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Special release from UFO Magazine.

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The AIR FORCE releases its "Final Report"

June 24th, 1997 began with a continuous stream of telephone calls at the offices of UFO Magazine. Media from CBS radio, MSNBC, NBC, EXTRA and various regional radio programming around the U.S. all wanted interviews on the Air Force's press briefing on the "final word" on the Roswell situation. The briefing was yet to happen. I arrived at NBC in Burbank, and after being wired up like an astronaut ready for a shuttle flight, I watched Air Force spokesman Colonel John Haynes waving the thick report about, much like a television evangelist waving the "Holy Word." Prepared for another blanket denial by the Air Force, I was amazed to hear Haynes state the following items:

1. The witnesses to the original "event" in 1947 mis-identified a balloon for a flying disk.
2. The reports about bodies were actually caused by people witnessing high altitude balloon experiments where the Air Force dropped dummies from balloons and the witnesses really saw the dummies being retrieved.
3. People confused the crash of a KC-97 aircraft where 11 Air Force members were killed with something anomalous .
4. People also got confused by a manned balloon accident where two Air Force pilots were injured.
5. Col. Haynes concluded with, "The Air Force can't even keep a single secret. How could we perpetuate a conspiracy?"

During all this, archival film footage was being shown with what looked like advanced aircraft and space probes being demonstrated, some re-entering the atmosphere or sitting on the ground looking for all the world like... a flying saucer! Not too bad, until you start to use common sense--which, by the looks of it, isn't too common.

Forget for a second that in 1947, the men stationed at the Roswell Army Air Field were the most elite in the U.S. military. This was, after all, the only location on the entire planet that harbored atomic weapons and the means to deliver them. But these men, we are to believe, couldn't distinguish between a balloon and its array and a real flying saucer!

Forget that this military organization, the 509th, was the one to release the original press brief stating they captured a flying disk-- not parts, not pieces, but a whole disk. Read the original

story published in the Roswell Daily Record.

Hardly a mention at all that the Air Force's high-altitude balloon experiments that involved dropping dummies never began until 1954. In other words, these "stupid" people confused the events of Roswell with events that did not happen until at least seven years later!

The crash of a KC-97 aircraft which killed 11 men--also in the Air Force report-- happened in 1956! This is nine years later!

The balloon mishap in which 2 pilots were injured did not occur until 1959!

Remember the file footage just mentioned? This was NASA archival footage from the 1960s and the 1970s

If the Air Force or Haynes can't keep a secret, then I suggest Haynes resign his commission and go into selling aluminum siding.

In the numerous TV and radio programs in which I participated, I pointed out time and time again these inconsistencies. I also told the journalists that it was not even a case of whether an alien ship crashed or not, but it was more about lies, deceit, and misinformation. Are we really expected to believe that in 1947, the most elite of our military forces would make such a bone-headed and blunderous mistake?

Remember, if you can, what kind of world it was then. Just two years prior, the most expensive war in history concluded, resulting in 60 million dead human beings. The cold war was heating up, the Berlin blockade was about to happen. The Soviets were perceived as being on the march. Greece was in danger of going communist. People here in the U. S. were starting to look for communists under every bed. If Colonel Wm . Blanchard and Major Jesse Marcel had made such a blunder as not being able to I.D. a simple balloon array (forget the Project Mogul explanation, the Mogul balloon and array were NOT top secret, its MISSION was!) would the Army Air Force have allowed such men to stay in command? At the very least, they would have received official letters of reprimand. This would have finished their careers! Did it? Absolutely not. Blanchard went on to become a General Officer. Marcel was promoted to Lt. Colonel. And let's not forget the hundreds of first- and second-hand witnesses who all tell a different story.

This story is not finished. As UFO Magazine gets the entire report and follows up we will report our findings.

June 24, 1997. The day of the Air Force "Final Report?" Not even close!

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