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Re: Pentagon Denies Interest In UFOs

From: **Jerry Cohen** <rjcohen@li.net>
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>Source: CNI News
>Date: April 1st 1997

>CNI News notes with interest and amusement that the Pentagon chose April Fool's Day to reiterate their stock position on UFOs. The following text ran on the AP wire. Thanks to Erik Beckjord for alerting us to this story.

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>WASHINGTON (AP) - Convinced there is no extraterrestrial threat, the U.S. military long ago stopped keeping track of UFOs, Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said Tuesday.

....snip....

>The Air Force stopped the practice because virtually all the UFOs it investigated were explainable as aircraft or weather phenomena and posed no threat.

JC: For those people new to this list, how the Air Force was able to make that claim is partially explained by the Air Force's own civilian astronomical consultant to Project Blue Book, Dr. J. Allen Hynek. He worked in this capacity for approximately 20 years. The following fully footnoted essays will explain what Dr. Hynek discovered during his tenure with that "study." Your local library can be used to confirm a great deal of what is discussed therein.

<http://www.li.net/~rjcohen/ocr.5a.html>

To find out more about Dr. Hynek's life:

<http://www.li.net/~rjcohen/ocr.3a.html>

>Bacon said the Air Force investigated UFO reports from 1947 to 1969 >but out of 12,618 reported sightings found no evidence of >extraterrestrials or even of any aircraft representing exotic >technology or a threat to the United States.

JC: After reading "ocr.5a.html" from above, you will discover that Dr. Hynek, himself, had called the Air Force statistics used in Blue Book, "a travesty." At the "Center for UFO Studies" (CUFOS), Dr. Hynek's own organization, he reexamined the 20 year Air Force data from Blue Book. The outcome regarding same may be found at:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1997/mar/m23-031.shtml>

That "reevaluation" was included in one of a series of posts I and others had made to Paul Devereux, a scientist researching the phenomenon known as "Earth lights." I was delineating where I believe Dr. Hynek would have placed the "Earth lights" phenomenon within the entire spectrum of reported UFO phenomena. I simply restated Hynek's reevaluation of the Air Force's own 20 year study as a basis for my statements.

>Asked about the possible existence of UFOs, Bacon said the U.S. government "cannot substantiate that they exist."

JC: After researching the information provided above (and perhaps reading more of the Oberg/Cooper rebuttals, and examining them closely for yourselves,) one can begin to realize Kenneth Bacon's words are most probably not telling the entire story.

For more excellent information regarding the topic of UFOs, researchers and a plethora of other topics, please see Glenn Campbell's UFOmind database located at: <http://www.ufomind.com/>

Glenn's database, although in its initial stages, is rapidly becoming an extremely valuable tool any serious researcher can use to help condense and solidify his/her studies relating to UFOs (and other phenomena as well.) I highly recommend it.

Reading UFO UpDates posts on the Web at Glenn's database archive will enable one to click directly to all references in these letters. Address of the archive is included below in Errol's .sig

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