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### Re: -=[For The Record]=- Info? On 'Branton'

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>>>Date: Mon, 16 Nov 1998 23:51:28 -0500  
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>>><snip>

>>>(who needs this stuff, anyway?)

>>>GLARG/ retch!!!!  
>>>Shades of KRL!!

>>>For the "newbies" to whom rumors of an underground war at  
>>>Archeluta Mesa near Dulce, NM may come as somewhat of a  
>>>surprise, even shock. I would like to point out that about 10  
>>>years ago a reputable UFO investigator, Dr. James McCampbell,  
>>>decided to take Dr. Bennewitz seriously. Bennewitz and an  
>>>abductee were the sources of the Dulce story which goes back to  
>>>the late 70's, early 80's. Bennewitz was a guy with mental  
>>>problems of his own... and here he was working with a potential  
>>>abductee. Oh, well, that was back when abduction was "young"  
>>>and we had lots to learn.

>>>Be that as it may, Bennewitz provided "accurate" drawings based  
>>>on aerial photos he had taken while flying over the Mesa in a  
>>>hired helicopter. Bennewitz indicated on the diagram the  
>>>crashed saucers and laser weapons and secret entrances, etc.  
>>>All very precise.

>>>Only one problem. None of it was true. Checks of the Mesa by  
>>>several investigators following McCampbell confirmed  
>>>McCampbell's conclusion: all these alien artifacts and leftovers  
>>>of a "war" were figments of Bennewitz's imagination or reading  
>>>to much into the dark and light shaded areas in aerial photos.  
>>>The bottom line I was told by several people I would trust is  
>>>that there is nothing, rien, nada.... at the Archeluta Mesa  
>>>(there is a ranch there, however) that would confirm Bennewitz'  
>>>story of an underground base with vats of human body parts, etc,

>>>My response to bringing up all this garbage again is....

>>>Klaatu, where are you when we need you?  
>>>(Gort, put down that disintegrator!).

>>Bruce, why not go ahead and tell the rest of the story, how our  
>>buddy, William "Bill" Moore, allegedly (according to his own  
>>confession at the 1989 MUFON International Convention) had  
>>Bennewitz railroaded into a "mental hospital" where he received  
>>"shock treatments" for his "alleged" mental aberations.

>>Moore took a specific interest in Bennewitz and decided he was  
>>going to get to the bottom of his claims.

>>Bennewitz not only had pictures, but he had motion picture  
>>movies which he had taken of these UFOs coming and going near  
>>the air base and in the hills in Albuquerque, NM. I guess I need  
>>to get my files on Bennewits out so I can quote from the  
>>directly, rather than from memory.

>>Remember, Bruce, one man's trash is another man's Treasure....

>>REgards, Mike

>Bill Moore did not railroad Bennewitz into a mental hospital.  
>Bennewitz did have mental health problems according to a  
>Psychologist I talked to before Moore got involved.

>Let's not dump when the evidence is contrary as opposed to  
>repeated tales going way beyond what occurred. I was working  
>very closely with Moore and was present when he gave his  
>infamous talk in Las Vegas and chided him strongly about it  
>later.

I've had trouble coming up with more than the vaguest timing on  
certain crucial events. According to Blum, AFOSI began their  
disinfo campaign against Bennewitz sometime in 1980, while Moore  
began meeting with Bennewitz sometime in 1981.

Peebles says Bennewitz began his investigation of Hansen in  
August 1979, but Clark and others say she wasn't abducted until  
May 5, 1980. Both Clark and Cannon say Bennewitz became  
paranoid shortly after this, so it's hard to say whether this  
correlates better with Bennewitz's involvement with Hansen or  
with AFOSI. (Stan is, of course, correct on his point.)

It's also my impression that, not only the timing, but the  
degree of Bennewitz's involvement is sometimes exaggerated.  
First, I don't know of any evidence of his participation other  
than his confession. Second, he only confessed to monitoring  
AFOSI's progress and reporting back to them. His story is that  
AFOSI drove Bennewitz over the edge, albiet with Moore's more  
passive cooperation. I haven't seen evidence that Moore himself  
passed any disinformation to Bennewitz.

Kind regards,

Keith

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