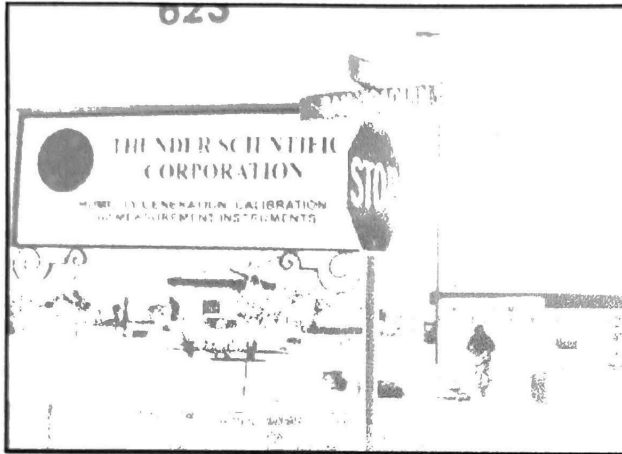


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While on our recent trip to New Mexico, your editor decided to do a little UFO-related research. In the neat photo below, we see the entrance to Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, N.M; and right in front of this entrance is a company called Thunder Scientific Corporation. This company supplies Kirtland with various technical instruments, and is owned by the family of government contractor Dr. Paul Bennewitz, who, in the early 1980s, became an important but still little-known figure in the continuing enigma of flying saucers.



It seems that Dr. Bennewitz somehow got in way over his head in regard to UFO research. He acquired film of mysterious lights in the sky, he heard a strange alien code over his radio, and he saw UFOs in daylight as well as entrances to secret tunnels in the hills near his Albuquerque home - and these were hills in the vicinity of places where nuclear weapons were actually being stored!

Bennewitz convinced himself that the aliens had one or more underground bases near Albuquerque, and others near Dulce, New Mexico. Eventually as a good citizen he went to the Air Force security officers at Kirtland with his suspicions, and that is where Sergeant Richard Doty of the OSI (Office of Special Investigations) comes into the picture. Doty met with Bennewitz several times over a period of months, looked at his evidence, and listened to his beliefs.

The trouble was that, as Doty knew, Bennewitz had accidentally tapped into a supposedly secure communications system at Kirtland. The coded messages he was receiving were genuine, but he was grossly misinterpreting them. It was Doty's job to misdirect Bennewitz into continuing to believe the messages were actually from the aliens! In a series of phone interviews with your "Smear" editor, Doty has admitted this.

The interesting thing here is that former ufologist William Moore, who still writes frequently to "Smear", was a friend and co-worker of Sgt. Doty's in that era. Doty says that they did not work together on the Bennewitz case; but if memory serves us correctly, Moore admitted just that, in his famous "mea culpa" lecture at a MUFON convention in Las Vegas, back in 1989. Moore also admitted to other ufological sins, and by doing so he effectively ended his career in ufology. Rather than admire Moore for having made an honest confession, the UFO Field chose to never trust him again!

One thing that neither Moore nor Doty has ever admitted, nor is ever likely to admit, is that they worked together to manufacture the original group of MJ-12 documents which Moore claimed to have received mysteriously in 1987. Yet there are many people in the

Field, notably Phil Klass, who strongly believe that they are the guilty parties. With Moore's knowledge of ufology and Doty's knowledge of military terminology, procedure, etc., they were allegedly able to do a passably good job of creating fake government documents that other saucer enthusiasts would readily believe to be authentic.

Doty claims that his interest in Bill Moore as a "source" was simply because Moore was in correspondence with certain Soviet scientists, in regard to UFOs and possibly other matters. Doty apparently instructed Moore as to what subjects to bring up in his letters to these scientists.

Getting back to Bennewitz - one of the things that was driving him over the Edge was the fact that he would see "energy balls" within his home - supposedly sent by the aliens. Doty thought this was all in Bennewitz's imagination, until he learned that the NSA (National Security Agency) was working independently to steer the poor man deeper into his interplanetary belief system. They also tapped his phone! Eventually Bennewitz spent a short time in a mental hospital, and his more recent activities are not clear. We believe that he is retired, and his son now runs the family business.

We recently obtained the Bennewitz address and telephone number, but Dr. Paul's wife Cindy answered the phone and refused to allow any interview with her husband. Apparently this has been the case in regard to all attempts to talk to the man about UFOs in recent years. We suspect that Bennewitz still harbors his wild interplanetary beliefs. Doty told us that years later, he admitted to Bennewitz that he had, in effect, been hoaxing him - but this confession made no impression at all!

Abductee Christa Tilton, who claims to have an alien hybrid daughter, has written a book about the Bennewitz case, called "The Bennewitz Papers". Although there is no chronology in the book and thus much confusion, this is nevertheless a very interesting book, and it contains many pages from an unpublished manuscript in which Dr. Paul goes into great detail about his far-out UFO belief system. This softcover tome, which we read only recently, can still be obtained from: Global Communications, 11 East 30th St., #4-R, New York, N.Y. 10016.

Sgt. Doty does not believe in UFO abductions nor (obviously) in Paul Bennewitz's flying saucer theories; but he does believe strongly that the U.S. government has captured hardware from outer space. He tells us that he has visited the mysterious top-secret "Area 51" in Nevada, where he did not actually see alien technology, but he was told it was there. His clearance was not high enough to be shown the actual hardware, he says. Or - was this disinformation specialist a victim, himself, of disinformation? We'll never know for sure, nor will he!

Our talks with Sgt. Doty also touched on his relationship with famed ufologist & cattle mutilation expert Linda Moulton Howe - but we'll save that story for another time. In the meanwhile, keep down to the speed limit if you are driving in the vicinity of Grants, New Mexico. Since his retirement from the Air Force, Doty is now a state police trooper in that area.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES::

- Famed former flying saucer researcher WILLIAM MOORE writes:

"Thank you for accurately reporting the results of your discussions with Rick Doty. (With respect to the accuracy of the results, I shall prudently withhold comment, except as noted below.)

"As to your thoughts and conclusions regarding same, I still think that you and others need to do a lot more hard and serious looking at dear OLDE Phil Klass in connection with MJ-12. I, for one, continue to entertain the notion that one possible explanation for the whole thing is that one of Phil's notoriously unfunny (read 'vicious') little jokes (with which he intended to embarrass me and others) got so far out of hand that he couldn't and wouldn't own up to it. Moreover, his persistent failure to deny this must be viewed as at least suspicious. Admittedly, I would not have thought of it until you yourself brought up the idea more than a year ago. Now I concede the possibility, and urge serious researchers to at least consider it - especially in light of the fact that additional allegedly phony documents have since surfaced which he may also have had some role in.

"I can confirm Rick Doty's comments about Bennewitz and those strange 'energy balls'. I actually saw one of those things for a brief moment while in Bennewitz' home..."

- RICHARD ("RICK") DOTY writes as follows:

"I read your article on Paul Bennewitz in the June 15th edition of 'Saucer Smear'. I find most of it well written, containing facts. However, I'll point out some errors. First, while serving with the Office of Special Investigations (OSI), my rank was Special Agent, not sergeant. As an OSI agent, you did not have a rank. Secondly, I am now a sergeant with the New Mexico State Police, not a trooper.

"The next thing I'd like to discuss is my past association with William Moore. Moore was a coded source for OSI. That means he provided intelligence information that was documented. He was paid for his information. Moore was used to provide disinformation to Ufologists. (*Emphasis ours. - Editor.*) He also provided information regarding Soviet scientists regarding their information. I was not involved in any conspiracy with Moore to create any documents. If Moore was the original author of the MJ-12 documents, he did it without my assistance or my knowledge.

"Obviously you are not aware that I went through two Government investigations regarding the MJ-12 documents. I was accused of creating them. Both investigations cleared me of any involvement with these documents. Phil Klass knows this.

"I never believed that Paul Bennewitz was in contact with ETs. Paul had a problem believing in these things.

"I don't have the beliefs that some might think. The truth is this: Two alien spacecrafts crashed in the desert of New Mexico in the summer of 1947. Our Government recovered five bodies and one live alien. That alien lived until 1952. The recovered spacecrafts were transported to Wright-Patterson for examination and then on to several secret locations. That is it. To the best of my knowledge we have not been visited since. We don't have any UFOs at Area 51. We might still have some remnants of the crashed craft from 1947. The bodies were preserved but I have no knowledge as to their location.

"During my OSI days, I did perform disinformation operations against many different targets, but everything I did was sanctioned by our Government. I never did anything as a maverick.

"You can choose to believe the truth or believe the fiction that others are spreading. I don't have anything to prove to you or anyone else."

Doty claims that he passed two lie detector tests regarding complicity in the MJ-12 document hoax. - Editor.

- And, PHIL KLASS writes as follows:

"Ref. new issue of 'Smear' - interesting as always - especially your piece about your telcon interview with Rick Doty.

"So Doty claims 'that his interest in Bill Moore as a source was simply because Moore was in correspondence with certain Soviet scientists, in regard to UFOs and possibly other matters'. Doty (seemingly) forgets that he (allegedly) was selected by a top intelligence official (code name 'Falcon') to convey 'Top Secret' UFO info to Moore.

"According to Doty, during the height of the Cold War, the National Security Agency (NSA) had nothing more pressing to do than to 'steer the poor man (Bennewitz) deeper into his interplanetary belief system'. In truth, NSA had a jillion more

important things on its agenda. According to Doty, NSA 'also tapped his (Bennewitz') phone.' NSA is not allowed to tap the phone line of U.S. resident-citizens.

"When Dory was caught spinning tall tales to his military bosses during his mid-1980s assignment in West Germany, he was booted out of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) and spent the last two years of his military career managing the Non-Commissioned Officers Club at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico."

- Parapsychologist GEORGE HANSEN writes:

"In your June 15th, 2000 issue, you reported that 'It was Doty's job to misdirect Bennewitz into continuing to believe the messages were actually from the aliens!'

"Are you simply taking Doty's word for this? After Phil Klass's exposes, Doty certainly has less credibility than even Ed Walters. Do you have any corroboration for Doty's claims???

"Doty certainly warrants attention, and he has not yet received sufficient credit for his major, albeit inconspicuous, role in propagating the Roswell myth."

- Researcher JANET SMITH writes:

"I read with great interest your interview with Richard Doty. First of all, I would like to congratulate you. That interview was a great piece of work. It is wonderful to have some kind of closure on that piece of Bennewitz business. Bill Moore told me about it when he was working on my story in the early '80s. He said that he squirreled Bennewitz away in Canada for his own protection. It made me nervous for him to tell me that on the phone, because back in those days I was pretty sure that some government agency was tapping my phone on a regular basis. Bill didn't mention (or at least I don't recall that he mentioned) that 'they' in the Bennewitz case were the NSA!

"A few years later Bill was trying to be patient with me when I nagged him to keep plugging on my story. I felt we were so close to a breakthrough. But Bill's marriage had fallen apart, and some people were trying to accuse him of forging some documents which he said he didn't forge. That's all he would say about the matter, but the pain and frustration were accumulating..."

- Ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes:

HOW MILITARY SNAFUS OCCUR

GENERAL RAMEY

ADVERTENTLY
HIDES COVERUP
PRESS BRIEFING
NOTES ON BACK OF
TOP SECRET
FLEX
10, 1947



COVERUP TEXT:
EW. GENTLEMEN OF
THE PRESS. IT IS WITH
EMBARRASSMENT
THAT I MUST INFORM
YOU THAT A WEATHER
BALLOON FILLED WITH
FAULTY SWAMP GAS
WAS FOUND NEAR
ROSWELL... NOT A
FR. FLYING DISK."

ACTUAL TEXT OF OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE:
"THE SWAMP GAS OF BALLOON STORY—SWAMP ALONG
ROADS AND SAUCER TO FT. WORTH—MJ-12
GADGET ANALYZING SAME—STUFF ARCTIC ISSUE
REVE. SOCKS IN MOUTHS OF EXHAUST AND
MAJ. MARCEL—(AFTER BRIEFING)"

"I received a phone call from one of the guys that attends Tom Carey's meetings and helps out with his Roswell researches. He told me that Tom and several others believe that they have almost completely deciphered the General Ramey TELEX which appears in the General's hand. in the Roswell news briefing photo of 1947.

"Apparently this group of pro-Roswell researchers believe that the TELEX's text is a 'smoking gun' which proves the existence of the saucer crash; the recovery of alien bodies; (possibly) the formation of the MJ-12 group; and that saucers had already crashed prior to the Roswell Incident!

"I suggested that the group submit their findings to a local university for replication, and that a 'blind study' be performed to insure accuracy and objectivity. It will be interesting to see if they actually seek out an unbiased panel, or solicit the pro-UFO skills of someone like Dr. Ron Westrun (of MJ-12 document endorsement fame!)

"Interestingly, if the TELEX does mention MJ-12, it means that the group existed prior to the Roswell crash. (Yikes, there goes another well-researched time-line to pieces!) Hey, this is getting better than an ol' Cactus Jack story!

"Moreover, these guys never thought of asking themselves why Ramey would call a press briefing (which was really a coverup) and walk into the room with a note in his hand proclaiming it all to be a ruse! Obviously, unlike so many other Roswell witnesses, the General had no fear of court martial, demotion, dismissal, or loss of pension. It will be interesting to see what Tom Carey & Company come up with to explain the General's behavior (Perhaps it was a case of temporary insanity?)

"So stay tuned! I believe that this story could turn out to be a major ufoological scoop for 'Smear', although I doubt that it will surpass Czar Andrus' endorsement of 'the Marvinicus Skeleton' or David Huggin's sensational two-act play. Yahoo!

"You might want to let Karl Pflock do a bit of 'UFO-sleuthing' on this one, as I know he is a Roswellian antagonist of the first magnitude.

"Methinks that old blurry photo of the TELEX, like the face on Mars (and its canals!), is in the eye/mind of the beholder. Herman Rorschach would have loved it!"