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Here ia a clipping from AP on the Corso-Thurmond controversy:

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Thurmond Disowns UFO Book

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) Sen. Strom Thurmond says he regrets writing the foreword 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 supposed crash of an unidentified flying object in the New Mexico desert near Roswell in 1947.

Corso, assisted by William J. Birnes, 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, chairman of the Senate Armed Forces Committee and the nation's longest-serving senator, signed on to write the foreword in early 1997 because he was told it was to be autobiographical, his office said.

The book was to have been a memoir by Corso entitled "I Walked with Giants: My Career in Military Intelligence," Thurmond staffers said.

In the foreward, Thurmond praised Corso as a person of integrity "with many interesting stories to share with individuals interested in military history, espionage and the workings of our government." He didn't mention of the aliens, The New York Times reported today.

The senator said he regrets his connection to the book because it appears to bolster claims of a government conspiracy.

"I know of no such `cover-up' and do not believe one existed," he said in a statement.

Thurmond's deputy press secretary, John DeCrosta, said today that to the best of his knowledge neither the senator nor his staff knew of the book's content until Tuesday, when a reporter called inquiring about it.

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 on Wednesday at the Washington ceremony where the South Carolina Republican received the Pentagon's highest civilian honor. "No American has done more for America's security than Sen. Strom Thurmond," Defense Secretary William Cohen said.

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