

Interview with Philip Corso shown at Knapp Lecture

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George Knapp was the featured speaker at Las Vegas MUFON last night (3/24/97). He discussed claimed government insider Philip Corso and showed portions of an interview he had with him. The following is my best recollection of Knapp's talk and the video he showed. (It is a mixture of what I heard Corso say on the tape and what Knapp recounted Corso saying. It is a bit sketchy, I know, because this is based only on my memory of Knapp's short talk and the several interview clips shown.)

Knapp said he had been sitting on his Corso material for 5 or 6 years, but since Corso's book was due soon and Corso's claims were now being discussed on the internet, Knapp felt he could talk about it.

Knapp says he was first tipped about Corso by Mark Sauter, who is now a reporter for American Journal & Inside Edition. Sauter had interviewed Corso regarding POWs in the Korean War when he happened to mention UFOs and Corso began to recount some stories.

Apparently, this is the first time interviews with Corso regarding his UFO claims have been shown in public. The interviews showed a frail looking man in his 70s. His speech is somewhat rambling and hard to follow. This is not the Philip Corso I had pictured. (Somehow, I had envisioned a stronger, younger man.) He reminds me of "Jarod 2", whose claims I reported in the Desert Rat. He had a similar style of speech (logical to him perhaps but hard to follow by the rest of us) and a similar unnerving tendency to mix things he had directly experienced with things he read later in the UFO literature. (In the tape, Corso mentions cattle mutilations and talked about Zecharia Sitchin and the Sumerians -- things he does not claim to have had official access to.) It was unclear when the interview took place, but it was apparently when Knapp was working for Altamira several years ago. Knapp says he had arranged for Corso to come to Las Vegas to be interviewed, but he didn't arrive. Corso is apparently under the control of a literary agent

Knapp said Corso's credentials are "impeccable," although the UFO claims themselves can not be proven. Knapp gave the sequence of events in Corso's career: Among other things, he was an artillery officer in WWII, was trained by British Intelligence and was a battalion commander at White Sands Missile Range. Somewhere around 1960, he worked for "C.E. Jackson" at the White House.<P>

Later, between 1961 and 1963, he worked for General Trudeau (I didn't catch the first name.) in the Foreign Intelligence Division. Trudeau is apparently the only one who could verify this story, and Corso said he had been dead 2-3 years (at the time of the interview),

The Foreign Technology Division had the responsibility of analyzing both "foreign" technology (i.e. Soviet) and "alien" technology, apparently from UFO crashes. Corso's role was the writing of "proposals" for how alien material should be handled -- typically sent to government and contractor labs for analysis. The contractors didn't know what they were getting and assumed it was "foreign", not "alien." The alien technology, Corso insists, was incorporated into human technology, including things like computer chips and night vision goggles.

An alien "ship" went to Bell Labs and from there to Rockwell.

Night vision technology came somehow from the covering over the alien eye.

While in his position with Trudeau, Corso was privy to information about at least one alien autopsy, which took place at Walter Reed Hospital. Corso has seen the Santilli alien autopsy, and says the alien was very similar.

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