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Terry Hansen on Corso Book

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"The Day After Roswell" by Philip Corso

Comments by Terry Hansen <tw Hansen@cuix.pscu.com>

I just read Philip J. Corso's book, "The Day After Roswell." Weird stuff. It's an odd mix of obviously wrong or distorted information woven together with stuff that actually makes a lot of sense and correlates with information I've picked up elsewhere.

My own analysis of the UFO situation, as suggested in my paper, "The Psychology of Dreamland," is that the government continues to *behave* as it if were in a major war with someone. But since it clearly isn't the Soviet Union, who could it be? So the aspect of Corso's book that interests me most is his assertion that a secret war has been going on under the cover of the Cold War. This would explain a great deal, particularly the tendency of major media organizations such as The New York Times to endorse official UFO-related press releases with virtually no critical examination, while blowing off obviously credible sources as "UFO buffs and conspiracy theorists." As a journalist, this strikes me as either criminal incompetence, or a suggestion that the NYT has been persuaded to cooperate with the military for national-security reasons. They've done this ever since World War II when they could be convinced that national security was at stake. (Tim Weiner, in fact, recently wrote an interesting story for the Times relating how the publisher pulled a reporter off a Guatamala story after being asked to do so by the CIA.)

Even more interesting to me is the timing of the most recent Air Force Roswell report which came out simultaneous with the release of the Corso book. Was this a coincidence? The journalist in me suspects it was not.

Perhaps Corso is just an old soldier who sees the end of his life approaching and wants to go down in history by telling a few tales the U.S. government does not yet want us to know. In this case, it would be necessary to distract the media away from the book with a P.R. blitz.

The question is, if this is really a major breach of security, why not just prevent the book from being published in the first place? (This is entirely possible in the case of national security.) Perhaps the government does want us to know more about the UFO situation, but only via sources whose

credibility is somewhat questionable. It would be too shocking and disruptive for people to learn about it any other way. So why not let drips and drabs of the story out, but in a way that has relatively little potential for social disruption and culture shock. This is merely speculation on my part but it fits the pattern already established by the Bob Lazar story, MJ-12, and the "alien autopsy."

On the other hand, maybe we are just being toyed with by rogue elements of the military/intelligence community. As I've said before, the really disturbing thing is that we have absolutely no way to be sure.

-- Terry Hansen, June 26, 1997

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