

10 greatest UFO mysteries

SINCE the late '40s, the U.S. Air Force and other government agencies have been accused of deliberately misleading the American people about reports of UFO sightings by experienced pilots, police officers and thousands of other reliable citizens.

For years, Air Force investigators have insisted the objects sighted were probably weather balloons, reflected auto headlights, or even the planet Venus — even when some of the sighting reports came from their own highly experienced pilots!

The weather balloon alibi was first used to explain away the so-called Roswell Incident, one of the ten greatest UFO mysteries on record. Here are the stories of that incident, and the other nine cover-ups.

Roswell incident

ACCORDING TO researchers Charles Berlitz and William L. Moore, on July 2, 1947, a UFO with alien beings aboard crashed near Roswell, New Mexico.

In their book, *The Roswell Incident* (Grosset & Dunlap, N.Y., 1980) the two investigators cited dozens of eye witnesses who confirmed the crash and the government cover-up that followed.

The government insisted the object removed by army personnel from the desert was a weather balloon. Other witnesses, however, swore they saw both the UFO and the frozen bodies of the aliens at CIA installations.

Deadly duel

A scant 10 months later, in October of 1948, Lt. George F. Gorman of the Air National Guard actually engaged in a vicious dog fight with a

UFO he'd chased.

After twice diving out of the way of the onrushing alien craft, Gorman broke off his duel with the more highly maneuverable UFO and sought the safety of his base.

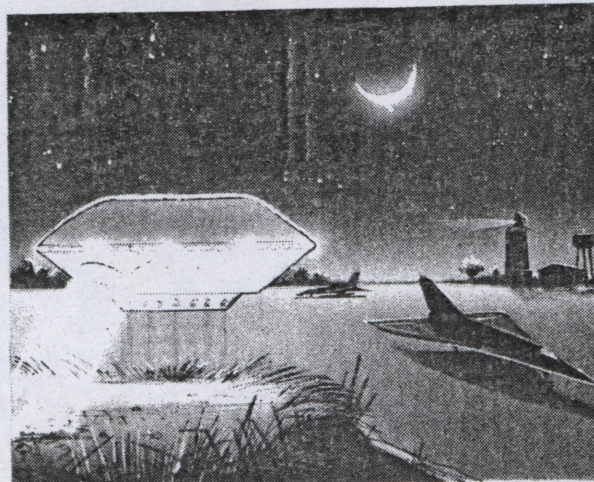
Incredibly, the Air Force blithely declared that Gorman had been fighting a duel to the death with a balloon!

Desert downing

In May of 1948, in an incident similar to the Roswell affair, two retired Air Force colonels found a downed UFO in the Mexican desert about 40 miles south of Laredo, Texas.

Stunned by their discovery, the two former Air Force officers notified the U.S. government and the Army promptly arrived.

The craft, they swore, was a 50-foot disc and contained the bodies of four-foot tall aliens. The UFO and the bodies were put aboard Army



U.S. Air Force has captured UFOs and their occupants, according to witnesses.

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trucks and taken to Langley Air Force Base in Virginia.

Flame-Throwers

In May of 1967 Stephen Michalak, working in the Canadian wilderness, saw two glowing objects in the sky. One landed about 400 feet from him and he walked up to it, shouting in several languages, including English and Russian. Getting no answer, he peered inside and saw a glowing computer console.

When he touched it his gloves melted and the object began to rotate and then took off. He was felled by a blast of hot gas from the UFO which set his clothes on fire

and burned him badly.

Although he had to be hospitalized, government investigators claimed that he'd suffered no injuries!

UFO spies

The Air Force vainly sent fighters aloft to chase UFOs that had been picked up on radar or sighted visually by Air Force ground and air observers in 1975.

For 19 days, a fleet of low flying, brightly-lit UFOs hovered over nuclear weapon storage areas, nuclear missile launch sites and Air Force bomber bases in Montana, Michigan and Maine.

None of the planes scrambled by the Air Force in response to the threat of the hovering alien craft was able

— that the U.S. Air Force tried to hide

to get close to the objects.

Arab connection

In September of 1976, two Iranian Air Force pilots in F-4 Phantom jets reported that "a brilliantly-colored object" had ejected a small craft that sped directly at them at an incredible rate of speed.

According to the CIA files, one of the pilots tried to fire an AIM-9 missile at the UFO but at that instant "his weapons control panel went off, and he lost all communications."

Helplessly, he watched transfixed as the smaller craft returned to its mother ship and easily rejoined it.

Alien landing

In 1980, as incredulous airmen watched, several UFOs slowly glided in for a landing at a top secret New Mexico Air Force installation.

Unable to approach the alien craft as they sat on the runway, Air Force personnel tried to call for help, only to learn that all equipment had ceased to work.

The UFOs also knocked out radar systems at the base and at a nearby airfield.

Neither the communications systems nor the radar would operate until the UFOs suddenly soared aloft and disappeared.

Kuwait giant

In 1980, as hundreds of astonished Arabs and European and American oil field workers gaped open-mouthed, a gigantic UFO appeared in the skies over oil rich Kuwait.

Their amazement grew as the alien craft slowly descended toward the oil fields, seeming to grow larger the nearer it came.

When it finally came to a halt above the oil fields it blotted out the sun and the sky, making it dark as night. Experts later estimated the size of the UFO as being at least ten miles in diameter.

Sword of Islam

Kuwait was the location of another UFO visitation — this one in the winter of 1978.

A fleet of brightly glowing UFOs, multi-colored lights flashing, hovered above the same air field later visited by the giant craft.

Superstitious Arab nomads leaped from their camels and prostrated themselves on the sand, shouting that the craft was a manifestation of Mohammed, and calling it the Sword of Islam.

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Westerners working in the oil fields had their own less religious reason to be awed. As soon as the UFOs appeared above the oil rigs and working wells every piece of machinery for miles around stopped working.

UFO attack

Only seven months later, in January of 1948, a heroic Air Force fighter pilot, Captain Thomas Mantell, was flying a routine training mission in the skies over Godman Air Force Base in Kentucky when he and his group were ordered to investigate a UFO spotted by ground controllers in the tower.

Mantell found the object — which he described as being “metallic” and “huge” — and went chasing after it. After telling Godman tower he was gaining on the object, Mantell disappeared.

His charred body was found amid the wreckage of his P-51 Mustang some 90 miles way. Although his fellow airmen insisted that he'd been shot down by a UFO, the Air Force claimed that he had died *chasing after the planet Venus!*