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### Re: LaPaz's Activities

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Greetings Jan & UpDates Addicts:

>To me the real history of UFOs is very interesting without the  
>conspiracy theories of people with other axes to grind and  
>without the anonymous "inside" informants who can never supply  
>any credible and creditable evidence or support.

Bravo, Jan!

One of the persistent myths concerning LaPaz's alleged involvement with Roswell is that, because he was fluent in Spanish, he was able to obtain valuable information from Spanish ranchers and hands. Fact is, despite his name, LaPaz, a native of Ohio, neither spoke nor wrote Spanish (although he did teach himself to write in Russian !!). When dealing with Spanish-speaking colleagues or reading or writing professional papers from or for Spanish-language journals, LaPaz used the services of an interpreter or translator.

This information was provided to me in writing by LaPaz's daughter, Jean, a scientist herself, who worked very closely with her father at the University of New Mexico's Institute of Meteoritics, which LaPaz founded. Others who worked closely with LaPaz confirmed this. See my "Roswell in Perspective," pp. 77-78 and pertinent notes.

On a related note, the idiotic "Dos Equis" column recently posted here also ran in the ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL. I wrote a letter to the editor, which was published, pointing out the columnists--notorious ethnic PCers/baiters--had bought into Randle and Schmitt's equally uncritical acceptance of the Spanish-speaking LaPaz tale, caring more about making a satiric (and silly) political point than the facts.

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