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RECONSIDERING THE MYSTERIOUS "LITTLE MEN"

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On March 8th, 1950, Silas Newton made his famous (or infamous, depending on your point of view) talk about flying discs at Denver University. In short, Newton told of three crashed discs that the United States Government had come upon in the southwest. The discs contained the bodies of thirty-two small men about forty inches tall. The corpses were charred a dark brown color, apparently because of a puncture in their saucer which allowed the air to rush into the cabin at terrific speed.

Most of you recognize this episode. It was told in detail by Frank Scully in 1950 in his best-selling book, "Behind the Flying Saucers? The "little man" story persisted, and in 1952 True Magazine set out to find the truth of the matter. The result was an article by J. P. Cahn entitled "The Flying Saucers and the Mysterious Little Men," (published in the September 1952 issue of True.) This expose of Scully has led most people to the belief that the little men never were there at all. But worse, it has closed peoples' minds to the point where, regardless of the data available, stories of little men are almost completely rejected by serious saucer researchers.

Two points should be made here: (1) Anyone who has read J. P. Cahn's article is struck by the fact that no one ever admitted to being part of a hoax of any kind. (2) Since the Scully episode, tales of little men and crashed saucers have not disappeared; but to the contrary, they have increased.

The purpose of this article is to reconsider the stories of little men in the hopes that such an investigation will guard against over-conservatism. We must not miss the truth of the disc saga because we are prejudiced against certain types of UFO events, or because we are incomplete investigators. So let's go back and follow the trail of the little men from the beginning.

On March 10th, 1950, a Los Angeles businessman, Roy L. Dimmick, said in a copyrighted story in the Detroit Times that he was in contact with Government people who had examined the wreckage of a flying saucer that had come down near Mexico City. He described the disc as 46 feet in diameter and its occupants were small men about 23 inches high. Dimmick said that the craft had been found in 1949 and was being held at a secret military installation on the outskirts of Mexico City. Generally, Dimmick's story sounds much like Scully's, except for the fact that Scully never mentioned a disc near Mexico City. The three discs examined by Scully's mysterious Dr. Gee were all found within the limits of the United States.

On July 15th, 1952, Pan American pilot Bill Nash and co-pilot Bill Fontenberry observed eight definitely circular bright red objects maneuvering under their airplane. The objects sped off at incredible speed. Bill Nash gives us the following story concerning the events that occurred the next day while he and his co-pilot were being interrogated by Air Force Intelligence. (From "The Saucerian"; Vol. 3, No. 1, published by Gray Barker.)

"Before the interview, Fontenberry and I had agreed to ask the Intelligence men if there was any truth behind the rumor that the Air Force had one or more saucers at Wright Field. Bill remembered to ask, and one of the investigators answered, 'yes, it is true.' Later, when we were all in one room (as we had been interrogated separately), I remembered to ask the question. All of the investigators opened their mouths at the same time to answer, but Major Sharp, who was in command, broke in with a quick 'no.' It appeared as if he was telling the others to shut up rather than answering my question."

Nash aired his story about crashed saucers from coast to coast on March 23rd, 1954. The headline of an article in the Cleveland News of that day stated: "Air Force Denies It Has Pieces of Flying Saucers." Nash went on to say that an unnamed informant told him that Life Magazine had been briefed by