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**MEETING DATE: Wednesday, June 25, 1997 ♦ MEETING TIME: 7:30 p.m. SHARP**

**PROGRAM: "ALIEN SECRETS: AREA 51" -- TIMOTHY GOODE VIDEO**

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### DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The investigation into the events of March 13, which have come to be known as the "Phoenix Lights," is winding down. Pretty much all the research that can be done has been done. One or two items remain, but the various field investigators have made the following conclusions: "There were three or possibly four objects involved. At least one of the objects was observed visually by controllers at Sky Harbor Airport, but it did not appear on radar. The objects did not make any sound. The objects were approximately 1 mile in length. The objects were either triangular or V-shaped. The number of lights visible on each object was between four and nine. Thanks to Jim Ossipov, Richard Motzer, and Ruth Hover for helping with the investigation.

Be sure to sign up at this month's meeting to help out at the fast-approaching Christown Mall display on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (August 15, 16 & 17) of UFO Awareness week. Even if you can only help out for a few hours, we need your assistance and would greatly appreciate your time.

A much-needed Section Directors meeting will be held on June 29 in Casa Grande. It will give me a chance to meet some of my appointees for the first time and for all of us to get to know each other better and discuss our various areas within MUFON-AZ. I hope all who have been appointed will attend.

Lots more happening with June 18th's USA Today article and Art Bell's June 17 broadcast involving Phoenix and the Pathfinder mission (reported on elsewhere in this Newsletter). Every day it becomes more and more important to . . . keep your eyes to the sky!

Tom Taylor  
State Director

### BOOKS TO BE RAFFLED

Several books which have been donated to MUFON-AZ will be raffled off at the June meeting. The titles include Alien Agenda by Thompson, Silent Invasion by Crystal, Close Extraterrestrial Encounters by Boylan, and Gods From Outer Space by Van Daniken. Tickets will be \$.50 and will be available before the meeting and again just before the raffle.

### NEW SOLAR PLANETARY EVIDENCE 4/19/97

(RINS) Denver, CO - RINS announced today that a member of the Riskers International organization has discovered a new "face" on the surface of the planet Mars. Riskers International is a nationwide study and information-sharing organization based in Denver, Colorado.

Richard Hoagland, Whitley Strieber, Art Bell, and other noted professionals in the field have been contacted about this new finding, which is being labeled as the BAR (Burisch Andrews Riskers) discovery. Todd Andrews, founder of Riskers International, said "This is an amazing discovery that has been made. It is actually the second major discovery that Mr. Burisch has made. Mr. Burisch is a noted exobiologist whom I have known for some time now. I trust his judgment. The pictures speak for themselves; just look." The noted pictures can be found at the RISKER site at <http://www.riskers.org>

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Pete Creelman  
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## Media Watch

by Tom Taylor

With the 50th Anniversary of the Roswell crash coming up in July, several magazines have done feature stories on Roswell. AMUG News, newsletter of the Arizona MacIntosh computer users group, had such an article in their June 1997 issue, but nothing new was reported. The same goes for the July 1997 issue of Popular Science. But the July 1997 issue of Popular Mechanics did a very interesting article which is worth reading. They imply that the Germans and Japanese were connected with the Roswell object.

Governor Fife Symington, a long-time Trekkie, revealed that while working at NORAD, he saw bleeps on radar that could not be explained. This all came out on KFYI Radio during the Governor's forum on June 16.

Speaking of KFYI, Art Bell fans will rejoice in the fact that Art's program in the Phoenix metro area will come on nightly at 11 p.m. instead of midnight, but we still miss the first hour of the broadcast because his program actually comes on at 10 p.m. Art has some of the most interesting UFO-related people on his weekly program as well as on his Sunday night "Dreamland," which still airs at 8:00 p.m.

Don't forget the upcoming films "Contact" and "Men in Black" which are due to hit the big screen in the next few weeks. I understand from our sources at The Arizona Republic that a feature article on Roswell should appear before the July 4 weekend. Watch for it.

The Newspaper USA Today called me a few weeks ago for an interview, and the story was printed in the June 18th edition. Try to get a copy -- it's worth it!

Time magazine also ran a Roswell story in their July 1997 edition.

Richard Hoagland on the Art Bell program June 18 predicts that the

Mars Pathfinder will be LOST in the next few days and will then suddenly be found and land on Cydonia (Mars) on or about July 20. He then goes on to predict that a diversionary event will occur in Phoenix on or about July 20 to draw attention away from the Pathfinder's landing on Cydonia. Let's wait and see what happens!!

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In the interest of keeping the UFO topic before the public, the following is a list of programs on the subject recently aired via television, radio and newspaper in recent weeks. We will attempt to list programs ahead of time whenever possible; unfortunately, we are often not notified of programs until it is too late to publish them in the Newsletter in time for members to view, hear, or read them. In the case of TV and radio programs, ask at MUFON meetings to see if anyone is aware of someone who may have taped them to share.

***Always be sure to check current TV listings before viewing!***

### WEEKLY RADIO PROGRAMS:

DREAMLAND - KFYI Radio, 910 AM, Sunday evenings, 8:00 p.m. - Art Bell hosts this interesting radio program. The program is aired on the following stations in other cities in Arizona: Globe: 1240 AM; Safford: 1230 AM; Tucson: 1400 AM; Kingman: 1230 AM; Yuma: 560 AM; and Flagstaff: 600 AM. Art also hosts "Coast to Coast" weeknights at 11 p.m. and often features UFO related guests and/or topics. A "Dreamland" repeat is also broadcast at 8 p.m. on Saturdays.

Erskin Overnight, KXAM Radio, 1310 on the AM dial, Saturdays from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.

UFO-AZ Radio Show - In the Tucson area on KTUC, 1400 AM, 10:00 p.m. Sundays (after "Dreamland").

Mysteries Around Us, KTAR Radio (620 AM), 10:00 p.m. Sunday (*note day/time change*), hosted by Frank Baranowski, a well-known hypno-therapist specializing in regression.

### WEEKLY TV PROGRAMS:

UFO AZ/UFO TALKS: Scottsdale TCI Cable, Channel 28, Thursdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m. and Channel 22, Dimension Cable, Monday and Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.; now also in Prescott on Channel 13 Friday nights at 9 p.m. and repeated on Tuesday at 3 p.m. Co-produced by Alan Morey. Ted, Peggy and Jim co-host this continuing series featuring interesting guests and topics related to all aspects of the UFO experience.

Unsolved Mysteries - Fridays at 7:00 p.m., Channel 12.

X Files - Sundays at 8:00 p.m., Channel 10.

Sightings (cable only - SciFi Channel) moved to **Wednesdays, 8 p.m. and 12 midnight** according to a MUFON member and viewer in California. Be sure to check your local cable guide for this broadcast.

Strange Universe - every weeknight at 11:00 p.m. on Channel 45 and repeated at 1:00 p.m.

Late Night Cosmic Contact - Saturdays, 9:00-10:00 p.m., Channel 61 [TCI Tucson Public Access]. This new talk show features host Chris Maynard and guests who believe they have experienced contact with life from other worlds. Chris also examines national contact cases to evaluate facts, comparisons and trends of this growing phenomenon.

### 50 YEARS OF ARIZONA SIGHTINGS 1947-1997

Jim Ossipov has given us yet more updates to his wonderful listing of reported Arizona sightings since 1947. New copies containing these updates may be purchased at MUFON-AZ meetings for \$5.00 or ordered by mail for \$6.50. Contact Tom Taylor for details.

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### ARTICLE SUBMISSION



Many thanks to those submitting articles and book reviews, and if you haven't done so, here's an invitation to add to YOUR newsletter by doing so. Handwritten articles and those typed on a typewriter are fine, but if you do have a computer, it saves a lot of time if you can submit your articles on diskette. However, PLEASE save your articles in Word-Perfect 5.1 software or in ASCII (DOS text) format and put your name on them. Then send them (either the hard copy or the diskette) to Tom at 1433 W. Huntington, Tempe, AZ 85282 or fax hard copy articles to Mary Hart at 907-0609. You can also send them via internet to her husband's internet address, which is: taz7211@ix.netcom.com

## Calendar

**Cochise County Chapter** - Meeting Saturday, June 28, 2-4 p.m., Sierra Vista Public Library (Mona Bishop Room), 2950 E. Tacoma St. in Sierra Vista. The library is next to the Community Center. Call Herb at 520/378-3024 for further information if necessary.

**Pima County Chapter** - Meeting Saturday, June 21, 1997, 1 p.m. at the Wilmot Library. Jim Dilettoso and Wendelle Stevens will be the guest speakers. Call June at 520/326-0078 for more information.

**Yuma County Chapter** - No meetings for the rest of the summer. Contact Bobbie Jones at 520/627-2461 for details.

**Maricopa County Chapter** - Meeting Wednesday, June 25, usual place and time (see page 1).

June 21-22: "The UFO Event of the Year" in North Haven, CT. Stanton Friedman and Dr. John E. Mack. Contact John White; 60 Pound Ridge Rd.; Cheshire, CT 06410 or phone 203/272-2151 or fax 203/250-0501.

June 23, 1997: Experiencers Group, 7:30 p.m. Call Dr. Ruth Hover for details at 837-0446.

June 26-28, 1997 - 18th Rocky Mountain UFO Conference, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming.

July 11-13, 1997 - 28th Annual MUFON International UFO Symposium, Amway Grand Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The theme of this symposium will be "The 50th Anniversary of UFOlogy."

August 10-16 - International UFO Congress, 1st Annual "Summer Seminar," Laughlin NV. For info phone or fax 303/543-9443.

August 15-17 - UFO Awareness Week. We will have our usual display in Christown mall. To volunteer some of your time at our display, sign up on the special signup sheet that will be at this month's meeting.

### ARIZONA'S 3/13/1997 MAJOR "UFO SHOW"

Thanks to a ZIP from R. Leo Sprinkle, Ph.D., we learned that Mark Woodhouse, Ph.D., P.O. Box 187, Lakemont, GA 30552, took his time on February 25, 1997, to record in an open letter his view of something significant that was about to happen during the next six months (March-August) of this year. Mark wrote: "From March to August, 'signs and wonders' will accelerate in conjunction with the appearance of extraterrestrial craft potentially numbering in the thousands." Lo and behold, on Thursday, March 13, 1997, "signs and wonders" in the Arizona night sky prompted a flood of calls from concerned observers to Luke Air Force Base, to the Arizona MUFON hotline, to the National Weather Service, and to the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle. Being reported was a strange cluster of bright, varying-colored lights whose reality, fortunately, was videotaped by numerous observers and featured as hot news items on several TV programs in Arizona that weekend.

No satisfactory explanation of those strange lights was given by any official source, although an Apache helicopter pilot told a local TV station

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the lights were simply military flares sent up during a training exercise. But this all-knowing pilot failed to explain how those "flares" moved so quickly in the night sky all the way from north of Prescott to Phoenix where they stopped for a few minutes before moving south toward Tucson, according to the collection of reports from so many different observers.

According to The Associated Press's brief report printed in the Sunday, March 16, edition of the local Tribune, Scottsdale Progress newspaper, the Arizona National Guard said Friday it has no earthly explanation for the March 13 night lights over Arizona. But a spokesperson for the Guard did mention the Apache helicopter pilot's limited "flare" for an explanation ... which means the Arizona National Guard spokesperson did not try to hide one of its own pilots' possible disinformation effort. Ironical that the Arizona National Guard's own auditorium is the facility rented by MUFON-AZ for our monthly meetings!

Not unexpectedly, five days elapsed before editors of Arizona's establishment newspaper, The Arizona Republic, decided to report on the strange lights seen by so many Arizona folks on March 13. This newspaper's March 18 report was entitled "Object Seen Over State A Puzzle -- Was It A UFO?" Perhaps the Arizona Republic's conservative editors know that more than 20 years ago a senior avionics editor for Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine, Philip J. Klass, the so-called "Sherlock Homes of UFOlogy," worked tirelessly to debunk every major "UFO Show" that had been called to his attention. Yes, Klass's two books, UFOs -- Identified and UFOs Explained cautioned all readers to be very wary of any "joe" reporting a "UFO Show" because Klass demonstrated how, with his scientific, painstaking approach, he was sure to find faults in all UFO reports and faults in all persons who reported such debunkable nonsense -- such non-scientific stuff.

Editors who take a risk reporting on UFOs may fear being faulted even today, because senior avionics editor Klass is said to have a photographic memory -- all negative -- and he loves

to expose all "UFO Show" believers and "experiencers" and gullible editors.

Getting back to Arizona's Major UFO flap, in Phoenix on daytime radio, well-known talk show host Pat McMahon did a two-hour program about Arizona's March 13 UFO sightings. On this program Pat interviewed UFO researcher Jim Dilettoso at Jim's Village Lab facility in Tempe. By telephone Pat also interviewed Peter Davenport, who heads the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle. Both Dilettoso and Davenport expressed their beliefs that Arizona's March 13 UFO showing was a major and significant occurrence.

Dilettoso said the large lighted craft sighted over Glendale and Phoenix had a boomerang shape which had been reported in many other UFO sightings. It moved slowly over Camelback Mountain, Jim said, and stopped for a few minutes about a mile south of Camelback (over Indian School Road) before heading toward Tucson.

Could "Indian" and "School" and "Road" be meaningful signs for us to "GROK?" American Indian traditions include the Indian's long-time relationships with "Sky Beings." Whitley Strieber's latest UFO Show book is titled "The Secret School." Maybe we can learn something from the Native Americans and from Whitley's new book about our own futures, our own "road," ahead. Could "Indian" and "School" and "Road" be three of the UFO's "signs and wonders" communicated in Phoenix on March 13?

Arizona MUFON State Director Tom Taylor tells us that following Pat McMahon's radio talk show about UFOs over Arizona the fax machine at Dilettoso's Village Lab started pumping out blank messages, something that had never happened there before. And the only way they could stop this flood of blanks was to turn off the fax machine. Also, Tom said, several MUFON members found messages recorded in their telephone answering services saying the MUFON meeting place March 26 had been changed to the Village Lab in Tempe! A total lie!

Other "signs and wonders" included a full page in the Washington Post's March 19 issue concerning UFO Shows and Zippy in The Arizona Republic.

Max Peterson  
MUFON-AZ Member

### **PUSH NOW ON FOR OPEN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS & PUBLIC DISCLOSURE GIVEN THE HIGH CALIBER OF WITNESSES & OTHER EVIDENCE**

April 15, 1997; Asheville, NC -- The Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence (CSETI) successfully inaugurated its Project Starlight briefing of more than two dozen congressional offices with several VIPs from the Executive branch, the Pentagon, representatives of the Dutch Embassy, the National Academy of Sciences, two state Governors' offices, and others on April 9. The following evening, April 10, news media were given a similar briefing which included reporters from The Washington Post Writer's Group, U.S. News & World Report, The Boston Globe, The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), WTNH-TV (an ABC affiliate in New Haven, CT), United Press International, Strange Universe TV Program, and other invited guests. A producer from CBS's "60 Minutes" and "USA Today" were briefed prior to the event.

Using a Best Available Evidence (BAE) package that contained numerous government and military documents, a video and photographic summary tape and 15 first-hand witnesses to UFO events and/or projects, Dr. Steven Greer urged attending members of Congress and the news media respectively to "move forward on this subject through open hearings leading to a full public disclosure" and "through responsible news and programming coverage given the weight of evidence presented here this week. If news media devoted even a fourth as much time to finding out the facts on this subject as it did in the O.J. Simpson trial, the public would be well served."

Greer, the International Founder and Director of CSETI, was joined by Dr. Ed Mitchell, the former Apollo 14



Astronaut who walked on the moon, and echoed Greer's assessment about the evidence by noting that "initially I was skeptical about this reality, but I believe today that the force of evidence commands an honest, scientific look at the facts."

Among the witnesses who provided testimony were Donna Hare, a former subcontractor in the photo labs of the Johnson Space Center in Houston. Hare said she saw one NASA technician air brush a UFO out of a space satellite photo and that "it was done routinely," according to her colleague. Stephen Lovekin, a lawyer from North Carolina who worked with a Top Secret security clearance in the Pentagon during President Eisenhower's White House term during the 1950s as a trained cryptologist, says he saw material from a downed ET craft and saw apparent ET writing on the material. Lovekin says the President was regularly briefed about the UFO issue.

Other military witnesses gave dramatic testimony about more recent UFO/ET events in the Atlantic Command under an admiral who "had the place in chaos for several hours" while others described events at numerous Air Force bases, including one report of "an alien being shot at the end of the runway at McGuire AFB and later removed by a C-41 Transport plane flown in from Wright-Patterson AFB to retrieve the body."

According to Greer, "there are more than 100 other witnesses -- some who would need protection to testify under oath to congress and some who are best described as "hostile" witnesses who would need a subpoena to appear -- most of whom are ready to tell their stories before they die. Many are service men and women who are heroes of our country and willing to make one last courageous act in order for this important subject to come to light. Project Starlight will move forward with another round of briefings in the nation's Capitol of necessary, or until someone from the first briefing decides to sponsor hearings on this matter. Several offices expressed such an interest.

Project Starlight is an international coalition effort that includes current and former government personnel, aerospace

executives, military officials, intelligence operatives, American astronauts, Russian cosmonauts, UFO/ET researchers, civilians, and others.

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<http://www.cseti.org/congress.htm>

## CORSO BLOWS THE LID ON ROSWELL

COLONEL PHILIP CORSO'S BOOK  
CONFIRMS ROSWELL  
He Saw Alien and Handled  
Wreckage, Book Declares  
by Michael Lindemann

The long-awaited book by Colonel Philip Corso, titled "The Day After Roswell," will soon be in bookstores nationwide. CNI News has gotten an advance look at parts of the text, and if Corso can be believed, his story blows the lid on Roswell, government UFO secrecy, and the ongoing reality of extraterrestrial visitors.

What will frustrate all but the most ardent believers is the fact that much of what Corso says cannot be confirmed. The reader is forced to accept or reject a litany of extravagant claims on the basis of Corso's credibility alone.

But Corso does have inherent credibility, and that is a big part of the story. By all accounts, he served with distinction during World War II and the Korean War, was a member of the White House National Security Council under President Eisenhower, and then headed the Foreign Technology Desk at the U.S. Army's Research and Development Department, reporting to General Arthur Trudeau. When this man says he knows about Roswell, it makes sense to pay attention.

Corso says he was not at Roswell during the period in early July 1947 when the famous UFO incident took place. He recounts the probable chain of events as he learned them from records and stories, just as other Roswell researchers have done. But he backs up the stories with the claim that he did personally see what came from Roswell -- the bodies and the wreckage.

It was Lt. General Trudeau, Corso says, who assigned him the task of

dealing with the wreckage when he joined Trudeau's staff at the Pentagon in 1961. But that was not his first exposure to Roswell. Corso says he happened to be in a position, more or less accidentally, to see an alien body as it was being shipped from the New Mexico crash site to its destination at Wright Field in July 1947. This chance event happened at Ft. Riley, Kansas, where then-Major Corso had just enrolled in Military Intelligence School after returning to the U.S. from a post-war assignment in Italy. One day -- July 6, 1947 to be exact -- he and the other men on base watched a convoy of trucks pull into Ft. Riley laden with large crates. Freight records said the crates contained an assortment of aircraft parts coming from Fort Bliss, Texas and bound for Wright Field, Ohio. Routine, Corso thought -- except that aircraft parts tended to flow FROM, rather than to, Wright Field. But that was a minor point. The only other odd thing was that the veterinary clinic was suddenly put off limits to all personnel.

Corso was Post Duty Officer that night. As he made his rounds, he came to the veterinary clinic, where a Sergeant he knew well was posted as sentry. The Sergeant was not at his post.

A voice in the dark urged Corso to come into the clinic. Corso saw the Sergeant waving him inside. He went in. There he saw several of the crates that had arrived on the convoy. Corso sternly questioned the Sergeant about what was going on. "You don't understand, Major," the Sergeant said. "You have to see this." After much discussion, Corso was persuaded to have a look. He did have the clearance to be in the temporarily top-secret location, he says, though the Sergeant did not. He ordered the Sergeant to leave, and then opened a crate.

Inside, he says, he saw an extraordinary body floating in some kind of gel-like fluid, obviously for preservation.

"It was a four-foot human-shaped figure with arms, bizarre-looking four-fingered hands -- I didn't see a thumb -- thin legs and feet, and an oversized incandescent light-bulb-shaped head that looked like it was floating over a balloon gondola



for a chin," Corso writes. "I had the urge to pull off the top of the liquid container and touch the pale gray skin. But I couldn't tell whether it was skin because it also looked like a very thin one-piece head-to-toe fabric covering the creature's flesh."

Corso goes on to describe a creature that will sound familiar to anyone who understands the term "Gray." At a later point in the book, he also describes autopsy reports on this or a similar body, detailing internal organs and skeletal structure. He surmises that these bodies may have been genetically engineered for space travel.

Corso says he found routing papers on the crate which indicated the body had been taken from a craft that had crash-landed near Roswell earlier that week. This crate was routed to Air Material Command at Wright Field, and then on to Walter Reed Army Hospital's morgue pathology section.

Corso says that at that moment, in July 1947, he was utterly shocked by what he saw and knew he could never discuss it with anyone. He says he hoped he would never have occasion to deal with any such thing again.

But that would not be the case. In 1961, as a Lt. Colonel and a highly trusted military intelligence officer just returned from four years duty in Germany, Corso joined the staff of Lt. General Arthur Trudeau at the Pentagon. Trudeau, head of the Army's Research and Development Department, put Corso in charge of the Foreign Technology desk and immediately gave him an unexpectedly bizarre assignment.

Trudeau pointed to a filing cabinet in his office and said to Corso, "This has some special files, war material you've never seen before." The General said the filing cabinet would be transferred to Corso's office, and Corso was to decide how to deal with the contents. Before starting, though, the General told Corso to "do a little research on the Roswell file." Corso says the General evidently assumed that Roswell would be a complete mystery to his new assistant.

Thus Corso came to be in charge of devising a way to exploit the obvious

strategic value of wreckage recovered from the Roswell craft. He says that wreckage had languished in the Army's possession from 1947 to 1961, mainly for one reason: the few people who knew about it were convinced that the government was full of Soviet spies and informers, plus many other people who were simply naive and thus security liabilities. In particular, Corso says, he and Trudeau were convinced that the CIA was virtually a direct pipeline to the Kremlin. This put the Army in a bind: the UFO wreckage was so sensitive, no one could be trusted to deal with it.

Corso's task from 1961 to 1963 was to break that logjam by secretly distributing various pieces of potentially valuable wreckage to scientists and industrial entities who were known to be trustworthy. There, the wreckage would be back-engineered into startling new human technologies. The human patent process would effectively mask the alien source of the ideas. There would simply be the appearance of a tremendous burst of American technological progress.

Corso claims that the wreckage samples he found in Trudeau's mystery filing cabinet led directly to fiber optics, computer microchips and integrated circuits, night-vision goggles and the laser, among other things.

In the course of describing his handling of the wreckage, Corso makes numerous interesting side comments. For example, he says he soon realized that a small hand-held laser he found in the filing cabinet must be a surgical cutting instrument, which was probably used in cattle mutilations. He also says he learned that the Roswell UFO was "a delta-shaped object," a claim that fits recent speculations by Roswell researchers Randle and Schmitt and forensic investigator William McDonald.

Corso also confirms the existence of the super-secret oversight group usually called "MJ-12," though he says the group has gone mostly by other names. His list of original members in that group is identical to the list in the famous "Eisenhower Briefing Document." He also describes how an overall UFO

cover-up strategy was set in motion by General Nathan Twining and others immediately after the Roswell incident -- just as researchers such as Stanton Friedman have long surmised -- and says the official cover-up was a highly orchestrated process with two parallel objectives: first, to keep the most sensitive facts about alien technology and visitation away from America's enemies, which necessarily meant keeping them from the general population; and second, to gradually desensitize the public, with a mix of real and nonsensical UFO information, toward some future time when the reality of alien visitation would become public knowledge.

Corso speaks of these things as if he knows them to be true, yet he refers only to the kind of documentary evidence that has long been available to UFO researchers.

In sum, Corso portrays himself as a classic and unrepentant Cold Warrior who was engaged, along with a handful of others such as General Trudeau, in a two-front war. The obvious war was with the Soviet Union, seen as an evil and brilliantly devious foe that had infiltrated every level of the U.S. government, so that almost no one could be trusted, least of all the CIA. But the other war, even weirder and more horrifying, was with an extraterrestrial foe that did not show its intentions but had, whether accidentally or not, shown its capabilities. That foe was everywhere apparent to the trained observer, Corso says. Not only were alien craft frequently sighted in the air, but the Navy was seeing them constantly underwater as well.

Corso says he played a key role in making sure U.S. technology took full advantage of what could be learned from Roswell. He seems to believe that human technology has now reached a point of being able to meet potential alien hostility on more or less even terms.

What to make of Colonel Philip Corso and his book? If he were not a highly decorated, highly credible military officer, he would likely be passed off by most people as a blatant hoaxer. But why would this particular man tell such very tall tales at the end of his life, if the tales are simply untrue? That question will likely vex more than a few readers of "The Day After



Roswell," a book that will probably push the Roswell controversy to new heights in this Roswell-happy year of 1997.

["The Day After Roswell," by Col. Philip J. Corso (Ret.) with William J. Birnes, Pocket Books Hardcover, ISBN 0-671-00461-1]

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### THURMOND'S FOREWORD TO CORSO'S BOOK

COLUMBIA, SC (AP): Sen. Strom Thurmond is reportedly stewing over his connection to a new book that says aliens from a crashed spaceship provided the technology that allowed the United States to win the Cold War.

The Day After Roswell, by former Thurmond aide and retired Army intelligence officer Philip J. Corso, goes on sale next week. The book focuses on the alleged crash of an unidentified flying object in the New Mexico desert near Roswell in 1947. Thurmond, chairman of the Senate Armed Forces Committee, wrote the book's foreword.

In it [the book], Corso writes that the government confiscated the craft and from it gleaned secrets that led to advances such as LASER technology, fiber optics, night-vision capabilities, and the microchip. Thurmond, the nation's longest-serving senator, was enraged by the book, newspapers reported today. The Republican signed on to write the foreword in January because he was told it was to be an autobiographical book, his office said.

The book was to have been a memoir entitled "I walked with Giants: My Career in Military Intelligence," Thurmond staffers said. Liz Hartman, a spokeswoman for Pocket Books, said Thurmond's office received information about the book before it was finished. "We stand behind the book," she said.

The book dispute hung over Thurmond at the Washington ceremony where he received the Pentagon's highest civilian honor on Wednesday. "No American has done

more for America's security than Sen. Strom Thurmond," Defense Secretary William Cohen said.

From the Internet  
Via Zach Zachary  
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### MIB AND BLACK HELICOPTERS: BOTHERING THE WRONG PEOPLE

Recently "Strange Universe" presented a segment on which two ladies told viewers how they were frightened and mistreated by some fellows in uniform who not only flew black helicopters over their houses, but landed and captured them.

We all heard for years about strange guys called Men in Black. Usually, they arrive in a black limousine, dressed like undertakers or sometimes in a military uniform. They mumble that they are from an official agency and proceed to threaten the person they visit and strongly advise them to forget all about UFOs. They even mention acts of treason. Then they declare that they "are out of energy," stumble out, and promptly disappear.

They look weird. Once one of them wore lipstick, another had his wig askew. Their clothes are black, and most of the time ill-fitting. Their speech is sometimes stuttering, pausing as if they are searching for words.

That was then. The new generation is modernized and more dangerous. Now they arrive in helicopters, after cruising over victims' houses. They are ore violent. They beat people, choke them, and "interrogate" them (whatever that means). Still the same mention of treason. They still look weird, but now they wear paramilitary uniforms and are more articulate. This new breed (or is it?) is more unpleasant, and -- equally stupid!

They are barking up the wrong tree! Just think for a moment: who are their victims? Mostly ordinary people who, by chance, sighted a UFO or was abducted against their will. That is their "crime." Is this treason

But how about us? Some of us attend meetings, speak at them, or

organize conferences and symposia. What about those who write books on UFOs, talk about them on the radio and TV, or vociferously accuse the government of a coverup and all kinds of conspiracies?

How about all these "Archbishops of UFOlogy?" They are well-known publicly. Are they bothered by MIBs or helicopters? So far I have never heard that any one of them was visited by MIBs or whacked by guys in helicopters.

So I came up with an idea: Let's find out. It is an innocent question. I plan to ask about 100 to 200 of them if they were ever bothered by these creeps. That is all. How I figure that my response may be meager; some may think that I am an agent-provocateur or that I have just flipped in my old age. But it is worth a try!

So, ladies and gentlemen, your opinion is needed: to whom should I send this question, and how to formulate it? Thanks for your input.

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### SIGHTING EVENT: MAY 5, 1997 Payson (Gila County), Arizona

Two witnesses jointly sighted a large unidentifiable object hovering over the home of their across-the-street neighbors. The craft then soundlessly moved away in an extremely slow gliding motion toward the Mazatzal Mountains, "wobbled" briefly, tilted at an angle, and proceeded NNW over, and moved down out of sight behind, the Mazatzal Mountains.

Witness No. 1 described the size as "like three 747 aircraft welded together -- huge" and said it had a V shape, when tilted and moving away, the leading edge looked like a big kite; and of the substance, "dark grey, fuzzy from lights around perimeter." There was a total of 8 to 10 lights.

Witness No. 2 described the lights as blue and white, they spiraled or rotated like "chasing" alternating Christmas lights. When the object was moving away, Witness No. 2

saw an occasional red light, but exhaust, not flame. It just looked like a big, round, white lighted pieplate!

Both witnesses were in agreement as to the time of the sighting: 8:30 p.m. as well as the direction of travel and the description, although they were interviewed separately. The object was grey and visible from the location of its exterior lights. Both witnesses also viewed numerous conventional aircraft flying in the night sky (approach pattern for Sky Harbor Airport in Phoenix) and were very clear in their assessment of the "differentness" of this object. They also stated this object was too close and too low to be an aircraft. Both witnesses regularly view celestial bodies in the night sky and knew this object was different.

**Evidence:** Anecdotal only. Inquiry into local neighborhood was made, but no one else in the immediate vicinity saw the object. There was no sound, no physical evidence, no EM effects. No pets were present to judge animal reaction. The only light source was an outdoor security light across the street. The moon was dark (new moon was the next night, May 6).

Neither witness had any prior interest (or belief!) in UFOs or related subjects. They had only PrimeStar TV reception, no local news. Neither witness had knowledge of the recent "Phoenix Lights" sightings in March.

Weather conditions were clear, cloudless, full darkness by 7 p.m., and no moonlight. The Hale-Bopp Comet was no longer visible in the night sky from this location. there was a light breeze from the SSW toward E at 8 mph or so.

**Objects Excluded:** Celestial bodies, weather anomalies (lightning, reflections, swamp gas), only easily visible stars including the Big Dipper directly overhead. Venus, Saturn, Jupiter and Mars were NOT visible. Local radar and weather data also excluded research balloons, unconventional aircraft and test vehicles. This object did not register on local radar (per ABQ center). Also excluded are refueling vehicles, conventional aircraft. Also probably not a "secret" military test vehicle as the appearance occurred inside of

conventional air traffic corridor. Further excluded were flares (not visible from this location per information officer at local military bases; also no exercises on this date.)

No psychological or physiological responses or after effects noted. Both witnesses are adult, technically employed, non-hysterical types, no confabulation, reliable, and credible.

No contamination by media or other source material in this category, so they delayed in reporting the occurrence due to trying to figure out "who can we tell" and "Who can we ask for information?" A co-worker gave them the phone number of Texas MUFON, which referred them to MUFON-AZ, who then referred the case to this local investigator on May 22, 1997.

Site visit occurred May 26 and interview subsequent to two lengthy and separate phone interviews of witnesses done on May 24 and 25, three weeks after the event.

Neither witness wears glasses, and no vision or problems in medical history of relevance.

No alcohol, no drug use, no history of psychiatric or psychological problems. Non-hysterical or confusional account.

Statements by witnesses included: "I don't even believe in UFOs -- so what WAS that?"

**Conclusions:** These two credible witnesses appeared to have accurately reported an unidentifiable size and shaped object 30° on the horizon viewed over 3 to 5 minutes in an unconventional pattern of movement, against prevailing light winds.

#### Contacted for Supporting Data:

- ◆ U.S. Weather Service
- ◆ Albuquerque, NM Air Traffic Center
- ◆ Phoenix Sky Harbor Controller
- ◆ Public Info. Office of Luke AFB

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# Planet discovered orbiting nearby star

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Associated Press

NEW YORK — Astronomers announced the discovery of a Jupiter-size planet orbiting a nearby star on Thursday, boosting their confidence that there are many more planets to be found — perhaps even some that harbor life.

The object orbiting Rho Coronae Borealis is hardly the first to be discovered circling another star. Depending on how you count, it's in the range of ninth to 13th.

But it is still significant, astronomers say, because it fills in a gap in their planet collection and reinforces their belief that more exist.

The discovery was announced Thursday by Robert Noyes of the Harvard-Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory and seven other astronomers. It is to be reported in a future issue of *Astrophysical Jour-*

*nal Letters*, a journal of the American Astronomical Society.

"It's a very nice discovery," said Alan Boss, an astronomer at the Carnegie Institution in Washington, D.C. "Even a single discovery like this can make people stop and rethink everything that's happened so far."

The new planet lies about 23 million miles from its star, or about a quarter the distance from the sun to Earth. The star itself is close by astronomical standards, about 50 light-years from Earth.

Because the planet is closer to its star than Mercury is to the sun, its surface temperature is estimated at 400 to 500 degrees. That is much too hot to support life, but there is a good chance that more livable planets could be orbiting Rho Coronae Borealis or a similar star.

"There could well be many smaller planets in these systems that

we just can't see by present techniques," Noyes said.

Current technology can detect a planet of the size and at the distance of Jupiter or Saturn, but is not sophisticated enough to find Earth-like planets around other stars.

To date, the planets that have been found around other stars fall into two broad categories, Boss said: hot Jupiters and cold Jupiters.

Hot Jupiters orbit very close to their stars, within about 10 million miles, while cold Jupiters lie much farther out, at 100 million miles or more. Both types are giants, ranging from Jupiter's size — which is 300 times Earth's by mass — to several times that big.

The new planet lies more or less between those two groups.

"We're sort of getting them across the entire spectrum," Boss said.

## Senator angry over UFO book claims

New York Times

A new book contending that the nation's military and industrial power largely derive from a crashed alien spaceship is being disparaged by Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, who wrote the book's foreword.

The book, *The Day After Roswell*, published by Pocket Books, says the government found an alien craft that

had crashed in the desert near Roswell, N.M., in July 1947 and set up a program to glean its secrets, including things like lasers, computer chips and fiber optics.

The government clandestinely fed the alien technology to the military and industry, the book says, while engaging in a wide conspiracy to keep the existence of the 'aliens from the public.

The book might be dismissed as

part of a genre making similar wild claims except for the author's military background, his claimed role in the endeavor and Thurmond's praise of the author in the foreword.

In a statement, Thurmond said that he agreed to provide the foreword on the understanding that the book was autobiographical. He said he regretted that it appeared to bolster claims of a government conspiracy and cover-up.



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