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REVELATIONS
UFOs AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, PART II.
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During my involvement with the Paul Bennewitz affair, as outlined in the text of my July 1, 1989 Las Vegas presentation (see FOCUS, June 30, 1989), I was either involved with or aware of efforts by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations which centered around other individuals and organizations within the UFO community. Once again, my role in these activities was strictly limited to the supplying of routine information. In this role, I was never required to violate confidential relationships or pass any information which I knew to be of a confidential nature. Furthermore, there was no "dirty work" involved. Indeed, I did nothing more than any other reporter would do during the course of routine duties. In the Bennewitz case, I became involved primarily because I saw it as an opportunity to learn more about the inside workings and machinations of the intelligence community with respect to UFOs. There is ample journalistic precedent for this sort of thing. Clearly someone at a high level was actively keeping tabs on a variety of UFO cases and the researchers involved with them. The questions I wanted answers to were "who" and "why"?

The time frame here was essentially from late 1980 through mid 1984. By early 1982, I had learned that there were no less than three other members of the UFO community who were actively doing the same thing. I have since learned of a fourth individual who was also involved. All four are prominent individuals whose identities, if disclosed, would cause considerable controversy in the UFO community and bring serious embarrassment to two of its major organizations. To the best of my knowledge, at least two of these people are still actively involved. The other two seem to have dropped out at about the same time I did. As far as I know, only one of them was aware of my activities. I maintained rather close contact with this individual and continue to do so to this day, even though we were involved with different agencies. The ribs of the UFO-intelligence umbrella spread out in a number of different directions, but they all seem to converge at a common point. Find that point, and at least you know what door protects the keys to whatever our government knows about UFOs.

Drawing from my own knowledge and experiences, I can summarize the individuals and organizations who were the subject of intelligence community interest between 1980 and 1984 as follows. It is important to remember here that in some cases I was not personally involved, but rather only aware of these goings-on through conversations with others.

-LEN STRINGFIELD: I had attended the Clear Lake Texas MUFON Symposium in June of 1980 and was one of these Len briefed on his then very controversial alien body photos which were later shown to be a hoax. In the late fall of that year, after I had begun to cooperate with the C/I people, I was told that Len "had been set up for a fall" by someone named McCulloch, and that McC had done it as a "favor" for someone who had once "helped him get out of a jam." When I asked Len about this, he told me that a person by this name had indeed been instrumental in passing him the photos in question.

Stringfield remained the subject of some interest through 1983, after which I heard very little more about him. The C/I people seemed to know a lot about Len and his sources. The impression I had was that someone else much closer to him than I, was keeping tabs on his activities, but of course I never knew for certain.

-PETE MAZZOLA AND THE "SCIENTIFIC BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION" (SBI): This was one of the most bizarre situations of my experience. Mazzola had started SBI as something of a maverick organization sometime in the late '70s. It lasted until his unfortunate death in (I think) 1983. During that time, the organization published a journal known as "The SBI Report". Mazzola, who had been a police officer by profession, was a sort of rough-cut individual with a heavy Brooklyn accent and a penchant for adding "you know" to virtually everything he said. Although Pete had good intentions and tried his best to be thorough and objective, many in the UFO community regarded him as something of a buffoon. For my part, I could see little about him or his group which would attract more than passing attention from anyone in the intelligence community.

Apparently there was something there I couldn't see, however, because for about a year, beginning in early '81, Pete and SBI were the subject of serious scrutiny by the C/I people. Much of it had something to do

checked the matter with a simple phone call to either me or Strieber. Yet neither one of them could be bothered. I wonder why?

Q: That's all well and good, but even though you denounce Greenwood and Earley for not checking, you still did not address the real issue here. ARE YOU on Whitley's payroll these days? Is there any agreement between the two of you? Did you take a payoff on Majestic?

A: Whitley called and asked me if I would be willing to meet him in New Mexico, show him the crash site, and introduce him to some of the original witnesses. I said I would do it if he would pay the air fare and expenses, but that I did not want a fee. He said he would be uncomfortable if I didn't accept payment, so in the end I took \$300 for three days, plus another \$160 in air fare. That was the sum total of my "payoff" on Majestic. I am not on Whitley's payroll, nor have I ever been.

Q: How did Lee Graham come to get involved with the MJ-12 and other documents?

A. As I said in Las Vegas, Lee is an aircraft buff who spends a lot of time chasing details of our newest experimental aircraft through the Freedom of Information Act. His interest in UFOs, which stems from his interest in aircraft, goes back at least ten years.

Lee's motives are best summed up as a "quest for truth." It's become almost a religious matter for him. He writes hundreds of letters to virtually everyone from the president on down in an effort to find someone who will help him find that truth. Give him a lead, and he'll chase it to the ends of the earth, so long as the chase can be done through the mails. He's very loyal in this process, and very open about it-- the loyalty being to both his friends and his employer (he never talks about his work, which is classified); and the openness coming from the fact that there's absolutely no paranoia in his life. For him, chasing the truth about UFOs is like trying to fill every blank space in a stamp album-- he's not going to feel complete until it's done.

In any case, shortly after Jaime Shandera received the MJ-12 documents anonymously, I had a conversation with Rick Doty about them. Rich was curious, interested and concerned. "What are you going to do with them?", he wanted to know. "What do you suggest?", I replied. "Well, if I were you," he said, "I'd find some way to protect my ass."

When I asked what he meant, he suggested that I find someone to show them to who would do a lot of talking about them to a lot of people. "Show them to this person," he said, "but be sure not to give him any copies. Let whoever it is talk all they want. That way you can verify how long you've had the stuff if you ever need to, and at the same time, if the person you select does enough talking, you might learn something from the feedback. If those things are real, talking about them is going to attract somebody's attention. Pick your man, and then just monitor what happens."

It sounded like a good idea and I decided to act on it. After carefully considering several likely "candidates" and discussing them with Rick and others, we settled upon Lee Graham. Our reasoning was that Lee could be depended upon to carry the banner on this thing without making a cloak and dagger affair out of it. Lee, for his part and without really being told what was expected of him, grasped the nature of his role almost at once and seemed to feel very content with it. All he needed to do was to write letters and ask questions-- all I needed to do was keep in contact with him and monitor the feedback. From a legal point of view, neither of us was doing anything wrong even if the documents were real and had not been declassified. Under the law, the liability lay with the anonymous source who had leaked them.

Anyway, Lee and I became good friends in this process, and we are still good friends.

CRITICAL COMMENTS FROM UFO:

"The information that (William Moore) has shamelessly revealed, about the extent of disinformation in ufology and when he participated in it, represents the blackest mark on this field yet to surface. No single element within the flow of UFO information does more damage to the UFO field and deflects popular interest in it than the actions of those agencies and individuals who, without reprisal, blithely override the Constitution of the United States. ...UFO asks readers to think long and hard about the implications of these current disclosures."

SEE FJK COMMENTARY on these claims of Richard Doty's role.

Almost Forgot Falcon!

PJK COMMENTARY ON MOORE'S CLAIMS (P. 12 of Sept. 30, 1989) FOCUS

Moore stated in his 1989 Las Vegas MUFON speech that Richard Doty is not Moore's claimed "highly placed intelligence operative," code-named "Falcon." Instead, that Doty only served as a "middle man" or courier for Moore's (alleged) contacts with "Falcon."

In the 1988 TV show "UFO Coverup?--Live," Moore's MJ-12 partner, Jaime Shandera, claimed that "Falcon's position, for example, gives him access to the MJ-12 infrastructure."

According to Moore's most recent claim, shortly after he and Shandera received the MJ-12 documents on 35 mm. film, Moore "had a conversation with Rick Doty about them." IF Doty was only serving as a middle-man/courier with "Falcon," one would expect that Moore would ask Doty to inform "Falcon" of the MJ-12 papers, ask "Falcon" if the papers were authentic and what Moore should do with them.

Instead, according to FOCUS, when Doty asked Moore "What are you going to do with them," Moore claims he asked Doty: "What do you suggest?" According to Moore, Doty suggested the MJ-12 papers be shown to someone who would leak them into the UFO movement.

Without even attempting to get "Falcon's" views [unless Doty IS "Falcon"] MOORE ACCEPTED DOTY'S RECOMMENDATION and used Lee Graham as his "conduit." Moore earlier had used Graham to leak the counterfeit Aquarius document (17 Nov. 1980) into the UFO Movement--the first such document to mention MJ-12.

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