

serious doubts after undertaking this study. The literature promoting these theories is often either left or right wing propaganda and much of that is blatantly anti-Semitic, racist and bigoted. As far as the flying saucer coverup is concerned, we have always assumed that it is a way for America to achieve and maintain a hoped-for technological superiority and/or a way to protect society from the culture shock of being confronted by a superior, perhaps unfriendly, extraterrestrial civilization. However, after undertaking a review of some of the latest literature on the Vietnam prisoner of war issue and the John F. Kennedy assassination, we must say that we are not as sure of our doubts, in some areas at least, as we once were. Something disturbing seems to have happened as a result of the assassination that goes beyond the horror of the murder itself. That murder and its apparent coverup say something about our government and ourselves that is very discomforting. In spite of the good that man does, there may be something evil at work in the world that showed itself in Dallas, Texas. None of us can be sure, to this day, what that evil was.

As we labored on this study we were amazed at the number, scope and extent of conspiracy stories and theories that we discovered which have been put forth by the entire spectrum of political thought, all the way from the far-right to the extreme left. Most of these stories, simply based on their contradictory content and sheer number, must hold little, if any, truth. It would take a major effort to just catalog and compare and contrast them. We wondered what this discovery meant for our own limited area of concern with the UFO coverup. Is it a warning? An article which appeared in a recent issue of The New York Times Book Review (46) about the alleged coverup of an Allied atrocity in World War II contained the warning we should all heed. Writing of a Canadian published book entitled *Other Losses* by James Bacque that details the alleged planned mass starvation of German prisoners of war, the author of the article asks, "the book...raises a larger issue: how are readers who are not experts to judge a work that makes new, startling, indeed outrageous, claims? Without the knowledge or the time to investigate, how are they to know if an author has finally revealed the truth 'after a long night of lies,' or is simple misleading as unwary public?" Keep these questions - these warnings - in mind, no matter which book you decide to read, which conspiracy you decide to study, and which theory you decide to accept as fact.