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Re: Thurmond Disputes Book on 'Alien Spaceship'

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>> June 5, 1997

>> Thurmond Disputes Book on Purported Alien Spaceship

>> By WILLIAM J. BROAD

>>A new book contending that the nation's military and industrial
>>power largely derive from a crashed alien spaceship is being
>>disparaged by Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., chairman of the
>>Senate Armed Services Committee, who wrote the book's foreword.

>Here we have the very weird spectacle of a United States senator
>writing the introduction to a book full of lurid UFO revelations, and
>then repudiating it.

>How could that happen?

>Greg Sandow

Very easily, actually, as in the following imaginary conversation:

Corso: Strom! Hey, it's Phil! Congratulations on your re-election!

Thurmond: Thanks, ol' buddy! What can I do for you?

Corso: Well, I'm writing my memoirs and wondered if you would be so kind as to contribute a Foreward?

Thurmond: Sure, be glad to! I'll have my staff work something up. Who do you want me to send it to?

Corso: So-and-so, my editor, at Pocket Books.

Neither Thurmond nor his staff would need to see (let alone actually read) a manuscript or finished book under such circumstances, which are probably fairly common within both political and publishing circles. What are cover "blurbs" in the main, anyway, but mostly comments made by friends of the author who haven't bothered to read the complete manuscript yet, either?

To be fairer than may be required, the publisher may well have sent Thurmond's office a copy of the book for their perusal. It may be there still, buried under the mounds of mail each senator no doubt receives on an average day. Someone the senator once knew is writing his memoirs. Big deal. In a 60-year or so political career, how many of the senator's friends and acquaintances do you think have written books by now?

Meanwhile, the publisher is ecstatic. Wow, an "endorsement" by Strom Thurmond! This certainly won't hinder sales. To be fairer than need be

again, maybe the publicity department assumes that Thurmond really did thumb through the book and is signing off on its contents. Would you try to call the senator back and ask, uh, senator are you *sure* you want to say this? I mean there's an awful lot of weird UFO stories in there. Maybe you ought to read it again--and reconsider. Of course not. They're too busy peeing in their pants at their great good fortune.

The only conspiracy or explanatione needed is one of the world's oldest -- sheer commercialism. I suspect that commercialism will be fundamental to explaining Mr. Corso's memoirs, too, once we've all had a chance to examine the book's contents.

If you want to wonder about something, try to figure out what headquarters down at the UFO Cover Up office must be going through. Are they running through two-ended candles and their midnight oil supplies at a furious clip, working three shifts around the clock, tearing out their hair and mumbling to no one in particular, "How could this have *happened*? Smith, Corso's your guy, isn't he? How the hell come you didn't know he was writing his memoirs, for God's sakes!" "My guy? Jeez, chief, I thought he was *your* guy!"

So the guys down at UFO Cover UP Central have done it again. They let down their guard for a minute and look what happens. Some insider defects and spills the UFO beans -- or at least his own personal marbles. No rest for the weary in this business, is there? No summer vacations this year, not with Roswell's fiftieth coming up. At least this'll give them something meaningful to do for the next couple of months.

Dennis

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