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Re: Project 1947 - Robert Dean

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> Date: Thu, 3 Jul 1997 08:57:55 -0700
> From: Jan Aldrich <jan@CYBERZONE.NET>
> Subject: Robert Dean
> To: PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

> Greeting List Members,

> To deal with Dean as a creditable person one most consider that he is
> telling us about a Top Secret document that he took an oath to safeguard.
> It was a "draftee's oath." He was a professional. It wasn't a little
> oath. And Dean himself talks about how the government is flushing the
> Constitution of the United States down the toilet. He has done the same
> to his oath to protect and defend the Constitution if what he says is
> true.

> So we are left with two possibilities: Dean is an oath-breaker or a
> liar. In either case not a very creditable person.

This opinion brings out the dichotomy in views on whether truth should be withheld from the masses for their better good, supposedly, or whether it should be allowed to come out. Of course there's much to be said on both sides, but I think the present course is best -- to have both go on at the same time.

That is, it does no good to withhold the truth completely, if you know that eventually it must come out, at which time the full shock of it all would hit a totally unprepared populace and generate the very panic and chaos that the withholders wish to avoid. So, thanks to those few who have the courage to violate their security oaths and/or face up to resulting ridicule and debunkery for having told of their UFO sightings and/or experiences, a substantial fraction of the populace *is* informed of the alien presence -- those whose belief systems can accept the possibility and who have some curiosity about it all. But if the full truth had come out all at once in 1947 or even 1987, I think the shock and panic would have been enormous. Hopefully it would be much less by now, especially within the younger generations.

If Bob Dean has broken an oath in telling of what he learned while at SHAPE in NATO, it does not at all mean he is not credible. What he has told us is credible in light of the known UFO phenomenon coming from many other sources. If no one from the NATO offices had broken their oath and come forward to tell the truth, this itself would be used as evidence of sorts against UFOs by debunkers who use the argument of silence. Each person in such a position as Bob Dean's has to decide for himself whether the truths being withheld are more important for interested segments of the public to know than is the maintenance of an oath taken at a time when it could not be imagined what the future would bring. I feel that ufology should favor the baring (not barring) of the truth, since there are plenty of others around who are busy tending to the preservation of the status

quo .

I myself find Bob Dean credible since I know him. He is no Lee Shargel.
But this does not mean I agree with him on all aspects of the UFO
phenomenon.

Jim Deardorff

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