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## Norio Hayakawa on early Area 51 outings

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Subject: Re: 1988 outing near Rachel suggests UFO "pre-history"

You just recently posted a letter from JABALI@prodigy.net who recounted an interesting experience involving a bus that left from Anaheim to Rachel in 1988.

The only problem with his recounting of his experience is that the year was 1989, not 1988. In 1988 there were no bus tours to AREA 51. AREA 51 was practically unknown to the general public (in 1988) except for some authors like William Moore, Bill Steinmann, etc. As far as I recall, it was only in October of 1988 that AREA 51 was first mentioned on TV (only for about 30 seconds or so) during a two-hour special TV program aired nationwide by FOX-TV, entitled UFO Cover-Up Live.

There were several bus tours to Rachel in the fall of 1989, and they were promoted by Billy Goodman who had a radio talk show in Las Vegas (the former KVEG 840 AM).

As most people know by now, Mr. Bob Lazar started appearing on KVEG with Billy Goodman from around the summer of 1989. (not 1988). Adventure Radio which took over the topic of AREA 51 (and which attempted to emanate Billy Goodman's show) was broadcast from Orange County in the fall of 1989. The program lasted only for a few months... I also used to listen to that program.

The location where the bus went was first to Blue Diamond, where Billy Goodman was claiming that there was a mysterious "vortex" area from where one could observe the objects (allegedly connected to AREA 51) darting around. The "spy" that was mentioned was nicknamed "yellowfruit", not "orangefruit". In the fall of 1989, I was also in Rachel. The so-called Rachel's Bar and Grill (presently known as the Little A-le-Inn) was crowded that evening with the people from the bus. One of the pioneers who organized such trips to AREA 51 from Orange County was a person who called himself Col. Keith Ranch. Another was a person named Gordy.

But this all started in 1989, not 1988.

Norio Hayakawa

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FROM GLENN

When I first came to Rachel, I tried to listen to all the tapes of the Billy Goodman shows in which Lazar appeared. (You could purchase these tapes from Roger Baird, now deceased.) I am pretty sure that the first Lazar interview with Billy Goodman was in November 1989, after he came forward as "himself" in KLAS-TV.

Lazar originally appeared on KLAS-TV in April 1989 (blacked out and labelled as "Dennis"), which could have given rise to bus tours prior to November. (I'm still not clear on the sequence of events.)

Any appearance of UFO "tours" near Area 51 prior to April 1989 would strike me as surprising. -GC

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