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Dear Grant:

Thanks for the several notes plus the copy of your Walker/MJ-12 book. It's been a busy and very confusing summer-- lots of personal-type problems. Sorry I haven't written sooner.

You asked for a list of Frank Scully stuff. Since our once long list of publications has been extremely cut back, I doubt that we publish anything on Scully that you don't already have. I do, however, have an entire boxful of material on Scully/Newton. If you can be somewhat specific as to your needs, I'll see what I can do. As far as I am concerned, I've done more than enough with that story to convince me that there just isn't anything left that's worth going after.

One thing you might not know is that Vin Scully, the sports announcer for the Los Angeles Dodgers, is Frank's first cousin.

With respect to Dr. Walker, I believe I now know just where he fits into the whole MJ-12/UFO mess. It's an interesting connection, but it's not anything like what you conjecture in your book. One of these days when I'm not so stacked with priorities, I'll find some time to write about it. On the whole, I found your book interesting but a bit inaccurate in places. "Condor", for example, is not Collins; nor is "Falcon" Doty.

What would you say, I wonder, if I told you I had caught Kevin Randle fabricating documentary evidence in support of one of his contentions about the Roswell case? I intend to expose all in the next FOCUS, including Don Schmitt's involvement in covert government work. In my opinion, those two clowns have done the Roswell case far more disservice than Berlitz ever did.

How about those two guys in England admitting to having hoaxed the crop circles? Any comments?

On the phone-in lists from Unsolved, Jaime reports no luck at all.

Fascinating (but possibly credible) piece of dirt on Henry Azadehdel (alias Dr. Ahmad Victorian, alias Dr. Henry, etc.). According to what I've heard making the rounds, Libya's Khadaffi

has a personal interest in obtaining information on both U.S. stealth technology and UFOs and to satisfy this, Libyan intelligence has recruited a number of foreign nationals who are well paid to gather and supply such information. Azadehdel's name reportedly came up on a list of people who have reportedly been identified as "involved" in this kind of work. Take it for what it's worth. If it's not true, then nothing changes. If it is, then a lot of folks in the UFO community have been major contributors to dear old Khadaffi.

Anyway, do keep in touch. Once I get moved... oops...guess I haven't told you yet that I'm moving.... Anyway, once I get moved, I'll let you know the phone number. Address will still be the same as always, however.

Usual best regards,

Bill

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Dear Grant:

Received your lengthy and informative letter today and thought I would take this opportunity to reply even though the package from T. Scott still has not arrived.

Basically, I find myself essentially in agreement with what you have had to say. I do not know what is going on with Dr. Walker either, but I am convinced something is. That is why I offered to help. My source is also most interested in this matter and will do anything he can to assist. Not only do I trust him implicitly, but I feel certain that he can get some straight answers out of Dr. W. just as soon as he knows what questions to ask. As I told Scott, the Dr. W. thing is essentially your ball game. All I want to do is provide whatever assistance I can in order to get to the bottom of it.

My source, whom I shall refer to as B.J. for the sake of convenience, is equally impressed with Dr. W's background-- indeed so much so that he agrees the man is (or has been) in all the right places to have been involved with such a thing. B.J. is also very good at approaching high-level people about such things and has been of considerable help to us in the past on similar matters. Just as soon as Scott's package arrives, I shall set the wheels in motion and provide you with feedback as soon as it comes in.

Meanwhile, anything else I can help you with, just let me know.

Yours,

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In any case, I briefed Stan Gordon about everything I knew on this matter several years ago. At about that same time, I did make a somewhat half-hearted effort to see if anything could be learned through sources, but nothing useful came of it. Perhaps it might be a good idea to try again. If anything turns up, I'll let you know.

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Dear Mr. Smith:

Both of your letters dated August 25th have been received. Thank you for writing and offering your opinions and concerns. Unfortunately, it seems you are laboring under quite a collection of mistaken assumptions which, in turn, have led to the formulation of quite a number of unwarranted conclusions. Since you have felt free to be completely candid with me in your communications, so I hope you will permit me the opportunity to be equally so in mine. There are certainly no hard feelings on my part. All I ask is the opportunity to set the record straight.

(1) To begin at the beginning, William L. Moore Publishing ceased to exist as a business entity as of midnight December 31, 1990, at which time portions of its operation were absorbed by Peregrine Communications, of which I am now one of the partners (See FOCUS, 12/31/90, pp.31-2). At that time, Peregrine chose to phase out the 20% discount to FOCUS subscribers that had been the policy under my proprietorship. As a courtesy to customers, the discount was honored through March 31st.

Peregrine had expected substantial developmental funding by mid-spring of this year, but for reasons beyond its control this funding was delayed and then delayed again. A reorganization process, including the establishment of new office facilities, was finally begun in June and has continued throughout the summer. A great deal of confusion has resulted from this process as much of the shelf stock and files had to be boxed for the move and much of it remains so pending what has been a very slow and tedious sorting-out process.

Your order of July 6th (received on July 15th) arrived during this process and was delayed accordingly. I have retrieved the paperwork and am sending both of the items due you under separate cover. Also, as a courtesy to you, we will waive the \$12.19 shortage.

(2) Your allegation that I "didn't lift a finger to help" Mr. Paul Bennewitz is entirely mistaken. Please refer to the published text of my Las Vegas MUFON presentation of June 30, 1989 (FOCUS, 6/30/89, p.8):

"I tried to counsel (Paul) to drop the entire UFO thing before his health was completely destroyed. He said he knew things were getting bad and he was trying to cope with it."

Fact is, I liked Paul and I did what I could to try to make him realize what was really going on. He just wouldn't listen-- not to me and not to anyone else in his life either. Paul viewed his actions as part of a personal crusade to save the planet from an invasion of evil aliens bent upon the enslavement of the human race. Once he convinced himself of this, I don't believe anyone could have saved him from the inevitable nervous collapse that followed.

Your error (and that of many others) is to assume that Paul was completely sane before all of this began. I don't believe he was. Neither did Jim Lorenzen of AFRO, who allowed me to read some of Paul's reports to that organization as early as mid-1980 (which was a good many months before I ever met Paul in person). Paul was trying to get Jim to print some of his stuff in the AFRO Bulletin, but Jim told me he wasn't going to print it because he believed Paul was "suffering from a serious emotional problem" and that many of his (Paul's) conclusions were those of a man "not playing with a full deck."

I am not going to argue the pros and cons surrounding what the government's actions might or might not have been in Paul's case. I am convinced that the results would have been the same whether I had been involved or not. The difference here, Kevin, is that if I hadn't been involved and hadn't elected to tell what I knew afterward, no one would know much of anything about it today, would they?

The reason that the Lears and Coopers and Howes of the world are upset with me is because Bennewitz had bought the whole load of disinformation the government dumped on him, and they, in their gullibility, had bought it from him and were making a lot of hay spreading it to the rest of the UFO community and to the public at large. Then suddenly I came along and exposed the whole thing as phoney and it left them looking like the fools that they were. Faced with a situation like that, the only thing they could do was to try and make me out as the bad guy, which, I submit, is precisely what they undertook to do. Poor Paul became far more of a pawn in their game than he ever was in mine.

You can find John Lear "credible" if you want to, but in order to do so you're going to have to accept that aliens are here to enslave the human race and to mutilate humans for the purpose of eating us. John has expressed precisely those beliefs in writing, you know.

And you are also free to consider Linda Howe "credible" if that's what you want to do. But in order to believe her, you're going to also have to accept Bill Cooper as credible, because Linda has gone to some lengths to endorse Cooper. (If you haven't yet read Cooper's Behold a Pale Horse, perhaps you should. I'm sure you will find it very enlightening.) Of course, had Linda checked into Cooper's background a bit further before rushing into print

with his story, she would have discovered that the man has had serious problems with alcoholism, is a known pathological liar, never held a Top Secret clearance in the U.S. Navy and was discharged for psychiatric reasons. Linda did good work back in the '70s with the cattle mutilations thing and I applaud her for it. Her UFO "investigations" since that time, however, leave a lot to be desired-- at least in my assessment.

(3) The "paranoia" I spoke of in your letter (to Collins) of August 4th is evidenced in your speculation about "political interference" having possibly been responsible for Mr. Collins' alleged failure to make certain documentation public (assuming, of course, that the documentation in question actually exists). In addition, I also find a certain air of paranoia in your imprecation to him not to use his "actual name" if he chose to respond to you by mail. In any case, I was not suggesting that you are suffering from paranoid delusions. I only commented that your letter displayed a certain air of paranoia (whether intended or unintentional) and that, in my opinion, paranoia has no place in UFO research. I regret that you chose to take offense at my choice of words and I apologize accordingly.

As to my having libeled you, if you will trouble to check with an attorney you will find that in order to sustain a complaint of libel here in the U.S., you would also have to prove that there was some malicious intention behind my words and that you had been materially damaged thereby. Certainly neither of the latter two conditions exist.

Legally speaking however, you yourself are on somewhat weaker ground. You might be interested to know that:

- (A) It is a violation of the copyright laws to copy and send personal correspondence to a third party without first obtaining the consent of the writer; and
- (B) It is a violation of the National Security Act of 1947 to attempt to induce any present or former government employee to COVERTLY supply "actual copies" of "intelligence documents" containing "classified UFO information" not "already out in the public domain" to a foreign national who is admittedly "unauthorized" to have it.

Fortunately, I have no objection to your sending copies of my letter to Cameron and Crain; and I am willing to overlook the approach you made to Collins as nothing more than the product of harmless naivete-- that in spite of the fact that as a loyal U.S. citizen I really should send both of your letters to the FBI and the RCMP (originals, that is, not copies).

(4) When you get right down to it, you really have no basis whatsoever for assuming that "M. Collins" and Capt. Robert Collins are one and the same. For all you know, "M. Collins" might be me (or anyone else for that matter) writing under a pseudonym.

Just for the record, Kevin: Yes, there is a Capt. Robert Collins,

and yes, I do know him; but no, he isn't "Condor" (Cameron's, Crain's and Howe's assertions to the contrary). As for Capt. Collins' interest in UFOs, you have no basis whatsoever for concluding that there was (or is) anything official about it. Lots of people are interested in the subject for purely personal reasons. Just because one happens to have an interest in UFOs and also happens to have been a USAF captain is no reason for you to assume that there might be some connection between the interest and the rank.

In closing, I hope that the above will be of some assistance to you in your research. If I can be of any additional service, please feel free to write again.

Yours very truly,

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13 DEC. '89

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Dear Grant:

Thanks for the copy of your letter to Jerry Clark dated Dec. 5th. I couldn't have said things better myself, and am considering using ecerpts from it in the next FOCUS.

I was informed yesterday that B.J. has "confirmed his appointment" to see W and will be making the trip "shortly." I do not know what "shortly" means, but I expect results soon.

With respect to the continuing Steinman controversy, I have finally decided it is time to lay this matter to rest once and for all. Up to now, I have been resisting sending you copies of what I viewed as private correspondence, but in light of Stringfield's letter (copy of which you sent me), I think it's high time to prove my case. I believe that the enclosed material should do so beyond any reasonable doubt. I leave further conclusions up to you. Please feel free to disseminate to others as you wish. I think both you, and they, will find it most revealing.

Thanks for your continued support. I'll be in touch.

Regards,

Bill

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UFOs AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT: PART III.
By William L. Moore

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

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

For my part, I knew that AFOSI was behind the spreading of the story, but at the time I could only speculate that it had something to do with defusing Linda Howe's efforts to make a film with HBO. In an effort to learn more, I had conversations with several of my contacts (including Rick Doty) on the subject, but was unable to glean much more than the fact that the story had originated somewhere within the Washington DOD establishment. The fact that both Bennewitz and Howe had been targeted recipients of it, and that AFOSI people were clearly involved with its dissemination, strongly suggested that it was just another ploy in the disinformation game against these two. Dropping the same rumor on selected others within the UFO community who could be expressly relied upon to spread it far and wide was known to me as a previously tried-and-true technique of providing "outside corroboration" for rumors being circulated by "inside sources." I had quietly observed such activity before and had carefully taken note of the methodology without letting on I had noticed. In this instance however, I was unable to determine whether the roots of this particular grapevine were limited to both Howe and Bennewitz, neither of whom seemed able to keep their mouths shut (no offense

intended, folks, I'm just calling it like I saw it), or whether the government had prompted the growth of the vine by spreading a little fertilizer of its own. In any case, I remember the subject of an impending DOD film on UFOs coming up during the course of a dozen or more calls from other researchers at the time, so it was clear to me that the rumor was certainly making the rounds.

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

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

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

The first is that, according to my own investigations, both the Dulce and Area 51 sites are red herrings designed to divert attention away from the real areas of interest. Once again, as in all disinformation, there is a certain element of truth to rumors about each site; and once again these rumors were carefully planted so as to assure their perpetuation within the UFO community and ultimately, through certain credulous wags therein, to the public at-large without further government involvement. (The underlying philosophy here is that it is better, easier, and far less risky to disinform the UFO community and allow them to feed misinformation to the American public than it is for the

government to try to disinform the public directly. That way, if something goes awry, the "UFO kooks" can be easily debunked and the government's people get off scott free. From a counterintelligence point of view, Philip Klass is regarded as just another pawn in this same game. As long as he remains useful, he is no different from the rest of the "UFO kooks" as far as they are concerned.)

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

What are the government's reasons for planting rumors which center around UFO activity and an alleged underground alien base in the Dulce area? Actually, there are two reasons-- both very good ones! The first is that the government really does maintain a highly classified underground area code-named "Dulce Complex", but it's NOT in Dulce, New Mexico. (Whether the wreckage of a crashed UFO, or a real-live alien ambassador are kept there, I do not know; but there are rumors, and they come from much better sources than the ones who are spreading the Dulce disinformation stories.) The second is that (according to information which has been provided to me by several different sources over the years) the government has had under development for some time now a disc-shaped, unmanned, reconnaissance drone, and has been conducting test flights of this object over the northwestern New Mexico, southern Colorado area (of which Dulce is a part). What

better way to protect the security of such a project than to promote the belief that those who have sighted this object in flight have really seen a UFO? (Just for the record, I do not believe that this explanation is responsible for all the UFO reports in the area, nor do I pretend that there is anything here which would explain the many cattle mutilations. What I am saying is that someone in the counterintelligence community has been very astutely and very carefully manipulating an existing situation so that it works to their advantage, and certain members of the UFO community have been convenient, howbeit unwitting, pawns in this process.

The many rumors centering around "Area 51" in Nevada are a similar red-herring situation, although somewhat more complex. Once again, there is a plethora of UFO sightings and similar unusual occurrences connected with the area; and once again rumors of underground alien bases and government operated captured UFOs have abounded for years-- many of these mentioning the government's highly secure Groom Lake research and development facility ("the ranch"), which is virtually inaccessible to outsiders. With respect to these Nevada rumors, there are also two things to be noted. The first is that the government is hardly going to go out of its way to spread UFO rumors designed to attract people to the very area it wants them to stay away from. Hence, while I am prepared to concede that there MAY BE something alien going on in the middle of Nevada (indeed, I once had a UFO sighting there myself), the least likely place for it to be happening is in "Area 51." Just as in Dulce, however, there are certain things about the "Area 51" location which conveniently play into the hands of those wanting to spread UFO disinformation. The area's remote and inaccessible location, the existence of a highly secure, Top Secret research and development facility at Groom Lake, the presence of F-117a "Stealth" fighters and other high performance and experimental aircraft (including the highly classified "Aurora" and "Omega" projects), and the honeycomb of tunnels under the Nevada nuclear test site-- all are sufficient to convince those who go looking that the government really does have something to hide there; and all are convenient red herrings just waiting to be fried by the government's disinformation experts.

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

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

So where's the "right" place? I don't know for sure. It's

something I'm still working on and thus comments are reserved until that work is complete.

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

MJ-12 NOTICE

Due to a heavy workload, the Moore/Shandera report on the analysis of the MJ-12 documents has been delayed. As reported in the September 30th, 1989 FOCUS, this work is currently in progress and will be available to interested parties as soon as it can be completed. Subscribers will be advised as to how to obtain a copy as soon as it is ready for release which, at this point, is probably not going to be before mid-February.

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

SOUTH AFRICAN CRASH CONTROVERSY

One of the most widely discussed matters in the UFO field lately concerns rumors and a certain amount of documentary evidence to the effect that a UFO crash/retrieval event took place in South Africa in May of 1989, and that two live aliens were found inside the craft. As the story goes, the UFO was deliberately "shot down" by an experimental laser cannon (referred to as "Thor 2") which had been installed in one of the South African Air Force's french-built Mirage jet fighters. As the story goes, both the UFO and the two live aliens were turned over to U.S. authorities upon recovery in exchange for "nuclear technology", which is defined by some of those involved with this story as meaning "two live hydrogen bombs." Prominent in the spreading of this information throughout the UFO community has been one Henry Azadehdel, a wealthy, flamboyant and highly controversial Russian-born ex-con who holds British citizenship and who has gone to great lengths in recent years to try to sell himself as an expert on UFO abductions.

Based upon our analysis of available information, and the results of our own investigation which has included discussions with several confidential sources, a summary of our position with respect to this event is as follows:

(1) A crash/retrieval event appears to have indeed occurred in South Africa on May 9, 1989; but all indications are that the object retrieved was not a UFO, but rather a piece of Soviet space debris-- most likely the remains of a highly classified spy satellite.

(2) U.S. laser weapon technology is still some distance away from perfecting anything small enough to be installed in any aircraft. Furthermore, the likelihood of America's defense establishment providing such technology to the South Africans, even if we did have it, is virtually nil. America, however, has been actively pursuing such technology for some time, and does possess at least one prototype device. The thing is ground-based, and enormous-- far too huge and heavy in its present state to be lofted by any aircraft. However, the present weapon might, just might, have the capability of knocking a satellite out of orbit; and such a "test" might, just might have been undertaken-- thus leading to a crash/retrieval event in South Africa, some sort of a technology trade with the South Africans in exchange for the device (although almost certainly not H-bombs), and the fabrication of a convenient and perfectly outrageous cover-story to the effect that all the flap was over a UFO crash. The icing on the cake, of course, would be the convenient appearance of a South African intelligence officer with tantalizing documents-- even including an "alien alphabet"-- in-hand, and the acceptance of his story by UFO researchers who could be counted on (as they have in the past) to spread the story far and wide with a maximum of sensationalism. (Ho-hum. Just another chore in the day-to-day drudgery of disinformation. And not a bad job it was too!)

MORE ON THE "AZTEC SAUCER CRASH"

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

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

So now you know "the rest of the story."

Another item that has long been cited as "proof" of an alien saucer crash at Aztec is the so-called Hottel Memo, a one page, four paragraph FBI memorandum dated March 22, 1950, which was released under the FOIA more than a dozen years ago. For those unfamiliar with it, the text reads in part:

"An investigator for the Air Force stated that three so-called flying saucers had been recovered in New Mexico. They were described as being circular in shape with raised centers, approximately 50 feet in diameter. Each one was occupied by three bodies of human shape but only 3 feet tall, dressed in metallic cloth of a very fine texture. Each body was bandaged in a manner similar to the blackout suits used by speed flyers and test pilots.

"According to Mr. (officially censored), informant, the saucers were found in New Mexico due to the fact that the Government has a very high-powered radar set-up in that area and it is believed the radar interferes with the controlling mechanism of the saucers."

Since its release, numerous lecturers and researchers have waved

this document in front of cameras or audiences and called it "hard evidence" of a saucer crash. One respected individual, Larry W. Bryant of the D.C. branch of CAUS, even went so far as to make a case in federal court in an effort to force the Bureau to divulge the name of its original informant on the matter-- a name which was censored out of the document at the time of its original release. He lost-- the court agreeing with the FBI's argument that the name had been justifiably withheld under the sources-and-methods and the privacy provisions of the FOIA.

While seemingly sensational at first blush, in the final analysis the document turns out to be nothing more than an eighth-hand repetition of the Silas Newton - Frank Scully story, and as such, should not be cited as evidence of anything at all-- except perhaps of the fact that Newton's story had a far wider circulation at the time than even most UFO researchers are aware. For those readers who require proof, the following four paragraphs are excerpted from "Crashed Saucers: Evidence in the Search for Proof", a paper by William Moore which was delivered at the 1985 MUFON Symposium in St. Louis. (The entire 52 page text is available from us as Publication #1258 for \$12.00, and is essential reading for those who want more information concerning Mr. Newton's general unreliability, as a source of information.)

"Some time during September or October, 1949, Newton began telling his crashed saucer stories to his close friend in Denver, George Koehler. The central theme in his story to Koehler was that a saucer had crashed in the vicinity of a high-powered radar site on the New Mexico-Arizona border, that the dead aliens were all about three feet in height, were dressed in garments made of metallic cloth, and that they wore no undergarments but rather had their bodies wrapped or taped. (These four points are important to remember: (1) High-powered radar site in Ariz.-N.M.; (2) 3' in height; (3) metallic cloth; and (4) taped bodies.) The die had been cast.

"Koehler, who evidently believed Newton without question, repeated the tale during early October, 1949, to a number of his friends including Morley P. Davies, a field representative for the Walter J. Thompson Co. in Denver. Davies, in turn, repeated the story to at least two of his associates, Jack M. Murphy and L.J. van Horn, who were manager and assistant manager of a local Ford Motor agency there. In mid-December, Murphy and van Horn in their turn told the tale, now fourth-hand, to Kansas City, Kansas, auto dealer Rudy Fick who was passing through Denver on his way home from Ogden, Utah. Back home in Kansas City, Fick passed along the now fifth-hand tale to the editor of the Wyandotte Echo, a weekly newspaper published in Kansas City. In the telling, the name "Koehler" had now become "Coulter", and the number of flying saucers in possession of the U.S. government had grown from three or four to "around fifty", forty of which were under study "in the United States Research Bureau in Los Angeles." The bit about the high-powered radar site on the N.M.-Ariz. border remained in the story, as did the alleged three foot height of the aliens and the

manner of their dress. Fick implied that "Coulter" had actually seen the disc himself.

"The story, attributed to Fick, his friends in Denver, and ultimately, "Coulter", appeared in the January 6, 1950 edition of the Wyandotte Echo, and from there was picked up by a number of other papers around the country. This attracted the interest of both the FBI and (AF)OSI, the latter of which had begun investigating it as an adjunct to their case already in progress on Mikel Conrad (for more details on which, see the above referenced paper; Ed.). By early March, a whole series of communications pertaining to the matter had passed between OSI headquarters in Washington, D.C., and various field units, one of which dated 14 March, 1950 (just 8 days before the "Hottel Memo"; Ed.), stated that Newton's November 24, 1949, conversation with (Bruce) Cabot at the Lakeside Country Club (once again, see the above referenced paper; Ed.) had been witnessed by a "local KFI radio news commentator (name officially deleted) who, on a morning program, announced in effect that a party at a Hollywood country club had stated that he had information on flying discs and that the discussion took place over a round of drinks at the 'nineteenth hole' (bar)... and that the 'story got better with each drink'." (OSI had attempted to interview Newton at the time, but without success in that Newton had apparently gone off to Wyoming shortly thereafter.)

In any case, one of the agents at OSI headquarters in Washington, passed the Fick story, now seventh-hand, along to Special Agent Guy Hottel, one of his contacts in the Washington office of the FBI (with whom OSI often worked quite closely), who in turn, on March 22, 1950, generated a memo on it to J. Edgar Hoover himself...."

Proof that con-man Silas Newton, via his late 1949 conversation with George Koehler, was the source of the information in agent Hottel's now eighth-hand account to Hoover rests on the fact that both Newton's tale to Koehler and Hottel's report to Hoover contain the same four key points (i.e. High-powered radar site in New Mexico (but now without mention of Arizona), three foot tall aliens, metallic cloth, and wrapped bodies)!

Before leaving the matter of Frank Scully, it seems appropriate to mention here that the most recent development in FWP's continuing investigation into this case was the FBI's release to us, on September 6, 1989, of 63 pages of file material pertaining mostly to Scully's alleged connections to the Communist Party and various communist front organizations in California between the late '30s and about 1960. This file presents a side of Scully that seems to have gone unnoticed in UFO research up to this point, and is quite illuminating. One of the most interesting items in this file is a fascinating memorandum, dated October 20, 1950, from agent C.E. Hennrich to A.H. Belmont at Bureau headquarters, which, after

citing no less than 25 separate instances of "Scully's participation in Communist Party Front and other Pro-Communist Groups" between 1937 and 1949 (!), concludes with the following "Observation":

"It appears from an analysis of the book "Behind the Flying Saucers" written by Scully that Scully's purpose in writing the book could easily have been to undermine public morale by attempting to convince them of the possibility of attack from another planet and to undermine their confidence in the Department of Defense."

The memo went on to recommend "that this memorandum be brought to the attention of the Internal Security Section, in order that consideration be given to conducting additional investigation of Scully as a possible Security Index subject."

On November 4, 1950, Hoover ordered the Los Angeles office to conduct "a thorough security investigation of the activities of this individual to determine... whether he can be considered a threat to the security of the country...." This investigation was completed on December 9th, and resulted in an 18 page report, five pages of which were withheld from release by the Bureau under three different exemptions of the FOIA.

Interested researchers may obtain a complete copy of this 63 page file from FWP for the sum of \$9.00 (about .15/pg), plus an additional one dollar for postage. Please refer to "Frank Scully FBI File" in your request.

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Further, PT told me that because of his close relations with Friedman, he had already called and informed Stanton of the results of his (PT's) analysis. I presume that Friedman has by now briefed you and that if you want further verification you will call PT.

I invite your comments and apology.

Philip J. Klass

BILL MOORE RESPONDS

16th OCT.'89

"The truth is only arrived at by the painstaking process of eliminating the untrue."
Sherlock Holmes

Dear Mr. Klass:

Thank you for demonstrating the usual "skeptical" approach of deciding what the truth must be before examining any evidence, and then stopping to crow the moment you discover something that seems to support your preconceived notions. Naturally it would never occur to you that you might have missed something. Equally, it would never occur to you to tell all of the story when only half of it says what you want to hear. Thus, here's my side of the story you tell in your letter of October 12th. Of course, you will suppress this the moment you read it so as to make certain that at least some of your victims never get to read it. Why you are such an asshole, Phil, I probably will never know-- but I remain confident that eventually your scales will balance.

(1) First of all, allow me to thank you for placing on the record the fact that the respected document examiner in question (PT) does not wish to become publicly involved. We were wondering how to get around that, since if we had said it, you would have never believed it. Now you have said it.

I would also like to thank you for placing on the record that you have discovered, by your own means, our on-going consultations with professional document analysts. It's always good to have you confirm that we have been doing our homework. That way, when the whole story is told, there won't be any question about the basics, or about the fact that we have been talking to top people in the field.

(2) Secondly, I acknowledge that PT did indeed make his findings known to us some time ago and we have not yet published them. I also acknowledge that your rendition of his professional opinion is essentially accurate. THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY, Phil, is two-fold:

(A) PT is only one of the document examiners we have consulted on this matter. There are, in fact, three others who have been involved. It was our feeling that a proper investigation required several opinions in order to make the findings as credible as possible. In the case of the issues involved in the Truman document, the four opinions involved are mixed. That is why I said in Las Vegas on July 1st that the document, "though not yet disproved, ...presents the weakest case of the three." Curiously, there is evidence on the other side of the coin as well. It's really quite a confusing matter once you take the trouble to examine ALL the evidence. But of course, since you've already decided what constitutes the bottom line, you wouldn't be the least bit interested in the complete report, would you? No matter-- I'm sure there are many others who will be. We expect to have it published by year's end.

(B) While PT did confirm your position on the document, his opinion to us also included the statement that "although the document itself may be a fabrication, the information in it could very well be real. This sort of thing," he said, "is not uncommon in such a situation."

(3) We did not "opt to withhold" these admittedly vital findings from anyone. The only reason they have not yet been released is that they are not yet complete. Our plan had been to publish concurrently with Stan's

FUFOR report at year's end. In spite of your partial scoop, we will adhere to that schedule. I expect our public, both yours and mine, can wait that long for good data. Indeed, if we thought you could bring yourself to participate in an impartial report that will contain considerable positive as well as some negative data, we would consider asking you to participate.

The above are my comments, as requested. The apology, however, should be from you-- for jumping the gun, as usual, for personal gain; and, (also as usual) for misleading your public by telling only that part of the story which supports your pre-conceived position.

Cordially,
William L. Moore

EDITORIAL
By Jimmy Ward

Let me start right out by saying something controversial. I too have read Whitley Strieber's Communion and Transformation, but I'm not sure he was ever abducted. Nor am I certain that alien visitors are in contact with him now. No... he's not really lying either! He believes it!

Let me explain. Whitley is only one of literally dozens of people in that same area of the country who have had similar experiences and visits. They too have been visited by bug-eyed aliens, monks, men in wet suits, etc. They have seen faces on walls and ceilings, had lights switched on and off in their homes, and similar weird events. So what has been happening to Whitley has been happening to many others as well. If they're not being visited by aliens, then what's going on?

I've been corresponding with a family in Connecticut who has been keeping a diary of events and of what they've seen and experienced. The diary is a list of things without emotion or attempts to explain. I'm waiting now for answers to some questions I've already asked even though I'm pretty sure I already know those answers.

You see, Whitley and the rest of these people all live in the same general area the so-called boomerang UFO has been seen, and their experiences all began at about the time it first appeared in their area. I don't believe it is an alien spacecraft because it has been too localized for too long a period of time. Rather, I believe its propulsion system is responsible for these goings-on. How?

Well, recently, in Canada, a model plane was flown and kept aloft using microwaves beamed at it from the ground. The craft converts these microwaves into electrical power to run the motors. No fuel, in the conventional sense, is needed. Northrop is also working on a similar model. But this boomerang UFO has been appearing for years, you say? Well, microwave plane models have too. In 1965, Raytheon flew an early model for over ten hours in a test. But the plans were apparently canceled, or at least nothing further has been heard about it in public.

As many readers are probably aware, certain microwave frequencies can and do produce physical and mental effects in humans, including emotions and hallucinations! It can also trigger ESP-like experiences. As far as I have been able to learn, the experimental microwave planes tested so far all have a waffle-like or grid system on their underside-- and so does this boomerang UFO! I don't think this is all coincidence, although admittedly it does need further checking. If the hypothesis is correct, those who have had the most frequent exposure should be the ones who have the most "visitor experiences". Those who have had one or two exposures should have their "experiences" a few days after their exposure, not while they were exposed. Also, a blood test should show elevated white blood cell counts (sometimes as much as 50% above normal). Strieber should be able to verify this in his own case at least.

It's an angle on abductions that hasn't been pursued before. I should think that at least someone in the UFO community would want to do some further checking before ruling it out entirely.

Vicki Cooper in UFO magazine
Sept./Oct. 1989

"This has been going on for too long. The bottom line is that the UFO community has been had.... In his speech he criticizes others for spreading disinformation, but for the last ten years, Bill himself has been one of the biggest sources of disinformation in all ufology. His money motivation is blatantly obvious."

Barry Greenwood of CAUS
as quoted in UFO magazine
Sept./Oct. 1989

BILL MOORE REPLIES

Dear UFO Magazine:

With respect to your editorial (pg. 2) and the associated article about me (pgs 4-5), please allow me to point out that counterintelligence people associated with the U.S. government have been disseminating disinformation about UFOs to the public (of which the so-called UFO community is a part) for many years. Only by exposing this process can we ever hope to learn anything about how it works or anything about its impact on us as UFO researchers and journalists. Only by exposing it and ultimately understanding who's behind it and why it's being done can we ever hope to develop a strategy for counteracting its influence. In light of this, your editorial comment that these revelations represent "the blackest mark" on UFOlogy yet to surface somehow suggests that we would be better off not knowing how vulnerable we have been and are. I disagree. Rather, I think the exposure of this heretofore only suspected chicanery places us in the strongest position we have ever enjoyed.

Barry Greenwood's assertion that "money" is my motive is laughable on two fronts. In the first instance, all he needs to do is come out here and take a look at my income tax returns or my bank balances to see just how much money I make from my activities. (I'll make them available to him if he comes.) In the second, if we are to accept Greenwood's philosophy that making money is an inherently evil motive, then I suppose none of us should ever go to the movies, buy a newspaper, watch the evening news on TV, listen to the radio, buy a copy of your magazine or purchase food from a super market-- all of which operate solely for the purpose of turning a profit. (Who knows-- maybe Barry Greenwood is really a closet communist?)

VICKI COOPER "CLARIFIES"

(Excerpted from her letter to Bill Moore dated Oct. 1, 1989)

"Dear Bill:

"I...think a few brief clarifications are in order:

"Your inference that my remark (i.e., your revelations: "the blackest mark on ufology yet to surface") suggests we'd "be better off not knowing how vulnerable we have been and are" constitutes a complete misreading of my meaning. That disinformation and misdirection about UFOs are pervasive in this field is well known.... Anyone who can't see how vulnerable we are simply isn't looking. I submit that you put the blinders on when you chose to be part of such a disinformation campaign, in your assumption that "exposure of this heretofore unsuspected chicanery places us in the strongest position we have ever enjoyed." Who are you kidding?

"The "blackest mark" I refer to is, purely and simply, that your actions, if true, have not only contributed to the physical and psychic disintegration of an individual, but have again shown those responsible for such programs that some ufologists can be easily "had." What you did and for all I know are still doing allows

these "spook" types to have an ever-expanding field day at the expense of legitimate ufology. After your disclosure do you SERIOUSLY think anyone with half a mind infers that your/our position is strengthened? Does strength in our aligned field come from the arrogant assumption that you can beat these guys at their own game...?

"I'll make an assumption here: Your beef with Greenwood further plays into "their" hands...."

BILL MOORE RESPONDS:

Dear Vicki:

Thank you for your "clarifications" letter. It is a source of never-ending amazement to me how some people in this field have become such experts at making federal cases out of assumptions and rumors. Somehow I had always expected that you, as a fellow journalist, were above such tactics. Needless to say, I am chagrined and dismayed to see how you have fallen prey to the temptations of yellow journalism. How sad-- and indeed, how tragic for those in UFOlogy who have in the past looked to you for something better than pulp.

In any case, let's examine your letter:

Granted it is well known that "disinformation and misdirection about UFOs are pervasive in this field." The question here is not that it exists, but rather who is responsible for it, how is it being done, and (most importantly) why? This is especially true when we find our own government expending money and manpower over a long period of time to maintain a clandestine power base in this process. To suggest that participation for the purpose of gaining enough inside knowledge to expose, "allows these 'spook' types an ever-expanding field day at the expense of legitimate (?) UFOlogy" is tantamount to suggesting that every undercover officer or journalist in the country should be punished for whatever parts they have played in illegal activities for the purpose of either having those involved brought to justice or exposed to public view. Great logic, Vicki! If you knew me at all well, Vicki, you would know that I don't make a practice of going out on limbs unless I am reasonably certain there are nice soft cushions underneath to catch me should I fall. With that in mind, I am confident that I could go into a court of law, and using acceptable standards of evidence, provide sufficient testimony from first-hand witnesses to show that my personal involvement in the Bennewitz affair did nothing to cause him "physical or psychic disintegration" in any way. Indeed, even Paul Bennewitz himself could not truthfully testify otherwise.

In modern American society, when a patient dies on the operating table, is it reasonable to suggest that the entire hospital staff should be held responsible. Of course not! Now, with that in mind (and remembering that opinion and invective do not qualify), I would like you to carefully consider what evidence either you or anyone else can produce to suggest that I should be held accountable for what happened to Paul Bennewitz. Yes, I was in the hospital; but when it came to the operating room, all I was doing was taking notes. Certainly I regret what happened. I liked Paul. But in the final analysis nothing I could have done would have made things any different for him. All we can hope for is that publicizing the notes I took in the process will help prevent the same thing from happening to someone else. That's what it's really all about, Vicki. If you can't see that, then you're the one who has "put the blinders on."

Moving on to something lighter, do you seriously think that the counterintelligence community needed me to show them "that some UFOlogists can be easily 'had'!" How absolutely droll! Come on, Vicki-- all anyone needs to arrive at such a conclusion is to read some of the moronic rubbish they write-- some of which, I might add with all due respect, can be found in the pages of your magazine.

I don't have any "beef" with Mr. Greenwood-- he's the one who is trying to rake me over the coals with little more behind him than malicious rumors, inferences and innuendo! Indeed, I hardly know the man or any of his immediate associates. I have met Greenwood exactly once (in a lobby in Washington, D.C., for about ten minutes

in 1987). In all the years he's been with CAUS, he's never phoned or written to me-- not once! Yet he is such an authority on my activities and motives. I have never met Larry Fawcett at all, although I have had perhaps five or six phone conversations with him over the past seven years (the most recent of which was maybe 1985), and we have exchanged letters not more than three times in that timespan. As for Melesciuc, I have never met, spoken to or corresponded with the man. In fact, I'm not even certain how to pronounce his name.

Ask yourself-- are the activities of these individuals more consistent with those who genuinely want answers to their questions, or are they more consistent with those who would rather try to make themselves look important at the expense of others? If it was answers they wanted, Vicki, wouldn't it be more logical for them to write and ask for them rather than forever beating their breasts in print?

In closing, if you're going to continue to allege that I have "knowingly misrepresented facts", please have the decency to provide some evidence of substance to back it up. If it is true that I am "guilty of deceptions which have intentionally misled UFOlogy and harmed at least one person" then where is the proof? Fact is, these allegations aren't true at all-- they're simply what you want to believe.

OF LEAKS AND PLANTS

The following is excerpted from a letter to the editor published in the Washington Times on August 21, 1989. The writer argues that an article previously published by the Times "fails to distinguish between two entirely different problems for journalists." He goes on to state:

"In the case of genuine "leaks" of information from nonofficial sources, journalists are dealing with individuals who may be acting for a wide variety of motives, primarily personal ones. Here the journalists' problem is essentially the credibility of the "leaker." Once satisfied that the informant has access to reliable information and reasonable efforts are made to corroborate it, then publication seems in order regardless of the motives of the source.

"An entirely different situation exists when release of information is sanctioned by cognizant authorities. Here the material is not "leaked," it is "planted." It is patently absurd to say that the president authorized "a leak" of information. Here the issue is not credibility, it is motive. Journalists who permit themselves to be used as mere transmitters of such information are unprofessional-- and they are missing the story. Why the material is being "planted" through "sources" is every bit as important as the information itself.

"Leaks are often the basis for legitimate investigative reporting of great importance. "Plants" should be treated with similar skepticism and critical inquiry by alert members of the media."

Eugene J. Carroll, Jr.

(NOTE: The writer is a retired rear admiral and is deputy director of the Center for Defense Information, a nonprofit research group.)

MORE CRITICISM:

Ever since Bill Moore made his presentation in Las Vegas last July 1st, there has been a wave of misinformation sweeping through the UFO community with respect to what he did or did not say. Many of the misinterpretations of Moore's text can be traced directly to people having heard only what they wanted to hear and then somehow miraculously transforming it into what they have subsequently come to believe they did hear. Add to this the cacaphony of derision that has spilled from a small element of the UFO-fringe community whose credibility has been seriously called to question by Bill's revelations of government disinformation, and the combination is sufficient to spawn some pretty wild-eyed material. Unfortunately, a few writers went to press with what they thought was good information only to learn later, much to their dismay, that it wasn't. One such article, which carried no copyright notice, is reprinted below and is followed by Bill Moore's categorical response to same. We offer it as typical of the sort of emotionally charged gobbledygook that is currently making the

rounds on some branches of the UFO grapevine.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH
By William S. English

Reprinted from "The Pegasus" newsletter, Special Edition (Vol I, #2, October 1989).

"In light of the many facts that have or have not come to light during the past few months, this is the final report that will be produced by UFINET and myself concerning Mr. William Moore. This is because it has become evident that we will in reality never know the true answers concerning what is or is not true with this gentleman. And because, frankly, it's not worth flogging a dead horse, which is what Bill Moore has become.

"Let us once again review the facts as they were presented by Moore at the 1989 Las Vegas MUFON Conference and Symposium.

"Essentially, Moore stated the following during his speech at the conference;

1. That he worked for the government as a disinformation agent.
2. That he was instrumental in relaying false information to Paul Bennewitz, and he played a part in having Bennewitz involuntarily committed to the New Mexico State Mental Hospital on three separate occasions. And his association with Bennewitz began in the later (sic.) part of 1979.
3. That his informants, Condor and Falcon, worked for the government, and the information released by them during his television show "UFO COVER-UP LIVE", was false information.
4. His association with the government was to gain information of their operations and he had his own reasons for working for them.

"Whatever his reasons might have been, they certainly have the appearance of having nothing to do with the advancement of Ufological studies.

"Additionally, more facts concerning Mr. Moore have come to light, which appear to have a very relevant bearing on everything else that seems to be taking place.

"It has been reported by various sources from around the nation that Moore's business practices are in serious question. It also seems his obsession for character assassination has acquired him a significant number of enemies, (I count myself among them).

"Before continuing, I feel it is essential to state my own personal position in the Moore Controversy. This, to present to you the reader, the facts so that you might be able to form your own opinions on the matter, but at the same time have a more complete picture.

"The fact that I personally have no great affection for Moore is, I'm sure, quite evident. I am among the many who have fallen victim to Moore's lies and character assassination. I have, however, been more fortunate than most as the facts and evidence have, for the most part, shown the lies Moore has attempted to spread about me are just that. Lies....There have been those who have not been so fortunate in this area. It would seem Moore has had more successes than failures in this department. Thus he continues to persist.

"You have seen the facts Moore made evident at the MUFON Conference. Now take a look at the refuting facts as they are the truth, verified by many reliable sources.

1. From Paul Bennewitz; Moore stated that he began his relationship with Paul during the later (sic.) part of 1979, and it was at this point Bennewitz began sending his Dulce Report to APRO. In actuality, I personally began looking at the Bennewitz papers at the APRO offices in the later (sic.) part of 1978. Also, Bennewitz himself, through a spokesman, has stated that he did not meet Bill Moore until May of 1988, when he presented himself at Paul's home uninvited and insisted that Paul talk with him or else.

"If this is the case, why would Moore make such a statement which is so contrary to the facts as we have been able to establish them from other sources?? Moore said he lied to us, but in the admission of the lie, he is still lying. WHY??

2. Falcon & Condor: During his speech, Moore made the statement that, he believed the evidence presented by his two birds, Falcon and Condor was false information. Yet he allowed this segment to appear on the television production that he played an instrumental part in producing. He also began to sell out-takes of the Falcon and Condor segments through his distribution company, advertising them as having additional information that would play a significant part in UFO investigations. This apparently was not true. Bill Knell, of New York, stated in his newsletter for the month of August, that not only did it take a greater amount of time than it should have to get the tapes from Moore, but that the information was absolutely worthless garbage. If this were from just one source it would not be significant because it could be interpreted as just one dissatisfied customer. Unfortunately this comes from several different sources from around the country.

"Moore's statement concerning Falcon and Condor is a bit odd. Especially since in 1979, I met with Moore at the Parfait Palace in Trail Dust Town, Tucson, Arizona and related to him my own experiences concerning the Project Grudge/Blue Book Report #13. This meeting was arranged by APRO's very own Allen Benz.

"It was during this meeting I related everything I had seen in the report. I might add also that in 1977, I had related exactly the same things to Stanton Friedman, Jim Lorenzen, and Allen Benz after hearing Friedman give a lecture and (sic.) the Pima Community College. During the course of Friedman's talk he made mention of the fact Blue Book #13 did not exist. As this was not true, I approached him after his talk and told him so. It was then that I was invited to speak with him and the others at length at the APRO offices on north Campbell Ave.

"Almost ten years after the fact, Moore's two birds related "almost" verbatim everything I had told him in 1979. To add insult to injury, Moore between the time I re-emerged into the public eye and the time of the broadcast of his television show, began to spread the rumor that I had admitted to him that I, and one Gerry Schultz, were doing LSD together when we concocted the Blue Book Report scenario. The reason was supposedly because we were trying to redirect APRO into a more positive direction from where it was. This in fact was not true and never was. On a more personal level, I believe this was an effort to mis-direct public attention from myself and onto him and his supposed informants, in order to maintain the credibility of his work, and the television production.

"After the airing of his TV show (30 minutes after it went off the air in New Mexico) I contacted Moore's Offices in California in order to bring him to task on the matter. I was informed that Moore was in Washington, D.C., and he was unable to talk with me. I then talked with his associate Jamie (sic.) Shandera, and made my displeasure in the matter known clearly.

"Within a matter of days, I wrote to Moore re-iterating (sic.) my feelings and position on the matter. Shortly there after (sic.) I received a letter from Moore stating I had in fact said these things to him during our meeting at the Parfait Palace and he went into great detail concerning lawsuits that were brought against Allen Benz and myself by Coral Lorenzen and her associates in California and more or less accused me of perfidious activity against APRO. Then at the end of his letter he asked me to work with him on several investigations in the New Mexico area. If I were such a soundrel, why would he do this?

"I in turn responded to his letter point by point, and challenged him to take a polygraph test with me on the validity of his statements versus mine. He agreed, stating he had nothing to hide. As of yet I have not been able to pin him down to make the arrangements, and at the conference he not only studiously (sic.) avoided everyone that wanted to take him to task, he avoided me also.

"Apparently grants and funds have also fallen victim to Mr. Moore. The Fund for UFO Research, in Maryland was a victim most recently. Moore received a grant of something in the area of sixteen thousand dollars and produced

nothing. I know for a fact that one of the conditions that exist in order to receive a grant from the fund is that all materials, equipment and data gathered using moneys (sic.) granted by the Fund, become the property of the Fund for UFO Research. The Fund has received nothing in return for the grant, and the money was apparently wasted. It would be interesting to have an exact account of what the money was used for.

***CONCLUSIONS:**

"Based on everything that has taken place during the past year and a half concerning Moore, it has become apparent that once he meets his obligations at the several speaking engagements he has been booked for this year, his popularity will decrease. Already there is a growing number of people around the nation that are placing vigorous objections to Moore's being a speaker at their conferences and symposiums. In short, Moore is no longer a viable part of the Ufological Investigative community, and almost anything and everything he has done, or is trying to do, will come to nothing. It is advisable for Moore to seek real employment with the rest of us, instead of feeding on, and victimizing those of us trying seriously to find answers to the questions of UFOs."

"BILL COOPER BAD NEWS FOR UFINET"

"It is with a great deal of sadness that we announce that Mr. Bill Cooper has been removed from the Board of Review of the UFINET NEWS AND INFORMATION SERVICE.

"Although UFINET supports freedom of speech and the tenants (sic.) of the Constitution of the United States, it will not support the spreading of lies and mis-information (sic.) to the public. Especially when it concerns other members of the UFINET Board of Review, and or prominent members of the Ufological Community. Mr. Cooper began to spread the rumor, that on his return from the MUFON Conference in Las Vegas, Bill English was fired upon by unknown assailants. This is not true. UFINET wishes Mr. Cooper the best in his endeavors, but will not tolerate this activity from any of its members. We deal in facts not fiction."

AN OPEN LETTER TO BILL ENGLISH

06 OCT. '89

Dear Bill:

In reference to your "The Pegasus/ Special Edition" of October, 1989, I note that you have made a large number of errors in the "Enough is Enough" article. I certainly hope you will print my side of the story in your next issue. Let's take a look:

- (1) I have never stated anywhere, either publicly or privately, that I "worked for the government as a disinformation agent." Please re-read what I said in Las Vegas as well as in my previous letter to you for clarification.
- (2) I was not "instrumental in relaying false information to Paul Bennewitz" with the one exception being that I did give him a copy of the so-called Aquarius document. In this instance, however, I urged him not to go public with it because I could not vouch for its authenticity, but only to use it for his own personal information. Ultimately he took this advice because when the document finally did surface it came through other sources. Once again, see my Vegas Text ("VI", pg.13) for additional details.
- (3) You state that I "played a part in having Bennewitz involuntary committal to the New Mexico State mental hospital." This is both untrue and erroneous on its face. First of all, if Paul was ever involuntarily committed to a state mental hospital, I am completely unaware of it. My statement (VT, pg.8) was, "Not long afterward I heard he had been hospitalized and was under psychiatric care." The hospital, as I understood it,

was a local facility, not a mental hospital or institution, and Paul had not been "committed". He was simply under the care of a psychiatrist. Secondly, you will note that in the same reference cited above, I clearly state that I tried to counsel Paul to drop his UFO activities before they completely destroyed his health. Indeed, I genuinely liked Paul, resented what "they" were doing to him, and did everything I could (short of blowing my own cover) to get him to realize he was the object of an extensive counterintelligence game. The fact is, Paul already knew that. Somehow I think much of his problem came from his unflagging belief that if he stayed with it long enough, truth as he saw it would somehow triumph over deception.

(4) My association with the Bennewitz case began in late 1979. I did not actually meet the man himself until early 1981. (See VI, pg.6, which clearly states, "I first met Paul in early 1981....") If you haven't got a copy of the text, please let me know and I'll be happy to send you one.

(5) The question of how long I have known Paul Bennewitz is one that is easily answered due to the fact that on a number of different occasions I was accompanied on my visits to him by other individuals who, I am sure, would be more than happy to verify that fact if necessary. One particular occasion, which you can easily check on if you wish, occurred in 1984 when I and Jaime Shandera were visiting with Paul in his office. We had been there about twenty minutes when Tracy Torme, Tom Adams and Gary Matheson walked in. They were quite surprised to see me; I was quite surprised to see them; and Paul seemed quite amused by it all. Ask Tracy, Tom, Gary or Jaime about it. I am certain they will recall the incident. You might also talk to Gabe Valdez, who knew as early as '81 or '82 that Paul and I were acquainted. Furthermore, on every occasion that I was at Paul's home, I was there as an invited guest.

(6) My informants, code-named "Falcon" and "Condor" did indeed work for the government. However, my statement concerning the "UFO Cover-up?...Live!" show was, "I am convinced that at least some, quite possibly a substantial portion, of that information falls under the category of disinformation." "Some" is quite different from "all" (as implied by your article), and "a substantial portion" can still be considerably less than half. Admittedly it is open to interpretation, and as such, was a poor choice of words on my part.

(7) I have never said that I "lied" to anyone. What I did say was that I had "practiced an occasional deception now and again over the years in order to protect the integrity of our project." (See VI, pg. 15.) I am confident that anyone in the same position would have done the same thing. The "occasional deceptions", however, were all of my own doing. On NO occasion was I ever asked or ordered to lie by anyone connected with the government.

(8) I did not play an "instrumental part" in producing "UFO Cover-up?...Live!". Michael Seligman, as producer, had complete control and final say over the show at all times. Indeed, on the evening the show was broadcast, Michael and I had two arguments on the set over his trying to put words in my and Shandera's mouth in the final version of the script. Seligman (who had hired a Congressional investigator to authenticate credentials) was present at both the "Falcon" and "Condor" interviews, asked some of the questions himself, and had final say over which segments of the more than an hour-and-a-half of tapes would be used. My role was strictly limited to that of consultant, as was Mr. Shandera's.

(9) I have never offered "out-takes of the Falcon and Condor segments" for sale at all-- nor has anyone else to date. The segment to which you refer was an interview with Richard Doty which was cut from the show at the last minute due to the live feed from Russia having run three minutes overtime. Bill Knell's assessment of the Doty interview as "worthless garbage" is his own opinion. Others have expressed quite opposite views. Perhaps you should view the tape and make up your own mind. I'll be happy to send you a gratis copy for the asking.

(10) Our meeting at the Parfait Palace in Tucson took place in April of 1982, not in 1979. The meeting was arranged by you and I, not by Allen Benz. Friedman's lecture at Pima College took place in 1978, not 1977. The APRO offices at that time were at 2840 N. Country Club Rd. (room 103), not on North Campbell Ave.

(11) Anyone who wishes to verify the allegations made in the APRO lawsuit against you and Allen Benz can easily check the complaint papers which are a part of the public record here in California. I understand that one of

the difficulties they had was finding you for the purpose of serving papers. Perhaps that was the reason you disappeared in 1982, only to "re-emerge into the public eye" seven years later in 1989?

(12) "Falcon" and "Condor"'s interviews on "Cover-up" were not "almost verbatim" repetitions of your material, although admittedly there are some similarities. Neither of these two sources has ever met you; nor, at the time we were working on the show, did I or anyone I knew have any idea where you were. Had I known, I would have provided the show's researchers with your whereabouts and you would have been contacted by them. Since there was no "public attention" on yourself, your assertion that I was trying to "mis-direct it" away from you is illogical.

(13) You cannot possibly have "talked with (my) associate Jamie (sic.) Shandera" thirty minutes after the cover-up show went off the air, because he was with me and fifty or more others on the set in Washington until nearly midnight, and then we returned to our hotel together. Jaime went to New York the day after the show, and did not return to Los Angeles until several days later.

(14) I have never suggested you are a "scoundrel", nor do I believe such a thing. Obviously I hold a certain amount of respect for you, or I would not have asked you to assist me in investigating cases in your area. If you will remember, it was you and I who made the first inquiries into the Cash-Landrum case even before Schuessler got involved.

Now that I think of it, I wonder if your bad opinion of me isn't the result of things you may have heard from John Lear. Lear has said a lot of things about me to a lot of people, and some of those things were patently untrue. Perhaps you too were misled?

(15) If you had wanted to "pin me down" to make arrangements for a polygraph test, why didn't you either write or call? You certainly had my address and phone number, and I might note here also that my last letter to you (dated October 31, 1988) has remained unanswered." Obviously if I avoided everyone at the MUFON Conference, I avoided you too. The reason I came and left so quickly was as a snub to Lear and to MUFON for continuing him as host. It had nothing to do with you. Had you called and asked for a meeting with me in Vegas, I certainly would have been happy to accommodate. I had an entire day of private meetings that Sunday.

"Anyone wishing copies of my two letters to Bill English dated Oct. 19th and Oct. 31st, 1988 may have them for the asking and a postage stamp.

(16) Your assertion that I received a grant of \$16,000 from the Fund for UFO Research is in error. It was Stan Friedman who got the grant, and he will be supplying his final report to the Fund by year's end. The last grant I got from them was for \$500 to investigate an aspect of the Roswell case and to interview a retired general in Utah. I have not yet completed that work, but expect to have it done and a report written by year's end as well. I will also supply them with an accounting of how the money was spent.

(17) I'm not surprised to hear the news about your break with Cooper. What amazes me is that the man continues to have a following in spite of a history of self-contradiction and opportunism.

As for the Bill English/ Bill Moore controversy, obviously you have been the victim of a great deal of misinformation. I hope the above will help set the record straight and serve to thaw the situation just a bit.

Cordially,
William L. Moore

INTELLIGENCE, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE, AND THE DISINFORMATION GAME
By Brian Parks

The primary objective of the intelligence community, both military and civilian, is to gather information on a variety of subjects from whatever sources are available. The counterintelligence aspect of all this is to obstruct a foreign agency in its ability to do the same. It is quite obvious that certain agencies of our

government have been gathering classified intelligence on FOs and have given us reason to suspect that hard physical evidence is a part of this. The "government UFO cover-up" is one of the most popular topics of UFO research. Yet the dark side of this same coin is rarely spoken of. The UFO community at large has become very vulnerable to disinformation and counterintelligence to protect classified UFO data. One very significant reason is our emotional response of fear and embarrassment when confronting this issue. The strange mixture of UFO fact and fiction is either swallowed whole or dismissed in its entirety leaving nothing but confusion in its wake.

In July, 1989, researcher William Moore gave a presentation at the MUFON Symposium in Las Vegas which dealt a heavy blow to disinformation. He had to hurt some feelings and demonstrated certain vulnerabilities in the process. He demonstrated that the current rumor mill has sources and a purpose, and we need to confront this problem to get honest answers from our government. In the July/August, 1988 issue of International UFO Reporter, I wrote that having known Bill for some years, I was not aware of anyone as wary of disinformation as he is. The important problem is that most others in the UFO community either reject all leaked or anonymous information or believe it blindly regardless of content or source. Instead of ignoring anonymous information we must rely on the integrity of researchers involved and the ability to cross-check this information with documented facts. By cross-checking, I do not mean that if more than one source is spreading the same rumor then it must be true. Some leaks may be very significant, but they can also be protected by professional intelligence methods of disinformation in order to protect the truth.

One of the aspects of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations is that it acts as a watchdog over certain classified government information, including counterintelligence activities. They have been involved in disinformation as revealed by Moore and others. AFOSI regulation 124-88 states the following:

"A major concern in leak cases is to avoid lending credence to the compromised material. Often the greatest harm comes from confirming that the U.S. has certain intelligence, technologies, or policies. In the absence of official confirmation, publicized material can be damaging but must still be classed as speculation. Sometimes, the very existence of an official investigation provides confirmation. The problem may be a determining factor in deciding whether an investigation should be undertaken."

Please stop here and read the above at least once more-- then consider its application to the situation concerning the MJ-12 documents and related research. If any portion of this information is true, the implications are very far reaching indeed. With this in mind, we must accept the simple fact that those professionals who safeguard this information are going to do their jobs. It is up to us to be careful and do ours.

My current assessment of the situation is that some people in high places want the public to know certain truths while others do not. The UFO community are the useful idiots in a very powerful game. I have no intention of making personal accusations or pointing fingers of suspicion. I offer this as a warning to all of us who claim to have an interest in the truth. The game is complex, sometimes obvious to the point of stupidity; but more often it is not. The game has motives and it has rules. We must be aware of this both to survive and to have any hope of ultimately learning the truth.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editors:

All of the below is no more than an opinion that I've formed out of a 3+-yearlong association with those who term themselves "UFOlogists". I want you to know, before you read on, that I have a lot of opinions and I express them freely whenever I feel that some good may come of that expression. For example, I have an opinion of opinions that says that opinions are like unto sphincters in that we each have one, although some are less burdened than others with the obvious effects of soap and water.

If my opinion of most spokespersons of UFOlogy turns out to be accurate, then I want to "define my terms" here. Ergo, the following: Webster's defines "opinion" as, "A belief stronger than an impression, less strong than

positive knowledge". So, as you read the below, keep in mind that my opinion is formed as a result of my experience of you. In other words, this is what I and others like me get out of what you, as a body, are all putting out. This is what's coming across. Is it what you really want to communicate? I believe that it's time, and perhaps it's past time, to take what is called a "hard look" at the field in order to examine what you've been doing so that you may decide if it is what you want to continue to do. In other words, does "UFOlogy", as it is today, really work?

I'll stick with Webster's to define one more term, i.e., "community" (as in "UFO Community"). A "community" is a group or class having a common interest. Well, I suppose that you who are currently involved with what you purport to be the "study" of UFOs could be called the "UFO community" according to the above definition. You are indeed a group or class. Do you have a common interest? Apparently, yes. As you have stated repeatedly, your common interest is in getting at the truth of UFOs. So, there is a "community" of UFOlogists. Yet, expectations that this "community" will act communally in its own best interests are constantly being shattered between the jagged rocks of dissention and the monumental tides of egoism.

A very wise man once told me something that I have held to be true for no other reason but that it works.....period. What he told me was this: "When peoples' actions do not support their stated intentions, then their stated intentions are not their true intentions." That might be too difficult for some of you to understand, so I'll try a little parable:

Let's suppose you awaken in the middle of the night. You go into your living room and you discover a stranger sitting on your couch. The stranger says, "I'm waiting for a bus". What would you conclude? Is the stranger telling you the truth? Does the bus stop in your living room? If you're one of the really unusual people in the world, perhaps it does. In that case, the stranger might be a truth-teller. Break out the tea and cookies.

In the world I live in, the bus does not stop in my living room. That stranger would not get a warm reception from me. Why? Because his actions clearly do not support his stated intentions. Clearly, his intention was to break the security of my home and endanger the safety of my loved ones and my property. His presence in my home at that hour and without my knowledge and permission would prove that to me. I would act on that. His words are lies that need not concern me. Forgive me if this reads like a grade school primer. It's just that my experience leads me to conclude that there are many "UFOlogists" whose intellectual abilities seem to soar to heights dreamed of by only slugs and jackasses. If they have grasped this concept of actions-v/s-statements, we can proceed.

I'm almost certain that "UFOlogists" will agree that your intention is to "get at the truth of UFOs", or words to that effect and having the same or a similar meaning. I believe that one could reasonably infer from those words that your "search for the truth" would proceed within some sort of rational framework perhaps vaguely resembling what is referred to as the "scientific method". One might also reasonably infer from your statements that the framework within which you proceed would be somewhat free of the sort of devices resorted to by pre-schoolers, such as "naaa-naaa-na-na-naaa, your mother wears Army boots", etc. Alas and alack, such is not the case.

In support of that, I proffer the example of the controversy surrounding the MJ-12 papers. On the one hand we have Moore and company who received the papers many years ago. That group held the papers for almost three years without mentioning them in public. They used that time to test the papers' validity, and non-validity, in a variety of ways. Only when they had gone as far as they felt they could on their own did Moore and Shandera make them public. And, please remember this once and for all, no one in the MSF group has ever said that the papers are authentic! What the MSF group has said, over and over and over again, is that they appear to be authentic, in that they have passed every test to which they have so far been subjected. The papers have been made public so that others may assist in testing, I say again, testing their authenticity.

So, what "tests" have been applied to the papers? Two persons currently with CAUS are on record as condemning the papers before they even saw the documents! What claptrap. Other nattering nabobs of nitwitism have

taken the position that the papers are false because they didn't come upon them in all their years of "research". Now, the idea that "a thing isn't real if I didn't find it first" may have some value as a metaphysical argument, but it has no value in, and makes absolutely no contribution to, any "search for truth" in the practical world. It is, and remains, an utterly pure statement of egomania.

Another argument read recently emanates from John Keel, a man recently identified in the pages of UFO magazine as a "first-rate researcher" and a "patriarch of UFOlogy". According to the patriarchal pronouncements of Mr. Keel, the papers are "obvious hoaxes" because one or more of them bear the stamp "TOP SECRET - EYES ONLY". This "first-rate researcher" baldly claims that the "EYES ONLY" part of the stamp means that the papers would have been burned after reading and, therefore, no copies could exist! He is mistaken, as anyone with even a little experience of government security techniques will testify. Documents which are intended to be burned after being read will say so, as in: "Burn this document after reading", or words to that effect.

Then there is the "Las Vegas test". It goes like this: The MJ-12 papers are undoubtedly false because "didn't Moore admit at the Las Vegas Conference to being part of a disinformation campaign?" The implication being, and the inference invited, is that all of Moore's work is to be invalidated and he to be rejected because of his investigative journalist's effort to get to the bottom of a government campaign of lies and distortion. By the same illogic, Woodward and Bernstein should be punished for being part of the Watergate coverup and all undercover cops should be tried and punished for their roles in whatever illegal activities they are part of. Good grief! Don't these people get the essential communication that Moore was trying to give them? The government coverup of UFO information does exist! Since it does exist, there must be something to cover up! That fact is a neon-bright validation of the basic premise of "UFOlogy"! Some people are so busy trying to make Moore seem "wrong" that they miss that entirely. Too simple, I suppose.

Also think about this: Just how the heck do you get to the bottom of something like this coverup and its included disinformation without getting into it?! Of course, those who are yapping at Moore's tail are the sort who, upon tasting of a teaspoon of saltwater, will declaim upon the nature of the oceans and the art of navigation. The honey-dipper brains who scream at Moore for being involved with the government disinformation campaign are the same sort who would scream at their auto mechanic for having grease on his hands. Preposterous!

Just as preposterous is a recent editorial in "a leading UFO magazine", wherein a "journalist" says that Moore's actions are "the blackest mark on 'UFOlogy'". I suspect that this calumny is a result only of the editorialist's current emotional investment in a certain one of Lear's bunch of paranoics.

I read a cartoon strip some months ago which I will share with you here. The strip shows two men fishing. "A" says to "B", "What do you think of this UFO thing?" "B" replies, "I don't know. If they're real, why haven't they landed and made themselves known?" "A" then says, "Well, maybe they're looking for intelligent life." If "they" are looking for intelligent life, they will find little of that among the extant bevy of braying behemoths of braggadocio and pusillanimous pap purveyors currently infecting and infesting the body of "UFOlogists".

The same wise and gentle man who gave to me the actions-vs.-words concept also gave this to me: "You will always be able to tell who are the pioneers of the world, since they are the ones with the arrows.....in their backs." Well, Moore has enough arrows in his back to qualify him as a pioneer many times over. Please notice that I did not say that Moore is the pioneer. I said that he is a pioneer, i.e., one of many pioneers in the field.

So, "UFOlogists"! Your stated intentions are not supported by your actions, I observe. How do you "get at the truth of UFOs" by tearing at each other and eating your own young as if you were sharks in a feeding frenzy? How are you getting at any truth at all when you allow every crackpot and incompetent to publish his or her unsupported opinions as if they were eternal, universal fact? What proofs do you demand? What standards do you hold "researchers" to? What the heck are the rules of the road in "UFOlogy"? Are there any rules? Are

there any standards?

Judging by the actions of most of you, your real purpose would seem to be to put as many arrows into each others' backs as you possibly can. Clean up your act! If you want to be treated with respect and seriousness, act as if you are careful, respectable, serious, real researchers following some sort of methodology. Establish a set of standards for research, including reality tests. Empanel a board of persons to review papers submitted to UFO journals prior to publication. Give them a set of standards to work to out of common agreement among "UFOlogists". MUFON, if it were capable of the task of setting the standards and establishing peer review, could be the catalyst which finally gets "UFOlogy" to the point where it's taken seriously by the larger "scientific community". It's high time to corral the bayers and brayers and let the many serious folks among you really get down to work.

Sincerely,
J.C. Patrick
Trenton, NJ

MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I have just received the latest issue of FOCUS and it certainly goes a long way towards explaining many of the different issues surrounding you and your associates. While I don't necessarily agree with all of your actions, I certainly can understand and appreciate where you are coming from and given the same set of circumstances, I doubt if any researcher would have acted differently. I think given these revelations you are in a rather unique position to perhaps put the field of Ufology back on the right track. I think that it is extremely important that someone in the know begin to shed some light on the ramblings, ravings and unchallenged proclamations spewing forth from Lear, Cooper, English, etc. For as long as they are allowed to ramble forth unchallenged, the already muddy waters will continue to grow darker with dis and mis information.

J.L.
New York

Dearest Bill:

So sorry to hear about the death of MJ-12 along with your credibility and reputation. Should you need further consoling please don't hesitate to call. You have my number.

R.G.
New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Moore:

I waited patiently, as you advised. I came to Las Vegas, I saw, I listened carefully. After some lengthy consideration I conclude that I prefer your "evidence in search of proof" over wild tales and conspiracy theories in search of evidence. Please begin my subscription to FOCUS.

J.R.J.
Texas

Dear Mr. Moore:

I hope people are throwing less "rocks" at you and your efforts to get to the bottom of the UFO situation now that you have cleared the air. As I've said before, I'm behind you guys 100% for what that's worth. If

there's anything I can ever do to help, please let me know.

D.M.

New Jersey

DELUSION, BENIGN AND BIZARRE

(Excerpted from an a feature article by Daniel Goleman which appeared in the New York Times, June 27, 1989.)

"Delusions are more commonplace than most people assume, a growing number of researchers are concluding. These researchers say the delusions of those with psychiatric disorders are fundamentally no different from, say, a private belief that a color is unlucky or popular beliefs in the existence of flying saucers....

"A belief is considered a delusion if a person holds to it no matter how bizarre it is and despite all evidence to the contrary. A belief that flying saucers exist is considered benign, while the belief that a person has been contacted by people on flying saucers is worrisome. Some researchers say most people have minor delusions of one kind or another...."

LARRY BRYANT (OF THE WASHINGTON, D.C. BRANCH OF "CAUS") REPLIES:

"Once again, Scientism rears its ostrich head in denying the reality of "flying saucers"-- and (through inference) in denying any call for serious concern about the UFO problem.

"I suppose that back in the '50s the late Donald E. Keyhoe would have been branded deluded for his insistence that the government was suppressing certain hard-core evidence of UFO reality. But today, we know that he was correct in his "J'accuse" stance on what the government knows, and when it knew it, about hundreds of UFO reports being carefully collected and studied behind the scenes.

"Recent action via the U.S. Freedom of Information Act reveals part of the government's vast storehouse of UFO-related documentation, some of it originally bearing security classification ranging from CONFIDENTIAL through TOP SECRET.

"Many of us who have had a chance to assess this material have concluded that, yes, indeed, there has been some widespread delusion about the issue of UFOs as alien spacecraft (a.k.a. flying saucers): Science has deluded itself by heaping ridicule on the subject. And the big-league news media have deluded themselves by accepting Science's glib dismissal of "UFOlogy" as a valid field of inquiry.

Dear Editor:

I wish to write you this letter and tell you I went to the trouble of buying Dr. Edith Fiore's recent book Encounters. Things were pretty consistent, although non-rigorous, until I hit page 109; and then I skimmed through the rest. At that point, I said to myself, "Oh No!, another book on our Space Brothers and the wonderful things they are doing for these very fortunate abductees and contactees." Our "Space Brothers", preaching the message of good will and love to all mankind through the abductees and contactees while curing whatever ails them and keeping the world safe from disaster. This, I believe, is nothing more than another Adamski story disguised as an authoritative book on abductions! It is a very poor approach and most unprofessional for a person of Dr. Fiore's supposed stature. As stated in the book, "Hypnosis is no truth serum." Obviously, the scientific filter system did not work in this case. I only hope I may receive a refund.

R.C.

Indiana

WE'VE HEARD OF SEA COWS, BUT....

Those who assert that UFOs are responsible for cattle mutilations got something of a boost in early September

when the Associated Press reported that scientists counting fish from a submarine discovered what they believed to be the remains of a Holstein cow 690' below the surface about 20 miles west of Baranof Island, Alaska. A videotape, made during the "sighting" (which lasted only a few seconds) was played for a reporter from the Sitka (Alaska) Sentinel, who concurred in the identification. The condition of the carcass indicated it hadn't been there for very long.

Our thanks to both Jerry Lucci and David Kruzek for tipping us to this item.

POKA-DOT TIES AND UFOs ARE "IN" IN JAPAN

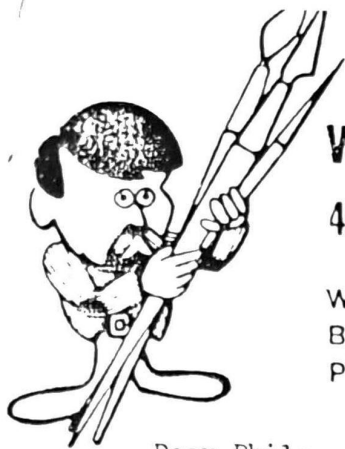
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POKA-DOT
According to Time magazine (Sept. 18, '89), the new prime minister of Japan, Toshiki Kaifu, publicly favors poka-dot ties and baseball games. But "in private", Time reports, "according to a letter written to a minor functionary in 1983," he is an acknowledged UFO buff who has looked for saucers during trips to Australia, the South Pole and Switzerland.

BOOK REVIEW

TO CATCH A FLYING STAR, A Scientific Theory of UFOs, by John Ackerman, Forward by Walt Andrus, 150pp., illus. List: \$15.00 (Special price to individual members of UFO or space societies: \$9.95) ISBN 0-912183-03-9.

This book reasons, by virtue of the mass of detailed sightings, that UFOs are alien spacecraft from other worlds. But this is not the primary thrust. It then proceeds to construct a theory of how they fly, using the scientific method. As a result of deduction based on a multitude of observations combined with induction based on our current knowledge of physics, the theory that evolves results in a fascinating design of a space ship, including the methodology for levitation, stabilization, and power source. The theory is presented in terms that any college student can comprehend.

It provides the means of its own verification by suggesting specific observations, both at short and long ranges. It also suggests fields in which we can direct our experimental and theoretical work here on earth to bring us closer to building our own advanced spacecraft.



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Dear Phil:

Thanks for your interesting (and for a change, straight-forward) letter of March 23d. I am beginning to understand why the DIS is looking into Mr. Graham. Between you and me (not for circulation), the man seems to have some very serious problems with reality. (By the way, I understand he has a nervous breakdown in his past and spent some time in a mental hospital undergoing shock therapy.) In any case, his story to the DIS about me (assuming that your version is correct-- I have not seen the material in question... yet(!)) is only partly factual. Furthermore, I must assume that DIS recognized it for what it is in that they have never made an effort to contact me about it-- and somehow I don't think the reason for their lack of apparent interest has anything to do with a "flag" in their computer.

Lee Graham is a dedicated and persistent researcher who, unfortunately, has a tendency to put two and two together and come up with five... or even seven. I have known him for a number of years and have from time to time tried to help him with his UFO-related research-- a matter which, for him, has increasingly become something of an obsession (or perhaps "crusade" would be a better word) that takes up the greater part of his non-working hours. Over the past year, or so, I have watched him undergo a gradual series of subtle changes which have led me to fear for his emotional stability as well as the future of his job with Aerojet. (I understand that at one time he was a strict religious fundamentalist, but he became disillusioned with it and turned his energies to the pursuit of E.T.s and UFOs.) It has not been too uncommon in recent months for me to pass along a tidbit of information on UFOs to him, only to have it repeated back to me at a later date in barely recognizable form, either with the initial facts all twisted around, or with added embellishments the source of which I know not. This latest tale (ref. your letter) is the most outrageous I've heard yet from him. The man appears to have some serious problems-- at least when it comes to the subject of UFOs. Whether it carries over into his work or not I have no idea. Lee has only rarely talked about his work to me, and then only in vague terms. At least he seems to be somewhat discriminating in that respect-- which is, perhaps, why he still has his job.

The facts are these:

(A) The so-called "Project Snowbird" document came to me several years ago via a "friend" within the military intelligence system. At the time, I had no idea whether it was authentic or not, and I know little more about it today. The nature of the "information" contained therein is indeed fantastic, and that alone, insofar as I am concerned, is reason enough to be suspicious of it in the absence of corroborating evidence. On the other hand, however, the source involved has proven reliable enough in the past on other matters. So what else can I say? Your position, as a skeptic, would be to say that in the absence of corroborating evidence the document must be a phoney. My position is about the same; except that given the previous reliability of the original source, I choose to place the matter

into my (very large) gray basket and consider the case still open. This is not to say that I endorse the document in any way-- only that I still consider the matter interesting.

(B) At one point, well over a year ago, Lee Graham (who was then spending a lot of time trying to learn what he could about the F-19 project) told me about a contact he had made whom, he said, ought to be in an "inside" position to check anything about UFOs. Lee asked me if there was anything I might have which he could pass along to this fellow for comment. Upon reflection, I decided to take a flyer on the "Snowbird" thing and so provided Graham with the copy you saw (ref. your S.I. piece). Graham asked if I had an uncensored version and I said that I did, but that for various reasons I did not wish to make an unexpurgated copy available to him. (My thinking here was that a good check on the information would be to see if Lee's source could supply, on his own, anything contained in the expurgated portions of the page.)

Only two things came of all this. The first was that Lee's source could only confirm the existence of the caveat "ORCON" as a legitimate caveat. The second was that Graham, in spite of my strict request to him and very much to my dismay, saw fit to send copies of the half-page to all and sundry. (So much for the man's integrity.)

(C) The only "credentials" I ever showed Graham was a press card on one occasion. I cannot imagine where the "investigator for the Air Force" thing came from except to say that I do recall one (somewhat paranoid) conversation with him about the possibility of government secret agents infiltrating the UFO community and disseminating disinformation. I replied that I had no direct evidence of any such process, but that if in fact there were such people then anyone might be one of them. I then said something to the effect that, "Who knows, Lee; I might even be one myself." Then, in an offhanded manner, I flipped open my wallet to some random glassine window (probably my MUFON I.D. card, which has a picture on it-- I really can't recall what it was) and said, "See... I've got my secret agent's I.D. right here." Apparently Lee took the joke all too seriously (although I didn't know it at the time), because he later asked me if I really was working for Air Force intelligence. I replied, "Look, Lee... even if I denied it, you could never really be sure, could you?" -- or something similar. I don't recall the precise words. Anyway, I never in my wildest dreams expected such an exchange would result in the version that seems to have found its way to you.

I would expect that if the DIS gave any credence to it, they would have at least checked with me on the matter. Impersonation of a government employee is a serious matter not to be passed over lightly. DIS did not contact me, however, nor has anyone else ever asked about such a thing until you did. I can only assure, therefore, that the matter was taken with the proper grain of salt by whomever would have been responsible for assessing such a thing. Further, I must also believe that their reasons for ignoring it had nothing whatsoever to do with mysterious "flags" in their computer.

(D) The matter about AFOSI probably has some similar origin, although I cannot imagine just now what it might have been. Needless to say, I would have been deeply honored by such an approach if it had occurred, but I certainly wouldn't have apprised Lee Graham of such a situation.

I tell you all of this because I feel a need to respond to what appears to be a potentially serious situation. Much of what I have said herein about Mr. Graham's personal situation represents strictly my opinions and assessment of it. For obvious reasons, I do not want these views repeated or copies of this letter circulated (save for a confidential copy to Jim Moseley simply because you sent him a copy of your letter). I believe Lee Graham is going through a serious

emotional crisis, exacerbated, perhaps, by the fact that his wife of some 30 years threatened to leave him at one point last fall if he didn't tone down his interest in UFOs and spend some more time with her. In any case, I do not wish to see the man's personal problems dragged through the mud by the UFO community or anyone else. Whether the government sees fit to renew his security clearance or not is not my concern. I feel sure they are aware of the situation and will act accordingly. For my part, however, if and when the DIS shows up here, I shall be more than happy to talk to them. Indeed, when Lee mentioned to me that "they" might be coming to visit me, I replied that I welcomed the visit and that I certainly would have a few questions to ask of them as well.

For your information (once again, my opinion), I do not believe that Lee Graham poses any threat to the national security. He seems harmless enough even if somewhat prone to flights of fancy. He has certainly been very discreet about the nature of his work-- at least insofar as I am concerned, and there is no doubt in my mind that he is a patriotic American to the last. As far as UFOs and extra-terrestrials are concerned, however, he is a man obsessed. In recent months, it would appear that his obsession has led him into increasing fancy and fantasy.

To address this matter more properly at its source, I have spoken with Lee and indicated I have something important to discuss with him. We will be getting together for dinner next week, at which time I shall seek to clarify some of these statements. I shall also ask him if I may view a copy of the documentation he has, according to your letter, been distributing. What action, if any, I shall take after that remains to be seen.

Moving on to other matters:

(1) I am happy to note your reversal of position on Santa. (Hope you enjoyed the jest. I received a copy of the "Santa" letter from Hal Starr and thought you might get a good laugh out of it.)

(2) On your "retirement", rest assured that I enjoyed the banter about it as much as you did. I took it as a joke from day one, but it was entirely too funny to pass over lightly. (Perhaps relations between us are getting better after all.) In any case, if ever you do decide to retire, I would be honored to attend the real event. Who knows-- I might even say a few kind words about you.

(3) With respect to the JAL case, there are pros and cons on both sides. I am, however, extremely troubled by Terauchi's previous (and subsequent) "sightings" as well as by his all-too-easy references to "spaceships" etc. in the statements attributed to him. In one line; I remain open-minded, but thoroughly unconvinced by the data at hand. (I do, by the way, have a complete FAA packet on the case.) The case certainly does not rank as one of the better UFO cases on record. Its principal contribution seems to have been that it generated a lot of publicity and has thus renewed public interest in the subject.

(4) One area of common ground is our position on the Billy Meier hoax. In light of this (and in the spirit of better cooperation between us), please feel free to ask any assistance of me that you might need in writing your review of Kinder's book (Light Years). I have a large accumulation of material on this matter, much of it as yet unpublished-- including access to an actual sample of the legendary Plaiadean metal (Hah!) which is touted so often by the pro-Meier people as part of their "proof positive".

In any case, you have my permission to quote from anything I have written on the subject.

I guess this about covers it. It's not often I take the time to write such a long letter to you, but I think that in this case the circumstances required it. Please, once again, regard the material herein relating to Mr. Lee Graham as very strictly confidential, both for his protection and (of course) mine. I have been very careful to note that what I have said about him constitute my personal opinions, but even so, the last thing I need is to have to fend off a lawsuit for libel. I am shocked (needless to say) that such an innocent situation has apparently managed to get so far out of hand. I hope this letter clarifies it for you.

Finally, I expect to get to Washington in June for the MUFON bash. In light of that, perhaps we can get together one evening for a non-retirement dinner. Perhaps if Jim Moseley is planning to attend, we could include him as well. (How about it Jim?) Let me know.

Yours very truly,



cc: Moseley (In Confidence)