

# Campbell's Letter-to-Editor to Newsweek

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Dear Editor:

The article in your year-end issue, "Conspiracy Mania Feeds Our National Paranoia," misquoted me regarding aliens and Area 51. "There is alien contact with the military," I am quoted as saying, but "I don't have proof other than what I hear from my sources at Area 51." I do not recall using these words, but if I did they were taken out of context.

I have no sources at Area 51. This facility, otherwise known as Groom Lake, is a classified air base in the Nevada desert. It is America's traditional testing ground for top secret aircraft and related systems, including the U-2, the A-12 and early versions of the F-117A. Employees at the base, most of whom live in Las Vegas, face severe federal penalties for discussing it in any form. Knowing this, I have never attempted to communicate with any of them, and none have ever tried to contact me. To my knowledge, I have never claimed otherwise.

I have had contact with many former workers. Technically, they are still under security restrictions, but as the years since employment pass, they seem comfortable talking about general aspects of the base. Not surprisingly, their opinions on UFOs are as diverse as the general population. Many regard these stories as utter nonsense. Some say they have worked for secret government programs all of their careers and have never seen any hint of alien involvement. Others insist, with equal certainty, that parts of the government know more than they are telling about UFOs and that direct contact with aliens has taken place. Both viewpoints are purely anecdotal, and I try to treat both with equal respect. As I see it, this is the way of explorers and scientists.

Perhaps your reporter heard me describe a scenario, not express my belief. To say a story is plausible and is worthy of investigation is different from saying it is true. As a researcher, it is my responsibility to reserve judgment and let each story speak for itself.

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 [Reporter was Trent Gegax who visited me in Rachel for a few minutes in April 1996 when reporting on the ET Highway. --GC]

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