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Re: USAF Roswell Debunker Richard Weaver

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I'm swinging my pen helplessly in mid-air here, because it probably won't reach the author, but here goes....

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> Sunday

> January 18, 1998

> SPOKANE

> Spokane native helped crash Roswell's party

> Little green men are green, Doug Clark muses, because that's the color of money.

> Scorched UFO buffs call him a real Man in Black.

Wonder who this might be? Granted, I don't necessarily believe Mogul or the aliens at this point, but he hasn't exactly been direct in answering ANY objections regarding his report.

> To spaced-out believers, Richard Weaver is a gatekeeper for the U.S.

> government's conspiracy to hush up the fact that a saucer full of
> cosmic commuters once took a tumble out among the New Mexico
> tumbleweeds.

Now I just have to laugh at this point. Who would think that a Col. in the USAF is "gatekeeper" for a UFO cover-up. The mere idea is absurd. Although I wouldn't put it past some believers...

> But the 50-year-old Spokane native says he got cheated if his critics
> are correct.

> "I never got the watch or the cool sunglasses," complains Weaver,
> referring to "Men in Black" -- last year's science-fiction blockbuster
> about a clandestine agency that keeps tabs on interstellar travelers.

How clever, and so vital to a good article on Roswell. Discussion about Ray Bans.

> Now retired from the Air Force, Weaver was a colonel assigned to the
> Office of Special Investigations when he co-wrote the 1994 Air Force
> study that debunked the famed "Roswell Incident."

Did he really debunk it or just add new trash to the already overflowing heap?

> The Virginia resident was in Spokane this week visiting family members.
> A Shadle Park High and Washington State University grad, Weaver took an
> afternoon off to talk about his "Roswell Report -- Fact vs. Fiction in
> the New Mexico Desert."

Sounds like he took an afternoon off to chat about UFO kooks and Men in Black.

> As thick as the city's phone book, the document explores the July 1947
> recovery of pieces of a strange "flying disk" on a ranch near Roswell,
> N.M. "We literally tried to do our best," he says. "It was never me
> against the UFO people."

Great.. it's a big report. A ton of information that goes a long way in showing nothing. If anything it helps prove it's own hypothesis wrong.

> What was found in the desert a half-century ago was totally
> terrestrial, the report concludes. The flimsy wreckage came from an
> experimental high-altitude balloon deployed to eavesdrop on Russian
> nuclear tests.

Substance... I'm impressed!(Really.. Journalists hold themselves to such high standards today. They should really cut back and talk about sunglasses more...)

> Such an earthly explanation predictably sent the UFO community into
> orbit.

into orbit... wow... this is class "A" material! Remind me to write it all down... I don't think anything went into orbit. In fact, I recall several interesting replies that were quite logical and gave both sides something to think about.

> "The Air Force is lying through its teeth," grouched renowned UFO
> proponent Stanton Friedman, when asked in a 1996 interview about the
> "Roswell Report." "... Boy did the Air Force supply the fiction."

He grouched? I had to look it up myself. Interesting word tho...

> The sandy-haired Weaver is amused by the ruckus that put him in the
> national media spotlight.

Is he also amused that he was able to write a report on the Roswell Incident, yet ignore every witness who disagreed with his pre-formed conclusion sent to him by Robert Todd? Oh.. he included Sallie Tadolini, but somehow the interesting aspects of her testimony were... gasp.. deleted from the report. Isn't it also humorous that Sheridan Cavitt managed to somehow remember suddenly that he was in fact in Roswell right before the USAF started it's investigation?

> "I got anonymous telephone calls. I got hate faxes from people
> questioning my sanity and even my parentage. I never received a direct
> "I will kill you," but there were a lot of veiled threats," he says.

I will kill you... hehe.. just kidding. Couldn't resist. I don't question your sanity, just your reliability.

> "Some were in German, French and Russian. I couldn't read them, but SOB
> sort of looks the same in any language."

Really? Have we already run out of substance?

> Weaver insists, however, that he never wanted his name linked to little
> green men. "I'd like to be remembered for putting killers and rapists
> in jail. Instead, I'll be the guy who did the study on all this goofy
> UFO stuff."

You did a study on all this goofy UFO stuff? If I recall correctly, you did a study on a top secret project to detect Russian blasts and used that as a solution to ONE UFO case. I don't remember you studying any other "goofy UFO stuff".

> For much of his 28 years in the Air Force, Weaver probed crimes and
> helped keep the lid on real secrets like the Stealth and B-2 bombers.

And what a wonderful job he did. Didn't Testors have a model airplane version of the F117 and B-2 before they were declassified? Oh.. yeah.. sorry.

> Then, in 1994, he was given the job of focusing his sleuthing skills on
> Roswell. That came after U.S. Congressman Steven Schiff, R-New Mexico,
> filed a request for information regarding the alleged saucer crash.

> Schiff got more than he bargained for. Weaver led a staff of crack
> researchers who spent eight months investigating the case.

Crack researchers? So that's what they've been taking. And at only 1,000,000 dollars expense? I'm proud!

> You don't have to be Rocketman to see the Roswell Incident for the load
> of horse twaddle it is.

No, you just have to ignore a great deal of information and continue leading your sanitized lives. Am I the only one here who sees that neither side has proven their case yet?

> Back in 1947, this was only a two-day news story that ended when the
> sticks and foil found were ruled to have come from a weather balloon.
> Space aliens didn't even enter the picture until decades later, when
> kooks like Friedman and others started spouting off and selling books.

kooks? Is that a technical term? So they just started writing books huh? That's right. Friedman started the Roswell craze by saying "I'll start spouting off and sell books about Roswell, and hundreds of people will come forward and lie to make sure I get dinner on the table." Also, If I remember correctly, other major news events were "only two-day news stories".

> Now Roswell's space fantasy has evolved into its main industry. The
> small city has three alien museums. The saucer crash is actively
> promoted through the Chamber of Commerce.

Well no kidding... can you really blame them?

> Why? Because big money is to be made.

There's money to be made anywhere. Just because lots of people write books on the Kennedy Assassination, half of them full of crap, doesn't mean that Kennedy isn't dead...

> Last summer's 50th anniversary party was a galactic blowout that packed
> Roswell with a horde of costumed wackos. It was, says Weaver, "a cross
> between Woodstock and a meeting for the insane."

costumed wackos? Hold on tiger.. you're using those technical terms again and they're confusing the bageebers out of me!

> There probably is a conspiracy afoot. It is with UFO hucksters who
> can't afford to let truth get in the way of such a lucrative scam.

oops.. you caught me. Now I'll just have to give back all that time I've spent looking into the UFO phenomenon. The scams are there, but I'm sick of the generalizations...

> "This is logic vs. emotion," says the government's Man in Black.
> "Roswell has become like Paul Bunyan. It's a myth that people believe."

By definition, all myths are based in truth. What, Paul Bunyan didn't exist?! Oh no!!! Sob...

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I dunno.. no profanity... I might not be able to handle it! I might just have to break down and start ranting and screaming obscenities all over the place(Oh Mr. Todd... are you out there?)....

Over and Out,
Scott Hale

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