

release for President Truman announcing that the Soviets had tested their first atomic bomb in 1949, (several years earlier than it had been predicted that such an event would take place) and an extraordinarily significant announcement. Obviously, his military career had not been harmed. It is unreasonable to expect that this high level group of people, in terms of security (all of the officers were hand-picked men), would not be told that "It's ours. You don't have a need-to-know for the details of it, please let it alone" because they did have Top Secret clearances and because the government would not have wanted any publicity for such material. They would not then have had to deal with the question of invalidating, in effect, or withdrawing the announcement that was made and that appeared in many afternoon newspapers on July 8, 1947, about the recovery of a crashed flying disk.

It should be noted that the portrayal of the Roswell incident by Cosgrove/Meurer, the producers of "Unsolved Mysteries," in their program of September 20th, 1989, which was seen by 28 million people, (30 million on Jan. 24) elicited a lot of response from people who knew bits and pieces of the story, who had had a friend, a neighbour, a relative, a parent involved who had told them a similar story, but who they hadn't been sure had been telling the full truth because they had no back up evidence. I have been following up on a number of these leads. This information will be published elsewhere.

While debunkers have been attacking the Roswell-related flying disc recovery ever since the first publication of The Roswell Incident in 1980, none of their arguments have stood the test of careful investigation. This is not surprising since rarely, indeed, does arm chair theorizing win out over first-hand investigation. However, continued investigation with regard to what happened in New Mexico in early July, 1947, now reveals a much more complex picture than was previously available. Several more crews who flew wreckage out have been turned up by Leonard Stringfield and Kevin Randle and Don Schmitt. New evidence also indicates strongly that there were two separate crashes, each including aliens, perhaps mutilated and perhaps with some alive. Thus, while it is certain that the wreckage at Roswell was NOT a World War Two Japanese balloon bomb made of rice paper, and not "highly classified" Horton Brothers flying wing technology adapted from the German work, the picture presented in the Briefing seems much too simplistic. Why, if this is a genuine document, is there nothing about the other crash and the involvement of Alamogordo Army Air Field?

Since there was nothing in the press about the AAAF activity, from a security viewpoint it may well have seemed appropriate for a Preliminary Briefing to discuss only the crash that got national publicity. It may well have been that Ike, as Army Chief of Staff in July, 1947, had been informed of this one though he had already decided in June, 1947, to leave his position and become the President of Columbia University. One almost has to wonder, if the document is genuine and the attachments were as detailed as seemed to be the case, why was this only preliminary? What more would