

Subject: Still a Fool: Report from Groom Lake  
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Yes, it's true. I am *\*still\** a fool. But frankly I find some relief in being lucid enough to *\*recognize\** and *\*admit\** that I am a fool. There's nothing more awkward than being a fool and not knowing it -

with the possible exception of being a fool, knowing it, not being able to admit it and hoping that it will just go unnoticed.

So I mentioned that I was going away for a few days to get a fresh perspective. I guess it's safe to say that having seen the Groom Lake Test Facility (aka Area 51 & 'Dreamland') with my own eyes, I now have a new perspective. Yes, it's one thing to read about it for years, and talk with others who have seen it, and then it's another thing altogether to see it with your own eyes.

So anyway, Irene and I spent Wednesday through Friday of last week doing the COMDEX thing in Las Vegas. I was supporting third-party vendors who were using Tektronix gear in their displays. (For those of you that don't know COMDEX, it is the world's largest high-tech, computer-oriented trade show. Approx 180, 000 people attended this year.) Irene got to run around and explore all the nifty new 'state-o-the-art' toys on the market. We also got to enjoy a performance by Dennis Miller at the MGM which was most entertaining.

After tearing down Friday evening, we got up the next morning, checked out and drove to the world's tiniest famous town. Rachel Nevada, where we met Glenn Campbell (aka PsychoSpy) and swapped stories and ideas around the UFO/'abduction' phenomenon. We agreed to meet him back at his "Area 51 Research Center" a little later to go up to the top of "Freedom Ridge". Meanwhile we tooled off to "The Little A'Le'Inn" for lunch and to see if we could get a room. The Little A'Le'Inn is a famous little resaurant/bar (the only one in the town of Rachel, which consists of the 'Inn', a gas station/store and a few little trailer homes scattered about) that is owned by a wonderful couple named Pat and Joe Travis. We sat down and I ordered myself an "Alien Burger". It was good. Tasted a lot like our own terrestrial burgers.

We had the pleasure of speaking with one of the local gals who described some of the strange arial phenomena she had experienced in Rachel: from globes of light flying right through her home to strangely lighted discs that actually landed near the back gate of Rachel (leading off into restricted land) and then disappeared a few minutes later. She stated that everybody in town had seen many strange things, and if they said that haven't then they were likely hiding something. She also enjoyed sharing how a friend of hers that works in "'51" (as she called it) emphatically tried to convince her over and over that the strange globes in her home were *\*not\** alien. She seemed to think that he

knew a few things that he wasn't letting on.

Pat Travis, co-owner of the Little A'Le'Inn, sat down with us for a while and shared how she had come to move to Rachel, and how her husband and her came to buy the Inn, and how they had been 'guided' to turn it into "a safe place for people to come from around the world to share their own UFO-related experiences.

When asked about the many autographed photos on the wall (Bob Lazar, George Knapp, Sean David Morton ("Worlds Foremost UFO Researcher"), et. al.), she was kind enough to share a few of the stories behind the pictures. "Bob Lazar is a friend of ours", she said. "He comes in here all the time." Also found hanging on the wall is a colored poster showing a cutaway view of Lazar's reknowned "Sports Model", and some of the working details. Another poster shows a 'grey' standing there with a map of the alleged locations of there 'hiding places'. The words on the poster say something simple like "We Are Here".

We thanked Pat for her time, rented a room (a trailer out back, actually), paid for our lunch, and then headed back to meet Mr. Campbell for our next adventure.

When we got back to the "Research Center" (Which is actually Glenn's trailer home complete with "the town's largest library" - mostly books about UFOs and gov't conspiracies - many different books, charts, studies, photos of the Groom Lake facility, plastic models of secret aircraft that were tested out of the non-existent  
airbase, and of course the "Area 51 Viewers Guide" written by Mr. Campbell himself (A must for anybody curious about Rachel and Area 51), all for sale to the curious public who pass through this tiny town for their own clues, or even a glimpse of a real 'flying saucer' in the night sky. And his tiny yard is decorated with the bones from dead cattle, a listless looking 'grey' propped up against the side of the trailer, the tail section of an F-4 fighter plane that crashed somewhere nearby and other curious nick-nacks. ) we jumped into his tan 4x4 filled with scanners, frequency counters, binoculars, telescopes and odd wires and cables leading to various antennae and power supplies.

Next thing we knew, we were off. Headed straight for those ominous signs that state "Deadly Use of Force Authorized". A few miles down the hill we turned right at the famed "Black Mailbox", from which numerous UFO sightings have been reported, and then another right onto Groom Lake Road. A few miles from our destination, Glenn pointed to the top of a hill on the horizon to where a small glint of light was reflecting back from the otherwise natural surface. "There they are, waiting for us", he said. 'Cammo Dudes'! The infamous security teams that patrolled the perimeter of the non-existent airbase! Irene's

and my eyes got a little wider as we turned towards each other barely suppressing our anticipatory grins.

Moments later the radio squawked, "CHRRRrrrrrrrk-Beep!" Security knew we were here! They were talking about us! Mr. Campbell knows all the frequencies that the Cammo Dudes, the non-existent control tower, and the local sheriff communicate on, and is constantly monitoring them for activity. Irene and I cannot hear what the 'Dudes' are saying, however, because their communications are scrambled, and we have no way to unscramble them.

After another few minutes we turn onto the "Freedom Ridge Expressway", which is immediately greeted by another series of squawks from the scanner. "They're coming up here", we imagine the 'Dudes' are saying to each other.

Freedom Ridge, was so named by Glenn Campbell himself as he discovered a new and relatively convenient spot to view 'Area 51' from. Needless to say, the "Expressway" was named by him as well. It's important to note here, that "Freedom Ridge" will likely \*not\* be "free" at all within a few short months (weeks?) as the government is about to seize another 4,000 acres surrounding the Groom Lake region to prevent 'We, the People' from seeing where our tax dollars are going. Mr. Campbell has been active in lobbying \*against\* the land seizure as he would like to see the government be held accountable for whatever is going on out there. Fortunately, through his newsletters ("The Desert Rat"), his Research Center, his political activism involving the BLM and gov't/military parties and his several appearances in major magazines and on popular television shows, he has brought the knowledge of 'Area 51' out of the tiny UFO circles of five years ago, and into primetime television viewing and the immensity of the Internet.

(BTW, there is another peak nearby called Tikaboo Peak, that will still offer a line of sight to the airbase that is \*not\* to be included in the 4,000 acre land-grab, but it is apparently not nearly as easy to access as Freedom Ridge is.)

The trip to the top of the ridge is a rough one, and not for low-clearance vehicles. In fact it is not recommended for anybody who has not experienced some serious 4-wheeling before. By the time we got to the top, the sun was nearing the horizon to set behind the hills that silhouetted the secret airbase. Irene and I picked up our binoculars and looked to the west, and sure enough, there it was: a non-existent, top secret airbase the size of a small city! This place was huge! There was the world's longest known landing strip. And microwave dishes the size of huge buildings pointed straight up into the sky. And there's the control tower. And there are a whole bunch of other buildings with God-knows-what inside them. Geez! It's right there, yet for some reason

we are supposed to pretend that it's not? We're supposed to just let the government \*take\* \*away\* another \*4,000\* \*acres\*, and not ask them what it is that our taxes bought, that they say we have no right to see?

Now that the cold war is over, what the hell could possibly be going on there that is so critical to 'national security' that we can't even know what it is? That we can't even get with in \*miles\* of it?

These kinds of thoughts kept going on in my head (and still are) over and over and over. How many more secret facilities the size of cities are there in this country that we've never heard of yet?

So that's what is at Groom Lake, what is there a little bit further at Papoose Lake, where Bob Lazar claims to have worked on alien craft?

The immensity of the implications, the sheer enormity of the secrecy that needs to be overcome is boggling to me.

For what it's worth, Glen Campbell has my respect as a researcher and an activist. He seems to be very conscious of the line between empirical data and circumstantial evidence. He seems also consciously not attaching himself firmly to either the 'believer' or the 'skeptic' camps, and is quite willing to be both and neither. He genuinely seems open to all different kinds of perspectives, and is able to award even the most flakey and unlikely stories a degree of respect and reverence, out of apparent appreciation for the colorful quality of humanity. I sincerely wish him my best in whatever he does.

Anyways, we slept at the A'Le'Inn that night, and when I awoke in the morning just before dawn there was a huge bright white light hovering in the sky! Okay, so it was Venus, but it was the biggest and brightest I had ever seen it before. It was beautiful.

We drove down the hill, and back to Vegas for the annual Nellis Air Force Base Open House (which we would not have even known about had Mr. Campbell not told us). That was fun. For you Av-buffs there were performances by The Thunderbirds (based out of Nellis), an F-15, an F-16, an A-10, a Christien Eagle, a Pitts Special, there were some warbirds: a P-51, a Spitfire, etc..., there was a Bede-5J that was kind of fun, and a fair ammount of static displays, including the B-1 bomber and the ominous looking F117A stealth fighter.

Dean, I couldn't help but wonder if \*you\* were there. I know

you've attended that show before. It would have been a real kick to have run into Mr. Adams, in the flesh. It would have made Chuck jealous, anyways. ;-)

So, I'm back and I've got a new attitude: I'm going to do some more ignoring of the butt-heads, and watch my manners a bit more. Just for spite, I'm going to be sweet and civil, even to those who have never tried the same to others with divergeant opinions. It's gonna be a challenge, and sometimes I may ever-so-verily inclined to start blasting at certain kinds of people.

Overall, I'm just going to work on my art of subtlety a bit.

Wish me luck!

Peace through deliberate change -

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-Steve Frost          "My sole intention is learning to fly
charlefr@qm.wv.tek.com Condition grounded, but determined to
try
                        Can't keep my eyes from the circling
skies
                        Tongue-tied and twisted
                        Just an Earth-bound misfit, I "
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----- GROOM LAKE TOXIC INJURY SUIT -----

Below is a transcript of a report on ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT WITH PETER JENNINGS, August 1, 1994.

[Supplement to the Groom Lake Desert Rat. Transcribed without permission. The transcript is followed by a press release from George Washington University concerning the suit.]

FORREST SAWYER (fill-in anchor): Some government employees are going to court this week, charging that their work has made them sick. What makes their claim so unusual is what they do and where--at a super secret military base called Groom Lake whose

very existence we first reported just a couple of months ago. Here's our legal affairs correspondent Cynthia McFadden.

CYNTHIA MCFADDEN: These people are not your average commuters. [Workers boarding jets at McCarran Airport.] Among them are engineers and technicians helping develop America's most secret new weapons. Every day they fly a half an hour into the desert from Las Vegas on an airline that doesn't exist.

[In desert.] The planes land at an air base just behind these hills. Showing it to you would be a crime. And if you have ever worked at the air base, talking about it is a crime. And yet some of the workers say they now must talk about environmental crimes they say the government committed.

VICTIM (in shadow, voice disguised): We all done a lot of coughing while the smoke was blowing in our direction. I developed cancer. I guess I'm not cured of it.

CYNTHIA MCFADDEN: This man and at least a dozen others say that throughout the 1980s a deadly smoke was produced by weekly burnings in huge pits at the air base.

WITNESS (in shadow, voice disguised): There were several trenches about 300 feet long and about 25 to 30 feet across and about 25 feet deep.

CYNTHIA MCFADDEN (to WITNESS): What was the purpose of the trenches?

WITNESS: For the destruction of classified material.

CYNTHIA MCFADDEN: Materials like those used to make the stealth fighter invisible to radar. Where better to dispose of the secret compounds than the secret air base, as seen in this 1988 Russian satellite photograph. An air base where the environmental laws didn't seem to reach.

WITNESS: The running joke was, it was the place that didn't exist, so consequently anything could occur there.

CYNTHIA MCFADDEN: The Air Force says that while we can't take a picture of the base, they can't object to our showing you this Russian photo. It shows where workers say the trenches were located.

VICTIM: It was thick black smoke. Sometimes it was thick gray. The smell was very nauseating. It would burn your eyes. It would burn your throat.

CYNTHIA MCFADDEN: And the smoke, say some of those who worked in it, made them sick.

VICTIM: I developed a rash, skin rash. I used sandpaper to get

the scale off, because it's the only way I can remove it.

CYNTHIA MCFADDEN (to VICTIM): Do other men that you worked with describe a similar rash?

VICTIM: One in particular, yes. He had it all over his body.

CYNTHIA MCFADDEN: What happened to him?

VICTIM: He died.

CYNTHIA MCFADDEN: Robert Frost was a sheet metal worker at the base, until he started developing these rashes. Neither he nor his wife could figure out what had caused them. Just before his death, they sent a tissue sample to Peter Kahn, an expert on hazardous chemicals. His conclusion? Robert Frost had been exposed to types of dioxins and dibenzofurans, which are not normally seen in humans.

PROF. PETER KAHN ("Rutgers University"): My only reaction is, what on earth has this man been exposed to?

CYNTHIA MCFADDEN: Frost died in 1989 of cirrhosis of the liver, but his widow Helen says that while Frost did drink, he was no alcoholic. She believes the real cause of her husband's death was working at Groom Lake.

HELEN FROST: Who does the government think they are that they can go around killing people. That's called murder.

CYNTHIA MCFADDEN: The Air Force told Mrs. Frost that it had nothing to do with her husband's death, so she and her daughters, along with a dozen others who worked at the air base, have hired themselves a lawyer.

PROF. JONATHAN TURLEY (to Frost family): Many of our clients may be developing more extensive injuries similar to your father's.

CYNTHIA MCFADDEN: They want to lift the secrecy surrounding the burning and find out what the workers were exposed to. The government's position has been that these people have no right to go to court, that national security demands continued secrecy. Air Force and Environmental Protection Agency officials said that they would not comment on the pending legal action.

PROF. JONATHAN TURLEY ("George Washington Law Center"): The secrecy oath doesn't mean that my clients have stopped being citizens of the United States. It doesn't mean that they are non-persons and they've got a non-injury.

CYNTHIA MCFADDEN: The government says there were no environmental crimes committed there at Groom Lake, the Air Force base that doesn't exist. They say, nobody's sick. Jonathan Turley and his clients say given a chance they can prove otherwise.

Cynthia McFadden, ABC News, on the road to Groom Lake.

----- GWU PRESS RELEASE -----

Below is a PRESS RELEASE from George Washington University,  
Office  
of University Relations, Washington, D.C....

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 2, 1994

GW LAW PROFESSOR JONATHAN TURLEY FILES AGAINST THE EPA FOR  
FAILURE  
TO INSPECT SECRET AIR FORCE BASE FOR VIOLATION OF FEDERAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS.

Washington, D.C. -- The George Washington University National Law Center Professor of Environmental Law Jonathan Turley, in an unprecedented move, filed suit today against the Environmental Protection Agency for failing to live up to its duties to inspect violations of federal environmental laws. This will be the first in a series of legal actions planned by Professor Turley.

Turley is representing current and former workers at Area 51, a secret Air Force base in Nevada -- also known as Dreamland or Groom Lake. The suit alleges serious injuries, and at least one death, to employees due to the burning of hazardous and toxic wastes at the facility. Turley's suit further alleges that workers were denied requests for protective clothing -- including gloves -- in handling hazardous wastes. Workers, who signed secrecy agreements upon employment at the base, will be represented as "John and Jane Does" to prevent possible retaliation, including physical threats.

This case is the first of it's kind. Area 51 is generally considered the most secret, classified base in the U.S. military network. "By forcing compliance at Area 51, we hope to establish a precedent whereby the military will be forced to acknowledge its responsibilities in every base and facility," says Turley. "Ultimately, this case is a direct confrontation between national security laws and environmental and criminal laws."

Specifically, Turley will be asking the D.C. court to force the EPA to inspect and monitor the secret base. He will argue that the federal hazardous waste law does not give any exception for secret bases in its provisions and will be asking the court to force the EPA to fulfill a mandatory duty under the law.

"We want to establish that workers at secret bases should not be forced to rely on the arbitrary protections of the military, but should be able to go to court to receive remedies for violations," says Turley. He also intends to establish that secrecy agreements do not preempt environmental protections. Eventually, Turley plans to draft a new law on the judicial review of such cases and

on issues ranging from anonymous legal actions to standing questions to citizen suit actions against the EPA.

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