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Re: Filer's Files #50-1998

From: James Bond Johnson <JBONJO@aol.com>
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>Filer's Files #50-1998
>MUFON Skywatch Investigations
>George A. Filer: MUFON Eastern Director,
>December 17, 1998
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>ROSWELL PHOTO CONTROVERSY CONTINUES
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>My thesis is if we can discover what happened on July 8,
>1947, fifty years ago, we can help solve the mystery of
>Roswell. Numerous books have been written claiming an
>alien craft crashed, but they are based mostly on old
>memories and testimony. Intelligence officer Major Jessie
>Marcel had picked up some of the debris on a ranch near
>Roswell, showed it to his family and brought it to Roswell Air
>Base for examination. On July 8, Colonel Blanchard
>announced that the Army Air Force had captured a flying
>saucer. Major Marcel and the debris were flown to Fort Worth,
>Texas. James Bond Johnson was ordered by his newspaper
>the Fort Worth Star-Telegram to go to the base and photograph
>the debris. When he arrived at the Eighth Air Force Commander's
>office, he was met by Colonel Dubose the Chief of Staff.
>General Ramey was not there, but a still wrapped package of
>debris was on the floor. Colonel Dubose and Bond Johnson
>unwrapped the debris and spread it out to prepare for the
>photo shoot.

There remain two unwrapped packages of the debris in clear view
in the Ramey office photos, including in the Newton photo.

>Bond Johnson remembers the material smelled
>burned. Fifteen minutes later, General Ramey arrived
>clutching a piece of paper in his hand. First, a photo of
>Ramey was taken with only the back of the paper visible. It
>was decided that Col. Dubose should join in the pictures.
>Apparently, General Ramey opened and read the paper since
>the writing was now visible in the later photo. No one seemed
>to know the exact identity of the debris. Major Marcel was

>also photographed. Bond Johnson left quickly because he
>was trying to meet a newspaper deadline. We can now
>assume that Major Marcel attempted to convince General
>Ramey that this debris was special and had alien writing on it.
>Frankly, his career probably depended on it. About an hour
>later, after the message had been read thoroughly and we
>assume the debris was closely examined Weather Officer
>Warrant Officer Irving Newton was asked to come over and
>take a look. He explained he was the only weather officer on
>duty. In sworn testimony to the Air Force he claims "Several
>minutes later General Ramey himself called and said get your
>ass over here, if you don't have a car take the first one with a
>key" We have to make some assumptions here that General
>Ramey was reacting to the orders in the Confidential
>message and this debris was very important. Extremely
>important for General Ramey to go so far as to tell W. O.
>Newton to steal a car to get there. Apparently, a second
>cameraman besides Bond Johnson was quickly summoned.
>When Newton arrived he states in a sworn statement to the
>Air Force in the Roswell Report: "I was met at the door by a
>Lt. Col. or Col. who told me that someone had found a flying
>saucer in New Mexico and they had it in the General's office.
>A flight had been set up to fly it to Wright Patterson AFB,
>Ohio, but the General suspicion that it might be a
>meteorological equipment or something of that nature and
>wanted it examined by meteorological personnel." --Snip--
>Newton also states, "While I was examining the debris, Major
>Marcel was picking up pieces of the target sticks and trying to
>convince me that some of the notations on the sticks were
>alien writings. There were figures on the sticks lavender or
>pink in color, appeared to be weather faded markings with no
>rhyme or reason. He did not convince me these were alien
>writings. " Essentially, Major Marcel's career was on the line.
>The Army Air Force had already announced to the world they
>had captured a flying saucer. Major Marcel saw a great deal
>on in a field near Roswell, he had shown his family and his
>bosses were in an embarrassing situation.

In recent discussions with Philip Klass, he surmises that Newton probably did not return home to show off his "ET trophies" until AFTER his return from delivering the debris to General Ramey in Fort Worth. Klass points out that as a squared-away regular field grade intelligence staff officer Marcel very likely would not have reported to the 8th Air Force commanding general's office wearing scuffy boondockers and a crumpled, soiled flight suit if he had had an opportunity to go home and change into a fresh uniform after his foray to the Roswell crash site. As an AAF pilot cadet during WWII and remembering the emphasis upon starched and creased uniforms I fully agree with Phil on these theories -- though we differ on MANY other points re Roswell!

>We can assume Newton saw what he was supposed to see
>based on what General Ramey wanted. Newton then claims
>he easily identified the debris. He states: "I was convinced at
>the time that this was a balloon with a RAWIN target and I
>remain convinced." Certainly at first look most people would
>identify the debris as belonging to a RAWIN target reflector
>and a balloon. But, we have some unanswered questions.
>Why does the debris appear different? The two sets of
>photographs taken only an hour apart seem to show a
>sanitized version of the debris. Several key beams or sticks
>are missing. Last week, I attempted several times to send this
>comparison to our readers. Most were eventually able to
>receive them, but many people wrote to complain. Another
>problem is that we may have a cropped version of Newton=92s
>photograph accidentally cutting off some of the important
>evidence.

>Photographs had already been taken of the debris an hour
>earlier, so why was it so important to get additional
>photographs taken of the debris? Even though Newton
>identified the debris as part of a weather balloon it was flown
>to Wright Patterson for further analysis. The Army and the Air
>Force have always stated this was standard off the shelf
>materials. Why couldn't the dozens of military people who saw
>the material before Newton identify it as the mundane? Was it
>sanitized so Newton would identify the debris as something
>mundane. Remember the photographs taken in General
>Ramey=92s office are virtually the only government approved
>evidence we have to prove anything important happened in

>1947. Controversial MJ-12 documents have been declared
>fakes by the government.

>BOB DURANT writes that: "Once again you have misled
>your readers by printing J. Bond Johnson's fantasies
>concerning the Roswell photos.

Bob Durant continues to expose his ignorance re the remarkable findings of the RPIT (Roswell Photo Interpretation Team) volunteers. Instead of embarrassing himself with his ignorance by taking cheap pot shots at this very dedicated international group of photo analysts, he MIGHT have joined this distinguished group in their quest to finally solve the Riddle of Roswell. How can fully displayed symbols and other anomalous objects carefully unearthed from the Ramey office photos be dubbed "fantasies?" Again and again the RPIT has invited wider assistance and has NOT drawn any final conclusions as to the preliminary revelations of their remarkable findings! Durant -- along with other UFOlogists -- has been invited repeatedly to roll up his sleeves and PARTICIPATE in this fascinating project. That he chooses to remain aloof -- but continues to snipe away -- leaves me simply underwhelmed. And also diminishes any comments he might make.

>He claims -- and you published -- that the University of
>Manchester, England and its
>physics department are studying the Roswell photos, and that
>a professor of physics named Neil Morris is working on the
>project. The University is doing nothing on the photos, nor is
>their physics department. Neil Morris is neither a physicist nor
>a professor. Morris is a technician attached to the physics
>department at Manchester. When they need a light bulb
>changed, they call Morris. Morris works on the Roswell photos
>on his spare time, as a hobby, using a very ordinary personal
>computer and very ordinary off-the-shelf photo manipulation
>software. See his web site, and check all this out. I hasten to
>add that Morris is perfectly honest about who he is and what
>he is doing. You might do a favor for your readers if you would
>ask your friend J. Bond Johnson to share with us some details
>about his years as a psychological warfare specialist working
>for the National Security Council. Johnson has a doctorate in
>psychology, and retired from the Army reserves as a full
>colonel." Thanks to Bob Durant.

>Editor=92s Note: I stand corrected that Neil Morris is apparently
>not a physicist, although he does work for the Physics
>Department of the University of Manchester as a technician
>specializing in photography. He apparently maintains -- and
>uses -- the highly technical equipment for the Dept. of Physics
>and Astronomy. Neil Morris and the RPIT team are
>uncovering evidence and writing within the Ramey
>photographs that may be significant. See website at:
><http://adm2.ph.man.ac.uk/ftw-pics/index.htm>. My
>purpose is to obtain as much information from these
>photographs as possible. Dr. James Bond Johnson
>pioneered in studying the etiology of post-traumatic stress
>disorder, having interviewed returned prisoners of war,
>escapees and evadees during three wars. He served as
>cadet pilot in WWII, a Marine Corps captain during the
>Korean conflict and an Army psychological operations
>specialist during the Vietnam War. He has been a consultant
>to the National Security Council; he served on the Eisenhower
>Commission, which revised the Code of Conduct for
>prisoners of war and was a Pentagon consultant to
>"Operation Homecoming," the Department of Defense
>rehabilitation program for POWs from Vietnam. He retired as
>a Colonel in the reserves.

Bob Durant continues to make his outrageous and completely baseless attacks upon the dedicated work of RPIT and its dedicated photo analysts. At no time has Neil Morris misrepresented his credentials, his work with RPIT, or his connection with the University of Manchester. And NEVER to my knowledge has any such error been reported. Durant's mean spirited attacks and utter fabrications certainly are not designed to help in solving the Riddle of Roswell! The question comes to mind: why is Bob Durant, a former Navy operative, SO DEDICATED to NOT honoring or even recognizing ANY significant RPIT discoveries re the Roswell Incident? Just exactly what are HIS credentials as a Roswell expert? Was HE there?

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