER BALLOONS WOULD WORK

Line 8

(M) *****509 HAS LAND SURVEYOR CREWS.
 (B) *** **9 AND LAND L***DENVER CREWS.
 (C) 509 HAS LAND SURVEYOR CREWS.
 (DR) THEY ADD LAND DRopsONDE CrewS
 (G) ABQ LAND based recovery crews
 (MN) A ****O says ADD LAND SCAVENGER CREWS

Line 9

(M) TEMPLE
 (B) TEMPLE
 (C) R RAMEY
 (DR) rAMEy
 (G) * R****
 (MN) RRAMEY

Combining the “best read (admittedly, a highly subjective effort) we read: “*****ecovery operation with Roswell disk *****at the **July 4th. The victims of the wreck you forwarded to the ***team at Fort Worth, Tex. ****essor on the “disk” must have sent to Los Alamos a*****d. **** urgent powers are needed site two NW Roswell, N.Mex. Midday 509th told newspaper meaning of story and mission next crew out today. Weather balloons would make ****509 has land surveyor crews.) Temple.

What does all this tell us? We have a message, presumably sent to Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg, which describes the recovery of a wrecked disk recovered near Roswell. The disk had a crew, which, along with some of the debris, was forwarded to 8th AAF HQ at Carswell Field, Fort Worth, Texas. There was some type of processor that Gen. Ramey believed should be sent directly to Los Alamos laboratory for analysis. Further, Gen. Ramey requests emergency powers to investigate a second site northwest of Roswell (possibly on the plains of San Augustin). He (Ramey) will send a crew out from the 509th at Roswell Army Air Field to survey the second site. Meanwhile, he will tell the press the mission is to recover a weather balloon.

Bond returned to his office to develop the photos. Less than 1 hour later, Gen. Ramey personally appeared on the radio to retract the Air Force’s claim of having recovered a “flying disc.” After all, Ramey said the disc was nothing more than a mundane weather balloon.

Why? What happened in those intervening hours, between the recovery of the debris and the denial?

One thing is certain: Gen. Ramey received a message. He received a message the world can now read. A message about “victims of the wreck...forwarded to Fort Worth, and...weather balloons.” Was the memo an attempt at damage control with weather balloons constituting a cover story? Ramey proclaimed to the world (via a radio address) the debris was that of a “crashed weather device.” And since then, not one single civilian has ever come forth and claimed to have laid eyes on that debris.

In 1995, Headquarters, USAF, published the tome, *The Roswell Report: Fact vs. Fiction in the New Mexico Desert*, their penultimate effort to explain away the Roswell crash of 1947. Lo and behold, the AF report referred to the photos as follows:

A close review of these photos ... revealed ...that in the two photos of Ramey he had a piece of paper in his hand. In one, it was folded over so nothing could be seen. In the second, however, there appears to be text printed on the paper. In an attempt to read this text to determine if it could shed any further light on locating documents relating to this matter, the photo was sent to a national-level organization for digitizing and subsequent photo interpretation and analysis. This organization was also asked to scrutinize the digitized photos for an indication of ... “hieroglyphics,” ... that were reputed to be visible to some of the persons who observed the

wreckage prior to its getting to Fort Worth. This organization reported on July 20, 1994, that even after digitizing, the photos were of insufficient quality to visualize the details sought for analysis.

Several researchers, including myself, have written many Freedom of Information Act requests to the USAF to ascertain what their “national-level organization” *did* discover from their “read” of the memo. Certainly, a group of interested novices has less capability than a government-funded enterprise such as the CIA, or FBI, or any other alphabet organization. Yet all of our attempts to find out what their read was have proven to be futile.

“Go to the National Archives,” the AF told me in response to my first FOIA. The National Archives then directed me to Maxwell AFB—repository of historical records for the USAF. A FOIA to Maxwell AFB resulted in a re-direct to the National Archives. Telephone calls to the National Archives revealed they had no records from USAF concerning the question at hand. Subsequent FOIA have resulted in their “final answer,” “We have no records responsive to your request.”

Where does this leave us?

Maybe we should put the IRS in charge of maintaining UFO records.

Determining the Ramey/DuBose Photo Shoot Time

Research by Andrew Lavoie, RPIT Canada

One of the questions concerning Roswell researchers for 20+ years has been the need to establish an accurate timeline of the events surrounding the photo shoot. Photographer/reporter James Bond Johnson’s unconditionally asserts no other members of the press were present when he photographed the debris in Ramey’s office July 8. That may prove to be true. But what external evidence can we elicit to confirm or refute his recollections of that day?

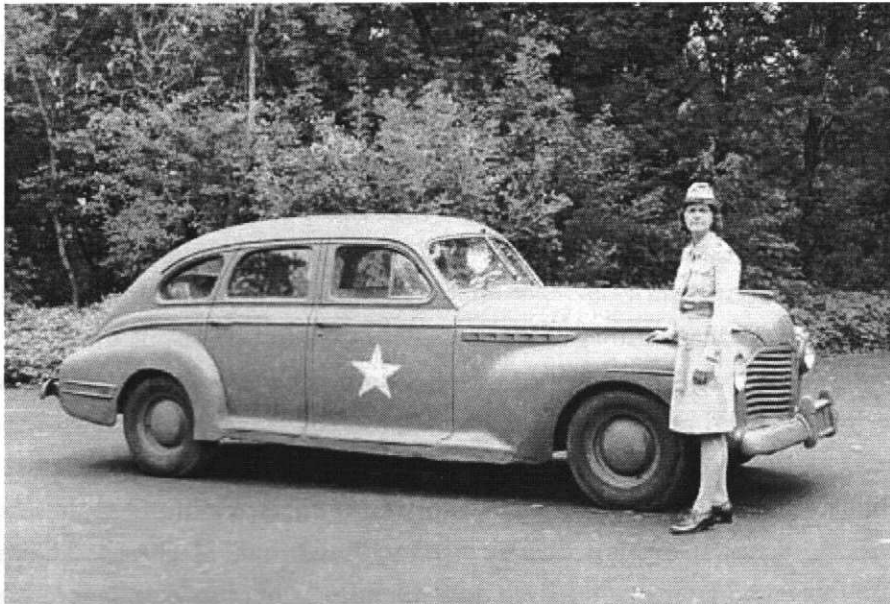
RPIT’s Neil Morris was reviewing Stan Friedman’s scan of the Ramey/DuBose negative when he noticed something interesting showing through the parted curtains in Ramey’s office. It appeared to be the outline of a license plate and bumper guard on the front end of a vehicle parked outside the 8th Air Force HQ window.

Neil also noticed an intriguing shadow in front of the vehicle. Neil asked Andrew Lavoie, a Canadian RPIT researcher and engineer, to see if there was sufficient information in the photo to calculate the angle of the shadow, and thus determine the time of day the photo was taken. Andrew studied the photograph and concluded there was, and proceeded with the research, the results of which are outlined below. In the meantime, Neil showing the indomitable resolve of a Sherlock Holmes, doggedly tracked down candidate vehicles, eventually determining the car fender to be unique to only one model of car—a 1941 Series 60 Buick, widely used as a U.S. Army staff car for high-ranking military officers of that post-World War II era. Details regarding the Buick’s length, width, height, tire size, ground

clearance, and series design differences were obtained from antique car dealers, restoration manuals, and actual surviving vehicles in the hands of collectors.



Using these technical specifications and taking into account suspension wear and tear of the vehicle, the shadow angle was calculated and compared to the elevation angle (altitude) of the Sun for Fort Worth, Texas, on July 8, 1947, as determined by the U.S. Naval Observatory.



It was not practical to refine the time frame any narrower than a 20-minute window. The technical data obtained narrowed down much about the vehicle's specifications; however, some assumptions were required when measuring the hypotenuse between the shadow and the front of the vehicle.

These calculations resulted in the conclusion the photographs were taken between 3:05 pm and 3:25 pm, July 8, 1947.

Two Lenses/Cameras Involved In the Photo Shoot

Research by: Andrew Lavoie and Neil Morris

Throughout the research into the background of the Ramey office photos one contentious point has repeatedly raised its head—just what were the circumstances surrounding the so called “Press Conference” at which the Ramey office photographs (ROP) had been taken? This is a contentious point because the one person able to comment authoritatively about it, James Bond Johnson, the person who took the pictures, has consistently maintained there was no press conference and he was the sole pressman on the scene when he took his pictures. Can any light be shed on all this by the photographs themselves? For the first time I now believe it can.

Of the seven photographs known to exist that were taken in Gen Ramey’s office on 8 July 1947, only four original negatives now survive in the University of Texas Library’s Special Collections. It is with these four original negatives this current research has been mainly concerned.

In attempting to take accurate measurements of the debris seen in the photographs, RPIT researcher Andrew Lavoie, using computer software, produced what is in effect a virtual Ramey Office in which accurate measurements could be taken. These measurements confirmed that although some of the debris seen in the images “could” match the size of materials used in the ML307 Radar target, which the USAF claimed the debris represents, there were many other items within the debris which did not, and cannot be resolved by reference to the ML307 target.

In one of Neil and Andrew’s many transatlantic phone discussions regarding the photographs and the results we were getting, I mentioned in passing that I had a troublesome feeling about the “look” of some of the images, for example when comparing the Ramey/DuBose and Marcel images side by side. I couldn’t quite put my finger on what was wrong, but as a lifelong amateur photographer something wasn’t quite right about their geometry. So I thought I’d put the question, would there be any way Andrew’s model could actually tell us what type of lens had been used to take the original photographs? It might reveal something, as each camera lens has its own set of characteristics and these should be the same across any number of photographs taken with that individual lens. Andrew loves a challenge, and after some intensive research into the Speed Graphic 5x4 plate camera and its lens, he came back with a rather startling result.

In taking the four surviving negatives, his initial findings indicate that two different lenses appeared to have been used!

How could this be? We knew from long discussions with Bond Johnson that his Speed Graphic had only the one lens, the one his camera was purchased with. We didn’t know

exactly what type it was, and Bond recalled it as only a standard lens supplied with the camera. This could have been one of two types in the 120-135mm range, though a 100mm wide-angle lens was also supplied specifically for press use. Other lenses were available, from ultra wide angle to telephoto but they were expensive and changing a lens in the field on a Speed Graphic was not undertaken lightly!

Andrew's later more thorough results firmed up the initial indicators: the four UTA negatives could be split into two groups. The pictures containing Ramey were taken with one type of lens, while the images of Marcel indicated they were taken with another, longer focal length lens.

One fact Bond Johnson has maintained as long as I've known and talked with him that he has no recollection at all of Marcel being present at his photo session in Ramey's office. He has always assumed, as anyone would, that as the Marcel negatives were kept together with the Ramey negatives, and he knew for certain he took the Ramey photos, then he also must have taken the Marcel images at the same time. This was a scenario I myself was happy to go along with.

But Bond had no recollection of Marcel, and now we had stumbled on the fact the Marcel pictures seemed to have been taken with a totally different lens. Here we had a mystery, but as we probed deeper other things also started to fall into place which also set the Marcel and Ramey images apart and re-enforced the growing belief that the Marcel photographs were not taken at Bond's photo-session with Gen. Ramey at around 3:15pm on the afternoon of July 8th 1947, but possibly some time later that day.

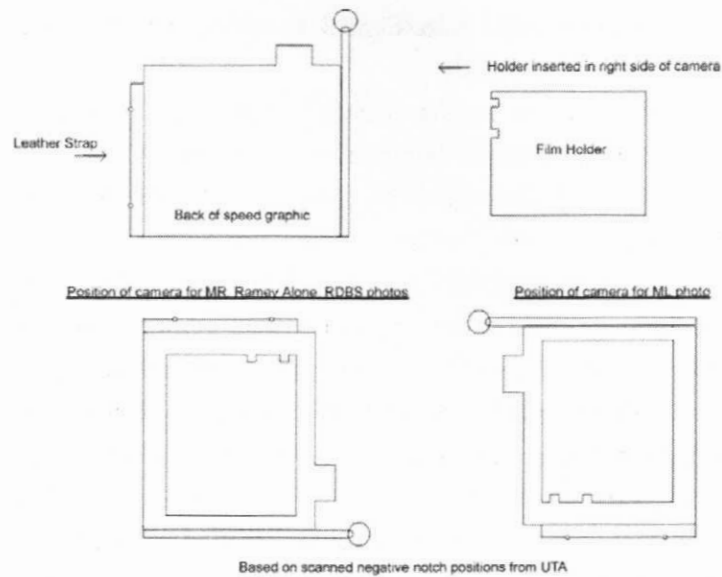
Though all the UTA negatives were taken with ANSCO film, by examining the whole negative it has been possible to discover that the two Marcel negatives come from a different batch of film stock from that used for the Ramey pair, and not only that. The Speed Graphic camera used flat sheet 4 x 5 film held in a double-sided film holder. The film was held in the holder by a frame whose outline was transferred to the negative when the film was exposed. The two Marcel photographs were taken in a totally different style of film-holder from the Ramey shots. Unfortunately this is not a conclusive point in itself, as the Star Telegram's darkroom had a collection of film holders that could be drawn upon and they could have had a mix of the two styles.

But a further discrepancy can also be inferred from the Marcel image film holder markings.

The 4 x 5 cut film has locator notches placed in one corner of the film sheet to identify the type of film, but more importantly to ensure the film was loaded into the film holder the right way. From this, coupled with the position of the shadows as a result of the flash, the way in which the camera was held (if it was a Speed Graphic) to take the pictures could be determined.

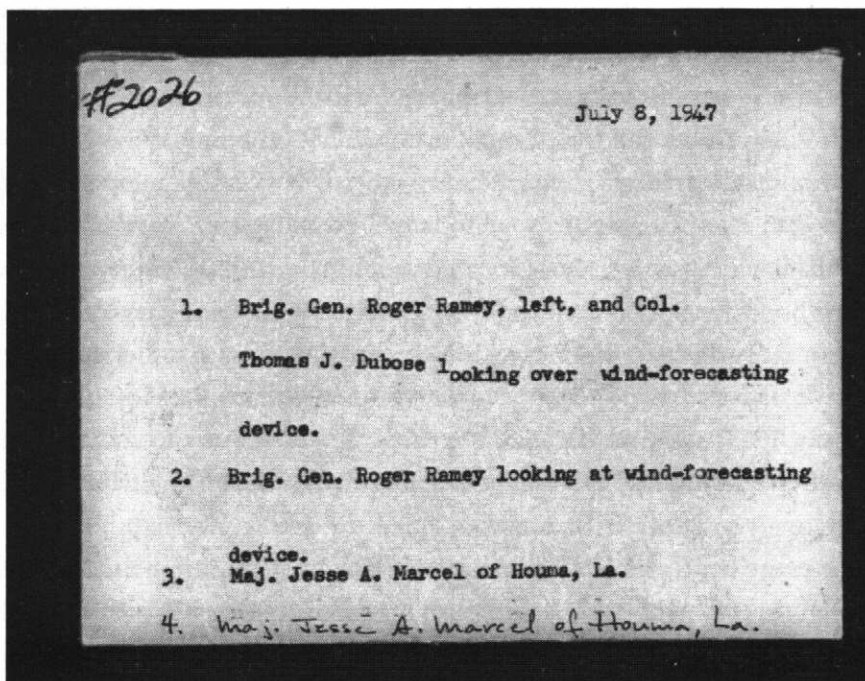
And the orientation of the negative notches in the two Marcel images would seem to indicate that the camera taking these was used in one position then rotated 180 degrees before taking the other IF they were taken with a Speed Graphic, a very awkward way to use

the Speed Graphic. In fact this could indicate they may well have been taken with an altogether different camera or possibly by two different cameras.



Another piece of circumstantial evidence also indicates the Ramey and Marcel negatives were not handled together but separately at the Star Telegram. The original Star Telegram Archive negative storage envelope in which the 4 surviving negatives have been stored since 1947 is still held at the UTA along with the negatives themselves. Its log notes give us the clue. The 4 negatives each have a hand-written ID number (1-4) written on them, but in two different styles and hands—the Ramey's in one the Marcel's in another. The first 3 envelope notes are typewritten and concern the two Ramey negatives and one of the Marcel pair, the final Marcel entry was handwritten, this possibly a later addition.

It seems the negatives may have arrived in the ST archive at different times prompting the handwritten addition to the envelope notes when the later arrival was filed together with the other pictures. A final pointer that indicates the Marcel pictures could have been taken some time later is to be seen in the Marcel images themselves. In the Bettmann-Ramey image, (though not a UTA image it's cutlines attribute it to James Bond Johnson by name) Bond's hat can be seen sitting on the chair behind Gen Ramey. In the Marcel shots Bond's hat has gone.



Bettmann



Marcel Left

Taken with all the other pieces of evidence this to me strongly suggests the Marcel images were taken some time after Bond Johnson had taken the Ramey pictures, and this now raises an interesting possibility. Maybe both sides of the "was there, wasn't there press conference" argument may be partially right if seen from their own point of view. Bond Johnson has and still maintains he was the only pressman there at his photo session. I believe he's quite correct. At his session where he took the four images of Ramey and Ramey & DuBose he was the only person there. He would be, as he was way ahead of the story, which appeared on the AP wire only at 3:26pm Fort Worth time, some 10 to 20 minutes after he had taken his pictures, which we have timed at 3:15pm from a shadow angle seen through Ramey's window in one of the photographs.

But how did the Star Telegram get the Roswell story before the AP? Good question, and I can only guess at the answer. We do know the story had been floating around Roswell itself since Mac Brazel told Frank Joyce about it during his Sunday radio show on KGFL

some two days before. We also know that Lydia Sleppy started to transmit the story to ABC news in California probably in the late morning of the 8th of July until she was stopped, allegedly by the FBI. So we know the story was trying to get itself out of Roswell before the AP finally succeeded at 2:26pm Roswell time that afternoon. AP was one of the largest and widely subscribed to news services, but there were many other wire services in operation. On checking, the Star Telegram itself subscribed to AP, it had four dedicated lines, but it also subscribed to another five wire services and had a complete room filled with wire service teletypes. Can we say without certainty one of these other services may not have caught wind of what was going on in Roswell before AP? But we do also know of another reason why Bond Johnson may have had an early and open door to Gen. Ramey's office. Some time before the events of July 1947, the Star Telegram assisted Roger Ramey in matters totally unrelated to the Roswell events, but as a consequence of which, Gen. Roger Ramey really did owe the Star Telegram a very great favor.

But what about the press conference? Did it happen? Well, maybe... after a fashion.

Jesse Marcel recalls a number of press men/photographers taking his picture, and he said there was just that one photo session in which he was involved, and we have just the two Marcel original negatives which seem to be the only pictures of Marcel with the debris in Ramey's office. So let us assume these were taken at his remembered photo-session. But this was not the Bond Johnson photo-session, for the reasons outlined above.

Bond was by this time probably back at the Star Telegram processing his earlier photos and he would be totally unaware of any events unfolding back at FWAAF. So did the Star Telegram send out a further reporter or photographer? We don't believe so, the one reporter we have spoken with who was there in the Star Telegram's offices that night has told us no other reporters went back out to FWAAF and all the material they printed came in either over the phone, or off the wire service teletype. So if Bond Johnson didn't take the Marcel pictures or any other Star Telegram reporter or photographer, how did the two Marcel negatives end up in the Star Telegram's archive?

I've pondered this long and hard and then just recently I found a possible answer staring me in the face, prompted by Bond Johnson's own recollections from that evening.

When Bond returned from the Fort Worth Army Air Field with his pictures, he remembers that by this time the story was all over the wires and people were clamoring for more information. On his desk he found there were a number of phone messages from some of the wire services all asking for pictures. He remembers wishing he'd taken more shots than he had. It appears that although the Star Telegram employed Bond and they had the pick of his photos, he seems to have been at liberty to sell any remaining pictures if he wished.

In the event, Bond must have sold at least one picture to the wire services, as the Bettmann image was wired out not by AP, but via INP much later that night and by the coding on the cutlines, possibly from Dallas not Fort Worth. It also seems that, and Bond has confirmed this, photo negatives could be bought, sold, or exchanged and transported

across town from one paper or news service to another when the need arose, this by either taxi or bus. Might the Marcel negatives have arrived at the Star Telegram later that evening by just such an arrangement? Bought in from some other source, they would become Star Telegram property and as such be filed later in the archives joining the other pictures from that story, being processed like any other Star Telegram picture. All this could have been arranged over the phone without involving any Star Telegram reporters or photographers, just as our source who was there on the night (but not involved directly with the Roswell story) told us.

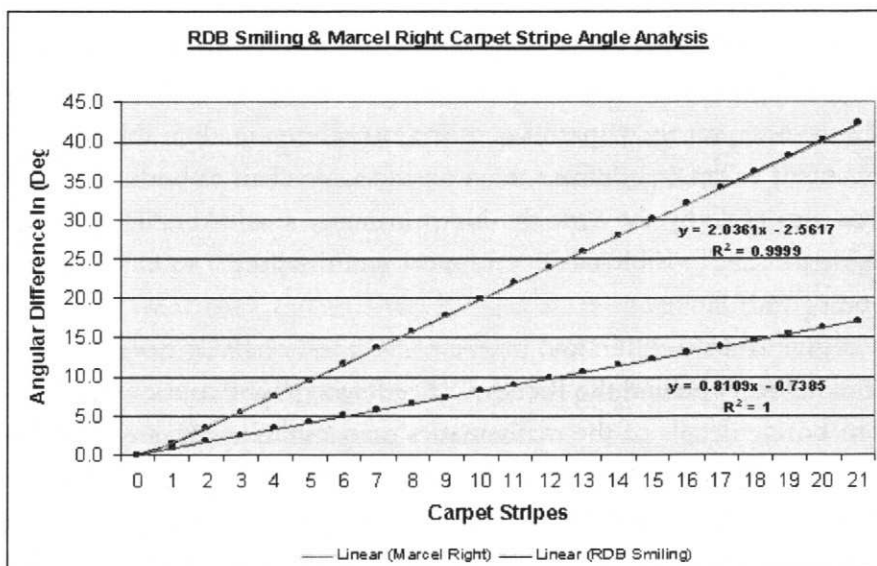
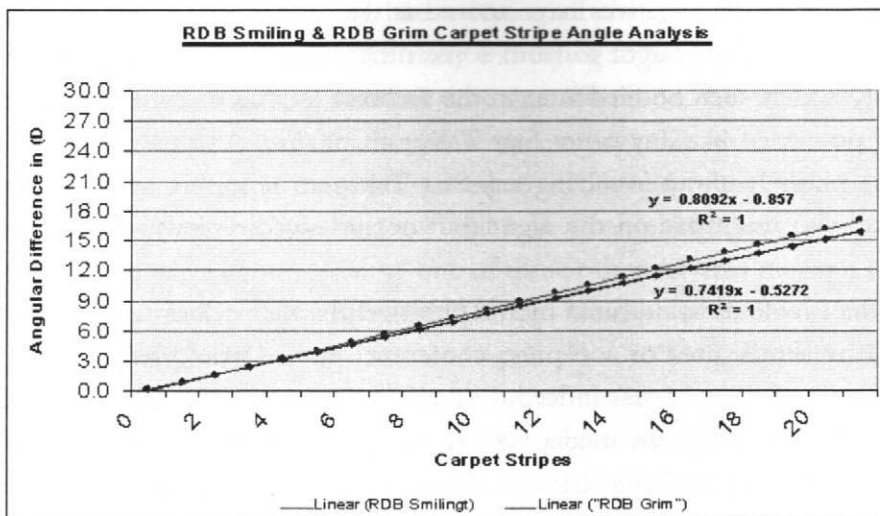
In the end, the events now indicated by the photographs themselves seem to be not as cut and dried as any simple pro- or anti-press conference stance would have. When Bond Johnson was in Ramey's office he was indeed the only photographer there, the story had yet to break into the mainstream news media via the 2:26pm (3:26pm Fort Worth) AP wire story. Later that afternoon, probably because of increasing press interest, Marcel found himself paraded out as the guy who recovered the "disc," and again sometime later Newton was put forward as photo-fodder to re-enforce his identification of the "disc" as nothing more than a radar target and put the final touches to the cover story.

In a final twist, the photos also give us the possibility to make the claim that the Marcel and the Newton photos could have been staged in close succession. This can be inferred from the fact that packing paper in both of these images can be seen to be in exactly the same position in both shots, yet the paper in question is not seen at all in the earlier Ramey pictures, and a document wallet or briefcase, seen on the same chair in both the Ramey and Marcel pictures, has also gone by the time the Newton image was taken. There is a logical flow in the way these pieces of visible evidence appear and disappear, so linking the images together through time.

We still have many blanks to fill in and maybe some questions may never be answered, but the quest for the full story behind the Ramey Office Photographs continues.

I won't go into boring details of the mathematics or computer software used, I'm sure Andrew would be most happy to explain this at length privately should anyone be that interested. But the bottom line of the calculations is shown by these two graphs.

In effect the slope of the graph lines, one for each picture, is an indicator of the focal length of the lens used in each case. If all the images were taken with the same camera and lens, then each line in the graphs would have the same approximate slope or angle. You can see from the plots that the two Ramey images closely follow this rule, but the Marcel plot shown does not, and differs by a very obvious amount.



Debris from Two Crashed UFOs in New Mexico, 1947

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Abstract

In 1947 Mr. Mac Brazel discovered a considerable amount of debris of unknown origin on the Foster Ranch near Corona, New Mexico, my home town. Mac came to Corona to request my father to go out to the ranch and see what was there. My father declined. A couple of years later Mac's son, Bill Brazel, showed some of this debris in my father's bar in Corona, and shortly thereafter "the government" came and confiscated this debris. About 1987 Loretta Proctor told my mother and me about Mac Brazel showing some of the debris to her husband, Floyd, and her. Loretta said this unusual debris would not scratch or burn.

In March 2004 Mr. Art Campbell was a presenter at the UFO Symposium in Aztec, New Mexico. Art discussed some very unusual parts and pieces that he has, that may be from the 1947 UFO crash on the plains of Saint Augustine in New Mexico. Art and I became friends and discussed sharing a "dig" at the Plains of Saint Augustine in June, 2004. This "dig" came off beautifully. Nine of us, using four, twelve-foot-tall A-frame structures, each with a 2' x 3' screen basket, sifted a considerable amount of soil. We were successful in retrieving a few pieces of metal foil (one piece about 50sq. in., and one piece that has two "seamed" edges), and a shard of "wax." We are in the process of having the metal foil pieces analyzed.

I presented a piece of this metal foil to Mr. Stanton Friedman to be passed on to the UFO Museum in Roswell, New Mexico, while he was on stage there at the Museum on July 3, 2004. The Museum is having this piece of metal foil analyzed.

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Evidence for the Existence of TOP SECRET/MJ-12: A Forensic Examination of Leaked Classified Documents

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Abstract

At the heart of the debate of government complicity in the UFO cover-up at Roswell — and more broadly with highly credible UFO related activity — is the existence of a blue ribbon panel of military and scientific minds code-named Majestic 12 or MJ-12. For more than two decades there have been documents — some photocopies, some undeveloped film, and some original papers — that tell the detailed story of explicit involvement and extreme military and government secrecy toward UFOs. Not only are documents in the public domain, but living witnesses also corroborate the documents, the military procedures, and the long-standing cover-up — which the vast majority of Americans believe.

This paper will present the results of my investigation into two leaked original documents comprising over 342 pages of Top Secret MJ-12 material. The authentication principles of provenance, paper and ink analysis, content analysis, authenticity “zingers,” and anachronisms will all be discussed. The first document, titled “An Encyclopedia of Flying Saucers,” by Vernon Bowen, is a well-written book, fascinating for its sidebar comments unique to the field of ufology. The other is a twelve-page memo allegedly from CIA director Allen Dulles that sets up a series of eight directives concerning the government’s handling of the UFO problem, which is considered a “National Security Threat.” On original onionskin, watermarked paper with numerous authenticating markers, the document is either real or faked by a major intelligence agency. With nine new code words, unusual methods were taken to determine the true nature of these historical code word projects. The implications and conclusions may suggest a different interpretation of history.

Overview

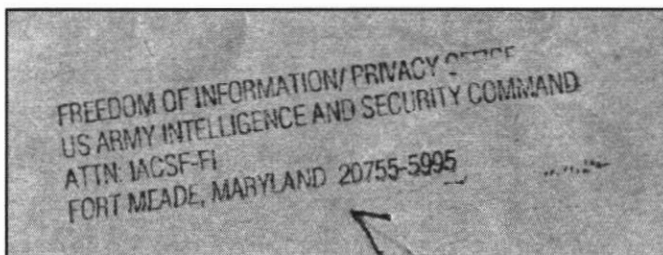
The scope of this talk will cover nine elements. The first is a quick review of the forensically qualified original, not photocopies MJ-12 documents, then a description of forensic authentication procedures. These procedures will be applied to two significant documents. The first is an “An Encyclopedia of Flying Saucers” by Vernon Bowen, some 330 pages long; the second is a 12 page document called the “burned memo,” allegedly from DCI Allen Dulles (presumably MJ-1) to other MJ-12 members. Each document was analyzed forensically, including marginalia, ink, paper, content, and provenance. An overview of the burned memo will be presented that is particularly controversial, not only for its high-quality forensics, but also for its content and — at times — cryptic directives about the UFO field and its future actions in circa 1962. The skills and credibility of Speckin Forensic

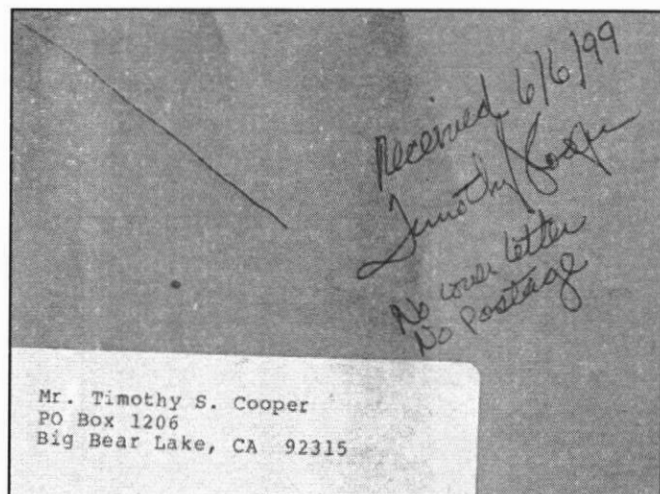
Laboratories, our primary subcontractor, as well as James Black — a typewriter expert — provide the core questioned documents results. Besides the forensics of ink, paper, and watermark, there is suggestive and controversial content describing a potential motivation for JFK assassination — his inquiries into MJ-12 UFO program, according to the burned memo, “cannot be allowed.” We conclude with what we now know for certain based on the forensic evidence.

When we say the words and “original MJ-12 documents” what is really referred to is original, non-photocopied documents — the kind that would survive the legal tests in a courtroom. With that said, there are some caveats: for example, in many cases we do not have a clear chain of custody tracing back to the typist, let alone the source of the intellectual content, although, given the nature of the documents, that is understandable. Yet it creates an opening to consider faking of the documents by a foreign intelligence service for some geo-political purpose. Some documents, such as the Eisenhower Briefing Document and the Special Operations Manual, were received as photographic negatives and we can do our best to authenticate them as photographic negatives but we do not know for certain the authenticity of the documented being photographed. In some legal cases that might be enough to have the document not admitted into evidence.

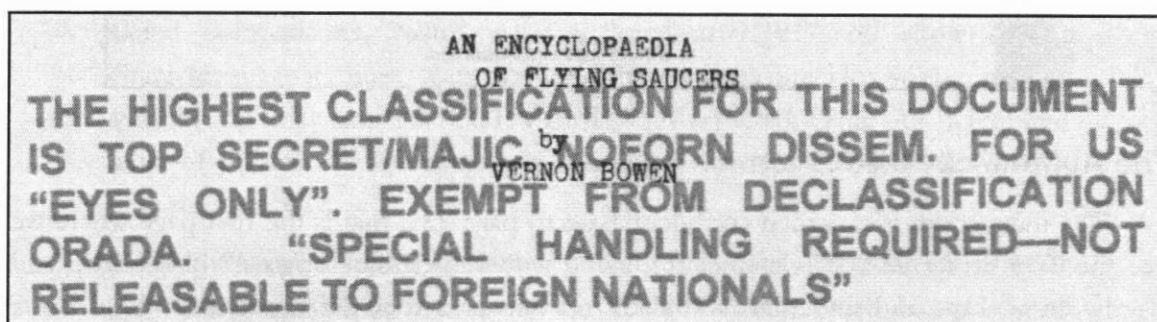
In the field of questioned document (QD) examination one needs to take a forensic approach to understand the true nature of the QD. Our team has looked at seven elements: the first is the provenance of a document: where did it come from?; the second is paper and ink analysis; the third, content analysis; the fourth, what we have termed “authenticity zingers”; the fifth, faking considerations; the sixth, anachronisms; and the seventh, conclusions. Each of these elements could be weighted in a different way to compute an overall authenticity rating for each document. For example, paper and ink analysis might weigh more than content or provenance, thus giving a document with historically old inks and writing a stronger authenticity rating than arcane and unique phrases (etymology) in the document.

One of the first discoveries of new Majestic documents that arrived in Tim Cooper’s mailbox in June 1999 was a large manuscript completed circa 1954. It had a return address of the Freedom of Information Act office at Fort Meade. The envelope is shown in below:





The envelope contained 330 8" x 10.5" pages, plus some other UFO related material. This manuscript was titled "An Encyclopedia of Flying Saucers" by Vernon Bowen. The pages were old with clipping scraps falling off many of the pages. The document had security stamps of either CONFIDENTIAL or TOP SECRET/MAJIC. According to Tim Cooper, there was no introductory cover letter included from the FOIA office shown as the return address.




The above figure shows the title page of the Bowen manuscript. This manuscript was submitted to Project Blue Book around 1960; there are three return addresses for Bowen shown in the upper right hand corner. Note the large security classification in red across the title: "THE HIGHEST CLASSIFICATION FOR THIS DOCUMENT IS TOP SECRET/MAJIC NOFORN DISSEM. FOR U.S. "EYES ONLY." EXEMPT FROM DECLASSIFICATION ORADA. "SPECIAL HANDLING REQUIRED—NOT RELEASABLE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS." Besides writing this encyclopedia of flying saucers, Bowen was a notable author and wrote several popular children's books.

The Bowen manuscript contains several classification caveats. All of the pages in the manuscript were stamped in red ink; the title page had the Top Secret/MAJIC classification, while most pages were stamped confidential. Of particular note was the U.S. Air Force

chapter where the pages were all stamped TOP SECRET/MAJIC. What is compelling for authenticity are the numerous hand notations throughout the document. Some are actually short paragraphs with distinct chirography potentially traceable to specific people.

The chapters of the book are listed below:



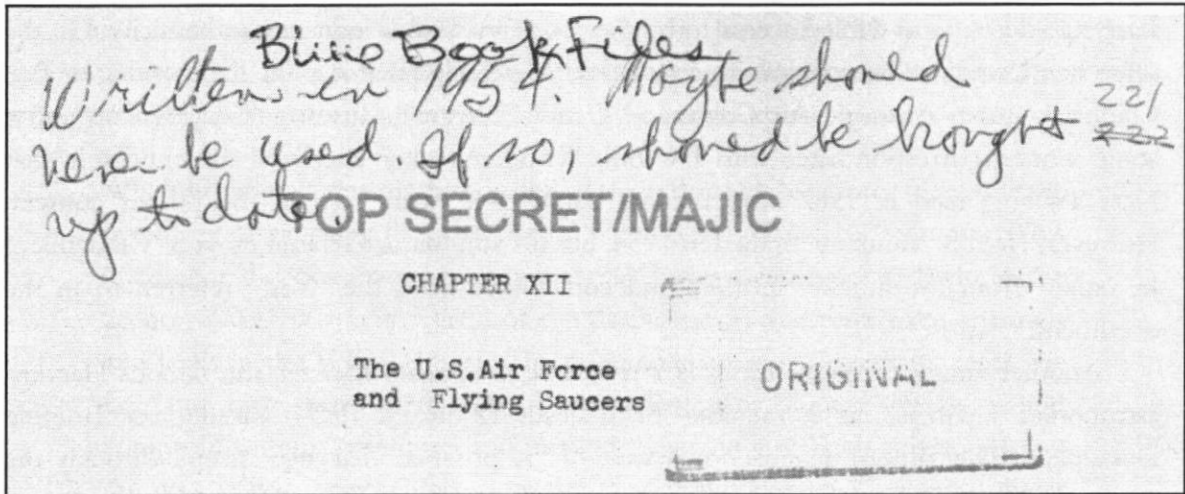
Book Chapter Titles

- I. The Question
- II. The Start of It All
- III. The Heart of the Mystery
- IV. Charles Fort
- V. The Evidence of Legend
- VI. Similar Aerial Phenomena
- VII. The Sightings
- VIII. What Has Been Said about Flying Saucers
- IX. Visual Proof
- X. The Landings
- XI. Why Aren't There More Landings?
- XII. The U.S. Air Force and Flying Saucers
- XIII. The Possibilities of Hoax
- XIV. The Other Side of the Coin
- XV. Conclusions

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The Authenticity Discussion

The manuscript is classified confidential up to page 221; that is the first page where we see the Top Secret/MAJIC classification along with the classic “original” blue stamp and handwritten notes and underlines. The felt tip ink used to write the words “Blue Book Files,” was tested and concluded to be 1962 or later ink by Speckin Forensic Laboratories. Also on page 189, with a chapter title: “The Landings” there is a sentence that reads “Submitted to project Blue Book 1954 unclassified and unevaluated” that was written with a 1977 ballpoint pen.



A good authenticity zinger is the mention of Project Moon dust in 1962, which was not declassified until the early 1990s; this notation was done with a felt tip pen with 1962 or later ink.

Potentially the most unusual point of authentication or anachronism about the Bowen manuscript is page 188 where there is a long handwritten section, actually three paragraphs, signed by "Ben" written in 1977 or latter ink. The handwritten paragraph begins:

Good comparisons. Notes were analyzed at NPIC and show similar characteristics of those seen in N.M. Photos in White Hot folder are not available as they are TS (TOP SECRET) Restricted Data. AS-2 required letter of authority before removing. Must have Majestic review before visiting blue room facility.

Suggest you call Nate for appointment to W.P. Would also recommend prior approval from Van before you make official inquiries. Wish I could be of more help to you in your follow-up investigation.

Ben

P.S. I will be at ADC for awhile. Why don't you visit and will show you around?

Note these subtleties: the word NPIC — National Photographic Interpretation Center, and the correct abbreviation for New Mexico before the postal code was changed to NM. The Majestic documents mention the White Hot report (Sept 23, 1947) and so does this document. Note that the document is Top Secret Restricted Data, which is consistent with other known classifications of original documents such as the Cutler to Twining memo (1954) in our national archives. Even the mention of the Blue Room (the famous Blue Room where UFO artifacts were allegedly stored at Wright Patterson — W.P.) that Senator

Barry Goldwater was denied access to by the government also indicates authenticity. On the other hand, we have been unable to conclusively determine that it is the handwriting of Ben Chidlaw, famous Strategic Air Command General. Actually, his son “lawyered up” after some written correspondence with Dr. Bob Wood. Another check of authenticity is that Nate Twining died in 1982 after the ink could have been used in the proper context. However, Hoyt S. Vandenberg died in 1954, but his son Major General Hoyt S. Vandenberg Jr. retired from the military in 1981 and could have been the “Van” referred to in the document.

Another zinger for authenticity is a reference to Donald Menzel, the famous Harvard astronomer identified as a member of Majestic-12 in the 1954 Eisenhower Briefing Document. The Bowen manuscript states: “Is it possible that new peeps through the telescope on Mt. Palomar indicate that many a scientist, and textbook, could in the wrong about the universe?” “And again, in her column *Broadway Bulletin Board*, on November 15, 1954, Miss Gilgallen stated that a Harvard professor is telling his class since they can *prove* that there are people on other planets.” In the margin is a pen written note to saying: “What is DM doing?” Then on the next page is another reference to Donald Menzel. It says: “I hope that DM keeps his big mouth shut.”

It is interesting to note there is a good research opportunity with Menzel; obviously he had opened his mouth earlier about this UFO matter. Even after 50 years, it might be worthwhile to interview some of his former students in 1954 and colleagues to determine if there’s new evidence that could further identify him as a conspirator in the cover-up and as a member of MJ-12.

As an analyst and questioned document investigator what I conclude so far are three things. The first is that we have a solid book showing huge cracks in the ability of the PSYOP (psychological operations) people to control public exposure to flying saucers in 1954. The second is the Air Force’s paranoia about the UFO topic: they classified the book and shelved it, and it’s unclear if Bowen could have prevented this course of action. Third is the use of compelling forensic evidence of ink analysis that supports the existence of code words TOP SECRET/MAJIC, Blue Book, and Moon Dust, along with more subtle references to the Blue Room, Nate Twining, and Donald Menzel.

The Burned Memo – From MJ-1 (Allen W. Dulles)

This TOP SECRET/MJ-12 memo allegedly from the director of CIA (Allen Welsh Dulles) sets up a series of eight directives concerning the government’s handling of the UFO problem, which is considered a “National Security Threat.” On original onionskin, watermarked paper with numerous authenticating markers, the document is either real or faked by a major intelligence agency. With over nine never before seen code words, unusual methods were taken to determine the true nature of these historical code word projects.

The burned memo was mailed to Tim Cooper in June of 1999 from whom we have termed source S-1, who has supplied quite a number of documents to Tim. This source worked for James Angleton and from 1968 to 1974. Let me quote from his cover letter:

When Jim died it was my responsibility to go through his secret files and take inventory of sensitive files that would connect MJ-12 to JFK's murder. This document did not exist officially and has never been disclosed within the agency. AWD was very fearful of the disclosure to our authorized channels and leaks in the White House. I literally snatched the "directives" from the fire and have kept them safe from review. To allow a review would compromise future directors and put the agency in a difficult position. I feel the time is fast approaching when the files of the Majestic/Jehovah project will be pried loose and the public's right to know should begin. We in CIA have monitored civilian UFO research for a long time, and have played a major role in keeping the UFO community busy. You need proof and here it he is. I don't think you realize it but you and Dr. Wood have started a shit storm. Nixon's SCEO ordered all MJ-12 documentation purged and destroyed. This one was not. This carbon copy is the only link to MJ-12 and don't expect any more in the future. Everything is now on computers and there is no existing paper trail to my knowledge.

Source S-1 has supplied several documents with returned postmarks of Las Vegas, Nevada, Big Bear Lake California, and Fort Meade, Maryland.



S-1 Supplied Leaked Documents

1. 44 - 3" x 5" photos of Documents
2. 76 pictures, craft, backchannels, autopsy & documents
3. IMPORTANT Memo
4. An Encyclopedia of Flying Saucers by Bowen
5. Burned Memo
6. Isotope Thermal Thrusters and Applications
7. Truman to Secretary of Defense
8. Operations Review: The MJ-12 Project
9. "Unidentified Flying Objects, The CIA, and Congress" Essay by Source S-1
10. Authority of Director of Central Intelligence Clarified (responsibility of CIA in collecting UFO intelligence)
11. Edward Teller's Pitch to President Reagan for SDI

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He is also the author of the "Important Memo," written just a month after the burned memo arrived in July 1999. This is one of the most important leaks in the history of Ufology from what appears to be a credible source. Some of the highlights of the Important Memo are:

You may not know now, but you have some really important stuff that is creating a lot of tension in the UFO community. If you don't, you had better appreciate it. You have been given information that no one has. To make my point a little more clear, remember a few years back when you got that JFK memo? William Colby got fingered in it and someone decided to shut him up before he was questioned about it. Coincidence? No way! He was not the first to be eliminated and won't be the last I assure you. You have been left alone for the most part I think because you are a nobody in the UFO community and have no credibility with them and that is good. I think 'they' want it this way. Being a high-profile personality is not always a good thing. Look how Stanton T. Friedman got put on the 'watch list' by the OSI. Too high of the profile and too vocal with national identity. Linda Howe is another example.

Now, I want to fill you in on some of the things regarding the special studies and conclusions by the defunct MJ-12 group:

1. MJ-12 does not exist as a government intelligence entity. It ceased to exist in 1969 and became a private concern financed by big money and big science.
2. The group has been called by many names. The most recent one was used in 1992 and was identified by the name JEHOVAH. At one time it was called ZODIAC and may have changed in 1995.
3. The UFO/EBE Working Group is an international consortium financed and supported by some of the biggest money institutions and private industrialists in the world.
4. MJ-12 was a consolidation of two Pentagon projects, MAJESTIC and JEHOVAH, overseen by a group of twelve high-level military, intelligence, and scientific institutions within the defense establishment hence MJ-12. Each code name had classification above TOP SECRET and fell into a classification called MOST SECRET.
5. JEHOVAH was a DoD project to reverse engineer the hardware and research the physics. Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer was appointed by Dr. Bush to head this project. The project name was coined by Albert Einstein in 1949. Oppenheimer held this job until 1953 until the AEC no longer considered him reliable and he had his security clearance taken away and lost his government job in 1954.

The important memo can be found on www.majesticdocuments.com under Document Sources.

The Forensic Specialists and Their Results

Studying the forensics of leaked documents is fairly straightforward but it's expensive. My father and I have spent over \$10,000 investigating just the forensic aspects of many of these documents. This stems from the fact that these experts in typewriters paper and ink analysis basically work for the legal community. Their rates can approach \$300 an hour and their time adds up quickly.

Two experts that constitute our primary investigation sources for analysis are James Black (a typewriter and handwriting specialist) and Speckin Forensic Laboratories. SFL is an international forensic firm specializing in consulting with plaintiff and defense lawyers involving issues concerning: Forgery, Sequencing of Entries, Alterations, Additions, Rewritings, Ink Dating and Paper, Typewriting, Facsimiles, Photocopies, Fingerprints, Narcotic and Street Drug Analysis, Analytical and Forensic Chemistry, DNA, Firearms and Toolmark Examination, Shoe and Tire Prints, Handwriting, Crime Scene Reconstruction, Criminal Forensic Matters and Computer Forensics. They are in essence a high-powered crime lab with all the expertise and more of the hit TV show CSI (Crime Scene Investigations). See their website innovatively called www.4n6.com.

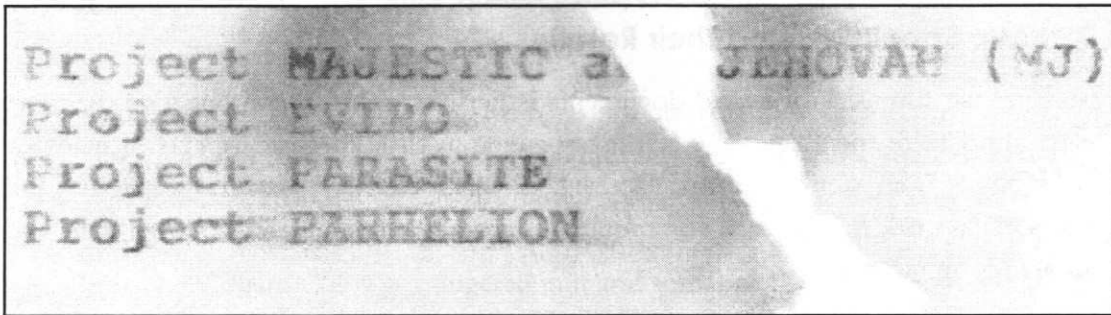
A microscopic examination of the burned memo was conducted on the typewriting on these pages this is used to differentiate the style of ribbon that was used to create the document. The pages are consistent with typewriter ribbons that were commercially available during the same time frame. A chemical and microscopic examination the pencil writing on the first page of the burned memo showed the components to be consistent with pencils that were commercially available during the 1950's. This is solubility test using methyl ethyl ketone. The watermarks on these documents are those of the eagle with a shield. The manufacturer of the paper cannot be located at present although SFL checked with experts in Washington D.C. in the watermark field and they were unable to conclude precisely who manufactured this paper except that it is indicative of Government Issue. The red stamped in a TOP SECRET/MJ-12 is also not consistent with stamp ink that was commercially available; therefore it could have been special Government Issue.

At the time this paper was written many additional tests are being conducted by SFL around the glue on tabs and their ink markings, further watermark investigations and an investigation of the ink and large "CI" stamp, presumably meaning counterintelligence.

The Burned Memo Contents

The first page of this nine page document is a CIA counterintelligence memo from DCI (MJ-1) to the non-civilian elements of the MJ staff, if you use the same order as listed in the

1954 Eisenhower Briefing Document. It references several never before mentioned code words, see the scan of documents below:

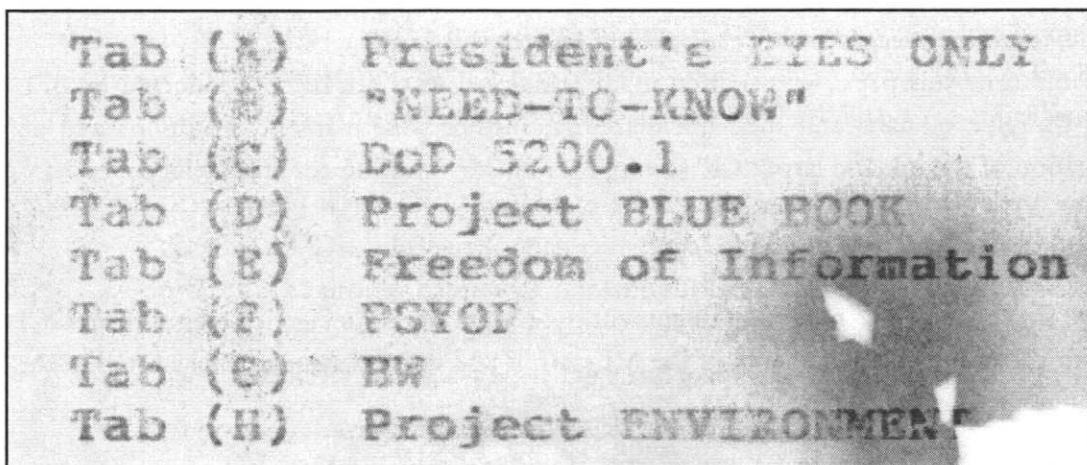


The text reads:

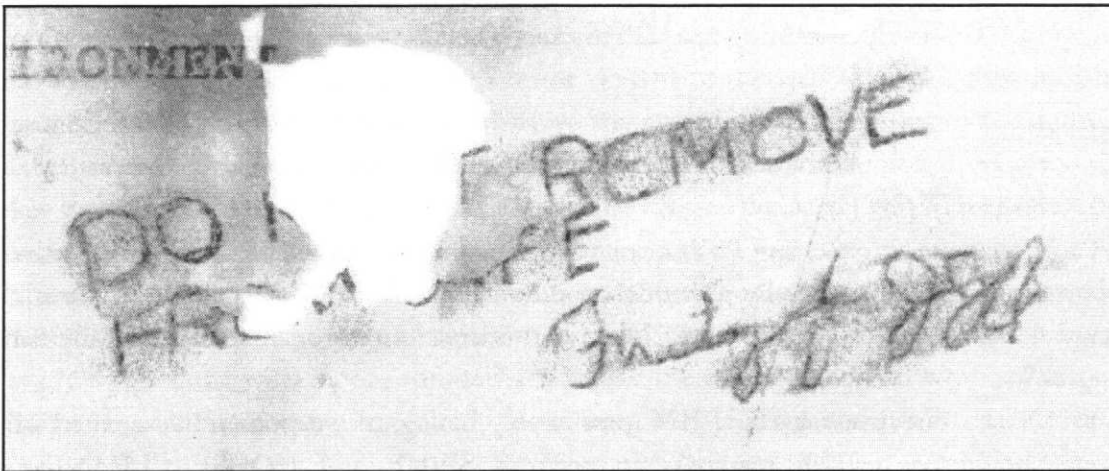
In the context of the above it has become necessary to review and evaluate duplication of field activities in light of the current situation. To eliminate this problem, I have drafted new directives for your review and consideration. Please evaluate each draft on its own merit with the goal of finding acceptable solutions to which all can agree on. As you must know LANCER has made some inquiries regarding our activities which we cannot allow. Please submit your views no later than October. Your action in this matter is critical to the continuance of the group.

Today it is widely know that LANCER is the codeword for JFK and this paragraph may be key evidence in determining authorization of the assassination of JFK within the intelligence community.

The content of the burned a memo consists of a cover page and eight draft directives classified TOP SECRET/MJ-12, allegedly authored by Allen W. Dulles with the focus being on the potential duplication of effort with other classified projects. Of note is the statement that LANCER (JFK) is "making inquiries we cannot allow." Below is an image of the directives as they appear in the document:



There are several powerful authenticity examples, in fact even zingers. The first is the large CI stamp for counterintelligence and according to our background sources this is normal procedure for these types of documents. Second is the security classification TS/MJ-12 with holes at the top, with normal and consistent spacing for file folder of the period. Even the pencil marks "do not remove from safe Fritz (or Freitag?) for JJA," is researchable. Yet at the time of this writing, we are still don't know who he is.



The first directive or Tab A is a directive regarding the Presidents Eyes Only and states: "In the likely event that the subject to unidentified flying objects or unconventional aerial weapons is a subject matter under discussion with the Chief Executive, National Security Council staff, department heads, the Joint Chiefs, and foreign representatives, a clarification of the question is in order to ascertain the reason(s) for bringing up the subject. A standard response should be suffice (sic) to redirect the question. Under no circumstances should a member suggest or by inference, that the subject is classified as a national security threat. In the unlikely event that UFO's overtly display hostile intent towards the security of the United States, as a group, and after consultation should a full disclosure be made in accordance with the law as required." (Underline by RSW)

Tab B directive is regarding the "NEED-TO-KNOW" and states "In order to facilitate cooperation with current activities of the group, effective immediately "NEED-TO-KNOW" should be granted to the Director, FBI for maintenance of security until such time FBI involvement is no longer required. Existing backchannel contacts should not be compromised by this action."

Tab C directive is concerning DoD 5200.1 and states "Until further notice DoD 5200.1 will be utilized only in the performance of special task functions with military intelligence liaison officers as specified in SCEO and to 54/12 policy directive." Other public sources have confirmed the existence and functioning of the 54/12 group as primarily a CIA covert operations group.

Tab D directive is regarding Project BLUE BOOK: "Project BLUE BOOK will continue in its current intelligence collection activities and counterintelligence functions as specified in the current NIE. Reference to BLUE BOOK is authorized only when responding to public and congressional inquiries.

Tab E directives are regarding Freedom of Information. "Priority requests forwarded to members by authorized individuals or institutions are temporarily denied until the threat of exposure is eliminated and the assurance that no residuals are present before requests are acted upon." This is an interesting research avenue. They are not talking about the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and if they were then the document would have an anachronism. However, the question remains — Is the concept of Freedom of Information within a classified compartmentalized activity in the early sixties appropriate? Can someone say that this sort of procedure did exist?

Tab F directive is regarding PSYOP or psychological operations. "PSYOP units within the existing structures are hereby placed in condition GREEN until such time they are told to stand down. Units designated GREEN are authorized to interrogate and detain any and all targets."

Tab G is a directive regarding BW (presumably biological weapons). "Designated MJ projects should be held in readiness to perform SPIKE and HOUSE CLEANING operations in major population centers in the event conventional methods are not satisfactory. Specialists from MK-ULTRA and ARTICHOKE are hereby activated to conduct DOMESTIC."

Tab H is a directive regarding Project ENVIRONMENT. "When conditions become non-conducive for growth in our environment and Washington cannot be influenced any farther, the weather is lacking any precipitation (sic) ... it should be wet." This is one of the most cryptic directives of the lot. Is "it should be wet" a reference to assassinations? Of whom? Anyone in Washington that impedes the growth of the MJ-12 projects, management or its environment?

So What To We Really Know?

For the first time in the history of Ufology we have original documents that have been forensically tested and are arguable genuine. This is a watershed event that should be in the papers and spread far and wide, but the media sensitivity, either engineered by a long standing government effort or simply the fear of ridicule and embarrassment, will force credible outlets to play this evidence very low key.

On the surface, these forensic tests show a very credible MJ-12 document and genuinely one that was leaked into the UFO community because the purloiner "thought it was time for the public's right to know to begin" as stated in his cover letter. However, let's take the tack that it was faked for the sake of argument. Given the inks, paper watermarks, and content, it is only the CIA, KGB or equivalent state-sponsored intelligence agency that could achieve the level of sophistication and completeness. So we can rule out private citizens that want to

make money or achieve some notoriety. So all that is left is either (a) that it is real or (b) that it was faked by an intelligence agency. But why? To shed light on long forgotten history of the Kennedy years or to potentially point the finger of assassination on those MJ-12 individuals in 1963 that were complicit with the assassination of a president? There is no reasonable merit in such an undertaking, no technology to be gained, no economic or geographic value. It would end up being a footnote in history without more evidence. For a more detailed discussion of the psychological warfare aspects of the MJ-12 documents, see my paper on www.majesticdocuments.com under Document Authentication.

If we believe the forensic tests, then the documents are old and real and therefore the contents are valid for that point in history. We have learned that there was turmoil and duplication of field efforts within MJ-12 and that the DCI wanted to fix this by consolidating key programs. We discovered that the President, National Security Staff, Department Heads and the Joint Chiefs were to be deliberately steered away from the evidence of UFOs and Unconventional Aerial Weapons (UAW) as a national security threat. We confirmed that BLUE BOOK was just a data collection exercise and that psychological operations were ready to go along with more profound action like the use of biological weapons to control major population centers using human assets from MK-ULTRA and ARTICHOKE on U.S. soil.

With this evidence, according to the *New York Times*, corroboration would still need a couple of very high level witnesses, who would be violating their national security oaths. Logically we can fairly conclude that people were murdered to maintain the UFO secrets. The secrecy is paramount and the cover-up is powerful, effective, and robust. It is a naïve belief that UFO conferences such as MUFON have a real impact on public opinion, let alone official investigations with a legal basis. Yet, there was a glimmer of hope, at least in 1963, with the mention in the Tab – A “In the unlikely event that UFOs display hostile intent toward the security of the U.S., as a group, and after consultation, should *full disclosure* be made in accordance with the law as required.” So, according to this document, to get full disclosure from the government will take hostile ET action — what is the chance of that in our lifetime?