

Bill Cooper: A Call for Links [2 msgs]

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Bill Cooper is a fascinating character and certainly deserves more attention in our files. Whatever the conspiracy-de-jour may be, Bill is out there at the forefront. When the Lazar story hit, he arrived instantly, claiming to have the definitive UFO document, "remembered" from his service as a Navy midshipman. As I understand Cooper's claims (which are less than coherent), the flying saucers were a secret weapon first invented by the Nazis during WWII. The "One World Government" at Area 51 plans to use these craft to stage a mock alien invasion. The perceived alien threat will draw humanity together and give the government the excuse to take away our guns and the rest of our God-given rights. Everything from the JFK assassination to New World Order finds its way into Cooper's work, even in the alleged government documents he peddles -- which seem to explain everything.

Later, when the militia movements began to thrive, Cooper hopped on that bandwagon, too. Like a savvy TV evangelist, he is always ready to tell people what they want to hear. If you question him, he responds with tough-guy cliches and broad threats to sue (which, to my knowledge, he has never carried through with).

What is amazing to me is that no matter how many times he is caught telling lies and his specific claims are debunked, he keeps coming back with new ones -- and his followers seem to buy it. He certainly doesn't cater to intellectuals. I've met a number of Cooper followers, including Joe Travis at the Little A'Le'Inn. In general, they are disenfranchised white males, lovers of guns and the martial arts, bashers of Clinton, gays and "inferior races", with no more than a high school education and deep suspicion of all forms of authority. Like the master himself, Cooper's followers are well-armed and are inclined to violent threats. As a legal force, Cooper and his followers are laughable, spouting pseudo legalese supposedly based on the Constitution but never providing any direct legal citations. As a physical threat, however, they must be taken seriously.

Last I knew, Cooper was working out of an unmarked storefront in St. Johns, Arizona, selling services to his followers. (Located in a former drugstore downtown -- at least when I passed through in mid-1995.) The windows were blacked out; I couldn't see inside, and given the paranoia of the era, I didn't care to knock on the door. Show Low, AZ, a few miles away was apparently Cooper's place of residence.

Bill is an institution, and like other national treasures, his work needs to be chronicled and preserved. There are a LOT of documents by and about Cooper on the web. If someone has the inclination, I encourage them to search the net for interesting Cooper documents and add them to our Cooper link page at <http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/people/c/cooper>

[The new link system, available on most of our Ufomind pages, is easy to use, and we encourage user additions. The system supports many different kinds of links, including events, places and print references. Most of our pages are now moving toward this format.]

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 Date: Fri, 01 Jan 1988 04:38:30 -0800
 From: "Randall J. Stachelrodt" <coldstar@usachoice.net>
 Subject: He can't be Bill Cooper!

I checked out Billy's web page --
<http://www.telepath.com/believer/page12.htm> -- and it said the following:

"There is nothing written by William Cooper that has been posted to any bulletin board, news group, data base, etc on the internet"

Therefore this person claiming to be Bill Cooper isn't very familiar with Bill Cooper. Why would he ask you to remove something that he says isn't there? Maybe he just forgot

Randy Stachelrodt

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