

# 'Top Secret' compelling study of UFOs

"Above Top Secret" by Timothy Good; 440 pages; William Morrow & Co.; \$18.95.

Mysterious unmarked aircraft appeared over Scandinavia, Great Britain and the United States in 1933, according to contemporary newspaper reports.

Often seen flying in hazardous weather conditions that would have grounded conventional airplanes, the "ghost aircraft" (as they were called) frequently circled low, projecting powerful searchlights on to the ground. The aircraft sometimes carried out low-level maneuvers in silence.

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About 35 percent of the sightings took place during severe weather conditions, including blizzards and fog, and the mystery planes often flew dangerously low over rugged terrain. The governments of Sweden, Norway and Finland took the reports seriously and launched massive investigations, but no satisfactory explanations were reached.

Late on the night of June 11, 1934, two unidentified aircraft were seen and heard circling low over London. According to The Times the following day, the Air Ministry stated that "although night flying was frequently practiced by RAF machines, and several were up last night, service pilots were forbidden by regulations to fly over London at less than 5,000 feet. The identity of the machines in question was not officially known."

In the early hours of Feb. 25,

1942, less than three months after the Pearl Harbor raid, mystery planes appeared over Los Angeles and caused widespread alarm. Coast Artillery batteries fired 1,430 rounds at the planes, but none was hit.

Three people were killed and three died of heart attacks attributable to the intense barrage. Several buildings were se-



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verely damaged by unexploded shells.

U.S. military authorities were embarrassed and confused by the incident. Navy Secretary Frank Knox announced that there had been no planes over Los Angeles and that the antiaircraft fire had been triggered by a false alarm and jittery war nerves.

The Long Beach Independent commented, "There is a mysterious reticence about the whole affair, and it appears some form of censorship is trying to halt discussion of the matter."

A brief, secret memorandum written by Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, and

sent to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, on Feb. 26, 1942, "leaves little room for doubt that something extraordinary occurred that night," says British broadcaster-lecturer Timothy Good in his study of the worldwide coverup of unidentified flying objects.

Marshall said that possibly as many as 15 unidentified airplanes were "probably" over Los

Angeles, that no bombs were dropped, that there were no military casualties, that no planes were shot down, and that no U.S. Army or Navy aircraft were involved.

In this book, crammed with the testimony of reliable people and well-documented evidence, a sensational subject receives sober treatment. After 20 years of research, the author provides a wealth of hitherto classified material to prove "beyond doubt that there has been a monumental coverup of the UFO subject" by the U.S., British and other governments.

The book is credible and convincing. It is heavily appendix.

UFO believers, and those others who keep open minds, will be enthralled by the many stories of sightings around the world — from Brazil to China, from Australia to Zimbabwe.

As early as 1947, says the author, the U.S. Air Materiel Command secretly concluded that "the (UFO) phenomenon reported is something real and not visionary or fictitious." He provides details of many extraordinary incidents, such as the crash of a flying saucer near Roswell, N.M., in July 1947 and, according to the top-secret "Majestic 12" report, the recovery of the remains of four alien bodies two miles from the wreckage site.

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The Air Force said the wreckage was nothing more than the remains of a weather balloon, but the real wreckage was shipped under armed guard to Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio. The crash site was stripped of every scrap of debris.

Today, the public is still being misled, says Good. As Vice Adm. Roscoe Hillenkoetter, first director of the CIA, declared in 1961. "The public has a right to know. It is time for the truth to be brought out in open congressional hearings."

Good, a thorough and well-informed writer, has woven a highly disturbing book which proves that the UFO coverup has been designed around a program of "denial and ridicule." UFOs are the ultimate official secret.

This is a compelling study.  
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