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Re: Any More News Regarding Roswell?

From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
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Regarding...

>From: KRandle993 <KRandle993@aol.com> [Kevin Randle]
>Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 14:33:21 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Any More News Regarding Roswell?

Kevin wrote:

>>As you know, Brazel's daughter Bessie recalled, "The debris looked
>>like pieces of a large balloon which had burst..."

>Yes, and she said that she and her dad had picked it ALL up.

Kevin,

Off-hand, I'm not familiar with Bessie making this claim, when did she say this?

I do know that in 'The Roswell Incident', she reportedly stated, "We never found any other pieces of it afterwards - after the military was there.

[...]

The military scraped it all up pretty well".

Which would be a different story.

>She said that he dad was not held in Roswell. She said that she
>accompanied him to Roswell on Sunday to alert the Army about the
>debris.

Basically, her recollections of certain events have to be viewed with some caution?

There's also the point that in the July 1994 USAF report, her affidavit testifies, "The debris looked like pieces of a large balloon which had burst...".

Yet, in 'The Roswell Incident', reportedly in response to the question, "Could the object have been the remains of a weather balloon?", she stated, "No, it was definitely not a balloon".

Her opinions aside, as an important witness to the debris, the descriptions she gave when first interviewed, as published in 'The Roswell Incident' and latterly within that affidavit are

relatively consistent.

As you know, she initially noted, 'there was what appeared to be pieces of heavily waxed paper and a sort of aluminium-like foil'. Also that, "some of the metal-foil pieces had a sort of tape stuck to them, and when these were held to the light they showed what looked like pastel flowers or designs".

As this was said before any connection with the Mogul balloon project, how do we account for her descriptions of tape with pastel flowers or designs?

>>...often overlooked, is that according to Brazel's son Bill Jnr's >>recollections in 'The Roswell Incident' [Berlitz and Moore, p85], >>"when Dad first got into Roswell it was the weather bureau he called >>first about this stuff he had found".

>Beyond that there has been no claim that Mac tried to interest the >weather people in it.

That seems to be the case, although the fact that the weather bureau was apparently uppermost in mind, perhaps evidences his belief that the debris had a meteorological origin.

However, there's again this conundrum where we have Mac Brazel subsequently quoted in the Roswell Daily Record, July 9, 1947, as saying, "I am sure that what I found was not any weather observation balloon".

So why did he initially contact the weather bureau!?

I guess this is open to conjecture and we'll never know.

>>Isn't this all academic anyway as critical documents obtained under >>the FOIA confirm, as arguably does the absence of any heightened >>military alert at the time, that 'Roswell' had no bearing whatsoever >>on the perceived enigma of what 'flying saucers' truly were?

>There were aircraft on alert all during the July 4 weekend all along >the west coast.

Is there evidence this was related to events at Roswell?

>Ed Ruppelt, in his book, talked of the Pentagon being in a state of >near panic in July 1947.

Unfortunately, I don't have a copy of Ruppelt's book. Does he say why there was a panic at this time?

When was the alert/panic over and what happened to appease the concerns?

>>It's understood that recently unearthed 'Top Secret' documents, >>subsequent to 'Roswell', reiterate this.

>What recent documents?

I'll get back to you on this.

>>Is it fair to say that following the exposure of fundamental flaws >>in previously accepted and crucial witness testimony from such as >>Gerald Anderson, Jim Ragsdale and Glenn Dennis, that you would now >>consider Frank Kaufmann as a central 'Roswell' witness?

>No.

Do you currently consider him to be a credible witness?

There were two points about Kaufmann's claimed copy of his original 'Top Secret' report.

The first was why he had a copy at all, did he routinely make duplicates of 'secret' documents for his own files?

Secondly, how was he able to make what seems allegedly to be an exact copy, complete with letter-heading bearing the name and address of 'Headquarters, Roswell Army Air Field', a typed

reference [S1CP/JAM/sfm] and partly typed, partly hand-written date [only the typed '1947' is clear].

Although there were no photocopiers available in 1947 (the electro-photographic process wasn't publicly demonstrated until 22 October 1948), he could indeed have photographed the document.

What did he do then though, send the film to Kodak for processing? ;)

I had mentioned Kaufmann's report previously and remained unsure if these questions had ever been asked of him and answered.

Also unclear was whether the 'report' had ever been published. The only time I've seen the document, which seems to consist of only this one page containing sketches of the 'craft' and 'aliens', is in the UK Channel 4 'Incident at Roswell' documentary.

What about the possibility of clarifying these issues with Frank Kaufmann and also querying why, if the copy letter-heading relates to a document he sent (rather than a letter he might have received), the reference doesn't contain FK's initials?

'Roswell' is sufficiently complex without being suckered by arguably obvious dubious claims, which only deflect from the facts.

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