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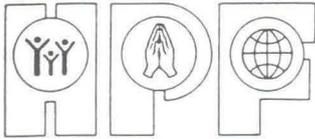
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Dear Jack:

In his letter to you dated February 14, 1994, Laurance Rockefeller indicated that I could provide you with some documentation relating to the July 1947 Roswell incident. He specifically mentioned a current chronology of the incident and a TV video of interviews with witnesses of the incident. This material is attached. It has been assembled by the Fund for UFO Research, Inc., as part of their effort to support a thorough and open inquiry into the Roswell incident. Representative Steve Schiff (R-NM) has received this material. He had asked the Pentagon to conduct an inquiry. Apparently he felt that the Pentagon was not forthcoming and subsequently the GAO has been asked and is investigating the incident. From what I have been told, a military Pentagon spokesman was less than civil in a verbal response to the GAO investigator when asked about Roswell. The alleged response was "Go shit in your hat." If that is accurate, it was in my opinion and unfortunate reply. It could reflect that he was having a bad day, or perhaps a personal opinion about UFO phenomena; or it could be a recent example of unwillingness to discuss the subject. I have attached a group of press clips about the Schiff/GAO effort. Others on the Hill also have been provided material about Roswell.

Following our meeting on February 4, I spent some time with Edward J. Reese in the Modern Military Branch of the National Archives, discussing Roswell and where documentation about it might be located. When you start your inquiry, Mr. Reese may be helpful in the process. In addition to what he may suggest, I can recommend a strategy that if carried out from your office should get to the bottom of the issue.

Jack, you will note that when you get into the attached material, mention is made that one of the witnesses on tape, Gerald Anderson, has admitted to falsifying a document about the incident, and therefore he can no longer be considered a reliable witness. This is instructive about the material. A rigorous effort has been made by the people who assembled it to present as accurate a story as can be developed with the resources available. When you get the official documentation, all of this can be set aside.

Whatever Roswell turns out to be, it is only the opening round. I urge you to take another look at the UFO Matrix of Belief that I provided you last year. My mention of mind-control technology at the February 4 meeting was quite deliberate. Please be careful about this. There are reasons to believe that some government group has interwoven research about this technology with alleged UFO phenomena. If that is correct, you can expect to run into early resistance when inquiring about UFOs, not because of the UFO subject, but because that has been used to cloak research and applications of mind-control activity.

As before, if I can help, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

Scott Jones

C.B. Scott Jones

Attachments as stated

Scott Jones used to be associated with Senator Pell. He was formerly a Navy pilot. The Human Potential Foundation is funded in part, I believe, by L.R.

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February 14, 1994

Dear Roswell case participant/supporter:

I thought you would be interested in seeing copies of the news coverage relating to U.S. Rep. Steve Schiff's request that the General Accounting Office look into the possible cover-up of information on the reported crash of an unidentified object outside Roswell, New Mexico, in July 1947.

You will note that the coverage from both major newspapers in Albuquerque and the *Washington Post* (the *Albuquerque Journal's* initial story was picked up by the Associated Press, and the Post distributed its story to client newspapers across the country) is generally positive. As Rep. Schiff makes clear, the GAO investigation was prompted by requests from constituents and others who want answers to the questions: What was the nature of the debris recovered by the U.S. Army Air Force outside Roswell? What was done with the material? What is the explanation for the military's actions?

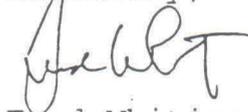
Congressman Schiff is to be applauded for his political courage and his determination to get answers to the questions posed by new evidence in the Roswell case investigation. However, he needs our help to get the job done. Therefore, I am asking that if you support Rep. Schiff's request for a congressional inquiry:

■ Please write to him directly and tell him you support the congressional inquiry into the Roswell case; the address of his District Office is 625 Silver Ave., S.W., Suite 140, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

■ Please contact your own Representative and Senators and ask them to write to Rep. Schiff in support of his efforts; send your letter to the U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515, or the U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510.

I will continue to keep you informed of new developments in the days ahead.

Sincerely,


Fred Whiting

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Schiff Asks UFO Case Be Reopened

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) U.S. Rep. Steve Schiff says the investigative arm of Congress is looking into a well-known UFO case to determine whether a government cover-up followed the 1947 crash of a mysterious object in New Mexico.

Schiff said he asked the General Accounting Office to investigate after he decided to look into allegations of a cover-up because of letters he received from people interested in UFOs, including a couple from people who claimed to have personally witnessed the wreckage at the crash site.

"It's not a light thing to ask a government agency to look into something, but the government has been accused of a cover-up," Schiff said. "The issue is whether the government is being forthright with the American people, and that is a serious issue to me."

The New Mexico Republican said Wednesday he was told a few days ago that a GAO investigator had nothing yet to report and was "getting stonewalled" by the Department of Defense.

"That made them that much more interested in the investigation," Schiff said.

The July 2, 1947, crash near the ranching community of Corona, known as the "Roswell Incident" because it happened about 75 miles northwest of Roswell, has been the focus of UFO books and buffs for years. They claim a flying saucer crashed on a ranch owned by Mac Brazel and that government teams whisked away the wreckage and perhaps the bodies of aliens.

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But UFO debunker Philip J. Klass of Washington, D.C., said there "isn't a shred of evidence" that a flying saucer was recovered at Roswell.

GAO Turns to Alien Turf in Probe

Bodies of Space Voyagers Said to Have Disappeared in 1947

By William Claiborne
Washington Post Staff Writer

Where television's "Unsolved Mysteries" has tried and failed, the General Accounting Office is unafraid to venture.

At the request of Rep. Steven Schiff (R-N.M.), Congress's investigative branch has launched a study to determine whether the government covered up a story alleging that the bodies of alien space voyagers were removed from a crashed flying saucer found near Roswell, N.M., in 1947.

After the purported crash of the spacecraft, the bodies of the extraterrestrial visitors were said by a local undertaker and other conspiracy theorists to have been autopsied and secretly flown to an Air Force base in Ohio.

Even though the "Roswell incident" has been repeatedly dismissed by the Defense Department as nothing more than UFO fantasizing triggered by the discovery of a downed weather balloon, the GAO has begun searching for documents to prove allegations that the Air Force "suppressed" information sought by Schiff.

Schiff is a member of the House Government Operations Committee, which oversees the GAO.

GAO spokeswoman Laura A. Kopelson said the office's investigation, first reported in the Albuquerque Journal yesterday, stemmed from a meeting in October between Schiff and GAO Controller General Charles A. Bowsher. Schiff complained then that the Defense Department had been "unresponsive" to his inquiries about the 1947 incident.

Kopelson said "as far as I know only one investigator had been assigned" to the case, and that not enough work had been done to report any results to Schiff. At another point, Kopelson said "the people doing it are either on sick leave or are unavailable."

She said there was no way of estimating how much the investigation would cost, and that the GAO does not release such information anyway.

GAO conducted 1,380 inquiries into government operations in 1992. Its budget has risen from \$46.9 million in 1985 to \$490 million last year. The agency has been criticized, especially by Republicans, as the "lap dog of the requesters," producing reports that tend to support whatever conclusion the requesting member of Congress suggests.

Kopelson said Schiff had asked the GAO "to see if there is any evidence that information regarding UFOs had been suppressed" following the Roswell incident.

Schiff, however, said that at a routine October meeting he had merely complained about the Defense Department's lack of responsiveness but a GAO official said, "We're willing to take a stab at it."

Schiff, in a telephone interview from Albuquerque, said that last March, after receiving inquiries from "UFO believers" and some Roswell residents who were in the military in 1947, he wrote Defense Secretary Les Aspin asking for more information about the reported spacecraft crash and the alleged disappearance of the aliens' bodies.

The crash of a mysterious object 75 miles northwest of Roswell, which the Air Force later claimed was a weather balloon equipped with a radar-reflecting device, was the subject of several books and remains many UFO buffs' greatest riddle.

A privately owned museum in Roswell contains a number of documents and photographs purporting to prove existence of the aliens. It also displays a re-creation of the spacecraft surrounded by figures portraying the dead extraterrestrials.

UFO buffs contend the incident marked the beginning of a government conspiracy to suppress evidence of alien life.

Much of the speculation stems from claims by William Haut, a former Air Force public affairs officer, who said that on July 2, 1947, he was told to prepare a news release reporting the Air Force had recovered parts of a flying saucer and then was told to change the story to report a weather balloon.

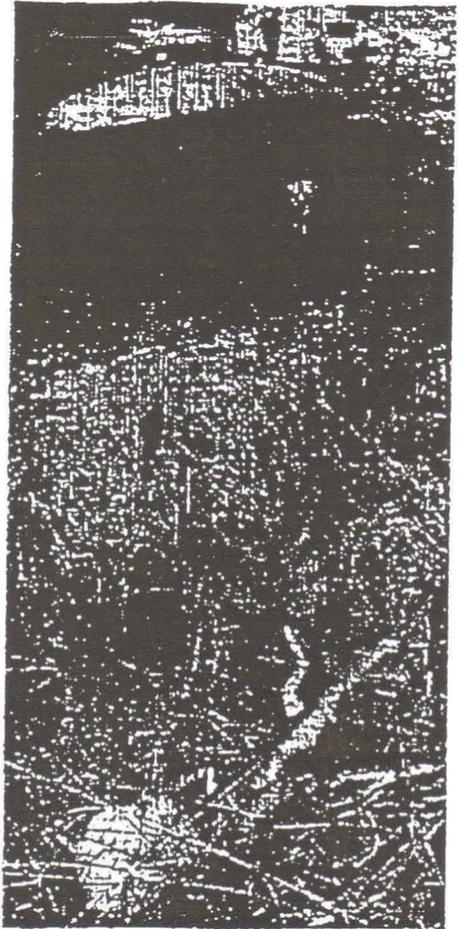
Also, a nurse reportedly told a local funeral home director that she witnessed the autopsies of the spacemen, whom she described as having oversized heads and beetle-like features. The nurse subsequently died in a plane crash.

After the autopsies, conspiracy theorists said the bodies were flown to Fort Worth and then to what is now Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

In 1989, NBC's "Unsolved Mysteries" investigated the controversy, which the program's host, Robert Stack, concluded remained unsolved.

Schiff said after calling Aspin last March to request a Defense Department briefing on the Roswell incident, he received a call from an Air Force lieutenant colonel, who brusquely told him the documents had been turned over to the National Archives.

However, Schiff said, Archives officials told him they did not have the records on Roswell, even though they did have records of "Project Blue Book," a 1969 Air Force study of reported



An "alien" depicted on NBC's "Unsolved Mysteries," which concluded case is unsolved.

UFO sightings. That study, Schiff said, did not deal with the Roswell case.

"I was getting pretty upset at all the running around," Schiff said, adding that at his meeting with GAO officials, "they made an offer to help."

"Generally, I'm a skeptic on UFOs and alien beings, but there are indications from the run around that I got that whatever it was, it wasn't a balloon. Apparently, it's another government coverup," Schiff said.

He called the Defense Department's lack of response "astounding," and said government accountability was an issue "even larger than UFOs."

Asked if the GAO might not be extending itself, Schiff acknowledged that the agency "usually does fiscal investigations and at present I can't find a fiscal impact" in the Roswell incident.

Had the agency said, "This is beyond our realm of expertise," Schiff said, "I wouldn't insist on it." He added, "If the Defense Department had been responsive, it wouldn't have come to this."

Good Morning

Rep. Schiff has initiated a federal probe of a purported 1947 UFO crash near Corona. As of now, the investigation is still up in the air.

Schiff Reopens UFO Case

Agency Takes New Look At 'Roswell Incident'

By Steve Brewer Page A1
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

It's been more than 46 years now, and Rep. Steve Schiff thinks it's high time the federal government came clean on whether space aliens crashed their flying saucer in New Mexico.

The Albuquerque Republican has asked the General Accounting Office to investigate whether a government cover-up followed the crash of a mysterious object near the little ranch town of Corona on July 2, 1947. And the GAO, Congress' investigative arm, has begun such a probe.

"It's not a light thing to ask a government agency to look into something, but the government has been accused of a cover-up," Schiff said Wednesday.

The congressman admitted he's curious about the incident, but added, "I would not ask for an investigation of something I was just curious about. The issue is whether the government is being forthright with the American people, and that's a serious issue to me."

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The 1947 crash, known as the "Roswell Incident" because it happened about 75 miles northwest of Roswell, has been the focus of UFO books and buffs for years. They claim a flying saucer crashed on a ranch owned by Mac Brazel, and that government teams whisked away the wreckage and, perhaps, the bodies of aliens.

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Santa Barbara, Calif., futurist who does research on UFOs. "If we had no other UFO case at all, the elements of the Roswell case would go a very, very long way to proving we have had alien visitation."

Phillip J. Klass, a Washington, D.C., aviation writer who's worked for decades debunking UFO sightings, said, however, that there "isn't a shred of evidence" that a flying saucer was recovered at Roswell. He said declassified military documents show high-ranking Air Force and White House officials never had any knowledge of such a find, and it's absurd to think lower-level operatives could have kept such a secret from their bosses.

But Schiff said long-standing suspicions of such a conspiracy make the GAO investigation worthwhile.

"I just assume that if there were alien bodies at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, somebody would have discovered them during all these years," he said. "On the other hand, you have to say anything is possible as long as the government won't talk. The government

promotes these things with its silence."

The congressman said he decided to look into the allegations after receiving letters from people interested in UFOs, including a couple from people who claimed to have personally witnessed the wreckage at the crash site.

Last March, according to Klass' Skeptic UFO Newsletter, Schiff wrote to Secretary of Defense Les Aspin requesting an Air Force briefing on the Roswell Incident. Schiff said Wednesday that Air Force officials told him later they couldn't brief him because all the documents from the investigation known as Project Blue Book had been sent to the National Archives.

He contacted National Archives officials, who said they're not in the business of giving briefings.

"We went back and forth a little bit and, frankly, I got tired of going back and forth," he said. "I talked to the people at GAO (in October) and I told them about this."

Schiff has frequent contact with GAO officials because he's on the House Government Operations Committee, which oversees the GAO.

"I asked them, 'Is this anything that you might be able to assist me with?'" Schiff recalled. "They said, 'We've never done anything like this before. We mostly look into fiscal matters ... but it sounds interesting. Why not give us a stab at it?'"

Since then, said GAO spokeswoman Laura Kopelson, an investigator has begun studying documents and looking into the cover-up allegations. She said the results will be reported back to Schiff.

Schiff said he was told a few days ago the investigator had nothing to report yet, and one of his aides was told the investigator was "getting stonewalled" by the Department of Defense.

"That made them that much more interested in the investigation," he said.

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THE ROSWELL EVENTS

A chronology of events and a compilation of supporting documentation concerning the possible crash of an Unidentified Flying Object and the recovery of its wreckage and the bodies of its crew in July 1947 near Roswell, New Mexico

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THE ROSWELL EVENTS

Introduction

On or about July 2, 1947, something highly unusual fell to earth in a remote area of central New Mexico. There followed a flurry of international media excitement about a "crashed flying saucer," engendered by an official press announcement from Roswell Army Air Field, New Mexico, which said in part:

Roswell Army Air Field, Roswell, N.M., 8 July 1947, A.M. - The many rumors regarding the flying disc became a reality yesterday when the intelligence office of the 509th Bomb Group of the Eighth Air Force, Roswell Army Air Field, was fortunate enough to gain possession of a disc through the cooperation of one of the local ranchers and the sheriff's office of Chaves county....

Later the same day, Brig. Gen. Roger M. Ramey, commander of the Eighth Air Force, held a press conference. In his Fort Worth, Texas, office, Ramey displayed what he said was the debris recovered in New Mexico, telling reporters the alleged flying saucer was merely the remains of a misidentified weather balloon and its radar reflector.

No one questioned the general's explanation, despite its implied rebuke of the highly experienced officers of the 509th, the world's only atomic bombing group (fooled by a weather balloon?). The combat-seasoned men included Major Jesse A. Marcel, the group's intelligence officer, who retrieved a large amount of the "misidentified" debris from the ranch where it was discovered.

The next day's papers carried the balloon story. The media flurry evaporated and, with it, public interest. For more than 30 years, the matter was virtually forgotten.

However, the balloon yarn was just that - a yarn. Brig. Gen. Thomas J. DuBose, USAF (ret.), Ramey's chief of staff in July 1947, recently acknowledged it was a cover story to "get the press off our backs."

What is the real story? What actually happened that summer 46 years ago and during the years since? This briefing package summarizes the painstaking work carried out over the past 15 years by several investigators seeking a definitive answer to that question. It provides part of the answer and suggests what may well be the rest.

We hope that, after having studied this material, you will agree the American people and their representatives in Congress are entitled to the truth - the whole truth - about this remarkable episode.

THE ROSWELL EVENTS

Summary

Powerful evidence suggests that at least one Unidentified Flying Object crashed in New Mexico in July 1947. Scores of individuals have been identified thus far who were involved in or have some knowledge of what has come to be known as "The Roswell Incident."

Briefly, an object crashed near Corona, about 75 miles northwest of Roswell, on or about July 2, 1947. A large quantity of very unusual debris was discovered by rancher William W. "Mac" Brazel on the property he managed. A day or two later, Brazel showed a piece of the material to his closest neighbors, Floyd and Loretta Proctor, who recalled that the material could not be cut or burned.

On July 6, Brazel contacted Sheriff George Wilcox in Roswell, who called the Roswell Army Air Field (RAAF), home of the 509th Bomb Group - at the time, the only atomic bomb unit in the world. Major Jesse Marcel, the base intelligence officer, and a Counter Intelligence Corps agent (probably Captain Sheridan Cavitt), went out to the ranch to investigate.

Marcel and Cavitt loaded as much of the debris as they could into two vehicles and brought it back to Roswell. Marcel showed the material to his son and wife before delivering it to the base. His son, Jesse Marcel, M.D., vividly recalls the unusual nature of the material, including what appeared to be some form of writing or symbols.

On July 8, the base public relations officer, 1st Lt. Walter Haut (apparently on orders from Col. William Blanchard, commander of the 509th Bomb Group), issued a news release saying the Army Air Force had recovered what then was called a "flying disc." The story was picked up on the wires and generated media interest across the U.S. and around the world.

Major Marcel was ordered to fly the debris to Wright Field (today Wright-Patterson Air Force Base), Ohio, by way of Ft. Worth Army Air Field (now Carswell AFB) in Ft. Worth, Texas. Upon arrival, 8th Air Force commander Brig. Gen. Roger Ramey told reporters the material was just a weather balloon with its radar target. Public interest in the story ended.

It wasn't until 1978 that nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman tracked down Jesse Marcel and learned that the material he recovered on the Brazel ranch was definitely not a weather balloon target and its radar target. It included a "tin-foil-like" substance that couldn't be cut, creased, or burned, as well as indestructible pieces resembling balsa wood.

Friedman and writer William L. Moore identified nearly a hundred other witnesses to various parts of the series of events surrounding the Roswell case, most of whom were named in a book Moore co-authored in 1980 with Charles Berlitz, *The Roswell Incident* (Grosset & Dunlap), as well as six subsequent papers published by Moore and Friedman.

In 1988, two other investigators -- Don Schmitt, a medical illustrator, and Kevin Randle, a writer and former Air Force intelligence officer -- decided to re-open the Roswell case. As a result of their renewed efforts, the number of witnesses and sources of information has been greatly expanded. Their investigation was reported in *UFO Crash at Roswell* (Avon, 1991). In August 1992, *Crash at Corona* (Paragon House), co-authored by Friedman and aviation/science writer Don Berliner, was published.

In 1992, Karl Pflock, a former deputy assistant secretary of defense, began his own investigation, which continues today with support from the Fund for UFO Research and has revealed important new information.

Recently identified witnesses who have agreed to speak for the record indicate the following:

- According to his son, Bill, and neighbors, Brazel was held incommunicado by officials at RAAF for nearly a week, questioned extensively and ordered not to say anything about his experience. However, in a newspaper interview, he said the material he recovered "did not in any way resemble a weather balloon," many of which he had recovered on his property.
- The son of the base intelligence officer, Jesse A. Marcel, M.D., recalls that some of the wreckage was in the form of "I-beams," on which there was unusual writing, resembling hieroglyphics.
- Sheriff Wilcox, to whom Brazel initially reported finding the debris, also was told by the military not to say anything, but members of his family say that he not only saw debris, but also four "space beings," one of whom was alive. Moreover, his granddaughter, Barbara Dugger, was told by her grandmother, Inez Wilcox, that the military threatened to kill their entire family if they discussed the incident.
- The former co-owner and manager of KGFL Radio in Roswell, George "Jud" Roberts, says the station was threatened with loss of its license by government officials in Washington, D.C., if it broadcast the story about the "flying saucer." And according to Lydia Sleppy, a secretary at KOAT Radio in Albuquerque, her attempt to make a wire transmission of the news story on the event was interrupted by a message something like: "THIS IS THE FBI. YOU WILL IMMEDIATELY CEASE ALL COMMUNICATION."
- Brig. Gen. Thomas J. DuBose, USAF (ret.), who was 8th Air Force chief of staff at the time, says Maj. Gen. Clements McMullen, the Deputy and Acting Commander, Strategic Air Command, Andrews Army Air Field, ordered that some of the debris recovered on the ranch be brought directly to him in Washington. Gen. DuBose added that he and Gen. Ramey were directed to tell the press the material was from a weather balloon and its radar target, and that the weather balloon explanation was a "cover story" to divert the attention of the press.
- Oliver W. Henderson, a pilot who transported some of the wreckage, said he saw the bodies of alien beings at the Roswell base, according to his widow (Sappho Henderson), his daughter

(Mary Kathryn Groode), and a friend (John Kromschroeder).

- Melvin Brown, a soldier who was stationed at RAAF, told his family in 1969 that he was assigned to guard a truck covered by a tarpaulin, which he pulled back to reveal the bodies of several non-humans.
- Glenn Dennis, a mortician who worked for the Ballard Funeral Home in Roswell, says an Army nurse friend told him about participating in the autopsies of three alien bodies at the base.

In July 1990, the Fund for UFO Research, a Washington, D.C., based nonprofit educational organization, began an effort to record on-camera "depositions" with first-hand witnesses to the events associated with the Roswell case. The organization is presenting their testimony to the Congress in order to focus attention on this extraordinary event.

The following chronology is a reconstruction of the events associated with the Roswell crash, based on the first-hand testimony of named witnesses. This compelling evidence suggests that a craft from another world, piloted by intelligent beings, crashed in New Mexico in July 1947. We believe it is reasonable to assume that the incident made a profound impact on the highest levels of the U.S. Government and resulted in the policy of secrecy on the matter which continues today.