

People Love Life's Eerier Enigmas

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"Spirit," both new this year. Mr. Ludwin says NBC has asked the executive producers of "Unsolved Mysteries," John Cosgrove and Terry Dunn Meurer, for more "high-profile" pieces like the one about Roswell, which is scheduled to run on the season premiere Wednesday.

"It's taken TV a long time to realize that a lot of people read tabloid newspapers in the U.S.," says David Griffen, television critic for the Los Angeles Herald Examiner.

The segments are filmed where the original events occurred, using either local actors or the actual people involved. Since the show doesn't pay subjects to appear in re-enactments of their own stories, the latter approach saves money. It also heightens believability, Mr. Cosgrove and Ms. Meurer contend.

Consider the case of the blinking statue. For a future show, "Unsolved Mysteries" asked some 300 parishioners of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Ambridge, Pa., to help re-create a much-publicized event: Earlier this year, they had seen a life-size figure of Jesus on a crucifix blink its eyes during the church's Good Friday service.

As the segment was being filmed, a state trooper appearing in the re-enactment began shouting that the eyes were moving. It was no act. "The entire congregation started having this full-on religious experience in front of us," recalls David Rajter, who produced the segment. "They were praying. They were crying. They were falling on the floor."

A videotape of the crucifix doesn't show any eye movement, Mr. Rajter says, and a Church inquiry concluded that no miracle occurred at Holy Trinity either time. Still, the trooper, Christopher Joseph Marion, stands by his story. "With God as my judge, these eyes were opening in front of me," he says.

For his part, the Rev. Ronald P. Lengwin, a spokesman for the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, worries that the show's pilgrimage to the parish will stir up unwanted interest in the crucifix again. "I can't believe this story won't go away," he says. "The story got a life of its own because of the media."

NBC maintains that the sleuthing done on "Unsolved Mysteries" is a public service. Each week, operators at a telemarketing center in Los Angeles field several thousand calls from viewers who claim to know something about the incidents dramatized. Of the 128 "solvable" cases featured so far, the network says, 34 have been explained. And of the 43 fugitives profiled, 29 have been apprehended. Among them was Geraldine Elizabeth Carmichael, a Los Angeles resident who disappeared in 1980 after being convicted of bilking investors out of \$3 million with a scheme to build a gas-saving car. A viewer recognized Ms. Carmichael—who is in fact a man undergoing treatments pending a sex-change operation—as a flower vendor in Texas.

Obviously, leads about such things as Bigfoot are even more elusive than clues to a kidnapping or killing. But viewers feel compelled to offer their advice, none the-

mez adds. "This is sharing emotions with 20 million people."

With the more bizarre stories, the possibility of swaying a wider audience is also a big draw. Mr. Marion, the state trooper, says he chose to participate in the episode about the statue because he believes the day of judgment is near. "That's why God picked me for this," he explains. "He's trying to warn us that these are the end times."

Walter G. Haut, public-relations officer at the Roswell Army Air Force base at the time of the UFO incident, says he went on the show because he thinks it's time Americans know the truth. "I could see covering this up in 1947," he concedes. "You would have had panic. . . . But the population in the U.S. is intelligent enough to handle this now." (When the wreckage was found, Mr. Haut wrote a press release informing the local media that a flying saucer was in their midst, but it was superseded by a second official announcement saying that a weather balloon had crashed.)

Mr. Haut says he hopes his interview with "Unsolved Mysteries" will prod the government to come clean about the alien encounter. His only concern, he adds, is that the editing process could make him and the others "appear like a bunch of absolute idiots."

Sappho Henderson says she doesn't care much whether viewers believe her story about how her late husband, Capt. Oliver Wendell Henderson, flew the saucer wreckage in an Air Force plane to another base in Dayton, Ohio. "When 'Unsolved Mysteries' first contacted me, I hadn't thought I'd participate," says Mrs. Henderson, who now lives in West Hills, Calif. "But then I thought, Why not? It's been all this time. Even though there may be doubters, I'm too old to worry about that."

Of course, skeptics abound, even here in Roswell. Ruth May, an administrative assistant in City Hall who moved here in 1948, laughs when asked about television's interest in the alien landing. "It rears its head every so often," she says of the story.

But who's to rule out strange doings here after learning that "Unsolved Mysteries" couldn't film in the hangar it wanted because the Central Intelligence Agency was using it that day? "Funny, they wouldn't tell us what they were doing," jokes cameraman Bob Wise. "But we suspect it has something to do with aliens."

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THE MJ-12 UFO DOCUMENTS:
MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH OR CLEVER HOAX?

Included in this issue of FOCUS are completely clean, unexpurgated copies of the controversial MJ-12 UFO documents which were released to the press last May 28th. These documents are part of the research properties of William L. Moore, Jaime H. Shandera and Stanton T. Friedman, who have made them available to FOCUS as a courtesy. Both Moore and Friedman are recognized and respected UFOlogists of long standing with solid backgrounds for factual reporting, and both are a part of the Fair-Witness Project. Shandera, who is less known in UFOlogical circles, is a Los Angeles television producer with a background that includes directing a variety of news and documentary shows. Moore and Friedman had been working closely together since 1978. In 1982, with the addition of Shandera, the three teamed up on a research project that would take them further into the bizarre world of government involvement with Unidentified Flying Objects than anyone in the civilian field is known to have ever gone before. During the course of this project, information was obtained from a number of (necessarily anonymous) individuals, all apparently well connected within the governmental military intelligence establishment, which strongly suggests that UFOs are indeed extraterrestrial spacecraft and that certain elements of the U.S. intelligence community continue to maintain a high-level but covert interest in this phenomenon at a time when official position statements assert that there is no government interest whatsoever.

Over the past seven years, the Moore-Shandera-Friedman team, working closely with a number of other associates both in the news media and within the civilian UFO community, has quietly but aggressively pursued contacts, developed sources of information, and carefully researched leads. Numerous interviews were conducted and many days were spent combing through records at the National Archives in Washington D.C. as well as both the Truman and Eisenhower presidential libraries and numerous similar facilities both federal and private. It is

now possible to report that considerable progress has been made.

The alleged Eisenhower briefing document and accompanying "Truman" memorandum arrived in the mail (on a roll of undeveloped 35mm film) in a plain brown wrapper at the residence of Jaime Shandera in December, 1984. A detailed and exhaustive study of every aspect of this document has been under way since then. Although an unqualified endorsement of its authenticity is not possible at this time, no information has surfaced to date which is of sufficient weight to suggest that the documents are anything but the genuine articles. Indeed, one document was uncovered at the National Archives which unquestionably verifies the existence of an "MJ 12" group in 1954 and definitely links both the National Security Council and the President of the United States to it. A copy of this document is also included in this issue.

A number of questions and answers about the contents of these documents follow:

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT
THE MJ-12 UFO DOCUMENTS:

Q: Is there any other evidence that the U.S. government retrieved a crashed alien craft outside Roswell, New Mexico in July, 1947?

A: Moore & Friedman have since 1978 conducted a very, very extensive research project concerning the so-called Roswell Incident. To date, 92 different people have been located and interviewed about the event, 31 of whom had first-hand involvement. Included are several generals, the base security officer, counter-intelligence corps personnel, the neighbors

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...AND DIVIDED WE FALL!

By Jimmy Ward

America the beautiful has become America the cancerous. Long before Irangate, the stock scandals and the religious mud-slinging-- long before the Challenger tragedy, it began. Our prisons have changed from places of punishment for crimes against society to rehabilitation centers for the culturally deprived. Welfare, once aid to those facing hard times, has become a right for citizen and non-citizen alike-- a virtual duty of government for how ever long it is requested by those who do little or nothing to help themselves. American products, once eagerly sought the world over for their top quality and value, have become second rate. America now imports more than she exports. The deluge of scientific and technological discoveries and innovations has slowed. The proud melting pot has become a turgid pool. America, it seems is dying from the insidious disease of complacency!

"Let George do it." "It's not my job." What's in it for me?" These have become American mottos, the underlying motif of American works. Complacency has permeated our society from the highest to the lowest levels. If we expect to retain our position of world leadership, it must be stopped.

Thirty years ago while America sat on her posterior, Russia put up Sputnik. It was a dose of bad medicine, but it galvanized America. We woke up, went to work, and the Space-Race was on. America became number one again-- and suddenly the medicine was no longer effective. Complacency set in again.

Perhaps what is needed once again is a good shot in the tail.

A scratch test to check for reaction was recently made by, of all people, the Russians. They proposed a joint venture-- a Mars landing with a crew of both Americans and Russians on board. And in this spirit of cooperation, they would establish a Russian/American base for exploration and research-- using Russian equipment, of course. So far, no rash has developed. Indeed, the proposal received only passing attention in the press.

The Australians, it seems, are working on another medicine. On February 19, 1987, the Australian Premier, Sir Joh Bjelke-Peterson, announced that \$300,000 would be made available for the study of a proposed international, multi-pad spaceport complex at Cape York in Queensland. Efforts would be made to develop an international marketing program to encourage commercial interest from private, multi-

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"Q. & A. ABOUT MJ-12",
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and family of the rancher who discovered the wrecked device, the public relations officer of the air base, local news media personnel, etc. To date, one book and five research papers have been published presenting the data.

Q: Is there any proof that the event was first publicized and then covered-up by the government?

A: Yes. A press release was first distributed by the Army Air Force at Roswell stating that a crashed disc had been recovered. Then shortly afterwards the head of the 8th Air Force announced that a mistake had been made and that it was only a radar reflector from a weather balloon. The officer who took the call from Washington DC with the instructions to cover-up the story has so testified to Friedman and Moore. Many people who handled the very strange materials have testified that the material could not have been from a radar reflector. Ten first-hand witnesses are on record as having stated that the object was, in fact, some sort of space craft.

Q: Was there any evidence of strange writing on the retrieved material?

A: Yes. Five persons who actually handled pieces of the wreckage have described very unusual symbols on pieces of the wreckage.

Q: Is there any evidence that President-elect Eisenhower received a military briefing on 18 November, 1952?

A: Yes. Information at the Eisenhower Library and in the Truman files indicates White House and Pentagon briefings on that date. A Washington Post article also confirms a briefing on that date.

Q: Is there any evidence that Dr. Bush and Secretary Forrestal met with President Truman on Sept. 24th, 1947?

A: Yes. Forrestal's diary, Bush's files and the Truman Library listing of Presidential activities all establish that Bush and Forrestal first met with each other and then with Truman on that date. Bush and Forrestal often met with each other during the 1947-49 time frame.

Q: Is there any evidence that the Cutler to Twining "Top Secret Restricted" memo is genuine?

A: Yes. There are several factors to be considered here:
A. It was found in a file box at the National Archives by Moore and Shandera who were the first persons to go through the newly declassified materials.

B. The archivist Joanna Williamson who was in charge of the RG 341 file is quoted in the London Observer as saying "It was found in the files of the U.S. Air Force's Director of Intelligence and is certainly genuine."

C. A very similar in format and content "Top Secret-Eyes Only" memo was sent by Cutler to Twining in 1953 about a similar NSC meeting on another, unrelated, project.

Q: Why is there no signature on the memo?

A: The file copy was a carbon. Carbons are normally not signed.

Q: Is there any reason at all to think that Harvard astronomer Dr. Donald H. Menzel, who wrote three anti-UFO books and many articles, could really have been part of a Top Secret-Eyes Only group that knew some UFOs were "Identified Alien Craft"?

A: As a result of extended research by Friedman at Harvard and elsewhere, these facts have been established about Dr. Menzel:

A. Menzel once mentioned in a letter written to President-elect Jack Kennedy that he possessed a Top Secret-Ultra security clearance.

B. Menzel claimed to JFK in 1960 that he had a longer continuous association with the highly classified National Security Agency (NSA) and its predecessor U.S. Navy agency than anyone else in the government at that time.

C. Menzel's association with Dr. Vannevar Bush, wartime head of the Office of Scientific Research and Development, dates back to 1934.

D. Bush was the staunchest Menzel defender at a USAF loyalty hearing in 1950. Indeed, Bush had instructed Dr. Menzel's attorney to notify him (Bush) immediately upon resolution of the loyalty problem.

E. Menzel worked on classified programs for more than 30 different companies.

F. Menzel is on record as having made numerous trips during 1947 to both Washington, DC and New Mexico on government research activities.

G. Menzel had learned Japanese for his cryptography work for the Navy, was familiar with disinformation, and would have been the perfect person to show the Roswell writing to.

H. Menzel had written science fiction and popular newspaper articles for major papers. He was the best qualified of the 12 to put out disinformation and his first book was translated into Russian.

Q: The documents indicate that a second object crashed in Texas on the night of December 6th-7th, 1950. Is there any indication that such an event ever occurred?

A: Yes. A copy of an official communique was located in files released by the F.B.I. indicating a "high alert" status about UFOs had been called by the Air Force on December 8th, 1950. There are also several newspaper articles indicating that military leaves at various airbases were abruptly cancelled that same day.

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Q: What about other official documentary evidence?

A: A formerly Top Secret Canadian memo dated November, 1950, states that "the matter (of UFOs) is the most highly classified subject in the United States government" and identified Dr. Vannevar Bush as head of a project which was trying to discover how UFOs work.

Q: Mr. Philip Klass has suggested that Admiral Hillenkoetter was actually serving in the Pacific at the time of the supposed Eisenhower briefing. Is this true?

A: No. The facts are that he had been assigned to Pacific duty in November, 1950, but he returned as commander of the Brooklyn, NY, Naval Base in September, 1951. In June, 1952, he was named Commandant of the U.S. Navy Third District and was based in New York City.

Q: Doesn't it seem strange that General Eisenhower had to be briefed in 1952 on matters about which he surely would have been informed as Army Chief of Staff years earlier?

A: Not at all. The facts are that he accepted the job as President of Columbia University in June, 1947-- before the Roswell Incident and the establishment of Majestic 12. He served until May, 1950, when he began a very difficult job in Europe as Supreme Commander of the NATO forces trying to unify a number of different political and military factions. He remained there until 1952 when he returned to campaign for the presidency. In other words, he had no "need-to-know" during the period July, 1947 through November, 1952. His forte was neither intelligence nor technology.

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national companies and "third world" governments. Japan and China have already shown strong interest, as have some U.S. commercial concerns.

It should be noted here that an irritant has been added to the Australian medicine. The Aussies are not even considering American made rockets. It seems they prefer instead to buy the much more reliable and cheaper Russian Proton. Naturally the Russians have offered to supply them with technicians, labor and trainers as a part of the package.

Shouldn't this be enough for America to once again stand up and take notice? Hopefully we will find some way to drag ourselves out of our nice, warm beds and fight off the complacency that has begun to threaten our very existence. Either "United we Stand"... or else! (JW)

*** BOOK REVIEW ***

THE COMMON SENSE APPROACH TO GHOSTS, By Robert L. Grudzis
(Knowledge Unlimited, 1271 W. Dundee Rd., Suite 14-A, Buffalo Grove, IL, 60089; 1986, 92pp., softbound. ISBN 0-9616045-4-4)

Reviewed for FOCUS by Mr. Dale Kaczmarek, President of the Ghost Research Society, POBX 205, Oaklawn, IL 60454.

I have always said that what students of parapsychology need is an easy to understand, simple to read, information packed book on the subject of ghosts. This book truly fulfills those needs, and a lot more!! Many books written on paranormal subjects are packed with academic terminology and take much too long to get their point across. Not so with this volume, which gets its points across quickly while making interesting reading at the same time.

Unfortunately, even though Ghosts is loaded with very useful information, it isn't long enough. The reader is left wanting more-- a device perhaps deliberately utilized by the author to increase interest in the subject. The book is not filled with impossible case histories, but rather is meant to be a sort of guidebook for amateur and professional ghost hunters alike. Chapters include information about what a ghost is, what they look like, why they make themselves known and how to try to communicate with them. There is also material about poltergeists, different levels of spirits and even a section on what to do if you believe a ghost is bothering you.

Mr. Grudzis is a true professional in his field as well as a practising psychic. He is a lecturer and a teacher who makes public presentations on a wide variety of New-Age techniques from self-hypnosis meditation to mind dynamics. He is also a former Chairman of the Board of the International Psychic Center, and is a world traveler.

I highly recommend this book to anyone who has even the slightest interest in ghosts and the supernatural. It is a welcome addition to anyone's bookshelf!

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- The Vatican and UFOs.
- How U.S. intelligence agents stole a Russian satellite... in 1959!
- A new book on Perpetual Motion. (Book Review)

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PREPARED FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER: (EYES ONLY)

18 NOVEMBER, 1952

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PRESIDENT-ELECT EISENHOWER.

DOCUMENT PREPARED 18 NOVEMBER, 1952.

BRIEFING OFFICER: ADM. ROSCOE H. HILLENKOETTER (MJ-1)

NOTE: This document has been prepared as a preliminary briefing only. It should be regarded as introductory to a full operations briefing intended to follow.

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OPERATION MAJESTIC-12 is a TOP SECRET Research and Development/Intelligence operation responsible directly and only to the President of the United States. Operations of the project are carried out under control of the Majestic-12 (Majic-12) Group which was established by special classified executive order of President Truman on 24 September, 1947, upon recommendation by Dr. Vannevar Bush and Secretary James Forrestal. (See Attachment "A".) Members of the Majestic-12 Group were designated as follows:

Adm. Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter
Dr. Vannevar Bush
Secy. James V. Forrestal*
Gen. Nathan F. Twining
Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg
Dr. Detlev Bronk
Dr. Jerome Hunsaker
Mr. Sidney W. Souers
Mr. Gordon Gray
Dr. Donald Menzel
Gen. Robert M. Montague
Dr. Lloyd V. Berkner

The death of Secretary Forrestal on 22 May, 1949, created a vacancy which remained unfilled until 01 August, 1950, upon which date Gen. Walter B. Smith was designated as permanent replacement.

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On 24 June, 1947, a civilian pilot flying over the Cascade Mountains in the State of Washington observed nine flying disc-shaped aircraft traveling in formation at a high rate of speed. Although this was not the first known sighting of such objects, it was the first to gain widespread attention in the public media. Hundreds of reports of sightings of similar objects followed. Many of these came from highly credible military and civilian sources. These reports resulted in independent efforts by several different elements of the military to ascertain the nature and purpose of these objects in the interests of national defense. A number of witnesses were interviewed and there were several unsuccessful attempts to utilize aircraft in efforts to pursue reported discs in flight. Public reaction bordered on near hysteria at times.

In spite of these efforts, little of substance was learned about the objects until a local rancher reported that one had crashed in a remote region of New Mexico located approximately seventy-five miles northwest of Roswell Army Air Base (now Walker Field).

On 07 July, 1947, a secret operation was begun to assure recovery of the wreckage of this object for scientific study. During the course of this operation, aerial reconnaissance discovered that four small human-like beings had apparently ejected from the craft at some point before it exploded. These had fallen to earth about two miles east of the wreckage site. All four were dead and badly decomposed due to action by predators and exposure to the elements during the approximately one week time period which had elapsed before their discovery. A special scientific team took charge of removing these bodies for study. (See Attachment "C".) The wreckage of the craft was also removed to several different locations. (See Attachment "B".) Civilian and military witnesses in the area were debriefed, and news reporters were given the effective cover story that the object had been a misguided weather research balloon.

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A covert analytical effort organized by Gen. Twining and Dr. Bush acting on the direct orders of the President, resulted in a preliminary consensus (19 September, 1947) that the disc was most likely a short range reconnaissance craft. This conclusion was based for the most part on the craft's size and the apparent lack of any identifiable provisioning. (See Attachment "D".) A similar analysis of the four dead occupants was arranged by Dr. Bronk. It was the tentative conclusion of this group (30 November, 1947) that although these creatures are human-like in appearance, the biological and evolutionary processes responsible for their development has apparently been quite different from those observed or postulated in homo-sapiens. Dr. Bronk's team has suggested the term "Extra-terrestrial Biological Entities", or "EREs", be adopted as the standard term of reference for these creatures until such time as a more definitive designation can be agreed upon.

Since it is virtually certain that these craft do not originate in any country on earth, considerable speculation has centered around what their point of origin might be and how they get here. Mars was and remains a possibility, although some scientists, most notably Dr. Menzel, consider it more likely that we are dealing with beings from another solar system entirely.

Numerous examples of what appear to be a form of writing were found in the wreckage. Efforts to decipher these have remained largely unsuccessful. (See Attachment "E".) Equally unsuccessful have been efforts to determine the method of propulsion or the nature or method of transmission of the power source involved. Research along these lines has been complicated by the complete absence of identifiable wings, propellers, jets, or other conventional methods of propulsion and guidance, as well as a total lack of metallic wiring, vacuum tubes, or similar recognizable electronic components. (See Attachment "F".) It is assumed that the propulsion unit was completely destroyed by the explosion which caused the crash.

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A need for as much additional information as possible about these craft, their performance characteristics and their purpose led to the undertaking known as U.S. Air Force Project SIGN in December, 1947. In order to preserve security, liason between SIGN and Majestic-12 was limited to two individuals within the Intelligence Division of Air Materiel Command whose role was to pass along certain types of information through channels. SIGN evolved into Project GRUDGE in December, 1948. The operation is currently being conducted under the code name BLUE BOOK, with liason maintained through the Air Force officer who is head of the project.

On 06 December, 1950, a second object, probably of similar origin, impacted the earth at high speed in the El Indio - Guerrero area of the Texas - Mexican border after following a long trajectory through the atmosphere. By the time a search team arrived, what remained of the object had been almost totally incinerated. Such material as could be recovered was transported to the A.E.C. facility at Sandia, New Mexico, for study.

Implications for the National Security are of continuing importance in that the motives and ultimate intentions of these visitors remain completely unknown. In addition, a significant upsurge in the surveillance activity of these craft beginning in May and continuing through the autumn of this year has caused considerable concern that new developments may be imminent. It is for these reasons, as well as the obvious international and technological considerations and the ultimate need to avoid a public panic at all costs, that the Majestic-12 Group remains of the unanimous opinion that imposition of the strictest security precautions should continue without interruption into the new administration. At the same time, contingency plan MJ-1949-04P/78 (Top Secret - Eyes Only) should be held in continued readiness should the need to make a public announcement present itself. (See Attachment "G".)

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- *ATTACHMENT "C".....Operation Majestic-12 Status Report #1, Part B. 30 NOV '47. (TS-MAJIC/EO)
- *ATTACHMENT "D".....Operation Majestic-12 Preliminary Analytical Report. 19 SEP '47. (TS-MAJIC/EO)
- *ATTACHMENT "E".....Operation Majestic-12 Blue Team Report #5. 30 JUN '52. (TS-MAJIC/EO)
- *ATTACHMENT "F".....Operation Majestic-12 Status Report #2. 31 JAN '48. (TS-MAJIC/EO)
- *ATTACHMENT "G".....Operation Majestic-12 Contingency Plan MJ-1949-04P/78: 31 JAN '49. (TS-MAJIC/EO)
- *ATTACHMENT "H".....Operation Majestic-12, Maps and Photographs Folio (Extractions). (TS-MAJIC/EO)

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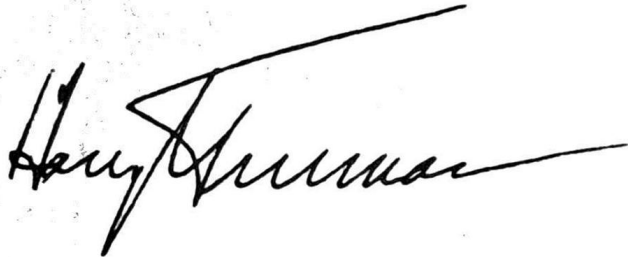
September 24, 1947.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Dear Secretary Forrestal:

As per our recent conversation on this matter, you are hereby authorized to proceed with all due speed and caution upon your undertaking. Hereafter this matter shall be referred to only as Operation Majestic Twelve.

It continues to be my feeling that any future considerations relative to the ultimate disposition of this matter should rest solely with the Office of the President following appropriate discussions with yourself, Dr. Bush and the Director of Central Intelligence.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harry Truman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL TWINING

SUBJECT: NSC/MJ-12 Special Studies Project

The President has decided that the MJ-12 SSP briefing should take place during the already scheduled White House meeting of July 16, rather than following it as previously intended. More precise arrangements will be explained to you upon arrival. Please alter your plans accordingly.

Your concurrence in the above change of arrangements is assumed.

ROBERT CUTLER
Special Assistant
to the President

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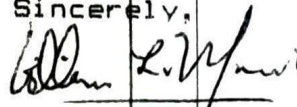
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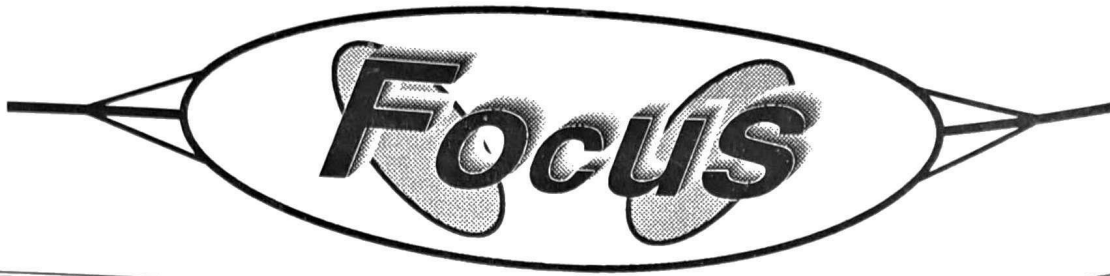
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UFOs AND THE "TELLER-OPPENHEIMER BATTLE"

By Loren Gross

In 1949, the success of communism in China raised the frightening prospect of a hostile Sino-Soviet military colossus, and when the Russians exploded their own A-bomb in August of that year it meant that America could no longer even count on a technological advantage.

To meet the challenge many super-secret deliberations were convened, and one of the first decisions was the Air Force Science Advisory Board authorizing the "Air Defense Systems Engineering Committee" to be headed by Air Force scientist Dr. George Valley.

However, as many new committees and projects came under consideration, a serious difficulty arose. The difficulty had to do with policy.

The policy problem originated with the brilliant Dr. Robert Oppenheimer who was chairman of the important General Advisory Committee which made him the top man in America's nuclear weapon development and research program. Oppenheimer either served on, or acted as a consultant to, every committee and project of consequence.

The first hint of trouble was when Air Force Chief of Staff, General Hoyt Vandenberg, snubbed Oppenheimer by selecting Vannevar Bush to study the evidence of the Russian detonation. Moreover, when scientists Ivan Getting and Louis Ridenour suggested a special strategic nuclear weapon study, General Vandenberg and Air Force Secretary Thomas Finletter issued direct orders to bar Oppenheimer from any role and also to forbid the GAC chief access to classified Air Force documents. These examples of animosity were due to Oppenheimer's attitude toward something the Air Force High Command wanted very badly.

When Russia became a nuclear power, some American physicists suggested that America

could regain military supremacy by building a hydrogen bomb. Theoretical work on a super-bomb had been conducted in a leisurely fashion since the end of World War II and although little had been done, it was felt the principle was feasible. Shortly after learning of the Russian nuclear test, President Truman phoned Oppenheimer to ask what he believed should be an appropriate response. Oppenheimer merely replied, "Keep your shirt on."

When Edward Teller was told of Oppenheimer's air of unconcern, he was outraged and immediately launched a personal campaign to win support for a high priority H-bomb project. A passionate anti-communist, Teller's view was that America had to deal with Russia from a position of superiority—not parity. Other influential persons rallied to Teller, like Dr. Luis Alvarez and Dr. David Griggs, as did General Jimmy Doolittle, retired but still a high-level consultant to the Air Force.

The Air Force High Command agreed totally with these men. The dominant Air Force view, strongly held by men like Generals Vandenberg and LeMay, and Secretary Finletter, was that all resources should be reserved for strategic bombardment and if a big bomb could be built, the bigger the bomb the better.

Oppenheimer opposed the "super" on two grounds, one ethical and one practical. His ethical reason was that the proposed H-bomb would be so incredibly destructive it would far exceed any rational military justification, so its use would be immoral. His practical reason was that it would be simple and cheap just to boost the power of conventional fission bombs to a 500 kiloton size which would be adequate for strategic purposes and thereby permit much of the nation's limited resources to be allocated to a tactical defense of Western Europe and to the development of an air defense network for North America. This would also allow all three military services to take part in the nuclear

weapon program.

With the foregoing in mind, one can understand why Oppenheimer and those who shared his ideas were not very popular with the Air Force's strategic theorists. (Oppenheimer also did not endear himself to the A.F. by his opposition to the nuclear powered bomber project which was finally cancelled as a technological flop in 1960 after a billion dollars had been wasted.)

Because, in view of the international situation, it appeared that America had demobilized too quickly after World War II, Truman requested a review and an assessment of the nation's military and foreign policies, which in large part included discussions about Russia becoming a nuclear power and the proposal to develop the H-bomb. Five months later, while such studies were being carried out, the Korean War started, thus giving tremendous impetus to hawks like Teller who felt sterner measures were needed in light of the commies choice of a hot war in spite of America's fission bomb arsenal.

Late in 1950 a "Long Range Objective Panel" was appointed to study military tactics, strategy and the relationship of nuclear weapons to foreign policy. Oppenheimer managed to chair this group but he was balanced by two pro-Teller people, Dr. Alvarez and Dr. Griggs. Dr. Alvarez had a strong bond to the strategic bombing generals. During the War he did work on the Manhattan Project at Los Alamos and also found time to invent his "Lone Eagle" bombing radar at M.I.T.'s Radiation Laboratory. Dr. Griggs had strong ties too, helping establish the RAND Corporation in 1947 in order to bring systematic and analytical thinking to bear on Air Force tactics and strategy, and during the latter months of World War II headed a special investigation, with Dr. Alvarez and Dr. H.P. Robertson, into a strange phenomenon which had been annoying Air Force strikes against Germany and Japan—a phenomenon dubbed the "foo fighters."

The expression "foo fighter" brings up the subject of UFOs. Many of the names we have mentioned here show up in the literature for good reason.

Back in 1949 when Dr. George Valley of M.I.T. was concerned with Air Defense Systems, he authored a summation of Project SIGN (conducted by Dr. James B. Conant who shared Dr. Oppenheimer's position on the H-bomb.) This project had collected reports on unidentified aerial intruders in America's airspace—the so-called flying saucers. SIGN was surprisingly inconclusive in regards to a possible novel Russian aircraft, and even entertained, believe it or not, an extraterrestrial solution.

The aerial mystery received intensive official scrutiny when the "green fireballs" appeared over highly sensitive atomic installations in New Mexico during the winter of 1948-49. Dr. Joseph Kaplan of the U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board took charge of a special inquiry beginning on February 16th, 1949. He pondered the mystery for months, trying all the time to get more data. Meanwhile, Russia exploded its first A-bomb, adding to the already tense foreign relations situation. General C.P. Cabell of the Air Force Office of Intelligence in Washington, who had requested Kaplan to investigate the "fireballs" wanted answers but Kaplan put him off and asked to confer with Dr. Teller and Dr. George Gamow, another pro-strategic bombing advocate. Events are murky here, but the end result was that the fireball problem was shunted aside by calling it "a possible geomagnetic phenomenon," and the flying saucer project, GRUDGE, was killed off almost immediately after General Vandenberg's air sampling aircraft detected traces of the Russian nuclear explosion. UFO reports were still being forwarded to Wright Field, but they were not being investigated or verified. General Cabell was evidently kept in the dark about this until the Ft. Monmouth incident of September 20, 1951 when he personally took an interest in the New Jersey case in order to assist a Mr. Jackson and a Mr. Brewster of Republic Aviation who were standing in for a "group of top U.S. industrialists and scientists," an indirect reference to an M.I.T. undertaking known as Project LINCOLN.

Much is still highly classified and therefore not available to elucidate us, but it is evident that the flying saucer question in 1949-52 had some effect on the intense, top secret debates about whether or not to launch a major acceleration

of the arms race.

What we do know is that the "Long Range Objective Panel" did authorize a narrowly focused effort, which was to analyze proposed means of developing an air defense network for continental North America, and that this was the prime objective of Project LINCOLN. While we do not know who voted for LINCOLN on the LROP, or how they felt about it, it is possible that it was Oppenheimer's idea.

Dr. Griggs became alarmed in 1951 when he heard rumors that prospective members of LINCOLN were being told that for the sake of world peace, the Air Defense Command should be strengthened and the Strategic Air Command sacrificed—done away with to demonstrate the lack of aggressive intentions of the United States. Dr. Griggs blamed this on what he called the "ZORC cabal," a group composed of Drs. Zacharias, Oppenheimer, Rabi, and C.C. Lauritsen, which was supposedly engaged in "nefarious anti-Air Force schemes."

The climax of the "Teller-Oppenheimer" battle was reached in March 1953 when the newly elected president, Dwight Eisenhower, was forced to make a decision whether to approve a big expansion of the Air Defense Command which the Air Force top brass feared would be done at the expense of the Strategic Air Command.

It should be very clear to the reader that at this point in time, the Air Force had a very good reason to be anti-UFO besides the ones usually assigned to that branch of the service by students of aerial phenomena. Apparently the stubborn ability of the UFOs to remain unexplained gave aid and comfort to the Oppenheimer crowd. The timing of the CIA's so-called "Robertson Panel" in such light may not have been accidental, convened as it was just before Eisenhower's decision.

(For more background on both Project LINCOLN and the Robertson Panel, see Mr. Gross' article "A New Look at the Robertson Panel" which appeared in FOCUS, Vol. III, #4 <April, 1989>.)



THE GREAT AIRSHIPS OF THE 1800s

By Jimmy Ward

The great airships have long been considered a local (US) phenomena, but they were seen and reported from as far away as Australia, New Zealand and Hawaii on the one side, to Germany and Russia on the other. Ironically, many of these sightings predate those in the US by several years, some by as much as half a century!

March 26, 1892; New York Times:

"Warsaw, March 25—Much uneasiness... massing of Russian troops... the feeling of anxiety has been added to by the fact that recently several balloons, which came from the German frontier, have been seen hovering (emp. mine) over the Russian fortresses and camps.... Recently a balloon was floating above the fortress of Kovno and orders were given to fire upon it. It was impossible to hit (emp. added) the balloon and its occupants, by means of glasses, pursued their investigations entirely undisturbed by the bullets aimed in their direction.... Watchers were surprised to find that it appeared to be under perfect control. After hovering about the fortress for no little time it returned to the German frontier."

A more surprising incident occurred a few days later at Dombrowice, 84 miles west of Warsaw. A balloon made its appearance sailing against the wind, which at the time was blowing a fresh breeze. When it had reached a point above the military camp, it stopped for a time and was then maneuvered in a manner which showed it was provided with a highly effective steering apparatus.

The official journal of Warsaw, Warschawskij Dzienik, provided more details:

"The balloon was coming from the southwest... and this in spite of the fact that a northeast wind was blowing.... The balloon disappeared

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UFOs AND THE GOVERNMENT

PART 3

By William L. Moore

Many of you reading this have been in UFOlogy long enough to remember a persistent rumor which began circulating during the spring of 1983 to the effect that the Department of Defense had produced a documentary film on UFOs which was about to be released and which was to run (according to the most commonly repeated version of the story) on Public Television. The film, supposedly a narrated collection of classified footage put together from files stored at Los Alamos, N.M., was to be an admission of the Defense Department's knowledge of the extraterrestrial origin of UFOs. Again according to the most common version of the rumor, the film would admit to our government's knowledge of extraterrestrial visitation during the '40s, '50s and '60s, but would conclude with the statement that there had been no verified visitations of "IAC" (identified alien craft) since the early '70s and that apparently the aliens had lost interest in us and gone away.

During March and April of 1983, I became aware that both Paul Bennewitz and Linda Howe had been "informed" of the supposed existence of this film, and that both had been told that the film's release date had been temporarily delayed because someone in the DOD had been unhappy with the quality of the narration and had sent the film back to be "renarrated." Shortly thereafter, rumors about its allegedly upcoming "release" began circulating throughout the UFO community, either as a result of Paul and/or Linda having repeated the information to others, or because others in the UFO community had also been provided with this information by those who had originally given it to Paul and Linda. In any case, the rumors ran hot and heavy for a while, with many expressing the belief that there might be something to them.

For my part, I knew that AFOSI was behind the spreading of the story, but at the time I could only speculate that it had something to do with defusing Linda Howe's efforts to make a film with HBO. In an effort to learn more, I had

conversations with several of my contacts (including Rick Doty) on the subject, but was unable to glean much more than the fact that the story had originated somewhere within the Washington DOD establishment. The fact that both Bennewitz and Howe had been targeted recipients of it, and that AFOSI people were clearly involved with its dissemination, strongly suggested that it was just another ploy in the disinformation game against these two. Dropping the same rumor on selected others within the UFO community who could be expressly relied upon to spread it far and wide was known to me as a previously tried-and-true technique of providing "outside corroboration" for rumors being circulated by "inside sources." I had quietly observed such activity before and had carefully taken note of the methodology without letting on I had noticed. In this instance however, I was unable to determine whether the roots of this particular grapevine were limited to both Howe and Bennewitz, neither of whom seemed able to keep their mouths shut (no offense intended, folks, I'm just calling it like I saw it), or whether the government had prompted the growth of the vine by spreading a little fertilizer of its own. In any case, I remember the subject of an impending DOD film on UFOs coming up during the course of a dozen or more calls from other researchers at the time, so it was clear to me that the rumor was certainly making the rounds.

What was behind it, however, was another question entirely. As it turned out, it was indeed disinformation; and like all good (?) disinformation it contained a certain element of truth. It seems that during 1982 and early 1983, not DOD but rather DOE (the Department of Energy) was in fact involved with the making of a number of classified films, the production of which were coordinated by Charles Barnett, head of the video and film production facility at Los Alamos Labs. Upon completion of one such film in January 1983 (note the date), Barnett received a complaint from a project scientist concerning the "awful" quality of the narration. Annoyed, Barnett shot back, "Who in the hell

do you want, Charlton Heston?"; to which his critic replied "Could you?" As it turned out, Barnett could, and did. Heston was granted a "Q" clearance in February, 1983, and began providing quality narration for Los Alamos/DOE films shortly thereafter.

All of this, of course, is the true element of the DOD-UFO film rumor planted on Howe and Bennewitz. It was disinformation stirred in with the truth that identified the project with DOD rather than DOE, and changed the subject from nuclear weapons to UFOs. Since the films were highly classified in any case, it is unlikely that any outsider attempting to check the story with Los Alamos officials would have gotten very far. (There is no evidence, however, that anyone actually did try to check it.)

Another, but very similar, matter involves the many rumors which began circulating in the early '80s and continue to this day concerning the alleged presence of underground alien bases in the vicinity of Dulce, New Mexico, and "Area 51" of the Nellis Air Force Test Range in Nevada. Although I have already written a considerable amount on the origin of these rumors (see FOCUS, June 30, 1989), there are a number other aspects of this situation which I have avoided discussing until now.

The first is that, according to my own investigations, both the Dulce and Area 51 sites are red herrings designed to divert attention away from the real areas of interest. Once again, as in all disinformation, there is a certain element of truth to rumors about each site; and once again these rumors were carefully planted so as to assure their perpetuation within the UFO community and ultimately, through certain credulous wags therein, to the public at-large without further government involvement. (The underlying philosophy here is that it is better, easier, and far less risky to disinform the UFO community and allow them to feed misinformation to the American public than it is for the government to try to disinform the public directly. That way, if something goes awry, the "UFO kooks" can be easily debunked and the government's people get off scott free. From a counterintelligence point of view, Philip Klass is regarded as just another pawn in this same game. As long as he remains useful, he is no

different from the rest of the "UFO kooks" as far as they are concerned.)

In the case of Dulce, where rumors put an underground UFO base beneath nearby Archuleta Peak, there are several factors to be considered. The first is that the area has had a high incidence of UFO reports and cattle mutilation activity over the years which has continually fueled the imaginations of the clannish and very superstitious Jicarilla Apaches who live there. It is no secret in Dulce that the town, and thus the tribe, has benefited from the dollars spent by the stream of UFO researchers and just plain curious who have been attracted to the area by the many rumors about it. Indeed, certain tribal officials assume an almost conspiratorial air when approached by outsiders, speaking darkly and mysteriously of the latest reputed goings-on in a manner virtually certain to whet the appetites of the curious who have often travelled far in their search for answers. Often the information is innocently distorted in the telling— as was, for example, the tale I was once told of two CIA agents who had come to town two weeks earlier with a car full of cameras and video equipment and who sought tribal permission to go UFO hunting. The story sounded good in the telling, but it took only a little investigation to turn up the fact that the two "CIA agents" were none other than Allen Benz and Ed Biebel of the Tucson-based Foundation for UFO Research who had come to the area to check out the Dulce rumors to their own satisfaction. The point here is that the area has indeed been the center of a large number of UFO and cattle mutilation reports AND the locals have learned to take advantage of this situation for their own benefit. It's a combination which constitutes fertile ground for the planting and self-perpetuation of UFO disinformation— and careful investigation reveals that the government's counterintelligence people have taken full advantage of it.

What are the government's reasons for planting rumors which center around UFO activity and an alleged underground alien base in the Dulce area? Actually, there are two reasons— both very good ones! The first is that the government really does maintain a highly classified underground area code-named "Dulce Complex", but it's NOT in Dulce, New Mexico. (Whether the wreckage of a crashed UFO, or a real-live alien ambassador are kept there, I do

not know; but there are rumors, and they come from much better sources than the ones who are spreading the Dulce disinformation stories.) The second is that (according to information which has been provided to me by several different sources over the years) the government has had under development for some time now a disc-shaped, unmanned, reconnaissance drone, and has been conducting test flights of this object over the northwestern New Mexico, southern Colorado area (of which Dulce is a part). What better way to protect the security of such a project than to promote the belief that those who have sighted this object in flight have really seen a UFO? (Just for the record, I do not believe that this explanation is responsible for all the UFO reports in the area, nor do I pretend that there is anything here which would explain the many cattle mutilations. What I am saying is that someone in the counter-intelligence community has been very astutely and very carefully manipulating an existing situation so that it works to their advantage, and certain members of the UFO community have been convenient, howbeit unwitting, pawns in this process.

The many rumors centering around "Area 51" in Nevada are a similar red-herring situation, although somewhat more complex. Once again, there is a plethora of UFO sightings and similar unusual occurrences connected with the area; and once again rumors of underground alien bases and government operated captured UFOs have abounded for years—many of these mentioning the government's highly secure Groom Lake research and development facility ("the ranch"), which is virtually inaccessible to outsiders. With respect to these Nevada rumors, there are also two things to be noted. The first is that the government is hardly going to go out of its way to spread UFO rumors designed to attract people to the the very area it wants them to stay away from. Hence, while I am prepared to concede that there MAY BE something alien going on in the middle of Nevada (indeed, I once had a UFO sighting there myself), the least likely place for it to be happening is in "Area 51." Just as in Dulce, however, there are certain things about the "Area 51" location which conveniently play into the hands of those wanting to spread UFO disinformation. The area's remote and inaccessible location, the existence of a highly secure, Top Secret research and development facility at Groom Lake,

the presence of F-117a "Stealth" fighters and other high performance and experimental aircraft (including the highly classified "Aurora" and "Omega" projects), and the honeycomb of tunnels under the Nevada nuclear test site—all are sufficient to convince those who go looking that the government really does have something to hide there; and all are convenient red herrings just waiting to be fried by the government's disinformation experts.

The second thing to be taken into consideration about the "Area 51" rumors is that the headquarters for many of the activities which go on there are not at Nellis AFB in Las Vegas as many believe, but rather are located at none other than Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque—the central point of the government's disinformation activities in the Bennewitz-Howe affair.

Once again, the bottom line here is that the government is not going to spread disinformation designed to attract people to the very area they want people to stay away from. Those who try to go there looking for UFOs are doing just what the disinformation people want them to do—they are going to the wrong place!

So where's the "right" place? I don't know for sure. It's something I'm still working on and thus comments are reserved until that work is complete.

Finally, is a Congressional hearing the best way to get the truth about all of this out to the public? I used to think so, but several recent developments in the work I am doing have left me less certain about this. Although I continue to support efforts aimed at securing a Congressional inquiry, the group that I am working with and I have recently agreed that we are going to pursue a rather different strategy which we believe stands a reasonably good chance of accomplishing the same thing. Since providing details of the plan would virtually assure its failure, it does not seem appropriate to say anything further about it at this time.

MJ-12 NOTICE

Due to a heavy workload, the Moore/Shandera report on the analysis of the MJ-12 documents has been delayed. As reported in the Septem-

ber 30th, 1989 FOCUS, this work is currently in progress and will be available to interested parties as soon as it can be completed. Subscribers will be advised as to how to obtain a copy as soon as it is ready for release which, at this point, is probably not going to be before mid-February.

Meanwhile, UFO-basher Philip Klass has recently published the results of his own research into the authenticity of the so-called Truman Memorandum in the latest issue of the *Skeptical Inquirer*. Predictably, Klass concludes that the document is a forgery; and, equally predictably, his article is limited to presenting only those facts which support his pre-conceived position. Nonetheless, those who have been actively following the MJ-12 controversy should obtain and read the piece—and then keep an open mind until “the rest of the story” can be laid on the table.



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behind the clouds, but reappeared about 45 minutes later with a light burning (it was then 6:30 PM), and following a course directly opposed to the former one.”

New York Tribune; March 31, 1892:

“St. Petersburg, March 30— The presence of balloons over the forts and encampments in Poland (then part of the Russian Empire, ed.) is becoming more and more frequent.... A few nights ago the people of Warsaw were startled by an intensely bright light in the sky. All eyes were turned upward, but nothing could be seen save a path of light that ended in a small focus. Suddenly the ray of light swept in another direction, and when their eyes became accustomed to the darkness that followed, the people could see, far up in the sky, a balloon.... The balloon remained over the city until one o'clock in the morning when the light was extinguished and the balloon, heading westward toward the frontier of Prussia, disappeared.”

Except for the hovering for long periods of time (several hours in some cases) and its being described as a “balloon”, these reports could have originated anywhere in the US during the

1896-97 flap! It is also interesting to note that these balloons, when described, were cigar-shaped, made no sound, and showed no visible sign of propeller or steering device.



MORE ON THE "AZTEC CRASH"

Readers who have either perused the 1987 Steinman-Stevens book *UFO Crash at Aztec*, or have been around the UFO field since the early 1970s (or both) will remember the 1974 publicity flap created by one Robert Spencer Carr who made headlines with his claim that the U.S. Air Force had the wreckage of a crashed saucer and dead alien bodies stored in Hanger 18 at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Although Carr never offered much in the way of supporting evidence for his story, and the Air Force has (predictably) continued to deny it, rumors about the mysterious (and elusive) Hanger 18 and its allegedly alien contents have continued to circulate in one form or another right up to the present day. They were even the subject of a B-grade Sci-fi movie in the early '80s.

While the claims of Robert S. Carr are often cited in these stories (and figure prominently in the Steinman-Stevens book as well as some of Len Stringfield's writings), apparently those who repeat them are either unaware of or have chosen to overlook the equally important claims of Mrs. Robert S. Carr. Interviewed by staff writer Jay Maeder for an article which appeared on page one of the October 12, 1974 Miami (Fla.) Herald, Mrs. Carr put the one piece of evidence on the record that was mysteriously missing from her husband's account. Said Mrs. Carr, her husband had simply repeated a story “that he'd read in a book by Frank Scully in the early 1950s. That's where he got his information. It told all about the little bodies.”

So now you know “the rest of the story.”



NEW F.O.I.A. DOCUMENTS

Over the past several months, FWP Board member Mr. Lee Graham, who holds a "Secret" clearance and works for a well-known aerospace contractor here in California, has been the subject of a Department of Defense security investigation. This inquiry, the latest of several over the past few years, has focused in part around Mr. Graham's interest in UFOs and his efforts to obtain information about them through use of the Freedom of Information Act and a letter writing campaign to a large number of prominent people both inside and outside of the governmental-military establishment.

Mr. Graham, prompted by these investigations and exercising his rights as a private citizen, has filed several Freedom of Information requests on his own case, and has secured the release of some very interesting documentation concerning himself and his activities. One of these is an admission, by the Defense Investigative Service (DIS), to the effect that their "Case File" on Graham, "contains in excess of 1000 pages of information that was previously requested by Applicant concerning 'flying saucers', Alien beings, classified projects and intelligence reports...." The report goes on to state that "Most requests have been denied due to their being classified."

Readers who make a free-will donation to the Fair-Witness Project's "Repair the Photocopier Fund" will receive a set of these documents along with a copy of a recent Open Letter from Mr. Graham to Barry Greenwood of CAUS in which Graham sets the record straight concerning a number of misconceptions about him which appeared in the CAUS newsletter. Donations received will be used to offset (no pun intended) the cost of renovating our photocopier machine which is literally on its last legs (again). Cost of needed repairs this time around is estimated at \$800. (We're told it needs a new set of rollers, among other things.) Please make checks payable to "The Fair-Witness Project, Inc."

In addition to the above documentation, con-

tributors of \$50.00 or more will receive a videocassette (VHS only) of Mr. Moore's two hour workshop presentation from the November, 1989 Los Angeles Whole-Life Expo. The workshop dealt with various aspects of the UFO cover-up and government disinformation. This videocassette is not presently available through any other outlet, and is not being offered for sale. This is a special bonus offer for contributors only!



UFO SIGHTED IN MAR VISTA, CALIFORNIA

By Barry Taff

DATE: 10/26/89

TIME: Approx. 9:45 P.M. (PDT)

LOCATION: 11700 Block of Avon Ave., Mar Vista, CA; Looking WEST

DURATION: Approx. 90 seconds

AZIMUTH: 35-40 degrees

ESTIMATED DISTANCE (Subjective): 2,500 - 3,000 yards

CONDITIONS: Cloudless Sky; Winds 7-9 knots

While waiting for a friend to arrive at her apartment on Thursday evening, October 26, 1989 at approximately 9:45 P.M., I stood on the front balcony of my building in front of the security door. Having little to do but patiently await her arrival, I began looking about the clear sky. Due to the cloudless condition that prevailed, visibility was excellent. To my right, I observed conventional air traffic which included a police helicopter. Continuing my wait, I took more notice of the sky around me.

Directly in front of my position on the elevated balcony of the building, I viewed an extremely peculiar vehicle in the air. Looking almost directly west, I saw what appeared to be a disc or saucer-shaped vehicle, gun-metal grey in color, surrounded by a white haze with a ring of multi-colored lights (red, orange, yellow and white) rotating counter-clockwise around the rim of the disc. Even through the brilliant haze, the metallic-looking craft and its bright rotating lights were visible. There was a stiff breeze of approximately 7-9 knots that evening and the object did NOT move in response to the wind. It followed a shallow flight path when first sighted just above my horizon line which was partially blocked by bushes and trees. How-

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A SEMI-OPEN LETTTER TO MR. KLINK

Three years ago, a prominent figure in UFOlogy wrote to Bill Moore and asked him a number of questions about researcher Lee Graham. In answering these questions, Moore made some rather candid comments which he requested be kept in confidence. By return mail, the prominent individual thanked Moore for his candor, and assured him that his comments would indeed "go no further." And so they did not; until October of 1989, that is, when the prominent individual, out of the blue and for no apparent reason, saw fit to break his commitment of confidentiality by transmitting a portion of Moore's text directly to Mr. Graham, along with the comment "is this what your 'trusted friend' really thinks of you?" The letter seems to have been intended to cause Mr. Graham consternation, in the apparent hope that it would drive a wedge between Graham and Moore, thus creating an embarrassing split on the Fair-Witness Board of which both Graham and Moore are members.

What the prominent individual did not know was that in the two-and-one-half years between the writing of Moore's "candid comments" letter in March, 1987, and the prominent individual's sending of these comments to Graham in October, 1989, Moore and Graham had patched up their differences and become good friends. Thus, the prominent individual's carefully devised scheme blew up in his face when Graham, upon receipt of the letter, recognized it for what it was and, outraged not at Moore but rather at the prominent individual's unforgivable underhandedness, went straight to Moore to discuss what an appropriate response might be. That response, in the form of a joint letter from both Graham and Moore to the prominent individual, follows.

Since it seems indiscreet to identify the "prominent individual" at this time, we have chosen to refer to him by the pseudonym "Phineas Klink" so as to spare him any potential embarrassment. Suffice it to say that, at least to date, Mr. "Klink" has not seen fit to reply.

Nov. 3, 1989

Dear Mr. Klink:

Lee Graham and I have long since patched up whatever differences there may have been between us. Although we often agree to disagree on things, the interaction between us has led to a better understanding and appreciation of goals, methods and motives on both sides. While there was a time when neither of us completely trusted or respected the other, that time has long since past. Out of the doubts and misgivings of a couple of years ago, a strong friendship has evolved. To have you step in and deliberately try to sabotage that friendship is an affront to both of us. You may regard this letter as an expression of the outrage and dismay that we both feel with respect to your actions!

You have stooped to a new low with this one, Phineas. Obviously you will stop at nothing to achieve your warped goals— even if it means trashing your own assurances of confidentiality and exposing yourself as a cheap, shameless liar in the process! We refer, of course, to your letter (to Moore) of April 6, 1987, in which you state:

"In response to yours of Mar. 31, I am delighted that we can conduct a serious discourse on Lee Graham and his 'problems' and assure you that your candid comments will go no further...."

Your repetition of those "candid comments" to Lee Graham in your letter to him of October 23rd amounted to nothing less than a shabby, deliberate and malicious attempt to create dissension between two friends in the vain hope that you could proudly gloat over the wreckage.

You are a warped, sick and twisted creature, Mr. Klink. Even worse, however, is that you are too stupid and unconscious to look in the mirror and see it for yourself, and too self-righteous to listen to others who, out of either sympathy or kindness, try to show it to you. You are

out for nothing less than to destroy peoples' lives and reputations. Indeed, you feed off of it, like a vampire whose victims are only useful for the nourishment they provide and then are discarded once they have been bled dry. How sad, and indeed, how pathetic.

Let us for a moment put the shoe on the other foot. In your letter (to Moore) of March 23rd, 1987, at the bottom of page one, you make some disparaging and potentially libelous statements about Whitley Strieber and Communion; to wit:

"I felt as if I were in a mental institution, listening to one of the inmates describe the demons that were eating away his insides."

You then go on to say (in caps) that "the foregoing comments on the Strieber book are not for quotation."

Based upon that request for confidentiality, Moore has never (up to now) repeated those comments to anyone, even though he knew that doing so would be potentially damaging to you. Now suppose, just suppose that Bill had gone directly to Strieber with that letter. How loudly would you have screamed, Mr. Klink, had Moore deliberately broken one of your confidences for no other purpose than to try to cause you trouble with Strieber's attorneys? We submit, Mr. Klink, that you would have been furious—and rightfully so. The word hypocrite comes to mind here.

Whether UFOs are, or are not extraterrestrial, of course, plays no part in this whatsoever. The controversy is nothing more than a vehicle which provides the means for you to fuel your ego. Truth, fairness, open-mindedness, impartiality and compassion mean nothing to you in that process. In your world, anything is expendable so long as you can continue to believe that you are more important than anything or anyone else in it. What we hear you saying, Phineas, is "kick me, persecute me, revile me, vilify me, hate me—because so long as you do I know I'm being noticed; and as long as I'm noticed, I'm somebody," which is really what it's all about when all is said and done. Children with serious insecurity problems often react in the same way. When they are unable to get enough positive attention to satisfy their inner needs, they often seek it in negative ways.

Upon learning that antisocial behavior nets them attention in the form of punishment, they soon begin to behave accordingly. If such a process goes on long enough, the result is an emotionally disturbed child. And if it is not corrected in childhood, it is carried, like baggage, into adult life. Psychiatrists have been known to make careers out of studying such complexes, Phineas. You really should go and see one. And be sure to take this letter with you when you go. Any shrink worth his salt should find it absolutely fascinating.

Maybe you should have married and had some children, Phineas. You might have learned something about love, compassion, understanding and tolerance in the process. There is no doubt that it would have made you a different and more caring person. Now it is too late. You are too old and too decrepit. Better you should surround yourself with your cigarette smoke and take your frustrations out on others. Since you can't be an object of love, you revel in contempt and excuse it by pretending it's part of your (tortured) sense of humor. Perhaps a proper epitaph for your tombstone would be, "He was hated by everyone, and he loved it." Neither of us can think of anyone who's ever said they liked you.

As for us, we shall remain friends in spite of you. So, amigo, throw a special tantrum just for us; and then go to hell.

Cordially,
Bill Moore and
Lee Graham

The above, of course, should be taken strictly as Moore and Graham's personal opinions on the character of Mr. Klink, and not as empirical fact or divinely inspired revelation. One of the reasons we have printed it here at all is as a WARNING to other researchers whose candid opinions might be solicited "in confidence" from time to time by any of a number of Klink-like individuals whose need to be somebody motivates them to seek their prey amongst unsuspecting UFOlogists and, in that process, to cast their professional ethics to the wind!



EDITORIAL

BY BILL MOORE

There is a secret pact between UFO aliens and the U.S. government. Aliens are operating with impunity from underground bases in various parts of the world and are planning to take control of the planet. The 1988 presidential election was the last free election this country will ever have... or maybe there will be one more and then that will be the last. Space aliens routinely provide the U.S. government with lists of humans they plan to abduct and use for hideous genetic experimentation— and the government routinely approves the lists! President Kennedy was assassinated by his Secret Service chauffeur because he was planning to reveal the truth about UFOs to the American public. The assassination was accomplished by means of a pneumatic pistol which shot pellets of poisoned sea shells into the president's brain causing it to implode. That's why there was no brain found in Kennedy's skull during the autopsy. A conspiracy of international bankers working together with space aliens is planning to create a one-world government and make slaves of most of our planet's population. People, especially scientists, are routinely being abducted and taken to secret bases already established on the far side of the moon and on Mars. And the public's only hope of defense against all of this is for everyone to read the Constitution and keep a gun in their closet.

What in the world (or out of it) is going on here? Can you believe that anyone in 1989 America could get up in front of a large crowd of people to spout this sort of claptrap with a straight face, and not be hooted out of the hall or showered with rotting vegetables? Yet on the evening of November 5th, it happened right here in Hollywood and more than 1,000 people paid \$15.00 a head to sit and listen to it— and most of them loved it! The event was a lecture presentation at Hollywood High given by one Milton William (Bill) Cooper who claims to have been a

one-time member of a Top Secret "Navy intelligence briefing team" which clued the Admiral of America's Pacific Fleet into all of the above back in 1973. Never mind that the man's Navy record shows he was discharged with a rank of E-6 (four pay grades below the lowest officer rank which is O-1), and that the sum total of his "intelligence" experience was carried out aboard a gun boat in Da Nang harbor during the Viet-Nam war. Never mind that when asked, Cooper could not even remember the name of the Admiral that this so-called briefing was supposedly given to. Never mind also that this man has been telling his tales around the UFO community for the past year-and-a-half, and that a simple comparison of what he says now with what he was saying when he first began shows that his story has undergone a number of significant, mostly sensationalistic changes since we first began hearing it.

Although Cooper offers not a single shred of evidence in support of his outrageous claims, he frequently admonishes his public to check for themselves if they find his charisma less than convincing. Those who check, as we did, will find that his story quite literally comes apart at every seam— That it's nothing more than a hodge-podge collection of current conspiracy theories, right-wing political polemics and outright fantasy all mixed into a ball, to which has been added a more-than-liberal sprinkling of virtually every crackpot rumor and morsel of government disinformation that has circulated on the lunatic fringe of America's UFO community for the past ten years. Cooper's success, of course, is rooted in the fact that he knows very few people will check. Those who do, and who then try to challenge him on the basis of evidence either in person or in print, are all too easily dismissed as "government disinformation agents" out to stop him from telling the public the truth. It's a convenient defense which, at least up to now, has

served him well. I myself have even been accused. No doubt when Mr. Cooper reads this (if he does), I shall be accused again. Ho hum!

The thing that bothers me about all of this is the motivation, which clearly seems to be money. (Those who have charged that money is my only motive, where are you now?) When Cooper first began telling his tales to small groups of UFO buffs, the story was free. At his Hollywood High presentation, which was attended by more than 1,000 people, the price was \$15.00 a head—even though I was informed that the cost of the hall was less than \$1,000 for the evening. (Then there were the audio tapes on sale for between \$15 and \$30 each, and videos for between \$50 and \$100. No private taping was permitted.) More recently, Mr. Cooper has made similar appearances at the Showboat in Las Vegas (again for \$15/per, with more than 700 attending), and for still another at the Ramada Inn in San Diego (attendance unknown) where the going rate was a mere \$20. (Inflation, I suppose.) How long it will be before we begin hearing of appearances in Phoenix, Tucson, Sacramento and Denver is anybody's guess. And from there, as it was with Adamski, no doubt the world!

Of course, there's plenty of precedent for this sort of thing. Back in the '50s and '60s the late George Adamski set off on a similar quest (for fame and dollars) by claiming he had met and spoken to people from Venus and a variety of other places. Old George's legacy is still kicking around the UFO community, and, incredible as it may seem, there are still a few who steadfastly continue to believe in him. Worse, however, is that a substantial part of the legitimate news media's refusal to deal seriously with the subject of UFOs can be attributed to the notoriety of Adamski and others like him who gave then-fledgling UFOlogy such a load of bad press that it hasn't recovered since.

There's a sociological phenomenon at work here if nothing else. Why large segments of the public are willing to pay megabucks to hear

this sort of thing I cannot imagine. About all that seems certain (if you're the betting type) is that once the word gets around, a lot of similar types are going to come tumbling out of the woodwork to tell (or sell) their "stories" too—at which point I expect we will begin to see Mr. Cooper loudly denouncing them in an effort to keep himself from being upstaged, just as his erstwhile allies Mr. Lear and Mr. English (Remember the infamous Las Vegas "rump" session?) have begun to loudly denounce Cooper since he began upstaging them. In the end, it all comes down to the gospel according to Saint Barnum of the Holy Merry-go-round (that's P.T. Barnum) who once built a bankbook around his certainty that "there's a sucker borne every minute." (I wonder if aliens have a sense of humor?)

As we go to press, information begins to come in to the effect that a Nevada based right wing ultra-conservative political action organization is a least one of the manipulating powers behind the Lear-Cooper Et.al scenario, and that Cooper's extravagant UFO claims may be nothing more than a convenient subterfuge designed to attract and identify potential supporters for the peculiar brand of political philosophy espoused by this group. Another involvee with this organization which openly supports a revolutionary S.E. Asian "General" and his self proclaimed "Shan Nation government in exile", is none other than Billy Goodman, host of the controversial "Billy Goodman happening" show broadcast seven nights a week over radio station KVEG in Las Vegas, NV. Mr. Lear is also allegedly connected with this organization.. Look for in depth coverage of this entire situation in the next issue.



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THE MANNA-MACHINE AND AFTERWARD

By George T. Sassoon

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It is now 12 years since I attended my first Ancient Astronaut Society World Conference and I can safely say that I have never had a dull moment under the auspices of the Society. While I have no startling new discoveries in the ancient astronaut field to report, I do have much new supporting evidence, which I shall give, but I would like to say a few words first about the nature of evidence. What is evidence, and what is not?

Well, evidence in our field is what people believe it to be—it depends on the way you look at it. As Gene M. Phillips wrote in *Ancient Skies* 15:3:

"Archaeologists have a penchant for describing all their findings in terms of religion, sex, or the providing of food. Hence, all buildings of antiquity are 'temples'; the personages depicted on stone steles are 'priests' or 'gods'; and all other stone objects are 'altars', whether round or flat or shaped like a turtle."

He goes on to show how archaeologists will go to extreme lengths to force their interpretations to fit this narrow mold. Reading this, I was

reminded of how I first became involved with the Ancient Astronaut Society, of how I stumbled across the first evidence of what is now called the "manna-machine". This came about through my mother, who had a vague interest in the occult, and had collected a number of books on the subject.

It all began one day when I idly picked up one of these books, called *The Kabbalah Unveiled*, by S.L. MacGregor Mathers, and started reading its descriptions of a mysterious being called the Ancient of Days. This being, it seemed, had one enormous head in which were contained two others, a prominent beard divided into thirteen parts, each described in detail, and six legs or feet. There was no body to speak of, but there were two testicles and a penis; and according to the text, from the penis came the manna that fed the children of Israel in the desert. There were also said to be several eyes inside the head, and from time to time these lit up in different colors.

This struck me as very odd indeed, not the sort of thing one would expect to find in a book on religion and the occult. It seemed that the book was a translation of some old Jewish text, part of the Kabbalah. It was obvious that the translator had decided the text had to do with religion, because everywhere he had used religious or liturgical words. A table was an altar, clothes were vestments and so on. Yet to me it sounded much more like a description of a machine.

Later, I got around to finding the original of this text and translating it anew from the Aramaic language. Then, together with Rodney Dale, I came up with a mechanical interpretation of the meaning which fitted exactly the given function of the machine—it made manna.

This machine was way beyond the technology of the ancient Israelites—in fact it is just a little beyond our own modern technology. So it had to have come from somewhere else, beyond this planet, and in fact the texts said it was given to Moses and Aaron by the Lord when he

came down on the mountain in Sinai, with instructions to keep its existence a secret. So the obvious and simplest explanation of the affair was that the Lord of the Bible was an extraterrestrial and the manna machine, alias the Ancient of Days, was a product of his technology. I found this explanation a lot easier to accept than the usual religious one.

In the briefest of terms, the manna-machine is a nuclear-powered mechanical device which manufactured a high-protein food product from a plant similar to chlorella, a microscopic alga. The "manna" thus produced sustained the Israelites during their 40 years of wandering in the desert.

I would like to discuss here the consequences of the manna-machine and thus the effect it has had on our history and on our entire culture.

Let us imagine a situation. Suppose that about 5,000 years ago a giant spacecraft crash-landed in the middle of the Sahara Desert. The local tribes preserved dim memories and legends of the crew and over the centuries the hulk, sand-blasted smooth by the desert winds, came to be known as the Chariot of the Gods (my apologies to Erich von Daniken). From time to time rumors of this fabulous object would filter through to the outside world, and a whole body of mythology would grow around it. In due course, the 20th century comes along with its ease of travel to any part of the globe. Archaeologists and anthropologists probe the depths of the sandy wastes, make contact with the local inhabitants and finally are allowed within sight of the Chariot, perhaps even to go inside it—to penetrate the Holy of Holies. They would fossick around, filing, scraping, taking samples, analyzing—but what would they conclude? A ritual object? A religious shrine? Who knows? Anything but a spacecraft, we can be sure.

Sooner or later someone like myself might come along, or perhaps even a senior engineer from NASA, take one look at it and say: "That's a spaceship." But who would believe him? He does not have the correct professional qualifications.

Nevertheless, legends of the true nature of this

object would persist in folk-memory, in myths and legends, so that whatever the experts might say there would still be evidence around showing that it really was a spacecraft, providing that people could see this evidence for what it was.

When I read the manna-machine texts, I saw the evidence for what it was and this led to the publication of our books.

But we did not look beyond the Jewish texts for additional evidence—we were content to rest our case, and besides we had other things to do. We did not yet know that the manna-machine and the traditions stemming from it were responsible for major events in our history—the Crusades and the American Revolution, to name but two.

Some years later, two young German brothers, Johannes and Peter Fiebag, drew our attention to the significance of the traditions of the Holy Grail—the Grail being that miraculous object of medieval legend which was kept in a magical castle and which was fruitlessly sought by so many of those gallant knights of the Round Table. Thanks to the Fiebags' work, it was soon obvious that the Grail was simply a Christian continuation of the Jewish manna-machine tradition. The Grail was supposed to have come from the stars, it was a source of unlimited food, it was dangerous to handle, and so on. So the manna-machine had not been totally forgotten by all but a few old rabbis poking around in the musty texts of the Jewish Kabbalah. Who else might still be preserving the tradition, and how had it crossed over from the Jewish to the Christian community?

The Fiebags soon traced the source of the Grail back to the origins of the Crusades. From their work, it was clear that a closely knit group, both Jewish and Christian, and working in great secrecy, had organized the Crusades with the principal objective of recovering the Grail—the manna-machine, call it what you will—from Palestine and bringing it back to Europe. The public reason for the crusades was to kick the heathen Saracens out of the Holy Land, but the secret and true reason was to try to recover the manna-machine.

We are not sure whether the group was successful or not—they may have found at least part of it, a large concave dish of unearthly manufacture, and this would have given rise to the Grail legend. The manna-machine of Jewish tradition is a much more complicated affair.

The persons who recovered this object were a group known as the Knights Templar, a strange religious order of men who were both soldiers and monks. Founded around 100 AD, the Templars spent their early years digging in the Temple area of Jerusalem and shuttling to and fro from Europe. Only much later did they take part in the continual fighting against the local Saracens and adopt their role of protecting pilgrims.

By the year 1300 AD, the Templars had become extremely rich and corrupt, and they excited the jealousy of the then King of France who owed them a lot of money. To wipe out the debt, he abolished the Order of the Temple, accusing the knights of various heinous crimes as an excuse. One of these crimes was that they had their own private, non-Christian religion. They are said to have worshipped an idol named Baphomet, who had two heads, a heavy beard, and eyes that lit up. Now according to the Jewish texts, the manna-machine had several heads (three most probably), a heavy beard, and eyes that lit up. It looks as if the Templars had a private cult of the manna-machine. What is more, the very name of the idol is significant. Baphomet, it was called. This means nothing in any known language.

I should add that the Templars themselves, like the rabbis who study the Kabbalah, wore heavy beards, at a time when most men went clean-shaven. This can only have been in imitation of the Baphomet idol—the beards must have been most uncomfortable in the hot climate of the Near East, so their purpose must have been symbolic rather than practical.

Returning to the strangely-named idol, Baphomet, what could the word possibly mean? Let us try writing it down in Hebrew:

Baphomet = B P V M Th, the most likely spelling.

Now we decrypt this according to the most commonly-used Hebrew cipher system, the so-called Athbash. To decrypt, write the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet in two halves, each of 11 letters, hairpin fashion:

—> A B G D H V Z Ch T I K
<— Th Sh R Q Tz P O S N M L

Then to decrypt, substitute each letter for its pair. For B V P M Th we get Sh V P I A, which sounds like Sophia, which is the Greek for "wisdom." Now it just so happens "wisdom" (Chokmah in Hebrew) was one of the most common names of the manna-machine in the Jewish texts. There can be no doubt that the Templars knew of the manna-machine tradition, and that they venerated the machine in their private religion. The details of the Baphomet cult could not possibly have been invented by anyone known to the French King.

I should add that the Templars were experts in ciphers of all types, using them extensively for their private communications and banking operations. Among themselves, they spoke Arabic and Hebrew—coming from all parts of the continent they had no common European language. Few were educated enough to speak Latin, then the lingua franca of Europe. So it is logical that they would have used a Hebrew cipher for the name of their secret god.

After the brutally-carried-out dissolution of the Temple, the knights scattered to the four winds. A party of them are said to have crossed over to Ireland, a country easily reached from western France and where it was very easy to disappear. They moved steadily north through Ireland, and then moved on to the Western Isles of Scotland, where they made contact with Robert the Bruce, who was then fighting against the Norman English to make himself king of an independent Scotland.

Then on June 24, 1314, there took place the historic Battle of Bannockburn, at which the English were soundly defeated by the Scots under Robert Bruce, a military victory that was

completely without precedent. Highly advanced strategy and tactics were used, techniques which the Scots could not possibly have devised themselves. Everything points to their having been advised and trained by some outside advisers, highly skilled soldiers—such as the Knights Templar.

Of course, the history books do not mention their involvement—Bruce wanted credit for the victory himself, and the Templars were not anxious to advertise their presence to the French King, who was still out to get them. But there are strong indications, such as the date of the battle, June 24. This is St. John the Baptist's day, and St. John was the patron saint of the Templars. The battle had, in fact, been prearranged for that date, a year in advance. Surely there is a Templar hand at work here?

Curious too is the choice of St. John for the Order's patron; his principal claim to fame is that he ended up with his head cut off and served up on a plate. If one has read manna-machine texts, however, it is highly interesting—for the machine is often described as having one large head, containing two others, and no body to speak of. St. John would be a very appropriate choice of patron for an Order that while nominally Christian, secretly venerated the manna-machine, which resembled a large head with no body.

After the Scottish victory at Bannockburn, King Robert is said to have rewarded the Templars by allowing them to continue their cult in his country and to recruit new members. And from these Templars, safe in their northern refuge, stemmed the society known today as the Freemasons.

The official history of the Masonic movement, or "craft" as it is known, says that the earliest Lodges grew from the trade guilds of working masons. It would have been logical for the refugee Templars to have joined up with these men, the Templars having been great builders themselves, both of castles and of the Gothic cathedrals found all over Europe. The masons were itinerant workers, and had a system of handshakes and passwords with which they identified themselves on arriving at a new build-

ing site. Later, they were to admit non-working gentlemen members to their Lodges, who gradually took over until today, the business of a Masonic Lodge is entirely ritual.

The details of the rituals have all been published, and the puzzling thing about them is that their content is almost entirely Jewish. This is strange for an organization supposed to derive from Christian cathedral builders. Further, the rituals concern the building of the Temple at Jerusalem and the fate of its architect, Hiram Abiff, who, according to Masonic legend, was killed by some apprentices who hastily hid the body, marking the spot with a twig of acacia wood before fleeing. Parties were sent out to search for the murderers and the body; the body was found when a searcher grasped the acacia twig and uprooted it.

Another interesting point is that the leader of those Scottish refugee Templars was named Pierre D'Aumont, "Peter of the High-Mountain" in French. Returning to the Hiram Abiff legend, when the searcher grasped the acacia twig and it came away, he is supposed to have said: "Machenach." This became one of the Masonic passwords.

For years, researchers have puzzled over the meaning of this word. The Masons say it means "the flesh is rotten," or words to that effect, but none of them can identify the language.

Well, I can identify the language. It is Scottish Gaelic, and it means: "Son of the High Mountain." Obviously when Pierre D'Aumont crossed over to Ireland, where the language is similar to Scottish Gaelic, he translated his name and his successors in the Masonic craft worked it into the rituals to preserve it.

Another linguistic trick, typical of the Templars, is to be found in the Masonic tradition concerning the Templars' arrival in the Isle of Mull. According to this tradition, they made their base in the island near a mountain called Heredom—another Masonic password. Continental Masons wrote to a lodge in Edinburgh, Scotland asking if there was a mountain of that name in the island. Edinburgh answered "no"—and indeed there is no mountain of that name

there. But there is one called Sgurr Dearg, which means "Red Mountain" and the Hebrew for "Red Mountain" is "Hor Adom", or "Here-dom."

Clearly the Templars, on the run from King Philip of France, did not want to give their address away, at least not to anyone ignorant of Hebrew. Again, the location of their first refuge in Scotland was worked into the Masonic rituals as a secret password, meaningless to outsiders but as clear as daylight to anyone who knew the Templars and the language they used.

An interesting sidelight is that Sgurr Dearg, the Red Mountain in the Isle of Mull, is close to the route taken by the pilgrims heading for the sacred Island of Iona, where St. Columba first taught Christianity in Scotland and where the ancient Scottish kings are buried. Knowing the geography of the Island, I can say that it is where they would naturally have settled if they landed on the south coast after sailing from Ireland.

At Lochbuie on the south coast of Mull, about the only place the Templars could have landed, there is an extremely well-built castle. It still stands today. The stonework is to a standard far in advance of any other local fortifications of the period, so I wonder if perhaps the Templars had a hand in building it. In the sea nearby, there are also the remains of a wharf, or mole, several hundred yards long, obviously artificial. One day I shall find out more about these monuments.

So we have proved that whatever Masonic historians say, there is plenty of evidence of Templar involvement in the early history of the craft, and that this in turn goes back to the ancient Jewish traditions of the manna-machine.

Even in Masonic thought and philosophy we find traces of Templar ideology. Masons believe in the rights of man, that all men are brothers, as did the Templars before them, and indeed the Jewish secret societies that preceded the Templars. After all, what is the difference between a king and a slave when

they stand together before an extraterrestrial being with powers vastly superior to either? Templars and Masons alike believe in freedom of worship. To them all religions are equally valid, as indeed they are when you think that they are all based on legends of extraterrestrials.

In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries the Masons rose to become a powerful force in society, promoting their ideals of liberty, equality and free thought in a society to which such things were unthinkable. The Royal Society of London was founded by Masons, and it established the basic principle of scientific research. Without the Royal Society, our science and technology today would be nowhere near as advanced as it is. For that we have to thank the Masons, the Templars, and ultimately the manna-machine.

We must also thank them all for something else—the United States of America. For without the Masons and their enlightened ideas, America might never have gained her independence. Thanks to the Masons on both sides, the War of Independence was quietly abandoned by the British and the colonists were allowed to go their own way to create a society based upon Masonic principals. For George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and many of their associates were Masons. If you do not believe me, look at a one dollar bill. The symbols and the Great Seal of the U.S. are all Masonic, and many of them go straight back to manna-machine texts. The prevalence of the number thirteen refers to the parts of the "beard" of the machine, the shining eye in the triangle depicts the upper eye, its principal light source, enclosed within three heads. I could give many more examples.

What is to be made of all this? We have seen that a visit to Earth by extraterrestrials several thousands of years ago has had a profound influence on our society. It gave rise to three of the world's greatest religions—Judaism, Christianity and Islam. It was the direct cause of the Crusades, which tore Europe apart for several centuries. It was at the root of the explosive growth of our science and technology, and it caused at least two revolutions, the American and after it, the French, which was started by

Masons under the influence of Benjamin Franklin.

The evidence is all there, if only we can adjust our thought processes to recognize it, and to discard the traditional way of looking at things. Let us hope that a majority of us can do this, so that if and when the extraterrestrials come again we can recognize them for what they are and profit from the encounter.

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ever, the object under observation was at extremely low altitude.

In absolute silence the object slowly traversed the horizon before me, as if searching for something. It was moving very slowly. At arm's length, the object's size was that of a full thumb from the first knuckle. As my friend's car approached, the vehicle dipped below the horizon tree line and I lost sight of it. We tried to relocate the object again several minutes later after I told her about the sighting, but to no avail.

Due to the object's highly unusual configuration or appearance, atypical navigation lights (if that's what they were), and its absolute silence, combined with the rotating ring of lights around it and its erratic motion during a brisk wind, indications are that it was a vehicle of unknown origin and nature under powered flight.

Complete report with sketch and map on file at the FWP office.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I find myself a little less pessimistic as to the future of the MJ-12 document. I think that if sufficient research is done, it will turn out to be a turning point in Ufology. The problem may have been the type of research that was funded. Most of the money and effort went to the verification of the document, even when there were grave doubts as to the document's authenticity. As to the prevalent opinion, that the document was disinformation, absolutely no research (other than that done by Moore) was conducted. This was particularly sad in light of the fact that names of government paid people circulated and could have been pursued.

Had some research forum been provided on disinformation, Bill Moore would have had some structure to work within and we would have saved ourselves the Las Vegas disclosures. Now Mr. Moore has stated that there are others, and I have heard one of the names (although not from Moore, ed.). If true, Ufology is in serious trouble unless there is something done to deal

with this. Groups put out manuals on how to report sightings, etc., but researchers are left defenseless against those who wish to protect the 305 billion dollar defense budget.

The two most recent breaking stories are prime examples. It is reported that the South Africans shot down a saucer, and researchers are being provided with yet more briefing documents. Yet there are already problems with the story, and as described by Bill Moore, we might be up against another Bennewitz type affair. Secondly there is a story circulating about Robert Lazar, who claims to have worked at Dreamland. Mr. Moore states that he has so far been unable to confirm that Lazar is who he is claiming to be. It seems apparent to me that this counterintelligence nonsense will soon be coming in waves, particularly if we walk away from the MJ-12 document without a full answer being obtained. Right now they are probably holding auditions for Roswell witnesses. Moreover, if one is to believe the type of money (Bill) Cooper is at present pulling in, I'm sure the intelligence people will probably have to hold a lottery to pick the lucky agent from the thousands of volunteers, to see who is going to be the next to fleece the flock.

In Canada, people are considered more passive than in the U.S. It therefore seems strange to me that researchers in the U.S. would simply walk away from the MJ-12 affair with their tails between their legs. All that will happen is that there will be a new pursuit after another wild goose which everyone is equally unqualified to research. If MJ-12 is disinformation, and researchers walk away, those who pulled it off will know that there is no drawback to running such programs in the future. (Vicki Cooper, take note! ed.)

Bennewitz was effectively neutralized by the sting run on him. (Linda) Howe was left hanging, and her documentary cancelled through the sting run on her. Doty stated (according to Phil Klass, ed.) that MJ-12 was a sting against Moore; and even if it wasn't, who would argue that Moore and Friedman haven't been badly hurt by this? I propose that a conference or some sort of research be funded before everyone is picked off, or before no case beyond a nocturnal light is researched for fear of the disinformation that comes with it. It seems

pointless to research documents or crashes when nobody's qualified to do the work.

G.C.
Canada

Dear Editor:

Glad to get the latest copy of FOCUS and be reminded of your running battle with the skeptics, the academic flatheads, the government propagandists, etc. By all means hang in there and dig out the evidence of the cover-up in the '40s and '50s. The truth will come out eventually.

While you continue to convince the flatheads of the reality of UFOs, I prefer to work with the contactees and abductees who know from personal experience that the UFOs are real! What they want to know is where the invaders come from, why they are here, and why they are kidnapping people.

The tragedy of our civilization is that the abductee gets absolutely no help from the Church, the State or science. All the contactees and abductees can do is get together in small groups, compare notes on their experiences, and console one-another. Perhaps the squabbling among UFO researchers is also part of the cover-up. Not a pretty picture but we have to keep searching for the truth, wherever that search leads, whatever that truth might be.

R.C.
New Zealand

Dear Editor:

I have heard Mr. Moore speak and met him briefly in Washington in 1987. I have also spoken with Mr. Shandera in Lincoln, Nebraska in 1988. I have been impressed with the restraint displayed by them and Mr. Friedman with regard to the "potshots" they have all endured as a result of the MJ-12 controversy. The vehemence of those attacks would not be entirely

unexpected from the CSICOP cultists, however I have been disappointed by the rush to judgement exhibited by certain UFOlogists.

I recently had occasion to investigate and report on a local case involving a U.S. Coast Guard incident report, corroborated by independent witnesses separated by several miles and supported by photographic evidence. In the course of this investigation, I became entangled in a time consuming and bitter debate with local CSICOP membership concerning the significance of the case and the validity of the evidence proffered. In retrospect, that debate was a wasteful diversion from the investigation and a futile expenditure of energy better devoted to the important work at hand. In short, a lesson was learned and I will not repeat the same mistake.

As an interested observer of the continuing MJ-12 controversy, I have noted the same wasted effort being spent by Mr. Moore and his team. There is nothing to be gained by public debate with these people. They and their adherents have no interest in restraint or objectivity; rather, their very purpose for existence is dependent upon challenging others' "Claims of the Paranormal." To be proven wrong renders their organization obsolete. Contrast their attitude to that of most UFOlogists, whose ultimate goal is to determine, prove and make public the true nature of UFOs, whatever that turns out to be, thereby rendering themselves effectively "obsolete."

I use the qualification most UFOlogists with a degree of regret, given the lack of professionalism displayed by some who have seen fit to proclaim their ultimate judgement concerning MJ-12 before all the evidence is in.

R.D.
Ohio

Dear Editor:

It's always hard for me to tell the truth exactly, so please forgive my clumsy expression. Anyway, I swear that the following is quite true.

One night last fall I was lying on the bed in my

apartment. It was November 3rd, 1988. Suddenly I turned back and I saw the flash- golden one. Then, I feared and called twelve or thirteen names, one by one. Every moment I called each name, my heart began to beat so strongly, and then the heartbeat faded away. At the same time, I couldn't keep back my tears. When I called the last name, I got relieved and fell asleep.

After this experience, I had so many phenomena. First of all, I saw the flashes four times. I saw the one in the cherry tree near my dwelling. And I saw the rest at one time when I thought of my acquaintance. I felt the flash get closer to me. First I saw it over the bridge in the distance, and then on a roof (still) at a distance, and then finally at close hand. I was surprised and wondered what it was at first. But such flashes made me comfortable after a while.

Last of all, I saw UFOs three times. One was cigar shaped, and the others were ball-type. I saw them in Osaka and Shiga Prefecture. I've got to find someone to talk to about similar experiences. Age doesn't matter; sex doesn't matter; and race doesn't matter at all. All through these phenomena I've recognized that I have psychic power or something. I'm looking for others who have experienced such phenomena and want to correspond about it. My parents and grandmother don't understand me, and most others think I'm a madman or something. I think they are not bad people, but they won't try to understand me. I hope you will understand and write to me. I'm looking forward to it. Thank you for reading my letter.

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Dear Editor:

If I had to make a guess, mine would be that Bennewitz' "intercepted alien signals" were probably emanating, as a by-product, from some sort of experiment involving Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) testing. Admittedly, however, Star Wars defense technology is a big category, and there are probably several viable candidates.

Nonetheless, it's interesting to note that the world's largest standing wooden structure, at Kirtland, is an EMP facility, and that the gigantic Saturn (beam) device is at nearby Sandia Labs.

D.S.
Texas

Dear Editor:

I am glad that MUFON is publishing Bill Moore's defense. I expect that he works with the "Queen Bee's" consent, or at least with a faction of the intelligence community's consent. I expect things are coming to a head, that reason will prevail, and that the faction he is working with will not get suppressed itself.

This whole UFO trip is rapidly turning into an intelligence game both alien and earthling. Or maybe it always has been and the UFO community is just now coming around to realize that it's an intelligence game and not a scientific problem mostly. I expect that the factions in control of the general populace would be the first to try to get control of the UFO situation as well, and if they couldn't, they would at least try to make sure nobody else could either.

I expect it is slowly sinking in with the powers that be that they will never be in control and they might as well fess up. You can't dam the whole evolutionary flow of humanity forever, no matter how much you want to do so for your own self-serving ends. I expect the more intelligent factions within the intelligence community are finally beginning to see the light.

You can't throw mud without getting covered with it yourself. Improper means such as deception, denial, ridicule, diversion, etc. will eventually come back to haunt their creators. Truth cannot be discovered with means that are anti-truth. Wisdom is where it's at. There are a lot of clever people in the intelligence community who are not really intelligent; they are just clever manipulators.

E.K.
Georgia

Dear Editor:

Your reaction to the letter to Mr. (Lee) Graham from the SETI Office (FOCUS, March, 1988, p.2) indicates you don't understand science. For my part, I find it difficult to imagine that any other than a "biased, narrow-minded individual" like Dr. Oliver could have attained his position.

Today the State Religion is Science. It provides the legitimacy myth for governments both capitalist and socialist, as well as a Creation Myth known as "The Big Bang." Traditionally, the priesthood has provided technical services such as calendars and politically-tainted entertainment in the form of rituals and spectacles.

Christianity supplanted paganism because it was more suitable for the late Roman and feudal worlds. The old gods were for the free and wild barbarians; merciful Jesus better met the needs of downtrodden peasants. Science had a better idea: magic that works. When it does work, it brings wealth and power—for a time.

An interesting game to play is to ask yourself what potential scientists did before there was any science. Some became artisans. The unique features of Western science may be traced to the ancient Celtic metal smiths. Better craftsmanship could be found in Asia—Damascus and Japanese swords, Chinese ceramics, Persian carpets, &c. But in the Middle Ages, Europeans pioneered machinery and much later standardization. The tradition of applied research and invention is perhaps the only permanent cultural contribution of the West.

Theoretical scientists seem to be descended from priests. Many science pioneers were eccentric clergymen and many contemporary scientists come from families of clergymen. From this strain comes the dogmatic tendencies of science, as well as the desire to sit at the feet of the mighty rather than toil in the armory (now a dingy lab). The dynamism of modern science, which continues long after the death of art and culture, comes from the personality clash between the theorists and the pragmatists. Left to their own devices, the Einsteins or Edisons of the world soon sink into a state of smug self-satisfaction and ennui.

Dr. Oliver, by his own admission, comes from a family with priestly tendencies. He tells you to take your heresies to the modern Inquisition: The Skeptical Inquirer; he cites the Thomas de Torquemada of Big Science: Martin Gardner, and the would-be Pope, Carl Sagan. And the dogmatic pragmatists tell you, "They can't get here from there."

Most scientists are technicians, not intellectuals. They function primarily as teachers, bureaucrats, or engineers. Most research is make-work projects so that they can command higher pay than other clerks, but less than lawyers. Much of "science" cannot supply a testable hypothesis. Have you seen any more "evolution" than spontaneous creation by God? A tribe in Africa has developed a viable alternative foot (two large toes). This was first reported in The National Enquirer and only later in Discovery. Who can prove this is "evolution" and not divine intervention?

SETI itself is a notorious example of celestial pork. (Sounds like a chef's special at a glitzy Chinese restaurant.) It was an idea conceived by Sagan and others to sell a lot of radio astronomy research that would never fly in today's world of budget deficits. They have no serious thought of ever getting any signals from alien civilizations. The art of juggling meaningless probabilities can prove anything, even that nuclear power is safe. Chernobyl, Three Mile Island, and the federal bomb factories are mere facts. The important thing is that by multiplying a lot of small numbers together, an "expert" can get a very small number. It's kind of a mirror image of "cost-benefit analysis," which proves that pork barrel projects are good for the economy. (You multiply a lot of large numbers in this case.)

A good discussion of meaningless probabilities is now readily available in the late Richard Feynman's "Appendix F" (see his "What Do You Care What Other People Think?", pp 220-237).

Ufology is not a science, but a rival to Science as the One True Faith. The Ufonauts are demonstrating to the superstitious masses that they have more power and stronger magic than NASA, the Air Force, and the National Academy of Sciences. The Establishment tried and failed to do something about this problem. They can't banish UFOs; they can't tax them and they

can't regulate them. All they can do is deny their existence, so that is what they do.

Some establishment critics of SETI claim that any advanced alien civilizations would be here trading with us primitives. They ask Sagan, "Where are they, Carl?" They ignore the other scientists who claim that interstellar travel is virtually impossible, and it is as far as earthly science knows. But when a "Kathy Davis" or a Whitley Strieber says, "They're here. They stick beebees up peoples' noses. They perform bizarre sexual experiments." these scientists don't want to listen.

So far the demonstration phase of the UFO phenomenon is confined to a minority of the population. Confrontation has taken place only in the presence of a select few. Even tens of thousands is a minute fraction of the population. Dr. Oliver is correct in saying that UFOs are "will-o-the-wisp," which means their frequency of occurrence is low enough that they can be ignored. Automobile accidents, violent crime and AIDS are far greater threats to the serenity of the average citizen.

One thing the UFO phenomenon is not is the accidental discovery of alien astronauts and craft. If it is more than a rumor run amok for 40 years, and I suspect it is, all it can be is a test of rationality and sanity being administered by unknown entities. So far there have been damn few positives registered.

F.M.
Maryland

Dear Editor:

My husband is a subscriber to the Skeptical Inquirer. As a result, I have had occasion to follow Philip Klass' commentary on the MJ-12 documents. I like to think that, in my own enchanting way, I am an open-minded person. Thus, I acquired a copy of the "MUFON Symposium Proceedings" (1988) to see what you folks might have to say in response.

Your frustration and outrage at Mr. Klass are thoroughly apparent and, I must concede, you do seem to have some grounds for objecting to certain points of his style, method, research

and presentation. However, as an independent reader (and an editor/publisher by profession), I suggest to you that your presentation would be quite a bit stronger were you to stop responding to his vitriol with your own invective. I know that can seem cruel criticism when someone is continually referring to you in public as an incompetent fraud. BUT observations regarding his style, methods, etc., should have appeared exactly once— at the close of the article— as a sort of coup de grace. A dispassionate, complete exposition of Klass' alleged numerous errors would have lent dignity and force to the piece. The way it stands now, the lingering impression left with the casual reader is that a personality conflict is at hand, rather than a credibility question based on quality of research. I do not think that is what you meant to convey.

Now I do not know whether or not the documents are genuine, but let me put forward a thought or two you might explore to help sift through the matter for yourself. (One thing I noticed in comparing the Moore-Klass exchange is your willingness to test your own information as opposed to his reflex assumption that his points consist of revealed wisdom. His are arguments by social authority; yours seem to be arguments by data, which is why I thought you might appreciate some constructive criticism.)

Be that as it may, I used to live and work in Europe. I prominently noticed, therefore, the question regarding the use of "0" before single digit dates and whether it was a common practice before the advent of computers. Especially in European cursive, single digits can easily be mistaken for double digits. The worst offender is the numeral "7." The way Europeans write it, it can look very much like "17." Similarly, a "2" can look like a "12." Suppose now, you are dealing with sensitive intelligence data. Suppose most of your operatives are filing hand-written reports. Suppose further that you are dealing with situations in which an error of ten days can literally mean someone's life. We quickly see that the question revolves around issues of clarity, not the logistics of computer technology.

Let us suppose a little further. In the interests of clarity, would you not devise your intelligence system so it was impossible to write an unclear date? The best way to indicate that you intend a single, not a double, digit is to use two digits at all times, and should there be no first digit, to so indicate with an unmistakable sym-

bol. It is very hard to make a zero look like anything but a zero, so why not use that symbol to signify that a single digit follows? Just to make doubly sure that no one can read your zero as the letter "0", why not slash through all zeroes? (Eg.: 0). A slashed zero simply cannot be mistaken for anything else but a slashed zero. Finally, to make triply sure, would you not require the use of the clarifying zero at all times rather than allow it to be optional?

This is exactly the European method— at least it was in the sixties. I believe if you check, you will see it is a NATO practice as well. If you check still further, I think you may find this is a standard, common sense procedure for all hand-written intelligence records. It predated computers because it had nothing to do with computers. It had to do with guarding against the sort of ambiguity found in hand-written numerals.

Regarding Executive Orders, do some research on their legal function and purpose. I believe you will find that, far from the informal memorandum-style communications Mr. Klass suggests they are with his proto-Truman prose, Executive Orders are intensely formal documents which, over the signature of the President, carry the force of federal law. To challenge them, I believe one must go to federal court on constitutional grounds....

I was struck myself by Mr. Klass' anomolous rendering of Executive Orders when I first read his piece in the Skeptical Inquirer and bemused by his assertion that Mr. Truman would have created a federal fiat containing colloquialisms and profanity.

Finally, I am a little surprised that you have not seemed to notice the disinformative nature of what you claim Mr. Klass is doing. If Mr. Klass is, indeed, deliberately spreading disinformation in a way similar to the way Mr. Menzel allegedly once did, perhaps you should inquire a little more perceptively into the background, funding sources, and connections of this Washington-based commentator.

These are just my inexpert observations— I am no authority either in federal law or intelligence operations.

B.M.
Ohio



BOOK REVIEWS

Tate, Roy: *The Astrology of Genius: A Study of the Nobel Prize Winners*, (Evolutionary Publications, POBX 516, Miami, FL 33238), 140pp, 1989. (ISBN: 0-9620703-1-9)

Many people believe in astrology for the wrong reasons and many people don't believe in it—also for the wrong reasons. Roy Tate has recently reissued the fourth edition of his book which shows all planetary patterns for everyone who has ever received a Nobel Prize.

Based upon 20 years of research, this unique paradigm allows the reader to assess any of 72 sections in the entire project. These are derived from the six categories for which Nobel Prizes are awarded, times the 12 sun signs. Taking a look at the data as a whole, it becomes apparent that Gemini is the overall leader with 63 awards, 19 of which are in medicine.

If each of the 12 signs had received about 48 prizes, argues the author, it would be sensible for the critics to contend that there is nothing to astrology. However a chi-square test—a mathematical technique used by scientists to determine the likelihood of a given set of data points occurring by random chance—reveals the odds of this sun sign pattern for 572 Nobel laureates is less than one in 500.

Order directly from the publisher. \$9.95 + postage.

Coleman, Loren: *Tom Slick and the Search for the Yeti*, (NY and London: Faber & Faber; Nov. 1989), 200pp, photos, bibliog., index. ISBN & price unk. (Available through most bookstores.)

The XIVth Dalai Lama, recipient of the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize, may have the Abominable Snowman to thank for his Holiness' freedom. This is according to facts uncovered by author Loren Coleman who is also a full-time research associate and instructor at the University of Southern Maine. ***Tom Slick and the Search for the Yeti*** reveals that the subject of the book,

one Thomas Baker Slick, a forgotten Texas visionary and oil millionaire, led several expeditions into the Himalayas and was suspected of assisting the Tibetans against the Chinese in the early 1950s. Coleman concludes that the CIA and associates of Tom Slick were responsible for getting the Dalai Lama safely out of the country in 1959. He also concludes that the legend of the Yeti was used as a convenient cover.

The Abominable Snowman may be an important piece of the puzzle that other accounts of the Dalai Lama's escape have missed. In his opinion, the evidence is rather clear now, 30 years after the fact, that the CIA was behind the successful departure of the Dalai Lama from Lhasa, and that the Agency used snowmen expeditions as fronts for covert operations designed to assist in the Dalai Lama's escape from the Chinese.

While the CIA may be in disfavor today, Coleman says that the saving of his Holiness was one of the most forward-thinking and positive rescues of the Agency. And the use of the Yeti as a cover for the operations was a clever piece of disinformation which is now a little-known footnote to history. Many heroes died in the struggle for the Himalayan nation's freedom, notes Coleman, and Tom Slick may have been one of them. He died in a mysterious mid-air explosion in 1962 which appears to have been caused by a bomb planted aboard the plane.

Slick is Loren Coleman's sixth book.

Quarrie, Bruce: *Hitler: the Victory that Nearly Was*, (NY: Sterling Pub. Co., Inc.; 1986). Hardcover, \$19.95. Available through most booksellers.

Who was the first human to travel in outer space? According to Bruce Quarrie, it was Hanna Reitsch, one of Nazi Germany's most highly decorated military test pilots, who, on April 12, 1943, was hurtled 50 miles above the earth while strapped in the nose capsule of an

A-4 (V-2) rocket which had been experimentally staged atop a prototype A-10 (V-3). The project was masterminded, writes Quarrie, by none other than Dr. Werner von Braun, who was later to become one of the most important scientists in America's postwar rocket research. The entire sub-orbital flight lasted less than 20 minutes, and Reitsch survived it! For more details, read the book.

TRIVIA TIDBIT

Question: Who played the part of the taxi driver in the 1937 film version of "Captains Courageous?" **Answer:** Frank Scully (author of the 1950 book *Behind the Flying Saucers*). Frank played a number of bit parts in Hollywood films of the '30s and '40s; although his roles were usually so small that he rarely got billing.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Watch for New York Times reporter *Howard Blum's* forthcoming book *Out There* (NY: Knopf), which is scheduled for release in August, 1990. Word is out that he will make some interesting revelations therein.

"Direct examination of psychologically healthy people shows pretty clearly that they are positively attracted to the mysterious, to the unknown, to the puzzling and the unexplained. This is noteworthy because it contrasts sharply with the psychologically sick person's tendency to be threatened by the unfamiliar, the ambiguous, the unknown."

Maslow: "The Need to Know and the Fear of Knowing", Journal of General Psychology, 68: 111-25.

"QUOTABLE QUOTES"

"It is dangerous and not good journalism to quote what people say as fact."

Philip J. Klass (1987)



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Dear T. Scott:

Received you letter of Sept. 17th today, but am still awaiting the packet with the Walker material. Hope by now you have received copies of the several letters I have written to Grant. I shall make it a policy to keep you both copied any time I write either of you.

Am in a hurry today, but will try to deal with the points you raise in your letter.

(A) Re: Aquarius Telex: Please take note of the text of my Vegas speech, page 13, answer to question #9 (FOCUS, IV, 5-6-7 <30 JUN. '89>) which reads as follows:

"The document is a retyped version of a real AFOSI message with a few spurious additions. It was apparently created by AFOSI, or at least I always assumed it was, and it was handed to me in February, 1981 with the intention that I would pass it to Bennewitz."

I thought the "created by AFOSI" statement would have laid this matter to rest, but apparently not. Therefore, to answer your question:

(1) I did not retype the document, nor do I know who did. Certainly it was someone involved with the Bennewitz C/I effort, maybe Doty, maybe not.

(2) I know that the version I was handed was a retype because I had seen the original earlier on. The reconstructed version which appears in FOCUS is the combined product of both my and Rick Doty's memory. To the best of my (our) recollection, the original did indeed refer to NSA.

(B) Your understanding about the Aquarius Document is incorrect. I was told that the original briefing to which it allegedly pertains was an oral briefing and that the briefing officer used handwritten notes as an aide-memoire. The version I have is allegedly a typed transcript of those notes which the briefing officer later composed as a memo to file. Naturally I have no way of proving this as I only have the source's word for it.

There are two reasons for continuing to withhold the larger

portion of this material:

(A) We do not know if it is authentic.

(B) It is a control mechanism in case anyone else comes forward with a similar claim. I.E., if anyone can supply any portion of the "missing text", we would be in a position to refute or verify. (In this light, Bill Cooper claimed to have seen the same document as part of his experience. Cooper then supplied a typed version of what he said was the complete text of the document. His only mistake was that he assumed the version we had was pre-censored and that we would have no way of knowing what the allegedly missing text said. Unfortunately for Cooper, we were able to expose his version as being exactly identical to ours with respect to uncensored lines, and completely different from ours where Cooper had filled in what he assumed was missing from our document. When Cooper was confronted with this, he changed his story and tried to claim that the reason the text of our document differed from his was that it was us who had been provided with an altered document. Even more amazing here is that some people actually believe him!)

We have no immediate plans to release the entire document as we have not yet completed our investigation of it.

(C) How do I know that any of these documents are authentic? I don't. The point is that the documents exist and that they came through government sources. The correct question in either case is "why"?

Am I being led down the garden path? Perhaps. Once again the correct questions here are who is doing the leading, where will the path go, what can be learned in the process, and (again) why is this happening? If it's to dissuade me from doing further research on Roswell, it isn't working very well, is it? My research is every bit as active as it ever was. I have simply been allowing Stanton to act as writer for the team. Unfortunately, I am beginning to wonder whether Stanton's always oversized ego hasn't been getting the best of him in recent months. To hear him tell it, no one but him has been doing anything lately--which, of course, just ain't true. That's one reason why I have been doing a lot more corresponding with people lately and why I have revitalized FOCUS as an outlet for what's been going on at this end lately. Of course, I still have every respect for Stan and continue to regard him as a close friend and an important team member.

(D) My source has managed to maneuver himself into a very advantageous position recently with respect to Walker. Seems the two now are on very cordial terms. He says he stands ready to place this whole matter before Walker face-to-face and ask him what is going on. As soon as I get your material, I shall pass it along and we shall see what we can learn. (Once again, this is your story. Whatever I get, I'll provide you with. The ultimate decision of what to do from there will be up to you.)

(E) Stan told me on the phone that Walker had denied any involvement with UFOs since '65. I have nothing in writing on this.

(F) Falcon has stated that the "Eisenhower Briefing" is real. He has also stated that he was not the one who sent it. I can also tell you that he was correctly aware of some of the data in the document before I showed him a copy. But then, of course, if it's a government phoney, we're right back at square one again.

(G) Pratt and I did indeed write an unpublished novel which was completed in '82. It was essentially fiction based on fact, and Doty did indeed play a role in the project. I'll be more than happy to let you read the m/s, but you'll have to come here to do so since there's still a chance I can get it published and I don't want to risk a copy getting into public hands just now. You will probably find the plot very interesting in that it takes some very fascinating twists, but I can assure you that you will find nothing therein that you don't already know with respect to either Aquarius or MJ-12.

It is important to note here also that I brought Shandera into our project in June of '82; consequently the reason I never mentioned him to Pratt was that he wasn't involved at the time. Pratt certainly knew of Stanton's and my association; however even Stanton didn't know a whole lot about what I was trying to do with Aquarius/MJ-12 by January of '82 because at the time I was playing very close to the vest and Stan, who had moved to Canada in '81 (I think) was very far away.

(H) What am I giving "Falcon"? Up to late '84, I knew where I stood on that one. Since then, it's been something of a mystery to me as well. I think I'll pass on that question just now because anything I might say would be speculation on my part; and Gawd alone only knows what some members of the UFO community would do with it if they got the chance!

(I) Hastings can say whatever he likes. In the long run, I'm the one who is holding the cards and it's going to be up to me to either put up or shut up. Nothing Hastings can possibly say will make one iota of difference in that process. My policy is and will continue to be one of ignoring him and his bosom buddy Todd Zechel, for whom Hastings is only an unfortunate stooge. Zechel's reputation is so bad with UFOlogy that the only way he can continue to operate is through a mouthpiece. Hastings is not the one who's writing those papers, the poison pen is really held by Zechel. Hastings gullibility and paranoia make him a convenient puppet and Zechel uses him as such. As to why Zechel hates Bill Moore, it's a very long and rather humorous story. Someday when we finally meet face-to-face (you and I), ask me about it and I'll tell you.

(J) Christopher Allan and I have been corresponding for some time. Compared to Allan, Klass is a mental giant! I enclose some copies of correspondence so you can judge for yourself. The one point

neither Allan nor anyone else can answer is how the writer of the Eisenhower Briefing document knew that Menzel would check out. Every attempt I've seen to answer this very important question has been nothing more than sheer speculation. Allan, of course, can speculate all he wants.

In light of your comment about Bush & the Smith memo, Please note that the Smith memo clearly identifies Bush as "head" of a project to determine modus operandi. The Eisenhower document identifies Hillenkoetter as heading MJ-12. Seems like if someone was going to use the Smith memo as back-up for forgery, they wouldn't have made such an obvious mistake.

As you can see, when I said "exchange", I meant it. Hope this answers all of your questions.

Yours,

