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AN EXCLUSIVE UPDATE ON THE FAMED SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO UFO LANDING:

It is always with a heavy heart (and a lawyer handy!) that we seek any disagreement with our friend Phil Klass, but alas, we have always been astounded at his opinions regarding the classic Socorro, N.M. flying saucer landing of April 24th, 1964.

The Socorro case was recently re-hashed brilliantly in Issue Number Eight of "The Anomalist", published somewhat semi-annually by Dennis Stacy and Patrick Huyghe. Surely most "Smear" readers know the basic outline of the case - that a respected policeman claimed to have seen a very noisy landed mystery craft in broad daylight, in a sparsely inhabited area just outside this little desert town. There was also confirmation from at least one other witness.

After arch-debunker Phil Klass went to Socorro several years later, he at first claimed the incident was caused by a "dust devil" (= a small whirlwind). Unfortunately, this is highly unlikely, to say the least! In recent years, Klass has insisted that the sighting was a hoax, motivated by a desire by the Town Fathers to put Socorro on the map as a tourist center. This idea worked very well indeed at Roswell, but your editor visited Socorro just five years ago, and it is still anything but a tourist town!

We have talked again recently by phone with Professor Charles Moore, the gentleman who was Project Engineer for the Project Mogul balloon flights in June, 1947, one of which almost surely gave rise to the notorious Roswell Incident. For our money it was Prof. Moore who has been the key figure in the recent long-overdue solution to the Roswell case (although there are still many in the UFO community who stubbornly refuse to accept this explanation.)

Prof. Moore, who still has not retired, has lived and worked for the past several years in Socorro, and he has some very interesting tentative conclusions about the town's famous UFO event. Moore does not believe in the "dust devil" solution, nor the hoax solution. For one thing, he accepts the veracity of the gasoline station owner who claims a tourist told him that he, too, saw the Socorro saucer after it noisily took off.

For another thing, Moore has ascertained that a Surveyor lunar module was launched from White Sands (very nearby) on the same day as the Lonnie Zamora sighting. However, has not been able to establish the time of the rocket launch.

Says Moore: "Something went wrong and they don't want to admit it. I have good reason to believe that." He did not elaborate.

Although it does not precisely fit all the controversial details of the Zamora story, Prof. Moore believes that the Surveyor launch is the key to solving this case. As far as we know, this angle has never been fully pursued by any UFO researcher, and now that we have broken the story, we hope that someone (maybe Robert Todd??) will duly pursue it!

When we say that some of the details don't fit - we mean major things like the alleged weird symbol on the craft; the two little creatures (or coveralls?), and so on. But it's better to fit a round peg into a square hole than to attempt no reasonable solution at all! We have urged Prof. Moore to look further into the Surveyor theory if there is any way of doing so at this late date....

For an unrelated humorous spin-off on the 1947 Roswell landing case, see [Matt Graeber's letter to the editor and cartoon](#) later in this issue.

NEWS BRIEFIES (formerly TIDBITS OF TRASH)

- We are pleased to announce that Karl Pflock's anti-Roswell-as-aninterplanetary-event book has been accepted by Prometheus Press, which is the publishing arm of the dreaded CSICOP organization. The title is: "Inconvenient Facts: The Real Roswell Story", and the book is due to be released in the Spring of 2001...
- The time you read this, your editor will be off to the MUFON convention in St. Louis, Missouri. Then in September there's the annual NUFOC, this time taking place in scenic Corpus Christi, Texas. And in early

October, we will be speaking at another Pat Marcattilio conclave at the exotic Days Inn in Bordentown, New Jersey. More details later.

- Another upcoming convention that we will be attending is the Fort Walton Beach (Florida) Paranormal Conference, which will take place on the weekend of October 20th-22nd. This is just a few miles from famed Gulf Breeze, and is run by some of the same people who used to run Project Awareness. Over a period of several years, Project Awareness held conventions in various southern cities, mostly in Florida. The speakers at the upcoming conclave are mostly people we've never heard of, but ace nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman will be there, as well as off-beat historian Zecharia Sitchin. For further information, phone Buddy Crumbley (real name!) at 334-621-5750
- We have just received notice that the summer convention of the International UFO Congress, usually held in Laughlin, Nevada, has been canceled, due to the illness of Bob Brown, the coordinator. We hadn't intended to attend that one anyhow, though we've been to several of these in the past
- UFO investigator Larry Bryant continues his fierce campaign to embarrass the governor of Virginia, which is Larry's home state. Among the people seeking relief from alien abduction is one Robert A. Luca, who resides in Virginia, but admits "(I) realize that although my abductions occurred in states other than Virginia, I have no guarantee that they won't resume here at my Virginia residence or elsewhere during my travels..." In other words, the governor is apparently being blamed for events not under his jurisdiction. Whee!...

A 90-page document called the COMETA Report is now available in English, having been published in French by a semi-official group of French military men & scientists. It concludes that there is a high probability that some UFOs are extraterrestrial. Amusingly, ace nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman of Canada has been selling copies of the English edition for ten dollars each, and when COMETA found this out, they threatened to sue him for violation of copyright. Presumably Stan has now stopped selling this document. (Our thanks to Wm. LaParl Jr. and "Bob" Wilson for this one.)

- We mailed a copy of the last "Smear" to Dr. Paul Bennewitz of Albuquerque, New Mexico, as he was the subject of our feature article therein. We later were told that Bennewitz wanted to communicate with your editor about the article; but when we called his house recently, his wife Cindy shouted "NO WAY!" and hung up the phone. It thus appears that we will never learn for sure just what Bennewitz's current views are in regard to the flying saucer mystery...
- The fifth annual UFO-oriented festival in the fair city of Roswell, N.M., will take place during the week of June 30th - July 7th. These festivals began in 1996, and of course the big one, which we attended, was in 1997 - celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Mogul balloon landing, or whatever. This year the emphasis will be on fun rather than research. There's the Intergalactic Fashion and Food Extravaganza, roller-skating aliens in "professional costumes" (whatever that means), and "The world's biggest UFO-themed parade". By the time you read this, it will all be over!...
- Steve Mansee, the gentleman who kindly puts "Saucer Smear" on the Internet for us, has responded to our request for statistics regarding how many people freeload our zine in this way. It turns out that "Smear" gets an average of about 275 "hits" per day. More people read it on weekdays than on weekends, and most interestingly, a small percentage of our readers come from exotic countries all over the world - such as Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Singapore, Iceland, Luxembourg, Romania, Indonesia, and Thailand. There is

no mention of readers on other planets, who can be forgiven for freeloading.

Our Web site is: www.martiansgohome.com/smeat. We do not send or receive e-mail, but we can easily be reached by "snail mail" or the old-fashioned telephone.

DR. FRANK STRANGES CARRIES ON - AND ON, AND ON!

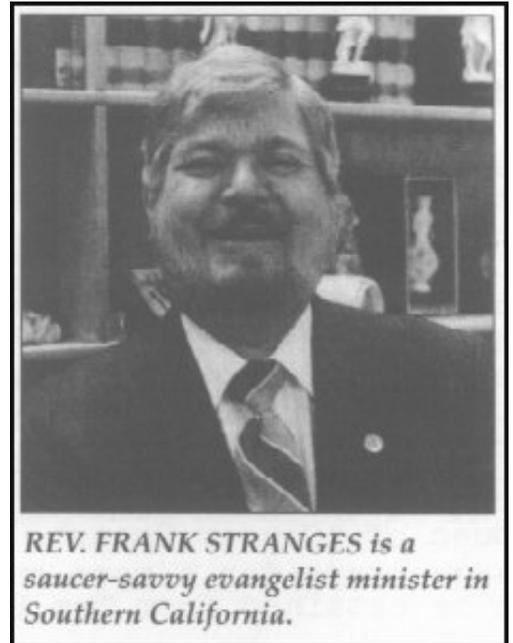
According to a group called "Flying Saucers Gourmet Coffee and Tea" (whatever that may be!), the Reverend Frank Stranges is now on the Internet, pushing the claims he first expressed many years ago in his classic UFO book "Stranger at the Pentagon - a True Life Story". In that book Stranges raves about a human-looking alien named Val Thor, who was allegedly a guest of the U.S. Government for three years. He also tells about his own encounters with this mysterious space visitor who had no fingerprints, could read minds, and had other amazing powers,

Dr. Stranges has been in the UFO field for at least forty years. He has frequently been a speaker at flying saucer conventions, and at other times he has served as Master of Ceremonies at these events. We first met him at Giant Rock back in the 1960s.

In addition to UFOs, Stranges pushes a mixed bag of religious concepts, including his own interpretation of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

"Stranger at the Pentagon" is still in print, and can be obtained together with many other semi-inspiring books & tapes by writing to the good Doctor at: P.O. Box 73, Van Nuys, California 91408. (Our thanks to Bill LaParl Jr. for this item.)...

And while we're pushing products, let us humbly remind you that back issues of "Saucer Smear", from 1996 to the present, are available at our Headquarters for a mere one dollar each. Earlier issues, on back to 1954, can be obtained from Tom Benson, P.O. Box 1174, Trenton, N.J. 08606.



REV. FRANK STRANGES is a saucer-savvy evangelist minister in Southern California.

BOOKS TO KEEP YOUR BONFIRE BURNING BRIGHTLY:

- We don't have the book itself, but we do have the Blurb. We refer to Dr. John Mack's second UFO book, called "Passport to the Cosmos". The Blurb tells us that for Mack, the alien abduction phenomenon is nothing short of a cosmic wake-up call to humans. He believes we live in a world filled with spirits and beings who can cross the barrier we have thrown up between the material and immaterial worlds. We must broaden our definition of what is real, says he.

Before going off the deep end into ufology, Dr. Mack wrote "A Prince of Our Disorder", a biography of T. E. Lawrence, for which he won a Pulitzer Prize. "Passport to the Cosmos" is Mack's second UFO book. It is published by Crown Publishers of New York, and costs \$24.00...

- Next we have "I Was There", which is another in the endless series of pro-Roswell books, this one written by a former Air Force Captain named Robert Shirkey. Frank Kaufmann, a well-known alleged Roswell witness, is a major contributor to this book, though his name is not on the cover. Amusingly, Shirkey decided not to use any material from famed Roswell witness Glenn Dennis. Dennis gave Shirkey the brush-off when asked to contribute, so Shirkey thereafter concluded that Dennis' story of Nurse Naomi Marie Selff (?) was not provable, and therefore not worth using in the book anyway.

Shirkey's claim to fame is that, at the time of the Roswell Incident, he was Assistant Group Operations Officer for the 509th Bomb Group at Roswell Army Air Field. He allegedly watched the crash site debris being carried through the Operations Building & loaded onto a waiting B-29.

PFLOCK PTALK - THE BEAT GOES ON!

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



George Filer, retired Air Force officer, compiler of "Flier's Files", and MUFON regional mogul, is a very nice guy. But nice guys usually have lousy bullshit detectors. Here's a case in point.

"Another New Roswell Witness" (my emphasis), an item in "Filer's Files" #14 (April 10th), is a communication from an unnamed correspondent who claims to have been a crewman on a B-29 bomber that on July 9, 1947, flew a crate escorted by armed guards from Roswell to "Carswell (sic - it was still Fort Worth) Army Air Field", Texas. This fellow explains he was a gunner on the plane, tail number 44-7301, a unit of the 393rd Bomb Squadron of the 509th

Bomb Group, etc. The crate and guards were transported in the B-29's front bomb bay. The aircraft crew were "told it was classified cargo and to stay back".

Sound familiar? If you've read the Randle and Schmitt books and my own about Roswell, and the late Len Stringfield's crash/retrieval story collections, you'll recognize this as the "crate flight" tale, and the teller as "Tim".

Yet Filer touts the guy as one more "new" Roswell witness. (How many are there now? It seems like there's at least one a month!) Is this because Tim now "recalls" never before revealed memories of how, "three to six months later, the wives (of the men involved) began talking among themselves about the cleanup detail", and how, when he asked one of the cleanup crew "what he had seen out there", the guy "was upset and told (Tim), 'You don't want to know!' (Shudder!) Oh yes, and let's not forget the never before mentioned "two weird experiences" Tim later had at March Air Force Base, California, "with something that officially was not there".

The beat goes on! The crushing weight of evidence to the contrary is no match for the will to believe Roswell involved recovery of a crashed flying saucer (or a couple of them) and the bodies of some unfortunate aliens (their last words the Reticulian equivalent of "Oh, shit"?). Sigh...

Oh, say, George, you're a former Air Force bomber pilot. Don't you think it a little odd that a B-29 was used to tote the crate instead of one of the Roswell-based 1st Air Transport Unit's C-54 cargo planes, designed for the job and, allegedly, employed to haul little gray bodies and saucer scraps to Wright Field?... You don't?

The beat goes on!

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- Famed former flying saucer researcher WILLIAM MOORE writes:

"Thank you for accurately reporting [the results of your discussions with Rick Doty](#). (With respect to the accuracy of the results, I shall prudently withhold comment, except as noted below.)

"As to your thoughts and conclusions regarding same, I still think that you and others need to do a lot more hard and serious looking at dear [OLDE](#) Phil Klass in connection with MJ-12. I, for one, continue to entertain the notion that [one possible explanation](#) for the whole thing is that one of Phil's notoriously unfunny (read 'vicious') little jokes (with which he intended to embarrass me and others) got so far out of hand that he couldn't and wouldn't own up to it. Moreover, his persistent failure to deny this must be viewed as at least suspicious. Admittedly, I would not have thought of it until you yourself brought up the idea more than a year ago. Now I concede the [possibility](#), and urge serious researchers to at least consider it - especially in light of the fact that additional allegedly phony documents have since surfaced which he may also have had some role in.

"I can confirm [Rick Doty's comments](#) about Bennewitz and those strange 'energy balls'. I actually saw one of those things for a brief moment while in Bennewitz' home..."

- RICHARD ("RICK") DOTY writes as follows:

"I read [your article on Paul Bennewitz](#) in the June 15th edition of 'Saucer Smear'. I find most of it well written, containing facts. However, I'll point out some errors. First, while serving with the Office of Special Investigations (OSI), my rank was Special Agent, not sergeant. As an OSI agent, you did not have a rank. Secondly, I am now a sergeant with the New Mexico State Police, not a trooper.

"The next thing I'd like to discuss is my past association with William Moore. Moore was a coded source for OSI. That means he provided intelligence information that was documented. He was paid for his information. [Moore was used to provide disinformation to Ufologists](#). (*Emphasis ours. - Editor.*) He also provided information regarding Soviet scientists regarding their information. I was not involved in any conspiracy with Moore to create any documents. If Moore was the original author of the MJ-12 documents, he did it without my assistance or my knowledge.

"Obviously you are not aware that I went through two Government investigations regarding the MJ-12 documents. I was accused of creating them. Both investigations cleared me of any involvement with these documents. Phil Klass knows this.

"I never believed that Paul Bennewitz was in contact with ETs. Paul had a problem believing in these things.

"I don't have the beliefs that some might think. The truth is this: Two alien spacecrafts crashed in the desert of New Mexico in the summer of 1947. Our Government recovered five bodies and one live alien. That alien lived until 1952. The recovered spacecrafts were transported to Wright-Patterson for examination and then on to several secret locations. That is it. To the best of my knowledge we have not been visited since. We don't have any UFOs at Area 51. We might still have some remnants of the crashed craft from 1947. The bodies were preserved but I have no knowledge as to their location.

"During my OSI days, I did perform disinformation operations against many different targets, but everything I did was sanctioned by our Government. I never did anything as a maverick.

"You can choose to believe the truth or believe the fiction that others are spreading. I don't have anything to prove to you or anyone else."

Doty claims that he passed two lie detector tests regarding complicity in the MJ-12 document hoax. - Editor.

- And, PHIL KLASS writes as follows:

"Ref. new issue of 'Smear' - interesting as always - especially your piece about your telcon [interview with Rick Doty](#).

"So Doty claims 'that his interest in Bill Moore as a source was simply because Moore was in correspondence with certain Soviet scientists, in regard to UFOs and possibly other matters'. Doty (seemingly) forgets that he (allegedly) was selected by a top intelligence official (code name 'Falcon') to convey 'Top Secret' UFO info to Moore.

"According to Doty, during the height of the Cold War, the National Security Agency (NSA) had nothing more pressing to do than to 'steer the poor man (Bennewitz) deeper into his interplanetary belief system'. In truth, NSA had a jillion more important things on its agenda. According to Doty, NSA 'also tapped his (Bennewitz) phone.' NSA is not allowed to tap the phone line of U.S. resident-citizens.

"When Dory was caught spinning tall tales to his military bosses during his mid-1980s assignment in West Germany, he was booted out of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) and spent the last two years of his military career managing the Non-Commissioned Officers Club at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico."

- Parapsychologist GEORGE HANSEN writes:

"In your June 15th, 2000 issue, you reported that 'It was [Doty's](#) job to misdirect Bennewitz into continuing to believe the messages were actually from the aliens!'

"Are you simply taking Doty's word for this? After Phil Klass's exposes, Doty certainly has less credibility than even Ed Walters. Do you have any corroboration for Doty's claims???"

"Doty certainly warrants attention, and he has not yet received sufficient credit for his major, albeit inconspicuous, role in propagating the Roswell myth."

- Researcher JANET SMITH writes:

"I read with great interest your [interview with Richard Doty](#). First of all, I would like to congratulate you. That interview was a great piece of work. It is wonderful to have some kind of closure on that piece of Bennewitz business. Bill Moore told me about it when he was working on my story in the early '80s. He said that he squirreled Bennewitz away in Canada for his own protection. It made me nervous for him to tell me that on the phone, because back in those days I was pretty sure that some government agency was tapping my phone on a regular basis. Bill didn't mention (or at least I don't recall that he mentioned) that 'they' in the Bennewitz case were the NSA!

"A few years later Bill was trying to be patient with me when I nagged him to keep plugging on my story. I felt we were so close to a breakthrough. But Bill's marriage had fallen apart, and some people were trying to accuse him of forging some documents which he said he didn't forge. That's all he would say about the matter, but the pain and frustration were accumulating..."

- Ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes:

"I received a phone call from one of the guys that attends Tom Carey's meetings and helps out with his Roswell researches. He told me that Tom and several others believe that they have almost completely deciphered the General Ramey TELEX which appears in the General's hand. in the Roswell news briefing photo of 1947.

"Apparently this group of pro-Roswell researchers believe that the TELEX's text is a 'smoking gun' which proves the existence of the saucer crash; the recovery of alien bodies; (possibly) the formation of the MJ-12 group; and that saucers had already crashed prior to the Roswell Incident!



"I suggested that the group submit their findings to a local university for replication, and that a 'blind study' be performed to insure accuracy and objectivity. It will be interesting to see if they actually seek out an unbiased panel, or solicit the pro-UFO skills of someone like Dr. Ron Westrun (of MJ-12 document endorsement fame!)

"Interestingly, if the TELEX does mention MJ-12, it means that the group existed prior to the Roswell crash. (Yikes, there goes another well-researched time-line to pieces!) Hey, this is getting better than an ol' Cactus Jack story!

"Moreover, these guys never thought of asking themselves why Ramey would call a press briefing (which was really a coverup) and walk into the room with a note in his hand proclaiming it all to be a ruse! Obviously, unlike so many other Roswell witnesses, the General had no fear of court martial, demotion, dismissal, or loss of pension. It will be interesting to see what Tom Carey & Company come up with to explain the General's behavior (Perhaps it was a case of temporary insanity?)

"So stay tuned! I believe that this story could turn out to be a major ufoological scoop for 'Smear', although I doubt that it will surpass Czar Andrus' endorsement of '[the Marvinius Skeleton](#)' or [David Huggin's sensational two-act play](#). Yahoo!

"You might want to let Karl Pflock do a bit of 'UFO-sleuthing' on this one, as I know he is a Roswellian antagonist of the first magnitude.

"Methinks that old blurry photo of the TELEX, like the face on Mars (and its canals!), is in the eye/mind of the beholder. Herman Rorschach would have loved it!"

- In a letter to Matt Graeber, PHIL KLASS writes:

"Ref. the Rsmey Office Memo (ROM): Because you probably were never cleared for 'Top Secret', you are not familiar with the special handling provisions: "Quoting directly from TS-H: #3.14159: 'Whenever you are going to be photographed by a newspaper reporter, always obtain a Top Secret document to take into the room with the photographer. Always fold and hold the document so that at least part of its Top Secret message can be photographed. If the photographer does not have a telephoto lens on his camera, provide him with one. If that does not work, 'accidentally' drop the Top Secret document and ask the reporter to pick it up for you, to give him a chance to scan the message.'"

Pi in your Eye, Phil Klass - Editor

- CHRISTOPHER ALLAN of England writes as follows:

"I received your latest 'Smear', with the Paul Bennewitz tale therein.

"One matter of interest is this: How and when did the expression 'Extraterrestrial Biological Entities' (or EBE for short) arise? According to the MJ-12 papers, the term was first used by Dr. Detlev Bronk when MJ-12 was set up in 1947. Only MJ-12 diehards (the few that still exist) believe this now.

"I read somewhere that the term EBE was first suggested by Paul Bennewitz around 1980, but probably this was only in conversation and not in writing. It would be a 100% knockout punch on MJ-12 if we could lay our hands on a Bennewitz paper known to have been written before 1984, the date the MJ-12 stuff allegedly reached Moore and Shandera.

"So my question is: Is there any paper or article or are there any notes of Bennewitz written earlier than 1984, containing the term 'EBE'?

"Discovery of such would finally sink MJ-12 and all its follow-up documents, forever. Was

Bennewitz in fact the inventor of the concept of an EBE???

"Re [Edward Condon's article](#) written in 1969, has anyone ever been publicly horsewhipped in the U.S? Do such public punishments or humiliations still occur? (Not to be confused with lynchings, of course!)"

- Finally, EDWARD F. MITCHEL, JR. of Nashville, Tennessee, writes:

"I can't stand it anymore. Your newsletter is just too good for me to wait the extra month it takes to get it from the Internet. I am enclosing my Love Offering of \$25 in hopes that it will be sufficient to get me a year's worth of your newsletter.

"P.S: I have been accumulating and reading everything I can get my hands on by and about Gray Barker. He was a hell of a guy!"

Thanks, Ed, for your delightful letter. We wish there were more people like you out there. As for Gray Barker, he was indeed a hell of a guy, and we still miss him very much. - Editor.

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