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Ambush Journalism I

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Here is a little something that came my way just before sweeps week. I have included my answers. As this is America, the names have been changed to protect the guilty. (Apparently around 1947 they also had trouble with the literal minded. Many stories ended with, "That's a joke, son!" As should this little introduction.)

> >
> > My name is ----- . I'm a reporter with W----TV.
> >
> > We're currently working on a news series about the Plum Island Animal
> > Disease Center which is located about ten miles off of Old Saybrook, CT.
> > Plum Island is the premier bio-security containment facility for foreign
> > animal diseases. I have heard a little about this facility and that some
wackos in the
area claim that Lyme disease and maybe even AIDS came from there. They
don't explain how Lyme disease was detected in Europe about the same
time
it was detected in the US.
>
> > Rumors have floated around for years that Plum Island is in fact just a
> > government cover for a number of covert activities. I have visited the
> > facility and can attest that there is indeed animal disease research going
> > on. But there are several sub-terrainian labs and corridors with four
> > increasing levels of "containment." It's the perfect cover for biological
> > weapons -- or storage of aliens ofr their artifacts. Lots of liquid
> > nitrogen tanks..colling refrigerators for contagous diseases.
> The US is a signatory to the treaty that prevents the use of biological
weapons. Even so, would it not make sense to have defense against
biological agents?...so that could justify research.
> >
> > While our story has the highest journalistic intentions, we certainly can
> > not ignore the public sentiment in the area around the facility.
> Correct me if I wrong, but isn't critical thinking part of "highest
journalitic intentions." If you were doing research on biological
weapons or ETs, you would do it a facility that a country like the USSR
could isolate long enough to raid with a submarine borne spenatz force
and get your secrets before you could react. Seem rather doubtful
doesn't it? Obviously, it would make sense to militia types but then
again almost anything makes sense to them.
>
> >Few
> > people know it even exists. And those who do consider the evidence for
> > covert activity:
> >
> > - Former Army base
> > - Closed to the public for nearly a century now
> > - Super-secure lab created by the US Congress in 1954 -- a sensitive time
> > for defense and UFO studies
> Can you enlight me as to what sensitive UFO studies were going on in
1954? The other evidence you offered sound pretty tenuous.
>

> > - High security and warnings of contagious diseases help keep the curious
> > from investigating.
> > Do you have some link to DOD or other security agencies?
> >
> > What do you know about the island,
> > Not much more than I've written here.
> >
> > and what do you hink about the
> > possibilities?
> > I wouldn't want to feed the conspiracy freaks' imaginations.
> >
> > Our story airs next week, so the sooner you can reply, the
> > better.
> > From what imput you have given me, my opinion is that you should kill the
> > story until you can dig up additional facts on the facility.
> >
> > I received your e-mail address from the -----.

I know your source they have helped me in the past. They are among
the more serious minded in the field. Since I don't necessarily
subscribe to
current government ufo coverup theories and I am not a "believer" as many
people are in tabloid ufo theories, most ufo people have no use for me.

However, I am
interested in UFOs and have a grant to do research on the subject. I
have spent some time in over 150 universities, archives and libraries in
45 states and Canadian provinces. I copied about 10,000 pages of
documents from
the National Archives, the Library of Congress, and the USAF Historical
Research Center at Maxwell AFB, Alabama on the subject.

> > Thank you for your time.
> > Sorry, I could not be of much help.
> > Sincerely,
> > Jan L. Aldrich, Project 1947
> > (860)-546-9135

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