As interesting as that information was, I also felt weird and "out of it" for the next several days, as if a super severe case of jet lag had lodged itself in my head. Only after the fact did I think of the "Polish Connection." Had my "diplomatic" airplane companion slipped me a Mickey Finn unawares? If so, it indicated that she and her associates may have possibly known more about my upcoming weekend itinerary than I did.

Implications

The implication that covert "agents" may be involved with both the UFO and ESP research arenas is as intimate as it is international. In 1983, for example, I had written an article for *OMNI* Magazine's "UFO Update" column about a contactee I considered a sort of "Typhoid Mary," a woman who was apparently able to infect others with UFO sightings wherever she went. Although I was paid, the article never appeared in print, for reasons that have always remained curious.

It appears that editor Pamela Weintraub decided to kill the article because of a series of phone calls she received from one James Schneller, who claimed at the time to work for the Navy department of "health physics" in Bethesda, Maryland. Schneller was an acquaintance of Typhoid Mary, and he tried to become an even closer acquaintance of mine, to no avail.

Schneller was present in Boston when I interviewed Typhoid Mary, but so was a male companion of mine, who had driven me down from New York. While we talked, so did they, in another room. Later, I learned that Schneller had engaged my companion in a series of probing innuendoes and suggestions about my personal sex life. He later made the same suggestions to Typhoid Mary herself, and apparently to Pamela Weintraub as well. The result of the latter was that *OMNI* killed the article, not wanting to lend even the semblance of a platform to people who were becoming increasingly self-promoting in their actions. I concurred.

But obviously Schneller himself was the odd man out. Why had he become so involved with Typhoid Mary in the first place, and seemingly from such a sympathetic side, only to work so assiduously behind the scenes to have the subsequent "publicity" on her killed?

Schneller had first introduced himself to Typhoid Mary near the Army's Tobyhanna Materials Depot in Pennsylvania, the site of her most traumatic encounters with UFO craft. Yet a quick inquiry revealed that Schneller was not employed by the Army, but the Navy, and at Bethesda, some distance away. What was he doing there, then, and why?

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As a "pawn," Schneller seems out of place on the tactical chessboard. Typhoid Mary's story, had it reached print, would have been but a footnote in the vast ufological landscape. But Schneller also obviously manipulated the situation, to the point of having the article killed. The only logical conclusion I can draw is that there must be more to the Typhoid Mary scenario than first met the eye.

To find out what that is, I hope I won't have to endure anymore would-be UFO lotharios or Mickey Finns poured from a diplomatic-pouch in the process.

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