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Dear Grant,

Sorry for delay in answering your letter of April 7. This past month has been a negative one for me, UFO-wise; too many interferences all of a personal nature. My mother was taken twice to hospital for emergencies, I had two root canal surgeries and while working on a Yard project I injured two fingers on my right hand which prevented me from typing or writing. In fact I couldn't even button my shirt. I'm mending now and am trying to catch up with deserving correspondence such as yours.

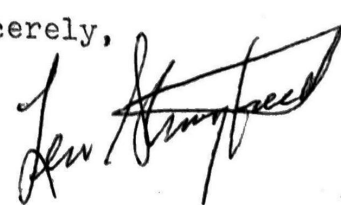
Relatively, things are less hectic in past couple months; most of "inside" sources stress a clampdown on security and are saying little or nothing. However, some agree on one point, that high-level meetings have been underway since early January. The concern, as I get it, is over some possible move, maybe hostile, by the aliens (the grays) and that counter-measures have been considered. One key source recently returned from Russia and from two sources I learned that a Red Chinese and Russian delegations have been to Wright-Patt on UFO issues. Whatever the reason for urgency, perhaps President Reagan echoed a high-level concern when he mentioned in a Chicago address, May 4, that he hopes to get an arms agreement with the Russians because of a possible threat from outer space. I don't have the exact quote, but it made big news in some parts of USA. There was, curiously, no mention of his remarks in the Cincinnati news media. This is the third time he has made an allusion to outer space threats in past year or so. Also, VP Bush, supposedly in an interview with an Arkansas reporter (and member of MUFON) responded to a question about UFOs, "You only know half of it". I got this thirdhand and don't know the exact question or full response. I expect to get more on this later.

Your letter re Wilbert Smith, Swan, etc and the confusion over the "blondes" the good guys and the grays, the evil ones, certainly touches on a puzzling aspect for me as well. In the 50's and 60's I dismissed all contactee stories with human-like beings as fantasy. Now, with reports from several respectful sources about the blondes and grays, I sometimes wonder if I missed the boat. On the otherhand, in my crash/retrieval research, all the dead bodies retrieved and stored are the ugly little grays --no human types. Of course, one must always consider the ploys of mis and dis-information. The orchestrators are a clever bunch.

Hope you can get more info from Mrs. Swan and from the Margaret Smith library. You're doing an excellent job in probing Wilbert Smith's research, a person who played a key role in the early days.

Incidentally, John Lear called last week to relate that he got an admission from General Jimmy Doolittle that MJ-12 did exist. John got his mother to call the general who were close friends during her husband's heyday in the aeronautical business.

Sincerely,



August 17, 1987

Dear Mr. Cameron,

So good to hear from you and I certainly appreciate the Wilbert Smith document which you enclosed. This one I had not seen before, but I'm well aware of Smith's 1950 document and his reference to Dr. Bush, etc.

Re Dr. Sarbacher, I was one who first released his name to research after getting permission from Arthur Bray in Canada. *Bray had also collected a mass of material re Smith, probably much of which he still retains as confidential. In Toronto, 1981, he introduced me to Mr. Smith who was very much informed about her husband's activities. Sarbacher died recently, but he related a surprising amount of information about his work to Bill Steinman in California which will be published in a book due out next month called, The Recovery at Aztec. Bill plans to published all the letters he received from Sarbacher and also much data on the alleged Aztec crash in 1948. He claims to have many sources re that crash that he cannot name or will be in trouble.

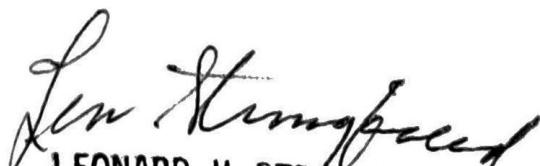
I have heard of Art Lundahl in association with UFO crashes but I have nothing that ties him with any of my firsthand cases. But I doubt he would admit anything if he were reachable.

The big story now is MJ-12, but many in research are questioning the authenticity of the documents. I have a source I believe has served in that project but he won't admit it. Can't blame him knowing what the phantom forces can do to people who talk out of turn.

Again, many thanks for the Smith notes. Stay in touch.

Sincerely

* See page 41 of my
Status Report III. "UFO
CRASH/RETRIEVALS: AMASSING
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Dear Stu,

Was very glad to hear from you. Hope you are enjoying your retirement on the 100. Will be thinking of you as the snow will soon be flying here.

Indeed you will find the documents I mentioned on the phone. The only ones in question are the M-12 documents which the U.S. gov't refused to deal with. I have an extremely confidential interview (entirely SW) which spans M-12 as well. This interview was only done in early Sept and there are only few people in the world who have seen it. Of the top U.S. Senator puts it in writing you will probably be it across the front page of every newspaper in America. The headline the interview between William Smith and Mr. R.T. Sackler of the Canadian Embassy so far as I heard the activist. I'll let you know I'll let it in two full months would have been uncovered.

Documents missing from this collection are a set of correspondence between Willett and Pearson & Co at the Canadian Embassy, and between Willett and Donald Wright (including attack in Washington D.C.) I have been asked for various documents from D.O.T., D.R.B.R.C.M.2. It takes months for them to process them. I know America. They need of the documents in the security correspondence that will support the top secret above TOP SECRET clearance given to Mr. Lawrence Smith's work on Flying Saucers.

Regarding the accidents you were involved in you must remember I didn't see the light of day till Jan. 1981. I have never seen Sunday Bay

③ I know just to nothing about nuclear or conspiracy research. Some of the questions I am looking to answer.

① When did Smith first mention H59?

② If Sunday Bay was a defense based base facility, what was B.O.T. people doing there?

③ Were you involved in the Flying Saucer Station? (William S.A.)

④ How did Willett defend his delay in 1980? Did he mention crashed saucers? (or I camp?)

⑤ How long did you work with W. Willett?

⑥ What did he do during the day? What was his actual job?

⑦ Do you recognize any of the names involved?

⑧ How often did Willett fly saucers? H59?

⑨ What did he say about them?

⑩ Do you know of when H. Thompson announced to report working with Willett around 52, 53?

⑪ Did you know about "Rake Off" was by D.O.T.?

⑫ Do you know a guy by the name of Macdonald? Should have been an young employee of Willett at this time. How high up in B.O.T. with Willett etc.

⑬ What was the frequency of the action? Was this the only attempt made?

⑭ Was the telephone work covered by a security clearance?

If more questions pop up, I will let you know. Will also read some documents from time to time. They are flowing like a river. The last 60 days will drop by at my hands take me near your area. Thanks again.

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Don't

1) My thanks for your letter and comments.

I just got another letter from Stearns today and he gave me the letter and another, answering.

I told to my last letter, I thought I was there you all a lot of the time. In Stearns' letter

He said he needed a couple items and reports to the all conference - don't know to answer. These items are not critical but the former I think is

I am releasing what Stearns told me, so I am sure you will be asked by many associates about

m-1-2 and I think you need this item to keep the proper perspective. Besides it under the following

1) You can get your first of Stearns that you have about this. I am the only person besides Stearns who knows, as it isn't that long

to figure out what you got it. I still need Stearns' letter to my first meeting and he also to be involved from time to time with the

7) He who has some wife. I need. From what I can determine Stearns had more phone interviews with Secker than he

has made public (if) this is how he found out. Apparently was involved

- more importantly he asked Secker who did attend the meeting at Wright Field. Secker told him enough that Stearns was able to identify

Stearns
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Dr. Eric Wilber (Ottawa) will find his name in my first letter to you. Secker could not remember who name Stearns phoned Secker and he informed Wilber. Stearns discussed this with Senator Fuchman who returned Wilber's invitation and phoned him. Wilber would say nothing but it appeared to Stearns. He never connecting. When Stearns asked Fuchman for the number, Fuchman refused to give it.

Nothing happened from then 1983 till I wrote Senator related to this. I had some access on access to help request when Senator asked for letter from Wilber's brother to Secker and Wilber. When I learned the Secker connection I decided to phoned the Wilber name and even knowing the his relationship except that he was involved with the Wilber. Fuchman never did return my letter but Stearns jumped that I had Wilber's name.

I explained to Stearns that I had understood Wilber, I knew he was related to Smith, and that Fuchman was questioning the Canadian court for my letter that might have been written. I think Stearns got nervous knowing that seems on his Fuchman or maybe would contact Wilber, so he came here quickly got Wilber's number and made a phone call. I have answered the entire interview.

On his last letter he did not mention it, but I knew he will still be looking Wilber for the note. Stearns I think is right in that if you are a witness who would look then his involvement or phone book it would probably run through. When Stearns is aware that I had contacted Fuchman and that Fuchman would make the call and use the information or report (m-1-2)

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with document to) would have been interesting to
have seen whether for when he saw the documents
and by Stearns. Stearns probably would at himself
by making the documents.

He also indicated the CIA letter related to
m-12 was probably have seen this. Of this is true
the document should be kept true by force

On other matters. Alfred & Casson &
Information required. The RCMP got wants although
I have not seen them yet. All the others got the same
general response they would not do "what someone
to demand." They must have a lot of people in-
line in Ottawa who would avoid the archive for
one. Macleod to say I am a parent preparing an
appeal.

Also received a letter from the defence minister
(Paul Hellyer) who just reviewed the story that
the Canadian gov't had built a landing area at
Sylvia Lake for UFO to land. He couldn't remember
who had told him the story. Notably he asked that
he didn't believe there had been a crash-up in
Canada.

Got an report of William Dr. Pete Williams
who wrote the position of Captain Mayne and who
claimed Captain Bond was a Russian spy and a
member of a secret club that was meeting
any time talking to Williams. Good thing Smith's
husband of the time Williams said
① he had never seen the Smith name till 19
and it to him
② he had asked the Captain Mayne's wife if he
recalled to remember when the medical license

The responsibility of WRC, because he believed about the
medical should not be classified. It was assumed
the FBI, and this explains the fact it is not Secret name
was disclosed to compromise by accident
③ He stated he had seen a collection of being the
beyond the WFO files that are classified and that he
a part of it. The defense people must have heard this
consequently all the material on WRC is unclassified
and not need would justify.

I am sending Williams the Brocklebridge
CIA contact letters as Williams quote them often.
Should be interesting to seeing how reaction to the fact
that Mayne claimed was WFO's top secret clearance.

Sincerely yours
John D.

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THE CHASE FOR PROOF IN A SQUIRREL'S CAGE

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- **UFO involvement:** Probably the experienced UFO researcher still active. He has at various been associated with NICAP, and MUFON in a consultative capacity. Between 1957 he worked with Air Command, screening and UFO activity; during this he was director of CRIFO Research, Interplanetary (jects) and edited its journal besides being president of the UFO Society. In 1967-9 he as Early Warning co-ordinator for the Colorado Project



under Dr Condon.

As *Orbit* and his other publications testify, he has always pursued a strictly case-based approach to the UFO phenomenon, and the controversial crash/retrieval question especially has occupied his attention

since 1978. His researches in this field, though frustratingly inconclusive, have persuaded his colleagues that whatever the basis of the reports he has collected, they represent a facet of the UFO phenomenon which cannot be dismissed as mere myth.

■ **Publications** include: *Inside Saucer Post 3-0 Blue* (CRIFO 1957); *Situation Red: the UFO siege* (Doubleday 1977); and four reports on his crash/retrieval researches: *Retrievals of the Third Kind* (MUFON Proceedings 1978), *The UFO crash/retrieval syndrome: status report II* (MUFON 1980), *UFO crash retrievals: amassing the evidence; status report III* (Cincinnati 1982), *The fatal encounter at Ft. Dix - McGuire: a case study* (MUFON Proceedings 1985). Some of these publications are available from the author.

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Subject, of course, is UFO Crash / Retrievals, a controversy that just won't go away despite many wish it would. New, provocative evidence always seems to keep it astir, some of it suggesting a cover-up.

What, then, is behind this stubborn syndrome, making research, that defies scientific rationale, off the media, boggles and divides ufologists and frustrates those who probe for these hidden facts and proof? Some clues may be evident in the story of research, probing for that proof.

For many years the only manifestation of the syndrome was a knee-jerk reaction to a cobwebbed corner in the proverbial closet rattling with stories of UFO crashes in the deserts of Southwest USA. They were so unbelievable that it was unfashionable to discuss among the lords of research created by reports of daylight discs and green trails or in debates over the pros and cons of the extraterrestrial hypothesis or an exotic close encounter.

This phase of wonderment and of irresolution, stagnation, went on through a score or more years. In 1977, the year Doubleday published my book, *Situation Red, the UFO Siege*, in which I had related

several tantalising references to captive alien bodies, our skeleton began to form flesh and sinew to its bones. New sources emerged to tell me, firsthand, about their experiences of involvement in secret military retrieval operations or of having seen the alien craft or cadavers, some on a need-to-know basis. The floodgates had opened.

Pushed to the forefront with this sobering input, I accepted an offer by Walter Andrus, Director of MUFON, to present a paper at their 9th annual symposium in Dayton, Ohio, in July 1978. News of my presentation sparked an instant response from researchers, some who favored paranormal answers, voicing defensive disbelief; others, who knew me for my "conservative" views, wondered what I had uncovered as new evidence. The suspense, I feared at that time, was spreading out of control, beyond the facts on hand. UPI picked up the story which, in turn, triggered ABC radio and at least 100 affiliates, coast-to-coast, to call me day and night for interviews and talk shows. These, of course, brought the public into the hubbub and with it a deluge of mail and phone calls. Some were new sources with tales to tell, but most were the kind whose uncle, or cousin, or friend who, years ago while in the military, had seen the

hardware or the critters. Only a few were traceable.

Among my early contacts, one stood out. There was little doubt in my mind, as time went by, that he was what he professed to be -- an agent in the CIA. Through "church affiliation" and probably for other reasons unknown to me, he had a close and trusted relationship with researcher Robert Barry of Yoe, Pennsylvania, who served as our intermediary. Known only as "Mr. Q" he was to remain invisible to me; his presence known only by a recognizable voice, terse, commanding and knowledgeable. I heard it many times as Barry replayed his tapes with information on worldwide UFO events and some useful advisories relative to UFO crashes. In fact, said Barry, he was a member of a retrieval team in a New Mexico crash, 1962, where he personally helped in the recovery of the dead humanoid occupants. (See Case A-6, Status Report II)

Surprisingly, Mr. Q's tips on past UFO crashes, which I had shared with no one, including Barry, often proved accurate. Also of note, on the eve of my departure to Dayton, he not only predicted a flare-up of trouble by agitators during my presentation, but strongly advised that if I had inside information concerning a UFO problem linked to West Germany and, vaguely, a reference to a UFO crash in Mexico, that I should avoid their use. He didn't say why. His final advisement, I recall, was that foreign agents would be present, and to reveal nothing of technical value about the craft that could breach US security.

Actually, I had nothing on a West German problem, only general knowledge about a Mexican crash in the early '50s and no deep-throat secrets about the craft's properties or, at that time, US attempts to duplicate a saucer at a secret base. No one was sure what I had to show-and-tell in my paper's final version, not even the CIA. But I found it wise to heed my friend's advice on sensitive matters. Sometimes he would say, "With that information you had better stay out of dark alleys" or, "It's safer to eat fast food." Indeed, the skeleton I had rattled began to grow horns!

In anticipation of the revelations in my paper, entitled *Retrievals of the Third Kind: A case Study of Alleged UFOs and Occupants in Military Custody*, I recall one attempt to set the mood for the expected large audience at the Convention Center: a member of the sponsoring group, The Ohio UFO Investigators League (OUFOIL), paraded around the halls wearing a green "little man" costume. Others, however, were less amused. One of my contemporaries in research since 1954, a close friend, went into a rage when he learned of my subject, saying it was nonsense and would hurt research and me; and it almost did.

Apart from the watchful eyes of "sentinels" obviously following me everywhere, even on elevators at the Stauffer Inn where I stayed, I found encouragement from many long-time associates, including Major Donald Keyhoe and Richard Hall,

both authors and also speakers. Dr. Hynek, who was scheduled to arrive in the late afternoon from St. Louis to deliver his paper, came early to be on hand for my morning "bombshell". Also on hand were cameras representing all the networks in a "press room" where I was to be interviewed following my talk. When my moment of glory, or infamy, was over having read 63 typewritten pages of anecdotal histories, I was unprepared for the rush of plainclothes Dayton police (perhaps the sentinels had watched earlier) from below stage, who whisked me away to a rear elevator and took me, completely puzzled, to my room at the Inn.

It was explained that the sponsoring group had man had been approached twice, once the night before by phone and again, face-to-face, in the few minutes before I spoke, with threats-to-kill I pursued my talk. Said the PR man, "I was too stunned to react right away and he got away into the crowd."

After a harried news conference where I was hounded to reveal names and show proof, I was steered back to my room. There I tried in vain to eat a sandwich and hoped to join my wife, Dell, son-in-law, who had driven up from Cincinnati that day, but they were lost in the confusion. I was transferred to another room for my safety, and a personal bodyguard was assigned to stay with me at all times until my departure the next day. The culprit, whether a part of a local gag or a well-planned scare tactic by "the company" or a wound-up weirdo, was not identified.

Media coverage? Well, none of the network stations carried the story, nor did it fare any better in any of the three Cincinnati stations even though I had made dozens of appearances on previous occasions as special guest for far less significant matters. Giving it a cold shoulder were the Cincinnati newspapers, ignoring OUFOIL, the Cincinnati sponsor; MUFON, with its large Ohio membership and popular speakers such as Dr. Hynek and C. J. (Center for UFO Studies), and Major Keyhoe, head of NICAP.

Was the story of UFO crashes and the little green humanoids at Wright-Patterson too incredible to be awkward and embarrassing an issue, for the media to throw coldly at a potentially critical public? Or, prepared, or cushioned, for its colossal impact? Certainly, there was reason for guilt, for they had done nothing over the years to dig into the facts.

Such was the beginning of my adventures in the realm of UFO crashes and retrievals. But I did not to easily forget the Dayton episode, as there was an assortment of strange incidents to happen at home, the kind of which I had never before experienced since I got into research back in 1954.

Notably, and in close order, were three phone calls at night by a low, monotone voice saying that my death was imminent; a skull with human bones drawn in red ink on notepad paper received in the mail; the daytime appearance of a small

neatly-clad man in property to the property, pretended to be a tree and then the nest of them and heel, appeared to have tried to enter my house. Below, I received a message in a bottle as I continued to respond from the mix. Kindled the ETH, but sometimes went on lasting weakly. A few opportunities were taken up with. But I didn't lose it. June 1980. Retrieval Syndrome. A continuum of events including a letter from an informant described by MUFON, in which he was wide-eyed and comment was made on a radio broadcast of orders coming from Hynek called me to compliments for my work but lamenting that I was not releasing information if there might be handled to the public. A few weeks later his version of the deal that would be a anonymous witness or on talk show according to the I had to see the name of its success. I was an astronaut. I will never know the reason for the I had to bow out. I did not and had the opportunity I had agreed to. It was a spark of his collection of his story. I admitted that I was during lecture mentioned about the Wright-Patterson. But, apparently, he did take. Ignored by other the release of my against me in leaped up dramatically clear. Fading

fatly-clad stranger lingering in a nearby property to the rear of my home, who, when I pretended to be studying a leaf of a book and then scampering away, and, the footprint of them all, four muddy shoe-prints, the last one, appearing as though someone -- or something -- had tried to walk up the redwood siding. Below, the gravel was disturbed. Was there a message in these and other bizarre happenings as I continued my probes?

Advice from researchers after Dayton was an encouraging mix. Kindled were the hopes of those who believed in the ETH, but many another with different motives sometimes went to scurrilous ends to blast at my perceived weakness, the anonymity of my sources. A few opportunists tried tricky ways to get me to open up with my sources' names and addresses, but I didn't loosen.

In June 1980 I released *The UFO Phenomenon: A Review of the Evidence, Status Report II*, which was a continuum of witness reports from new sources, including a letter I had received from a source informant describing the alien anatomy. Distributed by MUFON, it got good reviews in friendly journals and was widely read among researchers. Dr. Hynek commented that he could tell when I appeared on a radio talk show by the increased number of orders coming into his office.

Dr. Hynek called me one evening, first extending his congratulations for my new paper as a "job well done" and lamenting the fact that my credibility was suffering by not releasing names of my sources. He suggested if there might be a "discretionary" way that the matter be handled to the satisfaction of the sources and myself. A few weeks later he called again, this time offering his version of a "discretionary" plan, a "discretionary" deal that would basically provide credence to the anonymous witnesses, especially when I faced the media or on talk shows.

According to the plan, Dr. Hynek would be allowed to see the names and their pertinent data, but the key to its success would rest on the third party, a named astronaut. Unfortunately, the plan came to nothing. I'll never know, of course, if there was an actual reason for the Hynek proposal or for the refusal to bow out. I do know that they were close friends and had the opportunity to discuss the subject before I had agreed to the plan. Whatever the reason, it was a spark of hope that flickered out.

In reflection of his straightforward yet witty way, Dr. Hynek admitted that he was forever bothered in his lectures, during lectures or talk shows, when he was questioned about the "little men on ice" at Wright Patterson. But, apart from this understandable irritation, he did take a keen interest in my work, and I was not ignored by others of his scientific status.

After the release of my second paper, the odds were against me making progress in my research. The situation leaped up dramatically. Signs of interest were clear. Fading away were many firsthand

sources - unreachable by phone or mailing address - and no less explainable was the sudden dearth of new ones, the kind usually following a phone tip, unfortunately, with a name mentioned by the unwitting intermediary.

Even more disconcerting, during this short negative time frame, was the loss of two key contacts, the CIA advisor Mr. Q, and a medical doctor eminent in the field of hematology, who claimed he had performed an autopsy on an alien body at an Eastern hospital in the early 1950s. Mr. Q simply stated, through his friend, that a new stiffening policy forbade him from discussing the UFO issues any longer. The doctor's fade-out "explanation" bore a ringing similarity.

And there were many more odorous happenings. One was the bizarre episode of photographs supposedly lifted from CIA files and stealthily provided for me to present as a block-buster breakthrough at the MUFON Symposium in Houston, Texas in June 1980. The photos, taken at various angles, showed a cadaver, not human, under glass with vapor emanating from a beaker near the head. At the bottom and on either side of the body were rows of downdrafts.

One photo in the set, however, was not in conformity. It showed the same gear inside the rectangular glass case, but the body appeared to be maimed or dismembered with its limbs askew in an unlikely position. Although the mangled body features were blurry, the overall photo was morbid; it was the kind of pose a photographer would not rig up to win a blue ribbon - or even a convincing hoax.

And there was another photo in the lot that didn't make sense either. Showing a body in the normal face-up position, it was obviously retouched. Why? But my source, to be known as Mack, didn't know why, and when pressed for more facts about the procurement of his photos, he would not budge. Instead he preferred to envision my success in Houston and went on to promise even better photos in color of alien bodies for a future big showdown. Not quite sure what he meant by "showdown", I recall feeling uneasy in our motel meeting place and wondered why I went all the way to Erie, Pennsylvania to bargain with a stranger and his friend, and my intermediary who had made all the arrangements.

Nor was I sure of Mack's story about his arrest and jail sentence on trumped-up charges when caught with the hot photos and other secret documents during a lecture. (See US Government Memorandum dated July 22 1978, page 40, in my *Status Report III*).

If the photos were bogus, I mused, and Mack was a part of a phoney set-up, why would the orchestrators throw in two obviously oddball photos? The one showing a mangled body could be easily viewed as bona fide; the other, retouched, gave cause for suspicion. In May 1980, however, my speculation about the cadaver photos took a more serious turn.

Like being hit by a sledgehammer, a fellow researcher, who was aware of the photos, came into my office with a copy of the July issue of *UFO Sightings* (Vol.1, No.1), a new pulp magazine published by Myron and Irving Fass. Featured was an article by David McCarthy titled "The Question for Teleportation" that included a full-page picture of a humanoid body lying face-up in a glass case with downdraft units and a beaker emitting vapors. The caption read, "A prototype of cryogenic freeze chamber. The 'person' inside is actually a mannequin encased in special protective mylar foil." Except for the body's position in the case and some extra accoutrements outside, the photo was strikingly similar to Mack's print.

Disturbed, I called our intermediary in New Hampshire and requested that he reach Mack for an explanation. Of course, his reaction was astonishment and he called the story a phoney, adding "Even the chamber in which the body is encased is slightly different than in my pictures." In a later letter, May 20 1980, Mack re-emphasized that his source was reliable and that he had had his photos since 1978.

I also tried to reach either one of the Fass Brothers at their publishing office in Fort Lee, New Jersey, but the operator said there was no phone listed. I was back on Square One. At this stage there were too many paradoxes and I felt like the weary squirrel on its treadmill. But I was determined to get answers. On the way to Houston by van with researchers Dick Hall and Tom Deuley, I was still trying to decide whether or not to show the photos, and I said more than once, "I'll be damned if I do and damned if I don't."

With permission from Walt Andrus, I announced possession of the photos at the beginning of the day's agenda of speakers. Having agreed beforehand to call my intermediary at a special number once I had made my announcement, I told him that, following my brief message, I chose not to show the photos to the audience and the media. I had made a wise decision.

Then the unexpected happened. Shortly after returning from Houston, an associate in MUFON reported he had dug into his magazine files and found a copy of the magazine *Ancient Astronauts*, December 1977 issue, featuring on its cover the picture of a retouched humanoid under glass -- the same photo supplied to me by Mack. Headlined *Secret Chamber Beneath the Empire State Building*, the story raved over the discovery of an alien body underground in cryogenic suspension.

The story was a fabrication, of course, but it was a blow to Mack's credibility. Crucial was the year 1977, the year the magazine (known in serious research for its low-grade contents) was released. This meant that the Fass Brothers, the publishers, had the prints (or similar ones) for nearly a year before Mack, who said he got his in 1978. And the question remains: from whom did the Fass Brothers get their

prints when, according to Mack, his were exclusive and from all places, the CIA files?

While the game plan for Mack's part in the photo hocus-pocus is unclear to this day, it was clear that the prints (or similar ones) on file in the office were used again in *UFO Sightings* as released coincidental to my announcement in Houston.

I am left to wonder, if not a coincidence, a move with a deeper purpose, one which leaves to question not only the new magazine's timing to release, but its editorial and marketing aims -- its real ownership? Who then, if not the Fass Brothers, controlled the magazine's contents? I made sure that the "secret" humanoid photo got into print and the magazine circulated just in time to let the world know that my photos matched Mack's and would sooner or later be declared a fraud.

During this period of doubt and confusion called Jim Moseley, editor of *Saucer Smear* in Fort Lee, New Jersey, near the Fass operations, to see what he could learn about the questionable photo. In September he managed to finally get through to a former staff member who said, "They're phony, the bodies were models, staged for entertainment purposes." Again I wondered about his reference to "entertainment" and what part Mack may have had in that end of it.

If, beyond any stretch of the imagination, the source, Mack, is innocent of what seems to be a trap against him for leading me into a trap, and if everything he told me is true, then he already knows the feeling to be on the short end of a conspiracy.

On the premise that Mack's story is true in every respect, then his photos also should be genuine. This would explain the slight differences of those in his possession from the one used in *UFO Sightings*. It would also give more reason to believe that the print showing the contorted and maimed humanoid was not the kind posed for "entertainment" purposes.

In a letter dated November 27 1980, he wrote in part, "...I am in full realization of the position we are in...but had no idea that the overtones were so serious. I know you are being pushed to reveal facts and facts and that discrediting has begun and is serious, but finally it seems that you have struck a nerve in the spinal cord of the jokers who know what is happening. I will try to answer all of your questions in your last two letters and mail out to you the picture soon."

That was the last I ever heard from him.

But the evidence is stacked against Mack. The stories describing his problems with the intelligence agencies and the FBI were false, and our meeting in Erie a part of his masquerade, then what was the game? Was he and his intermediary both agents bent on making me a "goat" in Houston? Was Mack really in trouble, as he claimed to be with the FBI on grounds of seditious UFO activities, resulting in a jail sentence? If so, was his devious dealing

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and so turn to a war of words.

In June 1982 I published *UFO Crash/Retrievals: Amassing the Evidence. Status Report III*, which gave my contemporaries a further chance to complain about the anonymity of my sources. But in the same paper I published the name of a distinguished scientist, Dr. Robert Sarbacher, who later was to give UFO believers a boost and perhaps an opening for the long-awaited breakthrough. A fellow researcher into C/R work, William Steinman of La Mirada, California, lost no time in pursuit of the high-level scientist and called me, relating his successes.

Listed in *Who's Who in America*, Dr. Sarbacher, who, on last word, heads the Washington Institute of Technology, admitted to Steinman and others later in 1950, when serving as a science consultant in the US Defense Department's Joint Research and Development Board, that he had received a visit from the Canadian engineer Wilbert B. Smith informing him about the alleged crash-retrieved USOs in US government custody. He also revealed to Smith that Dr. Vannevar Bush, top US physicist and at that time head of the JRDB in which he served, and mathematician John von Neumann were told at a secret meeting at Wright-Patterson that the vehicles "appeared to be spaceships from another solar system."

Credit for the Sarbacher disclosures, which confirmed Smith's 1950 memorandum (see *Status Report II*) belongs to Canadian Arthur Bray, author of *The UFO Connection* (published in Canada, 1979). It began in 1980, when Bray sent me a letter commenting on my disclosure of some Frank Scully correspondence, and with it enclosed a copy of Smith's 1950 memorandum. In my opinion, both his letter and the memo were of significance, and while working on *Status Report III* I obtained permission to publish his letter, with the name of Sarbacher in it.

The Sarbacher disclosures got positive reaction in ufological circles. Jerry Clark wrote glowingly in the August 1985 issue of *OMNI* and quoted Bill Moore's appraisal: "It's the first time that someone with reputation has come forward to state publicly that the Pentagon has a recovered UFO..."

By 1986, research had nearly forgotten the noise over my firsthand claimants as witnesses to the alien craft and the morgue of corpses. The new focal point was documentation, whether cleared through the Freedom of Information Act or the kind of "official" memoranda that surfaces clandestinely purporting to be authentic. Anything of this documentary nature, revealing a hidden or tell-tale fact, would be the *piece de resistance*, and maybe the grand prize -- the proof! Credit must go to those stalwarts in this paper-chase, like Bill Steinman, Lee Graham, Dr. Bruce Maccabee, Robert Todd, and to the Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS) leadership, Larry Fawcett and Barry Greenwood; and the brave work of Larry Bryant, who, despite his employment at the Pentagon, has taken vigorous

legal actions in the federal courts against the "cover up" in government agencies.

But government documents, I believe, from whatever source, still may not be the final and unequivocal *proof* that would be acceptable to the negative establishment. The pusillanimous press would surely find a way for skepticism and even outright dismissal. Among the hottest documents being chased down is *Majestic 12* (MJ12), referred to in various surfacing memoranda as the inner sanctum of scientists, who, since the early days under General George Marshall, has been in charge of the US government UFO research operations.

Project Aquarius is another conundrum. It is referred to in a copy of a telex communication dated November 17 1980 from "AFOSI, Bolling AFB, DC" to "AFOSI Dist 17, Kirkland AFB, NM." Downgraded from Secret, and surfacing in the usual surreptitious manner, the subject covered by the telex concerns the analysis of UFO film and negatives. Also mentioned is MJ12.

A new light, however, casting shadows of doubt on *Project Aquarius* and its UFO connection, came through FOIA inquiries made by Dale Goudie of

CUFON (Computer UFO Network) in correspondence with the National Security Agency. In a letter, March 3 1986, the NSA states in part, "Please be advised that Project Aquarius does not deal with unidentified aerial objects." Then in a letter April 15 1986, responding to Goudie's follow-up, the NSA said in part, "...The document located in response to your request as stated in your 7 March letter has been reviewed by the FOIA and has been found to be currently and properly classified in accordance with Executive Order 12356... and remains classified TOP SECRET... The document is classified because its disclosure could reasonably be expected to cause exceptionally grave damage to the national security..."

And then there is the disquieting mystery surrounding an alleged secret Air Force document called *Project Grudge/Bluebook Report 13*. When accused of publishing the document and destroying it before distribution, the Air Force denied its existence, and further claimed, through a spokesman, that the Grudge series of reports, reaching the number of 14, skipped 13 because that number was considered unlucky. Unlucky? In military parlance



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Whatever the real reason for the missing Grudge 13, information alleging to support its existence emerged when an informant, having relocated in Tucson, Arizona from England, met the well-known researcher Wendelle Stevens and gave him the story of his experience with the "actual" Grudge 13 document.

In 1981, the time had come, as I understand the circumstances, for the informant to avenge himself for past injustices in connection with the Grudge Report Tapes, recording the main contents of the text from memory, were given to Stevens for safekeeping, and from these a memorandum containing an outline version was sent to a few researchers. Among them were Linda Howe, writer and producer of the documentary *A Strange Harvest*, and Tom Stigma, editor of *Stigmata*, long recognized for his investigations into animal mutilations. Both managed to get additional details from the source in phone interviews.

It all began when the source, a former Captain in the Green Berets in Vietnam and later assigned to intelligence duties as analyst at an RAF post in Wiltshire, England, claimed that he chanced upon finding a copy of *Grudge 13* under circumstances never fully understood.

According to the former officer's story, the report, sealed in a diplomatic pouch, had been passed as routine business into his desk basket without explanation or a clue as to its source. Drawn by its content, he read the 624-page report over and over for several days, wrote up his usual analysis and routinely put it into the "outgoing" basket for pick-up. He thought no more about it until surprised by unthinkable troubles a short time later.

Basically, the impact of the report's disclosures was enough, as the saying goes, to scare the feathers off a cigar store's wooden Indian -- or even shake up the FBI. Luridly described are incidents of animal and human mutilations, of violent encounters and abductions, and a concern for UFO weaponry and surveillance of military installations, and of their losses and retrievals.

And not to be overlooked were the dead aliens which had been retrieved from their crashed vehicles. According to Stevens' tapes, the source recalled several photos, in color, included in the report; one showing the full prostrate, face-up body, another, on a metal autopsy table in an early stage of vivisection, the rest, close-ups of internal organs.

Once again, the external anatomical feature of the small humanoid, with over-sized head and with greyish skin, were essentially the same as those described by my medical and CIA sources and most other firsthand witnesses.

Like other cases dealing in sensitive matters, there are many pros and cons and empty spaces in the source's story. It was made known, however, before his sudden disappearance, that he and his Commanding Officer, a Colonel, at his post in

England, got into deep trouble over Grudge 13 and both were terminated from service with "unsatisfactory performance of duty" marked on their records.

To add to our lexicon, we have a range of code names wallowing in the woodwork, each supposedly hiding a US military UFO secret of some sort. Among these are *Sigma*, dealing with communications with aliens, and *Redlight* for covert test flights of captured UFO (or replicas of UFOs) at Nellis AFB, and *Dreamland*, *Snowbird*, *Have Blue* and *Moondust* -- ad infinitum. For certain, all have been checked into by researchers through the FOIA at a high cost of time, money and patience. But getting the sought-after Information has proved to be difficult when censors, in their replies, refuse to release documents or just delete out parts of a page, or all of it, for national security reasons.

Some day a document with all the satisfying requisites may be uncovered, but until then I will continue with my low-profile probes, hoping for that elusive firsthand witness who can produce good evidence with good back-up and who may opt to allow names to be used. This, I believe, is the bedrock of UFO crash/retrieval research.

Looking back into my own squirrel's cage, I now must take a positive note of several of my cases involving firsthand witnesses which I believe have withstood the test of time. These informants, all having served in the military, came across to me as normal people; educated, stable at their work or professions and, yes, patriotic. And I must stress that the circumstances of time and place set for their disclosures gave no cause to suspect a masked sinister motive, or, to put it more plainly, to lie for glory or financial gain, or fib just for the fun of it. Moreover, what each source said, independent from the others, clashed with information I already had without him knowing it.

Out of the 24 firsthand witness cases written up in my series of Status Reports, or on file, I believe that five stand out above the rest which are described briefly as follows:

■ Case A 7, from Status Report II:

Hardly enough can be said in praise for my medical source cited so often in my Status Reports and in this paper. Introduced to me through a close research friend who knew the "right" people, the doctor, a noted hematologist, who had allegedly performed an autopsy on an alien body, agreed in due course to share with me, under strict conditions, bits and pieces of its descriptive features.

While the doctor's "authoritative" information was helpful in opening doors to new sources, and as a stimulus for me in my drive for higher standards in my work, it was never explained to me the reason for his cooperative gesture.

It was at the high point of my C/R work in July 1979, after a year of "negotiations", that I received

from the doctor a surprisingly informative statement in the mail, detailing in layman's language the head-to-toe anatomy of the alien and, returning with it, my drawing of a hypothetical being submitted earlier for his critical review, with corrective comments.

Thanks to the doctor's colleague, a biochemist whom I got to know well, and also in a position to view the alien tissue under microscope, a dialogue was limitedly maintained. But, as stated before, hard times took over in late 1980 when most of my sources dried up. As though orchestrated, I was told at that time, through the colleague, that no more information about the alien could be released.

I have had reasons to believe that my medical sources, from the beginning, were given the "nod" to provide general or limited information about the alien for a reason -- maybe as a test to determine public reaction, and how research might digest it.

The source and colleague both held key staff positions at a major Eastern hospital during the interlude of cooperation. The risks were too great to play games of charade. Trust was a factor in all our dealings then, and still is.

■ Case A 1, from Status Report II:

My source, a pilot in the Air National guard, claimed he witnessed "by accident", while on duty, three humanoid corpses flown to Wright-Patterson AFB from a UFO crash site in Arizona in 1953. He gave me this confidential information following my talk before the Cincinnati Chapter of World Wings, a pilots' organization, at Lunken Airport in 1977 just after my book *Situation Red, The UFO Siege* was published. Discreetly, he took me to the large map room, pointed to an isolated spot and said, "There's approximately where the saucer crashed."

According to the pilot, the bodies, four feet tall and atypical of other described specimens, were carted individually in small hastily-constructed wooden boxes. While the lids were temporarily opened by the overseeing officer, possibly to check the condition of his cargo, the pilot also got a glimpse of a plastic liner separating the body from a bed of dry ice, probably to prevent epidermis damage.

They were not human or simian, he stressed, which he had observed from a distance of 12 feet under strong hangar lights. Later that night, while billeted in the same barracks with officers of the flight crew who transported the secret cargo, he got confirmation of the UFO crash and other details of the retrieval operation.

In August 1978 I requested an affidavit, on tape, describing his experience. He declined because of his oath of secrecy. I then asked for a statement for possible posthumous use, to which he responded that he would have to check with his Security Officer. The answer: "You have seen nothing, heard nothing and as sure as shit you can sign nothing." That was the final word from my source. He and family suddenly became inaccessible, leaving no forwarding

address or new phone number.

■ Case A 2, from Status Report II:

This encounter with cadavers at Wright-Patterson involved an Air Police sergeant who, in 1973, was called out for special duty at night. Blindfolded, he was driven to an area on the base and escorted down a flight of steps and led to a location where, free of his blindfold, he was given specific instructions to stand guard. It was a busy area for a while, with medics bustling in and out of the room he guarded. It was during this phase that he had a good glimpse of three small bodies on a table. They were not human.

The credibility for this case is not that the anatomy described by the sergeant is analogous to others, but the manner in which I got his admission as a witness to the event. For many months I had to be content with a secondhand source, the sergeant's wife. Her response to my numerous attempts to talk with her husband got only adamant refusals. My break came months later. The wife had become ill and was unable to help. However, I had managed beforehand to obtain her husband's place of work, his on-duty hours, and even his coffee-break periods. It was on a break when I reached him. Explaining my research objectives and assuring him anonymity, his only response was silence.

But he suddenly came alive when I shifted my subject to relate details of the creatures' anatomy, which, I emphasized, had come from a medical doctor who had performed an autopsy on an alien body. This was the clincher and, after a brief pause, I asked if what he had seen was similar to my description. He answered "yes". After another pause, he mentioned some additional details about the head which, except for a "short fuzz" he observed on the crown, were identical to the doctor's.

After another and longer pause, I thanked him and, saying no more, we hung up. I could have pressed for more information at the time, or called again at a later date, but I didn't. I don't think he would have given me the chance, and feeling his uneasiness, I was satisfied with this simple admission of being on scene at an historic event.

■ Case A 3, from Status Report II:

Thanks to my son-in-law, Jeffrey Sparks, who in 1978, was an Assistant Professor at St. Leo's College, Dade City, Florida, I gained a knowledgeable informant and another witness of the humanoids at Wright-Patterson AFB.

Jeff talked openly about my research on campus, which brought forth a number of UFO reports by students, but one fortuitous day, while visiting the finance office, he got into a discussion about the work of my daughter, a registered nurse at a hospital near campus, which in turn, as he explained, led to my work in UFOs. Eyes open

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"He's right", spoke up a member of the office. Later, when work resumed, he called Jeff aside to elaborate on his computer work in Army Intelligence and having the privilege in 1966 to see nine alien bodies stored underground at Wright-Patterson.

In a matter of days I was in touch with Jeff's office. It was obvious that he had a keen awareness of military posture relative to UFOs; their crashes, where and where; the method of recovery using a specially trained task force of Blue Berets, and much more. But he was also wise enough not to say much of some sensitive issues I brought up for the usual military reasons.

One significant point he made was Norad's use of sophisticated electronic system able to detect a malfunctioning UFO and follow its trajectory flight to the point of crash. In this case, he said, the special Blue Berets took over for the recovery.

Once again, my source described the bodies as men with big heads, just like others who had the opportunity to see them. And, just like so many others, my source soon vanished into oblivion. No more contact, no new phone number, no forwarding address.

■ Case A 3, from Status Report III:

Complete coverage in *The Fatal Encounter at Ft. Dix-McGuire: A Case Study*, in *Status Report IV*, published in *MUFON Proceedings, 1985*. This case, above all others, remains in my active file, but while lacking in proof, it has amassed so much qualitative evidence that the hunt is on for new back-up sources.

Remarkably, my lone source, a former sergeant in the Air Security Police, who "disappeared" for three years after his initial contact, and resurfaced to impart additional substantive information, is still reachable by mail at an overseas address.

According to my source, referred to as Jeffrey Morse, he stood guard at a gate of the McGuire AFB in New Jersey, January 18 1978; dispatched there after an alien intruder had been shot and wounded by an MP at Ft. Dix, the adjacent army base. Said Morse, the creature somehow crossed the fence into McGuire and fell dead on an abandoned airstrip -- not far from an atomic storage area. That fatal night, UFOs were in the area, he said, and were confirmed by radar. Both bases went on the alert.

To review the complete story, including the events that followed in the life of Morse, is beyond the scope of this paper. However, it serves the reader to know the basic details of the incident, described in Morse's initial letter to me in 1980:

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE TH SECURITY POLICE SQUADRON (PACAF) APO SAN FRANCISCO 96239

Subject: Response for Request of Information
in Relation to UFO Contact and Other Related Information
To: Len Stringfield

I am a security policeman and was on routine patrol at the time. N.J. State Police, and Ft. Dix MP's were in the direction of Brownsville, N.J.. A state trooper then entered Gate # 5, at the rear of the runway area which led to the very back of the air field and connected with a heavily wooded area which is part of the Dix training area. He informed me that a Ft. Dix MP was pursuing a low flying object which then hovered over his car. He described it as oval shaped, with no details, and glowing with a blueish green color. His radio transmission was cut off. At that time in front of his police car, appeared a thing, about 4ft. tall, greyish, brown, fat head, long arms, and slender body. The MP panicked and fired five rounds from his .48 Cal into the thing, and one round into the object above. The object then fled straight up and passed with eleven others high in the sky. This we all saw but didn't know the details at the time. Anyway, the thing ran into the woods towards our fenceline and they wanted to look for it. By this time several patrols were involved.

We found the body of the thing near the runway. It had apparently climbed the fence and died while running. It was all of a sudden hush-hush and no one was allowed near the area. We roped off the area and AF OBI came and took over. That was the last I saw of it. There was a bad stench coming from it too. Like ammonia smelling but it wasn't constant in the air. That day, a team from Wright-Patterson AFB came in a C141 and went to the area. They crated it in a wooden box, sprayed something over it, and then put it into a bigger metal container. They loaded it in the plane and took off. That was it, nothing more said, no report made and we were all told not to have anything to say about it or we would be court martialled.

I will be getting out of the air force in about two months. Do Not disclose my name as I could get into trouble. I am interested in pursuing this and other matters if you need help. Forgive me for not signing this but I can't take any chances. Please reply to the above address and my parents will forward it to me or I will be home already. Don't send it here because they monitor all mail closely and I again don't want to take any chances.

It all began, said Morse, when he was stationed on Okinawa, following his transfer there after the incident. There, by chance, he heard a replay of my interview, discussing UFO crashes, on a Los Angeles radio station carried by Armed Forces Far Eastern Radio Network in July 1980. Lucky for my research...

But unlucky for Morse. Once out of the service, he became the victim of surveillance, which he later said included seizure of some of his mail. On my end, I finally gave up writing to him.

Three years later in December 1983, after renewed attempts to reach him, Morse, feeling safe, decided to call me. This was to begin an exchange of correspondence and phone calls providing new details about the incident and his subsequent interrogation at Wright-Patterson by Air Force Intelligence.

Also, during this "safe" period I received from Morse a so-called "back office" copy of the official form *Incident/Complaint Report*, which was channeled to the usual higher echelons on the base and elsewhere. In the blocked section, designating *Evidence*, was this terse statement: "One body of unknown origin released to the care of OSI District Commander and special recovery team from Wright-Patterson AFB."

During 1984, Morse experienced renewed surveillance, and to his disappointment was turned down on a sought-after government law enforcement job, and the reason for it, he was told by a Justice Department official, "your disclosures to Stringfield". Refusing to compromise himself in a later offer to review more favorably his work status if he would deny his story, he instead departed for work overseas. Before his departure, fortunately, I had managed to arrange for Richard Hall, my research confidante for many years, to meet with him for an evaluation of the Fort Dix-McGuire episode and, more importantly, of Morse himself. Hall, following two meetings with Morse, said summarily, in part: "...Personally, he was well-groomed, friendly, relaxed and articulate. He spoke confidently and without hesitation in answer to questions, and did not come across as someone who had concocted a tall tale and might contradict himself or get caught in a trap if he weren't careful. He showed no mannerisms that would betray any obvious psychoses or 'hang up'... overall, I detected nothing in his manner, or story, to cause skepticism. To the contrary, he seemed very credible to me... Pending further investigation, I would tend to give him very high marks..."

Since my release of *Status Report IV*, I have had the names of the officers involved at McGuire AFB, and in the interrogation at Wright-Patterson, checked and authenticated at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri. That was a plus if there were any doubts.

And one last note of hope. A MUFON researcher in New Jersey, while discussing the Ft. Dix-McGuire affair at work, found a former serviceman, a Master

Sergeant, who, stationed at Ft. Dix in January 1978, remembered a UFO incident there.

According to the researcher, the former sergeant tried to investigate the incident on his own time and ran into a stone wall. All records, tapes, everything, he said, were destroyed and nobody was willing to talk about it. But what he didn't know was that most of the personnel involved had been quickly transferred, as a security measure, to separate bases overseas.

Having gotten the researcher's name and phone number from Tom Benson, MUFON State Director for New Jersey, I called him in February 1986 with a plea of urgency to follow up with his source for more specific details, and offered some key questions especially addressed to the kind of story, or rumor, he heard to prompt his investigation and if he was aware of a base alert at Fort Dix. If we got the right answers, I said, the case could be a major breakthrough. The researcher, however, said that he no longer worked with his source, who lived about 25 miles away, and made the point: "He seemed unusually nervous when we talked about the incident the first time." But the researcher, who spent long hours in the insurance business, assured me that he would see his friend and ask my questions.

A month later, in March, with no response, I called again. His answer: the source had an unlisted phone and he was unable to make an appointment but he had his address and would make the trip unannounced. No, a letter wouldn't do, he said, and added, remembering his source's nervousness before, "He probably would be too scared to answer it."

In June, with no word from my intermediary, I called again and was told that he planned to make the trip the following week -- maybe with Benson, who had been urging him to go. On July 16, I wrote a letter to break another deadlock of silence. As I wrote this copy in late September, so far no reply. Here is an example of the treadmill in motion and I, like the proverbial squirrel, going nowhere.

But there is a reward for enduring patience: I may yet hear from the researcher, or Tom Benson, who has been helpful in the search for back-up material. *The case is not closed.* But now I have a new challenge to chase after.

In a letter dated August 22, 1986, from a California researcher, Michael Johnstone, a new source has emerged, an ex-marine who said he stood guard in a building where a saucer-like craft was concealed. While the information related by the ex-marine dwells on the craft's extraordinary exterior refinements, it leaves many of the touchy questions unanswered, and understandably, in deference to his secrecy oath. We on the outside, therefore, must be content for the moment with Johnstone's bare preliminary probes and for his able assessment of the source in his letter which, in part, follows:

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times over the years. To my dismay, the photo along
with other possessions was lost in a flood three years
ago in Pennsylvania.

I then asked my client to try and arrange a
meeting. After several days, and prodding calls from
me, I finally met the man...He is in his 40s, looks like
Henry Gerald Ford: married with four children and
three grandchildren. He's a kind of free spirit, an avid
gambler, works odd jobs, plays chess, makes
homemade wine. He's not really a UFO buff, but
considers them as part of life...He never heard of Hynek
or the Condon Report...He saw Hangar 18
and says the gist of it is true but the rest is fabrication.
A sergeant in the marines from 1960 to 1966, he
stored weapons at Quantico. For two weeks in
November 1963 he was one of the guards in charge
of security for a large metal building in an undis-
tinguished military base. The building housed a craft of
shape unknown to him. It was a discus shaped vehicle
with a round cross section totally symmetrical, ap-
proximately 40 feet across and 13 feet thick at the
center. It was silver in color with polished aluminum
finish. It was totally seamless except for hatch-
door seams on the lower part of the craft which were
not fitted that "you couldn't get a razor blade in
the crack." What appeared to be windows circled the
edge of the craft which had the appearance of
paned glass with approximately one foot of space
between the windows. He said, "you couldn't see in
them even when you got up close." The craft had no
landing gear, no fins, no exhaust ports.

The marine witnessed over a two week period
a technical crew working on the craft trying to gain
entry. He witnessed attempted drilling and cutting
with torches on areas of the craft indicated in a sketch
he drew. He said, "metal got hot under the torch
and when it cooled you could wipe off the soot and
the surface remained clean and undamaged." The
same effect was observed when they tried to drill or
cut into the lower right-hand part of the window
above and to the left of the hatch. He also claims to
have witnessed an attempt to cut into the craft with
a high-powered laser device...This was ineffective as
well as the laser deflected off the curved side of the
craft up into the rafters of the building doing some
damage.

One day my source came on duty to find the
craft off its blocks and sitting on a flat-bed trailer with
men putting a tarp over it. Later that day it was driven
away. He was told: "You saw nothing."

As far as bodies are concerned my source saw
none. But he knows of several others C/Rs,
secondhand, including one where three bodies were
pulled from a craft...The bodies were 39 inches tall
and had no thumbs. He said, "We've got quite a few
craft and bodies now."

Upon discharge from the marines, he was made
to sign a security oath that threatened 10 years in jail
and \$10,000 fine if he talked. Other things we talked
about was the morality of going public with this whole
story. He doesn't think the world would freak out. He
feels just the opposite. He said, "there's a certain
amount of people who, if the thing was on display
down the street, would rather stay home and watch
football."

Parts of the marine's story certainly jibe with
other things I've read in your monographs and else-
where. Like I've said, he's totally uninformed of your
writings which I withheld knowledge of while he told
his tale...Hopefully he can shed some light on some
of the other cases or point out the one he was in-
volved in without incriminating himself...He seems to
know more about other C/Rs that he is currently
willing to say...

A good and promising report, I told Johnstone on
receipt of his letter and, as always when dealing with
ex-servicemen on sensitive C/R matters, I gave him
my assurance that his source's name would be kept
in confidence. Also, I expressed the hope that I could
work with his source eventually on a first-hand ex-
change basis to learn more about the recovered
bodies. But, realistically, having second thoughts on
the chances of getting more information on sensitive
issues, Johnstone cautioned, "We must remember
he didn't come to us and he doesn't have to prove
anything."

The case is on "hold" for now. Like so many
other anecdotes in the past, it keeps me squirreling
on the treadmill. Finding the proof to convince the
world about UFO crash/retrievals may never come
in my lifetime. But I believe that much of what I have
said in my papers may come close to the truth if and
when the time comes to tell it by official proclama-
tion.

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SAUCERFUL OF SECRETS

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Crashed saucer or retrieval stories are now 'officially' folklore. Jan Harold Brunvand in *The Choking Doberman* [1], a book on modern folk-tales, refers to the crashed saucer/retrieval motif and puts it in the category of a suppressed government truth story, going on to give an outline of just such a tale. It might be just a folk-tale to Brunvand, but there are thousands of UFO buffs all over the world who believe that various governments have in their possession crashed saucers. As a result of this, belief stories and rumour abound in an attempt to substantiate the burgeoning myth. Official documents, affidavits and death-bed confessions all exist from people who claim to have had direct and not-so-direct experience of them, and researchers who have delved too deeply even claim to have had their lives threatened. In looking at crashed saucer/retrieval tales from a modern folklore perspective it is possible to see how a folk-tale has sprung up, developed and is now being accepted as truth.

The basic story-line around which all the variants are based is as follows. An unknown aerial craft is either seen to crash or is found crashed and immobilised, invariably in a remote spot deep in the country. If civilians are involved they are quickly hushed up by officialdom and the object, most often a disc, is taken away by the military to a top secret airbase where it is kept in a high-security area. No more is then heard of the disc other than the rumours which emanate and spread in the wake of its alleged capture. Indeed, its very 'existence' is totally reliant on these rumours alone as no physical or photographic evidence is ever forthcoming. All retrieval tales have most of this basic story in their make-up. Additions and spin-offs to the basic story

are common and include, amongst other things, the retrieval of alien bodies (usually dead, but in a few cases alive but who die shortly afterwards), Presidential, Senatorial and other authority figure involvement and acknowledgement and more arcane phenomena such as the mysterious Men In Black.

However we look at the retrieval stories, there are two main aspects to be considered and they are inextricably linked. Firstly, is it true? Do we really have crashed saucers here on earth; and secondly, how and why are the tales and rumours, leading to the eventual creation of the crashed saucer myth, created and spread?

Since the explosion of the idea of extraterrestrial UFOs in the years following 1947, the ultimate proof of aliens visiting earth would be actual, tangible physical contact between mankind and extraterrestrials (ETs). The people who believe in ETs would dearly love this to happen, as would the media, and both parties eagerly spread any rumours which allege this to have happened. The existence of extraterrestrials is far from proven though, but belief in ETs has not lessened, and a growing assumption, one which brings the possibility of alien contact just (but not quite) within our grasp, is that many governments or their agencies have retrieved crashed alien craft and bodies. Once retrieved, the governments take any necessary steps to 'cover-up' the fact, deleting all knowledge of the event.

This rumour is widely and enthusiastically accepted by the people who thrive on mystery and cover-ups and is readily and uncritically assimilated into much of the UFO literature. From there it easily permeates into the media and public consciousness. It then falls on the UFO organisations to prove to the

rest of humanity that they are being pre-empted and are being pre-empted crashed saucers and researchers then turn this base a bit which is in turn fed back to the military and so on. Object non-verifiable. I'm sure in the creative there is a good deal that the military would interest in the story of this later.

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and the military and back to the UFO organisations
and so on. Objective facts are scarce and usually
unverifiable. I mention the military here as being
active in the creation of at least part of this myth as
there is a good deal of evidence and reason to sug-
gest that the military and its agencies may have a
vested interest in keeping belief in retrievals going.
More of this later.

The history of retrievals is riddled with hoax and
misinformation, making it very difficult to discern
where truth begins and ends. The subject is a vast
and complex one and the best way to approach it
here is to briefly look at a few of the main cases on
which all other retrieval tales could well be based, and
the possible reasons for their existence in the first
place.

The first report of a crashed object comes from
the USA Airship wave of 1897, when one such airship
was reported to have crashed in the small Texas town
of Aurora. The airship allegedly crashed after ex-
ploding, scattering wreckage over a wide area. The
pilot was recovered and although badly burned, it
was discernible that he 'was not of this world.' The
airship itself was said to have been made from an
unknown metal resembling aluminium and some
reports stated that 'unknown hieroglyphics' had been
found on some papers.

The pilot in the Aurora crash was buried in the
local cemetery and the tale later passed into inter-
national UFO folklore as a 'true' occurrence. Later,
however, diligent investigation by various critical
UFO researchers revealed that no crash actually ever
took place and that the whole story had been a
fabrication, either by bored wireless telegraph op-
erators or by a Dallas reporter hoping to attract
tourists to the town. The story thus created could well
have been the genesis for all future crashed saucer
tales. The basics of crashed object/dead pilot or
strange/unknown metal like aluminium/strange
hieroglyphics, have remained constant in retrieval
tales since. [2]

By the time of the first post-1947 crash the
objects allegedly retrieved had gone from airships to
discs. Two retrieval tales stand out as being the true
forerunner of the crashed saucer myth of the last
forty years: one a hoax, and one which may well have
side-tracked many a researcher.

THE RETRIEVAL AT AZTEC NEW MEXICO

The Aztec crash was popularised by newspaper
columnist Frank Scully in his book *Behind the Flying
Saucers* in which he stated that a 30-metre-diameter
crashed saucer had been found on a plateau in the

above state, with sixteen dead aliens inside. At last,
this seemed real proof that ETs existed. Alas, the
Aztec case suffered the same fate as the Aurora
crash.

Researcher William Moore, who has looked into
retrieval stories in some depth, unearthed the fact
that Scully had received all his information on the
Aztec case from two gentlemen, Silas M Newton and
Leo GeBauer. Both were convicted confidence
tricksters who had spent years creating complicated
scenarios to help part people from their money. Ac-
cording to Moore's book on the subject, Newton and
GeBauer had carefully prepared Scully over several
years with tales of crashed saucers and dead aliens,
but without ever producing any solid evidence. A
significant development in this story, however, and
one which has implications for the veracity of all other
retrieval tales, is Newton and Scully's involvement
with the biggest rumour-mill in the world, Hollywood.

In 1948/9 an actor by the name of Mike Conrad
decided to make a film based on the idea that UFOs
were operating out of Alaska, and in order to create
prior interest in the film, began circulating rumours
in Hollywood that his film would contain close-up
footage of 'real' UFOs. As an added lure Conrad had
also hired a man who posed for the media as an FBI
agent who acknowledged that the FBI had posses-
sion of the film, which was safely locked away. This
story, spread via the media, prompted Scully to an-
nounce to the public, via his newspaper column, the
story he had been told by Newton and GeBauer, with
the additional detail that the aliens had come from
the planet Venus. Conrad later admitted his story was
a publicity stunt, but it was too late. By then, Newton,
who had no knowledge at the time that Conrad's tale
was a hoax, was telling the Aztec tale, well blended
with elements from the Conrad hoax, to anyone who
would listen, in and around Hollywood. Furthermore,
according to Moore's book, the tales differed vastly
in content according to who he was telling them to.
Hundreds of people must have heard variants of the
tale from Newton in late 1949, a tale which must have
been subsequently spread and altered and will
doubtless have formed the basis of, or addition to,
many a retrieval tale since. One of the tales circulat-
ing at that time involving a crashed saucer found its
way to the FBI, who sent a memo based on it to J.
Edgar Hoover. This memo has been seen by many
as proof that retrievals of alien craft by the govern-
ment have actually taken place. In fact, the story can
be traced back to Silas M. Newton and his money-
making schemes. [3]

The Aztec case, coming from the days of 'saucer
fever' in the USA and obviously a hoax, has spread
rumour variations throughout the UFO community
ever since. The second case is one in which the
military involvement with these tales becomes ap-
parent.

THE ROSWELL INCIDENT

Investigation proper into the Roswell case did not begin until 1978, but since then over ninety individuals have been located who claim to have some first-hand knowledge of the case. Briefly, in July 1947 during a storm over Roswell, New Mexico, an explosion was heard, a bright object was seen in the sky and later a large amount of debris was found in the area by a local farmer. The wreckage was immediately recovered by the USAAF, who flew it to Wright Patterson Airbase, the farmer who had discovered the object being held incommunicado by the USAAF for a week whilst the area was cleared of debris. A statement issued to the press said that a weather balloon had been recovered (although one Major Marcel was quoted as saying though, that 'it was *nothing made on this earth*') and arguments have raged ever since as to whether the retrieval was a UFO or something else.

From various interviews with witnesses to the debris, the description of the wreckage seemed to be very similar to that allegedly found at the Aurora crash site, a thin aluminium-like substance and some small rods covered with hieroglyphic-type characters. Wire was also found, as was 'electrical' equipment.

The evidence that *something* did crash at Roswell and was retrieved by the USAAF is overwhelming. It happened, but it may well not have been a 'UFO', at least not in the extraterrestrial sense, which was retrieved. It is here that that the military involvement in the folklore of retrievals comes in. [3.4]

The desert area around Roswell and many such areas in the south and west of the USA are used by various agencies of the US military to test new and unconventional military and space craft. Supporters of the ETH will immediately say that this is why so many UFOs are seen in these areas: they are keeping an eye on the military activity. Many of the well-witnessed and documented retrieval cases also come from areas near these secret testing grounds, as do many so-called extraterrestrial landings and contacts, such as the Socorro case. Perhaps 'they' are keeping watch over us. But a more prosaic source of these stories and reason for at least part of the body of retrieval tales must be considered.

There is a strong case for some of the retrieval stories having some factual basis, but that what is actually being retrieved is some kind of secret test craft. This would account for the almost immediate high military involvement in the cases and the initial attributions to mundane causes such as weather balloons. The US military is well aware of the high public interest and media involvement in the UFO phenomenon, whatever its origin, and it would be a simple and very convenient job to later, if it was thought necessary, manipulate both witnesses and the media into thinking that an alien craft *had* crashed and had been retrieved.

MANIPULATION AND MIS-INFORMATION

This type of manipulation is not new, and military forces all over the world have used the prevailing beliefs of indigenous people for their own ends, often on a lesser scale, notably in the Congo and Vietnam. If this is occurring it serves two purposes: the government get what they want, which is secrecy, and furthermore an already existing myth is spread and which will serve to cover up further crashes and experiments of this kind. After all, who is going to believe the rantings of the UFO magazines?

Conspiracy theories involving governments and other secret agencies have been with us for thousands of years and retrievals merely provide us with a new one. In latter years this mis-information feeding on an existing myth, has been used to great effect in the Rendlesham Forest case, in which it was alleged that something very strange had been flying around and landing at a USAAF base in Norfolk. When it became apparent to the USAAF that UFO researchers were not going to give up easily on the case, the USAAF themselves put out (mis) information suggesting that a UFO had landed and even that aliens had been conferred with. This effectively debunked the case in the eyes of the British public and the media. In reality it was almost certain to have been a military (possible space re-entry or 'stealth') test, perhaps not even 'one of ours'. Whatever it was is to some degree less important than the means used to disguise it. Even though this is apparent to the critical observer, the Rendlesham case has created and fanned many rumours both in Britain and abroad, notably about the knowledge possessed by the military in the UK about UFOs. You know the sort of thing, secret houses in the country where UFOs are being studied and US bases which secretly track UFOs. Just to confuse matters further, UFO authority Jenny Randles was told by a former British Government official that a crashed saucer was being kept in a South Wales military base. [4] These are relatively recent happenings and no doubt retrieval rumours will soon start spreading in the UK. A more recent (1986) occurrence in the USA in which a 'stealth' bomber crashed in a National park perhaps adds some weight to the above theory. These craft are ostensibly secret, and when this one crashed the entire area was sealed off and will apparently remain so for years to come. With it taking place in a public area the truth came out relatively easily. Had it crashed in a remote desert or mountain area the story behind it may have turned into yet another ET retrieval story. [5.6]

Whilst the Aztec and Roswell retrieval cases are the two best known and documented, many other retrieval accounts exist, quite a few of which are certainly variants on these two. UFOs have, according to veteran researcher Leonard Stringfield, been retrieved from many other countries as well as the USA. However, Stringfield, who reputedly has

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the amounts of data dealing with retrievals, is difficult to name names and exact locations for many of these cases and so the rumours continue. The possibility that genuine (alien craft) retrievals have taken place has given rise to spin-off tales connected with them. For instance, it has been suggested that alien bodies are stored in military establishments all over the world, sometimes on ice, sometimes pickled. Affidavits have been signed to this effect and senator Barry Goldwater was refused assistance to part of a base in which these aliens were allegedly kept. One of Stringfield's alien tales tells of a Presbyterian minister who as a child was taken on a tour of a museum in Chicago by his father. They got lost and by mistake wandered into a room where small humanoid bodies were seen in a glass case. They were instantly seized by officials, and only released when the boy's father had signed some papers. If we are to believe Stringfield's unsubstantiated accounts there are at least thirty alien bodies being held in a freezer at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. [8]

To support some of these retrieval tales, photographs have been occasionally circulated, and even though they have all been proved to be hoaxes they still keep popping up in UFO and 'mystery' books as proof that crashed saucers do exist. In Moore and Moore's book *The Roswell Incident*, there is a photo of an alien supposedly retrieved from a saucer in Germany in the early 1950s. It was 'discovered' by the West German group *GRUP*, to have been an April Fool's joke by a German newspaper. [4,9]

The possibility that genuine alien craft have been retrieved and studied is as unrealistic as it is exciting. Had it happened and on the scale alleged, thousands of scientists, from every discipline ranging from anthropology to zoology, would have been needed over the years to study the craft and its occupants. The chances of involvement on this scale with no actual physical or irrefutable photographic evidence are nil. Add to this the fact that discoveries would be manifesting themselves obviously via evidence generally, and the case for the existence of retrieved alien craft, looked at objectively, just does not hold water. Of course, adherents to the idea of retrievals will refute this and claim that the military are using the technology gleaned from crashed saucers in craft such as 'stealth' and via SDI (Star Wars) etc.

Essentially, then, the retrieval tales are modern folklore blended with conspiracy theory, with some

basis in truth, well mixed with elements from mainstream UFO lore, which itself - by the very fact that we have only witness narratives to go on - is no more than folklore. The stories will continue and grow, and unless and until a genuine crashed saucer is produced by the authorities, the myth will never be resolved, only strengthened.

The most recent report I have seen of a retrieval story comes from the German newspaper *Bild* of 14 July 1983, which reported that the Russians had found a baby (presumably alien) in a crashed saucer, and had kept it alive for seven weeks before it eventually died of an earth virus. Rumour of captured aliens, dead or alive, and photographs keep the retrieval myth going by the addition of more and more spurious evidence.

If we take the crashed saucer/retrieval accounts as a modern folk-tale, there should, as with most folk-tales, be parallels elsewhere both in the past and at the present time. Similarities can be found with other discovery/secrecy/conspiracy tales. For example, the stories involving people who know there are underground shelters in the UK which house old steam locomotives. Or the stories in which people have stumbled on blocked-up tunnels in the underground train system, finding whole carriages full of corpses in Victorian clothes. This obsession with locating things underground, incidentally, is repeated elsewhere in the UFO lore, UFOs allegedly having bases underground everywhere from the Yorkshire Dales to the Arctic. Searching for folklore parallels elsewhere, an alleged crashed saucer incident from Mexico in 1964 has the saucer crashing on a mountain top. The local tribe refused official access to the saucer as it was a gift from God, a frequent folklore theme whether the gift is from God, the fairies or whoever. Had it been a true story surely the relevant government would not have considered divine worship a hindrance to retrieving the saucer for its own uses. Fairy lore, too, is full of references to artefacts and bodies being retrieved from the land of faerie, even down to the finding of cloth and metal with tremendous strength qualities. On a contemporary note, the tale told by Stringfield's informant above has its parallels in a story related by Peter Rogerson in the contemporary folklore magazine *Folklore Frontiers*. This told of a friend who, when visiting his son in hospital, found himself by accident in a strange ward full of babies with massive and impossible deformities. He was ushered out by a nurse who told him he should not have been there and the room should have been locked. [10]

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August 4, 1988

Dear Grant,

Your letter of July 18, and attachments (copies of letters: Schweitzer, Pitts, VnKeviczky, Friedman) are all of great interest in our mutual quest for facts vs bullshit. And there is enough of the latter to tilt the Earth. As there is little new info coming in lately, I will respond to various issues in your letter...

- 1) The Pitts letter re remarks by Bush: Pitts seems vague about his unnamed MUFON source who "allegedly" asked the question of Bush. He seems to doubt his credibility. Why not give his name, so you can check on your own. No need to make another "Culf Breeze" case of it, but the name of the questioner would be helpful. I got the info from Howard Hoffman who is a coordinator for the Government Liaison Project, headquartered in Washington DC. While discussing the project and my role in it, I asked him what was new and he said he heard the story secondhand but was unable to verify it. For whatever it was worth I passed it on to you. On the otherhand, if the question was put directly to Bush (and not in a crowd of people) and Bush's response was positive, then it is a big story.
- 2) Schweitzer letter: At first glance, the letter looks like dynamite. But it is conceivable that the general could have misconstrued Colman's letter, believing that the "threats" referred to, were Russian. Allowing for Colman's poor English, however, a general should not have been so careless --specially during a period (1981) when the official lid was down tight on UFOs. I remember those days well after my UFO crash/retrieval disclosures. That's when most of my key sources suddenly dried up.
- 3) Stan Friedman letter: More of the same old cheap shots, shared by compatriot Moore over the years, aimed to belittle Stringfield's research methodology and cast doubt about his credibility. Hot items are his failure to check veracity of stories, backgrounds of people and not divulging names of key sources. Ridiculous! Of the latter, of course I won't reveal the identities of my key sources. Neither does he or anyone else in research betray a trust...or his name is mud.

As everyone knows checking the veracity of crash/retrieval stories is a lofty aim, but difficult, specially in military cases involving the highest degree of secrecy. I can only check so far and run into roadblocks, and, I mean roadblocks. I try to probe all key cases, overtly and covertly, to the best of my ability considering financial limitations. Seems that when I get too close in my probes, sources become mysteriously unreachable. All key sources entered in my Status Reports from I through IV are gone. It is my belief that some were silenced, and some, using the fine arts of disinformation, tried to discredit my C/R research. An example of my in-depth probes is the Ft. Dix-McGuire case. It began in 1980 and is continuing, and in recent years I have had the help of Dick Hall, a very thorough investigator. As far as veracity goes, I've checked everything that can be checked, except dig into the military's secret files. If the incident is a disinformation ploy, then I must admit "they" have been clever.

It is unfortunate that some researchers like Friedman & Moore have mis-read my Status Reports which contain a multitude of C/R information, some good, some bad. In those I published material that might be useful to other researchers and made no claim that every item had been checked or that my sources were impeccable. Amongst the weak cases were my in-depth reports, open for all research to make judgement, come forth with new data for or against each case, and to make all concerned to be cognizant of my serious and sensitive work. But, I must stress that I was always aware of disinformation. Officially endorsed disinformation does not come cheap and there has to be good reasons for it. We may ask, what is being hidden?

Also Stan's story on Sarbacher refutes Steinman's. I do know that I was first to publish the Sarbacher name (in Status Report III) after I got Bray's permission to do so. Up to that point, according to Bray, he has not disclosed to anyone. I know that Steinman called me to get Bray's address for follow up. According to Steinman he entrusted the information from Bray with Moore and that's all I know about their differences.

- 4) I have not talked with Doolittle. John Lear got the MJ-12 admission through his mother, a friend of the general.
- 5) Have not seen the video tape allegedly held by Moore.
- 5) Don't know whereabouts of the English tapes. Heard that Schulz had them from which he transcribed a written report on Grudge Report #13 for limited distribution. I'm still in touch with English.

I'm thinking about doing an article for MUFON Journal, an update on C/R. Not sure of theme yet, but I will touch on the issue of disinformation.

Some of the above information is off-the-record, for you only.

The best of luck in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

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Dear Grant,

So glad to hear from you again and to know you're pursuing the Wilber Smith story and its significance in relation to US intelligence activities during the early and critical days of UFO affairs. Those were important times considering UFO crashes, MJ-12 and the enforcement of maximum secrecy. Anything obtainable covering this period may help clarify some of today's state of affairs which at times seems hopelessly bogged down with fact-and-counter-fact and high intrigue. In keeping with the confusion is the disclosure in Duplantier's letter re Smith's reference to the saucer's invisibility. Is there any substance to this claim? This is news to me...

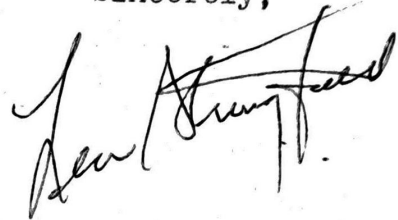
Now, to Dr. Bennewitz, the complete enigma. Having not met him personally, I do feel acquainted with his work, his purported genius and his bizarre disclosures. More recently, I'm told, he's undergone a personality change which led to a sudden and abject withdrawal from research and the rest of the world. I first heard about Dr. B when his name appeared in a secret memo (1980) which referred to his collection of UFO film, etc. and a reference to Project Aquarius. Following that, there were a number of circulated reports dealing with Dr. B disclosures. These were published in Steinman's book. Of note, Dr. B tells of alien underground facilities at Dulce, New Mexico and of macabre genetic experimentation using human beings. These stories grew and grew into a variety of even more exotic proportions and led many researchers to believe that the aliens were up to no good. Helping fan the flame were the recent books on abductions. Curiously, some of my own sources, usually reliable, were echoing the same grim stories about alien intentions and that high-level meetings were being held to determine what to do about the menace. In the meantime, according to Dr. B's associates, in-research, Dr. B becomes paranoid. This finally led to his withdrawal symptoms from work, society and fellow researchers. Now, he refuses to talk with anyone and has advised that those in research get out and listen to the government who knows best.

One of my key sources, John Lear, said he visited Dr. B in the late summer of 1987 and managed to get cooperative input from him but in a second visit some months later he was refused admission. Word was that he was in a hospital. No one could see him. Since then, word has it that he is a recluse, angry at the world. Did somebody get to him? Brainwashed? I don't know the answer. Not giving up, Lear reached other sources with info about the underground facilities at Dulce and elsewhere and much more about genetic experimentation. These got wide circulation. Adding to the speculation, a number of my sources were aware of serious meetings in our intelligence community about alien activity. My sources were not aware of Lear's informants and it was then that I began to wonder and feel some concern. Then, two days ago I heard from Lear that he had been advised by a friend (who had served in an intelligence unit) that all the stories about alien operations were false --and, that MJ-12 was also "absolutely fictitious". More disinformation? Maybe so. Then, yesterday, one of my sources called to relate that he would be attending a

meeting soon dealing with some serious aspects of the UFO problem. No details. Three other sources, one British, also are involved in high-level meetings. No details. I don't know what all of this activity has to do with Dr. Bennewitz, but I feel that something is going on relative to the UFO. Time will tell. Keep the above off-the-record for the time being.

I understand that Dr. Bennewitz is unreachable by phone or mail. Keep up your good work and stay well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Leonard H. Stringfield". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Leonard" being the most prominent.

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Dear Grant,

January 7 - ~~8~~ 90

Controversies continue to rage in the community beset by evasive personalities. I'm sure that the authorities are having lots of good horse laughs. No matter how hard one tries to avoid the "noise", from questionable people, it is easy to fall into their traps.

The South African crash case is one example. But at least one issue was resolved. Henry did call off his lawsuit against Whit Andrews ~~and~~ upon after a telephone exchange. I don't know the details.

Henry also has recently ^{been} contradictory about the "authenticity" of his original source - the S.A. Dubel-
gence who stayed at his home for couple weeks. Most of the source's info was published here and there and now Henry ~~called~~ calls him a con man who never had served in the S.A. military, etc. The source, however, flatly denies Henry's charges are false and that he has no evidence to prove it. Now, in Europe, he has been harassed but is free. A very complicated case and I'm working through other channels hoping to get a resolution.

I don't know much about Bob Lazar except that Sean contend he is brash as does his TV interviewer, ~~Bob~~ Knoff. I don't know Linda Howe's story. If Lazar is for real - the sounds concerning his revelation are dynamic. I hope the big media can get into the act. Right now I'm concentrating on the South African affair. Wish you the happiest of New Years!
Sincerely, Sean

Memo from

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Jan 24. 89

Dear Grant:

Enclosed is promised copy of my
new Status Report II which is
current by being published in MURKIN
paper, starting with January 1989
issue. Second half to appear in
February. While it contains some
interesting support data for some old
cases of C/R - plus some new
stuff - it won't blow the roof off
the Pentagon. With the emergence
of Bill Cooper and his disclosures,
I wonder what is next? I've
talked with him twice on phone
and he seems sincere and is
over

articulate, but his revelations
are so sensational I wonder
how the authorities will react
about his breach of Secrecy
oath. Or, is it another job of
disinformation to muddy the
waters. Whatever the case,
he has no endearment for
Bill Moore.

The Stone is getting Hot!

Sincerely

Len S.