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MORE AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE RELEASES

Thanks to Robert Todd's continuing efforts in obtaining Air Force Intelligence UFO files, we now have additional data on the early years of UFOlogy. A 262-page file was released, of which 110 pages have proven to be useful. Notable categories of information include "Foo-Fighter" reports, the Swedish "Ghost Rocket" incidents of 1946 and a so-called "crash of Unidentified Flaming Object."

The Foo-Fighter file consists of two letters to A.F. Intelligence from private citizens sent in July 1947 (see CAUS Bulletin for one of the reproduced letters). The other letter, from a former S/Sgt. in the Army Air Force, advises Intelligence that Foo-Fighter reports appeared in two publications - one called "A.A.F.G.I.B" (published by AAFIS) and "Weekly Intelligence Summaries" (also by AAFIS). This may be of some help to us in locating comprehensive data on Foo-Fighter reports.

A portion of a Mexican crashed-object report in Intelligence files is also reproduced in the current CAUS Bulletin. The rest of the file does not add a great deal of additional information to this document.

The Swedish Ghost Rocket file contains rather significant information to the effect that a "comprehensive file" of the incidents existed at Air Force Intelligence HQ in Washington. 44 documents were listed in a 2/12/48 memo from Washington to the Air Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, listed by reference number only and supposedly a compilation of actual sightings. Mysteriously enough, none of the 44 documents can now be located at the National Archives. How the reports became separated from their files folders was not explained.

One curiousity in the Intelligence releases of this past year is the amazing lack of hard documentation in certain file sections; i.e. data referred to in released documents which are clearly important to the file but which always seem to be lost! We have a large collection of label sheets, administrative memos, cover letters; etc., but to borrow a phrase from Clara Peller, "Where's the beef?" Where is this missing batch of files? Is it policy to routinely destroy the most important part of a file on UFO incidents and keep a label sheet? We don't believe this of course. We know the reports exist. We know that FOIA officials know they exist. But they also know that we lack the public and financial pressure to pursue these issues very far.

UFO skeptics have said that the so-called "smoking gun" of UFO

proof has not yet appeared because it does not exist! We have ample evidence showing that a large chunk of UFO files from many different agencies have not been released and probable won't be released in our lifetime. Maybe we will be lucky and see some of these reports someday. We have had surprises in the past, as has been reported in our publications. We also know that only the tiniest percentage of documentation classified "Top Secret" has been released on UFOs. The skeptics would not have made the effort to find the AIDS 203 report from A.F. Intelligence, nor would they have pursued the NSA affidavit used in the CAUS vs NSA suit. CAUS members made this effort and as a result found compelling evidence for a cover-up from these formerly-Top Secret documents.

We are slowly understanding the history of government UFO involvement from these releases. It is simply a pity that this does not get wider coverage in the media. We will continue to record the events as they become known.

ADDENDUM ON "AQUARIUS" AND STEALTH

In the December 1985 CAUS Bulletin, we had reproduced a copy of what has become known as the "Aquarius" document. This document was allegedly leaked from Air Force sources. It's status has been regarded as uncertain since it has yet to be confirmed as an official document of the U.S. government. FOIA requests have not verified it's origin. Nevertheless, information in the report was checkable and we would like to update our readers on what we know so far.

The first section of the Aquarius document deals with the results of photoanalysis by the Air Force on photos and film taken by Dr. Paul Bennewitz. Readers of CLEAR INTENT will recall Dr. Bennewitz as being a principal character in the 1980 sightings at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico.

Five separate films are analysed by (according to the document) HQ IVT and the 7602 AINTEG/IT. Three of the examples were termed inconclusive. The other two were each labeled "legitimate negative of unidentified aerial object." Example 5 is of particular interest because we have now seen a still frame from the original film and found it to be visually curious. The document says it appears to be saucer-shaped with a trilateral insignia on the lower portion. Our Figure 2 (page 4) shows a sketch based on the print we have received from Dr. Bennewitz. It has somewhat of a bat-like appearance to us, heavily shadowed underneath but with suggestions of an insignia. The insignia resembles a 1960s "peace symbol", though obscured. The photo was said to have been taken in Coyote Canyon, Manzano Base, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

The "peace symbol" comparison becomes a little more interesting when one looks at Figure 3. The object here was seen in Hewaheta, Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) on July 17, 1971 (see Flying Saucer Review Case Histories, October 1971, for details). Keeping in mind that the Bennewitz shot is an extreme enlargement and the angle of flight appears to be tilted upwards but not a straight-on bottom view, the resemblance is still there.

This leads us to Figure 1. Let us suggest the following scenario to possibly explain the image on the Bennewitz film. It is by no means conclusive but it would explain some of the Air Force's actions toward Bennewitz, as described in CLEAR INTENT.

What if Bennewitz had photographed the flight of a Stealth bomber instead of a UFO in the alien spacecraft sense? Look at Figure 1, which is based on various published versions of a Stealth bomber description. We see the same general shape as in Figures 2&3. We see four engine pod

divisions on both Figures 1&3. Figure 2 is not clear enough to tell. Stealth tests have occurred over restricted areas, which Manzano Base is. And when Bennewitz informed the Air Force that he saw and photographed a UFO in that area, the Air Force reacted swiftly, even going as far as bringing him to Kirtland to show a group of officers the photographic evidence. How often does a civilian UFO photographer get this royal treatment, especially when the Air Force is not supposed to be investigating civilian UFO witnesses?

The reaction to Bennewitz is more understandable if he had filmed a Stealth bomber inadvertently. Bennewitz, having been a strong believer in UFOs as alien spacecraft and thinking this object was one, would give the Air Force an easy out in this situation. If the film were confiscated, charges of censorship would fly and draw attention to the story. But in letting Bennewitz claim that the poorly-imaged object was alien-inspired, the Air Force would feel that not enough people would pay mind to the photos to do any harm.

We are dealing with a lot of "maybes" in this story. Could the Ceylon object have been related to the Stealth program? The sketches in Figures 1&3 are not too unlike each other, given the vagaries in witness' descriptions. If Stealth-type aircraft were being flown in 1971, then it is entirely possible the Ceylon object was real and ours! Perhaps an early version of a Stealth?

Other things in the Aquarius document have been confirmed. The names of the investigators (Miller, Fugate) are real. Miller turned up in our original Kirtland file release, in fact. Most notably, the term "Aquarius" has been positively verified as a real project by the National Security Agency (see our last issue for background). This came in recent letters from the NSA. However, no description of the Aquarius term was given to us because it is classified "Top Secret."

Just another collection of things to think about as we progress through this swamp of secrecy!

Aquarius document extracts

J. SUBJECT NEGATIVES/FILM WERE ANALYZED BY HQ IVI AND 7602 AINTEG/IT AND THE FOLLOWING RESULTS WERE FOUND:

A. NEGATIVE #1: DEPICTING C-5A AIRCRAFT ON APPROACH AND STREAKING UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT IN LOWER RIGHT PORTION OF FILM. FILM FOUND TO BE UNALTERED. SIZE DIFFERENTIAL WAS NOT CONSISTENT WITH SIZE OF AIRCRAFT. CONCLUSION INCONCLUSIVE

B. NEGATIVE #2: DEPICTING CYLINDER SHAPED UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT IN UPPER LEFT PORTION OF PHOTO. FILM FOUND TO BE UNALTERED. FILM SHOWED OBJECT TO BE CONSISTENT WITH FIELD DEPTH AND CONSISTENT WITH RELATIVE SIZE OF FIXED OBJECTS. CONCLUSION: LEGITIMATE NEGATIVE OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT. FULTON/REINFELD METHOD DID NOT REVEAL VISIBLE MARKINGS ON OBJECT.

C. NEGATIVE #3: DEPICTING IRREGULAR SHAPED UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT IN SEVEN FRAMES OF 8MM FILM. BECAUSE OF THE SIZE AND APPARENT SPEED OF OBJECT NO FURTHER CLASSIFICATION OR CONCLUSION COULD BE DRAWN. FILM SHOWN TO BE UNALTERED.

D. 36 INCHES OF 8MM FILM: DEPICTING APPARENT COLORED OBJECT MOVING IN FRONT OF STILL CAMERA. FILM FOUND TO BE UNALTERED. SPECTROGRAPHY REVEALED COLORS TO BE BASIC PRISM FEATURES. DEPTH ANALYSIS REVEALED OBJECT TO BE WITHIN 150M OF CAMERA. OBJECT WAS NOT CONSISTENT WITH RELATIVE SIZE OF FIXED OBJECTS OBSERVED FOR SEVERAL SECONDS IN FILM. CONCLUSION: INCONCLUSIVE.

E. ORIGINAL NEGATIVE DEPICTING UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT. FILM FOUND TO BE UNALTERED. BECAUSE OF A LACK OF FIXED OBJECTS IN THE FILM, NO DEPTH ANALYSIS COULD BE PERFORMED. FULTON REINFELD METHOD REVEALED OBJECT TO BE SAUCER SHAPED, APPROXIMATE DIAMETER [illegible] FEET. OBJECT CONTAINED A TRILATERAL INSIGNIA ON THE LOWER PORTION OF OBJECT. CONCLUSION: LEGITIMATE NEGATIVE OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT.

FIGURE 1

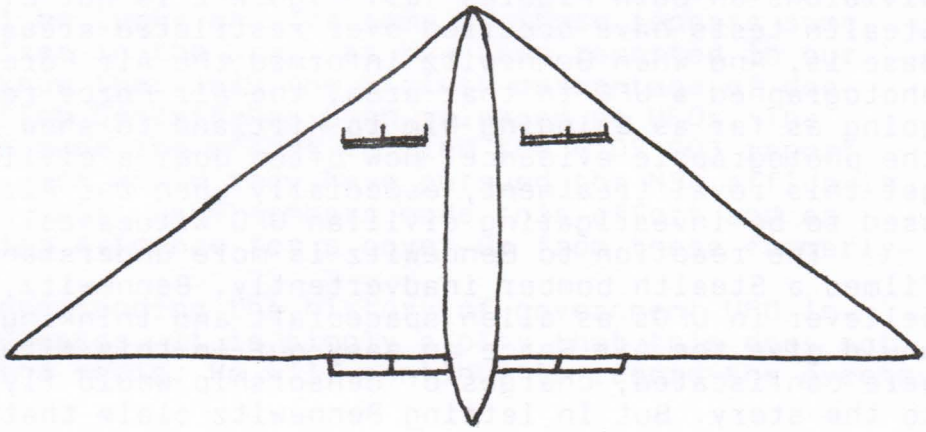

FIGURE 2

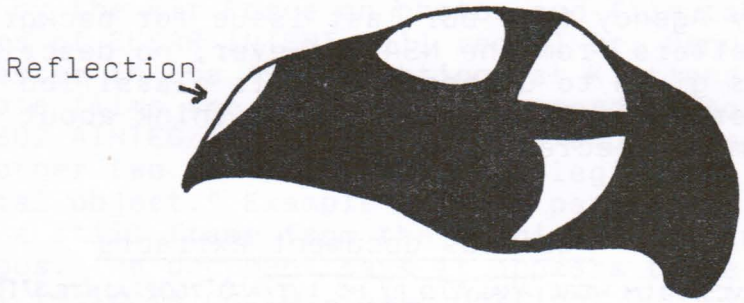

FIGURE 3