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Bill Moore Denounces UFO Explanation Of Roswell Incident

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From Saucer Smear, August 5 1997:

<http://www.mcs.com/~kvg/smear/v44/ss970805.htm>

(I have marked links to previous editions of Saucer Smear with stars and added the text after the Moore piece.)

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

The semi-mysterious WILLIAM (BILL) MOORE writes as follows:

"...As for the continuing phony document controversy*, it is my opinion that the various assertions which have been made are interesting but inconclusive. Unfortunately I am unable to shed any further light on the matter, having already told those involved all that I can. I reiterate however, that IF they are fabrications, I am not the one responsible...

"With respect to the course of recent events, controversies, etc. there are several things of importance about which a few comments would appear to be in order:

"First, I completely agree with Jim Oberg's recent letter (as published in the last `Smear')**, especially his last two paragraphs, and I am glad somebody in a position of importance has finally come out and said it. As Mr. Oberg has indicated, there are a lot of stories hidden under that particular rug which would serve to illuminate many present mysteries.

"Second, after deep and careful consideration of recent developments concerning Roswell, and because my name continues to be connected with this story, I wish to advise anyone who might be interested that I no longer am of the opinion that the extraterrestrial explanation is the best explanation for this event. I concede that it remains in the running as a possible explanation...

"And finally, with respect to Kal Korff's recent book wherein I figure

somewhat prominently, I wish to say that I find it an interesting mixture of truth, half-truth, exaggeration, speculation, and a few just plain honest mistakes. I have always had a high degree of respect for Kal and his efforts to tell truth as he sees it. ...

"All things considered, Korff is a far better skeptic than Phil Klass will ever be. Could it possibly be that in this intelligent young man we finally have an heir apparent to that mean-spirited crusty old fart?"

*Link to Saucer Smear, May 20 1997:

PHIL KLASS, the hottest vaudeville star in London, writes:

"This letter is prompted by Bill Moore's denial that he might have created a counterfeit General Schulgen Draft Collection Memo (SDCM). IF it is counterfeit, as Robert Todd's rigorous analysis indicates, let Moore study Todd's analysis and issue a statement as to whether he agrees that the SDCM he first made public in 1986 is indeed counterfeit. Then we can consider who might have created the counterfeit document.

"My own list of possible suspects includes the following; Dolly Parton, Sgt. Richard Doty, Richard Nixon, Bill Moore, Pope John Paul, Boris Yeltsin, Sir Edmund Hillary, and you. I did not visit the National Archives from mid-1976 until mid-1987 (following release of the MJ-12 papers), which disqualifies me as a suspect...

"Jean Sider ought to check the facts before he pontificates about debunkers. This debunker `emerged' more than three years before the USAF shut down Project Blue Book, not afterwards as Sider claims."

JEFFREY KING writes:

"Does Bill Moore expect anyone to take seriously his wild accusations regarding who faked the Schulgen draft collection memorandum that he published? If Moore is really interested in getting to the bottom of the mystery, why doesn't he accept Robert Todd's challenge in `The Spot Report' and name the source for his copy of the document? This would at least allow an independent check of Moore's sources..."

** Link to Saucer Smear, June 20 1997:

SKEPTIC JIM OBERG MAKES A VERY IMPORTANT STATEMENT:

After the recent semi-public meeting held in Washington, D.C. by Dr. Steven Greer's CSETI organization, well-known UFO skeptic & space expert Jim Oberg of Dickinson, Texas released the following open letter to Dr. Greer. Please read this letter very carefully, especially the final two paragraphs. Here we see strong hints about some currently classified matters that could shed a great amount of light on the real UFO Mystery. Says Oberg:

"...I am a lifelong UFO buff, a founding fellow of CSICOP, and long time associate of Phil Klass, as well as a colleague and friend of J. A. Hynek from Northwestern days. I am fascinated with the folklore aspects of the UFO beliefs in our culture, and am a specialist in spaceflight operations, both American and Russian..."

"I applaud CSETI's efforts to strip away the `government secrets prosecution' barrier to the disclosure of people's stories about UFO experiences and I fully support the call for a government declaration that all legal constraints against disclosure be dissolved. I've always felt that claims of fear of such prosecution, as an excuse by people not to `go public', was often merely a gimmick not to have to take responsibility for the authenticity of such stories. As far as I've been able to tell... nobody has ever been arrested or charged - much less convicted and sentenced - for actually doing so.

"But don't stop merely with legalizing disclosure of all - if any - government secrets about `real UFOs'. I believe there is a far more valuable body of `secrets' that will help understand the decades of UFO phenomena that the world has experienced. This deals with government-related activities which directly or indirectly led to public perceptions that UFOs might be real when they weren't. Sometimes these actions were carefully orchestrated in advance; sometimes they

were localized impromptu ad hoc damage-limitation tactics. But from my own experience, they seem to have played a tremendous and widely unappreciated role in inciting and enflaming public interest in UFOs while deflecting public attention from real highly-classified government activities.

"I'm referring to situations where government representatives - officials, military officers, etc. - used `UFO' as a convenient camouflage for other official classified activities (such as retrieval of crashed aircraft or nuclear weapons or other objects), or used artificial `UFO stories' (in oral, written, photographic, film, etc. form) as `tracers' in studying the function of security safeguards and personnel psychological responses; or used `UFO' as an excuse (either intended or accidental) to cover up improper, forbidden, or diplomatically delicate activities (such as aviation incidents involving dangerous accidental or deliberate close passes or intercepts of civilian airliners; or overseas excursions of agents on intelligence missions where deflection of local perceptions was useful; or to conceal from the country of origin the possession of foreign military hardware); or played pranks and jokes on intended or accidental targets; or any other activity that the government - or any part of it - wanted to keep hidden, knowing that having it thought of as `UFO-related' would consign it to the never-never-land of myth and nuttiness, thus keeping mainstream media attention to a minimum. And it has worked!

"Please include such `UFO secrets' in your list of disclosure demands, and ask that any government personnel involved in the use (or misuse or abuse) of such practices be immune from any government prosecution for the actions which led them to take such measures. Once such immunity is verifiably granted, I have my own list of people who have privately talked to me over the years and who were involved in government activities leading to a number of well-known `UFO cases', which can be released and which can help the public understand where and how much of today's UFO mythology originated.

"This is a serious proposal deserving of serious consideration, and promises immensely fruitful results."

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