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UFO UpDates Mailing List

Re: Any More News Regarding Roswell?

From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 1 Jun 1998 21:59:32 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 01 Jun 1998 22:46:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Any More News Regarding Roswell?

Regarding...

>Date: Wed, 29 Apr 1998 22:29:55 -0400
>From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Any More News Regarding Roswell?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

In discussions with Kevin Randle I had written:

"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?"

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

To which Kevin had asked "What recent documents?".

I said to Kevin that I would get back to him on this and can confirm the documents I was alluding to are referenced in the following:

From: Jan Aldrich <jan@CYBERZONE.NET>
Subject: New Top Secret Document Revealed
To: PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

Greetings List,

Candy Peterson and Steve Russell assisted me in get this material ready for publication on the Internet. John Stepkowski, the Project 1947 Webmaster, has now linked most of the documents related the newly discovered April 1949 Top Secret "Unidentified Aerial Objects," a USAF Directorator of Intelligence's briefing for the Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC). The Top Secret document was discovered last year at the National Archives. It throws new light on the release of the "Project Saucer" report, Sydney Shallet's Saturday Evening Post article, the printing and distribution of the Top Secret "Analysis of Flying Object Incidents in the United States," and the internal briefing of the USAF Operations Staff by Directorate of Intelligence personnel in the last few days of April and the beginning of May 1949.

The Top Secret JIC briefing and related documents are linked in the footnotes of a general commentary recently published in The International UFO Reporter (Published by CUFOS, 2457 West Peterson Avenue, Chicago, IL 60659, \$25/year in the USA):

<http://www.iufog.org/project1947/fig/49docdex.htm>

[End]

I had also asked of Kevin:

"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?".

To which Kevin had responded, "No".

My follow-up query, "Do you currently consider him to be a credible witness?", I didn't detect a reply to, however, I noticed that in the United Kingdom UFO Network's 11th April 1998 IRC chat, Kevin stated, "I find Frank Kaufmann to be credible because, to this point no one has demonstrated that he has lied about anything".

Which answers the question.

Remaining unanswered are the following:

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?

[End]

During the 50th anniversary 'celebrations', the 'Albuquerque Journal' published the following article:

Kaufmann, a native of New York, was a noncommissioned officer in charge at the Roswell Air Field until Oct. 31, 1945, when he separated from the Army Air Forces. He resumed the same duties as a civilian the next day, and served for three more years. Kaufmann was assigned to an intelligence unit, S1.

In early July, he was called to the White Sands Proving Ground (now the White Sands Missile Range) to monitor unusual activity being picked up by radar.

"They were getting these blips and they didn't think too much about it. There was no such thing as UFOs, it didn't exist. But

what brought it to their attention was these erratic movements and the repeated rapid movements. That's when they alerted us to find out what the hell was going on.

"The first or second of July, the radar screen lit up. Then the radar started to act normal again. We had trained radar people that were assigned to our group that told us that something went down east, where we didn't know. What drew our attention to the site was that people driving on 285 ... saw this flame UFO Crash going down, they saw this glow. And it was common at that time to call the base and say, 'We saw something.' That's how we knew how to locate it."

The base called Kaufmann and his colleagues back to Roswell, they met with base intelligence officer Jesse Marcel and base commander Col. William Blanchard, and a search crew was dispatched.

"It was pitch black. It was a thunderstorm, by the way. Off the highway we could see this kind of glow. The terrain was very rough and it was very wet. It was full of caliche out there. It was like driving on ice. We had to cut the wire fence and I think maybe we got 200 to 300 yards from it and it looked like it wasn't a plane or a missile or anything like that. So we radioed in for a special group, the chemical boys, to inspect the area. When they told us it was all right to go in is when we saw the debris field".

"We were there just dumbfounded. We didn't know what to think. And we didn't know how anybody else would react if we told them what we saw. They would probably wonder what we had been drinking".

The aliens "didn't have any of these big eyes or horns or anything else or spiny fingers. They were very good-looking people, ash-colored faces and skin. About 5 feet 4, 5 feet 5. Eyes a little more pronounced, a little bit larger. Small ears, small nose. Fine features. Hairless. There were five. They had a very tight, almost a wetsuit, silver colored. I just saw two of them. One was thrown out of the craft itself. And one was half in and half out. They were all dead".

"I didn't go near the craft itself. I just took a quick look because we were too busy trying to get a flatbed out there and trucks to get rid of everything before daylight set in. The craft itself, I'd say it must have been 20, 22 feet long and maybe 10, 12 feet in width. It wasn't too big. It was split in two. The Stealth bomber is the spitting image of what the craft looked like. There was no dome. The interesting thing is, the craft carried no fuel. Underneath the craft was a series of cells, octagon-shaped cells".

"One of our boys noticed that deterioration was setting in on the skin. So we radioed in to have some body bags. They were put in body bags. They took them on the jeep to the highway because we couldn't get too many trucks in there. The bodies were the first to go, then the craft next."

Kaufmann does not remember the date of the operation, but he believes it was the early morning of July 5. Once back on the base, he did not have any further contact with the craft or the bodies. He and the other members of the team were told to never talk about the crash. He began to tell his story in the 1990s after other witnesses began releasing information".

Perhaps more than anyone, Kevin is capable of playing "spot the glaring 'Roswell' anomaly" and might offer an explanation for all of the ones patently evident here.

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