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DON SCHMITT, KEVIN RANDLE & ROSWELL: WILL THE REAL MESSENGERS OF DECEPTION PLEASE STAND UP?

The following is abbreviated from an editorial with the same title, written by famed UFO researcher Bill Moore in the Sept. 30th, 1991 issue of his magazine FOCUS (4219 West Olive Ave., #247, Burbank, Ca. 91505.) Capt. Kevin Randle's reply can be found in the letters to the editor section of this issue.

Let's call a spade a spade. Don Schmitt and Kevin Randle's so-called reinvestigation of the Roswell Incident has done far more to harm the credibility of that case than it has to help it. Not only are we still without concrete proof that whatever crashed outside of Corona, N.M. in 1947 was in fact an extraterrestrial device, but we are now faced with such a confused state of affairs that the real truth may never be sorted out. And all for what? So a couple of incompetent would-be journalists could make a name for themselves? Or perhaps so that the collection of egos that make up the present state of affairs at the late, lamented J. Allan Hynek's beloved Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) could thrust their organization into worldwide prominence and thus displace MUFON as the nation's number one UFO organization? Or is it possible that S/R have duped friends and foes alike by being part of some sinister counterintelligence plot to discredit both the Roswell Incident in specific, and the whole question of UFOs as extraterrestrial craft in general?

Whatever ultimately turns out to have been behind it all, these two jackasses have certainly succeeded in calling into public question the credibility of all the hard work that had gone into the Roswell investigation

before they showed up on the scene! Deliberate misrepresentation of the facts, discrediting of many of the principal witnesses in the case, falsification of evidence, incredible leaps of logic, failure to cite previous sources and to give credit where credit is due, deception involving their own backgrounds and motives, lies, slander, libel, and a vicious con job aimed at driving a wedge between those they viewed as their principal opposition, while at the same time underhandedly milking them of every shred of information they could get out of them in the process....

Add Kevin Randle's known connections with both Air Force Intelligence and the CSICOP crowd to Schmitt's self-admitted participation in undercover activities for certain governmental agencies, and perhaps the idea of deliberate sabotage is not so far fetched after all....

Perhaps the most outrageous piece of treachery in this whole affair is what gives every appearance of being an attempt by Randle to set me, Shandera and Dr. Johnson up by planting fabricated evidence on us and hoping that we would use it publicly so he could accuse us of falsifying it. This has to do with a copy of a photograph which Johnson had taken of the Roswell wreckage during the time it was displayed on the floor of Gen. R.M. Ramey's office in Ft. Worth on July 8th, 1947. Johnson actually took four such photos, two "takes" and two back-ups. A copy of one of these ended up in the Bettmann Archive in New York, from whom Randle obtained a copy. On the original photo was a cut-line, or caption....which included a handwritten notation of the exact time this particular copy had been initially transmitted by wire to whatever client had ordered it. On the copy which Randle sent to Dr. Johnson, that time appears as 7:59 P.M.

By the time Randle sent this picture to Johnson, there was already a controversy brewing over the S/R version of Johnson's story (which had been published in CUFOS' journal IUR) and the version which Shandera and I had reported as a result of our interviews with him (which we had published in FOCUS and over which S/R were furious). Apparently Randle assumed that anything he sent Johnson would end up in our hands, and in a fit of vengeful rage, hatched an insidious plot to discredit us. That's where the 7:59 PM on the photo cut-line comes in. You see, the time on the original from the Bettmann Archive wasn't 7:59 PM at all, but rather 11:59 PM! I believe Randle altered the "11" into a "7" by whitening out the initial numeral "1", and then altering the second "1" into a "7" by carefully adding the necessary upper horizontal stroke....

What he hoped would happen was that Shandera, Johnson and I would distribute or even publish copies of this picture with the altered time, thus handing him the opportunity to "discredit" us by producing the original from Bettmann and then accusing us of attempted deception. (As Randle saw it, a transmission time of 7:59 PM would have been more supportive of Johnson's story as reported by us than would a time of 11:59 PM, thus suggesting our "motive" for what Randle would be quick to label as falsification of evidence. In the final analysis, however, the time turns out to be meaningless in that it records only the time of transmission of that particular copy of the photo to the client who had ordered it. It had nothing to do with the time the photo was actually processed or made initially available to the wire service. But then, Randle didn't know that.)

Unfortunately for Randle, he got caught in his own trap. Not only didn't we circulate or publish the photo, but months later we became aware that both Dennis Stacy of MUFON and Jim Moseley of "Saucer Smear" had obtained copies of this same photo and that the transmission time in the cut-line was 11:59 PM. It was then that I obtained Moseley's copy and compared it to the one Randle had sent Johnson many months earlier. They were absolutely identical in every respect except for where the "11" had obviously been altered into a "7". Indeed, they were far more identical to one another than the two disputed Harry Truman signatures which have figured so prominently in the MJ-12 document controversy - a factor Randle would have undoubtedly made a point of, had his intended ruse actually worked in his favor....

So there you have it. I suppose more could be said, but why go on

about it. Certainly what I have outlined above is more than sufficient for anyone to see why I don't trust either Schmitt or Randle, and why I have come to believe that their behavior has done far more to discredit the Roswell Incident than it has to either solve the case or enhance its public image. If, based upon Randle's military intelligence connections and Schmitt's work as an undercover agent, anyone suspects a government disinformation plot at work, I can only say that I can't deny the possibility. (If it was nothing more than sheer incompetence, why didn't the collection of self-styled scholars that rules over CUFOS do something to correct the situation before the travesty went to press? Or were they duped as well?) Whichever it was, I continue to be furious over how these two buffoons have managed to trash what up to now was the most promising crashed-UFO case on record.

Sour grapes, you say? Not a bit of it, Mr. USAF Intelligence Captain Randle and Mr. Undercover Agent Schmitt. These grapes aren't sour at all. In fact, they've just begun to ferment.

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

The developments in the Roswell case are too diverse and too complex for us to keep up with all of them in "Smear". In essence, as the above article by Moore indicates, there are three wildly competing research teams - Moore & Shandera; Randle & Schmitt; and Friedman & Berliner. There are also several lesser-known Roswell researchers, including an anthropologist named Thomas Carey, who has written a fascinating article for the Nov.-Dec. 1991 issue of "International UFO Reporter" (IUR), entitled "The Search for the Archaeologists".

A key part of the Roswell folklore, begun by a witness named Barney Barnett, is that a team of archaeologists was present in early July, 1947, when a group of 3 or 4 alien bodies was found on the Plains of San Agustin near Magdalena, New Mexico. (This is one of the two or possibly three sites at which various remains of the so-called Roswell crash were supposedly found)

After seeing the TV dramatization of Roswell on NBC's "Unsolved Mysteries" in early 1990, a controversial witness named Gerald Anderson came forward for the first time, claiming that as a five-year-old child, he and his family witnessed the alien bodies and crashed spacecraft at the Plains of San Agustin. He also stated that the leader of the archaeological expedition was a man named Dr. Buskirk, from the University of Pennsylvania. The object of the research game then became learning the present whereabouts of this Dr. Buskirk, if he exists and is still alive.

In searching for this man, Carey received a lot of help from Kevin Randle, whom he calls "a wealth of information as well as a careful investigator". The outcome of the investigation, which was long and tedious, is really astonishing: To make a long story short, it turns out that Anderson knew Buskirk not as a fellow UFO witness in 1947, but as his high school anthropology teacher at Albuquerque (N.M.) High School ten years later! Carey be-

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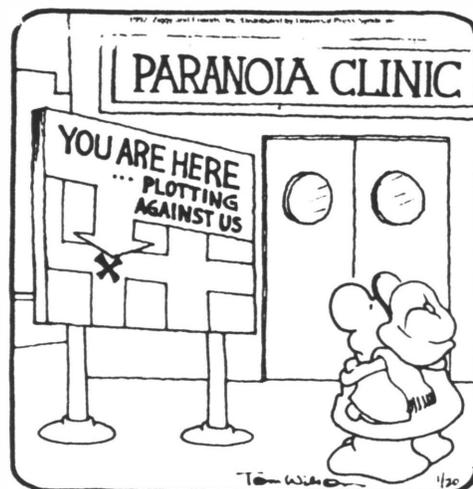
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believes that Buskirk, who is still alive, is telling the truth about this matter and that Anderson is not! (Anderson's testimony has already come into serious question in other respects.)

Buskirk, incidentally, not only denies that he witnessed the Roswell crashed saucer and alien bodies, but he, like most of us, does not believe that such an incident occurred.

Why did Anderson use Buskirk's name and physical description to add to his version of the Roswell tale? This we do not yet know. Stay tuned!....

Moving on from Roswell, we next turn to the case of Bob Oechsler (pronounced X-ler), a robotics engineer of some sort whom we know vaguely because of work he has done in confirming (to his satisfaction) the authenticity of Ed Walters' Gulf Breeze UFO photographs. We met Oechsler briefly at the Pensacola (Florida) MUFON conference in 1990, and gave him the name and address of a key witness in regard to the method by which Florida's mysterious Coral Castle was built. Oechsler promised to send us a short technical write-up about Coral Castle for publication in "Smear", but never has done so to this day!

Now, since the recent publication of Timothy Good's new book "Alien Liason: The Ultimate Secret", Oechsler has soared to ufological prominence, on a par with Lear, Cooper, and Lazar. By far the most sensational part of Good's book is Chapter Ten, "Cosmic Journey", which describes various adventures involving Oechsler - which, if true, would indeed represent a very important break-through regarding alleged Government cover-up on the UFO subject.

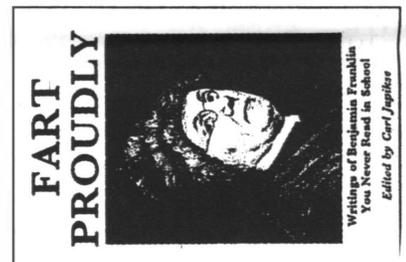
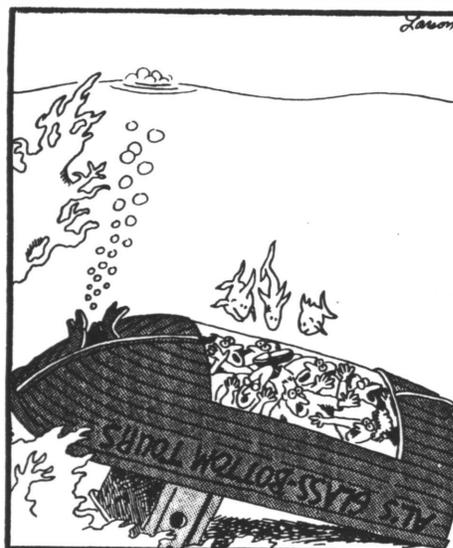
"Cosmic Journey" has many aspects, but for brevity we will cover only the one we believe is the most interesting and important: Oechsler read something by John Lear that named retired Admiral B.R. Inman as a current member of MJ-12. In May of 1988 Oechsler managed to meet Inman briefly. He mentioned MJ-12, handed Inman his business card, and was turned on by Inman's apparent "lack of surprise" upon hearing the term MJ-12.

Then, over a year later, after he started working with Timothy Good, Oechsler phoned Inman and, according to Dennis Stacy (editor of the MUFON UFO Journal), he recorded the conversation illegally, without the Admiral's knowledge. A transcript of that conversation appears in the January 1992 issue of the MUFON UFO Journal.

Oechsler's game was to ask the Admiral ambiguous, vaguely worded questions, deliberately and admittedly omitting "buzz words" like Aliens, ETs, and UFOs. Instead, he used words like craft, phenomena, and recovered ve-

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hicles. Inman made various remarks which Oechsler found significant, but all of which are subject to more than one interpretation.

There is much more to the "Cosmic Journey" story, but the most important fact is that, in a letter dated Aug. 5th, 1991, written to a British researcher named Armen Victorian, (himself a mysterious character), Inman had this to say, as quoted verbatim below:

Dear Dr. Vicorian:

In response to the request in your letter dated 2 August 1991 for an "ultimate clarification" by me re Mr. Oechsler, I provide the following:

(a) I receive hundreds of calling cards each year from individuals who approach me at public appearances. I have no specific recollection of the receipt of a calling card from Mr. Oechsler prior to our telephone conversation.

(b) I have never heard of any organization called MJ-12 nor did I have any understanding from Mr. Oechsler about his seeking information on a specific organization. His use of Admiral Lord Peter Hill-Norton's name was the principal factor in my having a conversation at all with Mr. Oechsler.

(c) Having no prior knowledge of Mr. Oechsler's interest, I did not understand until well into his dialogue that his research was about Unidentified Flying Objects.

(d) Throughout 22 years of service in the intelligence community, I never encountered any credible evidence of the existence of extraterrestrial or interplanetary entities, individuals, crafts, vehicles, or persons. I do not believe any credible evidence of such activity exists.

I have been appraised by RADM Shapiro that Mr. Oechsler totally misrepresents both the nature and content of their conversation.

I remain persuaded that complete misrepresentation of my views and those of RADM Shapiro has occurred and thus I distrust any and all stories and conclusions that have been conveyed.

I hope you will entertain no further doubts about my views. (End of quote.)

Of course, there are many well-meaning ufologists who grasp for straws, and who will insist that Inman was trying to "spill the beans" to Oechsler in a subtle, limited way, and then backed down when Oechsler made a big deal about his statements - printing them in "Alien Liason", etc. We find this point of view to be sheer nonsense!

Incidentally, our congratulations to Dennis Stacy for the objective way he presented this material in the MUFON Journal. Some MUFON members and other True Believers fault Stacy for the objective way in which he does his job as editor, but we do not.

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

Roswell researcher KEVIN RANDLE writes as follows:

"I've finally seen Bill Moore's most recent attack on us and can only say that it's a pack of lies. Extremely funny and entertaining, but a pack of lies.

"The suggestion that we altered the time on the Bettmann photo to 'set them up' is nothing short of ridiculous. Their analysis fails on two points. First, if that had been our plan, they walked into the trap because they did use the information. Shandera, for example, used the incorrect time in an article in the MUFON Journal more than a year ago. And two, I never made the allegation though the opportunity was there. The scenario was their own invention.

"I provided J. Bond Johnson with a copy of the tape interviews so that he could hear what he said. As we had predicted in the 'Roswell Report' and 'The International Reporter', both published last year, Shandera and Moore are claiming we altered the tape. While it was edited so that the extraneous material was removed (such as a long discussion about broadcasting the

news from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram's city room) because it was more than 90 minutes long, there were no changes made in the content and nothing was altered or moved.

"The real proof, however, is in the story that Johnson wrote that night when he returned to the newspaper office. According to that, 'After his first look, Ramey declared all it was was a weather balloon.' If, as Johnson now claims, after coaching by Shandera and Moore, Ramey didn't know what it was when he, Johnson, arrived in Ramey's office, why isn't that reflected in the story that he wrote? And if that was the case, why did he say, repeatedly to us, that Ramey told him immediately that it was a balloon? We have the tapes to prove our case, and the limited documented evidence available, written by Johnson himself on the night of July 8th, 1947 agrees with our version.

"At the MUFON conference in Las Vegas, Moore admitted that he spied on ufologists. In a letter to us, written about a year later, he denied that he had spied on ufologists. In April, 1991, he admitted that he passed disinformation on to ufologists. And finally, in his recent FOCUS, he admitted that he had spied on APRO, saying that the AFOSI was getting more information than he was supplying. He then suggests that I was also spying on APRO. Of course, he had no proof of this and labels it speculation, but the accusation is there.

"I believe a few facts will straighten this out. I was only at APRO Headquarters twice. Coral Lorenzen showed me the office, which at that time was in a rented garage. The second time, I was at her home, and we discussed the UFO phenomenon. At no time did I look through the files, nor did I have unrestricted access to them. Besides, I lived more than 1500 miles from Tucson, so I had no opportunity to search the files, copy them, and forward the information to anyone. And even if the opportunity was there, I wouldn't have done it because of the kindness shown me by both Coral and Jim Lorenzen.

"But the real question is, where is the moral outrage at Moore? He has admitted to spying on Bennewitz, he has admitted to passing on disinformation, including the MJ-12 document, and now he admits to spying on APRO. Moore's admission means that everyone who belonged to that organization, in whatever capacity, had been put at risk by Moore. He has betrayed us all, and yet there are those who still believe everything he says.

"It is interesting that there are those who condemn us for ripping the field apart, but we have made no accusations against anyone. On the other hand, we have been attacked repeatedly with lies, distortions, and half-truths. Let those others stop the rumors and gossip, and let the facts speak for themselves. At that point we'll be able to get back to the business of investigation."

A Massachusetts researcher who calls himself "THE OPEN FILE" writes:

"Regarding Bill Knell's accusation of Mr. Ford trying to RUN DOWN a former LIUFON (Long Island UFO Network) member in the parking lot of his job, our inquiry reveals that a Mental Patient originated that rumor!... And, about the allegation Knell made about LIUFON suing two board members, it has been learned that three LIUFON members were ousted for stealing materials that were under Federal Copyright. One of the three JUST HAPPENS to have been



'That's not how you spell it! There's only one owl in Tutankhamen'



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'FABULOUS BILL' himself! The other two were sued in court with LIUFON winning those suits against them!...

"Anyone that has had any direct involvement with Knell, especially former associates, openly shun him! Just ask any of those that walked out on his 'Island Skywatch' organization, which 'WENT UP IN SMOKE'!... The stack of complaints from legitimate researchers is OVERWHELMING! As of late, Knell has openly assaulted certain members of the UFO Community with vicious language expressed in letters! Even though he has been 'DISCREDITED' publicly in New York, he still insists on scheduling his lectures there. Any other 'SCAM' artist would have 'ABANDONED SHIP' if they knew people were on to them! NOT KNELL! He has arranged a full line of these lectures for 1992! It has been stated by one of his former associates that if he were the real thing, he could have been a #1 investigator!"

HENRY BAUER, Professor of Chemistry & Science Studies at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, writes as follows:

"Dear Supremo:

"Arguments about UFOs, Nessies, etc. usually, sooner or later, get into questions of what's science and what's not; and about as much ill-informed nonsense is talked about that as about anything else, often by highly credentialed 'experts'. I tried to talk some sense about distinguishing science from 'pseudo'-science in my case studies, 'Beyond Velikovsky' (1984) and 'The Enigma of Loch Ness' (1986). Now I've tried to talk sense about what science really is and how it works, in a book that's just been published and which I'd like to draw to your - and your readers' - attention: 'Scientific Literacy and the Myth of the Scientific Method'.... The book can be ordered from University of Illinois Press, P.O. Box 4856, Hampden Post Office, Baltimore Md. 21211. Phone: 800-545-4703. FAX: 301-338-6969. The book is in hard cover, and sells for \$24.95."

CAROL SALISBERRY, wife of former MUFON star investigator REX SALISBERRY, writes this delightful letter:

"Enclosed is a copy of the latest propaganda put out by the Gulf Breeze research team. I think it would be a splendid idea if the Marina Restaurant, at the foot of the Pensacola Bay Bridge, would feature a special dinner menu to coincide with the nightly bridge watch and guest appearance of the UFO. Below are some of my menu suggestions for the Marina:

U.F.O. Bridge Watch Specials: featured 7 to 10 p.m. nightly:

The Bridge Burger (It comes with a flare and a balloon)

The Poly (What Mr. Ed orders)

The Gulf Breeze Double Decker (It comes with house plans)

The Philly Delight (Named after a man in Washington, D.C. who has a fondness for house plans)

The Big Mac, Ph.D. (This one is piled higher and deeper and comes with a generous portion of thick sauce which can be used to cover up anything)

The True Believer Burger (It's really baloney, but you believe that it's a burger)

The U.F.O. Chili Dog (It's a plastic weenie in a bun, because lately in Gullible Breeze the word U.F.O. implies: Usually Faked Object)

The Gulf Breeze Research Team Burger (This is similar to the True Believer Burger, and comes with All of the Above)"

Famed Bigfoot expert ERIK ("GASHAWK") BECKJORD writes as follows:

"Monsieur: 'Oiseau' means bird, and a bird is someone who sings, such as dropping a dime on people, if you get my drift. Thus you really don't want to be called Bird.

"On the other hand, Buzzard, which picks the bones of peoples' lost reputations, seems very apt, and we faithful readers suggest you stick with it".

MONTY CANTSIN, America's least-appreciated UFO contactee, writes:

"Robert Anton Wilson is immoral. He advocates a diet of cholesterol, sugar, & junk food in general, and his pompous post-modern 'philosophical/aesthetic' 'literary' methods are simply the artistic equivalent - as nourishing to the mind as his diet is to the body. That he's accepted by both Hollywood and the Ivy League says as much about his quality as a writer as it does about current pop & academic 'cultures'. It's good he doesn't claim 'authorial infallibility'. At least he doesn't think he's perfect. But that he has any literary pretensions at all is simply a symptom of these barbaric, yet at the same time pretentious, times. Knowing 'how to think' won't get you far with the publishing establishment."

Ace skeptic ROBERT SHEAFFER writes as follows:

"If I didn't know how futile the whole thing would be, I would challenge Robert Anton Wilson to identify exactly WHERE in our debate that I supposedly 'got hysterical' and began accusing him of being 'a very immoral character' (since we both have that session on tape). But I have learned from past experience that the great Illuminated One would use the escape hatch he gave himself, his self-proclaimed 'fallibility'. This, you see, provides a hole through which one can drive even the largest-sized truck. Using this same technique, I could assert that 'in the middle of droning on about his New Age philosophy, Wilson stood up before the audience and took a leak all over the table.' Should this assertion fail to be substantiated by video tapes of the session, I could then accuse the objector of having a 19th Century mindset, which assumes authorial infallibility."

PLEASE REMEMBER that we are still selling back issues of "Smear" (\$1 each), our book ("UFO Crash Secrets at Wright Patterson Air Force Base", \$15), etc. Please make checks out to James Moseley, not "Saucer Smear" or "OISEAU".

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PRESS-TIME HOT FLASHES: Rex Salisbury has finally been officially ejected from his position in MUFON because his report on the Ed Walters (Gulf Breeze) UFO case still is not finished, and because it is Negative. A "second opinion" report by a photo analyst named William Hyzer is also not finished, and is also Negative!....Phil Klass turned down an invitation to speak at this year's National UFO Conference (NUFOC) when we made a condition that he join us in fire walking. (More on this forthcoming convention in future issues of "Smear".)In spite of your editor's tragic demotion in the MUFON hierarchy, the membership in our county (Monroe County, Florida) has recently doubled, from one to two members!...On Jan. 24th, a big party at the Fort Lauderdale (Fl.) Museum of Archaeology celebrated your humble editor's donation of Peruvian gold, pottery and textiles to that institution....We'll be seeing some of you very soon, at Tim Beckley's San Diego convention and at Pat Marcattilio's forthcoming conclave near Trenton, N.J....Adieu from OISEAU!....

Women gives birth to a three headed Elvis look-a-like after UFO encounter

By Joe McWilliams of Spotlight

