

The underground facility connection to the study of UFOs is not new. Since the early 1980s, a debate has continued over whether or not an alien underground facility exists near Dulce, New Mexico. Reportedly, this story started with the claims of scientist and businessman, Paul Bennewitz. The story was repeated and added to by pilot and UFO researcher, John Lear. Cooper has continued this tradition. Is there any truth to these stories? So far, no firm evidence has been forthcoming. Like so much in ufology today, much information comes out in the form of tantalizing rumors while the proof remains forever elusive.

The underground facility matter has also arisen in the stories being told to crash/retrieval specialist, Leonard H. Stringfield. For example, a veteran UFO investigator reports to Stringfield that "there have been a number of incredible stories surfacing over the years by active duty personnel on duty at Fort Hood [Texas]...about a huge underground complex built in the side of a small hill in which a camouflaged section of land opens up like 'sliding doors' to reveal an entrance to this secret installation." The investigator went on to report that one informant stated that the technology being used there "would remind someone of a science-fiction thriller." (32) Another UFO researcher reported to Stringfield about an "intelligence" school in the Texas desert, probably operated by the U. S. Air Force. This researcher's informant believed that the Air Force had "some sort of large, underground working [sic] shop set up." He clandestinely witnessed the landing of a disk-shaped craft at this facility. (33) Through another researcher, Stringfield obtained the report of an anonymous Lt. Colonel who stated that "underground installations, as well as isolated areas of military reservations [which exist around the United States], have squadrons of unmarked helicopters...that are dispatched to areas of UFO activity to monitor these craft or airlift them out of the area if one has malfunctioned." (34)

Cooper writes about a weapon named Excalibur which is carried by a missile and is designed to penetrate 1,000 meters of soil like that found in New Mexico. Its reputed purpose is to destroy the aliens in their underground bases. He claims that this effort was not pushed until recently but "there is an unprecedented effort [underway now] to develop this weapon." From this statement, one could conclude that the aliens are becoming more of a threat. However, alien bases are not necessary to explain a weapon such as this, given the large underground bunkers found in the Soviet Union