

CAUS BULLETIN



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September 1988

Curious Phenomenon In Venezuela.

To the Editor of the Scientific American:

The following brief account of a recent strange meteorological occurrence may be of interest to your readers as an addition to the list of electrical eccentricities:

During the night of the 24th of October last, which was rainy and tempestuous, a family of nine persons, sleeping in a hut a few leagues from Maracaibo, were awakened by a loud humming noise and a vivid, dazzling light, which brilliantly illuminated the interior of the house.

The occupants, completely terror stricken, and believing, as they relate, that the end of the world had come, threw themselves on their knees and commenced to pray, but their devotions were almost immediately interrupted by violent vomitings, and extensive swellings commenced to appear in the upper part of their bodies, this being particularly noticeable about the face and lips.

It is to be noted that the brilliant light was not accompanied by a sensation of heat, although there was a smoky appearance and a peculiar smell.

The next morning the swellings had subsided, leaving upon the face and body large black blotches. No special pain was felt until the ninth day, when the skin peeled off, and these blotches were transformed into virulent raw sores.

The hair of the head fell off upon the side which happened to be underneath when the phenomenon occurred, the same side of the body being, in all nine cases, the more seriously injured.

The remarkable part of the occurrence is that the house was uninjured, all doors and windows being closed at the time.

No trace of lightning could afterward be observed in any part of the building, and all the sufferers unite in saying that there was no detonation, but only the loud humming already mentioned.

Another curious attendant circumstance is that the trees around the house showed no signs of injury until the ninth day, when they suddenly withered, almost simultaneously with the development of the sores upon the bodies of the occupants of the house.

This is perhaps a mere coincidence, but it is remarkable that the same susceptibility to electrical effects, with the same lapse of time, should be observed in both animal and vegetable organisms.

I have visited the sufferers, who are now in one of the hospitals of this city; and although their appearance is truly horrible, yet it is hoped that in no case will the injuries prove fatal. **WARNER COWGILL.**

U. S. Consulate, Maracaibo, Venezuela,

November 17, 1886.

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AN EARLY ODDITY

The accompanying clip is included in this issue for three reasons. One - We forgot we had it or else it would have been used much earlier! Two - Note carefully some of the details, particularly the types of injuries to the witnesses. It reminds us of the Cash/Landrum story very much, though it pre-dates C/L by 94 years! (See CLEAR INTENT, pgs. 106-108 for C/L details) Three - The story is filed by a U.S. Consulate official in Venezuela. We wonder if any official reports were sent to Washington since Mr. Cowgill found the incident important enough to contact one of the premier science publications of it's day, SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN. Today this report might have been dispatched as an information report to the State Department.

It might be an interesting project for any of our readers to try and find the first evidence of government attention to strange aerial phenomena. In CLEAR INTENT we had indicated that the so-called "Battle of Los Angeles" incident may have been the first but since then we have found suggestions of others at earlier times. We are looking into a series of incidents before U.S. involvement in World War I near the Canadian border which have this potential. Various war chronicles may contain such information. Let us know if you find anything.

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*Barry: You can publish
this letter if you want.*

J. Sider

Ihr Zeichen

Ihre Nachricht vom
10.03.1988

Unser Zeichen

Lüdenscheid, den
7.06.1988

Dear Mr. Sider,

kindly excuse me for not answering your letter until today.

You ask for secret aircraft projects of German engineers in the W.W.II.
We not have interesting informations about "Hitler's secret Weapon's".

The Flying Discs from German engineer "Schriever" demonstrable can not fly because of constructional faults (Journal für UFO-Forschung, Nr. 3'1982). One can hold different opinions in the matter, but I think, that the secret weapons (Flying Discs) come not out by the phase of the theoretical development.

I think, that the reports about this Flying Discs are only rumours. And the rumour-monger, as SAMISDAT and other, are not serious. This organisations disseminate only "NAZI propaganda-material" (neonazistisches Propagandamaterial). This activitis are very alarming and we will publish in the next issue of our "Journal für UFO-Forschung" an article about this problems.

In my opinion, it ^{does} not exist serious, definite (clearly) hints or evidences on "NAZI secret Flying Discs" at the W.W.II.

Sincerely yours


Hans-Werner Peiniger

Enclosure

Report from "QUEST-JOURNAL", 3'1988, YUFOS, England

P.S. I hope you understand my bad english!

CAUS NOTE

Our thanks to correspondent Jean Sider for this letter from one of the top UFO groups in Germany. It expresses a rather skeptical opinion of the abundant theories that the Nazis had something to do with flying saucers. It is curious that if the Nazis had perfected such devices then they should have won World War II, or at least have fought back a bit harder near the end.



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FOIA 88-271
7 June 1988

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Dear Major VonKeviczky:

This is in response to your letter of April 22, 1988 regarding the declassification of Coast Guard records regarding Unidentified Flying Objects operations around our coastal waters.

There are no records responsive to your request. This is not a refusal to disclose information but rather is notification that there is no information to disclose.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. D. Smith".

M. D. SMITH
Chief Yeoman, U. S. Coast Guard
Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts
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By direction of the Commandant

CAUS NOTE

Thanks to Major Colman Von Keviczky for a copy of this Coast Guard response to an inquiry for UFO files. It is especially amusing since on page four of this issue we reproduce a Coast Guard document on a March 4, 1988, UFO incident at Eastlake, Ohio, which is being investigated by Rick Dell'Aquila and Dale Wedge of MUFON.

The document dates three months before the Coast Guard's Washington office had denied that there is "no (UFO) information to disclose."

We doubt that this was a deliberate cover-up since it was so easily exposed. Nevertheless, it is an example of how to be careful when dealing with government agencies' "official" statements on UFOs. Often their so-called file searches are not very thorough or not done at all under FOIA. Furthermore there is not exactly a burning desire for the government to keep the public informed about UFO activity.

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SUBJ: INCIDENT REPORT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. UNIDENTIFIABLE FLYING OBJECTS 1/4 MILE EAST OF CEI POWER PLANT.
2. AT 2035 LCL THIS STATION RCVD A CALL FROM SHEILA BAKER (35978 HIAWATHA, EASTLAKE, OH PH# 216-951-0970) RPTNG A LARGE OBJECT HOVERING OVER THE LAKE AND APPARENTLY ON A SLOW DECENT. THE OBJECT HAD A WHITE LIGHT AND WAS APPROX. 1/4 MILE UP AND SHE WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE HOW FAR OUT IT WAS. THIS UNIT SENT 2 CREWMEMBERS TO INVESTIGATE. BEFORE THEY ARRIVED O/S, WE RCVD 2 MORE CALLS RPTNG THAT THE OBJECT HAD APPARENTLY DISPERSED 3-5 SMALLER FLYING OBJECTS THAT WERE ZIPPING AROUND RATHER QUICKLY. THESE OBJECTS HAD RED, GREEN, WHITE AND YELLOW LIGHTS ON THEM THAT STROBED INTERMITTENTLY. THEY ALSO HAD THE ABILITY TO STOP AND HOVER IN MID FLIGHT. WHEN MOBILE 02 GOT O/S, THEY RPTD THE SAME ACTIVITY. THEY WATCHED THE OBJECTS FOR APPROX. 1 HOUR BEFORE RPTNG THAT THE LARGE OBJECT WAS ALMOST ON THE ICE. THEY RPTD THAT THE ICE WAS CRACKING AND MOVING ABNORMAL AMOUNTS AS THE OBJECT CAME CLOSER TO IT. THE ICE WAS RUMBLING AND THE OBJECT LIT MULTI-COLOR LIGHTS AT EACH END AS IT APPARENTLY LANDED. THE LIGHTS ON IT WENT OUT MOMENTARILY AND THEN CAME ON AGAIN. THEY WENT OUT AGAIN AND THE RUMBLING STOPPED AND THE ICE STOPPED MOVING. THE SMALLER OBJECTS BEGAN HOVERING IN THE AREA WHERE THE LARGE OBJECT LANDED AND AFTER A FEW MINUTES THEY BEGAN FLYING AROUND AGAIN. MOBILE 02 RPTD THAT THEY APPEARED TO BE SCOUTING THE AREA. MOBILE 02 RPTD THAT 1 OBJECT WAS MOVING TOWARD THEM AT A HIGH SPEED AND LOW TO THE ICE. MOBILE 02 BACKED DOWN THE HILL THEY HAD BEEN ON AND WHEN THEY WENT BACK TO THE HILL, THE OBJECT WAS GONE. THEY RPTD THAT THE OBJECTS COULD NOT BE SEEN IF THEY TURNED OFF THERE LIGHTS. ONE OF THE SMALL OBJECTS TURNED ON A SPOTLIGHT WHERE THE LARGE OBJECT HAD BEEN BUT MOBILE 02 COULD NOT SEE ANYTHING, AND THEN THE OBJECT SEEMED TO DISAPPEAR. ANOTHER OBJECT APPROACHED MOBILE 02 APPROX. 500 YDS. OFFSHORE ABOUT 20 FT. ABOVE THE ICE, AND IT BEGAN MOVING CLOSER AS MOBILE 02 BEGAN FLASHING ITS HEADLIGHTS, THEN IT MOVED OFF TO THE WEST.
3. THE CREWMEMBERS WERE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY OF THE OBJECTS USING BINOCULARS AND AFTER CONTACTING LOCAL POLICE AND AIRPORTS, THIS UNIT WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE OBJECTS, AND RECALLED MOBILE 02.

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NEW 1975 UFO OVERFLIGHTS REVEALED

We were recently contacted by G.F. (name withheld) who has provided details of several UFO and other incidents at Kincheloe AFB, Michigan in the fall of 1975. These new reports seem to expand the scope of the 1975 UFO overflights which we have already chronicled in CLEAR INTENT.

G.F. was a security policeman with the 449th Security Police Squadron (SPS) at Kincheloe. The base bomb wing was assigned to the Strategic Air Command's 8th Air Force, consisting mainly of B-52 aircraft.

Around the end of October or early November G.F. was stationed to protect B-52s in his Bomber Alert area, separated from the main base by a runway. G.F. and six other SPs were on foot along with two vehicular patrols, an area supervisor and a tower guard. It was between 9:30 and 11:30 PM with a clear sky and a small amount of snow on the ground.

One of the foot patrols first noticed a light moving overhead, traveling north to south. Most of the other personnel soon noticed it as well. Base radar was called for confirmation but nothing was detected. However the border radar installation, located near Sault Ste. Marie, Mi., was contacted and after a runaround they confirmed a stationary target.

The next day the men were scolded by their superiors for not notifying the shift supervisor or flight chief first before contacting the radar facilities. They were told that they saw nothing and to forget everything that happened. Later G.F. heard that interceptors had chased the object into Canadian air space where it disappeared.

Another incident, on a different shift than G.F.'s, occurred when an unknown aircraft apparently overflew the weapons storage area (WSA) at Kincheloe. It was not seen but was heard and reports were that it sounded like a helicopter. G.F. was puzzled by the report because his barracks was a quarter of a mile from the WSA and no one there heard the overflight.

Yet another incident, this time involving G.F., took place while G.F. was on duty in the WSA about one or two nights after the last report. He was on a Security Alert Team (SAT) when one of the dog patrols reported something in the woods northwest of the perimeter.

The dog team left the WSA on foot to check. When they entered the woods the dog began to bark. The dog's handler then reported that gunfire was directed at him. The men in the perimeter heard the dog barking but no gunshots. No other evidence of an intruder was found, though a search was conducted for bullet casings; etc. Curiously, the dog subsequently cowered and would not work for the rest of the night.

Shortly after these incidents SAC sent orders to the 449th SPS to identify the alleged aircraft if they could and force them to land. They didn't say how to do it but G.F. said that there were no more incidents after that.

The overflights at Kincheloe seem to closely parallel those over Loring AFB, Maine in October 1975 and the "gunfire" reports certainly parallel the SP reports at Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota in early November 1975 (see CLEAR INTENT, pgs. 48-50).

At the very least some kind of concerted effort was directed against numerous U.S. military bases by an unknown foe. Even removing all of these reports from a UFO/space alien connection, doesn't it seem prudent for the government to find out just what happened in the fall of 1975, and why?

READER'S REPORTS

Occasionally we will receive letters from subscribers or new readers of CLEAR INTENT with reports of UFO sightings at or near government installations. There is a backlog of cases which we would like to share with you so that the sightings may be on the record. Perhaps someone may recognize the reports and add to the file. We have changed names to protect confidentiality.

-Lake Mead Base (LMB), Nevada; August 9, 1967; 2:30 AM (approx.).

J.B. was a Marine stationed at Lake Mead, called the Defense Atomic Support Agency base, from April 1967 to January 1968. The base was administered by the Navy, guarded by Marine sentries and often received Air Force personnel from the overflow at nearby Nellis AFB, Nevada.

At the time in question J.B. and other Marines were on guard duty at LMB with a vantage point looking down towards Nellis, approximately three miles to the west. An object appeared in the north, flying a typical approach pattern for the C-130 aircraft frequently flying into Nellis. The object slowed as it drew near the base, then it stopped and hovered over, or in a line with, the control tower. Obviously this was not a normal C-130!

J.B. and his companions stopped their $\frac{1}{2}$ ton pick-up patrol car and radioed a report of the object to the guard house, which was in fact being inundated with other calls about the sighting. The object proceeded towards a parked SR-71A "Blackbird" aircraft and stopped, hovering directly over it. With the backdrop of Las Vegas city lights brightening the background, the object became clearly outlined. J.B. described it as looking like the spaceship in the movie "The Day the Earth Stood Still" but about three times bigger than the SR-71A, which is over 100 feet long.

As the object hovered, a thick shaft of brilliant blue-white light shot down from the underbelly of the craft directly onto the SR-71A, lasting for about one minute. Radio traffic was going wild at the time. After the light went out the object moved back towards the control tower, stopped and hovered, then slowly accelerated back

in the same direction it had come from. It picked up additional speed and shot away to the west and disappeared.

J.B. heard more radio traffic, confirming that others were equally baffled as to the nature of the object.

J.B. has done some library work and located several clippings from Nevada papers describing similar sightings from the same time period, on file at CAUS.

-Key West, Florida; Early 1964.

R.W. was assigned to the U.S. Navy's Fleet Sonar School at Key West. He could not recall the precise date but at the time of the experience he was on watch duty at the Sub pier, which was empty.

At approximately 11:15 PM he spotted a gold-colored light southwest of his position. The light approached the pier and as it slowed it took on the shape of a disc. It came overhead at 500 feet giving R.W. a good view of a noiseless, 100-foot disc with red, green and white lights on the bottom. The hair on R.W.'s head and arms stood on end.

R.W. ran to the watch phone at the end of the pier and as he picked up the receiver he could hear calls from other watch points around the base reporting the object. The disc then moved off toward the Gulf of Mexico.

In response to the calls, two F-11 jets took off from the base at Boca Chica and chased the UFO. R.W. observed the disc suddenly reverse direction, putting both jets in front of the disc. The jets made a wide turn to pursue again and soon thereafter one of the jets fired a missile. Strangely, the missile hit the disc but did not explode. The jets closed in again for another run, however the UFO emitted a bright green light towards the jets and they both disappeared! The UFO then took off straight up and vanished.

A search was conducted for the jets but they were never found. R.W. was interrogated about the event along with other witnesses, with the thrust of the questioning being that the stories were made up and nothing had happened.

-Waters between Cuba and Florida; November 1954.

Two Cuban Navy frigates, the "Jose Marti" and the "Maximo Gomez," were on routine patrol between four and six miles from the coast of Mantanzas Province. They were on their way to Havana harbor at about 4:30 AM when intense lights appeared on the horizon in the northeast. The ship went on alert as the lights drew close to, then directly over the ships. There were three lights in "V" formation following the ships and they were witnessed for four to six minutes by most of the ships' two crews. The ships' radars also tracked the lights.

A photographer shot movie film of the formation as they watched, first filming the formation over the ships, then following their accelerating departure to the west. The UFOs maintained a constant distance from one another and the cameraman had to pan his shot to film all three objects. The film was about seven to ten minutes long, black and white, and of high quality. It was shown ten days later to the Cuban Navy's High Command. A witness who saw the film said one could see a form inside the brightness of the lights.

Our thanks to Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo of the Miami UFO Center for this interesting account. One additional fact that he relates is that the film eventually found it's way to U.S. Naval Intelligence at Key West (via a defector?).

It is extremely hard to get admissions from the government that

UFO movie film exists. There are numerous examples in the Blue Book files alone of missing films, not to mention the classified material known to exist. Outside of the few Blue Book films available from the National Archives, the only other success we've have was obtaining a short propaganda film from the Air Force with mid-1960s interviews of Air Force officers debunking UFOs. Time will tell!

EDITORIAL

At a time when public awareness of the UFO phenomenon is at a very high level we note a disturbing situation. Serious controversy has developed in connection with the Gulf Breeze, Florida UFO photo case, a controversy which threatens the integrity of our subject (see recent issues of the MUFON UFO Journal and CUFOS Bulletin for details).

One may debate the merits or demerits of a sighting, this is what investigation and discussion of casework is all about. What has clearly developed here however is an exercise in character assassination with MUFON and Gulf Breeze supporters on one side and CUFOS and Gulf Breeze critics on the other side. Unfortunately the verbal muggings going on and their aftermath will hurt us all. UFO study will continue to be perceived as a fragmented, disorganized political boxing ring where those of differing opinions slug it out to see who can blacken the others' eyes.

Our position is that the burden of proof is on the Gulf Breeze supporters to prove their case, something we feel has not been done yet at this writing (8/23). It is entirely reasonable and necessary to raise critical questions and put a case through a ringer of tough scrutiny before it deserves the label "UFO." The questions posed by the Center for UFO Studies are serious, legitimate, and have not been adequately answered by the MUFON side of the fence. We are most dismayed at the removal of Robert Boyd, MUFON's State Director for Alabama and a former investigator and current critic of Gulf Breeze, from his directorship by MUFON's International Director, Walt Andrus. The reason given, alleged violations of MUFON's Field Manual, will undoubtedly be interpreted instead as retaliation for being vocally against what MUFON has now endorsed as authentic (see MUFON UFO Journal, August 1988). At the same time we've noted statements earlier in the year by Gulf Breeze proponents which were outrageously biased, yet no punishment seems to have been meted out at all.

The consequences of the current debate are clear. If an organization makes a policy decision to support a bizarre incident, or series of incidents, as authentic and then proceeds to attack all criticism, every question must be answered, not ignored; otherwise, the organization's support must be considered "lightweight" and without firm scientific foundation. The organization then becomes vulnerable to credibility questions and it's hard-earned influence fades quickly into obscurity.

We would like to see total and amiable cooperation between all organizations researching UFOs. It is obvious though that with four decades of experience behind us this will be nearly impossible. We can only hope that UFOs will be explained ultimately, despite the petty bickerings of those who embrace the subject the most.

We support a recent statement by CUFOS, The CUFOS Position on the Gulf Breeze Case, and look for a quick resolution to this very serious problem.

NOTE

We managed to absorb the last postage increase but upon enactment of a new one we will have to increase subscription rates.

CAUS

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Dear Grant,

As far as I know CAUS hasn't
come across "The Institute for Defense Analysis"
in our travels, though I did deal with
the Center for Defense Information re:
Vela satellite detection of unknown
light flashes resembling nuclear blasts.

Few agencies are giving up anything
now on UFO's

Regards,
Benny Greenwood

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EDITORIAL

Some of our recent issues have been oriented around one or two topics so this time we are catching up on shorter news items that have come our way since December. Also several readers have asked for more extensive comments about the "UFO Cover-Up - Live" program of last October.

We think that the faults were pretty self-evident in the broadcast. One thing we didn't know about until recently was the fact that the much-criticized, "Twilight Zone"-type music used in the show could not be heard in the studio by the participants. Host Mike Farrell became upset upon hearing that such music was added to the program, feeling that producers generally do this when they feel that the substance of the show cannot get over to the public by itself. Television runs according to certain formulae that define it's presentation of programming: Light, airy sound effects for comedies, heavy effects for drama, and, in this case, science-fiction music for UFOs. This editor has seen dozens of UFO documentaries and broadcasts and few stray from this standard.

Let's face it! The visual presentation of the UFO phenomenon to the greater mass of people is being defined by media professionals whose eyes are on 1) Entertainment and 2) "The Buck." They do not wish to touch UFOs unless one or both of these elements are satisfied. Anything less and they will not make as much money.

Forty million tuned in to "UCU-L," probably on the force of a promise that never-before-seen things by "Falcon" and "Condor" would be shown. The silence of the media and the public after the show was deafening! The problem was that the sensation was so unbelievable that it had the effect of drawing people in anticipation and leaving them bitterly disappointed afterwards. There's no better way to set a subject back ten years than this!

Some solid, albeit older, UFO information was presented but became buried in the sensation. The only solace we can take is that the show beat out "Beauty and the Beast" in the ratings, but not by much!

ARMY SERGEANT WINS UFO COMPLAINT

In a surprise move the U.S. Army has decided in favor of a com-

plaint by an Army sergeant who was relieved of his duties for conducting UFO research.

Sgt. Clifford Stone, a 20-year career soldier assigned to the New Mexico Military Institute since 1985, has had a long-standing interest in UFOs. His specific pursuits in recent years have included the rumored "Project Snowbird" and the Roswell incident, both relating to stories of crashed flying saucers. Stone's name has also appeared in some of the earliest UFO/FOIA requests when CAUS began to locate documents on the 1975 overflights.

Being an outspoken proponent of revealing all the facts about UFO cover-ups and of a citizen's right to know, Stone incurred the wrath of his superiors with his frequent FOIA requests, questions to Senators and Congressmen, and, most damningly, press articles about his UFO investigations. It should be noted that this was all done on his own time, off duty. Despite advice from his superiors to cease these activities Stone continued, feeling his research violated no regulations. In fact Army Regulation 600-20, Paragraph 5-13a forbids interference with a member of the armed forces who communicates with his/her representative, unless the communication is unlawful or violates a regulation vital to the security of the United States. (Apparently UFOs are either illegal or a security threat to the U.S., according to Stone's superiors. Ed.)

Problems began in earnest for Stone when he was "Command Referred" for psychological evaluation by his unit on October 27, 1987, due to his UFO interest. The conclusions rendered by two staffers at the Ft. Bliss, Texas Community Mental Health Services were that, "Mental status found to be within normal limits. Problems appear to be related to situational stress manifested by interpersonal and occupational difficulties." They further concluded that, "It appears that Command may have over-reacted to the newspaper article about UFOs.." (about Stone requesting a Senator's aid in getting UFO documents. Ed.)

Stone's superiors continued their pressure when an internal memo was circulated in his unit in June 1987. It discussed a press article about Stone and asks when his "20-year mark" is up (retirement). Other documents referred to Stone's retirement in August 1988. He had made no such request to retire to anyone and feels this was psychological pressure to induce him to leave.

In late 1987, the National Security Agency phoned New Mexico Senator Pete Domenici's office, stating that research in which Stone was engaged dealt with national security policy and that a letter Stone wrote to the Senator should be "reworded." Stone refused unless requested to do so in writing, which the NSA would not do. Stone was relieved of duty that month.

In this issue of Just Cause please note the reproduction of a Department of the Army memo, dated 12 Sep. 1988. Stone was not only vindicated but scathing criticism was directed at his superiors (see paragraphs 1e and 2e especially).

This situation was not unlike that encountered by CAUS staffer Larry Bryant (see CAUS Washington Report 12/85, 6/86; CAUS Special Bulletin 9/22/86.). Both men have survived attacks on their careers by those in authority because they had an interest in UFOs and felt that the American people were on the receiving end of bad policy decisions. CAUS feels that these incidents are great victories for freedom of the intellect and that it should give heart to those out there whose lives were made miserable by incapable administrators.

This editor personally knows several people, still anonymous, who have gone through what Sgt. Stone experienced. Some will never

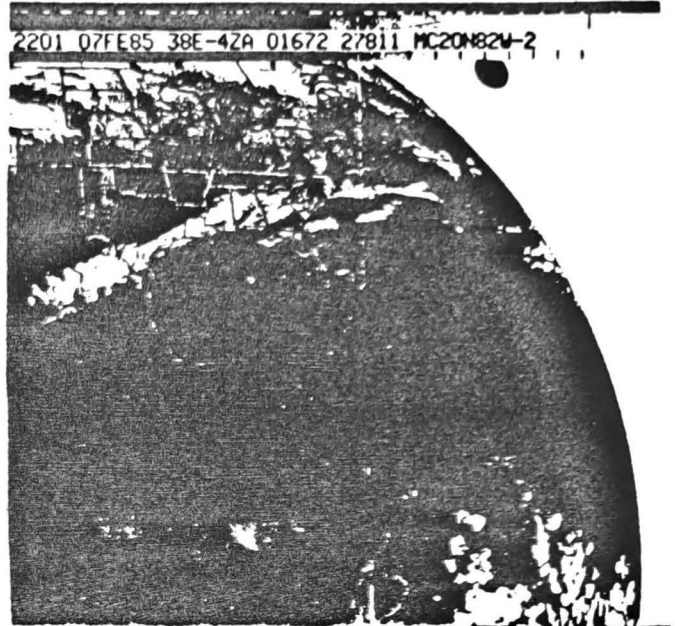
tell their stories because they were so inwardly devastated by what had happened to them. CAUS hopes that their burden will be somewhat lighter after they read this.

PECULIAR SATELLITE PHOTO SURFACES

This item was forwarded to us by a colleague in Puerto Rico, Mr. Jorge Martin.

We are not at present endorsing this picture as evidence of UFOs but are merely showing it as an oddity. We are in the process of locating an original to study.

It is a National Weather Service satellite photo showing an area of the eastern 3/4ths of the U.S., Central America and the northern part of South America. It was taken at 22:01 Hrs on February 7, 1985. You will note an oval-shaped object in the upper right portion of the photo, partly obscured by the data bar. There are a number of possible explanations for this but we are in the searching stage at the moment. We'll keep you up to date.



FBI OPINION ON MJ-12

On October 11, 1988, FBI agent Bill Vinikus visited CAUS Director Peter Gersten regarding findings on MJ-12. Initially, the agent showed Gersten a photo of a group of 35 people and asked, "Who was Doty?" Gersten studied the photo for five minutes but couldn't find him. The agent pointed Doty out but Gersten did not recognize him (For those new readers: Richard Doty, former Air Force OSI agent, is one of the prime sources of information on the MJ-12 controversy discussed in past issues of Just Cause).

Vinikus said the FBI would not prosecute William Moore on the MJ-12 matter because there was no clear-cut violation of federal law after a preliminary inquiry. Doty was not to be prosecuted by the FBI either, however the FBI was assisting the Air Force in an investigation relating to the Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota UFO hoax (see Just Cause, September 1987, pg.9). Here the Air Force was contemplating charges of using government stationery for unauthorized purposes against Doty.

As to the MJ-12 documents themselves, the FBI determined that the documents were not classified materials, therefore not genuine government documents. The agent found it hard to believe that the documents were presented to the public as genuine by Moore.

(Source: October 20 phone con with Peter Gersten.)

MORE ON MJ-12

A detailed critique on MJ-12 has just been released by Chris-

topher Allan, a technical author and a Fellow of the British Interplanetary Society. The paper is a response to "Phil Klass and MJ-12, What are the Facts?" by Stanton Friedman and William Moore, 1988.

For those interested, the paper is titled "MJ-12: Fact or Fantasy?" It is 11 pages in length and requests may go to:

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We also have information that in 1982, the Project Aquarius/MJ-12 material was planned as a fiction novel by Bill Moore, Bob Pratt and a third party, given the pseudonym "Ronald L. Davis" (Richard Doty?). This is said to be an attempt to present the Aquarius/MJ-12 data in a fictional context to make the data more publishable. Apparently sufficient evidence didn't exist to relate the story as non-fiction. Robert Emeneggar, in his UFOs: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE book, did the same with his Holloman AFB UFO landings.

What seems clear to us is that Doty's connection to Moore extends back to at least January 1982 and probably much before. He had many years to conjure up an MJ-12 tale and string people along. It also seems curious that if Moore's "Falcon" is Doty, as we feel, then Falcon's access to the MJ-12 "infrastructure" as far back as 1982, according to Moore and Shandera on UFO COVER UP-LIVE!, would have made it possible for Falcon to supply Moore and Pratt with the proof they needed instead of going the fiction-novel route. Such a novel would have made the story harder to prove later, giving rise to charges that all of what we've seen since 1987 was drawn from a "fiction" tale. As such the novel smacked only of a money making deal to cash in on what was then a poorly-developed story. Since the novel obviously never made it, the path was cleared for later "leaked official documents" which would not be tainted by linkage to a novel.

Do we have a situation where we have a fiction novel based on "fact" which itself is based on fiction, which fiction would later be declared fact based on documents which seem to be based on fiction!!! If any reader can sort this out they are a better editor than I am!

NEW ROSWELL DATA SURFACES

Out of necessity this story must be kept short for now but a new military witness has contacted us regarding details of the transportation of Roswell wreckage/bodies from Roswell Army Air Field. The information nicely supplements Case 10 in Leonard Stringfield's new "UFO Crash/Retrievals: Is the Coverup Lid Lifting, Status Report V." The report is available from Len at: 4412 Grove Ave.; Cincinnati, Ohio 45227. Price is \$7.00.

Also, reproduced below is an extract from the formerly-classified "Combined History, 509th Bomb Group and Roswell Army Air Field, July 1 - July 31, 1947."

The Office of Public Information was kept quite busy during the month answering inquiries on the "flying disc", which was reported to be in possession of the 509th Bomb Group. The object turned out to be a radar tracking balloon.

CAUS ON JAPANESE TELEVISION

On March 12, 1989, the editor and publisher of Just Cause were filmed for a segment of an hour long documentary on UFO secrecy by Japan's Nippon Television Network. The documentary will explore some of the best evidence for UFO cover-ups and includes interviews with leading figures in document research. Among other things we discussed the 1950 FBI/ Guy Hottel memo on crashed discs, the NSA affidavit, MJ-12, and the 1975 overflights.

The crew's director, Hidehiko Amemiya, has had expertise in producing investigative reports on the UFO phenomenon, having done several TV shows on Japan's own UFO problem. He informed us that the Japanese government's stance is similar to that of the U.S. in that they will not become publicly involved with UFO reports, despite great public interest in the subject. He did say that the government had released some UFO documentation recently, leading to our next story.

MJ-12 IN JAPAN?

A CAUS correspondent, Mr. Josen Takano of Hakui City, Japan, has forwarded a curious document which may have some significance, if genuine.

It's alleged to be an official internal memorandum of the Defense Agency of Japan (DAJ). Takano, an official at the Hakui City Public Hall, says that he received the memo from Eisuke Tsuruta of the publicity office for the Secretary of the Japan Self-Defense Force (JSDF), through Akira Kusaka, Director of Election-Counter-measure of the Liberal Democratic Party in Japan's Kagawa Prefecture. It's on official DAJ stationery. We're informed that it's not uncommon to find handwritten internal memos in the Japanese government. "OSI" in the memo is the JSDF's overseas intelligence branch.

Our rough translation, endorsed by members of the Nippon TV crew mentioned previously, is as follows:

1 May 1979 OSI Mr. Yamada

"The US Air Force has resumed collecting information and data on UFOs, which the CIA has proposed not to do.

It is said that they were asked to do so by the Space Science Committee of the United Nations.

But the real reason was because a crashed space ship (Adamski-type), which retained it's original form, was found recently (26th Apr.?) near the border between the U.S. and Mexico.

Is there any section which specializes in UFO matters in the Self-Defense Air Force of Japan?

(Man from the DAJ answering, Ed.) No, there isn't.

We think you had better be concerned with the UFO field before long because this matter will become sensational in the near future. OVER. Thank you."

Nippon TV's Hidehiko Amemiya told us that he had looked into this paper and while it is on genuine stationery, he couldn't be sure it was an official document. An attempt to trace Mr. Yamada failed. The stationery is not hard for anyone to acquire and we are bothered by the reference to an "Adamski-type" craft. The language barrier is difficult in this case and we solicit any help. We are in possession of other letters to be translated. CAUS is keeping a questioning attitude about this development.

(See following page for a reproduction of the memo)

OS. 2 Mr. Yamada

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米空軍にFの UFO 情報資料の収集の

再開の理由: 二つは 国連の 宇宙科学委員会
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最近(4/26?) メキシコに 国境付近で
原型の道心。(アダムス+型) UFOの 導管? 物

の 発見と関係している。

Am 107は UFO 事件の 32枚の Section 15 だ
のから。 —(Thank you)—

最近、北米の大規模な UFO 事件と関係する
もの、今もまだ、調査に着手しているところ

を、ご報告。
—(Thank you)—



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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

ATOD-CDR

12 SEP 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: Commander, USATAPA, ATTN: DAPC-MSE, Alexandria, VA
22332-0400

SUBJECT: Commander's Inquiry Pertaining to Relief for Cause Evaluation Report
on SFC Clifford K. Stone, 301-50-0182, 8702-8801

1. FINDINGS:

a. SFC Clifford K. Stone was assigned to New Mexico Military Institute on 30 May 1985. SFC Stone was relieved of duty in January 1988 and a report was rendered at that time.

b. The relief of SFC Stone was not justified because of insufficient substantiation of "inefficiency and unreliability". Files supporting the relief do not provide sufficient evidence of requisite counselling or documentation to indicate a chronic existence of performance deficiencies.

c. The administration of the relief action was significantly flawed as a result of the incorrect preparation of five versions of the Relief EER with regard to the period covered, the month in which the deficiency occurred, the date the report was signed, and what type of report it was intended for (whether "Annual" or "Relief for Cause").

d. SFC Stone's "relief" was probably the result of a failed attempt to pressure him to retire early.

e. The XO (indorser) overreacted to SFC Stone's UFO interest and congressional contact, and in so doing, exhibited intolerance and bias against him.

2. CONCLUSIONS:

a. SFC Stone's relief appears highly questionable in light of the sudden degradation in his performance so soon after his rating as "professional" and "excellent"...."an unquestionable asset to this unit" (Encl 1).

b. Documentation of performance oriented counselling, close supervision by rater and indorser, and evidence of professional guidance is conspicuously lacking.

c. The rater and indorser mishandled SFC Stone in response to what appears to be relatively minor professional failings the NCO may have exhibited.

ATOD-CDR

SUBJECT: Commander's Inquiry

d. The "Relief for Cause" appears inappropriate given the nature, limited scope and short duration of the individual's misdeeds.


e. The EERs for the period 8702 thru 8710/8801 appear to be singularly unique examples of administrative mishandling. Changes were made to cover up errors and hide the fact that the first report was submitted late. Reconstruction of events based on individual MFR's strongly suggest that action against SFC Stone was not originally intended as a "relief" but merely as a means to conveniently and quickly eliminate him as an "embarrassment".

f. There is evidence that the XO attempted a form of cognitive restructuring through use of pressure, intimidation, or insinuation (Encl 3&4).

g. The improprieties already noted generate the strong suspicion that the narrative of the report along with supporting documentation were fabricated after the fact to substantiate a preconceived course of action already set into motion.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS:

Because of the circumstances in this case, the Commander's Inquiry Format appears to be the most appropriate means to correct the apparent injustice done to the soldier. Recommend that action be taken to void the Relief for Cause EER 8702-8801 (Encl 2) from SFC Stone's Official Military Personnel File. The report was found to be an inaccurate rating by the rater and indorser and is prejudicial to the rated NCO's military career. Both rater and indorser were relieved later and this raises a question of the validity of the report rendered.

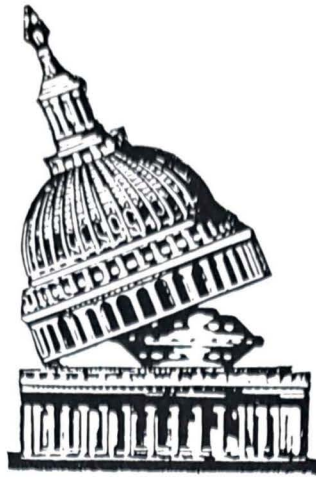

GARY L. BROWN
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

4 Encls

1. DA FM 2166-6 (ANL 8602-8701)
2. DA FM 2166-6 (RFC 8702-8801)
3. Memo for Record (15 Oct 87)
4. Memo for Record (23 Oct 87)

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The past year has been a good one for CAUS, due mainly to the support of our subscribers. Without you, much of the news reported in this newsletter would not have been possible to obtain.

Please continue to support our efforts. Charter subscribers are reminded that subscriptions are now due for the next year's issues. All funds go into either printing and mailing JUST CAUSE and financing document requests.

FLASH FLASH FLASH HUGE FILE RELEASE BY AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE

In an unexpected move, the Air force has cleared the release of 1720 pages of UFO files. The material, which has been stored at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. partially documents the involvement of Air Force Intelligence in the UFO phenomenon between the years 1948 and 1953. An interesting fact is that the Intelligence files were stored under the same records group heading (RG341) as the Project Blue Book files; yet, these UFO-related files were never listed with the Blue Book data.

CAUS researcher Robert Todd spent many months pushing for release of the files, often with great diff-

iculty. However, persistence prevailed and the Air Force allowed access to the never-before-seen documents. We must thank Bob Todd once again for his remarkable ability to get into tight spaces and shed light on these matters.

A few selected extracts follow:

- MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD-
dated 18 Feb. 1949. Class-
ified: SECRET. (portion)

"Of some 210 incidents, approximately twenty per cent have been explained. The majority of these involved misidentification of synoptic weather balloons. Others involved observations of airborne cosmic ray research equipment, bolides, meteors, and in one instance, the daylight observation of the planet Venus. Only two reported incidents were determined to have been hoax.

To date there has been no tangible evidence which would support a theory that any incidents are attributable to activity of a foreign nation. On the other hand, there is no evidence to categorically deny such a possibility, particularly since some incidents which occurred overseas could have involved foreign aircraft. The possibility of foreign devices becomes more remote in the case of domestic incidents, and would represent which defy many well-defined limits in aeronautical science.

However, there are many incidents reported by reliable and competent observers which are still unexplained."

(Discussion: We see a very early admission here by A.F. Intelligence that invoking the now-old theory of "secret weapons" as an explanation for the UFO phenomenon was just not going to work.

A current theory, called the "Federal Hypothesis" by its chief proponent William Spaulding, still clings to the idea that the government is responsible for the UFO activity that we see today. CAUS sees no clear evidence of this, except for perhaps a few isolated instances in which the sighting characteristics indicate a technology gone awry rather than the activity of an advanced civilization from elsewhere. [Cash/Landrum for example?]

CAUS prefers to base its speculations upon government information which is known to be well-documented. Until we see evidence that the government is producing a highly-advanced aircraft which can duplicate UFO appearance and movement, the secret weapon theory or the "Federal Hypothesis" just does not hold up under scrutiny.)

- Letter from A.F. Intelligence to a private citizen dated 23 Apr. 1952. (portion)

"An evaluation of the World War II "Foo Fighter" reports was made at the end of the war. Because of the lack of adequate data, this evaluation was necessarily very general in nature. Essentially, it was concluded that these reports were the result of misidentification of conventional objects and did not represent any unusual phenomena."

(Discussion: This was news to us! An analysis of "Foo Fighters" was performed by the government, even though nothing was ever mentioned of this in previous releases to our knowledge.

We did try at one time to obtain access to WW2 histories and bombing mission reports which dated around the time of most of the Foo Fighters [which were very active between November 1944 and March 1945]. Requests were filed with the National Archives and history detachments of both the Army and the Air Force. Nothing could be located even though we listed a variety of names under which Foo Fighters were known. But, as always, we are forced to prove that certain files exist, using "lucky" releases such as the above letter extract, to gain access to further data. There are currently about 40 to 50 reports of this type from the WW2 era, as gleaned from books, periodicals and eyewitnesses. A release of documentation from government files detailing some of these reports would be an interesting historical find.)

- AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT dated 20 Dec. 1948

(Prolog: This is a 6 page study of 4 UFO cases which occurred on July 24, 1948 [two] and July 26, 1948 [two]. These all involved objects which were cigar-shaped and which were witnessed by reliable persons. Incident 1, as designated in the report, attracted the most comment by the analysts and is known to UFO researchers as the Chiles/Whitted case. The following comments revolve primarily around this case.)

" 1) The only incident which possesses absolute intelligence significance is Incident 1. It is obvious that this object was not a meteor. There has been no evidence to support any findings of unreliability, nor have there been any major inaccuracies on the part of the witnesses.

2) Weather reports establish areas of visibility as stated in the observers' reports.

3) Available information from Ordnance, Army, Navy and AF Weather Bureaus, Research Organizations and other, failed to reveal any evidence of testing devices

to which this incident could be attributed."

(The report at this point discusses the feasibility of a torpedo-shaped or cigar-shaped craft as a flying machine and enters this discussion in some detail. Acknowledging that the technical deductions were not intended to ascribe an origin or particular engineering or propulsion system to the UFOs in the report, it did state that "If this type of unidentified aerial object has extremely long range it is probable that the method of propulsion is one which is far in advance of presently known engines.")

The report concludes:

" 1) The flying anomaly observed, remains unidentified as to origin, construction and power source.

2) A definite trend of flight headings has evolved as generally south in bearing.

3) Supporting evidence from separate reliable sources establish existence of this configuration.

4) An aircraft of the configuration described could support itself in flight by aerodynamic means."

TRANSCRIPT titled "The Cupless Saucer" dated July 26, 1952

(Prolog: This is a transcript of actual transmissions between Washington National Airport and Andrews AFB during the great UFO wave over Washington, D.C. in 1952. We thought this would be of interest to UFOlogists old and new. The transcript commences at 2130 EDT.)

WA: Andrews Tower, do you read? Did you have an airplane in sight WNW or East of your airport eastbound?

AN: No, but we just got a call from the Center. We're looking for it.

WA: We've got a big target showing up on our scope. He's just coming in on the west edge of your airport - the NW edge of it eastbound.

He'll be passing right through the northern portion of your field on an East heading. He's about a $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile from the NW runway - right over the edge of your NW runway now.

AN: What happened to your target now?

WA: He's still eastbound. He went dir-

ectly over Andrews Field and is now five miles East.

AN: Where did he come from?

WA: We picked him up ourselves at about seven miles East, slightly SE, and we have been tracking him ever since then. The Center has been tracking him farther than that.

AN: Was he waving his course?

WA: Holding steady course, due East heading.

AN: This is Andrews. Our radar tracking says he's got a big fat target out here NE of Andrews. He says he's got two more South of the field.

WA: Yes, well the Center has about four or five around the Andrews Range Station.

The Center is working a National Airlines - the Center is working him and vectoring him around his target. He went around Andrews. He saw one of them - looks like a meteor. (garbled).. Went by him.. or something. He said he's got one about three miles off his right wing now.

There are so many targets around here it is hard to tell as they are not moving very fast.

AN: What about his altitude?

WA: Well, must be over 8,000 feet as we don't have him in radar anymore.

END

WORLD WAR TWO UFO ---AN UPDATE

Additional information has surfaced regarding the UFO sighting by Donald Pratt aboard the Battleship USS New York in mid-March 1945.

A search of our clipping files has turned up a report in the Philadelphia INQUIRER dated Apr. 10, 1966, which confirms basic details of the sighting. The report was carried by UPI but, unfortunately, the origin of this story was not given. Subscriber Doug Labat also forwarded a clipping of the same story from the Baton Rouge, La. SUNDAY ADVOCATE. It is likely that another witness gave the story to the press during the UFO wave of April 1966.

The UFO was described in the account as being round, silver-colored

and seemed about the size of a two-story house. The Baton Rouge paper provided this additional comment about the ship's navigator:

"His brow knitted. He hurried to his room, made some quick calculations and came back to report to the commander.

"Sir," he said. "If it were possible to see Venus at this time of the day, you would see it at exactly the same position of the silver balloon."

The commander gasped. He signaled his destroyer escort to have their navigators confirm to him the position of the planet Venus.

The answers all came back the same.

And so, in the archives of the Navy, the battleship New York is recorded as having fired the first shot in any future space war.

The battleship New York had been firing at the planet Venus."

We should pause to reflect on this. While a very careful observer might locate Venus in broad daylight at greatest brilliancy (which happened to be March 10 1945), we find it difficult to accept that Venus would present any appreciable size in daylight, no less a two-story house. Also, the clippings, as well as our witness Mr. Pratt, say that the object was confirmed on radar, a neat trick if it were Venus. Pratt's time of the sighting (1300 local) would not have Venus placed "directly overhead" (per witness and newsclips) but it would be some 20 degrees East of the meridian. This is dependent, of course, on the witness's time being accurate.

The explanation for the object is, so to say, still up in the air!

APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA
CRASH/RETRIEVAL -- AN
UPDATE

Checks into the Apple Valley UFO (JUST CAUSE, March 85, pg.4)

have, to date, proven fruitless. Several former teachers and the school principal have been interviewed and none have verified the story. We must regard the incident as inconclusive until supporting evidence comes forth.

STATE DEPARTMENT AND FBI
DOCUMENTS RELEASED

CAUS supporter Mike Charest has again obtained several new "old" documents from the State Department. One is a State Dept. AIRGRAM dated Dec. 23, 1966 and says in part:

"Over the weekend of Dec. 10, the Luanda press reported the possible sighting of two "flying saucers" by the passengers and crew of a TAP flight from Beira, Mozambique to Luanda on Dec. 7. The press accounts related that a passenger, noticing what seemed to be objects "scouting" the plane when it was about 20 minutes from Luanda, informed the plane's Captain, Commandant Maia De Louriero, who looked for himself, and then reported the sighting to the Luanda Control Tower. The tower, according to Maia's statement to newsmen upon landing, informed him that there was no traffic in the area at the time. After the initial sighting, the plane's occupants reportedly continued to watch the objects until the aircraft was about 1 minute from touchdown in Luanda; at that point they (the objects) vanished."

Charest has also filed and obtained release of 83 pages of documents from the FBI's Los Angeles field office on Jan. 3, 1985. The FBI's letter to Mike states that an additional 98 pages have been withheld to protect the privacy of contacts. The material dates largely between 1948 and 1952 and consists of clippings and FBI Complaint Forms reporting a variety of UFO sightings in Southern California.

LOOK FOR A POSSIBLE TV MOVIE ABOUT THE RENDLESHAM FOREST INCIDENT SOON!

4/17/89

CAUS
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02180 USA

Dear Grant,

Thank you for your letter of 4-5.

I'll look into the eclipse possibility for the satellite photo.

Gersten was convinced Falcon was Doty. He didn't discuss "Condor" or Collins with me. This only a short time after the TV show. Linda Howe concurred with Peter on Falcon/Doty as well. I'm aware of Doty's denials but there's hardly anything he's said in recent times that I can trust. For instance, Doty denied his father was involved with UFO's yet he told Phil Klass on tape that his dad was with Blue Book! While I believe there are other Dotys, meaning relatives, I think the main perpetrator is Richard Doty. I see no evidence of a dad or uncle collaborating at this point. Doty also said CAUS was sent a lawyer's letter in 1987 denying his involvement and has threatened other legal action as well. We've not heard from Doty other than the open letter we already published.

I didn't know about the Coleman info. I'm curious though, I thought Coleman was retired - how is it that he would be debriefed about the Roswell business now? Do you have Coleman's address? I'd be glad to try him for you.

I've seen the Cooper material and find it bizarre and unverified, like John Lear's claims. You'll notice I haven't dealt with Lear at all in Just Cause.

Regards,
Benny

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EDITORIAL

In this issue we are including a two-page rebuttal by Stanton Friedman to our stance on MJ-12. It consists of a 36-point list of assumptions he said we made in the September 1987 Just Cause, all of which are false, according to Friedman. We are commenting on each "CAUS assumption" because there are distortions and misstatements in the list he is circulating, and because we want to be as clear as possible on why we have problems with MJ-12 claims.

Press coverage on MJ-12 has virtually vanished and there has been little movement from MSF on new releases of evidence which they claim they have. Moore's newsletter, Focus, which we would expect to be a conduit for new information, has contained little more than reprinted press releases and, in the last mailing, an appeal for money to physically analyse the MJ-12 documents (something like \$3000 is needed). Only one document is an original (the Cutler/Twining memo) and amenable to scientific testing. Even with this there are no authenticating signatures on the document; it is not an original typed copy but a carbon, so consequently it is questionable how conclusive an analysis could be. We shall see.

One Friedman claim requires initial comment. In the Sept./Oct. 1987 International UFO Reporter, he attacks critics of MJ-12 in an article titled, "MJ-12: The Evidence So Far." Largely devoted to criticisms of Philip Klass, the article turns to this editor near the end. We respond to most of the points raised in our comments on the 36-point list in this issue. We will answer Friedman's point 1 here.

We are criticized for not accepting material from anonymous sources. This attitude, Friedman says, makes a mockery of police work and the investigation of Watergate, both involving the use of anonymous tips and leaks.

Friedman should know that in police work an anonymous tipster must have a track record of reliability, of being right about facts, for his information to be taken seriously. Courts will reject tipster testimony without this track record of accuracy. Watergate's "Deep Throat" produced irrefutable facts, established a track record and was thus a reliable source. Anyone questioning this should contact this newsletter's publisher, Larry Fawcett, a Connecticut police lieutenant who has long experience dealing with anonymous sources.

Also our policy statement published in the last CAUS Bulletin is quite clear about our concern with anonymous sources. We've received too much suspect information from such sources in the past. There is a saying, "Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me." Our policy should help weed out the foolishness.

As we said in the September issue, such controversies rage on and on. We expect this to be our last extended statement on the documents unless new information surfaces. Our doubts are on the record.

CAUS RESPONSE

The 36-point list of "Basic assumptions of CAUS" is on the last two pages of this issue. What follows is our discussion of them.

- 1) We never said nor implied this.
- 2) We never said we wouldn't consider anonymous or "leaked" documents, but if they do not survive our scrutiny we will reject them as proof of the associated claim per our policy in the last CAUS Bulletin.
- 3) If MJ-12 was a strong case then Dan Rather, Walter Cronkite, or Carl Sagan would be exactly the kinds of persons to give the story the enormous boost it deserved to millions of people. After all, isn't MSF's source leaking "authentic" documentation? If they don't think they can convince science and news media sources of the reality of MJ-12 with the source's information, why can't MSF agree with CAUS that the story has problems?
- 4) Nonsense! We never said nor implied this.
- 5) Anyone leaking classified information is at risk. The question here is whether the MJ-12 papers are authentic classified documents. This hasn't been established. If they aren't authentic the source can have a grand time doing what he/she wishes, constrained of course by keeping the story credible.
- 6) The meeting in Reese's office was mentioned as one example when an outsider could have planted a false paper. The point of this discussion was whether or not it is possible for someone to do this at the Archives. On October 13, 1987, a New York Times story told of the difficulty in preventing thefts at the Archives and the Library of Congress. Security at these institutions is geared toward preventing removal of documents and officials admitted that they could not stop this with present procedures. Body searches were considered at both locations and rejected because it "would be unseemly," according to a Library of Congress official. Without body searches and with security geared toward theft prevention, planting a single sheet in an Archives file would be relatively easy even for one of modest intelligence. Friedman neglected to mention that on page 7 of the Sept. 87 JC this editor was told by archivist Ed Reese, the person in charge of the records group containing the C-T memo, that such seeding could not be prevented.
- 7) Nonsense! Two of the three press stories we had reproduced in our MJ-12 report were favorable to MJ-12. Later press coverage after the story was digested became generally negative.

- 8) More nonsense! All of this was considered. Does Friedman say that because some of the officials allegedly in MJ-12 knew each other, that confirms the existence of the panel? They were top officials who certainly had interrelationships on a wide variety of matters in the administration. What must be shown is their being linked by MJ-12-related activity for Friedman's close-relationship theory to be valid. He infers that various meetings between these officials were UFO-related, whereas this has not at all been established.
- 9) Not what I said. MSF have much to gain from the documents being accepted as real, not from knowingly releasing phony documents and eventually getting caught. They cannot deny that they control the "secret" information they have and that once they gain general acceptance there would be substantial gain in terms of books, media appearances; etc. Such a revelation would be one of history's major events.
- 10) If MSF sent copies of the documents out in 1984 and 85, they kept it a secret. Despite being a board member of CAUS, Moore never once informed us of any of the finds for assistance or comment. In fact during a 1985 phone conversation with Larry Fawcett, Moore wanted our planned December 1985 JC article on MJ-12 halted, though the information was acquired independently. He refused to explain why this was necessary.
- 11) Menzel's credentials were extraordinary. Where is the evidence of linkage to UFO belief and MJ-12 aside from suspect documents?
- 12) Who said this? We didn't.
- 13) Is Friedman saying here that he knows more about Roswell than the agencies he claims are withholding the information? In other words, why bother going to the agencies from which the papers are supposed to originate for authentication; MSF will authenticate them for us and act as final word on the matter.
- 14) The Briefing Paper version of the 1950 story differs sharply with eyewitness accounts from previous investigations cited in our report; yet this doesn't seem to bother MSF. Why doesn't Friedman use this space to explain the anomaly instead of ridiculing us for bringing it up?
- 15) The point here is that the story in the documents could have been manufactured from existing reports and books on Roswell. The scientific data in the BP attachment list (still unavailable) could be checked for consistency with what knowledge and testing techniques were used during that time. It could dramatically improve the credibility of the story. Why is it missing? Could it be that this kind of information is too difficult to fake? Friedman thinks it's not possible that the story in it's present form could have been manufactured. Is it really not possible?
- 16) Question: What were these meetings about? Only a few days earlier the CIA was formed. Might the meetings have been related to administrative and policy matters of a fledgling CIA? Or other Truman administration concerns? The point is that at least a hint that these meetings dealt with UFOs is necessary before inferring anything. Is there an appointment

book, a log, a diary indicating the subject?

- 17) Here again, what is the subject of the meeting? Ike was just elected at the time and was certainly briefed on many topics. Question: How is it that a briefing on such an ultra-top secret matter relating to UFOs gets into the New York Times? If I were General Twining I would make darn well sure that an MJ-12 briefing would have been done in total secrecy.
- 18-20) A secret, non-UFO memo, written on the same day as the C-T memo by Mr. Lay, has Lay's name and position at the bottom with an indication that a copy was supplied to Mr. Cutler's files. Question: Why didn't Lay or Coyne take responsibility for the C-T memo if one of them produced it? Mr. Lay did sign his name to verifiable correspondence of that day. A sample of Coyne's memos is still unavailable but why should he be different and not sign his name? If Cutler transmitted a change of appointment to Lay or Coyne, there should be a record of this instruction (phone log, cable; etc.) If Lay or Coyne took it upon themselves to make a change without Cutler's knowledge, then surely one must have indicated on the memo who produced it as a pure courtesy to their boss in case of an error. It would be embarrassing to Cutler if a subordinate took unapproved action and signed Cutler's name to it. (see also point 34 following)
- 21-23) We acknowledge that every last scrap of paper from the Truman and Eisenhower years have not been examined for proof of MJ-12. But proof must be found to support MJ-12. One can't believe it on the assumption that documentation is there in unexamined files.
- 24) Where did we say this? An untrue, baseless statement.
- 25) More baloney! We never said this, as is documented in 200+ pages of CLEAR INTENT and Just Cause and CAUS Bulletin.
- 26) See remarks in point 8.
- 27) See remarks in points 18-20.
- 28) It is interesting that Friedman agrees with us that the C-T memo seems to be a "plant," one of our very early suspicions when the memo turned up so out-of-place. Proving a link between the Air Force classification review people and the planting of the memo is another matter. Friedman accuses CAUS of "conclusion-jumping" in his IUR piece but this is as clear an example of this as anything presented.
- 29) One may spend hundreds of hours in library research on any proposition but if that research doesn't produce proof, or even a reasonable likelihood of the proposition's reality, it is for nought. Is it Friedman's argument that if person A spends 200 hours in a library with little to show, and person B spends 150 hours researching a different tilt of the same argument with similar results, then person A wins by 50 hours?
- 30) Prove it! Also referring back to points 18-20, if it is Friedman's belief that Lay's office was responsible for the

C-T memo, as is clear in Friedman's comment, where is Lay's typewritten signature as it appeared on other correspondence of that same day?

- 31) The Truman memo has not been verified by any authority, despite it seeming provable by bearing a signature and being on letterhead. It's status as an executive order is not verified because no executive orders were registered on September 24, 1947, according to the Truman Library and the executive order listing in the United States Code. Where is the original? The signature can't be studied for authenticity and neither can the stationery. Is it impossible for example that a hoaxer could have used a genuine, non-UFO memo as a model for manufacturing an unreal memo? MSF will certainly reject this but are still left with an unauthenticated xerox photocopy made from another photographic reproduction (Shandera's film) to defend the story, something I would not want to go to court with.
- 32-33) Wrong! We didn't say Moore forged the BP, C-T memo, or the Truman memo, though we don't exclude anything. In fact we had indicated that OSI agent Richard Doty was a logical suspect because of his past involvement in suspicious events. There appears to be a number of others involved as well. Moore could clear up some of these problems but has chosen not to. Instead the ball is kept rolling by promises of new information which doesn't appear; by releasing documents which suddenly drop out of sight without comment (CIA MJ-5 memo, Project Aquarius paper).
- 34) The fact that the C-T memo is an unsigned carbon is very relevant to the issue but not in the way MSF indicate. The absence of a signature makes it less valuable as proof. Friedman's allowance that it is a "possible" plant isn't helpful to it's credibility either. Unless it can be firmly linked to the White House staff it will remain suspect.
- 35) Linda Howe has fingered Doty as one of her sources; we've already printed her version of the meeting with him in the last CAUS Bulletin. Where did we say that her testimony was irrelevant? Shandera's role in the affair is clearer if one reads an article in the April 1988 issue of Fate Magazine by Jerome Clark titled, "UFO Crashes (Pt.4)," just received by CAUS. In fact we urge readers to digest this piece because it proves how very bizarre MSF's story is. One tidbit is the inclusion of Marjorie Fish's speculative research into the origin of Betty Hill's aliens (Zeta Reticuli) as proven fact by Moore's mysterious "Falcon" character. It is almost as if this detail were included to bait Friedman into believing the story because Friedman had defended this speculation in the 1970s.
- 36) We never said this either. However, in this case where is the disinformation coming from? Is it from all the sources unable to verify an MJ-12, or is it MSF's source?

The next page contains a copy of a non-UFO memo by James Lay, as referred to in points 18-20 and 30.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
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July 14, 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of Defense
The Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission

SUBJECT: Aircraft Nuclear Propulsion Program

REFERENCE: Memo for Gen. Cutler from Addressees,
same subject, undated (received July 14,
1954)



The President has been advised by me of the reference memorandum and of its conclusion that "no revisions seem appropriate in NSC Action No. 779."

Accordingly, the President has decided that action by the National Security Council regarding the reference memorandum is not necessary, and that this matter should be handled through regular procedures, including normal budgetary review to the extent required.

The President has also asked that the Atomic Energy Commission, after consultation with the Department of Defense, transmit an appropriate reply to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy in response to the report of the Research and Development Subcommittee on this subject which was transmitted to the President, the Department of Defense, and the Atomic Energy Commission.

JAMES S. LAY, JR.
Executive Secretary

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Basic assumptions of CAUS Preliminary by S.T. Friedman

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1. The Truman and Eisenhower libraries and the National Archives have complete files of all papers ever prepared during the Truman and Eisenhower administrations.
2. No anonymous leaked documents will be considered in the search for truth about UFOs or any other matter involving national security, cover ups, etc.
3. Big names such as Walter Cronkite, Dan Rather and Carl Sagan are in an excellent position to provide an objective review of UFOs in general and MJ-12 in particular.
4. Everything said by the Archives is totally true and cannot be checked for accuracy.
5. There is no danger ^{or risk} whatsoever to the person or persons leaking the filmed document or "planting" the Cutler-Twining memo.
6. Ed Reece's office is the location wherein Archive Documents are brought for review by researchers.
7. There has been only negative press coverage of the MJ-12 documents.
8. There is no point in checking the contents of the documents or the dates of the documents or the relationships between the persons named therein.
9. Friedman, Moore, and Shandera somehow had a great deal to gain from releasing phony documents.
10. MSF obviously didn't send out copies in 1984, December, when the documents were received (Briefing) or in July 1985 when they found the Cutler-Twining memo to make things more mysterious.
11. Friedman's very surprising findings about Donald Menzel are irrelevant.
12. Everybody well known in ufology is a persistent and careful researcher (especially the editor and publisher of the CAUS Newsletter) and could be depended upon to do a complete and thorough investigation of the Roswell Incident.. starting in early 1985.
13. There is no point in checking with MSF about the important aspects of the documents since they already know a lot. It is much more useful to check with those who know nothing about Roswell or UFOs (Ike & Truman Libs., Archives etc) because they aren't biased.
14. If a story in the briefing disagrees with other versions of what might be the same story, (crash of Dec. 6, 1950) the briefing is a forgery.
15. If a story in the briefing agrees with already investigated and compiled versions of the same story, (Roswell Incident) the briefing is a forgery.
16. Trivial data such as the fact that Sept. 24, 1947, was the only date in the last 8 months of 1947 when Bush, Forrestal and Truman met together and was preceded by a Bush-Forrestal meeting are irrelevant.
17. Trivial data such as the fact that Ike was indeed briefed on Nov. 18, 1952, by at least one member of MJ-12 (Nathan F. Twining) as is noted in the NY Times, The Twining files, the Eisenhower files, is irrelevant.
18. Trivial data such as the fact that Cutler instructed James Lay and J. Patrick Coyne to "keep things moving out of my basket" while he was gone are irrelevant.
19. The fact that another memo from Cutler to Twining contains almost identical language "your concurrence with the above arrangements is assumed" is irrelevant.
20. The fact that there is considerable variation in the format of various NSC documents with regard to the presence or absence of White House at the top, a signature at the bottom, typed or rubber stamped classification markings is irrelevant

21. The fact, that the Cutler-Twining memo says nothing about an "NSC meeting," a "Special meeting, or a 'special briefing' is irrelevant and should not be used to question the Ike Library comments about NSC and Special meetings.
22. The fact that the Ike library has more than 200,000 pages of NSC material from the Ike era which have not been reviewed at all for MJ-12 or other Cutler or Lay material is irrelevant.
23. The fact that a brief search for the 2 Cutler-Twining memos of 1953 and the Menzel NSA letter or memo turned up none is irrelevant with regard to the thoroughness of the Ike Library search for relevant materials or their use of the term "All" Cutler letters or memos.
24. Obviously there are no "Black" Programs .
25. Freedom of information guarantees access to all government material which is easily accessed via computer or other such modern technique.
26. The close relationships amongst the various members of MJ-12 are irrelevant.
27. The fact that James S. Lay was the Executive Secretary of the NSC for many years and not just a subordinate to Cutler is irrelevant in determining whether or not he would have had the authority to notify Twining of a relatively trivial change in an already scheduled meeting.
28. The fact that there were at least 6 teams of 4 members each of USAF personnel working on declassification or at least classification review of USAF RG 341 for a period of at least 4 months and could bring in brief cases, notebooks etc is irrelevant in one's evaluation of the possibility of the Cutler-Twining memo having been planted at the Archives.
29. Hundreds of hours spent reviewing thousands of documents in various presidential and other archives count for nought with regard to an evaluation of the briefing and Cutler-Twining documents. Filing of FOI requests and reviewing the documents received is far more instructive about documents, people, relationships, office style and other factors.
30. The fact that the Cutler-Twining memo was almost certainly typed on the same type-writer on which various memos, letters, etc were typed for James Lay is irrelevant
31. The very unusual period after the date on the Truman-Forrestal memo is irrelevant even though it is very often present on items prepared for Vannevar Bush and for Robert Patterson, in effect Forrestal's predecessor.
32. The fact that Bill Moore occasionally or even always uses a day month, comma year date format proves he forged the briefing document, but presumably not the Cutler Twining nor Truman-Forrestal memos.
33. The fact that other people such as Hillenkoetter himself uses a day month comma year format is irrelevant.
34. The fact that the Cutler-Twining memo is a carbon and unsigned is irrelevant to the question of whether or not Cutler, Lay, Coyne prepared it.
35. The fact that Linda Howe and Jaime Shandera are both TV producers who have worked on in-depth documentaries is irrelevant.
36. No government official has ever put out disinformation to help cover the tracks of legitimate information not desired to be released.