

Nuclear Materials Transportation Section; Ft. Hood; etc.

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Recently, both major newspapers in the Dallas/Fort Worth area published an Associated Press story from the midwest about the Department of Energy's secret nuclear materials transportation section. They carried more information about this semi-secret section than I've seen since the made-for-TV movie "Time Bomb" which starred Billy Dee Williams, Merlin Olsen, and Morgan Fairchild.

It seems one of the DOE's trucks carrying plutonium was involved in a wreck on a snow covered highway in the Nebraska or South Dakota area I believe. The story mentioned how they DOE trucks travel only at night under armed convoy, utilize satellite tracking, Nellis AFB and the Nuclear Test Site, and the DOE's Albuquerque office at Kirtland AFB.

Secondly, I had a recent conversation with a relative of mine who is retired from the FAA after working in several southwestern states. I asked him about the term "Janet" and he had never heard of it used to describe government flights. The relative (who shall go nameless) supervised several FAA "tower cabs", their term for control towers, in the southwest and at one time was the FAA/military liason at one of the FAA's regional offices. His information has proven very reliable in the past when I was a reporter at several newspapers in the southwest.

He has watched on radar some of the secret military flights, especially the SR-71 Blackbirds, who would frequently identify themselves as Cessna's, Beechcraft's, or Piper's, and would give fictitious tail numbers. At the speed the aircraft were moving on radar "it wasn't no damn Cessna" he told me. A lot of the other secret military flights FAA controllers watched just never identified themselves at all. The FAA even had to divert civilian air traffic around the unidentified supposed military traffic.

Most of the special government flights he dealt with identified themselves as "SAM's" or "Special Air Mission". He has even controlled Air Force One's cross country flights.

He also has told me some interesting stories in the past, similar to the Wendover rumor, about secret government facilities. One was an underground facility at Fort Hood, Texas where the Army once stored the "front half" of nuclear weapons at a facility in Central Texas. He never was specific about what the "front half" was, but apparently many people who live around Fort Hood know about this former facility. Another part of the underground facility was large enough to house regiment to division size army units. Since much of Fort Hood is open land and many state highways go through the "open post" he said you could drive up almost to this former underground facility. It may have once been a secret, but it isn't now.

I don't mind my name being used, since several current and retired FBI, U.S. Secret Service, DEA, FAA, FCC, and Customs people know me on a source to former newspaper reporter basis. Besides group of FBI, ATF, FAA, etc. retired agents, etc. live in the neighborhoods around wife and I anyway.

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