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5) UFO Cover-up Admitted

WASHINGTON (AP) - With growing hysteria over alleged UFO sightings in the 1950s, the Air Force repeatedly concocted false cover stories to hide the fact that their super-secret spy planes had been spotted, an intelligence study says.

Historian Gerald K. Haines writes that the Air Force, responding to alleged UFO sightings during the Cold War years, frequently provided explanations that were untrue to deflect attention away from the spy planes.

``Over half of all UFO reports from the late 1950s through the 1960s were accounted for by manned reconnaissance flights (namely the U-2) over the United States,' Haines wrote in the spring issue of Studies of Intelligence, an unclassified CIA journal.

Concern about the public finding out about the secret spy planes ``led the Air Force to make misleading and deceptive statements to the public in order to allay public fears and to protect an extraordinarily sensitive national security project,' Haines wrote.

``While perhaps justified, this deception added fuel to the later conspiracy theories and the coverup controversy.

Haines, a historian at the National Reconnaissance Office, based his article on a review of CIA documents from the late 1940s to 1990.

He described how the Air Force sought to deflect attention from the development of its high-altitude experimental aircraft, the U-2 and the SR-71.

The early U-2s were silver and reflected the sun's rays, especially at sunrise and sunset, and often appeared as fiery objects to people below, Haines said. The U-2s were later painted black.

Air Force investigators ``aware of the secret U-2 flights tried to explain away such sightings by linking them to natural phenomena such as ice crystals and temperature inversions,' Haines wrote.

By 1956, the Air Force internally had clear explanations for 96 percent of all UFO sightings, Haines wrote, referring to the

experimental aircraft. ``They were careful, however, not to reveal the true cause of the sighting to the public.''

He also said the CIA, during the height of the Cold War, hid its involvement in studies into UFO sightings because the agency was concerned if word came out it would lead to a national hysteria that could be exploited by the Soviet Union.

The director of space policy at the Washington-based Federation of American Scientists, John E. Pike, said the study raises questions about other possible government coverups involving unidentified flying objects.

``The flying-saucer community is definitely onto something,''' in accusing the military of hiding something, Pike told The New York Times, which reported on the study in Sunday's edition.

Haines' study, ``CIA's Role in the Study of UFOs, 1947-90,''' is available on the Internet at <http://www.odci.gov/csi/studies/97unclas/>

[NOTE: Above mentioned report will be serialised in PUFORI UFO News starting with the next issue.]

6) Arizona UFO Analysis

By Andrew Brockinton and Terry Rodemerk MUFON Baywatch Newsletter

At around 8:00 PM on March 13, 1997, lights were sighted in the sky over Phoenix, Arizona. There have been numerous reports written about the sighting and many theories bantered about as to what it was that moved over the night sky in Phoenix. Numerous people video taped the events and these tapes have been analyzed and re-analyzed in an attempt to explain the phenomena.

Some of these analyses have lead to a chevron shaped vehicle, some alluded to being a much larger ship, and the government official explanation is that it was flares from the nearby Estralle Air National Guard bombing range which lies southwest of Phoenix on the southwest side of the Estralle Mountains.

In our analysis, we utilized the video by Mike Krzyston taken from the top of Mt. Ridge and scanned in several still photographs using an Amiga 1200 AGA computer with DCTV video frame grabber and ImageFX software for photo analysis. Our analysis leads us to theorize that the MUFON article stating that they are flares is erroneous. From enlargements of the single lights, they do not appear to be flares. To verify this, we have a photo taken over Houston, Texas at night of a flare in the sky, and the two pictures do not look anything alike.

In addition, from our analysis the lights in the Phoenix films appear to be maneuvering jets along the same lines as the nozzle jets of the liquid fuel rockets on the NASA's shuttles. Whether these are liquid fuel jets like the shuttle, ion propulsion or plasma propulsion, we cannot determine that at this time. Yet, looking at the pictures that show this, tends to lead us to believe they are a form of ion plasma, they trail off much like the aurora borealis does.

Watching the film you can see that it is one large ship rotating on a center axis using maneuvering jets of some kind, possibly ion-plasma propulsion, to turn a larger ship that was in between the Estrella Mountains and the Phoenix South Mountains area in the southwest area of Phoenix.

It may be that the only reason the people could see the lights at all, is that this was a course correction maneuver done by the craft's navigational system to fly between the South Mountains and the Estrella Mountain range. This places the craft on a direct line of flight to Casa Grande and then Tucson along US Interstate 10. Sightings of a large object were reported in both these locations within an hour after the Phoenix sightings and also by motorists along US Interstate 10.

The analysis in the July 1997 MUFON JOURNAL places the so-called flares being behind the Estrella Mountains, which appears to be too far away to be the actual location. Analysis of other photos have shown the faint outlines of 4337 foot Montezuma Peak, the highest point in the Estrella range, behind the lights. This demonstrates the craft to be a good mile to mile and a half closer than their location under the military flares theory. If we place the craft on a Phoenix map, Montezuma Peak shows to be behind the lights in more than one of the pictures we scanned.

Analysis of photos show that the lights move from lower right to upper left which is something that flares don't do. Also, it shows that these lights move in synchronous, clock-wise movement, something that the laws of physics would not allow a group of individual flares to do. This synchronous, clock-wise movement shows that the lights were connected to a single larger object being acted upon by a propulsion system, i.e. the lights seen.

A more detailed presentation of our analysis will be given at the August 16th MUFON meeting, and we urge those of you who have conducted your own analysis to share your findings.

7) Gallop Poll Results

According to a Gallop poll on UFOS, conducted between 3-6 September 1996, UFO interest continues to rise. The poll results were:

- 87% os Americans have read or heard about UFOs
- 12% have seen something they thought was a UFO
- 45% think UFOs have visited Earth in some form
- 48% believe UFOs are "something real"
- 31% believe they are just people's imagination
- 72% believe there is life of some form on other planets in the Universe
- 38% think there are people somewhat like ourselves living on other planets in the Universe
- 71% believe the US government knows more about UFOs than it is letting on.

8) Web Sites To Visit

Every issue we will be giving you the adresses of the best UFO-related web sites.

- UFOMind: <http://www.ufomind.com>
- UFOs Online: <http://home.clara.net/chipp/>
- UFO Magazine (UK) <http://www.ufomag.co.uk>
- UFO Magazine (USA) <http://www.ufomagazine.com>

9) Coming Next Issue

In Issue two we will be bringing you all the latest UFO and space news. Next month will also see part 1 of the report "CIA's Role In The Study Of UFOs, 1947-1990".

Available on 28th September.

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