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Stan Friedman on Jeffrey..Part 1 of 3

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Stanton Friedman asked me to pass this on to the List.
Please respond directly to Stan and/or this List as you
feel the need, NOT me.

While I agree with most his comments, they are his not mine.

Dave Vetterick
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July 21, 1997
Kent Jeffrey and Roswell
By Stanton T. Friedman

Kent Jeffrey's anti-Roswell conclusions (MUFON Journal, June, 1997) are based on the same kind of false reasoning that led to his pro-Roswell views: Don't bother me with the facts, my mind's made up; be enthusiastic and ready to put ones money where ones mouth is, but don't have the facts in hand first; don't bother finding out how security works; believe what one wants to believe. Do one's research by proclamation rather than investigation. Select from the data available to back up your conclusions, and ignore the facts that don't.

Kent stated on a recent radio show with me that he has never had a security clearance and his article certainly shows over and over again that he doesn't understand: that higher classification info cannot be presented in lower classification documents; that having a particular level clearance is not enough to gain access to classified information; that one must have a need-to-know for that information; that people with high level security clearance do not pass on classified information to people not having a clearance and need-to-know for the information.

Kent decided the Santilli footage was fraudulent because of the curled phone cord. I asked if he had checked with the phone company. He said he didn't need to. He knew there were no curled cords in 1947. He was wrong. The patent was granted in 1937 and production began in 1938. I tried to keep him from wasting big money on attorneys because no evidence had been presented that Frank Kaufman had played any roll in intelligence in 1947 (he was a civilian clerk on the base) or needed legal counsel. Kent didn't need any evidence because he and his father had a good visit with Frank. So he wasted thousands of dollars.

I tried to get him to understand that it was ridiculous to jump from talking about events in New Mexico in July, 1947 to demanding the president declassify everything learned about ETs since 1947 which might, of course, include technology of great importance from a military viewpoint. I didn't sign the Roswell Initiative because

I do not believe technical data (defensive or offensive) should be put on the table for the Saddam Husseins of the world. Remember that one can't tell one's friends without telling one's enemies.

Kent can't seem to understand the utter foolishness of his comment that information about ETs is "knowledge of profound importance to which we are all entitled". Important? Certainly. But why does he think we are all entitled? There is an annual black budget of \$30 Billion. Our elected representatives obviously believe there is a great deal of information to which we are not entitled. Other foolish nonsense includes "The existence of a crashed alien spacecraft would have been much more of a social and scientific issue than a national security issue." Is there no understanding that the government was confronted with a vehicle having exotic flight capability (clearly potentially useful for weapons delivery, for defense, for reconnaissance) whose origin wasn't known, whose purpose wasn't known, and whose technology would be useful, not only to the US, but to our enemies? What weapons did the aliens have? Would aliens work with our enemies? would they be attacking Earth? These are major security issues.

Kent hardly mentions the security level of the many documents to which he refers, and which he proclaims would have certainly told about a crashed saucer. He acts as if he has seen all the relevant documents, and as though all members of the advisory board would have had a need-to-know for compartmentalized information. Only one document, as it happens, was TOP SECRET and it dealt with "Analysis of Incidents", not analysis of wreckage; two very different areas of technological investigation. I have been to 17 Archives now. At none of them did I have access to Special Compartmented Information rated, for example, TOP SECRET/UMBRA or ULTRA, or MAJIC. W.B. Smith, in a 1950 TOP SECRET memo said the matter of flying saucers was the most classified subject in the USA, even more than the H-bomb. And Kent thinks we are all entitled to know all about them !!!

Kent talked to 3 former officers of the FTD, none of whom were at Wright Pat in 1947. He insults them by saying if they had known anything highly classified about crashed saucers, they would have told him (no clearance and no need to know) what they knew. The very reason they might have been so kind to him is that they wanted to be sure to dissuade someone so naive that there was anything. Furthermore, I have several times been inside a vault at FTD when I was a project engineer on a contract with them for Aerojet General Nucleonics. It was a very compartmentalized place. The primary focus at FTD was paperwork from foreign scientists, spies, and intelligence analysts. I have trouble believing it was ever FTD's job to go from analyzing wreckage to developing new technology. The U-2, Stealth, SR-71, and a myriad of other technologies were devised by industry under contract to major CIA, USAF, NAVY, or Army groups, NOT at FTD.

General Arthur Exon told me in person that he did NOT have a need to know for all the activities at WPAFB even when he was base commander in the mid 60's. We cannot even be certain that the three officers would have been told about events and wreckage brought there more than a decade earlier. Their concern was the here and the now, the near future, and enemy (not alien) technology. It would have been much more likely to ship wreckage to a highly classified facility such as Area 51 (supposedly established in the late 1940s), or a part of Los Alamos or Sandia. With the very successful Manhattan Project as a shining example, it seems most likely that a Special Project would have been established outside the US Air Force, Navy, or Army.... let's call it Operation Majestic 12.

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