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PART 1

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Associated Investigator's Report #1

The Fund for CIA Research?
or
Who's Disinforming Whom?

One of the nation's leading sponsors of UFO research and investigations, the Fund for UFO Research, has had a long-standing secret relationship with the CIA and the U.S. Intelligence community. Dr. Bruce Maccabee, an optics and laser specialist with the Naval Surface Weapons Laboratory near Washington, DC, one of the Fund's founders and members of the group's Executive Committee, has been secretly meeting with CIA officials since 1979, briefing them about various UFO matters and investigators.

In a recent interview, Maccabee confirmed that he has given a number of

briefings on UFOs at CIA Headquarters at Langley, Virginia, the most recent of which was on Friday, May 28, 1993, just before the Memorial Day weekend. While the latest presentation was primarily about "residual magnetic effects" allegedly discovered after an incident near Gulf Breeze, Florida, other meetings with the CIA have involved such matters as "MJ-12," the Roswell incident, purported UFO photos and films, physiological effects on UFO witnesses, psychic phenomena and UFO researchers.

Maccabee described one meeting at a CIA conference room that he said was "standing room only," in which he briefed CIA personnel on the supposed super-secret "MJ-12" group detailed in "documents" revealed by William L. "Bill" Moore, a person who subsequently claimed to be a government disinformation agent. At the same time and for undisclosed reasons, Maccabee briefed the CIA men on the CIA's own UFO files released under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Following the "MJ-12" conference, Maccabee was told by Ron Pandolfi, a CIA official who is Maccabee's main contact at the agency, that he had "created a lot of spies" within the CIA. It seems that in the aftermath of the session CIA officers began snooping on each other and combing each other's files in some sort of bizarre search for evidence of the fabled UFO control group, sparked by Maccabee's talk. Maccabee even persuaded Pandolfi to have the CIA's librarian for "MJ-12" references in the Roscoe Hillenkoetter (an early CIA director) files. The results were negative, reportedly.

Maccabee first approached the CIA in early 1979 after traveling to New Zealand to investigate the filming of an alleged "UFO" from a plane by a television crew. Although most people who viewed the film were unimpressed by the jumpy blob of nocturnal light, Maccabee for unclear reasons, decided the film represented some sort of probative evidence of UFOs and set out to bring it to the attention of CIA officials. He then put out feelers through his contacts with companies performing tasks for the CIA, and later a meeting was set up at

CIA Headquarters, during which he screened the film and summarized his analysis of it.

A short time later, Maccabee revealed details of his meeting to W. Todd Zechel, founder of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS) and UFO researcher specializing in government coverup. Zechel had initiated a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit against the CIA in September 1977 in conjunction with Peter Gersten, a New York attorney, and Ground Saucer Watch, a Phoenix-based UFO group for which Zechel was Director of Research. In December 1978 the suit resulted in the CIA releasing more than a thousand documents it had claimed didn't exist prior to the suit.

In recorded conversations with Zechel, Maccabee disclosed that a CIA official had taken him aside after the New Zealand UFO film briefing and revealed that he was the custodian of the CIA's UFO files. These files, the official said, consisted of some 15,000 UFO-related documents, of which, he claimed, only "two or three thousand were really interesting," the remainder being mostly mundane Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) reports and items of lesser interest. All of these documents had been turned over to the CIA's Freedom of Information Staff, the official told Maccabee, in response to the FOIA suit Zechel had filed.

It should be noted, at this point, that the CIA had been ordered to search all of its files for UFO-related documents and make a full accounting of them. This Stipulation and Order was in accordance with an agreement Zechel and Gersten had worked out with the CIA's attorney and a U.S. Attorney at a Status Call hearing on the suit on July 7, 1978. It was then that Zechel had, in a rather forceful manner, threatened to have CIA officials criminally prosecuted for issuing false replies to FOIA requests on UFOs. Faced with this, the CIA had backed down and agreed to cooperate. However, subsequently the CIA only accounted for 1,000 documents and claimed to be withholding a mere 57.

What Maccabee was told in confidence by the CIA's UFO files custodian dove-tailed exactly with statements made by CIA representatives during the course of the suit, during which attorney Gersten was led to believe in excess of 10,000 documents would be made available. There was also a letter to Zechel from the CIA's FOIA staff asking him to suspend action on a particular request, stating, "1,000 pages of additional UFO related documents have just been located" and were being processed.

It was also clear from analyzing the documents released on December 15, 1978, that the CIA was continuing to be deceptive. Brad Sparks, a researcher with CAUS, found references in the released material to more than 200 other UFO-related documents which the CIA had failed to acknowledge. Moreover, it was evident the CIA had carefully selected the documents it released, even with heavy censorship. The CIA only accounted for documents related to matters Zechel and Sparks had uncovered during their investigation of CIA involvement, and excluded many others such as conclusions of its emergency studies of UFOs in 1952, 1957, 1965, 1967, and others. These studies were carried out in secret, utilizing Domestic Contact Service (a.k.a. Domestic Collection Division) agents, during a number of UFO flaps and in conjunction with the Condon Committee study (1966-68).

A Missed Opportunity

In March 1979, after the CIA filed deceptive affidavits with the court about its purported search of files, Gersten set out to file an Order to Show Cause Why the CIA Should Not Be Held in Contempt of Court. The Show Cause order asked the court to penalize the CIA for failing to comply with the Stipulation and Order agreed to in 1978.

It was during the construction of the Show Cause motion that Maccabee made his remarkable revelations to Zechel, who immediately asked if he could speak with the CIA officer. Shortly, Maccabee informed Zechel that the CIA man refused the request. Maccabee also declined to identify the CIA official, other than to say

he was formerly a medical doctor with the CIA's Office of Scientific Intelligence who had become the head of a CIA subgroup that among other things conducted research concerning psychic phenomena.

Zechel hurriedly informed Gersten of Maccabee's disclosures, but attempts to enlist Maccabee's cooperation with the suit were met with refusal and obfuscation, including an attempt by Maccabee to mislead Brad Sparks by telling him the briefing did not take place at CIA headquarters, and he claimed to be unsure if the men he met with were CIA employees. This clever manipulation of the facts threw Sparks off the trail and made Zechel's information about the meeting appear to be suspect.

It was clear from Maccabee's other statements to Zechel that Maccabee intended to cooperate with the CIA on a continuing basis and that he hoped to become its sort of UFO-man-on-call, perhaps being dispatched around the world to investigate UFO sightings--sort of the James Bond of UFO encounters. Zechel found this to be a rather silly fantasy in light of the fact he had found the CIA had been conducting secret studies of UFOs since 1952, and perhaps even before that, and had utilized high-tech cameras, sensing devices and a nationwide field staff of agents who became covert operatives in 1973.

In any case, no thanks to Maccabee the Order to Show Cause was filed one day late and thrown out of court when the U.S. District Court judge upheld the CIA's Out of Time motion. The CIA had been 88 days late with its filing, surpassing a 60 day extension by 28 days. But that mattered not to Judge John Pratt, whose rulings had been reversed five times in the past by higher courts for decisions unfairly favorable to the CIA.

In the years since, Maccabee and Zechel had several phone conversations revolving around Maccabee's relationship with the CIA. At one point, Zechel asked him, directly, if he was working for the CIA. "You might say that," Maccabee replied. In April 1990, however, Maccabee began to back-pedal on what

he'd been told by the CIA's UFO files custodian in 1979. Suddenly he contended the official had said "there might be as many as 15,000 UFO-related documents" scattered throughout headquarters. In this version, The CIA man had merely been speculating about the totality of the CIA's collection, judging by the one or two thousand he had control over.

The 1990 interview with Maccabee was witnessed by UFO lecturer Robert Hastings as it played over a speaker phone in Zechel's office. Several years earlier, Hastings had called Maccabee about another matter and in passing asked him about reports of his contacts with the CIA, the 1979 briefing. Maccabee feigned puzzlement and denied the whole thing.

In the most recent interview, Maccabee continued to cling to his contention that the CIA official had been guessing about the 15,000 number. When it was pointed out to him this was illogical in light of the fact the acknowledged custodian would have no reason to suppose another 13,000 documents were located in other files, Maccabee had no response other than to assert it seemed logical to him.

In point of fact, the custodian of the UFO files had merely inherited them as the result of being "Keeper of the Wierd," as Maccabee described it. There were general files on UFOs from several CIA offices, including Scientific Intelligence, thereby presenting no basis to suppose there were large numbers of additional documents elsewhere or for making an educated guess as to their total. In other words, why would a person who believed he was custodian, that 13,000 other UFO documents were being stored in other places somewhere in the CIA?

The answer seems clear: Maccabee treasures his secret relationship with the CIA more dearly than he feels any need to be forthright about matters vitally important to objective researchers.

Although for years Maccabee has closely guarded the custodian's identity, in the most recent interview he confirmed the official's name is Christopher C.

"Kit" Green, more recently the chief of the Biomedical Sciences Department at General Motors. Dr. Green attained a Ph.D. in Neurophysiology in 1969 and in 1976 received his M.D., Doctor of Medicine, degree. Green was awarded the CIA's National Intelligence Medal for his work on a "classified project" from 1979 to 1983, precisely the years in which Maccabee was meeting with him at CIA headquarters. Green uses somewhat of a cover story to describe his CIA work, calling himself a "Scientific Advisor on the Advisory Board to the Directorate of Intelligence, CIA."

According to Maccabee, Green sought out Bill Moore in 1988 or 1989, shortly after Moore had his 15 minutes of fame as a technical consultant for "UFO Cover-Up? Live!," the disastrous two-hour TV special that featured back-lit ravings by "Falcon" Doty and "Condor" Collins. Subsequently, Green became BLUEJAY in Moore's fabled aviary, although it's unclear if Green realized he'd become a member of the flock. But then birds of a feather do flock together, don't they?

According to Maccabee's account, "BLUEJAY" Green volunteered to carry out special missions for Moore, the confessed disinformationist. One of these assignments involved Green trying to make contact with Robert Gates, the Director of Central Intelligence under President George Bush. It appears Moore told Green that Gates held some lofty position in the current configuration of the mythical "MJ-12," and Green was supposed to approach Gates by passing some sort of code word or phrase, a scenario right out of an old pulp spy novel. Maccabee, with some disgust, says Green "bungled" the code word and the rendezvous fell through.

Remarkably, Maccabee seems not to understand how foolish all this looks to people who have intensely studied the government's handling of UFOs over the years, nor does he seem to question the validity of Moore's activities, long after Moore publically confessed to being a liar and betrayer of fellow ufologists, a la his contention in 1989 that he was a "controlled informant" at

the annual MUFON symposium in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Dr. Maccabee, Bill Moore & MJ-12

At this point we are forced to review the whole sordid history surrounding Bill Moore, his associate Rick Doty and his highly dubious claim to have been ordered to spy on Paul Bennewitz by members of unnamed agencies of the United States Government. This review is necessary in order to appreciate the lack of judgement that Dr. Maccabee (and therefore FUFOR) has demonstrated in his continuing support for and association with Bill Moore and more importantly Bill Moore's best known creation--the MJ-12 hoax.

Paul Bennewitz is a man with a long history of mental illness who, when lucid, ran a company called Thunder Scientific Corp., a manufacturer of temperature and humidity measuring devices, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mr. Bennewitz claimed to have observed and filmed alien spacecraft activity over restricted areas of Kirtland, AFB and tried to interest Air Force officials in his sightings. Robert Hastings, a resident of the same city, spent some time with Bennewitz on two occasions after stories of Bennewitz's UFO encounters began to surface. Contrary to Moore's claims that Bennewitz had seen and filmed super-secret UFO-like craft over the Manzano Weapons Storage Area and the Coyote Canyon Test Site, Hastings found the films to be hoaxes so crude and poorly done as to be laughable. It was quite obvious, Hastings says, that one film was of several birds in flight (metaphorically appropriate, wouldn't you say?). During the screening, Bennewitz claimed the birds' flapping wings were alien spacecraft "force fields" moving up and down. Another film "looked like Bennewitz had thrown it on the floor and walked on it," Hastings added. The film was nothing more than a series of smudges, hair and other debris. A third film purportedly of a "green fireball" phenomenon as reported in one of Doty's bogus documents was found by Hastings to be somewhat drawn on the underside of the 8 mm film strip with a green magic marker.

Hastings, a compassionate and fair-minded person, quickly realized Bennewitz was a mentally disturbed man suffering from paranoid delusions revolving around alien beings. At one point, Bennewitz showed Hastings print-outs of complete garble which he claimed were messages from the "aliens." Bennewitz interpreted the garble for Hastings, explaining that the aliens had tracked him from his hotel to Bennewitz's home, that they liked him and wanted to rendezvous with him later that evening at a remote site. Hastings said thanks but no thanks. A long time friend of Bennewitz's has confirmed that Bennewitz has been repeatedly hospitalized by his family and treated for mental illness over the past decade, long before Moore had reportedly began working his alledged disinformational magic on Bennewitz.

For a better impression of Bennewitz's mental state, check out this description taken from an advertising flyer for Christa Tilton's 'The Bennewitz Papers, 'a book based upon his ramblings: "Bennewitz reported [that] horrid people began following him, breaking into his home to install wire taps, Air Force men showing up at his doorstep at all hours..he was being drugged and was convinced aliens were coming into his home and sticking him with needles. He became a frightened man. He also felt like the government was possibly behind some of the happenings."

There was probably thousands of people all over the country suffering from the same sort of paranoid delusions as Paul Bennewitz. What set Bennewitz apart was that he came into contact with an AFOSI agent named Sgt. Richard Doty.

"Falcon" Doty first surfaced during an attempt to sell a hoaxed incident about a pitched battle with aliens at Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota, where Doty had been stationed. Bob Pratt, armed with a legitimate looking report about the reported case that had been concocted and leaked to Doty, conducted a lengthy investigation for the 'National Enquirer' but failed to find even a shred of supporting evidence. Later, Doty began sending phony letters to APRO, trying to

bait them in similar fashion. Then, while stationed at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, Doty came into contact with Bennewitz as a result of Bennewitz's attempts to get Air Force officials to listen to his rantings about alien encounters.

While other Kirtland officials had politely declined to meet with Bennewitz, Doty apparently saw an opportunity to make hay with Bennewitz's bales. Doty even invited Jerry Miller, a former investigator with the Air Force's 4602nd Sq., the group that did legwork for Project Blue Book, to a meeting with Bennewitz. Miller came away convinced Bennewitz was nothing more than a mentally disturbed person, a "nut case," and advised Doty that he was wasting his time.

But devious Doty was not discouraged. He concocted reports incorporating some of Bennewitz's stories, adding his own embellishments, then sought out Bill Moore, whom he heard speaking about UFOs on a local radio station. The pair soon found a great deal in common: Doty was determined to make big money by concocting phony UFO stories and Moore was determined to get rich by exploiting the subject. In fact, Moore told Todd Zechel in early 1980 that "I'll bet you've heard that you can't make money off UFOs? Well, I proved that wrong!" Bruce Maccabee was present when Moore made this brag, but apparently did not see what dangers it foretold.

Moore showed some of Doty's reports during a documentary on UFOs produced by Ron Lakis, and later Barry Greenwood and Larry Fawcett of CAUS captured one of them on video tape freeze-frame, then submitted FOIA requests for the documents. Doty responded to the request by forwarding several "reports," which were dutifully reprinted in 'Clear Intent' , Greenwood and Fawcett's book. This process legitimized the "documents" and convinced even skeptical UFO advocates that Bennewitz had stumbled onto something important.

Shortly thereafter, members of CAUS took the bait Doty had dangled. Peter Gersten CAUS's attorney, made contact with Doty through Bill Moore and a

meeting was arranged. There, Doty alluded to possessing other "hot" information on UFOs and subsequently offered to sell Gersten "documents," stating he needed money because his wife had recently divorced him and he owed legal fees. Gersten wisely declined the offer, fearing he was either being set up for criminal prosecution or that Doty was attempting a swindle.

Moore, the man who had resurrected the Roswell incident (a case for which the best explanation at that point seemed to be some sort of top secret constant altitude balloon project), began working with Doty on developing documents to support crashed saucer recoveries, knowing these would have a greater financial value than Bennewitz's "sightings." Documentary filmmaker Linda Howe was invited to Kirtland to meet with Doty, during which she was shown a purported "Presidential Briefing Paper" on crashed saucers that described four such incidents. Doty also regaled Howe with tales about captured aliens known as EBEs (Extraterrestrial Biological Entities), a term invented by Paul Bennewitz, the same person responsible for "greys," a 'classification' for little E.T.-type aliens now in common use.

Doty continued to string Howe along for several months, telling her she'd been selected by a super-secret control group known as "MJ-12" to make startling disclosures to the public about alien beings, promising to deliver lengthy film footage of downed saucers and even to introduce her to a live alien. Howe ate it up with a spoon, proving once again, that you can fool some people all of the time.

Moore and Doty came up with a clever scheme to disguise the fact they were in cahoots. Shortly after Howe's Kirtland visit, Doty phoned Howe and charged, "Why did you tell Bill Moore that you and I had slept together?" Up to this point, Howe had never in her life spoken with Moore, but after Doty's unsettling accusations she tracked him down and called him to find out why he had told Doty a lie about her. Moore, of course, denied the charge, but 'confessed' he was also working with "MJ-12" and suggested they get together to

compare notes.

In this manner, Moore was able to reinforce Doty's bogus disclosures without appearing to be a co-conspirator. It was a method he used throughout the entire scam: by bringing in credulous outsiders such as Howe and Lee Graham and circulating the bogus material among them or just flashing it on them, he was able to obfuscate the origin of the "documents" and make it seem as though others were involved with the "leaks." In reality, the "Majestic-12" was "Swindlers-2," Doty and Moore.

For example, Moore gave a copy of the "briefing paper" Doty had shown to Howe to Capt. Bob "Condor" Collins, who subsequently read parts of it over the phone to Howe, who recognized it as identical to the one flashed by Doty. Howe became even more impressed by the fact an active-duty officer had the "briefing paper," and by then was arranging with HBO to broadcast Doty's earth-shaking disclosures.

"Condor" Collins claimed to have gotten most of his information about UFOs, captured aliens and underground bases from U.S.A.F. Lt. Col Ernie Kellerstrauss, with whom he had served at Wright-Patterson AFB. Kellerstrauss may have been the officer who purportedly had spent a year with EBE-1, during which he'd learned of the critter's preference for strawberry ice cream. Now retired and living near Dayton, Ohio, "Hawk" Kellerstrauss refuses to comment on Collins' claims.

In any case, when Moore came to Denver to meet with Howe, he proposed they work together to exploit "MJ-12's" revelations, suggesting that Howe do the film and he'd write the book. Moore added that he intended to get "very rich" from the effort. Howe, convinced she'd been chosen to perform a great mission for the government (the old "Messiah" syndrome), which according to Doty, wanted to come clean about UFOs, said she wanted only to perform her patriotic duty and desired only to be reimbursed for her expenses.

Meanwhile, Moore conferred with Brad Sparks, whom he regarded as an expert on

the government's handling of UFOs. Moore asked Sparks which crashed saucer cases he though offered the most promise for pay dirt, and Sparks said he thought the Roswell incident, about which Moore had previously co-authored a book, and one that reportedly ocured in December 1950 near the Texas-Mexico border. The latter case had been researched by Todd Zechel, who first heard about it in 1964 from a colleague in the Army Security Agency whose uncle had purportedly headed the recovery. Sparks, along with Jerome Clark, had been kept apprised of Zechel's investigation.

Two manuscripts written by Zechel on the case had been obtained by Moore under suspicious circumstances. One was acquired from Jerome Clark, with whom Zechel had been writing a book. (Clark reportedly leaked the report to Moore in revenge for Zechel pulling out of the book deal, which Zechel claims was caused by Clark refusing to do his share of the work.) A second, up-dated report was given to Moore by Harper and Row's West Coast office, purportedly in an effort to evaluate the validity of it.

In December 1984, Jaime Shandera, a TV producer and friend of Moore's, received in the mail a roll of 35 mm film that contained the new improved "Presidential Briefing Paper." Quickly, Moore set about circulating this material in his typical manner of legitimizing phony documents. Later, the hoax briefing papers would be revealed to the world in a full-blown press conference and be shown on ABC-TV's prestigious 'Nightline' with Ted Koppel (in June 1987) and other shows.

It is no surprise that the briefing papers devoted a great deal of space validating Moore's pet case, the 1947 Roswell incident, and only a scant paragraph to the 1950 case. Moore further tipped his hand by the manner in which the 1950 crash is described. Zechel's early report on it, written in 1978, located it near Laredo, Texas, while his up-dated report, written in 1982, claimed it occurred near Del Rio, Texas, nearly 400 miles from Laredo. The two reports also had slight differences in dates, the first stating it

happened on Dec. 7, 1950 and the second said Dec. 5, 1950.

Moore solved these contradictions by dividing the differences in half, stating the location of the crash as "El Indio-Guerrero," which is about halfway between Laredo and Del Rio, and the date as "6 December 1950," precisely between Zechel's two dates. But the division method is not quite as inspired as Moore's description of the flying saucer as "almost completely incinerated," adding that what little debris remained was taken to Sandia Lab.

One can almost picture Moore's devious mind churning as he created the briefing paper. He had come to hate Zechel because the CAUS founder had dared to criticize the Roswell incident in the report leaked by Jerome Clark, plus he had heard Clark blame Zechel for the collapse of his marriage--the ex-Mrs. Clark had apparently counted on the Clark/Zechel book elevating them out of near-poverty. So Moore rationalized his venom and aimed it at Zechel's pet case. "I'll fix him," one can hear Moore vowing, "I'll burn up his damn saucer."

Throughout the affair Moore dropped a number of clues to indicate his involvement in creating the briefing paper--almost crying out, "Stop me before I hoax again!" One example of this is an article in 'Fate' magazine written by Jerome Clark, during the period Clark was still enamored with Moore. Clark had worshipfully told the story of how the briefing "documents" had come to light. Moore said he was ensconced in a motel room when "at precisely 5:00 P.M. someone knocked on the door and a man appeared with a bundle under his arm. He said to Moore that he had 17 minutes to do whatever he wanted with what he was about to be given. He could copy it but couldn't keep it. _Moore had a camera and did his best_ . The document purported to be a briefing paper telling newly-elected President Jimmy Carter about MJ-12, Project Aquarius, the little grey men and the rest (emphasis added.)

Hmmm, could this be the same 35 mm photos that showed up in Shandera's mailbox? When the obvious evidence of Moore's guilt was brought to Clark's attention, he

was quick to defend his pal. "Oh, no that was a _different_ briefing paper," Clark disclaimed. Oh, yeah? So what happened to _that_ briefing paper, Jerry?

Of course, by this time Moore had begun to distance himself from Rick Doty, since it had become obvious to a number of people who had communicated with Doty that he was a shameless, compulsive liar. Moore didn't denounce Doty, however, he merely tried to shift the "Falcon" identity to someone else, telling Clark that "Falcon" was really a Defense Intelligence Agency employee. Curiously, the new "Falcon" just happened to be telling Moore the same things as the old "Falcon," only the spotlight was now presumably off Doty.

In similar fashion, when it became evident to low-level researchers that Paul Bennewitz was mentally ill and his information unreliable, Moore cunningly claimed to be a disinformation agent who had been assigned to spy on and confuse Bennewitz. Supposedly, this was necessitated by Bennewitz having stumbled onto some big UFO secrets, but as we have seen, Bennewitz's sightings were merely a product of his own jumbled mind. In reality, Moore adopted the "secret-agent" stance in order to protect Doty and give himself the opportunity to protest his innocence in the future should anyone prove his "Presidential Briefing Paper," "MJ-12" or "Aquarius" documents to be bogus. That is, he could always claim he was "just following orders," much in the manner of the Nazis brought to trial for war crimes.

There are those who will no doubt continue to contend that all of this is the result of some giant conspiracy designed to disinform, confuse and mislead Maccabee, Moore, Linda Moulton Howe, the Fund, and the rest of ufology. The available evidence certainly indicates Moore and Doty fabricated the MJ-12 hoax independently and almost certainly for personal gain. In our opinion there is little doubt that as more and more of this grand hoax caves in on him, Moore will retreat further behind his "controlled agent" persona and leave it up to his dwindling followers to sort it all out.

Remarkably, even after Moore made his confession in Las Vegas (an appropriate setting) thanks to Maccabee's influence he was still able to have himself and Doty portrayed as authentic heroes in books by Whitley Strieber (Majestic) and Howard Blum (Out There). Even best-selling author Sydney Sheldon contributed to the salute to this fine pair of American heroes, one of whom had "confessed" to driving an innocent man nuts!

Actually a tip of the hat from the creators of Hitler's diary and the author of the Howard Hughes hoax, Clifford Irving, would have been a hell of a lot more appropriate.

To be frank, the whole sorry mess is a great example of what happens when you allow the foxes to guard the chickens. Ufology, which lives by the old "hear no evil; see no evil; speak no evil" when it comes to each others pet cases, wallows in hoaxes and misinformation as a result. But that wouldn't be so discouraging if it were not for the fact all this rubbish is passed onto the public in the form of books, TV shows and lectures.

The only leading ufologists who have acted responsibly in this whole affair have been Greenwood and Fawcett of CAUS. For their troubles, they have been vilified, hated, resented or just plain ignored by the rest of ufology in the mad rush to grind out books sparked by Moore's deceptions. In this field of study, the hoaxers are celebrated and those who cry foul are sent packing.

The Sea Gull & The Pellican

Dr. Maccabee's (the "SEA GULL" in Bill Moore's foolish aviary) activities and conduct throughout the whole MJ-12 affair must now be critically re-examined. How much involvement did he have in spreading the MJ-12 hoax? How much influence did Ron Pandolfi (the "PELLICAN") have over his conduct during this whole affair?

Dr. Maccabee published a paper titled 'UFO Landings Near Kirtland AFB or Welcome to the Cosmic Watergate' in 1985. The report was co-authored by Bill

Moore and printed on FUFOR stationary. The report is an investigation into the alledged incident described in the Kirtland Landing Document dated Sept. 9, 1980 released by HQ/AFOSI. A careful examination of the circumstances surrounding the document (and Maccabee's _own report_) clearly shows that the document is a fraud created by Doty. Dr. Maccabee's apparent support for the Kirtland document lent credence to Doty and his fraudulent claims at a critical time. If Dr. Maccabee had exposed Doty at this point a great deal of time and effort could have been saved by researchers. Dr. Maccabee now privately admits that the whole MJ-12 mess is probably a hoax. He justifies his position of providing support for the MJ-12 investigation by maintaining that there is a secret control group, a MJ-12 "by any name" as he puts it. Apparently the details aren't important. When did Maccabee know the MJ-12 material was fraudulent, was it before he provided Stan Friedman with \$16,000 of Fund money?

It must be pointed out here that the Fund rejected a detailed proposal to re-sue the CIA under FOIA submitted by Todd Zechel a few years ago. Zechel had outlined a plan to go after the 15,000 documents described by Maccabee's friend, Kit Green, and had asked for a paltry \$500 to get the effort rolling, using a dilligent attorney who had volunteered to do the legal work. The Fund quickly rejected Zechel's proposal, but later handed \$16,000 to Stan Friedman in an effort to validate the MJ-12 documents. Unfortunately we are forced now to re-examine the motives of Dr. Maccabee. We must ask if his CIA contacts had any input into this (or any) decisions regarding proposals. This input may not have been so obvious as one would first think. Consider the scenario wherein Maccabee's CIA contacts express subtle hints suggesting to Maccabee that there may have been an MJ-12, this may have been enough to influence his decision to make such a large grant. Conversely, who knows what input the CIA had in Maccabee's rejection of Zechel's modest proposal.

One Last Quickie

In summary, Moore runs around giving silly code names to everyone he meets who's connected in some way to the government, much like a 10 year old boy trying to play spy. None of these people have any direct knowledge of UFO events from what we've seen, and mostly they just repeat or re-circulate stories originated by Moore and Doty. Moore only uses them to create an aura of mystique around himself and to obfuscate the bogus nature of his "discoveries."

Doty apparently had a track record of financial improprieties, and, according to Maccabee, was thrown out of AFOSI, demoted to cook and ultimately forced out of the Air Force. Seemingly, his entry into the UFO field was part of a pattern of misconduct, and given the willingness of many ufologists to believe wild tales, he was able to manipulate their credulity into greater gains and glory than would have been possible elsewhere.

Yet even after Doty's credibility had (or should have) dropped to zero and Moore himself had "confessed" to being a disinformationist, they were, in late 1991, able to pull off yet another swindle.

In an announcement dated Oct. 25, 1991, Moore invited his FOCUS newsletter subscribers to send him \$25.00 in order to receive a "free copy" of a book he was writing with Doty and Jaime Shandera. The book was offered as a re-subscription benefit. This "free" book was supposed to be published in January 1992, entitled, "The Scientist, the Government & UFOs...Personal Recollections of the Paul Bennewitz Affair...A Case Study in Disinformation." In a tabloid like rave, Moore previewed the book thusly: "Government cover-up; disinformation;UFO abductions;alien underground bases; secret treaties with extraterrestrials;plots to take over and enslave planet Earth;Dulce,New Mexico;Groom Lake/Area 51,Nevada;strange goings on at Kirtland AFB;secret agents;covert operations, mysterious radio transmissions;grey aliens;blond aliens; and much much more!"

Reportedly, hundreds of suckers sent in their \$25.00, proving P.T. Barnum right once again. And of course they all got stiffed:FOCUS promptly went out of

business, the "free" book never got printed and Moore next emerged as the "executive editor" of FAR OUT magazine published by Larry Flynt (who also publishes _Hustler_ magazine) where he began publishing articles by some of his good friends like Bruce Maccabee.

Perhaps Moore, now that he's gainfully employed will make refunds. But you can probably count on that much as you can count on him making one last confession-that he helped created the single biggest hoax in ufology.

It is important to note here that all this should be viewed not as a tribute to Bill Moore's hoaxing abilities but rather in light of Dr. Maccabee's (hence FUFOR's) concurrent relationship with the CIA. Has Dr. Maccabee's support for Moore and MJ-12 simply been the result of poor personal judgement?

Gulf Breeze

No single individual bears greater responsibility for promoting the Gulf Breeze case to the ufological community and probably the general public than Dr. Bruce Maccabee. Dr. Maccabee was one of the earliest and most vociferous proponents of the case. His technical evaluation of the photographic evidence in the case was forceful and stressed that the hoax explanation was unlikely due to the high degree of technical difficulty that would be required to fabricate similar photographs. Yet after far too much wasted time and resources most serious researchers have come to the conclusion that indeed the case is a hoax.

One must question Dr. Maccabee's personal and professional judgement in this case. Did he simply become emotionally involved with the participants (he became close friends with Ed & Frances Walters early in the investigation) and then allow this involvement to cloud his critical facilities? Or, is his technical ability to analyze photographic evidence really that poor? Given his then ongoing relationship with Ron Pandolfi of the CIA (and his admission to having briefed intelligence officials on the case) one could speculate that Dr.

Maccabee's public support for the case might have been encouraged by his intelligence contacts. This would certainly have served the CIA's interest in keeping serious investigation of the UFO phenomena out of the public domain. It is important to note that Pandolfi has stated to others that he considers Ed Walters to be a "total fraud."

We submit that even if Dr. Maccabee is an honest proponent of the case on what he considers to be its technical merit that it is inappropriate for him to maintain any level of secret relationship with the CIA given his status with the Fund for UFO Research and the level of public (media) exposure he maintains in connection with this subject.

An Embarrassing Protege'

Dr. Maccabee also maintains a relationship with Robert Oechsler, a man whose motives in the field are at best mercenary. He has at one point or another involved himself in virtually every aspect of ufology. Mr. Oechsler has been variously described as a clown, a fraud and even a con-man (in 1991 he attempted to involve several of his then friends in the UFO field in some sort of bizarre pyramid scheme in which participants were to send him money via Federal Express (so as to avoid federal laws governing mail fraud)--telling at least one associate that he intended to make several hundred thousand dollars). Mr. Oechsler who represents himself as a former "NASA Mission Specialist" has participated with Dr. Maccabee in the photographic analysis of the Gulf Breeze material.

Mr. Oechsler has also made a series of fantastic claims concerning his alledged discoveries of various secret government UFO related projects including an operational anti-gravity chamber, sophisticated anti-alien defense installations, a wide-ranging program to educate the general public as to the reality of the UFO phenomenon and others too tedious to detail here. These "discoveries" were published by Timothy Good in his book "Alien Liaison" in England and more recently in "Alien Contact" here in the United States. It is

virtually certain that most if not all of Mr. Oechsler's claims are fraudulent and he has intimated to Walt Andrus, International Director of the Mutual UFO Network, that he fabricated at least some of the material.

Most recently, Mr. Oechsler has been associated with the "Guardian" case (involving an alledged UFO landing/crash in Ontario, Canada). It is immediately apparent to anyone who views the Guardian film or reads the accompanying documents (which detail some sort of alliance between evil aliens and the Red Chinese) that the case is a very poor quality hoax unworthy of the average high school student here in the United States.

It could be argued that were there an official policy of ridicule and debunking that this is precisely the quality of information that the responsible intelligence agencies would want to have wide exposure. It would serve their interests to have opportunists such as Oechsler or sincere but overly credulous individuals such as Linda Moulton Howe acting as the mass media's principal contacts with this subject matter.

Dr. Maccabee has made at least one trip to Ontario to investigate the case. It is not known whether any Fund for UFO Research monies were expended in this investigation. Mr. Oechsler has made at least 5 trips to the area - again it is unknown whether Fund for UFO Research monies have been expended.

The most important point here is not Oechsler's selling of this material to the television shows 'Unsolved Mysteries' and 'Sightings' but Dr. Maccabee's clear support for the validity of the case. Dr. Maccabee spoke in support of the authenticity of the Guardian video on at least one television program and before the large audience of a UFO conference in Silver Spring, MD. Once again we are forced to ask if Dr. Maccabee's past UFO briefings at the CIA we (as taxpayers) hope that he will refrain from subjecting hundreds of CIA personnel to a "Guardian" briefing. The picture of large numbers of CIA employees expending many man-hours attempting to locate references to a Red Chinese-alien connection is frightening.

Operation Right to Know

Operation Right to Know is a relatively new UFO group seeking to end the secrecy concerning UFO information. They are attempting to gather public support for their objectives via direct political action. This group organized a small but well run demonstration at the White House in 1992 and planned a much larger one for 1993 (also at the White House) to be held in conjunction with the annual MUFON symposium being held in Richmond, VA. Members of the Fund for UFO Research had strongly objected to such a planned demonstration. It had been reported that the fund discouraged the MUFON organization from participating in the demonstration. While the demonstration did take place and was well run, we can only speculate on how much greater impact might have been achieved if there had been a much larger turnout resulting from official MUFON encouragement. The objections raised (primarily by Fred Whiting) had ostensibly been on philosophical grounds. But given Dr. Maccabee's relationship with the CIA, the actual reasons for this opposition are in question.

Clear & Present Danger

Perhaps the single most troubling episode involving Dr. Maccabee's connection with the CIA was his removal of his long time friend Larry Bryant from the Fund for UFO Research. Larry Bryant, another of the Fund's founders, was present at a meeting when Maccabee revealed that he had obtained FBIS (Foreign Broadcast Information Service) translations from the CIA, and subsequently submitted a FOIA request to the Agency for other UFO-related FBIS reports. For some reason, Bryant's request angered the CIA, and Maccabee was scolded by Pandolfi, who stated that Bryant's action "could jeopardize the _Fund's relationship with the CIA_." Shortly, Bryant received a "Dear Mr. Bryant" letter from Maccabee terminating Bryant's membership in the Fund.

Sadly, this appears to be yet another example of Maccabee valuing his relationship with the CIA more than he values the friendship and services of a

long-time associate like Larry Bryant, a man whose credentials as an anti-secrecy activist have been established over 35 years of dedication to the cause, often at great peril and expense to himself.

Maccabee Disinforms FUFOR

Apparently at the same time Maccabee was making great effort to brief members of the CIA on various UFO matters, he did not feel the need to extend the same courtesy to other members of the Fund for UFO Research. The results of a cursory poll of other members of the Fund regarding Maccabee's intelligence contacts indicate that none of the Fund members were fully aware of his dealings with Pandolfi. Some of the members knew he had made overtures to the CIA and others were vaguely aware of contacts and briefings but none were aware of the full extent of these contacts.

When Maccabee's activities with the CIA were brought to the attention of Richard Hall, the Fund's newly elected chairman, Hall said that he and a couple of other Executive Committee members had attempted to discourage Maccabee's overtures to the CIA. Hall agreed that Maccabee's CIA connections would create the appearance of impropriety and were an obvious conflict of interest. Hall also said that he was equally perplexed by some of the UFO cases that Maccabee had promoted such as Gulf Breeze and the "Guardian" case.

Hall said that Maccabee's views no longer represented the views of the ruling body of the Fund and indicated that he would have to take steps to sever ties between the Fund and the U.S. Intelligence community.

In Summary

Apparently all Maccabee has gotten for 14 years of cooperation with the CIA is a handful of FBIS translations of Soviet news accounts of Russian UFO sightings. These same reports were evidently leaked to the U.S. news media by the CIA, perhaps in an effort to embarrass the Soviets. The same type and quality of information can be had by simply monitoring CNN. The actual FBIS translations are available by region through the National Technical Information

Service for several hundred dollars annual subscription fee, no special access is required.

We submit that it is improper for Dr. Maccabee either as an individual or as a representative of the Fund for UFO Research to maintain any manner of clandestine relationship with the Central Intelligence Agency. It is improper for the Fund to portray a contentious image concerning past and present secrecy surrounding government UFO information while Dr. Maccabee has this ongoing secret dialogue with CIA employees. It is improper for the Fund to solicit evidence of government UFO cover-up and invite people to come forward with proposals to investigate such matters while one of the Fund's top officials is briefing CIA officials on the latest developments. How can the Fund be trusted to protect the proprietary interests or privacy of those seeking to compel CIA disclosures when its most important member is in regular contact with employees of the Directorate of Science & Technology, CIA ? We call upon other responsible members of the Fund for UFO Research to take appropriate action.

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Associated Investigators Group is dedicated to searching out the truth about a variety of perplexing subjects, including U.S. Government involvement with UFOs, then communicating those facts to responsible researchers and/or interested observers.

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In future issues we intend to report on the following:

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PART 2

* Originally by Don Allen
* Originally dated 31 Aug 1993, 0:36

Dear Folks,

What follows is Bruce Maccabee's rebuttal to the recently posted AIR #1 Report put out by the 'Associated Investigators Group'. In addition, are two letters, one by Richard Hall, the current chairman of the Fund For UFO Research (FUFOR) and one by Bill Moore, that are also rebuttals to the AIR report.

Bruce Maccabee's letter contained extensive use of italics. These italics have been denoted within brackets [...] . I also took the liberty of correcting small typo errors that appeared in the original. Nothing major, and it doesn't affect the content.

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9, 1993 Aug

Dear Ufologist,

You have recently received a copy of the Associated Investigator's Report (AIR) #1, "published" by the Associated Investigators Group (AIG). This report was mailed directly to over 100 people known to be interested in UFO research, although, it was not mailed to me nor to many of the other "attackees" discussed in the paper. The initial recipients subsequently mailed copies to others. If you mailed copies to friends, please also send each one a copy of this response.

A major part of the AIR report is concerned with my "secret" association with the CIA. Other portions of the paper makes generally disparaging remarks about me and several other noted UFO researchers..

AIR #1 raises the question of whether or not my association with the CIA impacted on my UFO investigations or on the activities of the Fund for UFO

Research. I can assure that that it did not, as is more fully described in the enclosed paper. I feel no need to 'defend' my CIA association, inasmuch as it is not based on UFO research, but rather on professional activities related to my work for the Navy, which is totally unrelated to UFO research. I have written this paper to clarify my association with the CIA and also for another reason which is probably of more importance to ufologists who may be recipients of further AIG reports.

The claim made in the AIR #1 (see the last page) that there are no errors in the paper and this is followed by the "promise" (or is it a threat?) of more "good" research to follow. In other words the writer of AIR #1 claims for himself, and for the Associated Investigators Group, godlike accuracy. This sort of accuracy would, indeed be reassuring, if it were true, especially in light of the AIR's which are promised on crashed saucers, mind control, CIA projects, etc.

However, I have discovered numerous errors in the paper. Therefore I feel it is my duty to inform the ufo community that this paper is not as accurate as one might hope. Furthermore, along with the errors is an overabundance of innuendo and false logic. Hence I must caution the readers of this and future papers against blind acceptance of what the AIR reports say. I'm afraid that if this paper is any example, then we must be prepared for a lot of hot AIR.

One more thing. The "ghost writer" of this paper is one Walter Todd Zechel who was an important figure in UFO research about 15 years ago. His approach to the UFO subject was to do anything which would advance his agenda, even at the expense and I mean \$\$\$, of other people. I know a number of people who suffered economic loss as a result of WTZ's irresponsibility.

Bruce Maccabee

Hot A.I.R

or

The Mark of Zechel

by

Bruce Maccabee
(not anonymous)

(Special message: I have plenty of case investigations and analyses to keep me busy. I don't need this crap, which forces me to use my precious time responding to worthless charges.)

"As you well know, there are a lot of people out there with particular axes to grind or pet cases or theories to spread around. Some of these people would like nothing more than to drag you down into the mud with them. I fervently hope that you will continue to operate with the same brilliance and astute logic and objectivity I've always admired in you. Please continue to demand evidence and proof, and demand as much of them as you would me."

(from a letter to Bruce Maccabee by Walter Todd Zechel, June 21, 1986)

The UFO community has recently been "rocked" by an unpublished but widely circulated paper entitled Associated Investigators Report #1 (abbrev. AIR) which reveals, "for the first time anywhere," my [secret] association with the CIA. It also levels charges of incompetence and/or outright fraud against several other UFO investigators. After reading this report the intelligent reader will, I'm sure, be somewhat puzzled. Why was it done? By whom? Was I really a CIA mole inside the UFO community? What is the Associated Investigators Group? Who wrote the report? Is it as accurate as it claims? Is there a "hidden agenda" for this paper? Or is this report really just a lot of [hot] AIR?

The Associated Investigators Group members are not named, although 14 pseudonyms are given at the end of the paper. Even the writer of the paper is not named. In an "appendix" following the main text there is the following statement: "For the most part, this report is based upon interviews or

discussion with the subjects named herein, and have been stated as accurately, candidly and forthrightly as possible. If there are any errors, which is unlikely, they are probably the result of misinterpretations by the subjects."

(Subjects? Is this an experiment?) Clearly the writer assigns godlike accuracy to him (her) self and to the AIG. This would be reassuring, [if it were true] .

The writer then advises readers to "not waste your time and energy attempting to impede our investigations by attempting to guess our identities..."

CAVEAT EMPTOR! Although gullible readers will probably fall for this crap, the astute reader will suspect any investigative writing which proclaims perfection! (The astute reader will also note one error immediately: "pellican" is not the correct spelling.) The reader should also be wary of any writing by people who (a) don't have the intestinal fortitude (read "guts") to identify themselves as they accuse others and (b) have the gall to advise the readers not to try and identify them. One wonders what these "stealth investigators" have to hide. Could a similar paper be done about them?

Finally, there is also a promise of more of this "good" research to follow and [that is the reason for this paper]. Although there is no need for me to defend my association with the CIA, since it is based on continuing professional activities related to my job as a Navy physicist, I feel that I must alert UFOlogists to the evidence of poor research, use of innuendo, errors of fact and just plain mudslinging in this paper so that readers will be better able to [judge the level of accuracy of any future hot AIR] reports. On the other hand, the promise of future investigative reports may also be just hot air.)

SUMMARY OF THE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST ME AND MY RESPONSE

The perceptive reader will, of course, immediately realize that, had my association with the CIA really been totally secret, the paper would not have been written because [no one would have known about it].

The writer essentially poses a legitimate question (which other people have asked me already), namely, what has been the nature of my association with the CIA and has it impacted on my UFO research and my activities in the field. Unfortunately, however, the writer, goes on to argue, via innuendo and false logic, that my association with the CIA has been poor judgement on my part, at best, and, at worst, has negatively impacted the UFO field in two ways which are treated separately below. In the following paragraphs I will answer the legitimate questions. I will also identify the false logic and innuendo and respond to it in a manner that rational people will understand.

ACCUSATION # 1: The writer charges that my support for UFO cases which, in the mind of the writer at least, are "obviously" poor cases or frauds (New Zealand, Kirtland Landing Case, Gulf Breeze, Guardian) has caused other researchers to waste time and money carrying out their own investigations. (How horrible!) But more germane to the issue which is the subject of this paper, my CIA association, is the writer's allegation that my support for these cases has been "CIA inspired." According to the writer, "This certainly would have served the CIA's interest in keeping serious investigation of the UFO phenomena out of the public domain." Also, according to the writer my support of these cases is evidence for poor judgement on my part, and no one with such poor judgement should be a leader in the UFO field (after all...I might lead people astray!) (I guess the writer does not think much of the average ufologist's ability to discern fact from fiction in UFO investigation.)

RESPONSE: The writer implies, without evidence, that a general policy of the CIA, the "CIA's interest," is to suppress serious UFO investigation. That implication runs counter my impression gained over the last nine years or so which is that, at least the part of the CIA with which I have had contact, [has no policy or "interest" regarding UFO investigation], although several employees have expressed an interest and numerous employees have attended the

several UFO lectures (the term 'briefings' is too formal) I have presented there. The writer alleges that my support for these cases has been "CIA inspired." WRONG! The fact is that the my CIA acquaintances have never indicated that I should support any particular sighting. In fact, the comments they make tend to be skeptical or just plain negative regarding sightings and [the reality of UFO phenomena in general]. My support for these cases has nothing to do with the CIA and has everything to do with my own investigations of them. The astute reader will realize that the opinions of these cases offered by the writer are just that...opinions, unsupported by any evidence in the hot AIR report. If the writer or any of the AIG group are intelligent enough to have good arguments against these cases then they can send me their arguments directly or even argue in public if they want to.

The writer accuses me of poor judgement in supporting these cases. It's hard to defend oneself against accusations of "poor judgement." It is like being accused of "poor taste." People will have differing opinions about the same subject. Which person is correct? It becomes more a matter of consensus than establishable fact. At any rate, I will stand by my past investigations and publications. I have rejected many alledged UFO sightings, but the particular ones held in disfavor by the hot AIR writer are cases I did not reject for reasons which I considered to be very good at the time and I still consider them to be good. If others wish to disagree publicly with my conclusions they should be willing to state their argument(s) ["nonymously"] as opposed to ["a-nonymously."]

On the other hand, these charges of poor judgement can be reversed. I suspect that the AIG members, should they ever reveal themselves, will be charged with poor judgement for having circulated this paper widely in spite of the numerous errors, [ad hominem] attacks and argument by illogic and innuendo (see below). They will also be charged with "unkind conduct" for [not even having the courtesy to send me a copy first, although I am the main target of

their attacks!] I first learned that the paper existed during the late evening of July 24 when Jim Moseley called me to ask me questions about it's allegations. Over the next week I heard from other people who had received copies. I learned that it had even appeared in England during the weekend of July 24. But, oddly enough, of the "subjects" I talked to, [none of them had received copies directly from the AIG.] I finally got a copy 6 days after this "load" had been dropped on an unsuspecting world from a person who had received his copy from the AIG in an envelope with no return address.

Why was this report circulated widely before I got a copy? I presume it was circulated by the [perpetrators] of this [travesty] in order to spread their [lies and innuendo] as far as possible before I (and the others mentioned herein) could respond. Furthermore, by not listing a return address or the name of a real person to contact there is no "official" person to whom I can send my response. I, therefore, must respond to the community in general.

ACCUSATION #2: The writer claims that the second negative impact of my association with the CIA has been its effect on the policy of the Fund for UFO Research. In particular, the writer suggests that my association with the CIA affected the decision of the Fund to reject a proposal by Walter Todd Zechel (WTZ) to sue the CIA a second time. The writer further charges that my CIA association also caused the Fund to support MJ-12 research in spite of "knowing" that the MJ-12 papers are fakes.

RESPONSE: WRONG and WRONG AGAIN! One fact that the writer has failed to take into account ("don't bother me with the facts, this is what I want to say") is that I did not "run" the Fund like an autocracy. I had one vote on the Executive Committee of five people and each action required at least 3 out of 5 positive votes. My suggestions were voted down a number of times.

In order to support his argument that my association with the CIA impacted on the Fund decision to reject MJ-12's proposal the writer has resorted to incomplete reporting and biasing of the facts. I present my version of the

story of this particular incident below. Before beginning, however, I would like to point out that most of the information used in the AIG was supplied by WTZ. I know this because much of the information which is in the report I supplied to him, alone. The report also contains information which he, alone, told me (and which I didn't tell others...I kept his confidence, but obviously he didn't return the favor!). In fact, the whole paper bears the [Mark of Zechel]. This leads me to speculate that WTZ's intent is to use this paper to get me off the Executive Committee of the Fund. With me not on the Executive Committee he could once again propose to re-sue the CIA without having to worry about my presumed interference or alerting of CIA officials (which I didn't do the first time and wouldn't have done at any time!). If that is true, then WTZ may be surprised to learn that I had, in fact, stepped down in favor of Richard Hall at the end of March, 1993, [months before there was any hint of the AIG paper]. I am now, after 13 years of continual "duty" with the Fund, Chairman Emeritus, with all the privileges that title bestows (none!). (My "golden parachute" leaves a lot to be desired.)

Now let's get to the core of the matter, the rejection of WTZ's proposal to re-sue the CIA and the subsequent funding of Stan Friedman's MJ-12 research, the pertinent portion of the hot AIR paper page 8, last paragraph) reads as follows (I have labelled the abstractions from the paper with numbers for later reference):

(1) "It must be pointed out that the Fund rejected a detailed proposal to re-sue the CIA under FOIA submitted by Todd Zechel a few years ago. Zechel had outlined a plan to go after [the 15,000 documents described by Maccabee's friend, Kit Green], and had asked for a [paltry \$500] to get the effort rolling, using a diligent attorney who had volunteered to do the work. The Fund quickly rejected Zechel's proposal, but later handed \$16000 to Stan Friedman in an effort to validate the MJ-12 documents." (my emphasis)

(2) "Unfortunately, we are forced now to re-examine the motives of Dr.

Maccabee. We must ask if his CIA contacts had any input into this (or any) decisions regarding proposals. This input may not have been so obvious as one would first think. Consider the scenario wherein Maccabee's CIA contacts express subtle hints suggesting to Maccabee that there may have been an MJ-12, this may have been enough to influence his decision to make such a large grant. Conversely, who knows what input the CIA had in Maccabee's rejection of Zechel's modest proposal."

I would like to answer the last implied question immediately: [the CIA had exactly no input to the rejection of WTZ's proposal, nor did it have any input to any of the decisions of the Fund For UFO Research. Period!] Of course the writer, and WTZ, could have learned this (whether or not they believed it) by just asking. But their approach is more consistent with that of paranoid delusionals who have fun speculating about being "under constant attack by dark forces" (in this case, the CIA) and don't like to ask direct questions and receive direct answers because they don't believe the answers. Furthermore, as I pointed out above, even if I had attempted to interject a "CIA perspective" into the internal deliberations of the Fund - [which I never did], the other members could equally well argue from their own perspectives. And when it came to the final "showdown", I had only a single vote. But, again, this logic is irrelevant according to the writer whose attitude is "don't bother me with logic or the facts; I like my own conclusions."

Referring, now, to section (1) of the paragraph above, why did the Fund reject WTZ's proposal? The very short answer is that it was at the wrong time and by the wrong person. More specifically, there are four basic reasons. Three of these are WTZ's own fault, and one was "bad timing." To understand these reasons the reader needs to know some history that is not generally available (see CLEAR INTENT by Greenwood and Fawcett for more information on the CIA lawsuit).

The original 1977-1978 CIA lawsuit was prosecuted under the rights granted

by the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (FOIPA...sometimes abbreviated FOI). The suit was filed on the behalf of a UFO group, now defunct, called Ground Saucer Watch (GSW). The success of the suit came about largely as a result of WTZ's own effort in conjunction with New York attorney Peter Gersten and with considerable help from Brad Sparks. The lawsuit was carried through to a surprising (to most of the world) conclusion: in December 1978 the CIA released [hundreds] of pages of UFO related material spanning some 30 years after claiming for months that it was involved for only a short time in late 1952 and early 1953 (the time leading up to the Robertson panel fiasco and the subsequent panel report which proposed "debunking" as the solution to the UFO problem). The fact that the CIA had lots of pages of material was not surprising to WTZ and others involved in the suit, however, because they had been "led to believe by the CIA's legal staff that the number of documents to be accounted for would be in the area of 10,000." (quote taken from the draft of "For Your Eyes Only," a paper written in January, 1987, by WTZ). (Years earlier, in the January 1979 bulletin of the Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, "Just CAUS," WTZ wrote that in September, 1978, "U.S. Attorney William Briggs led CAUS officials to believe that the CIA had located in excess of 5,000 documents. Evidently somehow over the years this number was doubled.) Furthermore, according to WTZ in his proposal to the Fund, a "reliable CIA source of mine" pointed out that most of the "components" the CIA which were searched were the wrong ones. Hence, presumably there could be unreleased documents in other components of the agency.

The release of a mere 900 pages dismayed WTZ and the others and they began planning, [in the spring of 1979], for another lawsuit. (This planning was going on when I met a CIA employee who suggested that there could be many more pages of material. Although this incident plays a large role in the AIR reconstruction of the events, [it played no role] in the Fund decision. My contact with the CIA is discussed more fully below.) However, for various

reasons there was no second suit of the CIA in 1979 and WTZ subsequently dropped out of UFO research leaving a trail of unpaid bills and a "few pissed off people in my wake" (quote from his proposal).

Move ahead, now to December, 1986 (not exactly "a few years ago," as implied by the hot AIR paper). The Fund received a proposal from WTZ to re-sue the CIA for the presumed thousands of documents that hadn't been released. The Executive Committee of the Fund reviewed his proposal and made its decision based on the following factors:

(a) WTZ did not present a strong case that more pages would be released under a new FOI lawsuit. First his "evidence" that there were more documents was largely speculation based on hearsay or on information from confidential sources about which he would say nothing. In other words, he provided no [proof] that there were thousands more pages to be released. (In fact, one goal of the suit was a search to find out if there were more more documents.) Second, the previous suit had been successful only in retrieving documents of Secret classification and below. Both the CIA and later NSA (National Security Agency) lawsuits showed that the government could appeal to "national security" to withhold documents. There was no reason to believe that the same excuses wouldn't be used again to protect the "really good stuff" we wanted. In other words, they might locate some more, even many more, documents and simply refuse to release them all or in part for national security reasons. Hence the Executive Committee did not see much hope that a new lawsuit would produce hundreds or thousands, or [any], more documents than we already had.

(b) Had this proposal been sent by someone else we might have been more favorably disposed toward it. Although proposals to the Fund are evaluated more in terms of the capability of an investigator than his personality and personal history, in this case we could not overlook WTZ's actions in the past. Although he had established himself as a good, persistent investigator of UFO crashes

and government cover-up, his meteoric rise (1976-77) and fall (late 1979) was well known to all of us. As he admitted in his proposal, his complete obsession with uncovering the cover-up overpowered his good sense in dealing with other investigators. When he left the field, some might say "drummed out," he owed money for phone investigations he had carried out at other people's expense. He had, to use his phrase in the proposal, "left a few pissed off people in my wake" when he vanished from the scene in late 1979, having been "burned out." The Executive Committee felt that the Fund would be condemned by many or most other researchers if it supported Mr. WTZ in [any] activity.

(c) WTZ shot himself in the foot by indicating that big money - that's BIG money - was soon to follow. He wrote in his proposal that he was authoring two books, one of which would be a hardcover with a "six figure advance...currently being negotiated." There would also be a feature film budgeted at another six figure number. He was expecting to submit part of the book to a publisher in 3 months. The Executive Committee members read this and asked, "if there are megabucks only a few months away, why does he need us?"

(d) The fourth and final "killer" reason was bad timing. Perhaps WTZ, not being active in the field, did not know that in 1985 the Fund had volunteered to put on the "Fortieth Birthday Party" in the Nation's Capitol. I refer to June 24, 1987 as the 40th anniversary of Arnold's sighting, and the party was the International MUFON Symposium. The Executive Committee had decided to make this as international as possible by inviting researchers from all over the world. We knew that this would take money...more than we could take in "at the door" from the attendees alone. By the fall of 1986 we were activitely searching for donations (and beginning to chew our fingernails). We expected to have to raise some \$15,000 or more in donations [beyond] the expected registration fees. By December, 1986, when we received WTZ's proposal, we had not yet achieved our goal...[although we had already committed to a number of speakers from overseas]. Our collective finger nails were getting shorter.

It was in this context that we evaluated WlZ's proposal to re-sue the CIA for a "paltry 500 to get the effort rolling," as it says in the AIR. WRONG! Had it [only] been \$500, and if it had been someone other than WTZ, we just [might] have been interested. However, it wasn't just \$500. The suit would have required an "initial contribution of \$500 to cover basic expenses in preparing the suit" and "once the suit was ready to file...[an additional contribution of about \$2,000 as a retainer for the attorney(s)]" (from WTZ's proposal). There was no mention of a "diligent attorney who had volunteered to do the legal work." Since WTZ's time scale was measured in months, we could see that the \$500 right up front would be followed soon by another \$2,000, for a total of \$2,500 [that would be needed during the spring/summer of 1987 for his lawsuit]. Since we were trying to save every penny toward the MUFON Symposium, still 6 months away, [we weren't about to commit to anything until we had paid for the symposium]. In other words, we had our own problems with money. Now reread reason (c) above. The Executive Committee members wondered why he needed a "paltry" \$2,500 from us when, if he waited a few months, he would be [rolling in dough]. (Note: evidently his book and movie proposals also fell through.)

As you may well imagine, the combination of these reasons was enough to cause the Executive Committee vote against the proposal. My "CIA connection" (reference section (2) above) had nothing to do with the rejection. In fact, I never discussed his proposal [or any other proposal] with my CIA contacts. Furthermore, I had no "protective feelings" for the CIA...and I still don't. I still think they're holding onto something we want and if someone should propose another lawsuit, then have at it!

So now you see that the version of this "rejection incident" as reported in the AIR, where any errors are "unlikely," is a lot of hot air...just as their claim to investigatorial perfection!

The Fund's decision not to fund the CIA lawsuit apparently did not sit well

with WTZ. In the draft of his last issue of "For Your Eyes Only" written in January, 1987 he refers to his offer to "launch a new suit against the CIA, this time seeking the 15,000 documents that were never scattered throughout the CIA's files as it contended, but were instead held in one location, as would be expected if UFOs are considered a serious intelligence target. But it appears UFOlogists are more concerned with [holding conventions] where everyone can propose their latest theories and wallow in the comradery of fellow believers, than they are to get down in the trenches and slug it out with those responsible for making UFOs a laughing matter and relegating the subject to the science fiction section." (my emphasis) As the reader will note, this disparaging reference to "holding conventions" is a low blow; the Fund was already committed to holding a convention. We didn't have the money to do both, and we couldn't arbitrarily cancel the convention to support WTZ's speculative proposal.

Referring, now, to paragraph (1) above and the research into the MJ-12 documents, the hot AIR paper says that the Fund "quickly rejected Zechel's proposal, but later handed \$16,000 to Friedman.." It does not point out that Friedman received support for MJ-12 research [2 1/2 years later], under conditions that were considerably different from the conditions under which WTZ's proposal was rejected. The MJ-12 papers, more precisely referred to as the "Eisenhower Briefing Document," (EIB) were released in the late spring of 1987, just before the 1987 Symposium. Charges and countercharges began flying around immediately and continued into 1988. In the summer of 1988 the Fund took a poll of contributors to determine what interested them the most. MJ-12 came out on top. The Fund then made a public appeal for a \$16,000 proposal by Stan Friedman to try to prove or disprove the validity of the document. We all knew it was a shot in the dark, but only by dilligent searching of old records could we hope to learn anything. Everyone who contributed to the special MJ-12 effort knew exactly what the money was going for. The Fund did not use general funds

over which the community had no control.

Referring to paragraph (2), above, the writer questions whether or not my "CIA contacts had any input to this" and suggests that they may have hinted the MJ-12 documents were real, thus influencing me to "make such a large grant." As I have stated above, however, the CIA contacts never advised me one way or the other and never influenced the Fund decisions one way or another. I'll go farther to say that they never hinted that the MJ-12 documents were real. They were as puzzled and skeptical as everyone.

The writer has alledged that I supported MJ-12 research while knowing that the EIB was a fake. WRONG! I [still] don't know whether it is fake or not, or whether it might be partially true and partially false. Numerous investigators have provided circumstantial evidence on both sides of the question. Many of the "conclusive" arguments against the document have been shown to be ill conceived. Yet we have yet to find conclusive proof of its reality.

MORE HOT AIR

Having discussed...and dispensed with...the two major allegations of this paper I will now deal with the other allegations. This is done in the Appendix on an item-specific basis. My discussion of the various items listed there illustrates the errors in this paper. Without trying to analyze each slanted word and sentence, and continuing most of my discussion to events, etc., which are directly connected to me or which I know about, I have found 19 errors of fact, illogic or innuendo in the self-proclaimed "perfect" paper. One person I spoke to about this paper pointed out that whenever he gets something like this, loaded with [ad hominem] attacks and verging on libel and slander, he automatically assumes that maybe 50% is completely false, 50% is basically true, and that the true 50% is written in such a way as to make it look bad for whomever the paper is about. I guess that person hit the nail on the head this time.

But what is important now is not this widely circulated paper. The "cat is now out of the bag" regarding my "CIA association" and from now on I'll probably be viewed with suspicion by the more paranoid members of the UFO community. The important question for the UFO community is how to view the next AIR paper which may report on items for which there are no independent checks. As this paper shows, the AIG members are not infallible (far from it!). Hence readers of any such reports should be prepared to view very skeptically any further hot AIR reports.

(P.S. Now re-read the abstract from WTZ's letter to me in 1986 at the beginning of this paper.)

APPENDIX

To avoid having to virtually retype the AIR, I refer to the items of interest by listing the page, paragraph and line which contains specific words of interest and these words are [italicized]. The reader is invited to use the AIR as a reference for the context of the items and to keep track of the number of factual errors and inferences presented as fact in order to better assess the claim that any such errors are "unlikely." Errors are expressly designated as ERROR followed by a # sign.

ITEM 1 - pg 1, para. 1, sentence 1: "long standing [secret] relationship with the CIA and U.S. Intelligence community." Although my first contact with the CIA was UFO related (see below), my contacts since 1984 have been as a result of my Navy work. Although I have not publicized this information, WTZ knew, as did the members of the Fund and various other members of the UFO community. Hence it has not been a real "secret." If it were, this paper wouldn't have been written because no one would have known.

ITEM 2 - pg.1, para. 1, sent. 1: "[briefing them about various UFO matters and Investigators]." I have discussed UFO matters with several employees who have expressed an interest in UFOs and have provided them with my opinions on

various cases and people [just as I would with any other persons interested in the subject including other ufologists, newsmedia reporters, etc]. The use of the term "briefings" is too formal. Casual discussions or, for groups of people, informal lunchtime lectures would be more appropriate. The CIA invites people with many different interests to provide entertainment lectures for the employees. (I once heard Tom Clancy speak there.)

ITEM 3 - pg.1, para. 9, sent. 2: "At the same time and for undisclosed reasons, Maccabee briefed the CIA men on the CIA's own UFO files released under the Freedom of Information Act." After the 1987 MUFON Symposium in Washington, D.C., where the MJ-12 papers were discussed publicly for the first time Ron Pandolfi invited me to give a general lecture to employees on UFOs and MJ-12. I took the opportunity to inform the CIA men and [women], which included employees of all "ranks" including secretaries, about "their own documents" because (hold your breath....here is the formerly [undisclosed reason]) I wanted them to know what their own employer had been doing. I also wanted to see what the response would be. After all, CIA documents would, presumably, have some considerable level of credibility so I tried to make the case for UFOs based largely on those documents. After that I discussed the MJ-12 papers in the context of having built a case for UFO reality using the CIA documents. I learned later what the response was: many of the listeners became interested in the subject and started snooping around in whatever files they had access to. Ron said that I created a lot of "spies" in the agency. However, I have no evidence that anyone found anything not already contained in the FOIPA document package.

ITEM 4: pg.1, para. 5 sent. 1: "Maccabee first [approached] the CIA in early 1979..." (after visiting New Zealand as part of my investigation of the world famous New Zealand Sightings of December, 1978). WRONG! Actually, I never [approached] the CIA. The CIA contact was made, [not at my request], by a scientist who worked for the MITRE corporation. (See below) ERROR #1

ITEM 5: pg.1, para. 5, sent. 2: "...Maccabee, for [unclear reasons] decided the film represented some sort of probative evidence of UFOs and [set out to bring it to the attention of CIA officials]." WRONG! I [never] "set out to bring it to the attention of CIA officials." My reasons for viewing the New Zealand sightings as valid evidence may be unclear to the writer, who has probably never studied them (and quite possibly [couldn't understand the technical arguments even if he did!]), but they are clear to numerous other people who have heard the lectures I have given and read the published papers, including papers in [Applied Optics], a technical journal. The claim that I [set out] to inform the CIA couldn't be [farther] from the truth. Informing the CIA had never even crossed my mind. After all, the CIA was the "bad guys" who had just two months before, been caught with their pants down when they released hundreds of pages of material. ERROR #2

ITEM 6: pg. 1, para. 5 sent. 3: "He then [put out feelers through his contacts with companies performing tasks for the CIA]..." WRONG! The way this is presented the reader might assume that the writer (or WTZ) has some evidence, as, for example, by checking with companies that perform tasks for the CIA. However, this is a (one of many!) false impression created by the writer. I never contacted any companies. What I did was tell Jack Acuff, Director of NICAP at the time, that I would like to speak to experts in the field of radar. He, in turn, put me in contact with a scientist, Dr. Gordon MacDonald, at the MITRE corporation. I was invited to discuss the NZ sightings with him and several other scientists at MITRE in McLean, Va. and I did (and they generally agreed with my conclusions). Then, a week or so later, I learned that MacDonald had contacted a man at the CIA who contacted me and offered to provide technical consultation if I would provide a [briefing] to some CIA employees. At first I was leery of doing anything with the CIA, but I knew they had radar experts, so I stipulated that if they would give me some feedback I'd

tell them what I know. So I briefed them and I received some helpful comments. There were some minor criticisms but no strong disagreements with my analysis. (I had concluded, by the way, that in certain instances there were correlated radar-visual observations of unidentified objects.) ERROR #3.

ITEM 7: pg. 1 para. 7 and pages 2 and 3. This presents the hot AIR version of my interaction with a CIA employee and his [supposed] statement that there were "15,000 UFO-related documents." The actual history is as follows:

After I discussed the NZ case one employee, Dr. Christopher "Kit" Green (KG), invited me to visit the CIA again a week or so later to have a general UFO discussion with him and a couple of other employees. It was at this time, during a discussion of the CIA lawsuit, that he made a general comment that there [could] be more pages because he knew, from the compartmented organization of the agency, that other parts of the agency could have information of which he would not be aware, even though he thought he was the "custodian" of the UFO files. In other words, [he knew that he would be unaware of any UFO files that might be possessed by "custodians" in other components of the Agency]. This all happened in late March and early April, 1979. I knew that WTZ and Peter Gersten were interested in going after more agency documents, so, about a month later I revealed my "secret" meeting and KG's comment that there might be more, perhaps 15,000 more, pages. This I did to support his WTZ's effort. I don't remember exactly what I said, but, since WTZ recorded my conversation (without telling me) he can perhaps supply me with a transcript. Whatever I said, it is clear that WTZ interpreted it as meaning that KG had said there [were] 15,000 UFO-related documents. Almost immediately WTZ wanted to know if I would reveal the contact's name, which I didn't. Then he wanted me to find out if the contact would be willing to testify to the existence of 15,000 more pages. I called KG and he made it clear that he didn't [know] that there were thousands more pages. He could only testify to what had been in his

own file, which he had given to the FOIPA coordinator, a thousand pages or so.
All else was speculation. When I told this to WTZ and Gersten they appeared to get angry and wanted to sue [me] for covering up information. I managed to convince Gersten that I didn't know anything and that I couldn't force KG to make any statements that he didn't want to make. That ended the situation.

ITEM 8: Pg. 2, para. 7: "It was clear from Maccabee's statements to Zechel that Maccabee intended to cooperate with the CIA on a continuing basis..."
WRONG! I didn't reveal KG's name because I felt it was not my prerogative. If WTZ and Gersten wanted to sue the hell out of the CIA that was their business. I didn't want to get KG in trouble if there were a lawsuit simply because he had inadvertently leaked information, [if] it was valid information. I didn't expect to continue my contact with the CIA and had no further contacts until 1984 (see below). ERROR #4

ITEM 9: Pg. 3, para. 2, sent. 2,3 : "At one point Zechel asked him directly, if he was working for the CIA. [You might say that, Maccabee replied]." I would like to state that I have never been employed by the CIA nor paid by the CIA. The hot AIR paper should have pointed out that the context of this statement was a casual conversation with WTZ. I pointed out that by talking with Ron Pandolfi or other employees I was providing them with information, and [in that context] I was "working for" the CIA. I was saving the employees some effort to learn what they could by themselves by other means. However, I didn't tell them everything. In other words, I have withheld information from Ron and others. I never mentioned WTZ's proposal to re-sue the agency, for example.

Regarding my employment, I might add that, although I am a civilian employee of the Navy, I have never been in Naval Intelligence or any intelligence agency. Nor have I been advised in any way related to UFO research activities by any agency of the government except that the laboratory where I work has said "keep our name out of it."

ITEM 10: pg. 3, para. 2, sent. 4 : "In [April 1990], however, Maccabee began to back-pedal on what he'd been told by the UFO files custodian in 1979.....In this version the CIA man had merely been speculating about the totality of the CIA's collection, judging by the one or two thousand he had control over."
WRONG! Evidently WTZ has "conveniently" (because it makes a better story?) forgotten that the "back pedalling" had all occurred in [May, 1979] . For the reader who doesn't know who is telling the truth I ask whether or not you think that WTZ would have failed to pursue this point (i.e., are there 15,000 documents or aren't there?) in the spring of 1979 when the subject was hot...[he needed to know whether or not there were thousands more pages for the next lawsuit]. I submit that WTZ did the logical thing in 1979 and asked me at that time to clarify the situation: was my contact aware, or wasn't he aware, of "15,000" pages? The writer's indication that this "back-pedaling" didn't take place until 1990 is part of the poor investigation evident in this paper.
ERROR #5

The AIR paper continues in the next several paragraphs to build an argument which the writer portrays as logical (the "custodian" should know how many documents there are). However, the truth or falsity of the claim that there are thousands more pages of UFO documents cannot be determined from the information I was given. The simple fact is that, because of the compartmented nature of the CIA (and other intelligence agencies), [it may be that no one who knows how many pages there are].

ITEM 11: pg. 3, para. 7, sent. 3: "Green was awarded the CIA's National Intelligence Medal for his work on a "classified project" from 1979 to 1983 [precisely the years in which Maccabee was meeting with him at CIA headquarters]." WRONG! (Way to go, Kit!) It appears that the writer/WTZ is trying to imply that the "classified project" was related to UFO research and my contacts. I don't know what the "classified project" was, but I do know it had nothing to do with my contacts from 1979 to 1983 because [there weren't

any]. After that last meeting with KG in the spring of 1979 I didn't see him again and had no contact with the agency until June, 1984 when I was contacted by Dr. Ronald Pandolfi regarding my Navy work. He had been tracking developments by the "other side" in that field of research and wanted to know what the US state of the art was. ERROR #6

During my first meeting with Ron we discussed my Navy research. I didn't mention my previous visit to the Agency 5 years before, nor did I mention anything about UFOs because I didn't want him to think I was "nuts." However, I subsequently learned that he discussed my visit with someone who did remember, because soon afterward I got a phone call in which he brought up my UFO interest. I didn't quite know how to take this and approached the situation with some caution. So, over the next few years, when we met to discuss LIS research and projects we would occasionally also discuss UFO cases I was working on and ufology in general. There were several people who were mildly interested in the subject, but none, to my knowledge, was actively involved in research. In the summer 1987 after the release of the MJ-12 papers and the MUFON International Symposium in Washington, DC, where the MJ-12 papers were discussed publicly for the first time Ron asked if I would be willing to give a lunchtime talk at the CIA. That sounded amusing, so I said yes. My talk to all-comers, secretaries, messenger boys, researchers and spies (?), centered around the papers which the CIA had itself released, and, of course, the already controversial MJ-12 papers. Although I gained no new information, Ron said that I created a lot of "spies" in the Agency, as everyone tried to find documents on their own. (Clearly most of the employees were not familiar with the UFO phenomenon in general and the CIA documents in particular.) Subsequently I spoke there in 1990 about the Gulf Breeze sightings and most recently about a magnetic case that occurred in Gulf Breeze last September (1992). In each case I presented lectures that I had already given to other audiences. The most recent lecture was a repeat of my presentation of the

magnetic case at the April, 1993, meeting of the American Physical Society in Washington, DC.

ITEM 12: pg. 4, para. 3., last sentence: "[..Bill Moore's best known creation--the MJ-12 hoax]." WRONG! It is my belief, having known Bill and having known about his investigative approach for more than 13 years, that the suggestion that Bill faked the MJ-12 papers (EIB) is [extremely hot air]. WTZ has his own reasons for claiming that Moore faked the document. Part of WTZ's "hidden agenda" (hinted at in the paper) is to discredit the Roswell/Corona crash and the MJ-12 papers in order to build up his own baby, the Dec. (5,6,7 - pick a date), 1950 Texas-Mexico border crash (see pg. 7, para. 1,2, of the AIR report). [There is no evidence that Bill Moore created the MJ-12 documents. If they are a hoax, it is not his fault]. ERROR #7

NOTE: THE ASSERTION THAT MOORE CREATED THE EIB/MJ-12 PAPERS LEADS TO NUMEROUS OTHER ERRORS IN THE PAGES FOLLOWING PG. 4. I HAVE NOT ENUMERATED THEM.

ITEM 13: last sentence at the bottom of page 4: "There are probably thousands of people all over the country suffering from the same sort of [paranoid delusions] as Paul Bennewitz." YES! And the writer of this paper seems to be one of them. Presumably the AIG members are others.

ITEM 14: pg. 5, para. 3, sent. 4: "In fact, Moore told Todd Zechel in early 1980 that "I'll bet you've heard that you can't [make money off UFOs?] Well, I proved that wrong!" For WTZ to accuse BM of trying to make some money off UFOs is like the pot calling the kettle black. WTZ has established a track record of grand schemes to make movies and books that would lead to BIG BUX.

ITEM 15: pg. 6, para. 8, sent. 2: "[Quickly] Moore set about circulating this material.." WRONG! The EIB was received in late December, 1984. Bill and Jamie told only a couple of people about the EIB over the next couple of years and did not generally release it until after it was published by Timothy Good in England in the late spring of 1987, [three and a half years later]. ERROR #8

ITEM 16: pg. 8, para 1, sent. 1: "...[thanks' to Maccabee's influence] ..."
WRONG! Here the writer implies that I had some influence on how Whitley Streiber in MAJESTIC and how Howard Blum in [OUT THERE] portrayed Moore and Doty. WHAT AMAZING GARBAGE. Sure I knew Whitley, but I had no involvement with his book. He met Moore on his own and formed his own opinion, I presume. As for Blum, I never had a discussion or contact with him before his book came out [or since]. Hence I could not have influenced him. ERROR #9

ITEM 17: Pg. 8, para. 5, sent. 2,3: "How much involvement did he have in spreading the MJ-12 hoax? How much influence did Ron Pandolfi have over his conduct during this whole affair?" Answer 1: I supported, and continue to support, legitimate investigation into the EIB/MJ-12 papers which are not yet proven to be a hoax. Answer 2: NONE.

ITEM 18: pg. 8, para. 6, sent. 2: (referring to my paper "UFO Landings near Kirtland AFB or Welcome to the Cosmic Watergate") The report was [co-authored by Bill Moore]. WRONG! I wrote the whole report based on my investigation. Afterward I sent it to Bill and asked him to write an addendum outlining what he knew. He did so. The title page of the report, which anyone can obtain from the Fund for UFO Research, reads "(the above title) by Bruce Maccabee with comments by Bill Moore." Bill's input to the paper is confined to the "notes" on pages 29 and 30 of the 30 page report. I made no changes in my text as a result of Bill's notes. This is hardly what one could call "co-authored." ERROR #10.

ITEM 19: pg. 8, para. 6., sent. 4: "A careful examination of the circumstances surrounding the documents ([and Maccabee's own report]) clearly shows that the document is a fraud created by Doty." WRONG! There is no evidence that it is a fraud. Furthermore, there is testimony by people mentioned in the report which indicates that it actually happened. In particular, Maj. Ernest Edwards confirmed the details about the sightings of

the Manzano Guards, but, unfortunately, too late for me to include this in my paper. If the writer has any conclusive evidence that it is a fraud, as opposed to [innuendo and "wishful thinking"] (he hopes it is a fraud because it makes his story better), then I would like to see it. ERROR #11

ITEM 20: pg. 8, para. 6, sent. 7: "Maccabee now privately admits that the whole MJ-12 mess is [probably a hoax]. WRONG! I would agree that it is, [possibly] a hoax (NOT BY BILL MOORE), but I have seen no evidence that makes me think that the EIB itself is probably a hoax. [If it is a hoax, then it is extremely sophisticated, utilizing historical details that were not previously known. It certainly isn't "crude," as has been suggested by some considerably less-than-brilliant skeptics]. ERROR #12

ITEM 21: pg. 8, para. 6, sent. 2 : "When did Maccabee know the MJ-12 material was fraudulent, was it before he provided Stan Friedman with \$16,000 of Fund money?" WRONG! This sentence is evidence of the argument by innuendo and interence with some slanting of the data included. I didn't know that the document was fraudulent before Friedman's investigation and [I still don't]. [Final judgement awaits evidence...none of which is presented in the hot AIR paper].

ITEM 22: pg. 8, para. 7, sent. 2: "...and had asked for a [paltry] \$500 to get the effort rolling, using a diligent attorney who [volunteered to do the legal work]." WRONG! Here is WTZ's listing of "Costs to the Fund" : "I seek an initial contribution of \$500, which would cover my basic expenses in preparing the suit for filing. Once the suit was ready to file, I would need an additional contribution of about \$2,000 as a retainer for the attorney(s)." ERROR #13

The subject matter of this paragraph is more fully discussed in the main text of this paper.

ITEM 23: pg. 9, para. 7, ". ..all this should be viewed...in light of Dr. Maccabee's (hence FUFOR's) [concurrent relationship with the CIA]. WRONG! More

ultimate claptrap. The allegations in this paper should not be viewed in the light of my CIA association. [The Fund has never had a "relationship" with the CIA]. Furthermore, as I pointed out in the main text of this paper, my CIA acquaintances had no impact on my UFO activities with respect to MJ-12 or any other aspect of government cover-up investigation. ERROR #14

ITEM 24: pg. 9, para 8., sent. 3: (regarding my analysis and support of the Gulf Breeze Sightings) "...most serious researchers have come to the conclusion that indeed the case is a hoax." Is that so? Does the writer, or WTZ have any evidence of this? Did they take a poll? Where is it published? Just how many serious researchers, as opposed to those who merely [read] papers about the case, are there? How do they explain all the other sightings? I suggest that if the AIG really knew how to investigate sightings, as opposed to writing scurrilous "expose" papers, they ought to look more carefully into Gulf Breeze (and New Zealand and Guardian).

ITEM 25: pg. 10, top para. sent. 2: "Or is his technical ability to analyze photographic evidence really that poor?" More unmitigated garbage. Would the writer like to challenge me to an analysis duel, perhaps? My analysis of the Gulf Breeze photos has recently been reviewed and expanded by Jeff Sainio. Perhaps the writer would like to smear him, too.

ITEM 26: pg. 10, top para. sent. 3: "...one could [speculate] that Dr. Maccabee's public support for the case might have been [encouraged by his intelligence contacts]." WRONG! One could also speculate that the writer is a moron or a childmolester or a sexual deviate (pick one...or several). Speculation is easy. Why didn't the writer simply ask me, "Did your intelligence contacts "encourage" you to support the Gulf Breeze sightings?" I would have answered...[NO]. Although they didn't try to advise me one way or another, their comments were more to the opposite, since they were skeptical of the sightings. ERROR #15

Oddly enough, the writer provides support for my claim in the previous

sentence that my CIA contacts [didn't] encourage me to support the Gulf Breeze Sightings by stating that Pandolfi told "others" that he considers Ed Walters to be a "total fraud." Not only has he told others, he also said that to me. However, he pointed out that he has no evidence that Ed is a fraud.

ITEM 27: pg, 10, para. 7, sent. 2, 3: (Referring to the Guardian investigation by Maccabee and Oechsler) "[It is not known] whether any Fund for UFO Research monies were expended in this investigation...again, [it is unknown] whether Fund for UFO Research monies have been expended." In keeping with the "slant" or bias throughout the paper, the writer publishes a simple question [for its value as innuendo or suggestion of wrongdoing]....a simple question which could have been answered before the publication by a simple phone call to the Chairman, Richard Hall, or to any of the other members of the Executive Board. The answer is NO (a thousand times, no).

ITEM 28: pg. 11, para. 2, last sentence: (referring to the Fund's non-support of the demonstration by Operation Right to Know) "But given Dr. Maccabee's relationship with the CIA, the actual reasons for this opposition are in question." As I have pointed out before, my "relationship with the CIA" had no effect on the policy and decisions of the Fund for UFO Research.

ITEM 29: pg. 12, para. 3 In this paragraph it is suggested that my CIA connection had something to do with the decision to "terminate" Larry Bryant's membership in the Executive Committee. WRONG! The decision was based on internal Executive Committee deliberations and my association with the CIA had nothing to do with it. [In fact, I was not in favor of terminating his membership]. ERROR #16

ITEM 30: pg. 12, para. 3: "For some reason Bryant's request [angered the CIA].." WRONG! Angered the CIA? What the hell would the CIA care about a request for FBIS reports [which are not classified] (as the AIR paper correctly reports)? I have no information that Bryant's request "angered the CIA." ERROR

#17

ITEM 31: pg. 12, para. 3: "...Maccabee was scolded by Pandolfi" because of Bryant's FOI request. WRONG! He never mentioned it to me. ERROR #18

ITEM 32: pg, 12, para. 3: "Bryant's action '[could jeopardize the Fund's relationship wltH the CIA].'" WRONG! More misinformation. [There never was a "Fund relationship wltH the CIA"], so Bryant's action could not jeopardize it. ERROR #19

ITEM 33: pg. 12, para. 5. This paragraph, entitled "Maccabee Disinforms FUFOR" is more complete poppycock. First of all, "disinformation" includes falsehood. Providing disinformation is different from providing incomplete information. It is true that I never told the Fund members everything about my CIA contacts. After all, most of my contacts were professionally related and they had no need to know.

I have ignored numerous other innuendoes and "truth-stretchers" because I don't want to end up writing a paper that is several times longer than the AIR itself. I think it is clear that the writers are not infallible and that if future papers are like this one, [LET THE READER BEWARE]!

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PART 3

4418 39th St.
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To Whom it May Concern:

I have read the so-called AIR#1 report and Bruce Maccabee's reply entitled "Hot Air." Although W. Todd Zechel told me on the telephone that he had no control over some of the content of AIR#1, and that there is primarily one other person responsible for it, I agree that the paper bears all the earmarks of Zechel's work and clearly is a reiteration of his past writings. If there is another primary author, aside from being a total coward he or she apparently doesn't have an original thought in his or her head. I shall call him or her "Air-Head."

It must be emphasized that, other than Zechel's obvious role in it, the paper is totally anonymous and the list of alleged AIR members is totally fictitious. None of the people attacked personally in the paper or (like the Fund for UFO Research) smeared by it were afforded any opportunity to reply to the allegations in advance, nor is there an official author or address to which a rebuttal can be sent. The paper is full of half-truths, innuendo, and totally false statements. Nevertheless, it has been widely circulated with obvious intent to do harm to Bruce Maccabee and/or the Fund and so we must reply. The fund is preparing its own separate statement, but I wish to go on record as stating that I have known Bruce Maccabee for over 25 years and have no reason to doubt his personal integrity. We disagree about the merits of some UFO cases that he has worked on, but disagreement and dialogue among colleagues is part of the scientific method. There is nothing devious or "evil" about the positions Bruce takes on a given case, despite insinuations by Air-Head. His position may be mistaken in some respects or even wrong, but who among us is perfect? He also may be right. That is for scientific research to determine.

Bruce is absolutely correct in stating that the Fund never has had a clandestine relationship or any other with the CIA, and it never will as long as I am Chairman. There is at worst "an appearance of impropriety" for Bruce, as past Chairman, to have given talks or information to parties in CIA, which

he did as a private individual. When he mentioned some of his meetings with CIA people to us over the years, we cautioned him that it could cause a problem. However, I find his explanation of what his relationships were with some CIA personnel to be entirely credible and they had virtually nothing to do with the Fund.

At no time did the CIA have any influence over any decisions made by the Executive Committee or National Board of the Fund. Suggestions by Air-Head to the contrary do border on paranoia. As he points out, Bruce had only one vote and in fact some of his ideas were voted down (some of mine have been voted down too). For any decision by the Fund to support any given project or to take any particular action, there is joint responsibility by the Executive Committee and, for major funding decisions or other fundamentally important matters, by the full 15-member National Board. The Board members are independent-minded people whose names and track records are known, not "tools of the CIA."

Finally, Bruce Maccabee served honorably as Chairman for 13 years providing important leadership to the Fund, and remains a respected member of the National Board. Whatever "mistakes" he may have made during that period may be attributable to human failings, but not to sinister plotting or devious behavior.

[signature]
Richard Hall, Chairman
Fund for UFO Research

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AN OPEN LETTER

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Dear Bruce:

Thanks for the note and accompanying material. Yes, I have a copy of the "AIR" Report. They sent me one, believe it or not (post-marked, by the way, "Suburban MD MSC 206," which translates to somewhere in Prince George's County). Apparently I'm the only principal to have received one directly from the source. Interesting.

There is no doubt that Todd Zechel figures heavily in this thing, although he apparently chooses to deny having actually written it. His words reportedly were, "I didn't write it, but of course I can't be responsible for what others may do with information I provide them." Certainly we are dealing with some sort of vendetta group here, and if I had to guess at the membership aside from Zechel himself, I would finger an unholy alliance of the usual Zechel gadflies with perhaps a couple of naive newcomers. Anyone who's been around the UFO community for any length of time knows the type of people he prefers to associate with. Naming them would only give them more notoriety than they deserve. Stylistically speaking, the writing resembles that of Zechel more than anyone else.

As for the accuracy of the piece at least insofar as the material about me is concerned what few things the writer does have right are taken so badly out of context or so heavily embellished with outright fabrication, invective and innuendo that it's hardly worth my time to comment. Certainly I have never

claimed (or "confessed" to be "a government disinformation agent." (A transcript of my 1989 Las Vegas speech is available from me in case anyone wants to read my exact words.) Certainly I did not "create" the MJ-12 papers! As far as I know, Rick Doty never attempted to make "big money" or in fact any money at all "by concocting phoney UFO stories." And if money and greed are my motives, why am I always on the edge of poverty? (Anyone who thinks money is my God simply doesn't know me very well.)

In addition, the writer confuses the matter of the so-called Carter Briefing Documents (the ones I photographed in a motel room) with the Eisenhower Briefing Document. This is all set out in 'The MJ-12 Documents: An Analytical Report' which the writer gives no indication of having read.

Equally confused is the account of Rick Doty's involvement with the Kirtland documents, a matter which is also set forth in detail in my above referenced 'MJ-12 Report'. Furthermore, to the best of my knowledge, Doty has never offered to sell either information or documents on UFOs to anyone. Indeed, during the thirteen years I have known him, Rick has never expressed any interest in receiving money for anything, and on the couple of occasions when money was offered (just to see what the reaction would be) it was quickly declined with a wave of the hand. Nor, for my part, did I ever accept any money for my own involvement.

I do not know whether Rick Doty ever slept with Linda Howe or not, and frankly I do not care! I do know that I have never discussed any such allegation with Ms. Howe. Furthermore, the HOT-AIR Report's assertion that "up to this point, Howe had never in her life spoken with Moore" is untrue. I first met and had a fairly long conversation with Linda in mid-1980, six months before my involvement with the Bennewitz affair and several years before the time frame outlined in the so-called Report!

There's a lot of other stuff as well, but why bother? To have me bragging to Zechel, in early 1980 (!), about making lots of money off UFOs, is ridiculous.

Hell's bells-- the sum total of my contribution to ufology at that point was perhaps half-a-dozen pulp magazine articles. Yes, I had made some money off the Phil/Ex book, but that wasn't really a UFO book. Strangely enough, that meeting marked the only time I have ever met Zechel face-to-face, and Maccabee was present. I knew something of Zechel's curious reputation even at that early date, and as a result I said damn little about anything at that meeting. (It seems to me that he was living in a flea-bag hotel and working as a clerk at Le Sexe Shoppe, a sleazy Hollywood porn palace, at the time.) I wonder if his flawless memory can recall where we met and what the circumstances were. I can.

In summary, I view the HOT-AIR Report as nothing more than the product of seriously twisted minds who have banded together out of sheer desperation in order to attempt one last hurrah. The reason Zechel is a nobody today has nothing to do with me or anything I might have done. The cess pool he wallows in is entirely the product of his own profligacy. How sad that people who have descended to such depths so frequently believe that the only way they can make themselves look good is to make others look bad. Even the Nazis used the technique, although it is now widely accepted that heavy use of amphetamines was responsible for at least some of Hitler's erratic behavior. I wonder what drugs Mr. Zechel is doing nowadays???

In any case, HOT-AIR is clearly nothing more than a hatchet job effort by individuals inimical to Maccabee and myself. Ufology has always been hesitant to give credence to anonymous sources. Why should these cowards be treated any differently?

[handwritten note indicating
this is from Bill Moore but
not signed]

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PART 5

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During the third week of July, 1993 *UFO Magazine received a written report from an organization calling itself the "ASSOCIATED INVESTIGATORS GROUP". There was no return address on the envelope, and the members listed on the back were all pseudonyms. Some of the pseudonyms were fairly easy to figure out, some were not. However the report itself was extremely inflammatory. The first paragraph read; "One of the nation's leading sponsors of UFO research and investigation, the Fund for UFO Research, has had a long-standing secret relationship with the CIA and the U.S. Intelligence community. Dr. Bruce Maccabee, an optics and laser specialist with the Naval Surface Weapons Laboratory near Washington, DC, one of the Fund's founders and member of the group's Executive Committee, has been secretly meeting with CIA officials since 1979, briefing them about various UFO matters and investigators."

*UFO Magazine immediately called the Fund for UFO Research Chairman Richard Hall to get the Funds stance on these allegations. Hall right off stated that he had just spoken with Todd Zechel, one of the primary accuser's alleging CIA connections with the Fund and Dr. Maccabee. Zechel denied being the sole author of the document, but according to Richard Hall, refused to name the other authors.

Hall stated when asked that the Fund was aware of contacts that Maccabee had within Central Intelligence, but had not been aware of any extensive relationships. When asked by Hall if he felt there may be other "moles" in the Fund for UFO Research he stated "No I don't and I have to say that I think this has a potential to be over blown. All we are dealing with here are some fairly major indiscretions by Bruce Maccabee." When asked if Hall thought Maccabee would have reported back to the Agency on persons in the field he said "I have no way of knowing, is the honest answer, but I sort of doubt it because my reading of his

personality and character". "In 1979 Bruce went to New Zealand for, I think it was NICAP, it wasn't for the Fund, and when he came back he told us that he had briefed some people at CIA on the case. As the years went by Bruce said he had talked to CIA people and had contacts over there. When it became obvious that they were ongoing things several members of the board met with Bruce and told him this wasn't right, we can't have you going over there and talking privately with those people. We are dedicated to the position of getting information out on this subject and this will look bad, you can't do it. We told him this could backfire on the Fund, we had no idea of how deeply involved he was."

According to the document from the ASSOCIATED INVESTIGATORS report, and from Richard Hall, the point man at CIA that Maccabee knew was Roland "Ron" Pandolfi, Directorate of Science and Technology. Hall stated that "making some inquiries of my own, he (Pandolfi) is notorious for dealing with a whole bunch of people in the field. He is probably dealing disinformation in the field."

Hall then stated for the record that because of many of Maccabee's favorable statements about the Gulf Breeze case, the Fund was unable to do any balanced presentation of negative information about the case because the Fund had asked several people to report on it and they refused because of reservations about Maccabee.

Maccabee recently vacated the Chairmanship of the Fund for UFO Research when Richard Hall took over. Maccabee is still a member on the Board.

Todd Zechel was next contacted. When asked what initiated the release of the ASSOCIATED INVESTIGATORS REPORT, Zechel said the report was done because Maccabee was found to have briefed CIA in Langley on May 28th, 1993. The briefing was, according to Zechel on "residual magnetic effects found in the Gulf Breeze incident."

Zechel stated "I knew Bruce quite well in the seventies. I got started in the field in 1976 and I always respected and admired him because he seemed to be a very responsible scientist. He was very cautious and not making outrageous pronouncements." "One of the concerns we had with all this is was that Maccabee felt more loyalty to the CIA than he did to his friends at the Fund." Zechel was then asked why the names listed on the report were all pseudonyms and not the actual persons involved. He said "The basic reason is stated in the last page of the report. There are several confidential investigation going on, and when they are completed the people will then be identified." Zechel then said that "I may as well put my name on it since I will be blamed for it anyway."

"One of the inferences that you can draw from the situation is that before 1979 was quite cautious, seemingly afraid that he might loose his government classified research job, and after 1979 when he began meeting with the CIA he seemed to abandon all those cautions, and got involved with a lot of things that seemingly going up against the government. Being one of the lead

sponsors of the MJ-12 investigation. If MJ-12 was legitimate, which I don't believe it was, then Maccabee was certainly taking a number of risks with his security clearance. The fact that nothing happened to him obviously indicates that no one was displeased with what he was doing."

One of the main points Zechel presented concerned the aftermath of Maccabee's New Zealand trip, and his briefing at CIA. Maccabee told Zechel on the record that he had met the CIA's custodian of the UFO files. Zechel states he has Maccabee telling him on audio tape that this unnamed CIA officer had told him (Maccabee) that the Agency had over 15,000 UFO documents. Zechel had brought this point up twice as he told *UFO "This was a critical point because we were in the middle of litigation with the CIA and we were trying to prove the CIA had lied to the court, and lied about their search (for records). Obviously this was a major crime if they have filed all sorts of affidavits to the U.S. District Court swearing that their total files consisted on only about 1,000 documents."

The contact at CIA that Maccabee had that purportedly told him about the 15,000 documents was Dr. Christopher C. "Kit" Green. Green is now reportedly chief of Biomedical Sciences Dept. at General Motors. His replacement at CIA is now Roland "Ron" Pandolfi in the Directorate of Science & Technology.

Later Zechel said that while speaking to Maccabee he asked him if he were working for the CIA. According to Zechel Maccabee stated "You might say that." Zechel said that with Maccabee's background he was recruited by the CIA to work on classified national defense work involving "Star Wars". This in would fit into normal governmental contract work given Maccabee's background in optical physics and his expertise.

Zechel was asked about the allegation in the AIG report that Maccabee was identified as a member of the infamous "Aviary" (Sea Gull) of UFO researcher William Moore. When asked how this was verified Zechel stated "It was verified through him (Maccabee) to me within the last month. (July 1993) He talked about receiving a form message from Bill (Moore) in which Moore had sent a memo out to the Aviary that U.K. researcher Armen Victorian was doing an investigation on the "birds", and the memo stated to not worry about it, no one was worried about being exposed. Maccabee told me that it was funny that Moore said no one was afraid of being exposed, no one asked him, and he was afraid of being exposed!"

*UFO then called Dr. Maccabee. Maccabee was told that *UFO had called Richard Hall at the Fund, and that Hall had verified that the Fund was aware of his involvement with the CIA since 1979, and that Hall had told Maccabee that they were afraid that if this was publicly known it could reflect back on the Fund. Maccabee stated that "I have a professional relationship in the sense of what I do, and in particular I was working on lasers, and I became of interest to them in 1984. This UFO stuff came up as topics of mutual interest. This paper (AIG) misrepresents things and that is one of many things." Maccabee was asked if he did contact CIA in 1979. Maccabee stated he did brief CIA on his New Zealand investigation. However Maccabee stated that the

report was wrong about him contacting CIA. "Coming back from New Zealand, I had looked for help in my analysis, or for people to review what I had done in terms of the radar aspects of the New Zealand case. I had told Jack Acuff of NICAP I would be interested in technical experts in radar. I learned from Jack there was a scientist with major credentials with a corporation. He had become aware of NICAP because of sonic booms, like sky quakes, which were taking place at the time (in the late seventies, after the Concord starting flying.) People were phoning in reports about these booms, and were seeing lights in the sky. The scientific community got interested, and the guy I ended up talking to, Gordon MacDonald, decided to do an investigation with the Naval Research Laboratory, and they found to their dismay that most of the information that is available is in the files of UFO groups. So they contacted NICAP among others for information, so that is how MacDonald got in touch with NICAP and Jack Acuff. When the New Zealand case came along, I was given this guy MacDonald. I met with him and he agreed with some of my conclusions and offered a couple of suggestions. About a week or so later, he called and asked if I would like to brief some people at the CIA where they had other radar experts. I said ok, and then a guy from the CIA called up and invited me to come over. Apparently MacDonald had contacted the CIA on his own. So, here on this report (AIG) is a paragraph which is written in a slanted and fabricated manner."

Maccabee was asked if it were true that after the New Zealand briefing he was taken aside by a CIA official and reveled to him that this man was custodian of UFO files, and that these files consisted of close to 15,000 documents, and then later on at some point he (Maccabee) later retreated from that statement. He said "Yes there is" and then he was asked if it were Dr. "Kit" Green, Maccabee said yes but he never mentioned the name. "Zechel found that out on his own."

"After the briefing, this Green asked me if I would come back and we can talk about the UFO situation in general. I was interested knowing that the government and CIA had just coughed up a bunch of documents, and he may have wanted to talk about the subject for his own reasons whatever they were. I went back again and sometime in the conversation we got into the documents. From what I recall and I do not recall it specifically, Green probably said there were many more documents, maybe as many as 15,000 documents. At any rate what is left out of this (AIG report) is what happened afterwards. I told Zechel about that because I knew he was dealing with that lawsuit. I thought he should know there might be more documents. I did not know of Zechel's independent information. Zechel had a covert source of his own. Plus, Gersten (Zechel's attorney) had been led to believe by the CIA attorney there might be 10,000 pages." Maccabee stated then that in conversations with Green, Green told him that he personally only personally had approx. 1,000 documents.

Maccabee's denial to Robert Hastings occurred in 1979 as opposed to the AIG report which states 1990. Maccabee stated "As far as a denial to Hastings, he had no need to know what I was doing 7 or 8 years beforehand. I was not about to spread it around, and it is very possible I denied it, I do not remember."

When asked how with his job and security level, and with his public and private UFO interest, how could he continue with his UFO investigations and not be censored and not suffer the consequences that others in government service have suffered with a public UFO interest. Larry Bryant was one example offered. Maccabee said "I just played it cool, Larry did not play it as cool. He started sending around paid advertisements to armed service newspapers, and when some of them wouldn't publish his stuff he got mad and sued them and stirred up a big stink." "I never knowingly passed any disinformation, nor was I given any information or disinformation to pass."

Maccabee was then asked if it were true that as late as May 28th, 1993 if he had once again briefed interested parties at CIA on the magnetic effects of the Gulf Breeze case and he answered "yes". Maccabee was asked if he had passed on information to CIA on any cases or personalities in the research community. "What I have done is talk to people that are interested in the subject on material that they could get elsewhere. At one time they were interested in tracking what was on bulletin boards (computer), with Lear and Cooper (Milton) and all that. I did not tell them anything that was not in the open literature. The Gulf Breeze briefing is a case in point, it was a lunch time talk, anyone could come to it, secretaries, street sweepers or the heads of covert departments, whatever. I did not know who showed up. CIA invites lots of people on lots of subjects and they will talk to people that are interested in those subjects. I been there a couple of times just like it said in this paper."

Maccabee then stated that another misrepresentation in the AIG document concerned the years from 1979 to 1983. The paper states that Maccabee had a continuous and ongoing relationship with CIA. "FALSE" he stated. After the spring of 1979 I did not have ANY dealings with CIA until after 1983. In 1984 I was contacted by Pandolfi in regards to my work. I was asked to come over and give a briefing on my work which I did. Nothing about UFOs. I do not talk about UFOs unless the person I am talking to is amenable to it." After Maccabee gave the presentation on his work, he said that Pandolfi asked him about his 1979 presentation on New Zealand. "I couldn't deny it" Maccabee said, and "after that we got into conversations on the subject".

"The implication of this document" said Maccabee, "is that I had continuous and ongoing relations with the CIA all the way through and that I was supplying information to the CIA on UFO stuff for years and years. This is not true."

The one area where Maccabee was not open concerned the question about his being SEA GULL in William Moores aviary. Maccabee claimed he did not know if he were SEA GULL. When asked if he had received any documents addressed to SEA GULL he maintained he did not know.

After conducting a number of interviews, I do not think there was any malicious intent on Maccabees part, but without a doubt some poor judgment. Walt Andrus was contacted to see if MUFON had any

position on this. Andrus said that MUFONs position was "It is not a crime to talk to the CIA, after all they are a part of America to." Without a doubt they are, however after almost 50 years of lies and deceit where the UFO subject comes in, and considering historical events like the Robertson Panel, it is time for the government to come clean with the information on hand. There is a phenomenon, it has apparently interacted with human-kind for years. Agencies like CIA have hidden behind national security with information on UFOs, while claiming that UFOs do not threaten national security. You can't have it both ways and undoubtedly Maccabee will be another casualty in the long line of people who tried to have it both ways. Somehow only the phenomenon and the intelligence services seem to win this one.

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PART 6

* Subj: The Mark of Zechel
* Originally by Mark Harris
* Originally to Don Allen
* Originally dated 31 Aug 1993, 17:16

Hi, Don;

If the "Hot Air" report was really written by Todd Zechel, and at this point, I would have to say there's some substantial support for that allegation [including the fact that I, too, recognize the style], I'd say we need a rather large grain of salt.

When my wife left me, in October of 1985, I moved from our house outside of Prairie du Sac, WI to an apartment in the village. It was a second story apartment, and just below me lived a wonderful retired couple, Walter Zechel and his wife. I got to know Walt pretty good; he remains to this day one of the kindest people I've ever met. He was retired from the Badger Army Ammunition plant, located between PDS and Baraboo, and to make ends meet, he did routine maintenance around the apartment complex, for which he got \$5 per hour and the apartment he lived in.

I often went fishing with Walt, and got to hear much about his children. In spite of the long talks we had, however, the first I knew he had a son named Todd is when Todd himself showed up at Walt's door about 11 pm one night, with a suitcase, an old manual typewriter, and not much else. That would have been sometime around June of 1986 or so, if I recall the date correctly. It

was before my divorce was final, in August of 1986; I'm guessing as to the specific month. Todd had lost just about everything he owned in some unnamed disaster, and came to live with Mommy and Daddy until "things got better".

It was the only time, before or since, I ever heard Walt yell, about anything.

The reason I hadn't heard anything until then about son Todd was that Todd, according to Walt and later confirmed by Todd himself, had never once held down a regular job for any length of time. He had always aspired to being an author, or I should say, Author. I knew about his involvement with UFO's, since it was one of the few topics Todd would be fairly straightforward about.

During the months Todd stayed with his parents, he held exactly one job, and then only when Walt threatened to have the cops come and move him out. He took a "telemarketing" job, which he held for something like two days, when he was fired. Walt told me it was because of alcohol use on the job, though I don't have anything more than circumstantial proof of that. I do know that Todd would drink, sometimes to excess, when he could get someone to give him some money; he used to sit at one of the local taverns, introducing himself as an Author, but when you'd ask what books he'd written, he'd go on about how they're under pseudonyms, and he didn't want to cite actual titles since he didn't want a lot of personal publicity, or to have to autograph books when he was in town largely "on sabbatical".

He spent most of that time working on a book, or so he said; I used to hear typing from downstairs for hours on end. His parents reluctantly allowed him to stay during that period of time, with the provision that when he submitted his book and got paid, he'd leave. I also know that he was caught by Walt on at least one occasion with one of his mother's books, copying page after page out of it, not in any act of plagiarism, but to give the impression that he was, indeed, writing a book, when all the typing was just noise.

Todd may have done some solid work early in his life, in investigating the UFO phenomena, but after meeting him and getting to know him for a few months, I'm not very inclined to take him seriously, or to grant him any credibility regarding his more recent investigations. He was a sorry picture of a man then, who frequently tried to characterize himself as a man of some importance while not providing any information with which someone could verify his status. To coin a phrase, he was "full of Hot Air". (G)

Regards,

Mark R. Harris

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