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Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

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>I have often wondered about this. Blanchard went on leave. Has
>anyone ever determined who was acting Commander when he was gone?

Officially it was the Roswell Deputy base commander Lt. Col. Payne Jennings, who signed another order to replace Blanchard. However, when it was being publicly announced that Blanchard was on leave, Jennings was busy flying Marcel and his cargo of debris to Fort Worth. (This according to Robert Porter, who was on the flight.) Nobody was at home minding the store.

The base operations officer, however, said that he was quite certain that Blanchard first went out to the debris field to make a determination. So officially Blanchard was on leave, but he was still acting in his capacity as base C/O.

Another point is that Blanchard didn't go on leave until after the press release had gone out and all the ruckus had begun. There were some press stories at the time that Blanchard had issued the release and had been in communication with Gen. Ramey, who had ordered Marcel's flight. Blanchard was hardly some unwitting innocent in all this. Whatever happened and why, I think it is pretty clear that the press release was issued with Blanchard's authority. That is certainly the story that Blanchard's PIO, Walter Haut, has always told.

I think it is pretty clear that if Marcel had tried some sort of end run around Blanchard, twisted Haut's arm to put out the release, etc., there would have been some dire consequences for Marcel. Instead nothing happened to Marcel. Quite the contrary Blanchard recommended him for promotion in the Reserve, upped his numerical rating into "superior" territory on his next service evaluation, noted that he followed the chain of command, had high moral character, etc., etc. Gen. Ramey referred to him as "outstanding" and command officer material. None of this makes sense if Marcel was responsible for the infamous press release. Ditto I think for Haut, who has also been widely blamed for the release.

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