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The Plot Behind The Book

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>From: Roy Hale <roy.hale@virgin.net>
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>>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
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>>But also Dave, Andy Roberts and I have been
 >>writing a book together.

>Interesting this, speaks volumes!

>Do you have a working title for the book!

>Roy..

Hi,

We have a definite title for the book, since it is written and being edited as we speak. The book is called 'The UFOs That Never Were' and is due out around Christmas. Its a series of case reports, written individually by each of the three of us, describing UFO investigations that we consider led to IFOs rather than UFOs as the outcome - primarily through our own first hand experience. It certainly is not an attack on investigators, but a study of what we regard as sober investigation methods into initially puzzling cases. Some are big cases that will cause surprise. Others are lesser known ones that offer illuminating insights.

By writing up these solved cases we hope to show some of the value of this kind of work. It fits in with my DC lecture premise (one of my 12 points) that IFOs are regarded as failures to find aliens by most ufologists when in truth they should be perceived as successfully doing ones job - resolving a mystery, often with beneficial effects to society as we show.

Although it sounds like a negative book, it isn't. We all make clear that we consider there to be unsolved cases and are not diehard sceptics (and in one or two cases the 'solved' label is fairly said to be contentious). I have certainly written enough books about still unsolved evidence to prove that I am neither a debunker nor a disbeliever, as such. But this was a book we felt was useful to Ufology. It is also different enough to offer a new angle on a subject that can be very repetitive, so appealed to me as a writer of 43 books for that reason.

I am curious to know why - in your words - 'this speaks volumes' about something or other (you don't specify what) as the recent debates are not a factor in the book if this is what you were surmising. It was written before they happened. Please elaborate as to what you meant by this cryptic comment. Don't be shy. Tell us straight! From my point of view there is nothing dishonest about this book and nothing I am ashamed to discuss openly.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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