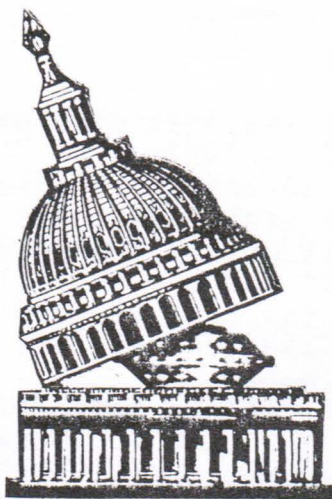


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EDITORIAL

Some of our recent issues have been oriented around one or two topics so this time we are catching up on shorter news items that have come our way since December. Also several readers have asked for more extensive comments about the "UFO Cover-Up - Live" program of last October.

We think that the faults were pretty self-evident in the broadcast. One thing we didn't know about until recently was the fact that the much-criticized, "Twilight Zone"-type music used in the show could not be heard in the studio by the participants. Host Mike Farrell became upset upon hearing that such music was added to the program, feeling that producers generally do this when they feel that the substance of the show cannot get over to the public by itself. Television runs according to certain formulae that define its presentation of programming: Light, airy sound effects for comedies, heavy effects for drama, and, in this case, science-fiction music for UFOs. This editor has seen dozens of UFO documentaries and broadcasts and few stray from this standard.

Let's face it! The visual presentation of the UFO phenomenon to the greater mass of people is being defined by media professionals whose eyes are on 1) Entertainment and 2) "The Buck." They do not wish to touch UFOs unless one or both of these elements are satisfied. Anything less and they will not make as much money.

Forty million tuned in to "UCU-L," probably on the force of a promise that never-before-seen things by "Falcon" and "Condor" would be shown. The silence of the media and the public after the show was deafening! The problem was that the sensation was so unbelievable that it had the effect of drawing people in anticipation and leaving them bitterly disappointed afterwards. There's no better way to set a subject back ten years than this!

Some solid, albeit older, UFO information was presented but became buried in the sensation. The only solace we can take is that the show beat out "Beauty and the Beast" in the ratings, but not by much!

ARMY SERGEANT WINS UFO COMPLAINT

In a surprise move the U.S. Army has decided in favor of a com-

plaint by an Army sergeant who was relieved of his duties for conducting UFO research.

Sgt. Clifford Stone, a 20-year career soldier assigned to the New Mexico Military Institute since 1985, has had a long-standing interest in UFOs. His specific pursuits in recent years have included the rumored "Project Snowbird" and the Roswell incident, both relating to stories of crashed flying saucers. Stone's name has also appeared in some of the earliest UFO/FOIA requests when CAUS began to locate documents on the 1975 overflights.

Being an outspoken proponent of revealing all the facts about UFO cover-ups and of a citizen's right to know, Stone incurred the wrath of his superiors with his frequent FOIA requests, questions to Senators and Congressmen, and, most damningly, press articles about his UFO investigations. It should be noted that this was all done on his own time, off duty. Despite advice from his superiors to cease these activities Stone continued, feeling his research violated no regulations. In fact Army Regulation 600-20, Paragraph 5-13a forbids interference with a member of the armed forces who communicates with his/her representative, unless the communication is unlawful or violates a regulation vital to the security of the United States. (Apparently UFOs are either illegal or a security threat to the U.S., according to Stone's superiors. Ed.)

Problems began in earnest for Stone when he was "Command Referred" for psychological evaluation by his unit on October 27, 1987, due to his UFO interest. The conclusions rendered by two staffers at the Ft. Bliss, Texas Community Mental Health Services were that, "Mental status found to be within normal limits. Problems appear to be related to situational stress manifested by interpersonal and occupational difficulties." They further concluded that, "It appears that Command may have over-reacted to the newspaper article about UFOs.." (about Stone requesting a Senator's aid in getting UFO documents. Ed.)

Stone's superiors continued their pressure when an internal memo was circulated in his unit in June 1987. It discussed a press article about Stone and asks when his "20-year mark" is up (retirement). Other documents referred to Stone's retirement in August 1988. He had made no such request to retire to anyone and feels this was psychological pressure to induce him to leave.

In late 1987, the National Security Agency phoned New Mexico Senator Pete Domenici's office, stating that research in which Stone was engaged dealt with national security policy and that a letter Stone wrote to the Senator should be "reworded." Stone refused unless requested to do so in writing, which the NSA would not do. Stone was relieved of duty that month.

In this issue of Just Cause please note the reproduction of a Department of the Army memo, dated 12 Sep. 1988. Stone was not only vindicated but scathing criticism was directed at his superiors (see paragraphs 1e and 2e especially).

This situation was not unlike that encountered by CAUS staffer Larry Bryant (see CAUS Washington Report 12/85, 6/86; CAUS Special Bulletin 9/22/86.). Both men have survived attacks on their careers by those in authority because they had an interest in UFOs and felt that the American people were on the receiving end of bad policy decisions. CAUS feels that these incidents are great victories for freedom of the intellect and that it should give heart to those out there whose lives were made miserable by incapable administrators.

This editor personally knows several people, still anonymous, who have gone through what Sgt. Stone experienced. Some will never

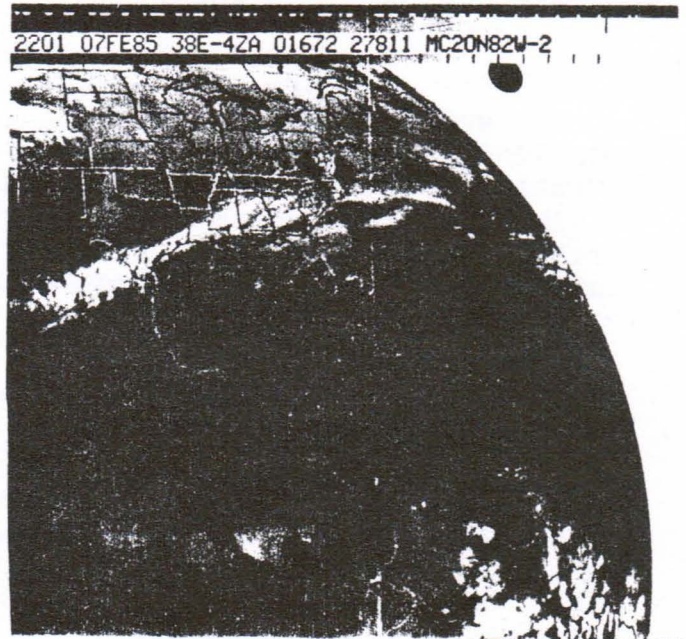
tell their stories because they were so inwardly devastated by what had happened to them. CAUS hopes that their burden will be somewhat lighter after they read this.

PECULIAR SATELLITE PHOTO SURFACES

This item was forwarded to us by a colleague in Puerto Rico, Mr. Jorge Martin.

We are not at present endorsing this picture as evidence of UFOs but are merely showing it as an oddity. We are in the process of locating an original to study.

It is a National Weather Service satellite photo showing an area of the eastern 3/4ths of the U.S., Central America and the northern part of South America. It was taken at 22:01 Hrs on February 7, 1985. You will note an oval-shaped object in the upper right portion of the photo, partly obscured by the data bar. There are a number of possible explanations for this but we are in the searching stage at the moment. We'll keep you up to date.



FBI OPINION ON MJ-12

On October 11, 1988, FBI agent Bill Vinikus visited CAUS Director Peter Gersten regarding findings on MJ-12. Initially, the agent showed Gersten a photo of a group of 35 people and asked, "Who was Doty?" Gersten studied the photo for five minutes but couldn't find him. The agent pointed Doty out but Gersten did not recognize him (For those new readers: Richard Doty, former Air Force OSI agent, is one of the prime sources of information on the MJ-12 controversy discussed in past issues of Just Cause).

Vinikus said the FBI would not prosecute William Moore on the MJ-12 matter because there was no clear-cut violation of federal law after a preliminary inquiry. Doty was not to be prosecuted by the FBI either, however the FBI was assisting the Air Force in an investigation relating to the Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota UFO hoax (see Just Cause, September 1987, pg.9). Here the Air Force was contemplating charges of using government stationery for unauthorized purposes against Doty.

As to the MJ-12 documents themselves, the FBI determined that the documents were not classified materials, therefore not genuine government documents. The agent found it hard to believe that the documents were presented to the public as genuine by Moore.

(Source: October 20 phone con with Peter Gersten.)

MORE ON MJ-12

A detailed critique on MJ-12 has just been released by Chris-

topher Allan, a technical author and a Fellow of the British Interplanetary Society. The paper is a response to "Phil Klass and MJ-12, What are the Facts?" by Stanton Friedman and William Moore, 1988.

For those interested, the paper is titled "MJ-12: Fact or Fantasy?" It is 11 pages in length and requests may go to:

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15 The Gables
Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent, ST7 2HT, England

We also have information that in 1982, the Project Aquarius/MJ-12 material was planned as a fiction novel by Bill Moore, Bob Pratt and a third party, given the pseudonym "Ronald L. Davis" (Richard Doty?). This is said to be an attempt to present the Aquarius/MJ-12 data in a fictional context to make the data more publishable. Apparently sufficient evidence didn't exist to relate the story as non-fiction. Robert Emeneggar, in his UFOs: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE book, did the same with his Holloman AFB UFO landings.

What seems clear to us is that Doty's connection to Moore extends back to at least January 1982 and probably much before. He had many years to conjure up an MJ-12 tale and string people along. It also seems curious that if Moore's "Falcon" is Doty, as we feel, then Falcon's access to the MJ-12 "infrastructure" as far back as 1982, according to Moore and Shandera on UFO COVER UP-LIVE!, would have made it possible for Falcon to supply Moore and Pratt with the proof they needed instead of going the fiction-novel route. Such a novel would have made the story harder to prove later, giving rise to charges that all of what we've seen since 1987 was drawn from a "fiction" tale. As such the novel smacked only of a money making deal to cash in on what was then a poorly-developed story. Since the novel obviously never made it, the path was cleared for later "leaked official documents" which would not be tainted by linkage to a novel.

Do we have a situation where we have a fiction novel based on "fact" which itself is based on fiction, which fiction would later be declared fact based on documents which seem to be based on fiction!!! If any reader can sort this out they are a better editor than I am!

NEW ROSWELL DATA SURFACES

Out of necessity this story must be kept short for now but a new military witness has contacted us regarding details of the transportation of Roswell wreckage/bodies from Roswell Army Air Field. The information nicely supplements Case 10 in Leonard Stringfield's new "UFO Crash/Retrievals: Is the Coverup Lid Lifting, Status Report V." The report is available from Len at: 4412 Grove Ave.; Cincinnati, Ohio 45227. Price is \$7.00.

Also, reproduced below is an extract from the formerly-classified "Combined History, 509th Bomb Group and Roswell Army Air Field, July 1 - July 31, 1947."

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.

CAUS ON JAPANESE TELEVISION

On March 12, 1989, the editor and publisher of Just Cause were filmed for a segment of an hour long documentary on UFO secrecy by Japan's Nippon Television Network. The documentary will explore some of the best evidence for UFO cover-ups and includes interviews with leading figures in document research. Among other things we discussed the 1950 FBI/ Guy Hottel memo on crashed discs, the NSA affidavit, MJ-12, and the 1975 overflights.

The crew's director, Hidehiko Amemiya, has had expertise in producing investigative reports on the UFO phenomenon, having done several TV shows on Japan's own UFO problem. He informed us that the Japanese government's stance is similar to that of the U.S. in that they will not become publicly involved with UFO reports, despite great public interest in the subject. He did say that the government had released some UFO documentation recently, leading to our next story.

MJ-12 IN JAPAN?

A CAUS correspondent, Mr. Josen Takano of Hakui City, Japan, has forwarded a curious document which may have some significance, if genuine.

It's alleged to be an official internal memorandum of the Defense Agency of Japan (DAJ). Takano, an official at the Hakui City Public Hall, says that he received the memo from Eisuke Tsuruta of the publicity office for the Secretary of the Japan Self-Defense Force (JSDF), through Akira Kusaka, Director of Election-Countermeasure of the Liberal Democratic Party in Japan's Kagawa Prefecture. It's on official DAJ stationery. We're informed that it's not uncommon to find handwritten internal memos in the Japanese government. "OSI" in the memo is the JSDF's overseas intelligence branch.

Our rough translation, endorsed by members of the Nippon TV crew mentioned previously, is as follows:

1 May 1979 OSI Mr. Yamada

"The US Air Force has resumed collecting information and data on UFOs, which the CIA has proposed not to do.

It is said that they were asked to do so by the Space Science Committee of the United Nations.

But the real reason was because a crashed space ship (Adamski-type), which retained it's original form, was found recently (26th Apr.?) near the border between the U.S. and Mexico.

Is there any section which specializes in UFO matters in the Self-Defense Air Force of Japan?

(Man from the DAJ answering, Ed.) No, there isn't.

We think you had better be concerned with the UFO field before long because this matter will become sensational in the near future. OVER. Thank you."

Nippon TV's Hidehiko Amemiya told us that he had looked into this paper and while it is on genuine stationery, he couldn't be sure it was an official document. An attempt to trace Mr. Yamada failed. The stationery is not hard for anyone to acquire and we are bothered by the reference to an "Adamski-type" craft. The language barrier is difficult in this case and we solicit any help. We are in possession of other letters to be translated. CAUS is keeping a questioning attitude about this development.

(See following page for a reproduction of the memo)

5/4 5/1 OS. 2 Mr. Yamada

一時CIAからの申請の中止を以てした
米空軍に付 UFO 情報資料の収集の

再開の事。これは国連の宇宙科学委員会
の申請の是非を以てしているが 実際は

最近(4/26?) メキシコの国境付近で
原理の通り。(アダムス-型) UFO の導管? 物

の存在を以て認められている。

Am. 10/27 = UFO 委員会. 3/27 及び Section 1/27
の事。 — (1800) —

恐らく世に大いなる問題と成ると思ふ事
の事。今の所は少しづつに付 1/27 及び 1/27

の事。 — (1800) —

— (Thank-you) —



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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

ATOD-CDR

12 SEP 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: Commander, USATAPA, ATTN: DAPC-MSE, Alexandria, VA
22332-0400

SUBJECT: Commander's Inquiry Pertaining to Relief for Cause Evaluation Report
on SFC Clifford K. Stone, 301-50-0182, 8702-8801

1. FINDINGS:

a. SFC Clifford K. Stone was assigned to New Mexico Military Institute on 30 May 1985. SFC Stone was relieved of duty in January 1988 and a report was rendered at that time.

b. The relief of SFC Stone was not justified because of insufficient substantiation of "inefficiency and unreliability". Files supporting the relief do not provide sufficient evidence of requisite counselling or documentation to indicate a chronic existence of performance deficiencies.

c. The administration of the relief action was significantly flawed as a result of the incorrect preparation of five versions of the Relief EER with regard to the period covered, the month in which the deficiency occurred, the date the report was signed, and what type of report it was intended for (whether "Annual" or "Relief for Cause").

d. SFC Stone's "relief" was probably the result of a failed attempt to pressure him to retire early.

e. The XO (indorser) overreacted to SFC Stone's UFO interest and congressional contact, and in so doing, exhibited intolerance and bias against him.

2. CONCLUSIONS:

a. SFC Stone's relief appears highly questionable in light of the sudden degradation in his performance so soon after his rating as "professional" and "excellent"...."an unquestionable asset to this unit" (Encl 1).

b. Documentation of performance oriented counselling, close supervision by rater and indorser, and evidence of professional guidance is conspicuously lacking.

c. The rater and indorser mishandled SFC Stone in response to what appears to be relatively minor professional failings the NCO may have exhibited.

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d. The "Relief for Cause" appears inappropriate given the nature, limited scope and short duration of the individual's misdeeds.


e. The EERs for the period 8702 thru 8710/8801 appear to be singularly unique examples of administrative mishandling. Changes were made to cover up errors and hide the fact that the first report was submitted late. Reconstruction of events based on individual MFR's strongly suggest that action against SFC Stone was not originally intended as a "relief" but merely as a means to conveniently and quickly eliminate him as an "embarrassment".

f. There is evidence that the XO attempted a form of cognitive restructuring through use of pressure, intimidation, or insinuation (Encl 3&4).

g. The improprieties already noted generate the strong suspicion that the narrative of the report along with supporting documentation were fabricated after the fact to substantiate a preconceived course of action already set into motion.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS:

Because of the circumstances in this case, the Commander's Inquiry Format appears to be the most appropriate means to correct the apparent injustice done to the soldier. Recommend that action be taken to void the Relief for Cause EER 8702-8801 (Encl 2) from SFC Stone's Official Military Personnel File. The report was found to be an inaccurate rating by the rater and indorser and is prejudicial to the rated NCO's military career. Both rater and indorser were relieved later and this raises a question of the validity of the report rendered.


GARY L. BROWN
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

4 Encls

1. DA FM 2166-6 (ANL 8602-8701)
2. DA FM 2166-6 (RFC 8702-8801)
3. Memo for Record (15 Oct 87)
4. Memo for Record (23 Oct 87)