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Re: Friedman's And Belyea's Study Of Ramey Photo

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>Subject: Re: Friedman's And Belyea's Study Of Ramey Photo

>>Subj: UFO UpDate: Friedman's And Belyea's Study Of Ramey Photo
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>>From: Stig Agermose <Stig_Agermose@online.pol.dk>
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>>[List only]

>>Source: The Globe And Mail (Toronto).

>>URL:

>><http://www.theglobeandmail.com/docs/news/19981211/Compass/UCOMPPN.html>

>>Stig

>>COMPASS

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>It is difficult to determine whether this writer has her tongue
>in cheek or was just clumsy and inept with her reportorial
>facts. In any event, this is how rumors -- which lead to
>erroneous folklore which plagues the Roswell Event! -- get
>started. So let me clarify the record insofar as I have personal
>knowledge.

Dr. Johnson should be considered the expert in starting rumors
about the Roswell case having started so many of his own.

>>IN FREDERICTON -- From the curb, the home looks deceptively
>>ordinary: a split-level building, with two aging Toyotas
parked >>in the driveway.

<snip>

>>What currently brings together Mr. Friedman's southwestern
>>topic and his northeastern home is a photograph. Taken on July
>>8, 1947, at Fort Worth Army Air Force Base in Texas, it shows
>>Brigadier General Roger Ramey and Colonel Thomas Dubose
>>crouched near some pieces of thin, crumpled metallic material
>>arranged on the floor for a brief showing to the media.

>There is nowhere in the Roswell record that there was any
>intention by General Ramey to show this detritus to the media.
>In fact, there is no record that any member of the media
>other than myself ever was allowed to see the Roswell crash
>debris, even to this day!

In fact, there is nothing in the record to suggest that Dr.
Johnson had the opportunity to see any of the Roswell crash
debris himself. The pictures he took show the remains of a
weather balloon and rawin target and all the analysis in the
world isn't going to change that.

>>A rancher had found them two days earlier,

>The Associated Press, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram (my
>newspaper), the Roswell Daily Record and other
>contemporaneous news accounts stated that a New Mexico
>rancher had found the wreckage three weeks previously.

Well, not exactly. I quote from the Roswell Daily Record of July
9, 1947 (Gen. Ramey Empties Roswell Saucer), "The weather
balloon was found several days ago near the center of New Mexico
by Rancher W.W. Brazel. He said he didn't think much about it
until he went into Corona, N.M. last Saturday and heard the
flying disk reports."

AP teletypes saved by Frank Joyce refer to the event as
happening last week. So the record on when the debris was found
is not quite as clear as Dr. Johnson would have us believe.

>>But it's in down-to-earth Frederickton that Mr. Friedman hopes
>>"some brainstorm will come" to ProLab owner Rob Belyea, who
>>has to manipulate the image and orchestrate conflicting
>>interpretations.

>The article fails to reveal who has ordained Mr. Belyea to such
>an important and awesome assignment as is reported. Wonder if
>anyone has warned him as to what a hazardous undertaking he has
>been tasked?

I hate to agree with Dr. Johnson, but as I read the article I
wondered the same thing. This guy is going to sit in Canada and
let us know what he thinks of the various interpretations.

>>Mr. Belyea, 46, takes his other-worldly assignment in stride. A
>>more usual job would be manipulating the image of a mountain for
>>generic advertising. Overlaying scans of the Roswell Incident
>>photo and deciphering its minuscule text certainly offer a
>>change.

>>Although Mr. Belyea can't spend hours reading the words himself,
>>he will "rule out or confirm" interpretations using software to
>>decide on character count and possible combinations. ("It'll
>>tell you your three options are 'schmuck,' 'luck,' or
>>'spaceship.' ")

>Surely the writer did not mean to say that Belyea's task will be
>so simple that he can effectively accomplish his awesome
>assignment without devoting many "hours" to it!

>>Why do this, and at such expense? Mr. Friedman has long
>>hypothesized a second crash site near Magdalena, N.M., complete
>>with alien bodies. His carefully detailed evidence was dealt a
>>blow when an alleged witness's credibility crumbled. Perhaps the
>>words in the photo will reveal an official reference to such a
>>site, he reasons.

>>Mr. Friedman is not taking part in the interpretation for fear
>>that he might overinterpret the text.

>>One man's UFO sleuthing is another's microhistory. Playing
>>referee, Mr. Belyea opined that others' discernment of
>>"Magdalena" in the text thus far is optimistic: "They're pulling
>>off all sorts of [readings], but they're making some of it up."

>Whoa! Mr. Belyea goes a bit too far by concluding that "they're
>making some of it up." I happen to know for a certainty that the
>first reading of "Magdalena, N. Mex." in the Ramey Message
>was accomplished by the journalist husband of one of the RPIT
>(Roswell Photo Interpretation Team) members, Photojournalist
>Debbie Stock and her journalist husband. Debbie writes: "My
>husband knows nothing about Roswell or UFOs and he knew
>absolutely nothing of Magdalena's connection with this story
>when he gave this reading."

Whoa, your self. Almost no one who has looked at this message
has come up with Magdalena. The letter count is wrong and there
is almost nothing that would suggest that Magdalena is the right
word. Others have suggested that the word is Roswell but it is
really little more than a smudge open to various
interpretations.

<snip>

>>Monique Dull is a freelance writer in Fredericton.

>With such creative reporting Monique is likely never to escape
>Metropolitan Fredericton.

The comment that strikes me here is that people who live in
glass houses...

KRandle

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