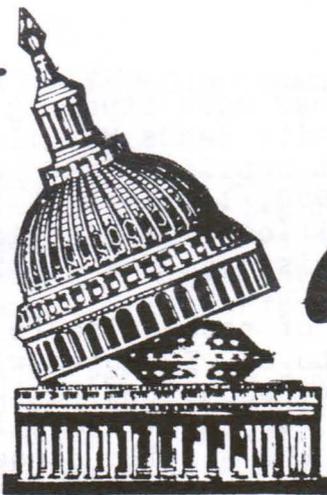


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IMPORTANT NOTICE

On January 1, 1991, a new federal law will take effect. In essence, federal employees will be forbidden from speaking or writing about non-fiction topics for a fee. Violation of this law can carry a \$10,000 fine.

Since this editor is a federal employee (Postal Service), I am obliged to resign my position with this newsletter for the time being, pending new legislation which will overturn this aspect of the Ethics in Government Act. Conviction of a federal violation can jeopardize my job. This does not mean that the newsletter will cease. It does mean that I must place myself on standby until the issue is resolved for my own legal protection.

This insidious attack on First Amendment rights is bound to be challenged on many levels. I have little doubt that it will be set aside, but I can't say quite when. It is noteworthy that this law was made effective on the heels of a huge federal pay raise for top officials.

The saddest part of all is that it is happening in the United States of America, a country which prides itself as a haven of freedom. Has money become such a god in this world that elected officials can so openly rob their own citizens of basic rights and income, while just as openly granting themselves huge salary increases and expecting to be admired by those very same people who are now made criminals for using the printed or spoken word? It is a shame on this nation which, if not acted upon quickly, will silence millions who before had the right to be equal.

On January 1, 1991, this editor will be considered a lawbreaker for continuing to write this newsletter, or for daring to write any more books like CLEAR INTENT. It will be a day of shame indeed!

RATE CHANGE

As of the next issue, whomever will be able to put it out, our subscription rates will increase to \$15 per year, \$20 foreign. A hike in our printing bill, plus a postal rate increase in February, has forced us to take this move.

A WARNING TO ALL

During a check for the existence of old records regarding the Roswell UFO(?) crash, an interesting sidelight has surfaced.

Researcher Robert Todd had been studying rumors that during the time period of Roswell, the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico had been put on alert. The present public affairs officer, Nancy Dumas, informed Todd in an April 18, 1990, letter that there was no evidence that such an alert took place. Additionally, a division head at the range, who is writing an unofficial history of White Sands, had not come across this in his research.

However, in the process of responding to Todd, Dumas volunteered something previously unknown to us. Enclosed with one of the negative responses was a copy of a story submitted to the newsletter of the White Sands Pioneer Group, an organ for long-time White Sands workers and retirees. The author was one of the missile range's early Army officers. We will call him the "General" (see page three for a complete copy).

The General was contacted. He turned out to be very much anti-UFO and stated that the so-called "Blossom" affair described in the story was "my tongue-in-cheek story of Little Green Men.... concocted many years ago to poke fun at some of the technically unsophisticated, self-appointed experts on UFOs."

One can immediately see the implications of the General's story so far. It doesn't take much imagination to wonder if this satire, or a similarly published piece, somehow made the rounds from person to person and evolved into a "genuine" crashed UFO. The General, in fact, felt this way and attached the "Baptist 'Gossip'" column (see this page) to his correspondence to hammer home his point.

Others might look at this and declare that crashed UFO incidents are real and that the General's comments amount to nothing more than disinformation. After all, he was a high-ranking military officer and it is his duty to protect crashed saucer secrets at all costs, using the most elaborate deceptions to accomplish this purpose.

We could easily accept that this is the case and dismiss it as an attempt by the government to fool us, drawing applause and compliments from certain quarters. Unfortunately, we don't think this is a deception. We have been unable to convince the General to go public on this, respecting his wish not to become embroiled in a quagmire of an argument that is sure to ensue. Given events over the last few years, we can hardly blame him.

One thing that was most curious in the article was the reference to a "retired Marine Major" who "hung around the club" at White Sands to collect stories for a book. Knowing full well who this was before he was asked, the General confirmed that it was Major Donald E. Keyhoe, who is known to virtually every UFO researcher in the world, and who wrote three books during the 1950s.

The General continued, "We used
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Baptist "Gossip"

I'm reminded of a Baptist youth fellowship game called, "Gossip," where a person at the far end of a line whispers a brief story in the ear of the person next to him, then that person retells the story to the next person and so on down the line until the last person stands up and tells what he heard, and everybody guffaws because it's nothing like the original tale.

For instance, the first guy might whisper: "The East State Bank was robbed this afternoon by two men wearing clown outfits and carrying sawed-off shotguns. They took an undetermined amount of cash and fled in a blue sedan with New York license plates."

And the last guy will report: "The Eastern Star babes wore their robes to the circus and in the afternoon got so hot that the ladies took off their underthings, and this little sawed-off clown walked over and said some stuff that was so blue you'd thought he had complete Yankee license!"

Little Green Men from Outer Space - or WSPG

This is a story that probably stretches the truth a bit but it made the rounds in the late 40's and still has a bit of humor in it. We launched a series of V-2's with ejectable cannisters called Blossoms in the warhead section. These were filled with interesting experiments and were recovered by using ribbon parachutes and radar beacons to aid in tracking.

On this particular launch the payload was a passenger, a Rhesus Monkey. He sat strapped in a special little seat and had wires from transducers placed on his body to a recorder in the capsule. The whole thing was pressure sealed and was painted white with pink stripes to make location easier for the recovery crew.

Launch was routine and the flight was programmed for maximum altitude. To attain this the propellants were pumped until one ran out. There would be no normal Brennschluss(programmed cut off), instead as soon as the turbine pump started to overspeed from propellant exhaustion, the peroxide/permanaganate gas generator that powered the pump would be commanded to shut off. Thrust assymetry and peroxide pressurizing gas vented to a side during this type of engine shutdown usually introduced a slow end-over-end tumbling but since the missile was above the atmosphere, it normally caused no problems.

This time however; Blossom was ejected and as it drifted away from the missile, a tail fin knocked off the cannister's tracking antennas and some residual burning propellant charred the paint. The ribbon chute opened as programmed and radar was able to skin track the cannister for a while. Unfortunately, a strong jet stream was blowing from the northwest, and when last seen, Blossom, caught in the stream, was heading south of the border.

A few months later on a ranch deep in Mexico, a rancher came across what looked to him to be something from outer space. When he opened it up, there sat a nasty, very dead, shrivelled up, moldy, little green creature in a special space suite with wires going in all direction. The Mexican authorities were called and secrecy was clamped on everything. Months later, rumors began to circulate about finding "little green men" from flying saucers.

A retired Marine Major who hung around the club at WSPG to gather tidbits for a book that he was compiling about saucers and UFO's wrote at great length of someone finding outer space creatures in Old Mexico. He went on to write many more books on the subject, always citing his "little green men." Could there have been a connection?

This all makes a good story, sort of like the lost Padre Mine in the Organ Mountains. You can have fun telling it but just don't believe a word of it, or at least, not all of it.

to take turns stringing him along. He was so gullible and sure of himself, he would believe anything we fed him. I'm afraid we Army types took advantage of his naivete to have fun at his expense. Maybe we underestimated him."

At this point, we see the General's story as a bit thin, perhaps due to his unfamiliarity with Keyhoe's writings. This editor certainly doesn't recall Major Keyhoe as having written "at great length" about space creatures in Old Mexico. While Keyhoe did believe that UFOs were intelligently-piloted vehicles from outer space, he was, strangely, never very enthusiastic about humanoid reports. Actually, Keyhoe was much-criticized about this until the late 1960s when he began to report humanoid stories regularly. Nevertheless, even then he was very selective. In the General's very skeptical mind, it appears that anything written favorably about UFO reports is an endorsement of "Little Green Men." So, on this particular point, we do find the General's criticism of Keyhoe unfair.

Yet, it is disturbing to note that there were indeed stories circulated in the 1950s about crashes in Old Mexico. One appears in the MJ-12 Eisenhower briefing paper. Another appeared as headline news in March 1950, allegedly from businessmen travelling through Mexico.

It is also rather disturbing to hear that Keyhoe was fed stories that were completely untrue. Given that the General's statement is accurate, it seems that Keyhoe's early record of saucer reports must be researched. Which of these stories came from snickering military officers?

We've been unable to pinpoint the date of publication for the General's story --- only that it was "many years ago." But it is not even necessary that the particular printed account is the original source of a crashed saucer rumor since it clearly states that the story had made the rounds in the late 40s.

In light of all of the incredible tales of wrecked discs and dead aliens circulating today, one may regard this tale as a warning to all that something may not always be as it seems, or indeed as one would like it to be.

Paper Unknown Mar 9 1950

'Flying Saucer,' Midget Pilot Reported Landing in Mexico

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LOS ANGELES, March 9 (AP). An expert on chemicals and explosives told reporters today he had seen the wreckage of an ultra-streamlined flying saucer on a Mexico City mountainside, and that top U. S. military officials have viewed it.

But there was no confirmation of the account, related by Ray L. Dimmick, sales manager of the Apache Powder Co., and the Air Force in Washington said it had heard nothing about it.

Saw Strip of Metal

Dimmick later told newsmen he actually saw only a strip of metal which he was told came from the space ship.

The remainder of his information, Dimmick said, came from two business men in Mexico City, one an American, the other a Chilean-Mexican. Dimmick, declining to name them, said he would furnish that information "if requested by the proper authorities."

Part of his information, he said, was that a man 23 inches tall, the pilot of the plane, died in the crash and that his body had been embalmed for scientific study.

"It was an exquisite piece of machinery," Dimmick told the first interviewer. He then described it in detail, saying it was 46 feet in diameter, built of a metal resembling aluminum but much harder, and was powered by two motors.

He said he was taken to the scene of the crash by associates and that the wreckage was roped off. The crash occurred three months ago, he said.

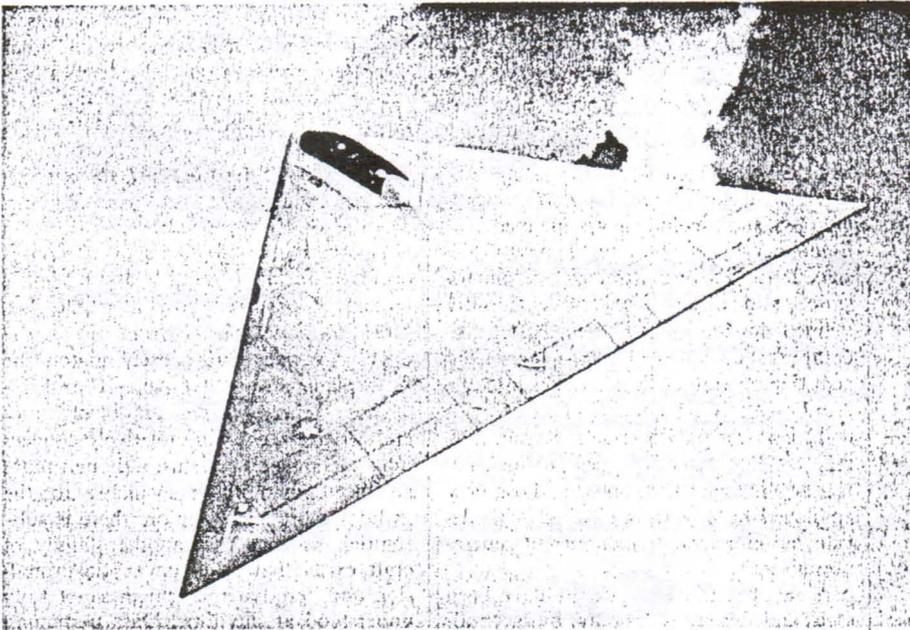
Dimmick said later that the piece of metal he actually saw was about 6 feet long, 8 inches wide and three-quarters of an inch thick.

Never Heard of Saucer, U. S. Officials Contend

Col. Joseph Anderson, assistant U. S. military attache at the Mexico City embassy, said of Dimmick's story: "This is beyond me." He added:

"I have not heard of any such thing, nor seen it, and were it true I feel positive I would have been informed by the Mexican defense ministry, since we are in closest touch with them."

In Washington, Air Force headquarters insisted it had heard nothing about the Mexico City flying saucer.



Navy's A-12 plane may be sacked

WASHINGTON - The Navy's A-12 stealth warplane could be killed before it goes into production if the service can't come up with good reasons for keeping it within the next three weeks, the Pentagon says. Defense Secretary Richard Cheney, who was kept in the dark about the radar-evading plane's cost overruns and production delays, ordered the Navy on Friday to come up with reasons by Jan. 4 why the program should be continued. If none is found, the project would be canceled. (AP)

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How is it that an aircraft based upon the technology of recovered UFOs, according to some UFO pundits, can be put upon the chopping block by mere budgetary restraints?

Surely, the Navy will now have to whip out every presidential briefing paper they have in order to show Secretary Cheney that the A-12 had its origins in MJ-12, or some such UFO-oriented secret panel. Why the Defense Secretary didn't know about this "proven fact" already is a mystery, unless, of course, this is all disinformation to distract attention from the real Stealth/UFO connection.

We've heard unsettling rumors that an EBE will make a personal appearance before Secretary Cheney to plead for the A-12, and for continuing U.S./alien cooperation, briefly leaving his safe house in a certain former OSI agent's attic for the trip!

THE UFO ENCYCLOPEDIA: VOLUME ONE

There are a couple of ways one may approach reading a UFO reference work. Some look for a work which contains information that puts UFOs in a most favorable light; reporting only serious, credible cases and leaving out the outrageous. Others want a work that reflects what really happened, craziness and all.

Being one who looks for what really happened, even if what happened was not reality, I found that Jerome Clark, author of this new UFO reference work devoted to UFO research of the 1980s, more than accomplished his task of chronicling that decade. Often what Clark discusses is wild and outlandish, and must certainly infuriate those who want to see UFO research treated as a serious scientific endeavor. But from Lear to MJ-12 to EBEs to implants, Clark shows us, in all of it's nakedness, what the 1980s were all about.

He devotes a great deal of space to some of the more sticky topics of the last decade; for example, he describes the MJ-12 controversy in more detail than many people would actually want to know. However, Clark

manages to walk a thin line between warring parties in such affairs and successfully relates specifics with a minimum of bias either way. Such is not an easy thing to do but the author has tried very hard.

A quick inspection of Clark's book shows a direct relationship between the size of an entry and the magnitude of the controversy, so that often much space is given to issues of questionable credibility. Sad to say again, this is what to this editor seemed to dominate the 80s. Therefore, textually, I found *The UFO ENCYCLOPEDIA: VOLUME ONE* to be a pretty correct representation of the 1980s, and can recommend it in this respect. The issues he lists will probably be disputed back and forth forever.

On the negative side, one feature overrides all else --- Price! Retailing at \$65, this volume of 234 pages is grossly overpriced, and this is keeping in mind that, as a rule, reference books do carry a much higher price tag than more popular level books of equal size. Aside from the simple, illustrated cover board, there is not a single picture, sketch or illustration, black and white, color or otherwise. For \$65, one would expect a little higher production standard and at least have a small section visualizing some of the more important topics raised in the volume. This would have enhanced the book's saleability a good deal more.

Clark may also lay claim to a world's record - the single highest retail price for a UFO book in history, narrowly beating Linda Howe's *AN ALIEN HARVEST* by a few dollars. Despite the high price tag, I rather doubt that the author will make much money on his hard work. I am well aware that personal publishing efforts are prohibitively expensive. And with two more volumes projected for the future, I would not be surprised if one or both may have an even high price tag still. All this is of little solace to the prospective buyer.

One other minor quibble. I thought that the skeptical side of UFOlogy was much underplayed. It seemed to me that Philip Klass was a vastly more important figure in the 1980s than, say, Brad Steiger, a writer of pulpy paranormal books, who seemed more important to the 60s and 70s. Yet, a comparison of Steiger's and Klass' entries make Klass' look like a page 80, small town obituary.

So, if one is prepared to dig down deep, you will find a detailed examination of that mess of a UFOlogy called the 1980s.

ROSWELL DOCUMENTS

We will surely be devoting a great deal of space to Roswell in the coming year, assuming the U.S. government will removed it's iron fist from this editor's throat soon. We have been asked quite frequently about how much genuine government documentation exists on the Roswell. The answer is very little. We've pulled the following two items from our files. A three-page desk log of General Hoyt Vandenberg exists as well and we'll try to squeeze it into the next issue.

The debate over Roswell promises to be an intense one. Already, Roswell skeptics are sharpening their swords in eager anticipation of the upcoming book by Don Schmidt and Kevin Randle on their detailed re-examination of the circumstances surrounding the crash.

Our position at present is this: Something crashed; something was hauled away. What was it? Some claim it was alien; others say it was a radar-reflecting balloon. No fragments or bodies, and few eye-witnesses are left. To date, we are not convinced it was alien but we'll give the Schmidt/Randle book a fair examination. With much talk of a push for Congressional hearings by Roswell proponents, one thing had better be certain: If this case isn't airtight, UFOlogy is in big trouble.

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The other three briefings were those which were given to the VIP and a simulated briefing to a large group of Air Scouts representing all of the troops in New Mexico which was given on 15 July 1947.

Several small projects were completed during the month including signs on all the office doors, a building directory, and a world situation map which is maintained on a day-to-day basis.

The Historical Section of S-2 has been seriously handicapped by the removal of the regular stenographer with the reduction in force.

Due to the fact that the quality of the department reports has in general been so inadequate, lectures are being prepared to be given early in August to properly train the liaison representatives of each department.

The Office of Public Information was kept quite busy during the month answering inquiries on the "flying disc", which was reported to be in possession of the 509th Bomb Group. The object turned out to be a radar tracking balloon.

The main project of the month was making all arrangements for a successful Air Force Day. Lt. Colonel Oliver LaFarge, Air Reserve Corps, at Santa Fe, made arrangements for Colonel Blanchard to visit the Governor