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### Re: 'Out There' by Howard Blum

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> Date: Tue, 26 Aug 1997 15:53:46 -0500  
> From: Ted Viens <[drtedv@smart1.net](mailto:drtedv@smart1.net)>  
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
> Subject: The Book "Out There" by Howard Blum

> Howdy folks...

> I just finished this book a week ago and found it to be an excellent  
> overview of this UFO phenomenon as of some seven years ago. While  
> working on the central theme of a secret deep Pentagon group rehashing  
> the truth of UFO's for the government, Blum worked a few parallel  
> stories into the book that illuminated major aspects of our  
> relationship to UFO's. Though not one of the more important sections,

> I found his writings on Philip Klass particularly informative. Blum  
> reveals Klass's interest in debunking UFO's to be a pronounced case of  
> Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. This permits me to be somewhat more  
> tolerant of Klass's efforts, if not his manipulative and pejorative  
> style.

> Now the real reason for my posting this. Last week while discussing  
> ways to more legitimize the study of UFO's, Rebecca mentioned while  
> discussing Howard Blum that he learned he had been lied to about some  
> of the subjects of "Out There" and had become disenchanted with the  
> issue of UFOs.

> As you can imagine, this has left me intensely curious with what  
> Howard Blum may have learned and what parts of "Out There" are now  
> suspect. Would Rebecca or anyone else be able to share the details  
> with us?

> Thanks... Ted..

This book is loaded with false information, false reasoning, and  
lots of fiction. Blum was out to make a fast buck. He certainly  
didn't check out the already existing documents proving there was a  
government coverup. For example he has everything wrong about me, Berlitz  
and Bill Moore and the Roswell Incident. Pencil thin Phil Klass? The  
people at the National Archives laughed their heads off about his  
fictional description ... Sorry the book is bunk.

Stan Friedman

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