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Re: #1 The Lesotho Incident

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Date: Mon, 30 Dec 1996 05:38:34 +1100 (EST)
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Hi Joachim..

Regarding.

> From: koch@wad.berlin.fido.de (Joachim Koch)
> Date: 26 Dec 96 21:15:00 +0000
> Subject: #1 The Lesotho Incident
> Organization: Welt am Draht
> To: updates@globalserve.net

> *****
> *News*
> *from the*
> *International Roswell Initiative*
> *IRI*

[...]

> *We all should stay side-by-side* - not divided in several groups
> which follow only their own interest - but as individuals, inhabitants
> of this planet, living beings without political, ideological or
> religious differences who declare their native right to know what is
> going on - the truth - which is out there.

The Truth may be out there, but so are the hucksters, liars and hoaxers.
This is something we all must be aware of too.

> *2. The Documents*

> On June 21st, 1996, something weird happened. In the morning of this
> day the postman delivered a big brown envelope to Hans-Juergen
> Kyborg's address. The address sticker was written with a machine and
> showed a mixture of Hans' and my name. The stamp showed that it was
> mailed somewhere in the southern parts of Germany. There was no sender
> on the envelope, it was anonymous.

Cynthia Hind, the Zimbabwe-based UFO researcher, received her copy of
these "documents" back in February. She undertook an extensive research
effort which led her to conclude they were fake. She also learned that at
the time the documents were posted - from South Africa - a certain James
van Greunen was visiting there.

> Well, take a deep breath - we did several. As Retyi, Stein and Kopp
> found out by their research, "ROLD" is the short form of "Recovery Of
> Lesotho Disk" and the term "Illuminated Nine" is used for a group
> of high ranked Generals and Politicians, among them the former
> Presidents Botha and deKlerk.

Did this research involve asking van Greunen?

> The last copied page of the material is a letter from within the
> South African Intelligence Service regarding a "Major... Van Greunen/
> ..." who because of a meeting with the German National Intelligence
> Service has "...now become a security risk to our service."

> "We advise that Major...Van Greunen /... be suspended from the
> intelligence service for an indefinite period with IMMEDIATE EFFECT,
> pending information obtained ... on ... return to South Africa on 08
> February 96."

This is a fascinating revelation. In 1989 van Greunen was in London claiming to be "on the run" from the South African secret service after he'd blown the lid off another alleged UFO retrieval, the so-called "Kalahari crash". Van Greunen allegedly escaped to Germany soon after, and at the time of his "defection" he claimed the rank of Captain. According to these latest "documents" van Greunen is now a Major.

There was a time when betraying "Ultra Top Secrets" meant a firing squad; now you get a promotion! The peace-time military, eh? What a bunch of pussy cats...

[...]

> At the beginning we kept completely quiet. We looked around if there
> would be any news about an UFO crash in South Africa but found nothing.
> No reports in the media, no new mails, nothing in the Internet, no
> articles in the UFO magazines.

There was a lengthy article about the Lesotho documents in the July '96 issue of Cynthia's UFO AFRINEWS.

[...]

> Seven years ago, in May 1989, another crash had happened, the so-
> called "Kalahari Incident". Most of the researchers were convinced
> that this was a hoax. Only a few, who dealt with all the facts such as
> the British researcher Anthony Dodd, remain steadfast that actually an
> unidentified extraterrestrial craft was shot down by the South
> African Air Force at that time.

Van Greunen admitted to Michael Heseemann that he'd faked the Kalahari documents.

> According to new information provided by the source of the Lesotho
> Incident the craft of the Kalahari-Incident was shot down by squadron
> leader Gerald Peter Goosen with a "Thor-2-Weapon" which was fixed at
> his Mirage jet. The "Thor-Weapon" was a MASER-gun built in the "Thor"
> factory in Johannesburg.

Another original claim from van Greunen. I don't suppose van Greunen explained how this amazing new energy-hungry device was powered and attached to the airframe of a Mirage, a single-engined fighter not known for its large payload capacity?

[...]

> In the next and last part (#3 The Lesotho Incident) of this report I
> shall translate for you what Andreas von Retyi wrote about the sources
> of the information. Though this source is known as the main
> protagonist of the "Kalahari Incident" and many thought of this
> source to be a liar, it seems as if we have to take the source as it
> is: a character with many colours

A self-confessed document forger.

> on the brink of the intelligence world

A claim he never produced any evidence to support.

Joachim, I'll append a copy of Cynthia's early report on the Lesotho material and I'd urge you to contact her, asap. It would be a shame for an endeavour as worthy as IRI to entangle itself in the promotion of another van Greunen hoax.

- John

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