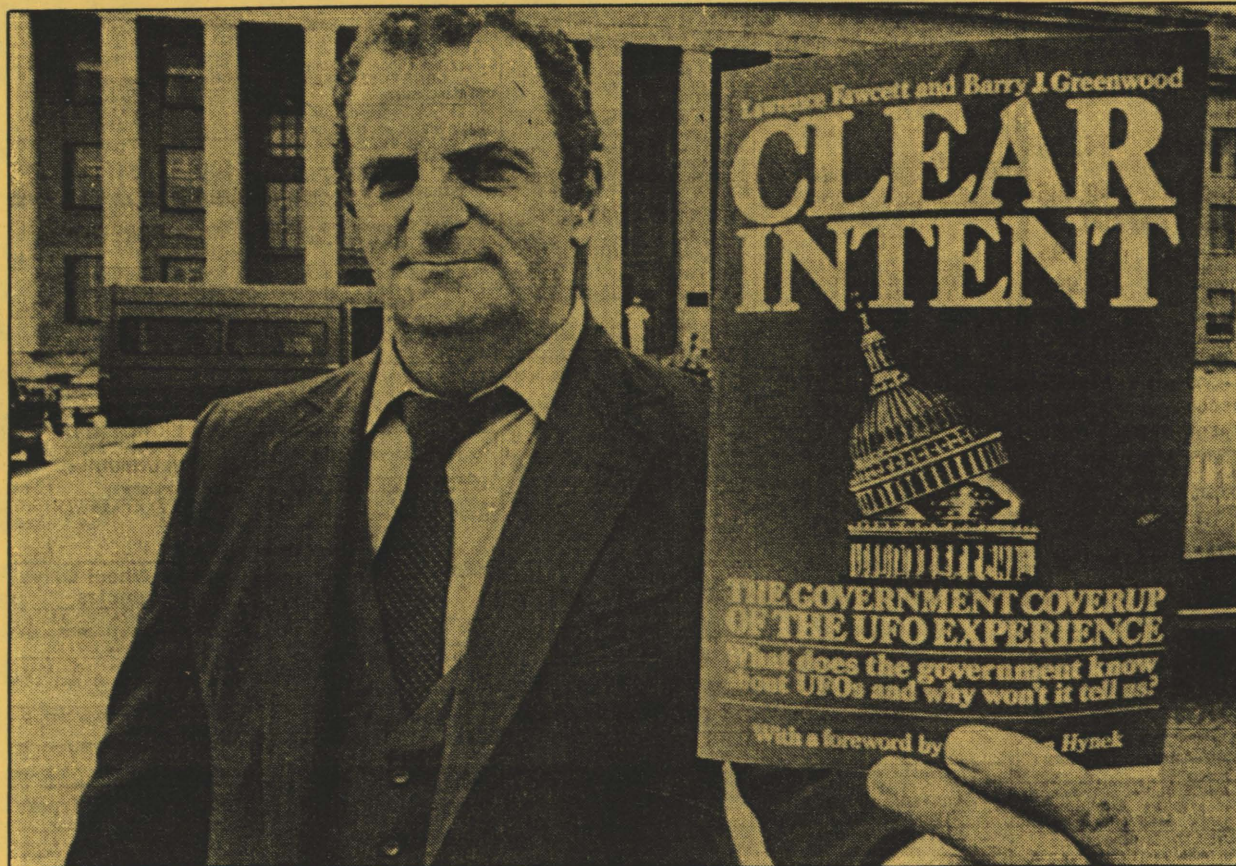


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Lawrence Fawcett holds a copy of his book "Clear Intent," in which he claims that the federal government has engaged in a cover-up of UFO sightings for 30 years.

U.S. cover-up on UFOs charged

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Independent researchers claim in a new book that the government has engaged in a cover-up of UFO sightings, including one at a NATO installation in England.

The book "Clear Intent" by Lawrence Fawcett and Barry J. Greenwood says the Air Force, CIA and other government agencies are investigating UFO sightings in military or security areas with incidents occurring at a NATO installation in England and another in the United States as recently as 1980.

The authors, who have been involved in UFO research for 20 years, confess they do not know what they (the UFOs) are or where they come from, but demand, "What does the government know about UFOs and why won't it tell us?"

"OUR MAIN DRIVE is to get a congressional hearing, open to the public," said Fawcett in an interview

last week in Washington, where he was on a promotion tour for his book.

"This is not an anti-American movement. We feel the people of the United States have been lied to for 30 years and it's time for the secrecy and cover-ups to end. Let's get this thing on the table. We have a right to know."

Fawcett, 45, a detective from Coventry, Conn., is a member of the national board of directors of the Center for UFO Studies.

FAWCETT AND his colleagues have collected under the Freedom of Information Act and other sources thousands of pages of previously classified information on UFOs.

The Air Force investigated all UFO sightings under a project called Blue Book, which was discontinued in 1969.

Fawcett said, "There have been a series of sightings in Westchester County, N.Y., right now, where credible people are seeing something nightly.

We understand that (U.S. Air Force) aircraft are pursuing these things."

"WE NOW HAVE military people coming forward who told us of a UFO incident, one in England in the fall of 1980 where a UFO landed right outside our NATO base," he said.

"To me, it sounded outlandish, about a machine landing, surrounded, pictures taken. I filed an FOA (Freedom of Information Act) request and got the response that it did not happen. Our researchers found that something occurred, something landed. There were marks, some radiation, and so on. Every attempt to get tape recordings or pictures was met by flat denials"

The book also recounts an "unidentified aerial light" at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico in August 1980. A seven-page Air Force document confirmed something happened, Fawcett said.