

ISSO Says Many MJ-12 Documents Are Government Disinformation, That Pentagon May Have "Staged" Crashed-Saucer Incidents

The International Space Sciences Organization (ISSO)--created by wealthy Silicon Valley software expert Joe Firmage for UFO-related research--has proposed a wacky new scenario to enable Firmage to ease out of his earlier endorsement of the authenticity of the "new" batch of (allegedly) "Top Secret" MJ-12 documents obtained from Tim Cooper and promoted by Dr. Robert Wood and his son Ryan [SUN #56/Mar. 1999]. ISSO has issued a new statement suggesting that the MJ-12 documents were created to mislead Communist countries and that the Roswell crashed-saucer incident may have been a "staged" event to support the disinformation. Firmage's original endorsement in late 1998 was based on the "authentication" of the Cooper documents by the Woods [SUN #55/Jan. 1999]. The new ISSO/Firmage position statements, posted Nov. 25 on ISSO's Website, are titled: "Deceptive UFO Documents: Doubt, Debate and Daunting Questions."

ISSO reports that "ongoing research indicates that many, possibly all, the so-called MJ-12 UFO documents were officially fabricated as instruments of U.S. covert psychological warfare, perhaps beginning in 1950 during the most threatening period of the Korean War...." (Emphasis added.)

This new scenario prompts ISSO' to pose the following question: "Does the psychological warfare clarification [i.e., explanation] mean that the whole alleged history of government's involvements with UFO crash recoveries is suspect? Intriguing questions arise from the realization that the so-called MJ-12 documents, both the earlier and the later ones, were or well may have been contrived to mislead foreign, inimical (usually Communist or once-Communist) governments. For instance, were some or all UFO crash recoveries staged for the same purpose, augmented by subsequent foisting of clever but deceptive, official-appearing documents to persuade adversaries that the U.S. and its allies might enjoy certain unique advantages gothen from recovering and studying crashed UFOs?...It is not hard to imagine intentional misdirection of 'enemy' weapons research and development programs during the Cold War in an effort to intimidate or influence. ...Because of the relative but not absolute ease of staging phoney UFO crash recovery operations, especially in little-populated, remote areas....Witnesses to such events may believe what they experienced and may be convinced they are reporting what actually happened, but contrived UFO crash recovery operations might conceivably be staged to the same end as deceptive documents later fabricated to strengthen and round out the overall ploy." (Emphasis added.)

The new scenario seriously challenges views earlier proclaimed by the Woods and by Firmage. For example, less than two months ago when the Woods opened their Majestic Documents Website they stated that the documents show that the U.S. Government has resorted to "orchestrated deception" to hide "the most extraordinary secret in history for over half a century." And Firmage has publicly indicated his belief that transistors, microchips and fiber-optics were reverse-engineered from the Roswell crashed-saucer debris.

NEW ISSO SCENARIO RAISES "DAUNTING QUESTIONS"

ISSO admits that the new scenario raises crucial issues: "In the end, daunting questions remain to be answered: Do the MJ-12 documents contain any truthful, reliable information about UFOs? What is it? Are any UFO crash recoveries valid events? Have any UFO technologies been

exploited? Are UFOs all man-made?...If any government...goes to the extent and cost of staging phoney UFO crash recovery operations to mislead foreign intelligence collectors and contrives fabricated, official-appearing documents to buttress the impression, what is such a government really concealing or diverting attention from? All such operations, when they occur, are costly, troublesome, risky and uncertain; therefore, they obligate commensurate benefits or payoffs." (Emphasis added.)

ISSO reveals that the answers to these questions are not important insofar as its future efforts are concerned: "Our intention is to follow the questions that matter most....The evidence for observational reality and physics plausibility leaps far, far beyond questionable documents, and indeed, may shed light on scientific truths behind Cold War fictions."

ISSO CLAIMS MJ-12 DOCUMENTS ARE GOOD ENOUGH TO "FOOL EXPERT ANALYSTS"

According to ISSO, "overall, the MJ-12 documents are professionally, artfully crafted, good enough to fool perceptive analysts. In that quality, they clearly are not the work of amateurs or casual hoaxers." (Emphasis added.) SUN Comment: That is a ridiculous claim. Numerous discrepancies and flaws have been discovered by SUN's editor and other UFO researchers in both the original MJ-12 papers, made public in mid-1987 by William L. Moore, Jaime Shandera and Stanton Friedman, and in the recent batch provided by Cooper. For example:

- * One of the key 1987 documents purports to be a Sept. 24, 1947, memorandum from President Truman to Defense Secretary Forrestal authorizing the creation of MJ-12. Our investigation showed that the Truman signature was a photocopy of Truman's signature from a letter written on Oct. 1, 1947, to Dr. Vannevar Bush [SUN #8/Mar. 1991].
- * The last issue of SUN (#60) revealed that an "elevated-8" flaw in the typewriter Tim Cooper used to write two letters in the fall of 1991 to British UFOlogist Timothy Good matched an "elevated-8" flaw in the typewriter used to prepare the "1st Annual Report of MJ-12," obtained from Cooper, purportedly written in 1952.

Copies of SUN #60 were mailed to both Firmage and Robert Wood in early November but this notable discrepancy was not mentioned in ISSO's Nov. 25 statement. So SUN sent an E-mail request to Robert Wood on Dec. 7, seeking his comments. Wood replied that the elevated-8 might be "a characteristic of that typewriter design as distinguished from any particular serial number." Wood's suggested explanation would mean that ALL machines produced by that typewriter manufacturer from the late 1940s/early 1950s had the same identical flaw.

IF ISSO IS CORRECT ABOUT MJ-12 PAPERS, WHAT WAS THEIR OBJECTIVE?

In advancing the new MJ-12 explanation scenario, ISSO suggests the (alleged) government disinformation effort had the following objective: "intentional redirection of 'enemy' weapons research and development programs during the Cold War..." If semiconductor/microchip and fiber-optic technology were being "reverse-engineered" by the U.S. from ET crashed saucers, we would not want to inform potential enemies. Furthermore, U.S. efforts to develop more complex microchips would have been highly classified, yet they were not. Nor is there any evidence, including recently released Soviet KGB files, that anything diverted the USSR from its Cold War programs to develop more powerful nuclear weapons and rocket engines for long-range missiles. Russia's microchip technology lags far behind that of the U.S. and Japan.

When the Woods first made public some of Cooper's documents in late 1998, in a paper titled "Cosmic Watergate: New Evidence of Retrieved UFOs," Robert Wood admitted that there were factual discrepancies in the documents. But he claimed these flaws "tend to indicate authenticity instead of lack of authenticity. Hoaxers generally try to make sure they are perfect." [SUN Question: Unless the hoaxers are government disinformation specialists?]

FIRMAGE STILL SUSPECTS MJ-12 EXISTS, AND GOVERNMENT COVERUP

Firmage reveals his reservations about the new scenario in his introductory comments to the ISSO statement, based upon "first and second-hand interviews with highly reputable individuals. I presently hold the belief that a quasi-governmental body maintains substantial non-public information and very possibly physical materials related to the UFO phenomenon. If this belief turns out to be false, then (1) there has been a startlingly extensive intelligence effort aimed at convincing certain people and nations that we have such materials, and (2) the anomaly research community, as tattered a bunch as it is, is in fact at the arrowhead of one of the most important revolutions in human history, with no government body better informed on the UFO question."

New Sturrock Book Reveals His Panel Of Nine Scientists Was NOT Impressed by UFO Cases That He Finds So Convincing

Dr. Peter A. Sturrock's new book, "The UFO Enigma: A New Review of the Physical Evidence," which details the most impressive UFO cases presented to a panel of nine scientists convened in the fall of 1997, reveals Sturrock's surprise that many panel members were not impressed and his fear that some panelists might return home after the first day of the four-day conference. These candid insights were not included in the press release issued in late June of 1998 by the Society for Scientific Exploration (SSE), which Sturrock heads and which conducted the panel review. Not surprisingly, SSE's press release resulted in generally misleading media coverage, such as the front-page story in The Washington Post which was headlined: "Panel Urges Study of UFO Reports: Unexplained Phenomena Need Scrutiny, Science Group Says" [SUN #53/Sept. 1998].

STURROCK BLAMES DR. CONDON FOR SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY'S DISINTEREST

Sturrock believes that a primary reason why most scientists ignore the "UFO mystery" is because of the conclusions of respected scientist Dr. Edward U. Condon, who directed the two-year UFO investigation conducted by the University of Colorado (1966-68), which turned up no credible evidence that any UFO reports involved ET craft. In the introduction to the University of Colorado Report, Condon wrote: "Our general conclusion is that nothing has come from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years that has added to scientific knowledge....Further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified in the expectation that science will be advanced thereby. [SUN Comment: Condon's prediction has proven correct--31 years later.] It has been argued that this lack of contribution to science is due to the fact that very little scientific effort has been put on the subject. We do not agree. We feel that the reason that there has been very little scientific study of the subject is that those scientists who are most directly concerned, astronomers, atmospheric physicists, chemists, and psychologists, having had ample opportunity to look into the matter, have individually decided that UFO phenomena do not offer a fruitful field in which to look for major scientific discoveries....Scientists are no respecters of authority. Our conclusion that the study of UFO reports is not likely to advance science will not be uncritically accepted by them. Nor should it be, nor do we wish it to be."

Sturrock's own career validates Condon's view. Although Sturrock is an astrophysicist and has been interested in UFOs for nearly 30 years, he himself has only investigated one or two UFO cases.

Sturrock devotes an early chapter of his book to criticizing shortcomings of the Colorado study--similar to a paper earlier published in SSE's Journal of Scientific Exploration. He claims that the 30+ year-old Condon Report "retains crucial significance among the scientific and policy-making communities, since it is believed to be the only unclassified investigation of the UFO phenomenon ever carried out by an established scientific organization..." Sturrock hoped that SSE's panel of nine respected scientists would give a strong endorsement of UFO research and

thereby help to overturn the perceived influence of the Condon report. (The jacket of Sturrock's book claims the four-day meeting of his panel of scientists represents "The First Major Scientific Inquiry Since The Condon Report." Another claim: "THE UFO ENIGMA overrides the Condon Report and concludes that there is much we could learn from further study of the phenomenon--if the evidence is carefully collected and scientifically analyzed.")

POTENTIAL SOURCES OF INFLUENCE ON PANEL'S ASSESSMENT

In Chapter 17 of Sturrock's book, titled "The Review Panel Process," he admits that "when an agency or organization commissioning a study has a significant stake in the outcome of that study, there may not be complete independence. If the panel is aware that a particular outcome would somehow be beneficial for the sponsor and another outcome would somehow be detrimental to the sponsor, there is real risk that that knowledge will skew the deliberations of the panel....In this respect, the Colorado Project is open to doubt." Yet Sturrock fails to mention at this juncture that his four-day panel conference was funded by Laurance S. Rockefeller, who has had a long-time interest in UFOs and has funded several pro-UFO activities. The conference, which Rockefeller attended, was held at his luxurious estate in Pocantico, N.Y. Sturrock also fails to mention his own and SSE's pro-UFO bias and that while many pro-UFO researchers have been invited to speak at SSE's annual conferences, no UFO-skeptic has been invited.

In discussing the nine scientists Sturrock selected to serve on the UFO review panel, he said, "since it was impossible to recruit scientists with no bias whatever concerning the UFO question, I chose to select scientists whose bias would tend to be the opposite of that of the [eight pro-UFO] investigators." Sturrock failed to inform readers that two of the nine scientists he selected for the panel are members of SSE and one of them served as co-chairman of the panel.

STURROCK SURPRISED, DISAPPOINTED BY PANEL SCIENTISTS' REACTIONS

The first of what Sturrock refers to as "crises" occurred following the first day of UFO case reports on Tuesday, Sept. 30, when the panel met in executive (closed) session. "The panel members could and did speak their minds, and it was immediately very clear that some members were concerned about what they had gotten themselves into. One or two would clearly have preferred boarding the next plane out of JFK [International Airport] to spending another night at Pocantico. ...Fortunately, all the participants spent a very pleasant evening together....The review picked up speed on Wednesday and got into its stride on Thursday. The panel members had probably become somewhat more realistic in their expectations and were beginning to appreciate the complexity of the UFO problem...."

The next crisis, according to Sturrock, occurred Friday morning after the last two investigator presentations, when the panel went into executive session "to formulate their summary and conclusions....In the first hour of discussion, it became abundantly clear that developing a summary and a set of conclusions would not be accomplished in two hours. We eventually decided it would take more like two days." It was agreed that the panel would reconvene in San Francisco in late November to consider an executive summary that Sturrock would prepare. When the panel met in San Francisco, Sturrock reports that every sentence of his proposed summary was debated--raising the prospect of a dissenting minority report. "If this had occurred in San Francisco, I would have considered that the study had failed," Sturrock wrote. Finally, panel members agreed to seven conclusions. Two of the most favorable for Sturrock's objective are cited below:

- * "Whenever there are unexplained observations, there is the possibility that scientists will learn something new by studying those observations.
- * "It is desirable that there be institutional support for research in this area."

Ironically, "The UFO Enigma" title of Sturrock's new book is "borrowed" from one co-authored by Dr. Donald H. Menzel and Dr. Ernest Taves, which Sturrock criticized in a review published in 1979 when Menzel was no longer alive to rebut. Sturrock criticized Menzel/Taves for endorsing prosaic explanations of two famous UFO cases investigated by SUN's editor.

The final 75-page chapter in Sturrock's 404-page book offers readers a very one-sided report on a famous UFO incident involving an Army Reserve helicopter that occurred near Mansfield, Ohio, on the night of Oct. 18, 1973. According to the account authored by pro-UFOlogist Ms. Jennie Zeidman, a glowing UFO briefly blacked-out the helicopter's radio communications, permanently damaged its magnetic compass and applied a mysterious suction force--long after the UFO had departed--to keep the helicopter from crashing into the ground. Zeidman rejects the prosaic explanations that emerged from my many-month investigation and are reported in 25 pages of my book "UFOs: The Public Deceived." (Autographed copies of my book are available for \$18 for U.S./Canadian purchasers; \$20 for overseas purchasers.)

In the Sturrock book's introduction, he writes: "I hope this book will help encourage more scientists to study this subject....This is I believe our best hope--and may be our only hope--for finally arriving at a full resolution of the problem posed by UFO reports..." [SUN predicts that Sturrock's book will not change the attitude of the scientific community.]

Was Crashed Saucer Recovered Six Years Before Roswell?

A new TV show, tentatively titled "The Secret Evidence That We Are Not Alone," is expected to reveal that the crashed saucer (allegedly) recovered near Roswell, N.M., was not the first crashed-ET craft (allegedly) recovered by the U.S. Government. The first occurred more than six years earlier, in the spring of 1941, near Cape Girardeau, Mo., according to Charlotte (sic) Mann, granddaughter of an (alleged) witness. The Cape Girardeau incident was first disclosed by the late Leonard Stringfield in his "UFO Crash/Retrievals" status report #6, published in July 1991, which cited many such alleged crashed-saucer incidents. The 1941 Missouri crashed-saucer retrieval also is cited in one of Tim Cooper's MJ-12 documents [SUN #57/May 1991]. Cooper was one of Stringfield's collaborators during the late 1980s.

According Ms. Mann's May 6, 1991, letter to Stringfield, her grandfather--Rev. William Huffman, an ordained Baptist minister--was involved. In the spring of 1941, around 9 p.m., according to Mann, Huffman received a phone call from the local police informing him that an airplane reportedly had crashed outside of Cape Girardeau and asking him to go to the site "in case someone needed him." Mann claims that when her grandfather returned, he recounted his experience to his wife and two sons (one of them Mann's father), and swore them to secrecy. "Grandfather said it wasn't...like any craft he'd ever seen. It was broken and scattered all around, but one large piece...appeared to have a rounded shape....There were three bodies, not human....Grandfather said prayers over them so he got a close look....It was hard for him to tell if they had suits on or it was their skin but they were covered from head to foot in what looked like wrinkled aluminum foil..." [SUN Comment: Similar to the Brazel ranch metal foil whose photo appeared in "The Roswell Incident" book published nine months prior to Mann's letter.]

"They were small framed like a child about four foot tall, but had larger heads and longer arms. They had very large oval-shaped eyes, no noses just holes and no lips just small slits for mouths. Two of the plain clothes men picked up one of the little men, held it under its arms. A picture was taken. That was the picture I later saw. Then one of the military officers talked to granddad and told him he was not to talk about anything that had taken place for security reasons....About two weeks after it happened, he came home with a picture of the two men holding the little man...After my grandfather died, my Dad kept the picture and was very interested in UFO info...A close friend of my Dad's asked if he could borrow it to show his folks so Dad let him have it and never got it back." (Emphasis added.)

Ms. Mann, whose tale is seemingly confirmed by one of Cooper's MJ-12 documents, is expected to appear on the new TV show produced by Gary Beebe. She accompanied Beebe to Roswell in September during his visit to film for his TV show. According to an article in the Roswell Daily Record (Sept. 29), the Cape Girardeau incident will be included. Beebe indicated he was then trying to sell the show to a network but as yet had no firm commitment. Beebe also was accompanied by Jim Marrs, author of "Alien Agenda," whose earlier book on the assassination of President Kennedy accuses the CIA of being involved. The Roswell newspaper article quoted Marrs as saying: "This is not going to be a sensational show. It's going to be accurate....This is probably the biggest coverup since Watergate and the Kennedy assassination." [SUN Comment: WRONG! If the U.S. Government has been able to keep crashed saucers under wraps for nearly 60 years, it is a vastly bigger coverup than Watergate or the JFK assassination--and far more successful.]

UFOlogist Bryant Suspects USAF Is Offering Treatment To Abductees

Long-time UFOlogist Larry Bryant, whose publicity-seeking actions prompted some members of the MUFON board of directors to try--unsuccessfully--to have him removed from the board [SUN #60/Nov. 1999], is up to his usual shenanigans. On Dec. 11, Bryant sent a Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) request to the commander of the Andrews Air Force Base medical center, near Washington, seeking details on treatments allegedly provided to military and/or members of their families who report "exhibiting symptoms of having undergone abduction by extraterrestrial biological entities (a.k.a. UFO-borne aliens)." Included in Bryant's FOIA request are: "All laboratory-analysis reports of any alien-implanted devices retrieved from (or detected and left intact within) any such victim." (Emphasis added.)

A recent ballot of MUFON board members on whether Bryant should be removed, and stripped of his post as Director of Government Affairs, resulted in a 13 to 9 victory for Bryant.

Friedman Still Supports Witness Caught Counterfeiting Document

Relations between Stanton Friedman and Don Berliner, co-authors of the book "Crash At Corona," have become strained as a result of Friedman's stubborn reluctance to admit that Gerald Anderson's tale of having seen a crashed saucer on the Plains of San Agustin in 1947 has lost all credibility since Anderson was caught counterfeiting at least one document. Anderson's tale emerged shortly after he viewed a TV show on the Roswell Incident in early 1990, when he talked by phone with Friedman on Feb. 16, 1990, following an earlier telephone interview on Feb. 4th with another Roswell researcher, Kevin Randle. Friedman, who was anxious to believe that a saucer had crashed on the Plains of San Agustin in New Mexico, accepted Anderson's tale but Randle was suspicious. [SUN #18/Nov. 1992]

Anderson claimed that as a small child he and family members were viewing a crashed saucer when they were joined by a group of archaeologists, headed by a Dr. Buskirk, whose appearance he remembered. Investigation showed that Buskirk had later been Anderson's high-school teacher in Albuquerque--which Anderson denied, but he refused to allow his school record to be made public. (At the time of the alleged crashed-saucer incident, Buskirk had been in Arizona.) Randle claimed that he had talked with Anderson for more than an hour and had tape recordings to support this claim, but Anderson claimed the interview was far briefer and offered his telephone bill to support his claim. When Friedman later investigated he discovered that Anderson had counterfeited his (alleged) phone bill.

When Anderson supplied Friedman with what he claimed was his uncle's 1947 diary, reporting the crashed-saucer incident, Friedman had the document examined by a forensic laboratory. Its analysis revealed that the ink used in the diary was not introduced until the early 1970s--showing that the alleged diary was bogus. When SUN interviewed Anderson's

former wife and asked if he had ever mentioned the crashed-saucer incident, she replied: "NEVER." She added that he enjoyed spinning tall tales. [For additional discrepancies in Anderson's tale, see Chapter 9 of my book "The REAL Roswell Crashed-Saucer Coverup."]

Anderson's veracity was endorsed in the Sept. 1991 issue of the MUFON UFO Journal, in an article by pro-UFOlogist John S. Carpenter, based in part on the fact that Anderson had recently passed a lengthy polygraph ("lie detector") test. But less than two years later, in the March 1993 issue of the journal, Carpenter admitted: "*Recent events have now cast grave doubts on Gerald's story and his own truthfulness with us.*" Shortly after publication of the Friedman-Berliner "Crash At Corona" book, in which Anderson's crashed-saucer claims are featured, a letter signed by Friedman and Berliner was published in the Jan. 1993 issue of the MUFON UFO Journal which admitted that the veracity of Anderson's tale was in doubt [SUN #20/Mar. 1993]. But Friedman recently has disclosed that he only reluctantly agreed to sign the letter, which was written by Berliner.

ALSO DISAGREEMENT OVER AUTHENTICITY OF "SPECIAL OPERATIONS MANUAL"

Friedman's stubborn reluctance to accept that Anderson's tale is bogus is not the only source of friction. On Mar. 14, 1994, Berliner received from an anonymous source an undeveloped roll of 35 mm. film, which contained photos of a (purported) "Majestic-12 Group Special Operations Manual (SOM 1-01)" for military personnel involved in recovery of ETs from crashed saucers, classified "Top Secret/MAJIC Eyes Only." Berliner promptly provided a copy to the General Accounting Office, which was then investigating claims of crashed saucers, but did not provide a copy to Friedman until eight months later.

SOM 1-01 contained numerous discrepancies which indicated it is bogus. For example, on page 4, it instructs the crashed-saucer recovery team on how to keep the public and news media from learning that any UFOs are ET craft by offering spurious explanations for UFO sightings as "meteors, downed satellites, weather balloons and military aircraft..." (Emphasis added.) But as of April 1954, when SOM 1-01 allegedly was printed, NO manmade earth satellites had ever been launched. It would be more than three years later before the USSR launched the first (Sputnik 1) which did not reenter until Jan. 4, 1958.

When Friedman published his book "Top Secret/Majic" in 1996, he included the SOM 1-01 document with a qualified endorsement of its authenticity. Two years later, the authenticity of SOM 1-01 was strongly endorsed by Dr. Robert Wood and his son Ryan who also have endorsed the Tim Cooper MJ-12 documents [SUN #55/Jan. 1999]. But on Mar. 23, 1999, a committee of leading pro-UFO researchers denounced SOM 1-01 as bogus. One member of this group was Doug Berliner, who heads the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR); another was Mark Rodeghier, scientific director of the Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS).

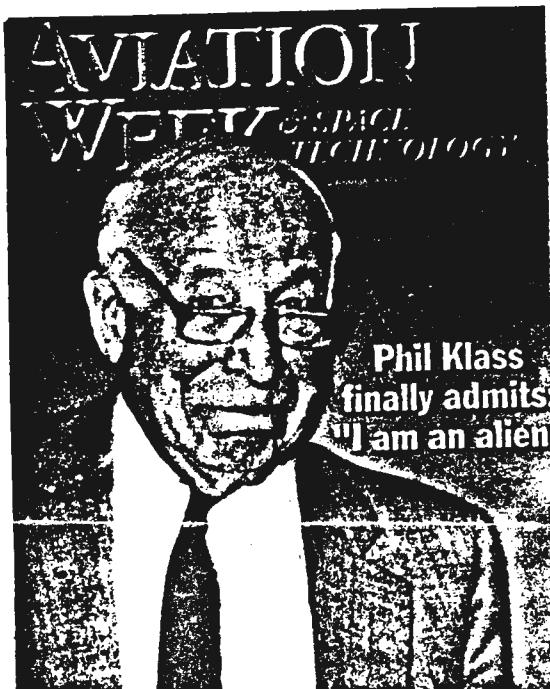
Dr. Greer Warns: Pentagon May Seek War Against ETs

Dr. Steven M. Greer (M.D.), the very controversial director of the pro-UFO Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence (CSETI), who three years ago forecast that Congressional pressure would soon end the government's "UFO coverup" [SUN #45/May 1997], is now predicting that the Pentagon and defense industry may stage pseudo-ET attacks to convince the public that ETs are hostile. In a statement issued in late October, Greer warned of secret plans for "the use of UFO look-alike devices made by humans in an attack on earth or military assets....Most of humanity will be deceived into believing the threat from space has arrived--and that we must fight it at all costs. This is nothing more than long-term 'social security' for the military-industrial complex." Greer, who believes ETs are benevolent, conducts tours whose paying participants (allegedly) are able to see and communicate with UFOs. (When CSETI held a press conference on April 10, 1997, Greer refused to allow SUN's editor to attend.)

Secret Of The Millennium Revealed

Aviation Week & Space Technology (AW&ST) -- sometimes referred to as "Aviation Leak" because it publishes information that the Pentagon and/or CIA want to keep under cover -- may soon reveal the new millennium's biggest secret when it features SUN's editor on its cover.

More seriously, during my 48 years with AW&ST (34 years as a full-time senior editor; part-time since 1986), AW&ST has revealed many secrets. For example, in the early 1950s it carried a major story reporting the then "Top Secret" performance details of our first supersonic bomber, the B-58 -- which was still in development. Soon afterwards, AW&ST revealed that special radars that could track ballistic missiles were installed at Top Secret sites in Turkey, to monitor the USSR's missile launches. But never once has AW&ST carried ANY stories reporting a "UFO coverup" or recovery of an ET craft.



Short Shrift:

* Roswell researcher Schmitt is "up to his old tricks": Donald R. Schmitt, who was publicly denounced by his former partner/co-author Kevin D. Randle for making false claims (about his education and employment) [SUN #32/Mar. 1995], reportedly resorted to the same modus operandi in his Dec. 8 lecture at the University of Wisconsin. According to a report published in the university's Badger Herald, Schmitt said that shortly after rancher Brazel found the original debris, Brazel discovered a second crash site which he characterized as "horrible" with creatures that were "not human." Brazel NEVER reported seeing any ETs--dead or alive.

* If Hopkins is correct, ETs are remarkably patient: According to UFO-abduction guru Budd Hopkins, ETs carefully arranged for Linda "Cortile" (Napolitano) to be beamed up to a giant UFO hovering over her apartment in lower Manhattan in late 1989, in view of (then) United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar and his guards. Hopkins believes it was a grandiose ET plan to make the public aware of "UFOs' awesome technological power" [SUN #42/Nov. 1996]. According to Hopkins, the ETs assumed that de Cuellar would report the historic incident at the UN. Instead, de Cuellar has publicly denied having been involved in such an incident. Three years ago, in a review of Hopkins' then-new book about the incident ("WITNESSED: The True Story of the Brooklyn Bridge UFO Abductions"), SUN commented: "Presumably the ETs will have learned from the Linda incident. Instead of demonstrating their 'beam-me-up-Scotty' abduction technique at 3 a.m. when most people are asleep, they will conduct their next demonstration in broad daylight before many thousands of people--such as at the next Superbowl game." Although 11 years have elapsed since the incident (allegedly) occurred, ETs have not yet attempted a repetition in broad daylight before a large audience.

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