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ATTEMPTED LANDING

On December 21st, 1953, armed troops were vectored to a spot near the Quantico Marine Base in Virginia. Guards on duty at the Base reported seeing a glowing, saucer-shaped object just above the ground, apparently repairing to land, and the armed troops were evidently sent to investigate the incident. Naturally, they were too late to see anything---30 minutes too late, to be exact.

When newsmen asked to question the men involved in the sighting, authorities at the base reported that the men weren't there. Frank Edwards, who picked up the sighting news, commented later, "Of course they weren't there---they were being questioned by Intelligence men not far away.

Although the exact dates have not been verified, the week of December 27th thru January second brought new sightings in the area. For four nights in a row, saucer-shaped objects topped by pulsating red lights maneuvered over the Marine Base at speeds varying from 10 m. p. h. to 1000 m. p. h. They hovered, proceeded slowly and raced at high speed just above the tree-tops, and were easily spotted on radarscopes.

More details on this sighting probably won't be forthcoming and these few are probably due to laxity in security precautions. Therefore, unless added information comes in before printing time, this bit will have to suffice for the present time. Members in the area observed no mention in the papers.*

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Object Found Near Calif.-Ore. Border

On January 12 the Director was advised by one of our contacts that Professor Allen Hynek had left Ohio with an Air Force Investigator, and inasmuch as Hynek's steady job is Professor of Astrophysics at the University of Ohio, we assumed that another saucer investigation was at hand and began searching for corroboration of our suspicions. A wire to Frank Edwards at Washington, D. D., brought the following message:

"Not for publication. Understand unidentified object found near California-Oregon border five weeks ago. Believe Hynek's trip actually trip to California for this purpose. If any further details, will advise."

Evidently Mr. Edwards was waiting on further details before giving the item on his program, or wanted to scoop all the other newscasters, therefore labeled the report 'not for publication'. Then on January 13, Mr. Edwards announced that Wright-Patterson had initiated a policy of tight censorship, saying Air Force men would no longer interview newsmen. They had stated that there was 'too much interest in flying saucers as a result of Keyhoe's book, "Flying Saucers From Outer Space"'. Then, Mr. Edwards dropped the bombshell which is probably still reverberating at Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Edwards' words said, in essence, is the new tight censorship really due to too much interest in saucers as a result of Mr. Keyhoe's book, or is it really because top-U. S. scientists are at this time examining an unidentified object at a west coast U. S. Airfield?

The information forwarded in good faith by Mr. Edwards is as reliable as any news of anything from any news source in this country in the opinion of the APRO staff. In the light of this new fact we can expect a big break within the next 5 months.

ATTENTION, ALL MEMBERS: In view of the story in the upper right-hand corner of this page, the saucer story is about to break. If saucers appear as in the pattern already established in past years, they will be in plentiful supply by July when Mars will be closer to the earth than it has been in 15 years. Already sensational sightings have been made, as predicted in this Bulletin in the September issue, and are on the increase. In view of this only quarterly subscriptions will be accepted.

From Aliens Among Us, by Ruth Montgomery; New York, 1985; pb. (pp. 215-16)

"A number of people have written about an alleged encounter that President Dwight D. Eisenhower had with a small fleet of UFOs and their alien occupants at Edwards Air Force Base in California in 1954. Although no official report has ever been released, the Earl of Clancarty, a member of the British Parliament and author of several books on UFOs, recently revived the sensational story in the National Enquirer by declaring that he was personally told of the secret meeting by a former U.S. test pilot, who said that he was one of only six persons with Eisenhower at the time. Lord Clancarty, who heads a House of Lords group that is demanding British government declassification of UFO data, said that the test pilot told him 'Five different alien craft landed at the base. Three were saucer-shaped and two were cigar-shaped...the aliens looked something like humans, but not exactly.'

"According to this account, President Eisenhower was vacationing in nearby Palm Springs at the time, and was apparently summoned to the air force base by military officials. There, as he watched, the humanoids disembarked from their craft, talked to Ike in English, and displayed their spacecraft technology for him. The pilot said that they also demonstrated their ability to make themselves invisible and then to reappear, but that the president told them he did not think our world was ready to know of their presence, because it could cause 'panic.' The pilot claimed that they were all sworn to secrecy, but that he was now speaking out because all of the other witnesses to the encounter are dead.

"In the mid-1950s a sergeant told Los Angeles UFO expert Gabe Green about that alleged landing at Edwards Air Force Base, saying, 'I was at gunnery practice, under the command of a general. We were shooting live ammo at targets when all of a sudden five UFOs flew right over us. The general ordered all batteries to open fire on the craft. We did, but our shells had no effect whatsoever. We all stopped firing and watched the UFOs land at one of the large hangars.'"

sion. He said that when it had come down in 1952 they had thought it was an experimental Russian craft.

"Very, very emphatically," said Colonel Darnbyl, "this machine has not been built in any country on earth. The materials used in its construction are completely unknown to all experts having participated in the investigation and at any rate, only to be obtained after physical and chemical processes unknown to us."

And then the Colonel went on to say the information would be shared with the British and United States governments. This news release originated in Oslo, Norway on Sept. 4, 1955. A Dutch Flying Saucer club picked the item up from the "Stuttgarter Tageblatt" of Sept. 5th.

From the Colonel's statement we can suppose that the complete story on this Norwegian UFO, pictures, dimensions, characteristics, is on file with the Central Intelligence Agency and FBI in Washington, as well as the ATIC, the Air Technical Intelligence Command, at Wright Field in Ohio. So when the Air Force claims it has no physical evidence of the reality of Flying Saucers, this is a lie.

AN ARCTIC BASE FOR FLYING SAUCERS

Also in this Oslo news release of Sept. 4, 1955 were some interesting observations by Lt. Tyllensen of the Norwegian Air Force, and a Lt. Brobs. After the 1952 incident they were sent to the Arctic as special UFO observers. They came back with the opinion many landings were being made in the Arctic.

"I think the Arctic is serving as a kind of air base for the unknowns, especially during snow storms when we are being forced back to our bases. They take this opportunity to land. Shortly after such adverse weather conditions I have seen them land and take off on three separate occasions. I notice that after having landed they execute a speedy rotation around their discs."

But we in BSRA have an even better story than that on an American landing of Flying Saucers.

THE VISITORS AT EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE

In 1954, radio newscaster Frank Edwards got a tip from someone here in California that the Air Force had a captured disc in its possession. He said this in a January newscast.

Four months later, on April 16th, Meade Layne received a letter from one of our Associates who had been up on the high desert, at Muroc Dry Lake, where Edwards Air Force Base is located. This Associate wrote: "I have just returned from Muroc. The report is true, devastatingly true." He made the trip up there in the company of three officials, one a Bishop M. -- do you suppose it was Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles? The second man had been on President Truman's staff. The third was a reporter of the Hearst newspapers. All drove up to Edwards in one car. They were admitted to the base. They went through six hours of questioning and checking of their credentials. They were

sworn to secrecy. Then they were allowed to go out on the field and look at five space ships, so our Associate wrote. Apparently, these Flying Saucers had been there for several weeks, if not several months.

Leading men in all walks of life, apparently, were invited there by the Air Force to see these things, scientists, economists, religious and political leaders -- all brought under security regulations which threaten fines and imprisonment to those breaking security.

The pilots of the Saucers caused their space ships to appear and disappear before the eyes of these flabbergasted mortals. I wouldn't be surprised but what some of these "authorities" in our national life were on the verge of a nervous breakdown if they didn't actually crack up. The very roots of their existence had been shattered! Imagine, for yourself, standing there and watching a solid object gradually disappear before your eyes. You could see through it. Yet, at a certain stage in the dematerialization, the material would be like glass, clear as crystal but still 3-D hard. Such is their control of matter that the Visitors could speed up the vibratory rate of their ships even further, to where the disappearance was really complete from our point of view. Then the startled observers could walk through the spot where each ship had rested and feel nothing there but the usual atmosphere and the ground on which he stood!

The area was cleared again and the ships were caused to materialize again and become solid, 3 dimensional objects. From the point of view of the pilot-controllers of the UFOs, their ships had never left the runway; but -- and this is basic to Flying Saucer or true space science -- a change of vibration is a change of location! And this was done many times for the benefit of the human observers. There could be no doubt in their minds whatsoever of this control of matter, by intelligent beings from outer space.

"President Eisenhower as you know," continues the Associate's letter to Meade, "was spirited over to Muroc one night during his visit to Palm Springs (he took his vacation there in March, 1954) and it is my contention that he will ignore the terrific conflict between the various authorities and go directly to the people via radio and television if the impasse continues much longer. From what I could gather an official statement to the country is being prepared for delivery about the middle of May."

Well as we all know, no statement was given to the country in 1954 or any other time while Eisenhower was in office. He refused to break security on it. Here are one or two more significant sentences:

"I could not stifle a wave of pity that rose in me as I watched the pathetic bewilderment of these rather brilliant brains, struggling to make some sort of rational explanation which would enable them to retain their familiar theories and concepts. I thanked my own destiny for having long ago pushed me into the metaphysical woods and compelled me to find my way out again. To watch strong minds cringe before totally irreconcilable aspects of science is not a pleasant thing."

WHAT SAYS BSRA'S INNER CIRCLE?

When our director, Meade Layne, received this letter he couldn't believe it, even though he'd been closely watching the Flying Saucer phenomenon for seven years! So he went to the trance medium, Mark Probert, the next day and asked to have a session with one or two of the Controls.

An Italian astronomer came through, a contemporary of Galileo in the 16th Century. He says his name is Ramon Natalli and naturally he specializes in scientific aspects of metaphysics and occult science. Natalli advised Meade not to publicize the Associate's letter in our Round Robin Journal, but perhaps to make a private mailing to selected Associates.

"It would be better," Natalli said, "if this information came out through someone else than you at this time."

Remember, this was April 1954. I was one of the Associates who received a copy of that special mailing, in Honolulu Hawaii, and I found it hard to believe it too, then! Finally, in 1958, Mr. Layne published the whole letter in the Round Robin. There was no apparent reaction from the authorities or anyone else.

But at this April 1954 meeting with Natalli, through Mark Probert, one of the Associates asked: "Do you feel, Ramon, that Eisenhower is sincere in his attempt at what he might try to do, (in making this nationwide announcement on the reality of Flying Saucers) is pressure being put on him or what?"

"This man, like all men of his kind in high government positions, is a leader or a symbol of such in your country," replied Natalli, "They are always under pressure. They cannot act alone. Back of him in the shadows stand such individuals as Bernard Baruch and some of the high officials in the Roman Catholic Church. . . ."

These are two of the main forces keeping the pressure on the President and nothing was said to the public directly. Yet later on that summer there were certain guarded releases which I believe prove our point: That certain selected scientists were there at Edwards. They did see the Visitors' space ships. They had positive, incontrovertible evidence that space is patrolled and that we are and can be visited from time to time.

In May 1954 General Nathan Twining made this interesting statement: "The best brains in the Air Force are now working on the mystery of the UFO, which continue to baffle them. If they come from Mars and are that far ahead of us, we have nothing to fear."

This is a very positive statement from a prominent general of that time. Now, with our prior knowledge of the Edwards landing, Twining's remarks are doubly significant, even hinting at a Mars origin of the five space ships! The next month, in the June 20th issue of "This Week" Magazine, there was Dr. Robert Richardson's article on Mars!

INTELLIGENT LIFE ON THE RED PLANET

In 1954 Dr. Robert Richardson was an astronomer at Palomar and Mt. Wilson observatories here in California. It is quite possible that he may have been considered prominent enough by the Air Force to be invited to Edwards to see the Saucer display in January or February. Anyhow, he authored this article on "The Mysteries of Mars". In it he strongly suggests the existence of intelligent life on the red planet.

On the other hand, his views might have been stimulated by the unnatural behavior of the two moons of Mars, especially Phobos, which behaves more like a man-made satellite than a natural moon. It is only 5000 miles above the surface of Mars. Its rotational speed around Mars is three times that of the rotation of its mother planet. This is against all rules of celestial mechanics for natural objects. Besides that, Phobos' speed is slowly diminishing, just like that of our own artificial satellites, which eventually will fall back into the earth's atmosphere and burn up, unless accelerated again. Also Phobos has changed orbits in the last few years, enough at least to cause astronomer Clyde Tombaugh to exclaim "an incomprehensible fact -- simply a scandal in celestial mechanics!"

Another prominent scientist was heard from in June 1954, Professor Norman Berrill of Canada's McGill University. In an article in the June issue of "McClellan's Magazine" he wrote: "Other planets will have their own evolutionary creations the like of which we cannot imagine. Of this we may be sure: Well placed planets evolve life and life sooner or later evolves mind. There may not be anything in the universe that looks like man but there will almost certainly be beings of kinds uncountable. . . that possess intelligence and power. . . and wisdom grown perhaps far beyond our own. In all that matters. . . we are almost certainly not alone."

Did Professor Berrill visit Edwards Air Force Base in March 1954? Or someone else whom he knew and trusted, who gave him the straight facts.

Then on July 20, 1954 Frank Edwards came on the air in his ABC news program, and announced: "I have in my possession a statement by a representative of a group of scientists associated with a top secret project."

I wouldn't doubt but what this top secret project was a search for anti-gravity through analysis of the performance of Flying Saucers. Anyhow, this scientist wrote to Edwards: "I can now unreservedly state that neither our government nor any other government possesses the tremendous technology necessary to the construction of these machines. The beings controlling the discs appear to have knowledge of the nullification of gravity and some advanced, inertialess drive."

42 Newscaster Edwards also mentioned Frank Halstead, astronomer in charge of the observatory at the University of Minnesota. Halstead had just returned from a year's visit to scientific centers here in California! Was he also a guest of the Air Force at Muroc? Listen to Hal-

stead: "Aircraft of some sort have visited the Earth from outer space. The best scientific minds in the world agree that some planet out there is sending these things to look us over."

We have to thank Leonard Stringfield, of Cincinnati Ohio, for pulling the above references together, which support our story. To me, these read like the actual witnessing of Flying Saucers by responsible people, and this is as near as they could come to revealing what they knew from personal observation.

THE ALL-OUT DRIVE TO MASTER GRAVITY!

Then the Air Force got busy. It should after witnessing that kind of a show! It apparently began to pull scientists and technicians together to make a plunge into the search for this radical new kind of propulsion. But it wasn't until a year later, Aug. 29, 1955, that the London "Daily Express" broke the secret.

"More than a dozen European scientists are signed up by the Glenn L. Martin Company of Baltimore to help crack the New Frontiers. The experts will work on problems of space travel and a method of circumventing gravity."

After this security break the New York "Herald Tribune" got into the act three months later with a series of three articles by their Aviation editor, Ansel Talbert. He interviewed George S. Trimble, brilliant young scientist who was head of the new "Advanced Design" division of the Martin Company in Baltimore, about the possibility of overcoming gravity directly with some new source of power.

"I think we could do the job in about the time that it actually required to build the first atom bomb," said Trimble, "if enough trained scientific brain-power simultaneously began thinking about and working toward a solution (to overcome gravity)."

"I know that if Washington decides it will be vital to our national survival to go where we want and to do what we want without having to worry about gravity, we'd find the answer rapidly."

Gray Barker received a tip from California, and published it in his "Saucerian" Magazine, that scientists and heads of certain industries here on the coast had been invited under rigid security, to the Hotel Statler in New York for a secret meeting, the code name for which was "Aircraft Engine Power". "But they weren't there to discuss anything so common as jet planes. It involved a fantastic new source of power, utilizing neutronic energy of a highly advanced nature, which could be expelled from an aircraft to give it rocket-like thrust. It was hinted the secret had been learned from taking apart an interplanetary Saucer."

So here you have indications of a tremendous, secret burst of activity along these lines, after this Saucer landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California in early 1954. Strong stimulus was needed because in earlier years scientists like Millikan here in California had scoffed

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April 14, 1954:

This is the date of the story about the crashed saucers at Edwards AFB--the baloney concerning Ike's disappearance for 48 hours, when he is alleged to have left Palm Springs secretly to examine the discs, secreted away in "Hangar No. 5"

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President Eisenhower Meets the Aliens

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Because Dwight Eisenhower was a five star general in the U.S. Army and It seems quite possible that if there was classified information on UFO's General Eisenhower would have know of it. The allied planes during World war 11 had been haunted by the "Foo-fighters."

As Army Chief of Staff at the time of the "Roswell crash" some researchers like Stanton Friedman, believe General Eisenhower may have been informed of the crash near Roswell in July 1947.

Alaska story

→ Eisenhower had over his years in the military ^{built up} made many contacts in the intelligence world, and knew how to evaluate intelligence. He was always very security conscious, and knew how to deal with questions that were seeking classified information. Once asked in a news conference about what the CIA had gotten on a particular subject, Eisenhower replied very simply, "Well, if I tell you about it, it isn't intelligence, is it?"¹

In November 1952 general Eisenhower won the general election and became President - elect. Eisenhower found, according to an individual who used to prepare briefing for Eisenhower, that his access to high-level secrets such as crashed flying saucers cut back because of Kay Somersby, Ike's wartime chauffeur who general Eisenhower had reportedly been very close to. Somersby was suspected as a spy which restricted Eisenhower's clearance level until Somersby had been checked out.²

Eisenhower became Pres through the normal election process

President Truman ^{July} ~~had~~ ^{became} become President following the sudden ^{abdicate} death of President Roosevelt. Truman found that he was not prepared to be President, and had to work hard to learn all the things that he had not been told while Vice-president. Because of ^{his} this experience, Truman was determined that it would not happen again to the next President and he instituted a system of briefing to be given to the new President elected in 1952 so that he would be prepared to govern on the first day of his term.

The MJ-12 Document

One of the briefings that Eisenhower may have been given is one on the subject of UFO's. In December 1984, just such a document showed up in the mailbox of Jamie Shandera, a film producer in Los Angeles, California. Shandera had become involved in the UFO field in the early 1980s, as he was going to be the director of a fictional movie about UFO's that was being produced in Los Angeles. Stanton Friedman was to be a consultant to the movie, and Friedman had called Bill Moore to help with the script. The three men became ~~a team~~ ^{abandon} a team. Instead of producing the movie they ended up investigating the Eisenhower Briefing Document which became known as the "MJ-12 document."

The MJ-12 document was found on a film that was mailed to Jamie Shandera postmarked Albuquerque, New Mexico. There was no return address. Once developed Shandera, Moore, and Friedman found duplicate sets of an eight page document classified TOP SECRET/MAJIC, and titled "Briefing Document: Operation Majestic 12 Prepared for President-Elect Dwight D. Eisenhower, (Eyes Only) 18 November, 1952"

The document related a story of what had happened between June 24, 1947 (the date of Kenneth Arnold's famous sighting of nine flying saucers flying over the Cascade Mountains in the state of Washington) and the date of President-Elect Eisenhower's briefing.

The main part of the document dealt firstly with the crash of a flying disc in July 1947,

known popularly as the Roswell crash. Secondly, the document dealt with the formation of a group known as MJ-12, listing the names of the twelve members. Thirdly, the document enumerated an index of eight attachments to the document. None of the attachments to the document were on the film. Finally the film had a copy of a TOP SECRET EYES ONLY document. It was a "Memorandum for the Secretary of Defense", James Forrestal, from then President Harry Truman, dated September 24, 1947. It stated:

As per our conversation on this matter, you are hereby authorized to proceed with all due speed and caution upon your undertaking. Hereafter this matter shall be referred to only a Operation Majestic Twelve.

It continues to be my feeling that any future considerations relative to the ultimate disposition of this matter should rest solely with the Office of the President following appropriate discussions with yourself, Dr. Bush and the Director of Central Intelligence.

The ^{leaking} releasing of these MJ-12 documents ^{into the UFO community} began a debate about the authenticity of the documents that has raged on right up to the present day. The majority of the UFO community, as well as skeptical UFO buffs from CSICOP (Committee for the Scientific Claims of the Paranormal) ^{Butt groups} concluded that the documents were ^{hoaxes} frauds, and ^{went on} to other case investigations.

This quick dismissal of the documents, ^{however,} may have totally missed the reason for the release of the document, and the identity of the person or persons who mailed them to Jamie Shandera. - DC 2004

Once he became President, Eisenhower, according to some accounts, found that his access to the highly classified UFO secrets was restricted. A high-level CIA operative quoted by Charles Berlitz and Bill Moore in their ~~classic~~ book *The Roswell Incident* stated that Ike as a new President found that "he did not possess the necessary clearances to such information."³ Further according to the CIA source the intelligence agencies had gained a lot of power through the lack of supervision or oversight. The President's power in the intelligence world had diminished. "Some of the higher-ups in the intelligence community didn't trust Ike and were hesitant to deal with him. These people frequently went off on their own tangents at that point in time and either frequently forgot to seek directives from the White House, or ignored them when they did come."⁴ Pill

IKE MEET THE ALIENS

From February 17-23, 1954 President Eisenhower, spent a week's holiday in Palm Springs California. It was described as a vacation - a chance to let Ike play some golf and relax. No official business meetings or receptions were planned.

Over the years it has become famous as Eisenhower's "off the record" visit to Edward's Air Force Base on alien business. The discussion of UFOs began on the very first day that Eisenhower arrived in California- February 17. While Eisenhower was landing at the Palm Springs Airport, only a few Miles away at the Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood, representatives of the major airlines were meeting with intelligence officers of the Military Transport Service to set up new procedures pilots would have to follow to report UFO's. Jim Lucas, a Scripps-Howard reporter stated the "idea was to get the reports in the quickest way so that the Air Force could speed jet intercepts."⁵ UFO writer and prominent radio broadcaster for Mutual Radio, Frank

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Edwards, described it differently, "an agreement to stop airline pilots from making public reports on UFO sightings."⁶

The stories describing what President Eisenhower might have been doing at Edwards fall into three basic categories:

- 1) Eisenhower had gone to view wreckage of a flying saucer along with its dead occupants.
- 2) Eisenhower had gone to meet with aliens who landed in five crafts.
- 3) Eisenhower had gone to see a single live captured alien being held at Edwards Air Force Base.

Eisenhower Visits to See Aliens Bodies and Saucer Wreckage

The idea that President Eisenhower had visited Edwards to see the remains of dead aliens was not advanced in print till the 1980s when the Roswell crash story became popular.⁷ The rumor of dead alien bodies at Edwards, however, had been around since 1949 when Meade Layne, then Director of Borderland Sciences Research Foundation, wrote a series of memos. Layne claimed to have three informants who were providing him information. Two of the informants were prominent scientists. One of these informants, a Dr. Weisberg from a California University described in detail to Layne how the downed craft and bodies had been moved from Magdalena, New Mexico to Muroc Air Force Base (renamed Edwards Air Force Base in 1949). It does not appear that this was the 1947 Roswell wreckage as Dr. Weisberg stated that six bodies had been transported with the craft. Roswell, by all accounts, only had four. In addition there are numerous accounts of the Roswell bodies ending up at Wright Field in Dayton Ohio.⁸

Another important report of the wreckage of a flying saucer being held at Edwards, Air Force base, came from Frank Edwards, a national broadcaster on the Mutual Broadcasting Corp. radio. Edwards was the host of a broadcast with 10,000,000 listeners, the third largest audience in the United States in 1954.

On January 12, 1954, only a month before the Eisenhower trip, a story started to surface in the UFO community that saucer wreckage was being stored at a "West Coast military field." Carl Lorenzen the Director of the APRO UFO Group was advised by a contact that Professor J. Allen Hynek, then a UFO sceptic and consultant to the USAF,⁹ had left for California with an Air Force investigator. The APRO group was suspicious that something big had happened, and that a major USAF investigation was underway.

Lorenzen contacted Frank Edwards in Washington, D.C. to see if he could explain why Hynek had suddenly left for the coast. Edwards wired back:

*"Not for publication. Understand an unidentified object found near the California-Oregon border five weeks ago. Believe Hynek's trip actually trip to California for this purpose. If any further details, will advise."*¹⁰

The next day, January 13, 1954, Edwards went public with the story on his national radio broadcast. He started by announcing that Wright-Patterson Air Force Base had just initiated a security crackdown on flying saucers. The base was now under tight censorship saying that

newsmen could no longer interview Air Force men on UFOs. The reason, they claimed was "too much interest in flying saucers as a result of Major Donald Keyhoe's book, 'Flying Saucers from Outer Space.'" Edwards went on to question whether this were the reason, or because "U.S. scientists are at this time examining an unidentified object at a west coast U.S. airfield."¹¹

Leonard Stringfield another prominent UFO researcher wrote that he had received a letter from a source in California backing up Edwards claim of UFO wreckage in California. Stringfield wrote:

"I am told that the U.S. government has captured discs. In the strictest secrecy these objects are being examined by top 'brains' of the country. In January when the lid of Air Force censorship was clamped down, Edwards announced that an 'object' was under examination in California. Edwards recently told me that the brass lid has been screwed down even tighter, that nobody is talking for the record . . . in fact, nobody's talking. However, this writer believes that if such discs are in captivity, it is understandable why the Air Force, in this instance, would prefer secrecy. Information regarding the disc's propulsion, metal, and structure would be 'sugar' in the hands of the Russians."¹²

It therefore appears that alien bodies may have been at Edwards, but due to the fact none of the rumors concerning Eisenhower's disappearance at Palm Springs mentioned dead aliens this was probably not the purpose of the President's visit.

Furthermore, the Director of the Canadian UFO Program, Wilbert Smith, told his wife Murl, his son James, and at least one key member of his inner circle that there was a downed saucer and bodies right in Washington, D.C. He knew this as he had seen them on a trip to Washington. The time frame for the Smith claim of bodies stored in Washington was 1951-August 54 when the Canadian Program was shut down. Therefore, President Eisenhower could easily have viewed these at any time. There was no reason for a risky clandestine removal of Eisenhower during his holidays just to see recovered alien bodies at Edwards.

Eisenhower Visits Edwards to Meet Aliens in a Prearranged Meeting

The idea of a government effort to initiate direct communication with the aliens in the early 1950s is actually not that far fetched in light of the numerous stories and documents which have now surfaced. Further evidence to support possible contact between the government and aliens comes from the many rumors dealing with such a contact that circulated in the UFO community in the 1950s.

The first piece of evidence is found in the famous Wilbert Smith Top Secret Project Magnet memo dated November 21, 1950. In Wilbert Smith's report to his government there is a direct indication that the United States government was trying to make contact with the saucers. Referring to information that he had collected from the Americans through the Canadian Embassy, Smith wrote, "I was further informed that the United States authorities are investigating along quite a number of lines which might possibly be related to the saucers such as mental phenomena . . ." ¹³ The only reason officials would be interested in mental phenomena connected

to the saucers would be to make contact. This knowledge by Smith would lead him to attempt contact with the saucers as well through Canadian Government radio stations. The government and military were aware of his efforts, and even opened a Top Secret base in southern Alberta for an alien by the name of AFFA to land. The year of that planned landing, approved by the Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent was 1954 - the same year as the rumored Eisenhower meeting with aliens at Edwards.¹⁴

George Adamski, a famous contactee in the early 1950s also claimed that the U.S. government had made contact and was communicating with the "space brothers." George Hunt Williamson, a second well known contactee even connected the contact efforts to Edwards Air Force base:

*"Some people are wondering if our government is attempting contact with Saucers. They have already had contact, but they are still working at it as evidenced by the fact that at Edwards Air Base in California there is a highly secret operation known as Project NQ-707. This project and its personnel are concerned with nothing but radio telegraphic contact with Saucers They have been successful in their work and have attempted to get the saucers to land at a rendezvous point near Salton Sea in Southern California."*¹⁵

Williamson's 1953 claim that the U.S. government was attempting to get to get a saucer to land near Edwards provided support to rumors appearing one year later that Eisenhower had gone the Edwards Base to meet with the aliens.

Another claim that communication with the aliens was being attempted came a year before the rumored visit to Edwards by Eisenhower. It came from Major Donald Keyhoe, who mentioned the communication plan in his 1953 book *Flying saucers from Outer Space*. Following the massive wave of UFO sightings over the United States in 1952, Keyhoe claimed that a number of ranking USAF officers had urged the military to stop using jet interceptors to shoot at the saucers. He urged that the U.S.A.F. begin a plan to communicate with them. Keyhoe wrote "A week later, there was a rumor that the program had started . . . by now we might have made actual contact. But the plan to communicate has always been suppressed."¹⁶

The story that Eisenhower had indeed made one of these contacts with the aliens began shortly after the President had returned to Washington from his California vacation. There were no rumors or stories while Eisenhower was on vacation about Edwards or the aliens. The only stories that had circulated and made the papers involved the President disappearing, having health problems, and in the AP case dying. In April, the story of Eisenhower and the aliens had already made it to British writer Harold T. Wilkins who stated that a friend of his in California had written:

*"An unconfirmable report that President Eisenhower, in a recent visit to Edwards Air Force Base, California, was informed that a recent investigation of five types of flying saucers by experts and technicians there, has thrown them all into consternation. It is alleged that the experts have reported on the materialization and subsequent dematerialization, into the fourth-dimension of invisibility, of some of the mysterious types of non-terrestrial aeroforms, or unidentified flying objects."*¹⁷

One of Wilkins sources in California, a man with a doctorate from an American University, assured Wilkins that "these five saucers did land voluntarily at this Edwards Air Force base. They were discs of different types and their entities invited the technicians and scientists to inspect their aeroforms and witness a demonstration of their powers."¹⁸

Wilkins' informant claimed to have had names of six people who could confirm the story. One of those was Gerald Light who wrote a letter to N. Meade Layne. Layne was the director of a group called the Borderland Sciences research Associates. Gerald Light was employed as director of advertising and sales promotion of CBS Columbia, CBS's manufacturing division. In this April 16, 1954-letter Light writes:

"I have just returned from Muroc. The report is true--devastatingly true. I made the journey in the company of Franklin Allen of the Hearst papers and Edwin Nourse of the Brookings Institute (Truman's erstwhile financial advisor) and Bishop MacIntyre of L.A..."

"We were allowed to enter the restricted section, (after about six hours in which we were checked on every possible item, event, incident and aspect of our personal and public lives) . . . During my two days' visit I saw five separate and distinct types of aircraft being studied and handled by our Air Force officials — with the assistance and permission of The Etherians!¹⁹ I have no words to express my reactions."

"It has finally happened. It is now a matter of history . . . President Eisenhower, as you may already know, was spirited over to Muroc one night during his visit to Palm springs recently."

Attempts were made over the years to get Allen, Nourse, and Cardinal McIntyre to talk about their visit to Edwards prior to their deaths. None of the three men would talk about the incident or even acknowledge letters concerning the subject.²⁰

Another person who was telling the public of Eisenhower's visit to Edwards Air Force Base in 1954 was a UFO lecturer from Chicago named John Otto. Otto added details he had learned about the meeting between Eisenhower and the aliens.

"Ike was told; 'It is the policy of the other planets not to interfere with the internal affairs of any planet, except when their actions are liable to disturb the other members of the Solar System. We (the Space Visitors) are permitted to step in and stop it. We are now worried about your dangerous playthings, because you do not know what you are doing, and if you start an atomic war, we will stop it quickly.'"²¹

The Earl of Clancarty, a member of the British Parliament, and author of several books on UFOs, and head of a House of Lords group demanding that the British declassify all UFO data, stated that he had been told of the secret meeting between Ike and the aliens from a former U.S. test pilot, who claimed to have been one of six people with Eisenhower during the meeting with the aliens. The pilot had told him, "Five different alien craft landed at the base. Three were saucer-

shaped craft and two were cigar shaped . . . the aliens looked like humans, but not exactly.” The pilot stated that Eisenhower had been summoned to the base by military officials. While at the base Ike reportedly watched as the aliens disembarked from their craft. They talked to Ike in English and demonstrated their ability to make themselves invisible and then reappear. The President told the aliens that he did not think that the world was ready to know, thinking that they would panic. The pilot stated that all participants were sworn to secrecy, but he was now talking as everyone else involved in the encounter was now dead.²²

Frank Scully’s widow (wife to the author of the first book on crashed flying saucers) added to the accounts of people who were reporting Eisenhower had made a visit to Edwards. She stated in an interview with researcher Bill Moore that in June 1954 a “carpenter who had been at Edwards came to work on their house” in Los Angeles, and asserted that Eisenhower had been on the base.²³ The rumor of Eisenhower’s attending diplomatic meeting with the aliens was also picked up and printed a few months after the event by the New York Times.²⁴ The Eisenhower/alien diplomatic encounter, became many years later, the basis for the Disney movie “My Science Project” produced by Touchstone Films in 1985.

The President Visits Edwards to See a Live Captured Alien

The third possible purpose for President Eisenhower’s clandestine visit to Edwards was that he was going to see or visit with a live alien that had been captured and was being held at Edwards. Like stories of dead alien bodies - the idea that Eisenhower going to see a live alien - was not one of the rumors that surrounded the Eisenhower - Edwards story in 1954. There are, however, a number of documents that indicate the military had a live alien and a couple of these documents had placed the captured alien on the Edwards base only months before Eisenhower went to Palm Springs for a holiday.

The live alien possibility makes more sense than the dead body story. If the Wilbert Smith story above is true, there were already dead alien bodies in Washington, D.C. that Eisenhower could view with little difficulty. A live alien, however, would be hard to move to Washington undetected. It would make more sense to bring Eisenhower to the live alien if one existed.

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Falcon and Condor put out the stories that there have been three different aliens held by the United States government. The official term given to these aliens was EBE -Extraterrestrial Biological Entity. The first alien was captured, according to the birds, in a second Roswell crash in 1949. He was given the name EBE-1.²⁸ The alien was given a companion to take care of him and try to communicate with him. He was an Air Force captain, now a retired colonel. He remained with EBE-1 as a companion till the alien died on June 18, 1952. The story put out by the birds claimed that communication with EBE-1 was almost impossible, until a speech device was implanted in its throat, allowing it to speak limited English. EBE-1, a mechanic on a spaceship, related to the military that he knew of the nature and purpose of the aliens visitations.

This EBE-1 live alien story was being told to various researchers and included Linda Howe, Bill Moore, Robert Collins, and others. It seems at first glance to be unbelievable. Further research reveals, however, that the idea of a live alien may not be so far fetched. There are a number of statements and documents uncovered only in recent years that indicate a live alien did exist. They also indicate that a live alien may even have been at Edwards Air Force Base on the night that Eisenhower was rumored to have been there.

The first evidence supporting the existence of a live alien in the early 1950s comes from some of the statements made by the late Dr. Eric Walker, former President of Penn State University. For a period of nine years researchers were trying to interview the Doctor, because of hints Dr. Walker had given that he knew how all the pieces of the UFO puzzle went together.

Dr. Walker's name had been provided by the late Dr. Robert Sarbacher who gained fame for his September 1950 interview with Project Magnet head Wilbert B. Smith from Canada. In that interview Sarbacher told Smith that flying saucers existed, the study of the saucers was the most highly classified subject in the United States, and that the group working on the project was

headed by Dr. Vannevar Bush. Dr. Sarbacher told researcher William Steinman that there had been a briefing around 1950 at Wright Field dealing with a crashed saucer that the military had recovered in the western United States. Dr. Sarbacher stated that he had been unable to go, but Walker had attended all the meetings.

During the various interviews with different researchers, Dr. Walker kept bringing up the idea of live aliens, even though none of the researchers interviewing him²⁹

The White House version of February 20, 1954 was that Eisenhower had lost a cap on one of his teeth. At no time in the last 50 years has the White House ever been forced to go on the record denying Eisenhower had secretly visited Edwards. The news reporters covering the trip simply accepted the White House explanation of the President's disappearance at face value. None of the reporters asked any further questions, and except for the brief reference by the New York Times, no paper ever mentioned the incident again. The story of Eisenhower going to Edwards would start among UFO researchers only a couple weeks after he got back to Washington. It would, however, be many years until actual research would begin to check the truth of the tooth story put out by Eisenhower's Press Secretary James Hagerty.

Research at the Eisenhower Library (which houses the Eisenhower presidential records, and records of many White House staffers) reveals that rumors were circulating even before the February 17, 54-vacation trip began. The White House Press Corps seemed to think something was going to happen while the President was in or after Palm Springs. One reporter asked in a news conference the day before the trip "For the record, have you been asked about the rumors that the President might go elsewhere after Palm Springs?"

Hagerty answered "No. Where? From there?" Two different locations were presented by reporters - Eniwetok for a scheduled nuclear test, and Hawaii to confer with Syngman Rhee. Hagerty replied "I don't know --No."³⁰

The Presidential visit to California was a vacation trip. There were no meetings or news conferences planned. The plan was for the President to play some golf in the warm California weather, and to spend evening with friends playing bridge³¹. The trip was only announced a few days before it actually took place. Some versions of this story state that the trip was therefore a sudden planned vacation to cover for the trip to Edwards Air Force Base. This, contention, however, is not true. The President's friend Paul Hoffman had first offered Paul Helm's Smoke Tree ranch to the President and his wife during the 1952 campaign.³² The decision to go was made between January 21 and January 26, 1954.³³

President Eisenhower, his wife Mamie, and Mamie's mother, stayed in the home of millionaire bakery owner Paul L. Helms, while vacationing in Palm Springs. Helms owned a ranch called Smoke Tree Ranch which was big enough for some staff, an office for the President to

work out of, and the Presidential family.³⁴ The home was picked by the Secret Service as it was more secluded than the home of Studebaker board chairman Paul Hoffman where most reporters were guessing the President would stay. Hagerty, the President's Press secretary, stated that Helms had first made the offer for the President to stay there in 1950.

Along with Eisenhower came the usual party of up to 250-300 people³⁵. With such a large group of people around the President the question must be asked. How could the President ever secretly disappear long enough to travel to Muroc, see the aliens, and return, without everyone knowing? Muroc was _____ miles away, so at least ____ hours would be required. Berlitz and Moore reported that the trip to Edwards may have been made by helicopter:

“A former high-level member in one of the departments under Eisenhower, now living in Arizona, has confirmed privately to friends that Ike did in fact visit Muroc in 1954 to see the remains of the crashed disc and the bodies, and that the trip had been made from Palm Springs by helicopter.”³⁶

The movement of a President outside the observation of the press and public is called an “off the record movement”³⁷ There have been a number of these written up in various books. Walter Cronkite in his book “*A Reporter's Life*,” told of being part of a “posse of reporters and cameramen” who stood watch all night over President Harry Truman's house in Independence, Missouri. It was on the night of the election results and they were there to get Truman's reaction to the election most thought he was going to lose.

Even though lights went off and on in the house during the night, the next morning the posse discovered that late in the afternoon the day before, the President had been moved to the Elm Hotel where he slept the night watching returns, and sleeping.³⁸³⁹

There are stories written about Eisenhower in books and found at the Eisenhower Library that show that Eisenhower and those that surrounded him during the Palm Springs trip were used to using deception to hide the President's location and actions. If it had worked in the past it could have worked in the 1954 Palm Springs trip. Some examples of Eisenhower using deception include:

1) Many stories have been written over the years about Eisenhower's affair with Kay Summersby, his British driver during World War II. In addition to this was the story that Summersby was given a job as a fashion coordinator at CBS, the network owned by Eisenhower friend Bill Paley. If these stories are accurate they illustrate that President Eisenhower was not afraid to do things that would be condemned in public if discovered. More importantly the Summersby affair shows that Ike could and did secretly do things out of the glare of the public. The Secret Service and others around him helped cover for the President.⁴⁰

2) According to stories told by Hagerty, Eisenhower was also the type of person who often used deception to get things done. During World War II the Americans had planned to move President Charles De Gaulle back into France following the successful American invasion on French soil. General Walter Bedell Smith, chief of staff to General Eisenhower --who was then in Africa —

came into Eisenhower and stated that De Gaulle wouldn't go. He was refusing to fly on an American plane. The plane had to be made in France. Having no French planes on hand General Eisenhower, through General Smith had a Sargent go and paint off the American stars from the plane, and paint on a French tricolor flag. After giving the paint a couple hours to dry, President De Gaulle was led to his new French plane, and happily flew back to France. On another occasion President Eisenhower had a plane painted to represent the plane of a four-star General to help Press Secretary Hagerty get 250 rooms booked for a Latin America trip.⁴¹

3) Only a week before the Palm Springs trip, Eisenhower had gone on another trip to Georgia to hunt. Eisenhower had asked Hagerty to hold back the details of the arrival, as he planned to "duck going into Tallahassee in order to avoid crowds and reception." The President's plane instead flew into Spence Air Force base, near Thomasville, Georgia, and Eisenhower got the privacy he wanted.⁴²

4) Paul Helms who was providing his home to the President during the trip was given the job of booking the El Mirador hotel for the reporters and cameramen. (A strange event in that this was James Hagerty's job) Helms went in and booked 60 rooms from Rudi Sidler, the hotel manager. These rooms would, he told Sidler, be for a baker's convention. Sidler booked the rooms, and asked Helms for a \$2000.00 deposit to hold the rooms. Helms got out his check book and wrote him a check.⁴³ Paul Helms's, one of Eisenhower's hosts in Palm Springs, proved he was willing to be deceptive to help the President.

The President's plane Columbine, touched down in Palm Springs shortly after 9:30 on Wednesday Feb 17. 1000 people lined the fences along the runway as the plane touched down. A short reception took place and then the President, his wife, and mother-in-law stepped into a Studebaker Landcruiser and raced to Smoke Tree Ranch, home of Paul Helms, followed by a local police car filled with secret service men.

The next morning Eisenhower was up at his customary 6:30 am. Shortly after getting up, he headed for the Tamarish Country Club for a golf game with his co-hosts Paul Hoffman and Paul Helms, along with the legendary golf pro Ben Hogan. While the President golfed, James Hagerty was hosting a press conference at the El Mirador Press Room. At 1:00 pm the President, Helms, Hoffman, Hogan, and three others had lunch at the country club. That ended the official day according to the President's Appointment Record.

Friday was much the same type of day, except this time the President was golfing at the Thunderbolt Club. Following golf and lunch at the club the President drove around to visit some friends in near-by towns, returning to the Smoke Tree ranch at 6:45.

Saturday was the day when everything would change. The President was in his office for an hour. He arrived at the Thunderbird Golf Course at 9:00 am, and played golf with Helms, Hoffman, and George Allen, a friend of the President and treasurer of the Democratic National Committee. Following the golf game Eisenhower had lunch at the country club with the three men, and 7 other people including Sam Goldwyn. The president's Appointment calendar records indicate that the President was back at the Smoke Tree Ranch at 2:45 PM, and that nothing else was planned for the day. None of the White House records kept by Stephens, Whitmore, or Hagerty show the President doing anything after this 2:45 p.m. time.

It was that evening the story arose that something was wrong. According to Time Magazine⁴⁴

On Saturday night it was James Hagerty's turn to be boiling mad. After he was hastily summoned from a steak fry to Smoke tree ranch, wild rumors, like a mouse at a sorority pajama party, threw the reporters into a tizzy. But after every angle had been checked and Smoke Tree was reported all quite, most of the reporters retired. An hour later the New York Herald Tribune's solemn Robert Donovan was in bed reading Prince of Players, a biography of Edwin Booth. He had just reached an account of Lincoln's assassination when his telephone rang. "Bob," said a crisp voice, "get over here. Hagerty's here." then the telephone clicked off.

Throwing on his clothes, Donovan raced breathlessly through the hotel, agog with thoughts of assassination. In the Mirador Hotel room, he fell on Hagerty. "What happened?" he gasped. "The President's knocked a cap off a tooth," said Hagerty solemnly. Ike had dislodged the porcelain cap on a front tooth. He had gone to a nearby dentist for a quick repair job. Meanwhile, the reporters gave a fine demonstration of journalistic mob hysteria. The U.P.'s Merriman Smith infuriated Hagerty by reporting that Ike had required "medical treatment." The A.P. went him one better, flashed on it's New York State wire the word that Ike was dead (and retracted it seconds later). Next morning, when the President turned up for church services, he was in the best of health, the tooth cap in place."

In 1985 Bill Moore, a prominent researcher, released the results of his investigation of the case. He found that there were many problems with the tooth story which indicated that the tooth story put out by press secretary Hagerty was a cover story. Moore found the following inconsistencies:

- In 1979 Moore interviewed the wife of the dentist, Dr. Frank Purcell. Mrs. Purcell could remember quite clearly attending a reception at Smoke Tree ranch that had occurred the day after her husband fixed the President's tooth. Yet when asked about her husband fixing the tooth she " was unable to recall." She did not know whether the President had gone to her husband's office, or whether her husband had gone to the ranch. This would seem quite unusual not to recall a once in a lifetime event such as aiding a President in a medical emergency.
- **Moore's research at the Eisenhower library revealed that there did not appear to be a thank-you letter to Dr. Purcell. A file at the library, however, did have a file of thank-you letters to people related to the Palm Springs trip. These included people who had sent flowers, people who had met the President at the airport, people who offered to play golf with the President, and a letter to the Minister who had conducted the Sunday morning church service. (In defense of the White House many of these thank-you's were sent in response to people from Palm Springs who had written regarding the trip. However,**

below will be much more damaging evidence related the expected thank-you for Dr. Purcell)

- Moore noted that the library maintained an extensive index of records related to President Eisenhower's health. Yet there was no record of any dental work being done in February 1954. A file marked dentist had no record of the incident.

Further research done at the Eisenhower Library in June 2000, revealed even more problems with the story of the President having a tooth accident on February 20, 1954. The records of the three key White House staffers were checked. These three people included, 1) Ann Whitman - Eisenhower's personal secretary who had her desk right outside the door of the oval office, and worked for the President from 8 AM to 8 PM almost every day of the Presidency. 2) James Hagerty, Press Secretary to the President for Eisenhower's entire eight year term. 3) Thomas E. Stephens, the powerful appointment secretary to President Eisenhower. Anyone who wanted to see Ike in Washington or on the road had to go through Stephens. All three were in Palm Springs, and all three were on 24 hour call. Checking and comparing the three staffers records did little to support the tooth story.

- James Hagerty:

If the President had gone to Edwards, there is a good chance Hagerty, the President's Press Secretary would have known. "I knew everything that he (President Eisenhower) did," said Hagerty. "All Press Secretaries have the highest clearance...called Q clearance, which is the toppest - the top one."⁴⁵ Hagerty along with Thomas Stephens were part of the advance team that prepared for every movement of the President when he was on the road. They worked with the secret service, State department and Signal Corp people on every movement of the President outside the White House.

James Hagerty's diary records for February 20 stated "At Palm Springs - Pres broke cap off tooth - had it fixed at local dentist -Dr. C.A. Purcell..." The entry went unchallenged even though Hagerty had the wrong dentist. The dentist involved was Frank Purcell not C.A. Purcell.

A second problem with the entry is that Hagerty entered it backwards. He recorded the President breaking the cap, the press confusion and his anger over Associated Press declaring the President dead over the wire. Next, Hagerty recorded, "Tennis Club in evening."

Hagerty and the rest of the White House press covering the President's trip had been invited to the Tennis Club for a 6:00 cocktail party, which was followed by an outdoor barbecue given by the Chamber of Commerce. It was during the barbecue that Hagerty got the call that the press had discovered the President was missing.

- Ann Whitman: There was no indication in the diary of Ann Whitman, the President's personal secretary where she was on Saturday evening. He was probably at the tennis club reception for the press, as when the President had no public engagements Whitman, Hagerty, and Stephens would get time to rest. Whitman did record the incident with the tooth. Her record of the days events were recorded and also acted as the official record of official President's Appointment Record. The times for the President's activities earlier on

February 20 were very exact - "8:55 am President left the office" "9:10 am President arrived at the Thunderbolt Golf Course and was greeted by Johnny Dawson." The incident of the tooth however was anything but exact — " Sometime between 8:00 and 10:00 p.m., the President broke a cap off a front tooth and he went to a dentist in Palm Springs to have it fixed."

- Thomas Stevens records for Saturday February 20 consisted only of a copy of the President's appointment calendar which included the tooth reference "Sometime between 8&10 p.m. — Broke cap off front tooth, & went to dentist in Palm Springs to have fixed." Therefore Stephens and Whitman did not write up their diary entries on their own, but coordinated a statement on the tooth event that they both used. What makes the common entry about the tooth found in Whitman's records, Steven's records, and the President's schedule more suspicious is the fact that on the top of all Thomas Steven's record logs for February 18, 19, and 20th there is a hand-written notation "Typed 3/16/54." The tooth story used for the official White House records was not typed up and recorded till *nearly a month later*.⁴⁶

Sidelight to the Eisenhower- Edwards Story

On March 24, 1954, only a few weeks after President Eisenhower left Palm Springs to return to Washington Palm Springs was again host to a UFO story connected to the White House. Eisenhower secretary of the Air Force , Harold E. Talbott, his aides and crew were taking off from Palm Springs. As the plane crossed Fresno California was paced by a large, silvery, metallic disc 1,000 feet below the plane and 1,000 yards away. All the people on the plane saw the saucer.

According to the story received by Donald Keyhoe Secretary Talbott ordered his crew to "challenge the disc." As soon as the pilot made the move to challenge the disc "maneuvered in a tight circle, then shot away, disappearing, at tremendous speed."

The Air Force officially denied the story, and Major Keyhoe stated that they scratched the incident from all flight records, even though Keyhoe had a signed document of the occurrence including the departure and landing points (both Palm Springs, Cal.) The flight time and other pertinent data.⁴⁷

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27. Most research investigators have identified the Condor as Robert Collins USAF (Ret.) Formally Special Agent, Air Force Office of Special Investigations. Collins has always denied this. In a letter to T. Scott Crain dated May 18, 1991 following the Publication of " *UFO MJ-12, and the Government*" Collins wrote "I have never been the supposed "Condor" as depicted in your most recent book. With my permission Bill Moore simply used my name to protect the real identity of 'Condor'...I have known Bill Moore for several years and like Bill I am just another UFO researcher."

28. According to information by Robert Collins EBE-2 arrived in 1964 at an official landing at Area 17 at White Sands (some versions say Holloman Air Force Base) just south of the present Shuttle landing site. The alien was held at a safe house at Los Alamos national Labs. It left in 1984. EBE-3 came as an exchange scientist in 1978 along with two aids. The one aid was assigned to Groom Lake (Area 51) and one assigned to Los Alamos. There is no independent evidence to verify the stories of EBE-2, and EBE-3 other than that put out by Collins, Falcon, and Falcon.

29. Researchers who interviewed Dr. Walker included William Steinman, T. Scott Crain, Stanton Friedman, Tom Mickus, Dr. Armen Victorian, and Dr. Christopher "Kit" Green. The material that was gathered in a book authored by T. Scott Crain and Grant Cameron entitled " *UFOs, MJ-12, and the Government.*" It was published by MUFON.

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32. Letter from Paul Hoffman to Ike dated Sept 11, 1952 marked "Strictly Personal" Hoffman stated the President could use it any time he wanted.
33. A letter from Paul Hoffman to Mamie Eisenhower dated January 21 mentions the hope the President will come "this Spring." On January 26, 1954 Paul Helms writes Mamie Eisenhower stating his pleasure that the President will be coming "about Feb. 18."
34. Helms and his wife went to stay with another of Eisenhower's friends, Paul Hoffman _____.
35. This figure used by Hagerty to describe the total number of people who usually accompanied the President on a trip. In Palm Springs there were 22 Secret Service men, a personal party of 35 secretaries, aides, and servants, pilots and ground crew for the plane, 24 reporters from Washington and 50 local reporters who had been given accreditation. There were also the Signal Corp people who set up all the phone lines, and the special communications for the President. Hagerty had even called in the FBI for the Palm Springs trip as "all the crackpots are calling and wiring us". The FBI would provide a list of "Red Hollywoodites so we can spot them."
36. Berlitz & Moore "The Roswell Incident" p. 122
37. "Off the record movements" were described by the present head of the Secret Service to Joan London on her TV show "Behind Closed Doors" A&E October 4, 2000. These movements of the President are always accompanied by the Secret Service. The idea of a President disappearing on his own was called "pure Hollywood."
38. Cronkite, Walter "A Reporter's Life" New York, A.A. Knopf, 1996, p. 246
39. There is also a story told by Charles Colson in his book "Born Again" called the President's Night Out. P. 46-55, where Nixon contacted Colson telling him he wished to go to the Kennedy Center for a night out. Usually in any movement of the President a team goes out beforehand to check the location and the route to and from the location for things that might be dangerous. In this case none of this was done. The Military band playing in the Kennedy Center were not prepared for the sudden appearance of the President. In his dressing down the next morning, Colson was told by Bob Haldeman that he had broken "every rule in the book." The next time it happened Colson was told the President was to be told "he can't go. That's all."
40. In Walter Cronkite's book "A Reporter's Life" p. 368 Cronkite relates a story of being with a number of Ike's generals drinking and visiting at the Waldorf Towers suite of Louis Marx. A mention was made of Summersby, and one of the generals declared Ike was a fool and that "He doesn't understand the first rule. When you get ready to dump 'em, first get 'em a job." The other generals laughed. It appeared that at least among Ike's general's the story was common knowledge, yet none of the generals ever talked in public about the affair.
41. Hagerty Oral Interview, Columbia Oral History Project, Interview by Ed Edwin P. 192-195
42. James Hagerty Papers, Box 1, Diary Entries, January 4, 54 - February 19, 1954

43. Shortly before the President arrived the story had leaked that he was coming. Helms check was refunded. Story taken from "Picture Story of Eisenhower Visit" Palm Springs Villager, March 1954. There were no records found in the White House papers as to how Helms got this job of booking the hotel. There were letters to Helms and Paul Hoffman about the President coming but no details.

44. "Time Magazine" March 1, 1954 page 12-13

45. James Hagerty Oral Interview, conducted by Ed Edwin, for the Columbia Oral History Project, March 2, 1967 p.56 and 71 On some items Hagerty and Eisenhower had an agreement that on some matters, he had a need-to-know knowledge to protect himself. In a January 31, 1968 Oral Interview done for the Columbia History Project Hagerty said, *"As press secretary, in many of the secrets of the government, President DDE and I had a very well defined mutual agreement that on some matters, I had to know on a need-to-know basis. I was standing up at least twice a day at my own press conferences answering questions, and particularly questions by many personal friends of mine in the press, that I did not wish at any time to give away secrets by an inflection in my voice, by a hesitation, or by a "no comment" on a "when did you stop beating your wife? Question."*

46. Records of Thomas Stevens, January 1953-March 1954 Box 48, Eisenhower Library

47. "CRIFO Newsletter" June 4, 1954 Vol. 1 No. 3, p.1