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Berlin Memorandum Update #1

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*I n t e r n a t i o n a l R o s w e l l I n i t i a t i v e *

German Coordinators
Joachim Koch and Hans-Juergen Kyborg

May 1997
(Update June 7th, 1997)

*B E R L I N M E M O R A N D U M *

The International Roswell Initiative is based upon an idea of Joachim Koch and Hans-Juergen Kyborg who intended to support the research of Mr. Kent Jeffrey in the so-called Roswell-Incident of 1947 after a meeting with him in the lobby of the Palace-Hotel, Berlin, in 1993.

Our idea was to write down a text which should be distributed worldwide and signed by as many people as possible to make it the most powerful grassroots effort in modern UFO history. We wrote a letter to Kent Jeffrey and explained our project. Thus, he wrote the "Roswell Declaration" and brought the International Roswell Initiative to life. At that time it seemed to be within reach that an Executive Order could be induced by Congressman Steven Schiff and the Declaration should be a most powerful tool to support this.

By the time, the Roswell Declaration really became powerful by the signatures of 20,000(plus) people from all over the world. Despite all momentary developments all the 20,000 plus signed Roswell Declarations will be delivered to the White House in early July as Kent Jeffrey promised in a fax dated of May 8th 1997. The Initiative received signed Declarations from people of all ages and professions including two astronauts whereof one walked on the Moon. And it seemed, that the Roswell Declaration could generate within those who had signed it some kind of trust and - hope.

Because of his personal conclusions which he wrote down in a 17 pages paper entitiled "Roswell--Anatomy Of A Myth" and wherof a summary is released on June 7th in the MUFON UFO Journal, Kent Jeffrey marches no longer with us on our way towards the truth about the Roswell Incident which still remains unsolved. As far as we and other researchers know no new documents have surfaced and according to the testimony of Jesse Marcel, Jr., his hypnosis session in Washington in late January 1997

brought no new information to what he has remembered and told before about what he saw when in July 1947 his father brought the unusual debris into the kitchen of his home.

So we, the German Coordinators of the Roswell Initiative, feel obliged to all those who have signed the Declaration to show them all that the trust and hope they have invested in the Initiative was and is fully justified.

We, Hans-Juergen Kyborg and Joachim Koch, are born in a city which has suffered a lot in the years after WW II. Especially we Berliners have experienced what it means to have friends whom you can trust and who give you hope for a better future and what it means to resist in a united effort.

Bound to these ideals we, as the German Coordinators and as Berliners, declare publicly that we stay steadfast to the primary goal of the Roswell Initiative: to find out the truth about what happened in New Mexico in 1947 and to continue in our effort to end the policy of secrecy and cover-ups on a fact that has become crystal-clear to everyone who has done serious and open-minded research in what is called the UFO phenomenon: that we are not alone in the universe.

We shall withstand all attempts to diminish the power of the International Roswell Initiative such as official reports and film footage in the past or secluded conclusions in the present. Independent, serious and self-critical researchers have provided piece after piece of an enigmatic puzzle and will continue to do so. And more and more, one certain picture crops out: Roswell *was something* *else* than the crash of a (or some) balloon(s) consisting of mundane material like balsa wood and flower painted tape.

Shouldn't we all declare that we are Berliners -- again?

If you think that what is written above corresponds to your point of view and you would like support this BERLIN MEMORANDUM you are invited to do so - no matter where you are, where you come from and what your education is - by sending us a few sentences with your current view of Roswell and, if you think so, why it is important to have such efforts like the Roswell Initiative. We would appreciate to add your supporting comments to the many others you can read below (in order of the date of income). We shall publish the updated BERLIN MEMORANDUM from now on several times until July 8th 1997.

Upon our request worldwide know and respected
researchers have sent us spontaneously and
immediately in an act of solidarity their view
of the current state of Roswell and their opinion
about an effort such like
the International Roswell Initiative.
This is the place to say thank you with all our heart.

(All the following contributions are in order of the incoming date)

Date: Tue, 13 May 97 22:49 +0100
From: *Dr.Johannes Fiebag*

What happened 1947 in Roswell? To be honest: I don't know. But only a few people here on this planet will know what really happened there. Was it the crash of a weather balloon? Or a spy balloon? Or after all an extraterrestrial spacecraft?

One thing is for sure: since Roswell gained more and more attention for the researchers and the media since the seventies, the attempts of covering-up, disowning and debunking of official and non-official, of governmental as well as obscure private (or allegedly private) groups and individuals increased in an astonishing rate.

To say it clearly: if it really was "only" a MOGUL balloon, which crashed in the desert of New Mexico, then one must say that the U.S. Air Force during the past decades has done everything to contribute to the momentary confusion and lack of information by its dubious behavior (or was this full intention...?)

And if not? If was something different? Then it is high time - despite all developments, disclaimers and contradictions - finally to put the facts and the truth on the table. To achieve this is the basis of the Roswell Initiative.

And no matter which is one's own point of view regarding this

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