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Re: New York Times Article on Govt UFO Lies

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>C.I.A. Admits Government Lied About U.F.O. Sightings

>By WILLIAM J. BROAD

>In the darkest days of the Cold War, the military lied to the American
>public about the true nature of many unidentified flying objects in an
>effort to hide its growing fleets of spy planes, a CIA study says.

>The deceptions were made in the 1950s and '60s amid a wave of UFO
>sightings that alarmed the public and parts of official Washington.

>The CIA study says the Air Force knew that most reports by citizens
>and aviation experts were based on fleeting glimpses of U-2 and SR-71
>spy planes, which fly extremely high.

>Those planes were developed in the 1950s and '60s to photograph enemy
>targets. From secret bases, mainly in California and Nevada, the
>aircraft repeatedly flew across the country and eventually overseas to
>bases in countries that included Britain, West Germany and Taiwan.

>While commercial airliners in the 1950s flew at altitudes of up to
>30,000 feet, the U-2 soared to more than 60,000 feet and the SR-71 to
>more than 80,000 feet, or 15 miles, nearly the edge of space.

The CIA report discussed in the article here is not new and was addressed last month. Although this report is noteworthy and sheds insight into the Air Force's policy and treatment of the UFO question, it is actually of very little significance to scientific UFO research. This was iterated in some detail by Don Berliner and Rob Swiatek at their July press conference on C-SPAN concerning the Air Force's Roswell report. Swiatek asserted that this new revelation by the CIA deals specifically with IFO's not UFO's. An intriguing contradiction is that according to the CIA's report following the first test flights of the U-2 there was a sudden increase in UFO reports and that about 50% of all UFO reports could be explained as U-2's. This is controvensed by the Air Force's Blue Book records that state exactly the opposite favoring a decrease in UFO reports post U-2 inception. Bluebook also stated that only about 15% of UFO reports could be explained as aircraft of all types. Berliner also stated that it is unlikely that the U-2 was mistaken for UFO's due to several reasons: First is the fact that the U-2 had such a conventional aircraft

appearance with long wings and a longitudinal body, and second because it was designed to fly at very high altitudes so as to be undetectable to witnesses on the ground. While it seems very likely that the Air Force has made deceptive statements concerning IFO's that were designed to maintain secrecy surrounding classified aircraft projects, the available evidence seems to suggest that the U-2 in particular was probably not involved.

Jared.

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