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William Birnes Interview - August 1997 - Georgina Bruni

The William J Birnes Interview

William J. Birnes has a CV as long as your arm and his literary works are too numerous to mention, but what is important to ufologists is his latest best seller. A fascinating inside story co-authored with retired US Army Lt. Col. Philip Corso, titled THE DAY AFTER ROSWELL. Corso, a former Pentagon official who was Chief of the Army's Foreign Technology Division, claims he was responsible for stewarding retrieved alien artifacts (found at the Roswell crash site) to American industries in a reverse engineering project which led to today's technology. I managed an interview with William who is currently writing another book with Philip Corso, THE DAY AFTER DALLAS: INSIDE THE WARREN COMMISSION.

Georgina Bruni: William, you have stated that Corso believes he's part of the "Disclosure". Can you elaborate on this? I'm confused, if he believes he's part of the "Disclosure" how did he come to that conclusion?

William J. Birnes: First, since the publication of THE DAY AFTER ROSWELL, there has been only silence from the US Government - no official denials, no statements to the effect that Corso has misspoken or is wrong, or is out of line. In fact, the Pentagon has ordered the book for its bookstore as well as bookstores at military bases around the US. Also the Navy has ordered the book for some of its stores. I take this to be a tacit Government endorsement of Corso's book and what he says. Therefore, the Gov't seems to be using him as part of a disclosure by default, a disclosure that doesn't damage anyone's reputation. Phil himself believes that because of his relationship with the late Arthur Trudeau, he had the ability and probably an indirect green light from the powers that be inside the US military, to tell the story of what the army did with the Roswell material.

Georgina Bruni: There as been much controversy surrounding Senator Strom Thurmond's denial that he did not know he was writing a foreword for THE DAY AFTER ROSWELL, but believed it was for a memoir about Corso's career in military intelligence. Corso is said to have spoken to Thurmond and requested a new foreword for the Roswell book, for which you claim to have copies of both, as well as a signed release to use the new foreword. As yet no one seems to have seen this evidence, is there any chance of researchers having a copy of this signed release?

William J. Birnes: I will ask the publisher if I can be allowed to scan the release and senator's cover letter so that it can be published publicly on the Internet.

Georgina Bruni: Earlier this year Senator Thurmond attended a Washington ceremony were he received the Pentagon's highest civilian honour. "No American has done more for America's security than Sen Strom Thurmond" said Defense Secretary William Cohen. Do you think this is a good enough reason

for Thurmond to deny he wrote the Roswell book foreword, and could it be that this was a staged government production to honour him in exchange for his co-operation in debunking Corso's claims? Didn't Thurmond state "I know of no such cover-up and do not believe one existed."

William J. Birnes: The statement about "No such cover-up" never came from Thurmond but from his staff. I think the award ceremony for Thurmond was genuine and probably well deserved. It had nothing to do with the foreword to the book. However, Thurmond's staff was genuinely surprised and distressed that the Senator had agreed to write the foreword for Phil Corso and immediately moved to snuff it out. They were unsuccessful.

Georgina Bruni: In the book Corso mentions he saw the body of a dead alien and that he couldn't tell whether its grey skin was real because it looked like a thin one-piece head to toe fabric covering the creatures flesh. I have heard similar reports of aliens bearing this kind of skin covering. A New Zealand abductee who claims he was in contact with an alien race, tells an amazing story of a machine that manufactures these coverings. The alien steps into the tube shaped machine and is sealed from head to toe, rather like we seal our frozen meat. The skin covering is supposed to protect them from our atmosphere and from radiation. Another experiencer from Sweden says he has been in contact with aliens covered from head to toe in a second skin. Does Col. Corso know if the US Government experimented with this fibre found on the dead alien?

William J. Birnes: Corso says that the Government tried for years to reverse engineer an atomically aligned fabric similar to the one that covered the alien as a kind of second skin. I think they gave a research grant to the University of Colorado (I'm not 100% sure of this) to come up with a kind of fabric based on the way a spider spins its web. The idea of shrink-wrapping or weaving the skin around the alien (and probably around the craft) is correct. That's probably the way it happened.

Georgina Bruni: A British conspiracy researcher alleges that Corso was a member of the Shickshinny Knights of Malta, a right wing group which provided a base for dissident retired military officers who were dissatisfied with the CIA's internationalism. Can you comment on this.

William J. Birnes: I've never actually asked Col Corso whether he was a member of any right wing sympathy group. I do know that the British researcher probably got his or her information from a book called "The Man Who Knew Too Much" which refers to Corso as one of the people promoting a "Two-Oswald" theory after the JFK assassination. In fact, Corso continues to believe that there were two "Oswalds" and that the CIA covered up its relationship with Oswald (Allen Dulles himself admitted to this shortly before he died. Lee Rankin said that given what Dulles withheld from the Warren Commission, the commission should have said that there really was a conspiracy to murder the President). It's also true that Corso among a number of military officers were dissatisfied with the CIA's internationalism. In this he was joined in his opinion by British Military Intelligence, where he was trained during WWII. The split between the CIA and the military grew out of tensions between the military and the OSS during WWII and continued right through the 1980s.

Georgina Bruni: I understand Media UFO researcher, George Knapp has had the Corso story for five or six years. Corso apparently did a recorded video interview with him where he revealed two close encounters with ETs in White Sands, sketched pictures of an alien, and talked about animal mutilations, Zecharia Sitchin and the Sumarians. Have you seen this video ?

William J. Birnes: No I've not seen the video, but the Col and I have discussed the story as the subject of a future book.

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