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UFO UpDates Mailing List

Re: Bentwaters: Project Pounce

From: Stig_Agermose@online.pol.dk (Stig Agermose)
Date: Tue, 17 Jun 1997 05:36:32 +0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Jun 1997 10:32:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Bentwaters: Project Pounce

>>Date: Sun, 15 Jun 1997 18:37:55 -0400
>>From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Bentwaters: Project Pounce
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>Regarding...

>From: Stig_Agermose@online.pol.dk (Stig Agermose)
>Date: Thu, 12 Jun 1997 15:04:13 +0200
>Subject: Bentwaters: Project Pounce (fwd)

>>Stig submitted a "Special Report by Col. Wilson":

>On the day Dec. 28, 1980, GMT, Project Pounce was activated. We
>received a command to proceed to RAF Woodbridge, a joint US/British
>NATO base at Suffolk, England, 81st TAC Fighter Wing where we >would
>be met by a Special Delta Force team.

>>Who exactly are "we" and who issued the command?

>>Is there any reason to believe this isn't a bogus story?

As mentioned in the post, it was forwarded from the mailing list of Francisco Lopez - d005734c@dc.seflin.org - while he received it from the "Skywatch" mailing list. The author of the post, Colonel Steve Wilson, is the "executive director" of the Skywatch organisation which has a website, too, where Wilson ("Topgrizly") offers this short bio of himself:

<http://www.wic.net/page/50bios-z.htm#topgrizly>

TopGrizly

Escaped the orphanage at age 14 and joined the Army Air Force. It was easy to get in back then. Came up through the ranks from Private to a Full Colonel after 40 years. Went to flight school at Kelly AF Base, Texas. Was in the Korean, Vietnam, Bay of Pigs, Auckland and Persian Gulf Wars. Time out for College and majored in Archaeology, Paleontology. A highly decorated fighter pilot and triple Ace. One of a few holders of the Air Medal of Honor, Silver Star, with 2 DSC's (Distinguished Service Cross), wounded in action twice with two purple hearts, AF commendation medal and the POW/MIA award. After a strange encounter with a UFO, was assigned to Branch of Unexplained Aerial Phenomena (UFO Investigations). At one time was attached to the 1st Air Force Special Forces Air Command. A 5' 11" Stocky individual now makes his home in Grand Junction, Colorado. Never Married.

(end)

Further details on Wilson's military career were furnished by Richard Boylan in an e-mail to the IUFO mailing list on May 22, 1997. The text deals with the congressional briefing which was initiated by CSETI, and it deserves notice that Strom Thurmond were among the participants. At the end of the letter Wilson's involvement with Project Pounce is mentioned.

Latest Revelations on UFOs From Insiders

Date: Thu, 22 May 97 10:04:16 -0800
Subject: IUFO: Show & Tell
To: iufo@world.std.com

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SHOW and TELL: Latest Revelations on UFOs From Insiders Going Public

By

Richard Boylan, Ph.D.

On April 9, 1997, a closed briefing was given Congressional, White House and other Administration officials on evidence of UFO reality and extraterrestrial presence. A witness revealed that among the dignitaries were Senator Strom Thurmond, Congressman Weingard, and the wife of the CIA Director.

Testimony was given by Apollo astronaut Mitchell, Dr. Greer, and two dozen other prime government-insider witnesses.

(snip)

A further glimpse into the military's secretive obsession with UFO technology was provided by retired Air Force Colonel Steve Wilson in late May, 1997, in response to reports of a huge UFO over Phoenix in mid-May. Colonel Wilson, who formerly headed the Air Force's Project Pounce [UFO recovery teams], said that there has been a stringent "lock-down" on Air Force personnel discussing UFOs since January 3, 1994. That was the date the military began publicly flying the enormous Black Triangle antigravity craft, which the Colonel said were back-engineered from UFOs.

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(end)

>We were to contact the Base Commander, Col. Dale C. Tabor...

>>Wouldn't that have been Wing Commander Gordon E. Williams, or
>>Colonel Ted Conrad?

Wilson is clearly wrong, but his memory might have failed him, so his story cannot be discounted just for this one reason.

Wing Commander Gordon E. Williams was the overall US commander of the adjacent bases RAF Woodbridge and RAF Bentwaters, which together housed the US Air Force 81st Tactical Fighter Wing, while Squadron Leader Donald Moreland was the bases overseer appointed by the British government. Colonel Ted Conrad was the Bentwaters base commander, and the Woodbridge base commander was Colonel Sam Morgan who released the first, though edited, copy of the Halt tape to solicitor and UFO investigator, Harry Harris, in 1984. The tape was recorded "live" during the event.

>...and Question Lt. Col. Charles Halt, The Deputy Base Commander
>about the UFO sighting and landing there. We were to view the
>complete filming including the landing.

>>This presumably being a reference to the alleged landing claimed to
>>have been witnessed by Larry Warren. The evidence supporting

>>that story is not too strong.

>>Why no apparent interest in the triangular-shaped object witnessed
>>at length in the forest a couple of night's previously? It's possible
>>authenticity is supported by a number of cohesive accounts and it's
>>a report which Colonel Halt (ret.) still stands by.

>>As none of the witnesses to that event claim it was filmed and as
>>Halt is adamant the events he witnessed in the forest a couple of
>>nights later weren't filmed either, what film was there to watch?

Warren embellishes his story each time he's telling it and can readably be discounted as a reliable witness. Concerning the filming, at least photographs were taken.

The latest edition of CNI News (Vol. 3 No. 7 Part 2) carries an excerpt from a longer transcript of a May 13, 1997 interview conducted by journalist A.J.S. Rayl with Colonel Charles I. Halt, USAF (ret.), for Project Watchfire on the Microsoft Network. A.J.S. Rayl wrote extensively for OMNI magazine and his latest credit is the cover story for this year's U.S. Nobel Foundation Conference Magazine.

Part of the excerpt deals with the photographic evidence:

Rayl: What happened to the evidence? You, as I understand, took photographs that night.

Halt: The individual from Disaster Preparedness that had the Geiger-counter was also a professional photographer. He took one if not two rolls of film of the indentations, of marks on the trees, of the objects in the sky, and he developed them. I gave him a call a day or two later, and said, "How did the film come out?" And he said, "It's all fogged." I said, "Fogged? Are you sure you didn't make a mistake?" "No," he said, "I've been doing this for many years. Obviously, something happened to the film." So, as far as I know, that night, there were no good photographs. There was no video. There was no film taken, to my knowledge.

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>Our investigation showed that a landing pattern was produced in the
>grass...

>>Uh-oh...it wasn't perchance...please say it wasn't....

>This pattern was identical to a landing pattern (Crop Circle)

>>Oh good grief.

It's easier to ridicule than to contemplate, but try to check your sarcasm when you read the information below.

I do not bring it as an endorsement of Wilson's story, by the way, but to add a little zest. It was published by UFO Roundup:

To: alt.paranet.ufo
UFO Update
Articles from the Net, edited by Jason

Last week, UFO ROUNDUP reported the strange case of the "crop circle" etched in cement in the backyard patio of a retired couple living in Hemitt, California. Now some startling New information has been offered in this case.

(snip)

MARCH 8, 1997
Indianapolis, Indiana

Contact: Terry Coddington (889) 889-3612

According to retired U.S. Air Force Colonel Steve Wilson, there was a similar incident in Hemitt nearly 35 years ago, back in the summer of 1962.

Col. Wilson writes, "In July 1962, I investigated exactly the same kind of circle that was found by Mr. Peffly of Hemitt, Cal., who worked for

the (California) Division of Forestry based in Hemitt. This circle appeared at the forestry camp at Puerta La Cruz, where Mr. Peffly worked. (USAF) Tests were done on the substance and it was found (to be) only slightly radioactive. It had also changed the composition of the cement."

According to Col. Wilson, the 1962 incident was hushed up by Delta Force, which reportedly threatened Mr. Heffly and his family. (Email Interview)

(Editor's Note: The July 1962 incident sounds like a typical "evidence retrieval" by what was then called Operation Moon Dust.)

And, if you want to read back issues of UFO ROUNDUP, check in at this URL:
<http://www.fttech.net/~ufoinfo/roundup.htm>

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>The film was immediately sent to a special office in the Pentagon
>designated OSIP (This changes constantly to avoid detection).

>>Of course.

>We then proceeded to erase all evidence of the arrival of the craft.

>>But forget to ask Colonel Halt not to make an official report of the
>>other incidents, which there were witnesses to corroborate.

>>Stig, where did this story originate?

Oh good grief!

>>James.

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