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Oberg/Cooper rebuttal.5

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A researcher's response to James Oberg's:=20
"IN SEARCH OF GORDON COOPER'S UFOs"=20
by Jerry Cohen=20
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Excerpts from "The UFO Experience"=20
(Hynek takes us INSIDE "Blue Book")=20

Skeptics, I hope you're still reading this. This is where things=20
really begin to get interesting. It's why Hynek became a believer.

Getting back to Dr. Hynek. In "Oberg/Cooper rebuttal 1a" (Preface,=20
=B6 3) I mentioned that "it was that Air Force's own scientific=20
consultant who actually proved to us that the Air Force has not=20
been completely honest with us concerning UFOs."

This next section focuses on what the Air Force's main civilian=20
scientific consultant had to say concerning Project Blue Book=20
after it was closed and his job there had ended. His revelations=20
would have shattered every skeptic's "illusion" concerning the=20
accuracy of Air Force statistics and made them realize that=20
Project Blue Book was a sham and the Air Force had to know a lot=20
more than it was telling. The only problem was that most of the=20
skeptics never read it and/or, if they did, refused to believe it. =20
It is my fervent hope that those following these essays will=20
become more enlightened in this regard.

To say the following data "is extremely important," is definitely=20
the greatest understatement I have ever made in my life. It=20
proves, beyond all reasonable doubt, that Dr. Hynek was held back=20
from studying the repository of "verified" evidence in existence. =20
In other words, the same people that had claimed all along this=20
important evidence didn't exist, were keeping much of it buried=20
from Hynek and outsiders. As you will see in these excerpts from=20
his 1972 book, by his own words, Hynek was not permitted to peruse=20
the files himself. The big question was "Was it incompetence, a=20
need to feel important on the part of members of the Blue Book=20
staff or a directive from upper echelon?"
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is that so far nothing has happened to the United States from that=20 source. First, many reports are not investigated until weeks or=20 even months after they are made; clearly, if hostility were ever=20 intended, it would occur long before the report was investigated.=20 (That is akin to having the Pearl Harbor radar warnings [which=20 went unheeded] investigated three weeks after Pearl Harbor.) =20 Nothing did occur, so it can be gathered that UFOs, whatever they=20 be, have not so far had hostile intent.

Second, many reports of potentially high intelligence=20 value go unheeded by Blue Book. Examples: (a) [Extract from a=20 classified document of reported sighting of 5 May, 1965, contents=20 unclassified, classification refers to name, and location and=20 mission of vessel.] " . . . leading signal man reported what he=20 believed to be an aircraft. . . . When viewed through binoculars,=20 three objects were sighted in close proximity to each other; one=20 object was first magnitude, the other two were second magnitude. =20 Objects were traveling at extremely high speeds, moving toward=20 ship at undetermined altitude. At four moving targets=20 were detected on the air search radar at ranges up to=20 twenty two miles and held up to six minutes. When over the ship=20 the objects spread to circular formation directly overhead and=20 remained there for approximately three minutes. This maneuver was=20 observed both visually and by radar. The bright object which=20 hovered off the starboard quarter made the larger presentation on=20 the radar scope. The objects made several course changes during=20 the sighting, confirmed visually and by radar, and were *tracked=20 at speeds in excess of 3000 (three thousand) knots. * (J.C.=20 Asterisks are mine.) Challenges were made by IFF but not=20 answered. After the three minute hovering maneuver, the objects=20 moved in a southeasterly direction at an extremely high rate of=20 speed. Above evolution observed by CO, all bridge personnel and=20 numerous hands topside."

This report was summarily evaluated by Blue Book as=20 "Aircraft," and to the best of my knowledge was never further=20 investigated. By what stretch of the imagination can we say that=20 the sighting did not represent a "possible threat" to the United=20 States? Only because nothing happened. Do we ascribe such=20 incompetence to the officers of the ship, and to the CO, to have=20 such a report submitted unless all witnesses were truly puzzled? =20 Is it conceivable that these officers could not have recognized an=20 aircraft had it had the trajectory, the apparent speed, and the=20 maneuvers ascribable to aircraft? No mention is made in the=20 report of even the possibility that ordinary aircraft were being=20 observed. The very fact that IFF challenges went unanswered=20 should have been a spur to further investigation. This implies=20 enemy craft. But the report does not even suggest the possibility=20 that these were ordinary enemy aircraft. The classified document=20 in Blue Book files does not contain further technical data=20 concerning the sighting itself. Should not the director of Blue=20 Book have exhibited at least SOME curiosity about this sighting? =20 Yet when I brought it up on more than one occasion, it was=20 dismissed with boredom. . . . *It is hard for the public to=20 understand how a country whose military posture is so security=20 geared could dismiss a case like this out-of-hand unless the=20 military knew more than they were telling." * (J.C. asterisks are=20 mine)

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J.C. Was Hynek only talking about the public understanding or his=20 own as well? =20

After giving a second example similar to the above he says the=20 following:=20

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ON HYNEK's ROLE IN BLUE BOOK (GUESSING GAME PLAYED)=20
Appendix 4, Section A, Paragraph 9=20

"It must be pointed out that neither of these cases were shown to=20 me by Blue Book personnel. I happened upon them by accident=20 during one of my visits as I scanned through material lying on a=20 desk, and not in the files; I am not permitted to peruse the files=20 themselves. I have access to the files only when I request a=20 specific case. But how can I request a specific case, to examine=20 its possible scientific merits, if I don't know of its existence?"

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are, than they have presently acknowledged. I'll examine these=20
closely after our next installment. However, imagine, with the=20
RADARs we now possess; RADARs that can paint an actual picture of=20
an object on a screen, what statistics and data the branches of=20
our service and government must already have? The visual/radar=20
Belgium Sightings from 1989/90 have added solid NATO (North=20
American Treaty Alliance) gun camera data, etc. as well. <3>

Furthermore, to think that another department in our defense=20
system hasn't been quietly receiving all this UFO information=20
without studying it would be to imply that our defense system is=20
highly incompetent. Since we all know this is not the truth, I=20
would hope it is safe to assume that some defense group(s),=20
somewhere is (are) well appraised of the situation. FOIA=20
documents obtained through standard requests and lawsuits, where=20
necessary, have apparently confirmed, at the minimum, definite=20
interest from various parts of the government regarding UFOs even=20
though the public has been led to think otherwise. <4>

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". . . and McCoy became a raving maniac until he=20  
gave Spock back his soul. "=20

"Who is Spock? . . . . . YOU are!"=20  
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My next installment is a two-page summation of what we've=20
discussed so far and ideas where to locate cases which have the=20
greatest potential of being judged "the real thing" if proper=20
investigations were to be conducted thereupon. Immediately=20
following that summation will be a detailed accounting of the=20
three cases I mentioned which, when combined with all other=20
available evidence, strongly suggests there is good reason to=20
believe Gordon Cooper was probably telling the truth concerning=20
his 1957 Edwards AFB claim.
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Respectfully,=20

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