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PROLOGUE

At this writing, many issues of controversy hang over UFO research. Some have caused bitter differences between team members; some can backfire and smear the image of objective research itself. In the middle zone, trying to avoid the "people" problems, I feel the urgent need to continue my probes into one basic issue -- UFO crash/retrievals.

In this endeavor, once we can see through the spectre of disinformation and find convincing evidence --or proof-- that UFOs are nut-and-bolt vehicles with an alien crew aboard, I believe that serious researchers can then go forward to disregard all the other wispy issues and maybe even put a stop to the disruptive noises coming out of the woodwork from the farout fringe.

Ideally, with the media supporting the demands for "bottom line" facts from a strong phalanx of the scientific community, and perhaps some politicians, the UFO coverup lid might melt or at least change allowing for some admissions and disclosures.

By confirming any one case of an alleged UFO crash and recovery -- Roswell, Aztec, Kingman, El Yunque or even Brown County, Ohio -- could, in itself, alarm the world public or even demolish some of its cherished traditions and philosophies. It could also lead to an eventual sharing of alien technologies -- a new propulsion system for inner and outer space travel or new "metals" and many other marvels -- and certainly it would bring public support for NASA, and a bigger budget for vital space probes. More importantly, we might learn about the alien entities themselves; their intent for being here and an explanation for some of their incursive actions -- to name one, abductions!

Even at this short-of-proof stage, the UFO crash/retrieval story, still unfolding, I believe, should be public information -- unless it, and the full UFO story, is too exotically grim to tell. In that case I reserve judgment.

Feeling confident, I submit new data, based on my research and the cooperative work of others, for open review.

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PART I: THE QUIET OF DUSK...

As we close out the decade of the 80's, new public interest in UFOs, it seems, is surging. Some of it probably is the trickle-down from new books on the market, but for the most part, new and old researchers alike, are being spurred by recent revelations of official coverup amid some sobering reports of human encounters of the first, second, and third kind.

Perhaps already an established fact is the climactic close encounter of the fourth kind: contact with an alien race. Based on rumors, contending that a covert human-alien relationship has been in effect, and of late, more rumors that tell of a ruptured "alliance", we must not only pause and wonder about the magnitude of a colossal coverup but the implications of an eventual *open* contact -- even if it were on terms of peaceful co-existence. Any other alternative staggers the imagination! But, getting down to Earth, as we once knew it, we must also pause and ask in all seriousness, where's the *proof* that a spacecraft exists or, for that matter, a coverup?

A seemingly stupid question when we hear so many lurid tales about abductions, alien underground installations, genetic manipulation, animal and human mutilations, of American and Russian satellites exploding in space, of alien artifacts on the Moon and Mars, of dire predictions of the world's end and, yes, to a lesser degree, UFO crash/retrievals. Once a blockbuster to research in the late 70's and early 80's, a crash story in 1988 was no longer big ufological news.

As I weigh all the reports, or rumors, mindful of mis/disinformation, I still maintain that it is in C/R research that we may find our elusive proof. Once the hardware and the crews, cadaverous or alive, are forced into public view, then we may find credibility for some of the other postulates and be in a better position to espouse endless hypotheses. Since presenting my paper, *The Fatal Encounter at Ft. Dix-McGuire: A Case Study at the Mutual UFO Network Symposium*, St. Louis, 1985, and pursuing some leads in that case to little consequence, I have remained relatively quiet on the literary front. New C/R reports, from time to time, have surfaced since 1985, but most were secondhand or of the "Cheshire Cat" variety, providing scant information. What I had, with a few exceptions were not up to Roswell caliber and these could wait until...

...August and September of 1988. Then, in the quiet of dusk, the valley of my research suddenly hit a peak. As Dick Hall, the author of *Uninvited Guests*, Aurora Press, 1988, commented, the "thermostat" (by official orchestrators) seems to be turned up. During this time, ten new sources emerged, each promising that useful information about UFO crash/retrievals would soon follow. By the end of November most promises were filled, some were firsthand reports, some second. But, more importantly, some provided new backup information for cases cited in my previously published status reports. Most rewarding was the timely emergence of persons serving in covert positions with substantive information in key areas of my work. Reflecting back, I see in them parallels to the medical sources in 1978 who surfaced and shared graphic descriptive anatomical details of the alien body for release in *Status Report II, The UFO Crash/Retrieval Syndrome*. As a matter of record, this prototype information remains to this day analogous to most reports of alien encounters and is much like the computerized rendition shown in October 1988, on the TV documentary, *The UFO Coverup*.

Proof? Of course not. Getting close to it? Perhaps. And, yes, I'm aware of the adroit arts of disinformation. While I see no evidence of devious game-playing in my current input, nor in some of the material received in the later 70's and early 80's, I am aware of another recent suspect annoyance where my name was in blatant public view by a tabloid, the *Weekly World News*. In its September 20, 1988 issue I was headlined as an "expert" having the inside scoop on an alleged alien underground facility in Dulce, New Mexico. Bunkum! Fact is, I have no such scoopy news but, I have heard the rumors about Dulce and the one in Nevada and others.

Triggering the tabloid article was a story published in a county weekly newspaper who had covered my talk on UFO crashes at the Milford Public Library, near Cincinnati, in April 1988. The *Weekly World News*, however, in picking up the story and my brief reference to Dulce, ignored my statement that such reports could be mis/disinformation. Was I being set up, as some researchers wondered, as a target for ridicule? In this case, for the record, I doubt it, knowing the unscrupulous behavior of the tabloids.

Alert to the risk of tabloid exploitation and official machinations that try to maintain secrecy, one treating a sensitive subject like C/R must also expect the unexpected from even "friendly" quarters. And, most often, unexpectedly, from out of the rank-and-file of research, comes the sudden strike of a cobra or a "loop" of such snakes-in-the-grass who try to take one's work and credibility to task and make a big stinking mess of it. Reasons may be many. Is it, simply, arrogance and a thirst for fame or power or, is it the work of the orchestrators who pick and choose their lackeys? Whatever the reasons I have

felt their sting since I presented my first paper, *Retrievals of the Third Kind*, at the MUFON Symposium in Dayton, 1978. While most of these early adversaries have faded away, little loops persist who employ subtler ways to undermine my work.

Haunting me still, is a remark by a loop kingpin averring that all my case histories, published in my series of status reports were "fairy tales", thus of no substance. Drawn into his loop is a pundit, a prominent writer in UFO media, who, having belittled my work since 1978, has worked well into the scheme. In later years, through his editorial controls, whenever C/R was an issue, my work was simply snubbed. More recently, still another in the loop told a mutual correspondent that my investigations have no depth and that I'm a good subject for disinformation.

Obviously, sad to say, these loopers have not done much "investigation in depth" about my *modus operandi* or, have taken into consideration, the lack of funds at my disposal to follow up hundreds of leads, coast-to-coast. Also, it is beyond my comprehension how some of my contemporaries can entertain the notion that I have gullibly accepted as valid, or *bona fide*, every item of C/R material published in my papers. Once again, for the record, the purpose of my status reports is to draw in new sources with new information that could either strengthen a case or give reason to drop it in the circular file.

True, that some of the best made plans go awry and, true, that some entries in my monographs have obvious weaknesses and some, based on new information, have become questionable. Example is Case A-2, *Status Report III*. However, the mainstream material from early sources remains solid and one, I thought, that deserved a full investigation was the Ft. Dix-McGuire case which has become stronger from new information from new sources. Someday, perhaps, for the record, I may write a special paper updating the status quo of my published case histories.

While the mid to late 80's did not produce any substantial Crash/Retrieval case histories worthy of a monograph, except the Ft. Dix-McGuire affair, it was not devoid of highpoints.

CASE 1) While attending the MUFON Symposium in St. Louis, 1985, Raymond Jordan, a MUFON investigator, gave me a confidential lead to follow up involving a lady who had worked at the Pentagon in 1952, who, he said, had seen an alien body "pickled" in a glass tank in an "Off Limits" room. By mistake, she had entered the room, was promptly nabbed and forced to sign papers swearing her to secrecy. When I reached the lady, who was still employed by a government office, she said, "I know what you're talking about," then added, "but, I can't talk." I suggested she communicate by other means to which she replied, "No. I don't want to talk about it at all."

CASE 2) Thanks to Michael Johnstone, a California researcher, who did some good research spadework, it was arranged for me to talk with a former marine who claimed, in 1963, he stood guard at an undisclosed military base which housed a "disc-shaped vehicle with ovoid cross section, 40 ft. across and 13 ft. thick at the center." A more detailed description of the craft appeared in my article, *"The Chase for Proof in a Squirrel's Cage"*, published in the British book, *UFO's 1947-1987*. The marine, who signed a security oath, said that he guarded the secret premises for two weeks while a technical crew, speaking in code, tried every known means to gain entry into the craft, including a laser device. Once, he said he observed that it deflected off the curved side of the craft into the rafters causing some damage. "The public should know the truth about UFOs", the ex-marine told me, but I felt he knew more than he had cautiously related, and would not budge in disclosing the name of the base.

CASE 3) Former military sources with information about witnessing a special movie showing deceased alien bodies surfaced in the late 70's. These were published in my *Status Report II* (See Cases A-4 and A-9). The viewing of the film was always behind doors and the viewers were few. Then in 1985, Chris Coffey, of Cincinnati, who was a close friend of astronaut Ellison Onizuka, revealed to me that she had asked him when they met after one of his visits to Wright-Patterson AFB, about his interest in UFOs. He admitted he kept an open mind on the subject and added that his curiosity was aroused when he and a select group of air force pilots, at McClelland AFB in 1973, were shown a black-and-white movie film featuring "alien bodies on a slab". In his state of shock, he said he remembered saying aloud, "Oh, my God!" Chris, knowing my work in C/R, had arranged for me to meet Onizuka to discuss UFOs after his scheduled flight on the space shuttle, *Challenger*. As it turned out, fate intervened when the shuttle exploded.

CASE 4) With the confusion among researchers over the number, locations and dates for several alleged UFO crashes on the Texan border with Mexico --and in Mexico -- Tom Deuley, who heads the MUFON team in Texas, wrote to me in February, 1988, excerpts, as follows:

Shortly after returning from Washington (MUFON Symposium) my group was challenged to look into the El Indio-Guerrero case that is briefly mentioned in the MJ-12 document...I'm writing to ask if you can give us any details, or rumors, beyond what is printed in your papers...I have gone through your works and made copies of everything that may be related to the El Indio case.

My response by letter, February 12, 1988, follows:

...A few weeks ago, I was sorting out some old correspondence and found a letter dated March 1985 on which I had noted, "Follow Up". I noted also that I had tried to reach the sender, seeking more information, but got no

reply. So, I tried again in January of this year. Fortunately, this time, I was able to reach the son-in-law of the source. Cooperatively, he gave me his phone number, Mr. JA, in California. Having a friendly chat with JA, I find no reason to question his sincerity. He was no UFO buff, having no knowledge of current affairs.

...According to JA, he was aboard the *USS McKinley*, cargo class, the command ship for amphibious operations, docked at San Diego. Many admirals aboard. His job: messenger. The time, he said, was late 1948 or early 1949. It was winter and he remembers a quick cruise to Alaska in between those years.

JA was on deck when he learned from the top brass that a small task force was assembled and ordered to go to a certain location (unknown to him) *into Mexico* to retrieve a crashed "flying saucer". They departed by vehicle, but he was not certain if they drove to the site or used other means to reach what was described as a "remote region of Mexican desert". The task force was gone for several days and when they returned, he said, everything was hushed up. He did, however, hear one of the officers on the mission say that they got some dead bodies and some managed to get away. "They were able to move at great speed", he recalls the officer saying. JA never heard more about the saucer or the bodies, but he did remember reading a brief item in a San Diego newspaper about the crash in Mexico.

CASE 5) Something unidentified crashed into the rocky slopes of a mountain in the township of St. Geniez, France, March 18, 1972. According to witnesses it caused brush fires over a forty acre area. Significant, was that the incident occurred during a flap of UFO reports in that southeastern part of France.

The story was originally obtained by researcher Olivier Rieffel, in 1986, during a meeting with Leon Visse, the person identified in Dr. Jean Gille's papers published in *Status Report III* (See Case B-8). With Visse's disclosure that the crash occurred near the Durance River, Rieffel informed his colleague, Jean Sider, who found in his records that the time and place coincided with a reported crash of a "space object" into a mountain near the town of Sisteron. According to most witnesses, the UFO was described as a "red ball" of fire and one informed source, who prefers anonymity, stated it was "red-orange, shaped like a disc".

While the investigations continue, through the well-coordinated teamwork of Sider and Rieffel, extensive records of their findings were sent to me for appraisal in April 1988. Included was a fragment from the site of a ceramic-like substance appearing that it had been baked by intense heat; three pages of

firsthand reports from witnesses who saw the descending red object, among them farmers in the region, the son of a mayor, a newspaper reporter on the scene and members of the police and fire departments. Of note, was an astronomer whose investigations ruled out a meteorite and other meteorological and atmospheric phenomena. Said Sider, "The facts of the case remain classified in the files of the military and the Nationale Gendarmerie Archives," adding, "Confirming all the main details was a member of an intelligence agency who stated that "something" was received by the Gendarmerie and shipped in a truck to a location near Paris."

Sider emphasized that his report was not conclusive and investigations were still in progress. Listed were many more names of people, directly involved, he hoped to trace and interview.

CASE 6) Far more spectacular, but affording far less supportive evidence than the St. Geniez incident, is the firsthand report from a retired medical doctor who alleges he accidentally found the skeletal remains of two humanoids, possibly of alien origin, on his farm in western Kentucky in March 1987.

When informed of the story, I was eventually able to reach the doctor through his friend, Bill Boshears, who first aired it on his radio talk show in Cincinnati. Since the show, having been warned to "shut up" in no uncertain terms, the doctor, nonetheless, entrusted me with his name, but would not reveal the location of his farm nor give me, or anyone else, his unlisted phone number. He also advised that some of the details he shared with me about the investigation by the Air Force should be kept confidential.

The doctor, when he talked with me on his friend's phone, was cordial, but brief. He said that it was during a routine evening stroll on his farm property of 400 acres that he discovered the extraordinary evidence. Next to a burned-out circle, about 4 ft. in diameter, in an open grassy field, he found the skeletons of two humanoid entities about 4 ft. apart. Without a trace of clothing, some of the bones, he said, showed residual ligament, with evidence that predators had been at work. As a doctor, he was certain that the bones were not of animal origin and on closer examination, he was shocked, he said, to find that the structure was bipedal, about 4 ft. tall, with a large skull and cat-like jaw, a barrel-like rib cage with long arms and three fingers. For sure, they were not human. The doctor's next move was to call the sheriff, who, without hesitation, called the Air Force.

The next morning at sunrise, said the doctor, he was surprised to see three helicopters land in a clearing and many people, some in uniform, some not, being deployed over a wide area.

Greeting him was a Colonel (name known to me) who, cordially introduced himself and stated his mission: remove the bones and underoil, test and remove the burned circular soil and comb the area for any other evidence. Later in the day, fresh soil was filled in the excavated areas, and, the doctor was told that the soil in the circle had been baked at 3,000 degrees.

When asked about the time factor of body decomposition (allowing for predators) he estimated, according to cursory examination, that the aliens had been exposed for less than a hundred days.

Reminding me that "they put the fear of God in me" after his trip to a military base for further interrogation and, where he was shown photos of other alien corpses, he expressed interest in my research and I suggested that we lunch together soon. He agreed, but never called.

CASE 7) News of a UFO crash on a farm in Brown County (Southwestern Ohio) in the Spring of 1987, looked promising at the outset and as I tried to put the pieces of raw information into some order to make the next move, mainly to reach the principle source, I ran into every conceivable roadblock. A year later after "giving up", information surfaced from a new source to give credence that something did crash at the farm site. Whatever happened, I could now see through some of the screwiest diversions that blocked me from contacting the farmer who claimed he saw the crashed disc, *three small female non-human bodies strewn in the field* and, above all else, had some unusual metallic fragments from the debris to prove it.

My initial informant was JD, a gemologist and a persevering UFO buff, who, in getting many packages by United Parcel Service, learned from the driver on her rural route that the farmer "down the road" had pieces of metal from a UFO that crashed on his property. When JD tried to learn the farmer's name and location, the driver got scared, and I was later told to avoid the issue, even changed his route. Undaunted, JD then opted to go to the local police office near the site, hoping to locate the farmer. There, she got the runaround and was advised by one officer to forget the matter. But, according to JD, the officer, with the friendly advice, later visited her home and for some unexplained reason, gave her a photo of the farm property.

At this point, JD suddenly showed signs of confusion and fear, claiming that her house had been entered, that the photograph of the property had been taken which she had used as a bookmark in a library book (by Major Keyhoe) and that the book was found on the hood of her car in the garage. Next came word that she had been injured in a fall into a sewer hole between her house and garage. The lid had been loosened, she said. Investigating, my son-in-law and I could find nothing else abnormal in her manner of keeping house but, indeed, we began to wonder about her going off the deep-end and if she had become obsessed to a degree of fantasy. Or, was it all a hoax, or a ploy of disinformation?

Time went by without further contact. But I felt that something was strange, something amiss about the case. Concerned, I got in touch with a former air force intelligence officer who had the "right" connections, and asked if he could help throw light on the affair. Two days later, he called back to relate that he had been in touch with the "right" person and was told that there had been "no significant UFO sightings in that area for the past year". He added that my informant would soon be visited by two investigators in an official capacity.

Several weeks later, I got a surprise call from JD who said simply, "I'm not supposed to talk with you, but here I am." She went on to explain that she had *two visitors* who, in learning she had no hidden metal artifacts, debunked the crash and also my work in crash/retrieval research, and advised in so many words, that she should not contact me in the future.

Not long after that, JD called me again, admitting that she had met the farmer, had visited the farm, saw the newly added soil over the crash site, and moreover, gave me the farmer's name, and had made plans for him to visit me the following week. He never came, as expected, and a few days later when she called she regretted to tell me that he had been moved, expenses paid, to Virginia. This, if true, I suppose, was his reward for being a good citizen, a real patriot.

In April of 1988, a researcher, joined by a person knowledgeable of military intelligence operations, visited my home to discuss an abduction case. Inevitably, the conversation drifted to crash/retrievals and I mentioned the alleged crash in Brown County. "Oh, yes," said my knowledgeable guest, "I heard that a jet crashed on a farmer's property", adding "It was in an inaccessible area and they had a hard time getting the wreckage out."

A jet? Certainly there had been nothing in the news about a jet crashing the previous Spring in that locality and, as we all know, airplane crashes, of any kind, always make news. Of significance, my guest also stated, "I heard from a good source that the government came in and bought the farm and moved the owner out of town." Amen!

Much can be said about this case, pro and con. And, I'm also omitting some details that might compromise the positions and activities of certain people involved.

CASE 8) I have many other items of C/R interest, or trivia, some deserving at least a brief reference. One, concerns the disclosure of a fire department inspector, who, while filing his report at my home in September 1987, said that he was also a fireman stationed at Wright-Patterson AFB in 1967-68. Aware of all buildings on the base and access to same in case of emergency, he and crew were instructed that if a fire were reported in a building in a certain section that they were to "let it burn". A sign read, "No Fire Trucks Allowed". He had heard "rumors" that the building housed UFO material.

1953, the year; Arizona, the state. Both are important in C/R activity. One new source, whose information is not included in this article for reasons of his own security, was involved in a retrieval operation in that year and state; and, still another source, also not publishable for the same reason, backs up the Kingman crash, same year, same state. See Abstract 6 *Retrievals of the Third Kind* and *Postscript On Two Key Cases*, Page 43 of *Status Report III*, regarding Kingman crash. Also see Case A-1, *Status Report II*, regarding three small humanoids retrieved in the state and received at Wright-Patterson AFB. The above references are anonymous sources, and, as always, despite critics, I find it mandatory to maintain their trusts and keep their names confidential.

PART II: ...TO THE BURST OF DAWN

From my perspective, the official coverup and the ways to control it seems as effective as ever up to the Fall of 1987. Both the Kentucky and Ohio incidents, described in Part I, which involved civilians, show that anything goes, from trickery to threats, to keep the facts hidden.

Then, throughout 1988, like the burst of dawn, something changed. Whether or not the iron lid had loosened or not, more people, and a concerned people, suddenly became more vocal. Of concern were the implications of MJ-12, the meaning of abductions, the flap of low-level UFOs in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, the Gulf Breeze affair, and what was said and left *unsaid* about alien-human relations by two disguised informers, "Condor and Falcon" on TV's *The UFO Coverup*.^{*} Yes, things have changed. It's reflected in my volume of mail and the phone calls I get at all hours. Then, is the coverup in a "calculated" countdown from ten to a three, two, one and lifting?

Frankly, I don't think the time is right for a sudden *formal* announcement of alien "visitors" by the world powers which would have unpredictable societal effects. If the press were to suddenly wake up and demanded the bottom line of all the UFO happenings in the MJ-12 files or were to confirm the horrors described in an expose of the alleged secret Project Grudge Report #13 released by a former Air Force officer, Bill English, then we would have more to worry about than just the stock market.

But maybe the coverup is loosening a little because of new pressures, or guilt, or leaks, or the fear of more Falcons and Condors. Maybe we are being spoonfed in various ways and the masqueraded Falcon and Condor are only doing their job. But, while the media still sleeps, amid all the UFO "noise", I have seen a change on my thermostat. For whatever reason, I'm getting suddenly more C/R input which I share, in brief, as follows:

CASE 9) Thanks to the in-depth research of Stan Gordon, Director of the *Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained*, headquartered in Greensburg, the Kecksburg crash/retrieval case of December 9, 1965, may now find recognition as a classic in the annals of ufology. Considering the number of witnesses tracked down by the PASU group, it may be upfront with Roswell.

As Case B-1, the incident originally was reviewed in *Status Report II* by Clark McClelland but, at that time, save for knowing that something had crashed and was retrieved, there was some uncertainty about the nature of the object. The Air Force, of course, explained it away as a meteorite; others suggested space debris. Gordon, however, accepted neither explanation as more information and FOIA data surfaced. In the spirit of cooperation, he kept me informed.

Then, in 1987, by good fortune, Stan met "Pete" who showed up at a PASA UFO exhibit at a local mall. Having feared ridicule for 12 years, he finally decided to tell his story. It began at age 19, as a fireman, when his unit, in a nearby village was summoned by the Kecksburg authorities to help in the search for something that crashed in a wooded area, possibly an aircraft. But, the shocker, he said, was when the crash site was located, they found instead of an aircraft, something else -- a large acorn-shaped object embedded deep into the ground.

Armed with Pete's new information, Gordon published the full Kecksburg story, in great detail, in *Pursuit*, the final quarter 1987 issue. In this lengthy paper he reports the UFO's flight pattern across several states, tells of the firsthand experiences of local residents who saw the fireball crash and of others who witnessed the sudden, incursive "takeover" by the military to perform the retrieval operation. According to Gordon, many of the local citizens viewed the action as constituting a state of martial law, and comments, "Many were influenced enough by their contacts with military or local authorities to the effect that they refused to discuss what they saw or were told even to this day."

Before being chased from the crash site by the retrieval team, Pete and companions had a closehand look at the semi-submerged mystery object. To them, it appeared that the object had descended to about a 30 degree angle and had broken tree limbs and knocked down a 15 to 20 feet high tree before impacting. The trench was about 25 feet long and at the greatest depth was about 7 feet. Puzzling was that there were no signs of fire. The size of the acorn-shaped UFO --without windows or seams -- could not be determined because of its submergence, but it was estimated to have been about 7 feet high and wide.

Pete, in trying to give a better description of the craft, said that it gave him the impression of a deflated beach ball pushed in and, toward the bottom, there was a ring or bumper-like structure about 8 to 10 inches wide that seemed to cover the

circumference of the object. On this bumper, he said, which was raised up off the surface, was a writing that looked like Egyptian hieroglyphics. He remembered the characters of broken and straight lines, dots, rectangles and circles. As a machinist for 25 years and familiar with metals, solid and liquid, he said, "Never in my life have I seen the color of that metal in any shape or form."

Pete said he never will forget the excitement on his return to the Kecksburg firehall, which had been set up as a command post. It was swarming with military personnel, mostly Air Force, and a lot of equipment was being carried in. Soon guards were at the front entrance and the firemen, before being dismissed from the building, were told to use outside toilets.

There is much, much more to Gordon's article, like his learning later that Air Force records showed that NORAD's Space Detection and Tracking System did not have any space junk reentering Earth's atmosphere that day. Thanks to Gordon, I was privileged to interview Pete on the basis I would not use his name. Agreed, Pete gave me his complete story, confirming Gordon's version. I asked him about the hieroglyphics wondering if they could be Russian. "No way!", he said, "I'm of Russian-Polish descent and can read Russian. It was not Russian, nor American." He added, "I'll stake my life on it, the object was not man-made."

CASE 10) The crash and recovery of an "alien" object near Roswell, New Mexico in July 1947, so well documented by researchers Bill Moore and Stan Friedman, and others, is a case that should cause skeptics to think twice before they impugn the existence of UFOs or the plausibility of the extraterrestrial hypothesis.

Though most of Roswell's firsthand sources were civilian, the overall evidence supporting this "nut-and-bolt" incident is massive and, of significance, ironically, is the report that news of the UFO's discovery at the base, slipped out in an "uncleared" press release by the PIO, 1st Lt. Walter Haut. Had it not been for a fast and effective coverup, the full story once in public domain, could have rewritten what we know is history. Having been informed, perhaps mankind in his philosophical and geopolitical pursuits, would have chosen a wiser course.

Except for rumors, the truth about Roswell did not surface until 1978 when the late Jesse Marcel, told a NBC radio newsmen, Steve Tom, in Chicago about his official role as the intelligence officer assigned to the crash site to retrieve the scattered debris. On April 7, 1978, Tom called me and linked me up with Marcel in Houma, Louisiana, to get his story firsthand. This led to other calls to Marcel, and upon learning that we had served in the 5th Air Force, during WWII, in the same combat areas in Leyte, of the Phillipines, we developed a feeling of camaraderie and talked about meeting together for a UFO

discussion in the near future. But for the moment, he had confirmed that the debris he combed from the crash site on the Brazel ranch was *not* the remains of a balloon and that he had observed on a fragment of metal beam, a row of symbols looking like hieroglyphics. (See *Status Report II*, Case A-10, and the foregoing Kecksburg case describing hieroglyphic symbols.) Regretfully, I never got to meet Jesse Marcel as we had hoped to do. During 1978, when the floodgates opened for me, with enormous C/R input, I was working at full capacity and plans to go "here and there" were dropped. Bill Moore, however, concentrating on his book, *The Roswell Incident* made the trip and interviewed Marcel. Following is one statement, in part, by Marcel that still had some questions unanswered:

...that next afternoon, we loaded everything into a B-29 on orders from Colonel Blanchard and flew it all to Ft. Worth. I was scheduled to fly it all the way to Wright Field in Ohio, but when we got to Carswell at Ft. Worth, the general nixed it. He took control at this point, told the press it was all a weather balloon, and ordered me not to talk to the press under any circumstances. I was pulled off the flight and *someone else was assigned to fly the stuff up to Wright Field ... (Italics mine.)*

My Status Reports do pay off. Thanks to one reader, John August, in Hawaii, I got the "missing link" referred to by Marcel as the officer who flew the B-29 with the Roswell remains to Wright Field. Following up his initial phone call with the news, Labor Day, 1988, August wrote, in part, the following:

Confirmation of the Roswell crash reached me through a Maui resident, who claimed that her father, Captain O. W. Henderson, flew the retrieved spaceship from Roswell to Wright Field on a B-29. According to Henderson's wife who was reached by phone, a news officer reported the incident but it was quickly quieted down. On February 17, 1981 the story appeared in the tabloid, *Globe* and Henderson admitted to his wife and daughter that the story was true. The crew, she said, were little people with exceptionally large heads ... At the time, Henderson was stationed with the 509th Bomb Group at Roswell, it was an elite group for which all involved required high-security clearances. Besides being a highly decorated pilot during WWII, with over 30 combat missions, Henderson was in charge of the movement of all passengers and freight transported by air for organizations participating in the atomic bomb tests and the Manhattan Project...

Enclosed, as a result of August's attentive spadework, were copies of photos showing Captain Henderson and flight crew and, a letter of commendation for an "excellent job accomplished" from Carl Spaatz, Commanding General, AAF, forwarded to Colonel William Blanchard, Commander, 509th, etc.

For verification, August footnoted his letter with Mrs. Henderson's address and phone number. Calling her, October 1, 1988, I explained my work; asked many questions to which she cordially responded and, got approval to publish her name in this report, minus address. She said that her husband, known as "Pappy" among his buddies, passed away in 1986 and stated, unequivocally, that he flew the B-29, with the Roswell wreckage, to Wright Field and kept the secret faithfully until 1981. She remembers his comment, "I've been dying to tell you for years, but couldn't. It was top secret."

When I asked Mrs. Henderson if he had ever described the object he transported, "It was strange", he told her, avoiding details.

CASE 11) Avoiding details, it seems, goes with the business of covert work if one must talk at all. And so it was with another source who managed to whisper a few words on his death bed about his stealthy activity at Roswell in 1947.

The source, Bev, is British; her father a former American serviceman, a staff sergeant, who served and took up residence in England following duty in the Pacific theatre, WWII, and notably, with the 509th Bomb Group, Walker Field, Roswell. According to records, he was at Roswell during the same time as Major Jesse Marcel and Captain O. W. Henderson.

Bev, referred to me by Timothy Good, British author of *Above Top Secret*, is by the tone of her letters and phone calls, sincere in trying to verify her dad's alleged participation in the Roswell retrieval case. Sending me copies of all his military records, they do confirm his assignment at Walker Field in Roswell. Such are medical records, one with orders cut for hospitalization at the base for both he and Major Marcel, and his pass to the base's Non-Com Club, dated July 1947.

As a child, Bev recalls her dad talking about his hush-hush work at Roswell and whenever he described the nondescript bodies, her response was to giggle. The subject never came up much, she said, until she was a teenager. Once, she recalls, he had read a feature story in a newspaper about a UFO crash and looking grim, he told about his experience of standing guard where the bodies were stored and cautioned all family members to keep it quiet lest he get into trouble. According to Bev's long letter and attached military records, she recalled the following:

...he stood guard once outside a hangar where a crashed saucer was stored. He couldn't see anything as it was all packed up and ready to be flown out to Texas the next day. We disagree on the number of bodies he saw. I'm sure he said two, but one of my sisters said three... All available men stood guard duty around the site where a crashed disc had come down and they couldn't understand why

they had to be kept cold, as there were trucks of ice...Although he and others were told they would get into trouble if they saw too much, they did look under the cover and saw two small dead bodies. He said they were like us, but not like us. They were smaller than a normal man with large heads and slanted eyes. He also said they looked yellowish, a bit Asian...I remember when I got older and asked for more information, he got angry and said, "that's all I know and I shouldn't have told you that much" Whenever he talked about it, he always looked worried...

His last words, according to Bev, before he died in a hospital, February 1986, were about Roswell.

CASE 12) When I last made contact in January 1987, with Jeff Morse, the former "Blue Beret" who lifted the lid on the Ft. Dix-McGuire affair, I felt that my chase for more supportive information, at least through him, had ended and I was back on the treadle of the proverbial squirrel's cage.

As agreed, Morse met with Dick Hall, his brother William (an electronics engineer), Dr. Bruce Maccabee, Chairman of the *Fund for UFO Research*, and myself in a busy mall near Washington D.C. in January, 1987. Over lunch, he openly answered any questions about the incident, but grimaced over the tangled and costly prospects of his current legal pursuits in Federal Court involving an incident of harassment (See *MUFON UFO Journal*, June, 1987). On departure, he said he planned to return to his work overseas and I wished him well and thought of the seven years I had spent investigating his case. No word from Morse since, but his words *that day* left the four of us believing that he was telling the truth about the ill-fated alien interloper.

Since I presented Morse's story in *Status Report IV* at the MUFON Symposium in St. Louis, 1985, there was a spark of hope in 1986 of getting a new source as backup, a former master sergeant, who was stationed at Ft. Dix in January, 1978. According to Pat Marcattilio, a MUFON investigator in New Jersey, the source, "Mr. S", whom he knew at a place of previous employment, told him that he heard the rumors about the incident and, on his own time, tried to round up the facts. But he got nowhere and learned that all records, tapes, everything, had been destroyed. He was also advised to stop snooping. When Marcattilio later tried to get more details from "Mr. S" he said, "He seemed very nervous and refused to talk about it."

In September 1988, a new source with convincing credentials, called me about the incident. As a MUFON State Section Director in New Jersey and presently serving as vice president of the Air Force Association, he was in January 1978, an intelligence officer with rank of major at McGuire AFB. Although not a witness to the retrieval operations, he was in a key position to put the twos-and-twos together enough to give credence to the story told by Morse. His letter of September 6th to me, in part, follows:

...I attempted to recall as best I could the report of the alien being shot on the base back in January, 1978. My job was Deputy Director of 21st Air Force Intelligence 438th Military Wing Intelligence. In this dual role, we were responsible for briefing both the 21st Air Force Commander, who controlled all military airlift aircraft in half the world over to India and the Wing Commander at McGuire AFB.

I remember walking into the 21st Command Post and most people were talking about an incident that had occurred on the base during the night. The report was that an alien, a short little guy, had died from a gunshot wound. No one seemed to know where he came from or what he was doing on the base. At first it was treated as a joke and that the Security Police must have meant an alien from another country, like Mexico.

Usually, I would brief the Commander, Major General Tom Sadler, on anything important that occurred during the night. We were concerned about acts of terrorism, hijacking, and Soviet movements that could be a threat to our aircraft. Normally, if something was felt to be important, I would either brief the General in a stand-up briefing in the Command Post or if it was classified above "Secret" in his office.

...Later in the morning, I was told that Intelligence would not brief the General on the alien; that the Security Police Commander or a Liaison Officer was handling it. Later in the day, I saw the officer who was a Lt. Colonel (name unknown) coming out of the general's office. He looked tired and somewhat under pressure. He said, "Hello." I expected the Lt. Colonel to fill me in on the situation, but he avoided saying anything...Assuming this was an alien, I wonder how he got lost from his craft?

The answer to my source's question comes from still another officer allegedly on the scene in early January during a phase of significant UFO activity over the two large military compounds. During this phase, I was told, one of the craft had malfunctioned and crash-landed. One survivor of the crew, lost and starving, managed to reach the outer perimeter near a guard post at Ft. Dix and was shot by an MP. Said my source, the interloper, mortally wounded, was later found dead at McGuire. Here, relying on Morse's testimony, the "alien" was retrieved from an abandoned airstrip.

The Lt. Colonel, referred to by the intelligence officer in his letter, who briefed General Sadler, had been previously identified by Morse as his Commanding Officer, whose name was made known to me. His name, rank and serial number, as well as the officers who interrogated Morse at Wright-Patterson AFB following the incident, had all been authenticated by the National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis in 1985.

Also of interest is a letter of September 12, 1985 from the New Jersey State Police in response to a letter from Robert Bletchman, attorney in Manchester, Connecticut, asking about accessibility to their records of alleged involvement in the incident. Theirs, quoted in part, reads: "...Please be advised that it has been, and continues to be, the policy of the New Jersey State Police, that the records, radio logs and other documents maintained at our stations are privileged and are to be kept confidential. We further advise that we do not consider them to be within the public domain in conjunction with general disclosure, etc..." This information should answer those in research who queried the State Police about its involvement and were told that they have no such records.

For me, the evidence collected over eight years of investigation into this case may not prove that UFOs are real or extraterrestrial, but it does show that such incidents, if true, would be difficult to explain to a benighted public. Thus, the coverup.

CASE 13) Had I known when I was touring San Juan in Puerto Rico March 7, 1984 that a UFO had crashed on February 19 into the mountainous region of El Yunque and, had I gone there, I would have found units of the military retrieval team still active.

Barry Greenwood, editor of *Just Cause*, first enlightened me about the crash at the MUFON Symposium in Washington, D.C. in 1987. He then had few details and I heard nothing more. Then, in August, 1988, Jorge Martin, editor of *Enigma*, a UFO pictorial-news magazine, published in Puerto Rico, in Spanish, called me to relate that he had two items of significance: one concerned a possible alien underground facility on the island; the other, new information about the 1984 UFO crash. His continuing investigations in the crash, he said, had produced new sources who had witnessed some important phases of the military retrieval operation.

Through the gracious assistance of Ms. Anna Gloria Colon, MUFON State Director of Puerto Rico, Martin's records, including tapes, were translated from Spanish to English for use in this report.

Martin, like all Puerto Ricans, first learned of the crash in the news. Witnesses were many, most describing the object as round, white, self-luminous with a tinge of orange at its rear outer edge. Flying horizontally to the East, the object suddenly jerked, and in arch fashion, went straight up, leveled, and then continued its soundless trajectory course eastward to where it was last seen crashing into the El Yunque mountains. Among the witnesses were the passengers and crew of a commercial airline flight from the Virgin Islands and, a firsthand report from two men in Fajardo, who watched from their 10th floor apartment, the object "spinning" as it plummeted to earth. And, notably, is the experience of Luis Morales, policeman, working out of the Rio Grande police station near El Yunque, who saw the object crashing, said that when he tried to reach the area, his car suddenly went dead.

Before too much suspense could be built up in the news; the story was snuffed. According to Martin, a diversionary tactic to keep everybody out of the crash area, the authorities told the police that the object, a meteorite, fell well beyond El Yunque and that investigations had been called off.

Not so, said Martin, who talked with Benjamin Gascot, officer for the air rescue division operating out of Isla Grande Airport. According to Gascot, "Something was wrong about this incident because we as a group of officials always worked together in the past". Martin also learned from the officer that on the morning of the investigation a mysterious helicopter, painted black and without identification showed up at the site. "The occupants" he said, "were dressed in military fatigues and in plain clothes," adding, "we were advised not to talk to the crew."

Confirmation came from another firsthand source, Michael Pazo, who operated a refueling station at the Isla Grande Airport. He, too, had seen the helicopter, identified as a Chinook, that brought in the military personnel and further claimed that El Yunque had been under military surveillance for three weeks. Pazo also stated that the object that crashed was "very radioactive" and that he, being a witness to the activities, was told by a federal agent, named Swaggart, to "keep things quiet or else..." Still another source, according to Martin, claimed that a second helicopter landed two days later with more personnel and that a Learjet, with NASA markings, flew over the El Yunque area for two weeks.

Of Martin's many sources, one working in security (unknown to me), provided him with details of the on-site "packaging" of the pieces of metal from the wreckage. Said the informant, the parts were catalogued, labeled and protectively wrapped before being boxed conforming to the exact size of each artifact. Then, the wooden boxes were sprayed with a leaded paint, followed by another coat of a chemical substance, the color of fuchsia.

Still hoping to get some kind of official response to the crash, Martin said he asked Barry Greenwood to check with the FAA. Word came back from an official of its Southeast Division: no such incident took place. For Martin, it was a flat denial of everything he had heard from scores of firsthand sources. For me, it was one more case in keeping with the coverup of all UFO crashes and retrievals and to hide the evidence at all costs.

CASE 14) John Lear, MUFON State Director for Nevada, undaunted in his pursuit of people, anywhere, to get UFO facts, has extensively lectured and made several radio and TV appearances in Las Vegas, to tell his story. Listening was "Mike", (real name withheld on request) who surfaced, in September 1988, to tell Lear his firsthand story. Admittedly troubled by his experience, Mike explained that in 1973 he had been an air force photographer stationed in Hawaii, following duty in Vietnam. His prime duty there was processing gun camera film. One day, he said, he was notified that his security clearance had been upgraded and several weeks later he and another photographer in his unit were flown, for a temporary duty assignment, to Norton AFB in California.

Lear's letter to me, November 21, 1988, recounting briefly his interview with Mike is paraphrased as follows:

On landing at Norton, Mike and companion were taken by air force vehicle with windows blacked out on a two hour drive. During the drive, Mike was told by the driver, "So you guys are going to photograph the UFO, eh?"

The vehicle came to a halt on a platform which was then lowered into a large underground installation. Escorted to a briefing room they were told that they were to photograph a flying saucer and the autopsy of three dead aliens. Ordered to disrobe, they were issued white smocks and combat boots for security purposes. Mike was then escorted into the installation where he saw a disc-shaped craft about 30 feet in diameter contained in a heavy net suspended from a large crane.

Mike was boosted into the opening of the disc (no stairs or ramp) and proceeded to crawl inside. He was shocked, he said, to find that the inside looked to be about 10 times the size of the outside. He commented, "I could have thrown a football as hard as I could and not hit the other side." Disoriented, Mike poked his head back outside to check the size which appeared to be about 30 feet in diameter as before. Once inside he met two persons similarly clothed in white smocks who showed him what they wanted photographed. He shot many photos of control panels and various other fixtures and later was asked to photograph the exterior from different angles and distances.

He was later taken to a room in which there were three dead aliens. He described them as approximately 5 feet tall, with almost normal, human heads except the eyes were more rounded. The skin texture was of baking dough, very white. Before the autopsy the aliens had been dressed in blue uniforms, like flight suits.

As the initial incisions were made for the autopsy, Mike saw green fluid and black innards. At this time he became ill and called for the other photographer to continue the assignment. Later that day they were driven back to Norton where they spent the night and were flown out the next day to Hawaii. About two months later Mike's companion disappeared and neither Mike or his family have heard from him since.

The year 1973 brings to mind Case A-2, Status Report II, where three humanoids were examined at Wright-Patterson AFB. While the head sizes described in each case differ and the body heights also differ by a foot or so, the description of the skin is strikingly similar. According to the sergeant, in Case A-2, who stood guard in the underground facility, the color was "off white or cream." Both observers, it should be noted, were admittedly, traumatized by the sight of alien bodies which could account for visual differences of anatomical sizes and heights.

CASE 15) For those of us in research who wonder or worry about the rigors of coverup, so effective for a long time, is the suspicion that the reason for it must be compelling; in fact, so compelling that it may explain why it is maintained at any price -- even at the price of sudden death to those having sensitive information who may talk too much.

Evidence of such thinking finds support in the recent disclosure of a retired police officer, with 22 years of service, in an Eastern state. Through the cooperation of John Ford, head of the *Long Island UFO Network*, I first received word, August 5, 1988, that his source had information concerning a crashed disc and the recovery of seven bodies in a western state, which in some way also involved the FBI.

Filling Ford's request for a notarized statement, insuring his source's anonymity, I then received his videotaped interview with him. After viewing this, which firmly established the former officer's credentials, I reached him by phone for his firsthand story.

It was 1973, he said, that he was joined by two FBI agents in a special 3-day training program for cadets on "behavioral science" at the police academy. One evening, after a long day's work, he and the two agents went out to dine and relax when the subject of UFOs came up. To his surprise, he said, one talked about a crashed disc in Colorado and the recovery of bodies. "What he said next", added my informant, "I could tell by his body English that he was disturbed". His concern was the means used to insure the coverup, stating that a doctor, who had been called upon in the night for urgent medical needs, died suddenly of "cancer" three weeks later. At that point, according to my informant, he observed that the talkative agent was booted under the table by his companion. The subject was dropped and nothing was said about the FBI's role in the affair.

Sudden and accidental death stories I've heard before. Never finding any substantiation, I relegated them to be a quirk of orchestrated propaganda, probably a scare tactic to intimidate potential whistle-blowers.

Reports of suspicious deaths, darkly and deeply linked to UFOs, however, persist and continue to cause speculation. Word comes from Gordon Creighton, editor of the informative *British Flying Saucer Review*, who notes a possible deathly tie-in with the U.S. "Star Wars" program. Quoting his letter of November 15, 1988, in part, as follows: "...here in Britain 22 scientists have recently either taken their own lives or died in very strange or mysterious circumstances. And it seems that most, or all, of them were engaged in British work on behalf of, or related to, the U.S. "Star Wars" program. The British government, it seems, was trying to hush it up. But, press statements here say that the U.S. government had put our government on the spot and

demanded full enquiry. So, quite clearly, it is either the Russians or THEM..."

As many researchers have surmised, "Star Wars", ostensibly conceived as a defensive system against Russian missile attack, may have had, from its beginning, a "defensive" UFO connection. Whatever the case, a "mock test" in September 1988, of an earth-penetrating warhead -- much like "Star Wars" in reverse -- was conducted at the Tonopah Test Range in Nevada. Announced as a proposed super-weapon designed to destroy Russian underground command centers dug in solid rock down to 1000 meters, some UFO analysts believe that the real target is not Russian but another adversary down deep in cavernous installations in Nevada and New Mexico.

According to the Pentagon, the proposed earth-penetrating warhead is "urgently needed". According to the rumormills, an alien race, the "grays", in their fortified underground laboratories, are genetically experimenting with the human race. Even more ominous, rumors say that their intransigence today may lead to new perils tomorrow.

It is beyond the scope of this paper to speculate on all the sinister machinations attributed to the alien super-race, but news of the British death syndrome and my awareness of other suspicious deaths and disappearances, allegedly connected to UFO crash and retrieval events, must be reckoned with. They may, indeed, have at least a peripheral pertinence to fears, causing suicide, or extreme security measures to maintain a monstrous coverup.

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*The identities of both "birds" are known to me. Condor was an air force officer stationed at Wright-Patterson AFB in September 1985 during which time he called me on several occasions. Expressing interest in my research and my sources, he claimed to know a colonel with sensitive information relative to my work but his proposal for me to meet with this source fell through. I heard no more. Later I learned that he confided with a member of the Fund for UFO Research and after that with Bill Moore, etc.

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At this writing, in early December, 1988, I have four other sources with UFO crash/retrieval information not included in this report. Most, as far as I know, are in positions to throw strong light on the humanoid factor and other phases of retrieval operations, which could confirm information already cited in my previous papers. But, at this stage, and in some instances, being dependent on intermediaries, I find the material, to be either too fragmentary, or too sensitive, to even hint at as to its nature.

The material, herein, was originally intended as an article, updating my work for publication in the *MUFON UFO Journal*, early in 1989. As I drafted my copy, however, I soon realized that I had enough for a 2-part article, and also, to release separately as *Status Report V*.

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