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Corso Interview on Dateline NBC

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Well. Dateline devoted about 11 minutes to the Corso interview entitled, "Space Cadets." As one might guess from the title, it was pretty 'tongue in cheek', but kept swinging back and forth in making fun of the Roswell Incident to being oddly accepting. But Corso...

I really don't know what to say...at times he displayed behaviour that implied he had something to hide (obscuring his face with his hands while listening to questions posed to him), but then he would gesture with his hands while answering. I could not see any differences in his blinking patterns during questioning, answering, or just chatting.

He contradicted some 'minor' points in his book. For example, during July of 1947 he was stationed at Fort Riley, KS. In his book, he claims he went (alone) into the hangar where a shipment from Roswell was held prior to going on to Washington and pried open a nailed shut 'coffin-like' box and saw an alien body floating in a blue liquid. In the interview, he said he went into the hangar with another person, a sargeant, who then "lifted a tarp" off the box and they saw the body in the liquid. When the interviewer expressed surprise and said, "A body?!", Corso replied: "A complete body, not just the head only." Huh? Where'd that come from?

They then went into some of Corso's career and discussed security clearances: "I had all the clearances above top secret. I had satellite clearance, eyes-only at the White House, crypto clearances. I had all those clearances at one time or another." The interviewer then asked, "You believe in UFOs?" Corso replied: "I have to believe it." Then they began playing the X-files theme.

Then the interviewer brought out a laundry list of 'high-tech' stuff that Corso, in his book, claimed to have come from alien technology. When stealth technology came up, Corso said, "Somehow it came from aliens." The interviewer mistook him to have said 'some of it came from aliens.' [I video taped it and watched it several times]. Corso then said when presented with computer technology, the the most important thing we got out of this was the "integrated circuit." The interviewer then said, "From aliens?" Corso replied: "We called it 'applied engineering.'"-- Give it to the industries that could use it and encourage them to apply for the patents, etc. So, Dateline

contacted the companies mentioned and (of course) all denied it and said they never heard of Corso. Dow and Bell Labs had some humorous responses. Dow: "Although we're not entirely certain, we strongly suspect that all the men and women Dow scientists responsible for our inventions over the years hail from the planet earth."

The final blow for me came when they were looking at a 'diarama' of the crash site, when Corso, touching the saucer model embedded in the sand said: "I saw something like this at another place, it was fading [? not sure of the word..fading?], a time machine. I'll tell you about it later." He then mumbled something about German scientists.

Sigh...

I can't imagine why Corso would lie, but I have a VERY hard time believing his story. Perhaps his memory fails him, perhaps he needs the money, perhaps he never got the attention he thought he deserved, or perhaps it is the truth told in a very bad way. I don't know, but if I were a juror, Corso does not convince me beyond a reasonable doubt.

That's my 2 cents.

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