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Re: American Computer Company continued

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Hi all,

Well it must have cost me about ten dollars but I interviewed Jack Schulman, president of American Computer. The moment the telephone operator of ACC heard who I was they put me through to him and he said he had heard of me.

He talked so fast that I could hardly keep up but here is what it comes down to.

Schulman told me the following:

American Computer produces pc's, servers and notebooks. It is privately owned so it does not issue a public financial report. It has a total of 200-220 employees.

Schulman about the Roswell story on their web site:
'The posting on our web site is inconsistent with our business practice. Frankly I did not realise that so many people would notice it.

In fact to post such a story is an insane thing to do for a small computer company. My initial reaction to the idea was that this kind of publicity is bad. Why would I publish anything about UFOs? But the story that came from our consultant struck a personal chord with us.

The message was posted in the beginning of August. We [Schulman and his consultant who did the research] have not read Corso's book and we will not do so before October.

We want to process the information coming in with as much integrity as we can. You know how the mind works. We want to find out the truth even more than you do.

I want to be a mediator of the concepts that are debunked. The matter is important.

So far I am surprised by the lack of response from the Bell System.

[Note: Schulman wants to make it clear that he does not say that AT & T is covering up the history of the transistor. Bell Laboratories was part of ATT in 1947 and is now part of Lucent Technologies. To the entity that would perhaps be covering up the transistor he refers to as the "Bell System". This means AT & T as it existed in 1947 before the break up of AT & T]

That is strange because I know these people quite well and they know me. The only thing I heard was that a few pages on the site of Lucent Technologies [Lucent was spun off from ATT a few years ago] with references to a project called "Starpoint" were put out. I don't know whether this is relevant though.

My position in this whole thing is one of neutrality. My intention is to find out the facts.

Q. What was exactly the innovation that could have come out of alien technology since Bell Labs seemed to be doing research into semiconductors prior to 1947?

A: The germanium diode had existed for several years.

[A transistor is essentially made of three diodes working together]

Its ability to rectify current was well understood [to make direct current (dc) from alternating current (ac)]. There had been 2 applications based on the natural propensity of germanium. This was the situation for years. All this time nobody ever suggested that germanium diodes could be used in some way as an amplifier or used in oscillatory devices.

[the transistor is an amplifier]

Then you have this inexplicable arrival of transistors with only vague references to earlier research. I've looked in the books, been to the labs, read the research papers. I also knew the people that were involved in the transistor.

There would have to be more previous research. I would have expected to see 5-15 yrs of research. A physicist would be testing for years day and night for this technology to develop. And how silicon and a gas like boron suddenly got into the picture is a mystery to me. All that on a budget of 2 mln.

[silicon is one of the materials of which transistors can be made. It is now used for most computer chips. I don't know the function of boron in creating transistors]

Furthermore, there were more organisations that were more advanced in this kind of research, like Sylvania [spelling ?] and Sarnoff. None of them came up with it. I think the version of the Bell System is nothing more than a lovely marketing story.

Q: How can we verify the "alien version" of the story specifically?

A: I don't have the resources to do it. Bill Gates could. But he is a businessman and very happy with AT&T.

[He means Gates would have no motive.]

Like Bill Gates I am open to commercial manipulation. You can quote me on that. But for the sake of humanity I will not be intimidated by the flames that were put out to me on the Internet. Instead I hope that you all grab the ball and run with it. You must do the research.

Q: Who have suffered from Bell's covering up this history of the transistor?

A: The US government has suffered. The technology should have been made available for defense purposes to defend our democracy. Frankly I think the government has gotten a bad rap from the UFO community for supposedly covering things up. The government is a transitory entity. People go in and out. As far as cover-ups are concerned the iceberg is melting on one side, growing on the other. I think the abundance of negativity in the UFO field has caused the cover up.

But then we don't have the same government as we had back then. ATT has also changed dramatically.

Q: Following this up, ATT or Lucent could have patents that perhaps are attributed to the alien technology. What patents specifically are we talking about since the transistor involves many patents?

A: I don't know that. There are probably some aged people who could answer that. I hope they come forward.

Q: Where did your consultant get his information?

A: He got the story from working on projects before the break up of the Bell System. [ATT was broken up in 1982 into ATT and seven Baby Bells or Regional Bell Operating Companies (RBOCs, like Nynex). Bell Labs remained part of AT & T, but became part of Lucent which was spun off from AT & T a few years ago].

This consultant worked directly with John Morton [former VP of Bell Labs. Schulman also knew Morton. Morton was killed under mysterious circumstances. This was what struck the personal chord within Schulman when his consultant came with the "alien origin" scenario of the transistor] and the inventors of the transistor [Shockley, Bardeen, Brattain]. Charles Brown was then chairman of AT & T. But he did not get it from them.

First of all he observed that "there were too many secrets" within Bell Labs. Aspects of projects always have to remain confidential, we know that. But here there were too many secrets. There was too much confidentiality that was agreed upon in written form under advice from Bell's lawyers. He became disappointed with the situation to the point of disgust.

The story about the alien origin of technology that led to the transistor came directly from the principals of certain projects in more than rumor form. These people have now left ATT.

Q: Why are you so sure that other companies knew about the alien origin of the technology like IBM, Fairchild and Intel? Are you aware of people who have been involved in the peddling of the technology to these companies? Is there a paper trail?

A: My consultant is the source from this. If you want my opinion I can't imagine anything this earthshaking just remaining in ATT.

Q: What new information has reached you through the form you posted on your web site?

A: A lot has come in, mostly opinions about Roswell a.s.o.

But the most interesting story was this: it was from a person in Berkeley Heights. His father was a physicist at AT & T Micro Electronics.

[Transistors are part of the field of micro electronics.]

He claims that he went with his father to a location in New Jersey, perhaps upstate New York, when he was 6 years old in the mid fifties. What he saw there was an intact UFO. That is what his father told him. AT & T had a facility there. We wrote him back but haven't received an answer so far.

Q: In an earlier interview with Bob Wolfe you mentioned Sky Station. What is that?

A: I mentioned this just to see the reactions I would get.

Q: Can you say what it is?

A: No, I cannot go into this. I won't answer anymore questions about this.

[Schulman explained earlier that he is a fan of space flight, This would explain his interest in more info on this.]

Schulman explains he is the chairman of the American Computer Scientists Association. Someone in this group thought of a way to track down the Unabomber by posting his photograph on a lot of web sites along with some information.

Schulman:

'This eventually led to his arrest. It took 9 months before the postings on the web sites had an effect. This one will take much longer. This story will take longer to settle in

human consciousness.'

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This was it. I am still curious about the official history of the transistor. James, Steven?

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