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----- A LAND GRAB ARGUMENT -----

The Battle for Freedom Ridge will be coming to a head in the next
few weeks when the local BLM office completes processing of the
Air Force withdrawal application and submits it to Washington for
a decision. A letter writing campaign could be effective now,
but
only if the letters focus on technical weak points in the
application, not on the broader social implications of the
withdrawal.

When we recently reviewed the application case file at the Las
Vegas BLM office, we found it packed with passionate letters
denouncing the withdrawal. The bulk of these made a government-
accountability argument: If the military closes the land,
citizen
oversight will be lost over the "nonexistent" Groom facility.
Essentially, these letters are asking BLM and the Dept. of
Interior to evaluate social priorities and defense needs and make
a value judgment about what is most important.

No matter how compelling this kind of argument may seem to an
average citizen, it probably won't go very far in the
bureaucratic
world. The Dept. of Interior isn't qualified to make judgments
outside the realms of land use and environment impact. It
cannot,
for example, evaluate national security needs; it simply does not
have the qualifications or resources in this area. If forced to
make a value judgment about defense priorities, it will simply
follow the recommendation of the only government entity that does
have the resources and expertise--the Department of Defense.

More effective challenges are subtle procedural ones, which only a few people have presented so far. These require an understanding of how the system works and the sort of things that the Dept. of Interior is qualified to deal with. The most promising kind of challenge is to find a flaw in the application itself or the way it was processed. One could challenge the Environmental Assessment and show that it is somehow incomplete or inappropriate. One could look for inconsistencies between this land action and some obscure planning document. One could gum up the proceedings with FOIAs, appeals and nuisance lawsuits.

There are many possible procedural challenges, but the one that we find most appealing is elegantly simple. It appeals to common sense and does not stray far from the government-accountability issues that are our true motivation. To appreciate this argument, we must first understand the basic structure of our government and how this withdrawal fits in.

----- FUNDAMENTALS OF GOVERNMENT -----

There could be no more inept form of government than a pure democracy. Imagine a country where every national decision was put to a popular vote and every citizen was entitled to an equal say in everything their government did. Nothing would get done! There are too many decisions to be made, and no citizen has the time or interest to remain informed on all of them. In an ideal nation run by talk show hosts where each day's government policy was wired directly to public opinion polls, the mercurial whining, sentiment and hysteria of the audience would soon cripple every institution and bring to a halt all public services.

Thank God in our semi-democratic society the people are kept at bay. Aside from occasional state referenda on isolated issues, the citizenry has the ultimate say in only a single kind of decision: that of who to elect to represent them for a given period of time. The people do not participate in every new law drafted by Congress; they are only empowered to choose senators and representatives who, once in office, are allowed to exercise their own personal judgment.

The people delegate to their congressional representatives the authority to make major decisions about their country's future, but Congress does not have the time to oversee every decision the government makes. Instead, it drafts the broad outline of what must be done, and then delegates to the Executive Branch the power to fill in the missing regulations and decide on specific actions within the law.

The Executive Branch of government is the massive bureaucracy that is charged with carrying out the laws and programs authorized by Congress. All the "public services" the government provides,

including national defense and public land management, fall within this hierarchical structure. At the top of the organizational tree is the President. He is the manager we hire every four years to oversee the bureaucracy and make the thousands of day-to-day operating decisions that Congress couldn't be bothered with. The sheer volume of these decisions would overwhelm the man himself, so he hires a staff of specialized managers to handle specific areas. This is his Cabinet and the politically appointed cadre of undersecretaries, diplomats, federal attorneys and miscellaneous high-level bureaucrats. They all represent, in essence, the arms of the President. They are appointed by him, and he is ultimately accountable for their performance as they carry out the instructions of Congress.

Various laws and standards have evolved over the years to define which actions Congress must approve and which others can be left to Executive discretion. In the case of transfers of public land between government agencies, the boundary is specific: The Engle Act of 1958 decrees that congressional approval is required for new defense-related withdrawals of 5000 acres or more. Since the Freedom Ridge withdrawal is only 4000 acres, the decision about whether to approve it need not be referred to Congress.

The lingering question is, if Congress does not make the decision on this withdrawal, then who does? And on what basis do they make it? Is it possible that the decision HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE by the Executive Branch and that the application process is only a formality? Maybe NO ONE makes a decision: Is the mere fact that the Air Force has asked for the land sufficient reason for it to be granted?

----- EXECUTIVE POWER -----

BLM does not decide. It seems primarily concerned with processing the application itself. BLM is like the secretary in a college admissions office who receives applications in the mail, creates folders for them, verifies transcripts and collates SAT scores. The steps that BLM must follow are defined in excruciating detail in federal regulations and its own established procedures. It must require the completion of certain environmental reports--and officials agonize over which ones. It must collect public comments, and search through these for any possible environmental or land use implications. It must verify that the proposed action is consistent with land management framework plans and other obscure bureaucratic documents. Like the secretary in the admissions office, BLM can sideline the application if certain paperwork is not properly completed, but it does not make any judgment about the material it is processing. BLM's job is to prepare the case file for submission to a higher deciding authority.

According to Federal Code, "The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 USC 1714) gives the Secretary of the Interior general authority to make, modify, extend or revoke withdrawals." In short, Secretary Bruce Babbitt is responsible for the final decision on the Freedom Ridge withdrawal. Babbitt is a political appointee of the President. He exercises some of the President's discretion to make day-to-day operating decisions without referral to Congress.

Babbitt, it might appear, can do anything he wants. He does not have to obtain the approval of the American people or even the President before granting the withdrawal. It does not matter if his decision is unpopular. He is a manager who has been entrusted with the power to do these things, and managers have to upset people sometimes. He can weigh the pros and cons of an action and use his own judgment to decide what is best. His word is the final say.

In reality, though, Babbitt's discretion is much more constrained than it seems. He cannot make a decision, as we suggested in DR#13, "by voodoo and sorcery, by studying the entrails of sacrificed animals." Only Congress can do that. As the nation's highest lawmaking body, Congress can make a decision for any reason it chooses, a prerogative it exercised in 1987 when it approved the 89,000 acre Groom Range withdrawal. Just because Congress accepted the vague reasons given by the AF back then does not mean that the same reasons are sufficient for the Secretary of the Interior now.

Unlike Congress, every Executive agency is constrained by a million different laws, rules and ethical guidelines. Because the Executive Branch has so much power that could be easily abused, enormous rule-making effort has been expended over the years in assuring that every decision made by an Executive agency at least APPEARS to be fair and objective. Hence all the explicit rules that BLM must follow when processing the withdrawal application. The aim is to assure that all the relevant evidence has been collected before the Secretary makes his decision. When he does make a decision, a lot of people are bound to be unhappy, and having followed the established guidelines allows the Secretary to claim that he was at least working from a solid base of data.

The Secretary is allowed to make unpopular decisions, but he cannot make ones that are "arbitrary and capricious"--that is, which are made without a basis in some sort of data. Fundamental to government ethics is the openness of that data. In accordance with this country's open records laws, any citizen should be able to inspect the same files and evidence that the Secretary bases his decision upon, at least to assure that there isn't some

obvious conflict of interest or an error in the data. The Secretary has a right to make bad decisions or decisions that favor his political philosophy, but he cannot make decisions from a secret pool of information that is not available to the general public. If he does, he and his decision will be legally and politically vulnerable.

There are only a few exceptions to the openness requirement, and one of these is "national security." The Executive Branch regularly makes decisions based on classified information. If the U.S. invades Haiti, for example, how and when the invasion occurs will depend to a large extent on secret intelligence about defenses there. Because revealing the details of this data might jeopardize its source, the military need not make it public.

At first glance, the Freedom Ridge withdrawal might seem to fall into the same category. The existence of the Groom base is classified and its continued secrecy is--in the minds of the military--essential to national security. If the public release of any information about the base would, in military eyes, compromise the safety of the nation, it is possible that this information can be presented to the Secretary of the Interior in secret. Even though the public does not have access to this data, the Secretary can still use it as the basis for his decision.

Such a provision does indeed exist in the law governing withdrawals. According to 43 CFR 2300.1-2, the withdrawal application must specify....

"(7) The public purpose or statutory program for which the lands must be withdrawn. If the purpose or program for which the lands would be withdrawn is classified for national security reasons, a statement to that effect shall be included..."

Unfortunately, the Air Force failed to include that statement in its application. Their full and only written response to Item #7 is...

"(7) The purpose of the withdrawal is to ensure the public safety and the safe and secure operation of activities in the Nellis Range Complex."

If the Air Force had made the statement that the purpose was classified, then the Secretary could presumably make use of classified information in his decision. The Air Force could present its case to Babbitt in secret; Babbitt could make his decision based upon it, and citizens who objected might be powerless to appeal.

However, as it stands, there is no hint in the application that there is any classified information or facilities involved. The Air Force can't have it both ways. It can't choose to pursue an open process and still expect the Secretary to consider classified information. The Air Force's position presented in the application is the same as it is in public: They know nothing

about any classified facility, and even if it exists it has nothing to do with this withdrawal. Bound by ethical constraints to act only the data actually found in the application, the Secretary must respect the Air Force's public position and cannot consider the Groom Lake base at all.

----- THE BURDEN OF PROOF -----

This land, along with all other public lands in this country, has been designated by Congress for the purpose of "public multiple use." The public is ENTITLED to access to this land unless a solid case can be presented that some other purpose is more important. The decision of whether a certain military purpose is more important than public use is a discretionary judgment by the Secretary, but there still has to be a well-defined purpose, supported by some kind of data. The Secretary cannot simply rubber-stamp whatever request the Air Force makes; that would be "arbitrary and capricious." He has to make a real, active decision about whether this withdrawal makes sense, and he has to make it based on the public information actually presented in the application.

Has the Air Force presented a strong case to justify its need for this land? Has it presented a compelling set of data?

What evidence has the Air Force presented that the "public safety" is currently at risk? The Air Force has not presented even a SINGLE INCIDENT where a person's safety has been placed in danger by visiting those hills. If the Air Force has other definitions of "public safety" in mind, it has not presented any data in support of these either.

What evidence has the Air Force presented that leaving the land public jeopardizes the "safe and secure operation of activities in the Nellis Range Complex"? The most informative statement in this regard was made by Col. Bennett at the Caliente hearing:

"When someone is on White Sides and other nearby areas, altitude and route changes have to be made by aircraft to avoid harming people and to prevent disclosure of operational matters. Some missions have to be delayed or canceled. This impacts the effective use of the Nellis Range Complex."

This could indeed be a valid argument for the withdrawal if it was backed up by concrete examples. Unfortunately, the Air Force has not been able to produce even a SINGLE CASE where some flight was delayed or rerouted due to visitors being on the ridge. It has not even presented a POSSIBLE case where a flight might be so affected in the future.

In short, the Air Force has presented no data whatsoever. In support of its application, the AF has submitted only some vague and general arguments about the importance of a strong national defense and the value of the Nellis Range in training pilots. It

has presented only empty words, expressing noble emotions but conveying no information. It seems to have assumed the role of defendant who is "innocent until proven guilty," who need present no argument in his defense as long as the prosecution can't prove its case against him "beyond a reasonable doubt." No opponent has

been able to prove that the withdrawal will have a significant environmental impact. It won't. No opponent has been able to prove that the Air Force's reason for withdrawing the land is NOT valid--but that's because the AF has presented no specific argument that could be refuted. The Air Force is playing coy and pretending that the responsibility is on the citizen to prove it wrong, when, in fact, the burden is the other way around.

Is the Air Force entitled to any block of public land simply because it asks for it? The logical answer has to be no. If it can take the Freedom Ridge parcel without a supported reason, THEN

IT CAN TAKE ANY 5000 ACRE PARCEL ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY. If the military takes only one or two blocks of land in each Western state, the total could amount to over 100,000 acres in aggregate, and the taking doesn't have to stop there. By attaching a variety

of different nonsense reasons to Item #7 of the applications, the Air Force could conceivably withdraw ALL PUBLIC LANDS IN THE COUNTRY, without the approval of Congress and without being required to provide any evidence of need.

Why the AF wants the land is no mystery to the world: It wants to

keep visitors off the viewpoints that overlook its unacknowledged Groom Lake base. It feels that sensitive operations at the base would be jeopardized if their existence is made public. This may indeed be a valid and supportable reason, but it has never been presented. The Secretary of the Interior and his staff have probably read the many news reports about Groom Lake and from this

have a good idea why the military wants the land, but as far as the application is concerned, this is only unconfirmed rumor and hearsay--no more admissible here than in a court of law. If the AF wants the problems of the Groom Lake base to be considered in the Secretary's decision, it must present this data explicitly. The Secretary of the Interior cannot be required to "read minds," and his ethics are suspect if he does. If he chooses to rely, without public notice, on secret data the public cannot challenge, he has stepped outside the boundaries of his authorized discretion.

If the Air Force had presented almost ANY plausible data in support of the application, then the Secretary could cite it as a basis for his decision, and the withdrawal could go through. With

no evidence at all presented, the Secretary cannot possibly approve the withdrawal without seeming "arbitrary and capricious" --doing it only because the Air Force asked. Logically, he has no choice in the matter, and no value judgment is involved: The

withdrawal application cannot be approved as it stands now.

----- WHAT NOW? -----

About a month from now, in mid-Sept., the Las Vegas BLM office is expected to issue its findings in the limited areas it is qualified to evaluate. It will probably conclude that this withdrawal presents no significant environmental or land use impacts. If this were a less contested action, we sense that the "No Significant Impact" finding would have been the equivalent of an approval recommendation. The state and national BLM directors would have rubber-stamped the application, and Babbitt would have authorized the withdrawal with little more than a cursory examination of what he was signing.

We don't want that to happen in this case. "No Significant Impact" does not imply that the decision-making process is over. It has, in fact, only just begun. We want to make it clear to Babbitt that a real decision now rests on his shoulders. Normally, the application would likely be approved, because that's the easiest thing for the Secretary to do. Not approving it could create inter-agency tensions and internal dissent within the Cabinet. To counteract this natural tendency toward approval, we must make sure there is equivalent pressure from the outside to hold back. We want Babbitt to understand that approving the application as it is will create political tensions and legal burdens from outside the Executive Branch that will fall squarely on Interior, not on the Air Force where they belong.

Through its own bad decisions about how to handle Area 51, the Air Force has painted itself into a corner. Scandals are brewing here that could drag on for years, and the AF has placed itself in a position where it cannot adequately defend itself. It has trapped itself into supporting an absurdity, and its public relations and congressional rapport may suffer as a result. If Interior approves the application, it will, in effect, be volunteering to share the Air Force's burdens. It, too, must defend the absurdity, and it could be vulnerable for its decision in ways that the Air Force isn't. Handling the inevitable protests and appeals and justifying its action to the press and members of Congress could soak up valuable resources that are needed to fight Interior's own battles. Interior has no interest in secret bases. It is preoccupied with contentious land reform battles in the West, and this tiny but highly publicized withdrawal only fans the flames and makes it harder to get things done.

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----- WHERE TO WRITE -----

There's no sense wasting any more of your toner cartridge on BLM. The most effective pressures on Babbitt cannot come from below, they have to come laterally, from the only people who can make the Secretary sweat. Now is the time to write to some key senators and congressmen.

Maybe you've written to them before. Each member of Congress must receive dozens or hundreds of letters a day, most of which probably generate a courteous reply and then are promptly filed in the "Wacko" bin. Most letters are ignored because most people don't make realistic requests. If the letters received by BLM are any gauge, most are rambling, impassioned harangues without a clear goal and with little understanding about the political process and what it is the recipient can act upon.

The most effective letters to Congress focus on a simple, well-defined problem and request a specific action from the congressman that he can reasonably carry out. In this case, it is probably not productive to dwell on government accountability, defense priorities or other complicated issues. Don't ask the congressman to try to reform the military; that is unrealistic. Keep your letter short, courteous and very limited in scope, something like this...

"Dear Representative Smith,

"I am concerned about the pending Air Force land withdrawal at Groom Lake, Nevada, and its implications for military land use in our own state. The military may indeed be justified in taking this land, which overlooks their secret air base. My main concern is the vague and unsubstantiated purpose they have given for this withdrawal: 'For the public safety and the safe and secure operation of activities.' I am worried that if the military is granted this land for this vague reason, then it could easily expand its bases in our state in the same manner, without having to demonstrate need.

"Interior Secretary Babbitt will be making a decision on the withdrawal within the next few weeks. The military is pressuring the Dept. of Interior to approve the current application without change. I hope that you can contact Babbitt's office as soon as possible to apprise yourself of the situation. We must be sure that this withdrawal is approved only within the bounds of established ethical guidelines and reasonable expectations of proof."

If you live in a Western state, where most public lands are located, the dangers of unsubstantiated military withdrawals should be of direct interest to your congressman. If you live in

an Eastern state, your congressman will probably be indifferent. In that case, it is better to write to the members of congressional land use committees.

The addresses for senators and representatives are...

The Honorable John Q. Smith
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

("Dear Senator Smith...")

The Honorable Jane R. Smith
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

("Dear Representative Smith...")

Most members of Congress also maintain offices in the major cities of your state. Look up their name in the phone book for that address, then send your letter to both.

The address for the land use committees and the person to address are...

Subcommittee on Public Lands,
National Parks and Forests
SD-308 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

Chairman: Senator Dale Bumpers

Subcommittee on National Parks,
Forests and Public Lands
812 O'Neill House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515

Chairman: Representative Bruce F. Vento

Here are some guidelines for an effective letter:

-- Write to your OWN senators and congressman first, at least if you live in a Western state. Letters to out-of-state representatives are less effective, since they don't need your vote.

-- Be courteous and observe the polite forms of address.

-- Remember that your letter will be read by a tortured aide who is required to read dozens of others. To be noticed among all that rambling verbiage, the letter must be short and concise. IT SHOULD NOT EXCEED ONE PAGE.

-- Do not express anger or outrage; it won't get you anywhere. Stick to the facts, and don't offer anything more than "concern."

-- Make your comments specific to the person you are writing to.

Point out how this land use case will directly affect his state. If you live in a Western state, you could mention a specific base within your state that might be expanded if the military is given carte blanche.

-- Do not attack the military. Members of Congress generally support the military and tend to tremble and fold whenever the term "national security" is used. Don't bother with government accountability arguments either; they will only clog up your letter and dilute your message. Stick with this one specific land use problem.

-- Do not ask your representative to tell Babbitt what to do. You are asking only that he "look into" the situation to be sure the proper procedures are followed. The withdrawal application is naturally weak and could fall apart on its own if only we can get enough eyes looking at it. If we draw enough congressional attention to this one simple issue, then they could catch on to the more complex accountability problems as well.

After you write to your own congressional delegation or the subcommittee chairman (or both), it doesn't hurt to write directly to Babbitt...

The Honorable Bruce Babbitt
Secretary of the Interior
Dept. of the Interior
1800 "C" St., NW
Washington, DC 20240

(Dear Secretary Babbitt...)

If you wish, you can contact us for a list of the individual members of the land use committees, who might also warrant a letter.

----- INTEL BITTIES -----

CAMPBELL ARRAIGNMENT DELAYED. Glenn Campbell's arraignment on obstruction charges has been postponed by the county District Attorney from Aug. 3 to Aug. 24. Campbell was arrested on July 19 for interfering in the warrantless seizure of a news crew's videotapes. KNBC-TV of Los Angeles still has not received their tapes back, although they insist they did not photograph the secret base. Campbell says he will plead "absolutely one hundred percent not guilty," and he had already requested a jury trial.

AUG. 27-28 OUTING. The FREEDOM RIDGE/TIKABOO PEAK FREE-SPEECH ENCAMPMENT, as mentioned in DR#13, is going ahead as proposed. It will be held Sat. and Sun., Aug. 27-28. (For those who cannot make it on this date, a similar event may also be held Sept. 3-4.) A notice about the camp-out has already been sent to DR

subscribers, and detailed instructions will be sent out by email in a day or two. (Others may request this document by fax or mail.) The general plan is to meet at the Freedom Ridge trailhead at noon on Saturday, then spend the night on Freedom Ridge. On Sunday, there will be a optional hike to Tikaboo Peak, the more distant viewpoint that the AF isn't touching. An optional protest will also take place: Participants are invited to bring "cameras" to point at the base, although film is optional. The camp-out on Freedom Ridge does not require a lot of gear. All you really need is a sleeping bag, a ground cover and enough food and drink to last a day. More details will be provided in the instruction document.

A GROOM PLAGUE? According to an article in the Aug. 9 Las Vegas Review-Journal, a sheet metal worker for the EG&G subsidiary REECo recently contracted hantavirus syndrome at an unspecified AF facility within the "Nellis Air Force Range Complex" in Lincoln County. It is apparently the first such case in Southern Nevada. Not to be confused with the popular FLESH EATING BACTERIA, hantavirus is the deadlier but less colorful disease that was first recognized on Indian reservations and that has killed 42 people so far. The virus is transmitted by contact with the saliva, urine or droppings of infected rodents. Makes you wonder: Could we have a bit of a SANITATION PROBLEM down there at the unspecified facility?

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SUBTLETIES OF THE TELEVISION TALK SHOW, PART I

In DR #10, we reviewed the major news media--print, radio and television--and showed how each could twist reality in their own special way. Strictly for the sake of science, Psychospy allowed himself to be turned into a minor media celebrity so we could

report to our readers the sometimes dubious processes behind the scenes. There was a limit, however, to how low we would sink in the pursuit of knowledge. We would not take off our clothes for the camera, and we would not place ourselves in any situation where our credibility, reputation or dignity could be seriously trashed.

Now we can report that this barrier has been broken. In the next two issues of the Rat we will recount our first-hand experiences with the lowest form of mass media, the television talk show.

..... THE MEDIUM OF TALK

Talk shows come in three basic formats. The rarest but most respectable is the SERIOUS ISSUES talk show exemplified by "Meet the Press," "Nightline" and the roundtable discussions on PBS--maybe even "Larry King Live." They are dignified and serious, explore meaningful political and societal issues, and hardly anyone watches them.

The next rung down the ladder--vapid but benign--is the CELEBRITY CHAT talk show, like the "The Tonight Show," "Late Show with David Letterman" and "Arsenio Hall." Movie stars and Big Money authors pump their latest work in a non-confrontational environment designed only to promote laughs.

The last and lowest form of the genre is the HUMAN CONFLICT talk show. These syndicated programs always bear the name of the host, like "Oprah," "Geraldo," "Vicky" or "Leeza." He or she is a charismatic and camera-loving character, no doubt ruthless in real life, but blessed with the ability to convey warmth and sincerity on TV. The fodder for these shows is a steady diet of human suffering, crises, angst and tragedy. Former spouses and estranged friends face off against each other; grown men and women reveal to the parents their until-now-hidden perversities, and human oddities of all shapes and sizes present themselves for humiliation before a nationwide audience. The ultimate goal of these shows is the public expression of private feelings. They seek tears, anger, jealousy and graphic self-immolation recorded by the camera on a tight close-up. With a dozen such shows now in syndication, the competition is intense to seek out new forms of conflict and expose the latest narcissistic trends.

Talk shows are produced "live on tape" with minimal editing, and this presents special problems for a guest. In other forms of television, sound bites rule the show. It may seem artificial, but tight editing at least assures that each party has their say and only their finest bon mot will be used. The courteous speaker with a few good ideas can confidently compete with any extravagant, microphone-hogging blowhard, because most of what the

blowhard says will be cut. In the almost-live talk show, the more reasonable speaker has to compete with the blowhard head on. There is no time for an orderly presentation of evidence; he who makes the most outrageous, confident and colorful claims, groundless or not, gains the camera's eye and controls the game.

If you have any shred of personal dignity and are asked to be a guest on a Human Conflict show, the best response is obvious: "Just Say No." Unless you are a masochist or a natural born actor, there is no way you can win in this format. We know it now; we knew it then, but sometimes, like Oedipus, you just can't stop the inevitable march of Fate....

..... ONWARD TO HUMILIATION

The path to our own downfall was indirect. For several months, a number of journalists have been making the pilgrimage to Freedom Ridge, and we generally escort them as a sort of local public relations representative. We do not charge for this service, and we do not discriminate between journalists. If TASS or Penthouse or the Podunk Review came to call, we would treat them no differently than the New York Times.

In May, we got a call from a producer from the Montel Williams Show, one of the Human Conflict shows that we had never seen. It seems that "Montel," as he is known to the world, had promised on an earlier talk show that he would visit the border of Area 51. We told the producer that we would be willing to escort Montel and his crew to Freedom Ridge to tape a segment, but we declined an offer to come to New York to appear on the studio show. Montel's visit was originally scheduled for May 5 but was canceled at the last minute, and we breathed a sign of relief.

In August, the project was reactivated, we suspect as the result of the June 22 article in the New York Times. Montel's visit was scheduled for Aug. 16, and we were again asked if we would go to New York to appear on the later show. Again, we declined.

When Montel came to Rachel, he brought a Humvee, his producers and a film crew. We went through the usual script for the camera: Montel drives up to our Research Center, and we meet him in the driveway. Inside, we show him where we are going on the map, then we get in the car and drive the rugged road to Freedom Ridge. We had done it before with countless crews, but never so quickly and in so few "takes." When Montel arrived, there was no question that he was in charge. He asked no significant questions, and showed no particular interest in the secret base itself. We sensed that he came only because he said he would and that his primary aim was to film a sound bite on the ridge that said, "You see, I did what I promised."

As we rode down from Freedom Ridge in the Humvee with Montel and the producer, we were again asked if we would come to New York to

appear on the talk show the following week, Aug. 23. We hesitated and were about to turn down the offer cold, when the producer uttered the only horrible words that could force us to comply.

Sean David Morton.

..... THE EMBODIMENT OF EVIL

We first learned of Sean Morton over two years ago, before we came to Rachel. We had heard his enthusiastic endorsement of the Black Mailbox on a UFO video:

"Probably the most amazing thing about Area 51 is the fact that this is literally the only place in the world where you can go out and actually see flying saucers on a timetable basis. You can literally go out there on a Wednesday night between about seven and one a.m. and you'll see these things flying up and down the valley. It's absolutely amazing. On even a bad night you'll have ten, eleven, twelve sightings. On a good night--and I've been out there with friends of mine camping--on a good night the sky will just rip open with these things. You'll see anywhere between twenty to forty objects in a night testing over the base for anywhere from fifteen and forty minutes at a time."

We've lived near the border for over a year and a half now, are genuinely interested in UFOs and have spent countless days and nights in the desert; yet we haven't seen even ONE flying saucer, let alone scores. The logical explanation is that we arrived too late, after the saucers had been packed up and moved elsewhere. The trouble with this theory is that during the early part of our tenure, Sean Morton continued to bring tours to the area--at \$99 a head--and reported UFOs everywhere.

In one celebrated incident in March 1993, Psychospy spent the night on White Sides, overlooking Groom Lake, with some aviation watchers and a writer from Popular Science. We were looking for the alleged Aurora spyplane--almost as ephemeral as flying saucers--but we saw nothing more than a few satellites, some distant aircraft strobes and an occasional meteor. The following was reported in the March 1994 Popular Science....

"Last March, three chilly airplane watchers with binoculars atop White Sides Mountain at this magic hour [4:45am] were tracking a 737 airliner approaching Groom Lake, as a fourth member of their group thawed out in his truck below. Parked on a knoll, he was next to a vanload of UFO seekers. They were lead by tour operator Sean Morton, whose leaflet described him as 'the world's foremost UFO researcher.'

"Morton donned a horned Viking helmet and from time to time pointed to the sky, exclaiming: 'Look at that one!' The airplane watcher trained his binoculars in the same direction but saw nothing out of the ordinary. Later, Morton's group became excited by what they perceived as an entire formation of UFOs; the airplane watcher's lenses revealed only stars. Finally, as the morning's first 737 made its gentle approach toward Groom Lake at 4:45, the UFO enthusiasts rejoiced at Old Faithful's appearance. Everyone had seen exactly what they hoped for."

In the beginning, when we were new to the area, we were generous to Sean and called him "fantasy prone." As we got to know him better and gained confidence in our own knowledge base, we came to mince no words. Sean is a deliberate con man. He recognizes as well as us the landing lights of a 737, but he knows that others can be fooled and taken for a \$99 ride to see them. If anyone is spreading disinformation about Area 51, filling the air with noise to make the truth harder to grasp, it isn't sinister government agents; it's Sean David Morton pursuing only his own greed and self-aggrandizement.

We have worked hard over the past 18 months to undo the damage Sean has done and displace him from the Area 51 scene. Discrediting Sean isn't complicated: We simply quote his own words whenever we can. Sean is a broadly diversified charlatan, a self-proclaimed expert in faith healing, earthquake prediction, psychic prophesy and virtually every other New Age fad. We have no problem at all with him plying his trade within the confines of the state of California where he justly belongs, but when he proclaims himself the foremost authority on Area 51, we get territorial. We hope that our "Area 51 Viewers Guide" has reduced the gullibility of newcomers and made the environment less attractive for leeches like him. In fact, we haven't had a confirmed Morton sighting near the border in over a year. We heard from sources in California that he no longer gave tours to Area 51 because the saucers had been moved elsewhere--which was fine by us.

The saucers must have returned, however. As the recent Groom Lake publicity reached its peak, "The World's Foremost UFO Researcher" could not help but resurface to suck energy from it. In recent months, reports began to reach us that he had appeared as an Area 51 expert at UFO conferences, on radio talk shows and on the Montel Williams Show.

In the latter appearance, which was first broadcast in December 1993, Sean showed video footage of nighttime "UFOs" that he said he photographed "at great risk to my own life." As we viewed them later, one clip showed an isolated circle of light jumping around within the frame. It could have been any stationary out-of-focus

light shot through a hand-held video camera. Notches seen on the top and bottom of the "disk" correspond to protrusions inside the lens assembly. In the other clip, only slightly out of focus, we saw the lights of a 737 landing on the Groom Lake airstrip. To Sean, it was "an object actually coming in from space." The time stamp in the corner said "4:49 am."

It was on this show that Montel promised to visit Area 51 escorted by Sean; yet when Montel finally made the trip eight months later, Sean was not invited. The producer told us that word had reached him from many sources that Sean was considered a fraud, that in addition to UFOs he also did psychic prophesies and that his claimed credentials were highly dubious. He and Montel felt that Sean had taken advantage of them and that by having him on the show they had inadvertently legitimized him.

But none of that prevented them from inviting him back as a guest the second studio show.

As we rode down in the Humvee from Freedom Ridge with Montel and the producer, the reality to us became crystal clear: If we did not appear on the Montel Williams Show, then Sean would have the stage all to himself and could continue to spread any sort of nonsense about Area 51. We felt that we had no choice. Either we did battle with this guy now, before he grew bigger, or we would be cleaning up his mess for many months to come.

..... OUR RAPID EDUCATION

We had less than a week to prepare for the big show--nowhere near enough time to do all the research we needed. The first item of business was to actually watch the Montel Williams Show and familiarize ourselves with the format. We cranked up our satellite dish and surfed through the channels. On "Donahue": "Six Year Olds Who Sexually Harass Other Six Year Olds." On "Rolanda, a related topic: "Will Your Child Grow Up To Be A Serial Killer?" On "The Vicky Show," we heard that Sean Morton had just appeared as an expert on the prophesies of Nostradamus, but we were unable to catch that one.

The first Montel Williams Show we saw was, "Mistresses Who Want To End The Affair." On the stage, three women disguised by dark sunglasses explained why they had been attracted to married men. We could only tolerate about ten seconds at a time of this show, but when we tuned back, we found that the women had shed their sunglasses and revealed their true identities. Presumably, they had also revealed, or at least seriously compromised, the identities of the men they had been having the affairs with. When we tuned in again later, one of the three was having an angry argument with a fourth female guest. We guessed that this was the wife of one of the married men.

A friend sent us a tape of Montel's original UFO show in which Sean appeared as a "UFO Investigator" and Montel promised to visit. The show included an abductee, a witness to the "Kecksburg Incident," a former actress, WFUFOR Sean David Morton, a requisite skeptic, a pro-UFO filmmaker and--as if you hadn't guessed--that talk show regular Travis Walton. The show was conducted in the "expanding chairs" format. It started out with two guests alone on the stage, then more guests and chairs were added during each commercial break until there were seven chairs and seven squabbling speakers vying for attention on the platform. In this format, attention is diluted with each new chair, so the people who appear last, typically the skeptics, usually get only a few seconds of airtime. During the free-for-all of a seven-person debate, the camera always focuses on the most aggressive and charismatic guest--i.e. Sean David Morton.

The last chair to be filled was occupied by filmmaker Russ Estes, who the on-screen caption said, "Does Not Believe In UFOs." This is false. He is a disciplined UFO investigator who has devoted his career to making films on the subject, as well as exposing obvious frauds. What is true is that he "Does Not Believe In Sean Morton." In his few seconds of air time, he raised doubts about one of Morton's many fake credentials, his claimed "Doctor of Divinity" degree.

RUSS ESTES: "Montel, my biggest problem, and this is what I've run into over and over again, is the quality of the individual who is bringing me the message. You know, the-boy-that-cried-wolf syndrome is phenomenal in this field. You get people out there who are saying, I'm this, I'm that, and I hate to do this to you, Sean, but here's a guy right here who claims to be the Doctor, Reverend Sean David Morton. In his own biography, he claims to have gotten his Doctor of Divinity at--excuse me, it will take me one second...."

SEAN MORTON: "Berachah University."

RUSS ESTES: "Berachah University, Houston, Texas--the Berachah Church. I called them. They don't have any type of degrees that they give. They have Bible study at the best. He claims to have attended University of Southern California...."

MONTEL WILLIAMS: "So the point that you are making, Russ, is that there's a problem with the messenger, so therefore the message is not real."

RUSS ESTES: "How can you believe the message if the people lie to you from the start."

SEAN MORTON: "The thing I'd like to point out about Mr. Estes here is that if you don't like the message, you can shoot the messenger, and it's obvious to me that in the UFO field, we do

this for free, we do this because we want to know the truth, because we have seen something...."

RUSS ESTES: "But does that mean you bogey up your credentials?"

SEAN MORTON (angry): "That is not true. You are flat-out lying to these people. I went to USC for four years."

Just then, the debate was cut off by a sloppy edit, and Sean's USC diploma appeared on the screen.

After watching the tape, we contacted Russ Estes. He said that the debate between he and Sean went on much longer than was shown on the screen. "Live on tape" does not mean totally unedited. This show went on for over two hours to obtain a one hour's worth of material. Sometimes, whole shows are thrown out when they don't work. Unfortunately, Estes made a misstep on the USC degree. As it turns out, this is just about the only authentic credential he has: a B.A. in Drama and Political Science. We certainly believe the Drama part: It's the last degree he ever needed.

The Doctor of Divinity degree is still phony, but in the talk show world, evidence counts for nothing; only emotions and presentation matter. Sean walked away from the show as a brave and knowledgeable crusader, legitimized by a promise from Montel to take his tour, and with the implied invitation to reappear on the show. Estes walked away alone, wasn't invited to return, and has since had to live down the "Does Not Believe in UFOs" moniker. Sean even had the delightful gall to send Estes a letter, through the producers...

Mr. Russ Estes
c/o Alex Williams [sic]
The Montel Williams Show
1500 Broadway Suite 700
New York, New York, 10036

Dear Russ:

I am going to assume that you are not a bold faced liar who is out for some kind of warped revenge, or a person who is just trying to make a buck off baseless slander.

Let's try to solve this like gentlemen - enclosed is a copy of my U.S.C. diploma. I have also called the school and my records are intact. The rest of your "research" on me is equally faulty.

I hope this solves out problem. If not, I have consulted my attorney and any further slander directed toward me through your video series or elsewhere, will result in action taken against

you.

Yours Truly,
[BIG signature]
Sean Morton

Things were beginning to look grim for Psychospy. With the time of the taping drawing near, we hadn't even begun to scratch the surface of Sean David Morton and his path of destruction.

Talking

to our contacts, we saw that Sean had accumulated a vast audience of intimate enemies, more than we could possibly contact. If

Sean

sounds knowledgeable and occasionally has some meaningful information, it is because he has ripped it off from others. We were amused to find that there was even an reputable astrologer who hated Sean, who felt that Sean had stolen his predictions and passed them off as his own.

It seemed a futile exercise anyway. We knew all the evidence in the world wasn't going to matter when we actually faced off against Sean on camera. We were leaving behind our own comfortable medium of logic and data and stepping into his home turf--the talk show--where presentation counts more than content. We were obligated by our own ethics to speak only the simplest truths and the cautious assertions supported by data. Sean David Morton, bold faced liar that he is, faced no such constraints.

He

could spout any lie he wanted to sound important and get himself off the hook, and the only thing that mattered here was that he said it with apparent sincerity and that it held up for television's thirty second attention span. We knew that if we started to make an accusation about him, he would instantly sense the winds and make the same one against us with greater force. The ensuing argument would make he and us appear to be equals.

Sean knew all the buzzwords and cliches of the UFO movement and could spout the conventional wisdom much faster than we could.

He

knew how to sound sincere and reasonable and adapt instantly to the sentiments of any social circumstance. He was well-practiced at responding to inquisitions and had emerged from many without a scratch. Opposing him, all we had was a body of mundane knowledge

about a very limited area of the desert. Sean was smooth and well-honed in his talk show delivery, and we were stumbling in for

the first time to a medium where we really didn't want to be.

It was with these reservations and a sense of dark foreboding that

we packed our bags and headed for New York City. There, in Times Square, we expected a titanic battle between Good and Evil, and things didn't look good for Good.

[To be continued in Desert Rat #16....]

----- NEW AIR FORCE STATEMENT ON GROOM -----

The following statement was recently released to inquiring journalists by the Nellis AFB public affairs office. (We requested our own copy from Major George Sillia on Aug. 26.) It represents a significant shift from the previous "We know nothing about Groom Lake" response.

"There are a variety of facilities throughout the Nellis Range Complex. We do have facilities within the complex near the dry lake bed of Groom Lake. The facilities of the Nellis Range Complex are used for testing and training technologies, operations, and systems critical to the effectiveness of U.S. military forces. Specific activities conducted at Nellis cannot be discussed any further than that."

That's a step in the right direction. What the base needs now is a name and a history. For example, tell us about the U-2 and A-12 programs at Groom in the 1950s and 1960s. That's not very secret or critical to our current defense, so what's the point in pretending it is? Will the Air Force take control of the situation and provide this information itself, or will the void be filled by a dozen aggressive entrepreneurs?

We'd bet our money on the entrepreneurs.

----- EG&G TO ABANDON TEST SITE ----

According to an 8/26 article in the Las Vegas Review-Journal, EG&G and its REEC Co subsidiary will not seek renewal of their Nevada Test Site contract when it expires in 1995. These are two of the three companies that have managed the nuclear testing ground since its inception. It is unclear whether this action will have any affect on operations at the adjoining Groom Lake base, where EG&G and REEC Co are also assumed to be major contractors.

Recent rumors say that EG&G no longer operates the "Janet" 737 jets that shuttle workers to Groom and Tonopah. That operation has supposedly been taken over by the Air Force, using the same aircraft and possibly the same staff.

----- JANET "N" NUMBERS -----

For aircraft watchers, here are the registration and serial numbers of Janet 737s and Gulfstream commuter planes spotted at the Janet terminal at McCarran airport. Based on observations in 5/94 and the 4/30/94 FAA registry. One or more of the Janet aircraft are probably missing from this list. (We ask our readers to find them.)

Boeing 737...
Reg. #/Serial #/Owner

N4508W 19605 Great Western Capital Corp, Beverly Hills
N4510W 19607 Great Western Capital Corp, Beverly Hills
N4515W 19612 Great Western Capital Corp, Beverly Hills
N4529W 20785 First Security Bank of Utah, Salt Lake City
N5175U 20689 Dept. of the Air Force, Clearfield UT
N5176Y 20692 Dept. of the Air Force, Clearfield UT
N5177C 20693 Dept. of the Air Force, Clearfield UT

Gulfstream C-12...

N20RA UB-42 Dept. of the Air Force, Clearfield UT
N654BA BL-54 Dept. of the Air Force, Clearfield UT
N661BA BL-61 Dept. of the Air Force, Clearfield UT
N662BA BL-62 Dept. of the Air Force, Clearfield UT

----- JANET HANDOFF FREQUENCIES -----

A DESERT RAT EXCLUSIVE! Published here for the first time are the air traffic control frequencies for the "Janet" 737 crew flights from Las Vegas McCarran Airport to Groom. The McCarran freqs are public, but the Groom ones have not been revealed until now. Air traffic control broadcasts are "in the clear" and any scanner radio should be able to pick them up. Each of these freqs has been personally confirmed by Psychospy or a close associate.

121.9 McCarran Ground Control
119.9 McCarran Tower
133.95 Departure Control
119.35 Nellis Control
120.35 Groom Approach
127.65 Groom Tower
118.45 Groom Ground

Here are some other Groom freqs (some of which were previously reported in DR #8). The security frequencies are usually scrambled, but not always.

418.05 Cammo Dudes (primary)
408.4 Cammo Dudes (repeat of 418.05)
142.2 Cammo Dudes
170.5 Cammo Dudes (Channel 3)
138.3 "Adjustment Net" (seems related to security)
261.1 Dreamland Control (published)
255.5 Groom Tower (repeat of 127.65)
154.86 Lincoln County Sheriff
496.25 Road sensors on public land
410.8 Pager (apparently from Groom but unconfirmed)

The most accurate way to detect a road sensor (AFTER you have tripped it), is to program 496.25 into several channels of your scanner, then scan those channels exclusively as you are driving. When the scanner stops on one channel, you have just passed a sensor.

----- GROOMSTOCK '94 -----

The "Freedom Ridge Free Speech Encampment" went pretty much as planned, with at least sixty people in attendance but not all of

them staying for the night. There were no surprises and, sadly, no confrontations with the authorities when we whipped out our cameras and pseudo-cameras to point at the secret base. The Cammo Dudes were visible but kept their distance, and the only authority figure to show up on the ridge was a BLM Ranger in a Smoky-the-Bear hat. He was concerned only that we clean up our trash, and he warned us, by his very presence, that "Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires."

The event was recorded in an 8/29 article in the Las Vegas Review-Journal, which dubbed it "Groomstock." [The article may be available at the FTP site.] We were disturbed to read in the paper that the attendees included some "marijuana-smoking slackers." We called around and found out it was true and that it happened after Psychospy went to bed. Had we known, we would have quashed it immediately. This sort of thing discredits our ability to police ourselves and hurts the reputation of the land grab opponents.

The hot gossip around the campfire was about the Review-Journal reporter and the loony in the tie-dyed shirt. The loony had spent about an hour moving rocks and dirt around to make himself a comfortable bed, then he blew a conk-shell horn and banged cymbals together to bless it. When the reporter arrived, he volunteered to make a bed for her, too, not far from his own, and he proceeded with the project without any encouragement. It is unknown why he singled her out for this special honor, but evidently she was "chosen." It should be noted, however, that while blessing the reporter's bed, the loony accidentally dropped one of the cymbals. We forget to check with the reporter in the morning to see if that omen affected the quality of her nighttime experience.

----- SOUND FAMILIAR? -----

From an AP news story printed in the 8/5 Review-Journal...

"PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti -- Authorities deported an American TV crew Thursday, putting the three journalists in an open pickup truck, parading them through the capital and then dumping them at the Dominican border....

"Soldiers detained the freelance journalists for PBS's 'The MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour' on Sunday while they were filming at Port-au-Prince's airport. Three of their videotapes were seized....

"The military-backed government has urged journalists not to

report 'alarmist' news and has attempted to restrict news coverage....

"I think it's deplorable, and it's obviously an attempt to embarrass them,' [U.S.] Embassy spokesman Stanley Schrager told The Associated Press. 'This treatment was not necessary; neither was the deportation.... It's a transparent attempt by this illegal regime to interfere with the free flow of information.'"

In related news, the four of the five video tapes seized on July 19 from KNBC-TV have still not been returned. The tapes were taken without a warrant after the crew filmed an interview on Freedom Ridge but not the Groom base itself. Activist Glenn Campbell, who accompanied the crew, was arrested when he attempted to interfere with this seizure.

----- CAMPBELL ARRAIGNED -----

Activist Glenn Campbell reports that his Aug. 24 arraignment on obstruction charges was "amicable." Charges were presented, but the District Attorney did not appear. The complete text of the charges, stemming from the July 19 KNBC incident, reads as follows...

Case No. P55-94

IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF THE PAHRANAGAT VALLEY TOWNSHIP
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, STATE OF NEVADA

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

STATE OF NEVADA, Plaintiff,
vs.
GLENN P. CAMPBELL, Defendant.

STATE OF NEVADA) ss.
County of Lincoln)

DOUG LAMOREAUX, being first duly sworn and under penalty of perjury, personally appeared before me and complained that on or about the 19th of July, 1994, in Lincoln County, State of Nevada, the above-named Defendant, GLENN P. CAMPBELL, committed the following crime:

COUNT 1

OBSTRUCTING PUBLIC OFFICER, a violation of NRS 197.1990 and ICC 1.12.010, a MISDEMEANOR, in the following manner:

The Defendant did, then and there, after due notice, willfully, hinder, delay or obstruct a public officer in the discharge of his officer powers or duties. Specifically, the Defendant did, then and there, after due notice, willfully hinder Sergeant Doug Lamoreaux in the discharge of his official duties by locking the

doors of the vehicle which Sergeant Lamoreaux was retrieving certain items from and further refused to unlock the doors after being requested to do so by Sergeant Lamoreaux.

All of which is contrary to the form of Statute in such cases made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Nevada. The complainant, therefore, prays that a Warrant be issued for the arrest of the Defendant, if not already arrested, so that he may be dealt with according to law.

[Signed]
DOUG LAMOREAUX
Sergeant
Lincoln County Sheriff's Department

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me
this 24th day of August, 1994
[Signed] NOLA HOLTON
NOTARY PUBLIC/JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

The only surprise in these charges is the line "and further refused to unlock the doors after being requested to do so by Sergeant Lamoreaux." That is not how Campbell recalls the incident. DR#12, published less than 12 hours after the incident, reported it as follows...

"At this point Campbell, who had been standing on the opposite side of the vehicle, reached in and pushed down the door locks on the side that Lamoreaux was approaching.

"Lamoreaux said, 'You're under arrest.' Campbell was immediately handcuffed and placed in Deputy Bryant's vehicle."

Campbell claims that Lamoreaux said, "You're under arrest," IMMEDIATELY after he pushed down the door locks, with no request being made to unlock them. Campbell says he has two other witnesses, the KNBC crew, who can verify his story. In this case, where the basic recollection of facts is in conflict, it will be interesting to see what the second officer, Deputy Kelly Bryant, will say under oath.

However, the core of Campbell's defense rests on Constitutional issues. He is guilty of obstruction only if the officer was indeed engaged in the "lawful" execution of his duties.

Lamoreaux justified his warrantless search by citing, in vague terms, a certain Supreme Court ruling, the name of which he could not recall at the time. That ruling is apparently in the case "Ross vs. U.S." which allows the warrantless seizure of "contraband" from a vehicle when there is a danger of flight. It is unclear at this point whether the video tapes of a news crew constitute

contraband in the same manner as a shipment of marijuana or stolen merchandise. Complex First Amendment issues may be invoked. The case may be further complicated by the repeated offer by the TV reporter to allow Lamoreaux to view the video tapes himself.

Campbell has requested, and has been granted, a jury trial. According to the Justice, this will be the first jury trial held in this court since about 1987. Campbell announced his intention to represent himself at the trial, with possible legal co-council.

A tentative trial date of Oct. 25 has been set, but it is likely to be postponed. Campbell indicated that he will waive his right to a trial within 60 days to allow more time to conduct legal research.

----- LARRY KING NOT CLONED? -----

Our report in DR#13 about the diversion of Larry King's plane to Nellis AFB continues to disturb many of our readers. It raises the specter of secret contacts between King and the military or even a surreptitious replacement of the talk show host by a look-alike clone. Now, we wonder if our panic was only a false alarm.

A producer from a Las Vegas TV station tells us: "I checked into it and think it is legit. According to the FAA, McCarran Airport was never really closed, but they did have pilots choose not to land on that Saturday afternoon because of inclement weather. They also confirm that there is an agreement with Nellis to allow planes in trouble to land there. I spoke to the control tower at McCarran. They checked their records, and they indicate that on that Saturday a nasty thunderstorm was noted by the tower at 1:45-

2:05. In fact, four takeoffs were delayed during that time due to weather. Planes in the air just flew holding patterns until the weather cleared."

Presumably, King's plane didn't have enough fuel to maintain the holding pattern. Thunderstorms can be very localized, and perhaps Nellis was clear. A producer at Larry King Live says that, in her opinion, he is definitely the same Larry King. She says he got the military escort because he was late for a speaking engagement and made his wants known on the plane.

So what can we say? Obviously, the FAA, the TV station and the King producer ARE PARTIES TO THE CONSPIRACY. This story is deeper than it seems, and the Rat will pursue the investigation for as long as it takes. THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE.

----- MYSTERIOUS SIGN DISAPPEARANCE -----

The big "No Photography" signs on the Groom Lake Road have disappeared. For over a year, they were installed on public land about two miles from the military border, but sometime in the

first week of August they were cleanly removed, posts and all, apparently by the Air Force. (A civilian thief--like SDM, who has a number of these signs in his possession--would have simply unscrewed the signs, not uprooted the heavy posts and carefully filled up the holes.) The two signs on either side of the road were each about 3 feet by 4 feet and bore the following text:

WARNING: THERE IS A RESTRICTED MILITARY INSTALLATION TO THE WEST. IT IS UNLAWFUL TO MAKE ANY PHOTOGRAPH, FILM, MAP, SKETCH, PICTURE, DRAWING, GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION OF THIS AREA, OR EQUIPMENT AT OR FLYING OVER THIS INSTALLATION. IT IS UNLAWFUL TO REPRODUCE, PUBLISH, SELL, OR GIVE AWAY ANY PHOTOGRAPH, FILM, MAP, SKETCH, PICTURE, DRAWING, GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION OF THIS AREA, OR EQUIPMENT AT OR FLYING OVER THIS INSTALLATION. VIOLATION OF EITHER OFFENSE IS PUNISHABLE WITH UP TO A \$1000 FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT FOR UP TO ONE YEAR. 18 U.S. CODE SEC. 795/797 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 10104. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

USAF/DOE LIAISON OFFICE
PO BOX 98518
LAS VEGAS, NV 89193-8518

The signs first appeared in May 1993 shortly after WFAA-TV from Dallas took video of the base from White Sides. (When challenged by the Sheriff, they admitted photographing the base but managed to retain their tape.) The signs were removed in Aug. 1994 shortly after KNBC-TV from Los Angeles lost their video tape after NOT photographing the base. It is unclear why the AF removed the signs. Perhaps they have become a little smarter and are adopting a "don't ask, don't tell" policy toward photography (but we wouldn't want to be the ones to test that theory). The signs themselves had become a tourist attraction, and no visitor could resist having their picture taken beside them.

At the same time the "No Photography" signs vanished, the misplaced "Restricted Area" sign also went away. This is the crossed out sign seen in the NYT article, where the "stupid faggot" comment had later been written and then erased (DR#12,13). God, we'll miss that sign! It was as illegal as hell--being on public land--but an old friend to us nonetheless.

At least now we can assure the public: If you see a Restricted Area sign, it's real and they mean it.

----- INTEL BITTIES -----

ENCOUNTERS TRANSCRIPT. Complete, unedited transcripts (not just the sound bites) of the interviews in the 7/22 Encounters show (DR#10) are available to Compuserve users. Type GO ENCOUNTERS, and look under "Browse Libraries" and "Interview Transcripts." Interviews include Rep. James Bilbray (file FREED2.105), Agent X (FREED1.105) and Glenn Campbell (FREED3A.105, FREED3B.105). This is a transcript for video editing, so every "Um" and "Ah" is recorded.

NEW GUARD FACILITY. We send our congrats to the Dudes on their newly constructed prefab building next to the guard house on Groom Lake Road (about a half mile inside the border). Apparently, they are expecting more business along this part of the border and need a new substation. Interested taxpayers can view the new building from the first hill on the hiking trail to F.R. ("Hawkeye Hill"), a location that will continue to be public even if F.R. is taken.

UPCOMING TV SEGMENTS. UNSOLVED MYSTERIES will broadcast a show on UFOs with a segment on Area 51 on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 8pm. The broadcast will include a new interview with Bob Lazar. THE CRUSADERS will broadcast a segment on UFOs, including a visit to F.R., on Sept. 10 or 11 (date and time vary by city). Air date for THE MONTEL WILLIAMS SHOW taped on Aug. 23 has not been confirmed, but it could be the week of Sept. 12.

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SUBTLETIES OF THE TELEVISION TALK SHOW, PART II

(Continued from DR#15)

[Montel William Show expected broadcast date: Monday, Sept. 19.]

We feel guilty and owe our local readers an apology for
suggesting

in DR#11 that if a major U.S. city had to be nuked by a terrorist
group, Las Vegas wouldn't make a bad target. That's not the way
we really feel. We only pretend to hate Las Vegas because it is
fashionable to do so; in truth it's quite a livable city once you
get to know it. Beyond the Strip, Vegas is a modern, efficient
metropolis in the Orange County, Calif., mold where it is easy to
get things done. The neon jungle can be easily avoided, but when
we choose to go there, it offers some of our favorite free
entertainment. Although we do not gamble, drink or go to shows,

we have always enjoyed the casinos for the insights they offer into human nature. We find it endlessly amusing to wander through the acres of slot machines observing small-brained visitors blow away their hard earned savings on odds that are never in their favor. Nowhere else in the world are the flaws of human perception so obvious and easily studied.

Our warm sentiments for Las Vegas, and subsequent guilt for maligning it, were reawakened by our recent visit to New York City, where we took part in an episode of the Montel Williams talk show. We REALLY hate New York and really wouldn't mind if the Sons and Daughters of Liberty took out Manhattan first. New York illustrates what those small-brained Vegas visitors do with their lives when they go back home. Packed by the millions into an area about the size of the Tikaboo Valley, all personal space and human dignity are taken away and then sold back to people at exorbitant prices. Almost anywhere in the country would be a healthier, more productive place to live; all it takes is a little initiative to get up and go. Like the dumb clucks in front of the slot machines, New Yorkers just sit there and keep dropping in quarters.

Haunting memories of humility and futility came flooding back to us as our plane circled La Guardia airport in the rain waiting for clearance to land. In a previous life we had made this trip many times before, wearing a business suit (We break out in hives just thinking about it.) and carrying a briefcase and umbrella (which, dammit, we had forgotten this time). We were returning now like Crocodile Dundee from the outback, carrying no coat and tie, only our jolly swag. We didn't want to be here, but we had a job to do. A mission. In Times Square, we were scheduled to face the forces of evil--Sean David Morton--in what we expected to be a talk show about Area 51. Sean was the con artist who conducted tours of public land for \$99, who passed off 737s as UFOs and who had recently reemerged on the talk show circuit as a Groom Lake expert. We felt that we had to engage the Doctor Reverend Morton now, before he grew bigger and further muddled the waters that we had worked so hard to clear.

The producers of the talk show understood Sean as well as we did, but chose to invite him back anyway. Sean could speak with certainty about UFOs at Area 51, while we were still groping for data and could only ask questions. Sean was there to make extravagant claims, and we were there to shoot him down. The conflict between us would create Entertainment, which is the ultimate aim of the talk show format.

..... ARRIVAL

Our misgivings and painful memories aside, we felt like a
Somewhat

Important Person when we arrived at the airport. Although we were not paid for our appearance, airfare was provided by the show, with a free stopover in Boston. As arranged a few days before, we would be met by a driver who would take us to the posh Embassy Suites Hotel in Times Square. The next morning, an escort would meet us at our hotel and take us to the nearby studio. Upon completion of the taping, we would receive our \$50 per diem for food and miscellaneous expenses, then a private car would whisk us back to the airport. We would be in and out of lovable old New York in less than 24 hours.

We felt like Donald Trump as we exited the airplane and were met by our driver, holding up a sign with our name on it. He seemed unclear about our destination, however, so we directed him to the Embassy Suites. This was located in one of America's most expensive blocks of real estate, directly fronting Times Square. As we rode the elevator up to the spacious second floor lobby, we tried to estimate the cost of a room here. In Vegas, a bed in a classy joint like this could be had for \$45 a night; here, we suspected it was more like \$250. We tried not to sound arrogant and Grey Poupon-ish as we introduced ourselves to the desk clerk as a guest of the Montel Williams Show.

Alas, the clerk could find no reservation in our name, and some embarrassed phone calls to the show determined that we were staying not here, but at the Salisbury Hotel, an old "keyhole" establishment wedged between clothing stores about 15 blocks uptown and a corresponding number of notches downscale. Now don't get us wrong: The Salisbury is very "nice." There's no lobby, but comfortable rooms are offered at the reasonable rate of only \$110 per night. As Tom Bodett of Motel 6 says on the radio ads, every motel's the same when you're sleep'n. The amenities mattered even less to us on this trip since, in the Crocodile Dundee spirit, we intended only to lay out our swag on the floor and not muss up the pretty bed. Still, the Salisbury was not the Embassy Suites, and the unannounced downgrading of our accommodations could not help but start the wheels of paranoia turning.

From our room, we called Russ Estes in California, who had challenged Sean Morton's credentials in the previous Montel Williams show and was not invited back. He said that the same thing had happened to him: He arrived at the Embassy Suites only to find he had been downgraded to the Edison. "Looks like you're being set up like I was," said Estes. He said that for his show, they put Morton and the pro-UFO crowd in the Embassy Suites, and without notice moved the skeptics and him into the downscale Edison. "You know darn well where Sean is staying tonight," said Estes.

The walls of our room started closing in on us as we practiced our lines. We knew we would have limited time on the air and would have to get out our message early and with no mincing of words.

"I've lived near Area 51 for a year and a half and have known Sean Morton and his work even longer, and I can tell you, without reservation, Sean is a charlatan, a fraud and a phony. He'll tell any sort of lie to make himself sound important." But wait, maybe "charlatan" was too big a word for this audience. We had previously considered and rejected "sociopath" as being too upscale, while "victim of Munchausen syndrome" wasn't the proper clinical term. (In diagnostic manuals, this disorder, named after the tall-tale-telling baron, refers to the faking of medical symptoms, not the broader compulsive lying we sought to convey.) How about "a fraud, a phony, a liar and a con man"? That was simple and direct enough for television, but was it too many words?

In a night of fitful sleep, we saw a stream of fevered images. In one scene we are shirtless and bulked up to 250 pounds from years of illegal steroid use. We point our beefy finger directly at the camera and explode in anger: "Sean David Morton, I've taken enough of your lies! You're a fake, a fraud and a phony. This is the grudge match of the century, Sean David Morton, and when you meet Psychospy in the ring, Saturday night, Madison Square Garden, only one of us is going to come out of it alive!"

In other scenes our bravado collapses. The Montel Williams Show has prepared an ambush for us consisting of all our present and former UFO enemies. In addition to Sean, they have flown in conspiracy nutcase and "Old Faithful" promoter Gary Schultz, who, after we challenged his takeover of a Rachel UFO conference, accused us vaguely of child molestation--nonspecific as to time or place. He would no doubt repeat those charges again on the air. Next to him is competing nutcase and "Old Faithful" promoter Erik Beckjord, who shows the audience dramatically enlarged photos of "Old Faithful"--aircraft landing lights to us mortals--and points out hidden alien messages in the big white blob. Fortunately, Beckjord's hatred for Psychospy is tempered only by his violent feuds with Mr. Schultz. Lastly, Montel is sure to welcome Lazar's moronic gatekeeper, "Mr. Nasty" Gene Huff, who will sling his usual creative epithets in our direction: "Prick! Dickhead! Sicko-Spy! Goober! Leach!" (the latter being misspelled as given). Not that we couldn't take on all these dim-wits at once in any arena, but in the resulting fray, Sean Morton would pretend to be the reasonable one and get away scot-free.

..... THE STUDIO

When we awoke in the morning, we found ourselves, alas, still in New York, seventeen stories above street level in a non-suicide-

protected room with Zero Hour rapidly approaching. No longer trusting the staff of the show and unable to confirm that any escort was coming for us, we took the subway to Times Square. The studio was on the fourth floor above an older block of storefronts in the corner of the square where religious zealots harangue passers-by.

We arrived, as requested, about three hours before the 11 am taping. An associate producer briefly showed us the studio and the audience warm-up room, then escorted us to "Green Room Number One," which would be our home until we went on stage. The floorplan reminded us of a miniature Roman Coliseum before a big gladiatorial battle. In the middle was the studio, which is much smaller than it appears on television. Arranged in a sloping, arena-style format are chairs for a small audience--made to look big by camera angle--facing a platform where the guests sit in padded armchairs. Arrayed around the outside of the studio and separated from it by soundproof walls, are a series of "Green Rooms" where the guests are warehoused until they appear. Each Green Room resembles a small living room with green carpeting on the floor and walls and with a sofa and comfortable chairs facing a television set. Our Green Room also contained an impressive assortment of Pepperidge Farm cookies. We were not relaxed enough to eat anything at the time, but we remembered to stuff our traveling bag full of them for later consumption.

Once you enter a Green Room, you are a prisoner there and cannot leave without an escort. If you must go to the bathroom, you have to inform a production assistant carrying a walkie-talkie. After he gets clearance over the radio, he steps into the hallway and furtively looks both ways before beckoning you to follow. He waits for you outside the bathroom, then escorts you back, keeping a constant eye on you to make sure you keep up and do not stray.

In a program that actively seeks on-air conflict, careful management of the Green Rooms is clearly a high priority. Guests who are about to go to war with each other on the show shouldn't be allowed to run into one another in the hallways. In many shows, there will be surprise guests who the others won't be aware of until they are revealed on the air, so the cat mustn't be let out of the bag. In fact, Sean Morton didn't know that we were going to be on the show until we suggested, foolishly, that someone tell him. (Those impulsive ethics are always getting in our way.)

All of this plotting behind the scenes might have heightened our own paranoia had we not been joined in our Green Room by two representatives of sanity, the requisite UFO skeptic and his coach from the New York Area Skeptics. The on-air skeptic was a first-timer like us, but his coach was a veteran of several talk shows and was refreshingly cynical about what we could hope to

accomplish. According to him, the skeptics--who Psychospy was clearly classed among--are usually brought on last and are allowed the least amount of airtime. If their arguments are too good and they manage to demolish the principal guests, then the episode can simply be thrown out and never aired. Even when a show airs, it may still be edited, and when time is limited, the skeptic's words are the first to go.

As show time approached, we were visited in our Green Room by a series of specialists. First came the make-up man, who kindly took the sheen off our balding heads. Then came a woman with a clipboard and a man with a video camera. On the clipboard was a form we were asked to sign which said that we wouldn't sue the producers no matter what happened on the show. After signing, we were asked to state our names into the camera and say that we agreed to the terms on the form. Montel himself also stopped in briefly to greet us, and the head producer visited several times to tell us what was happening.

Soon, even in our sound-proofed Green Room, we began to hear the roar of the crowd. Next door, the audience was being "warmed up" for the show, with instructions on when and how to applaud and when to keep quiet. Practicing their loudest and most enthusiastic response, their thunder shook the coliseum walls. The show was about to begin.

..... FREAK SHOW

Sitting on a comfortable sofa, drinking Pepsi and watching TV in our Green Room, what we saw on the screen could have been any midday talk show. We would have changed the channel if we could, but we had to pay attention to this one because it was actually taking place next door and we would be on it in a few minutes. Montel Williams stood in the audience, and after the initial enthusiastic applause, he announced that he had been to Area 51 just as he promised. Then, after a commercial break, a clip was shown from the previous broadcast: Montel promising Sean that he would visit. When the clip was over, Montel said he would show the tape from his recent trip later in the show, but first he had guests to introduce.

On the stage were two women: A young, attractive one, and an older one with dark circles around her eyes that even makeup couldn't hide. They were the abductees, the standard starting point whenever a talk show does UFOs. As far as we were concerned, these two could have come from Central Casting. We had never seen them before, but we had seen people like them on other shows, and we knew most of what they would say before they opened their mouths. The attractive woman recounted how the aliens had paralyzed her in her bed while her boyfriend slept undisturbed beside her. Without her permission, the aliens touched and prodded her naked body, first in gentle, caring ways and then in ways that were not at all pleasant. She felt betrayed by the ruder touches and would never trust the aliens again.

The second woman, with the sunken eyes, said that she had been abducted all of her life by many different kinds of aliens. She had, in fact, killed a number of them. The aliens had implanted tiny fetuses in her body and removed them three weeks later, remarkably developed to the stage of three to four months. The woman knew the fetuses weren't hers, because she previously had a hysterectomy. (This raised snickers among our fellow skeptics, who asked themselves, Where did the woman carry these infants--in her bladder?)

A tape was then shown of Montel's tour of the woman's house in Las Vegas, where he and his crew had visited just before they came to Rachel. The house was filled with geodesic shapes and magical crystals designed to ward off the aliens. The woman slept under a six-foot pyramid with a crystal hanging from the center. To us, it looked like the same contraption Sean Morton is seen meditating under in one of his publicity photographs. We wondered if he had sold it to her.

By the time of the second commercial break, the theme had been set. Watching TV in our Green Room, we knew that this woman would be the star of the show, and Area 51 could be no more than brief diversion.

..... THE ALIENS

Upon return from the break, two more chairs had been added. The new guests were a clean-cut looking couple who publish Unicus, "the magazine for earthbound extraterrestrials." These people haven't been abducted by aliens; they ARE aliens.

Again, although we had never met this couple, we knew their basic story before they spoke. We have run into many aliens here in Rachel, like the Ambassador Merlyn Merlin II from Draconis [DR #2] and the very attractive Venus From Venus, whose business card says she does "weddings, exorcisms and alignment healings." Although these beings appear in human form, you know they are aliens because they immediately introduce themselves as such. One young, spacy-eyed woman we once met opened the conversation by asking us where we were from. We said, "Boston," and she said, "No, where are you from Out There?" We had to confess that we didn't know. She said that her name was Willow--just Willow--and that she was from the Pleiades. Pleiadians, she explained, are very peace/love/60s sort of aliens, in contrast to the evil, gray, rectum-coring Reticulans, which Ambassador Merlin claims to represent.

Like the aliens we have known, the couple on the Montel show grew up thinking they were human and did not know the truth until experiencing a revelation. As the woman explained it, a similar

mystical event lead her to found the magazine. She said that she saw a holographic vision of Unicus before her. On the show, someone asked, What is Unicus? Unicus, she said, was the magazine. She saw a 3-D vision of the magazine in front of her, so all she had to do was look through the pages to know how to write and design it.

Still sitting in our Green Room, our mind preoccupied with other things, we may have lost touch with the woman's narrative sequence, so we apologize if we don't get her story exactly right.

Sometime after the vision, the woman felt an unexplained calling to go to Peru. The next day, it so happened, a brochure arrived in the mail for a tour to Peru, and seeing how this could not be coincidence, she signed up. Through her hotel room window at Lake Titicaca, she saw several alien spacecraft emerge from a cave in a cliff. They split into many craft and then vanished. Somehow, this confirmed her vision and convictions about Unicus.

The man had nothing memorable to add, except that he was also an alien. The two had met at a UFO conference and were immediately drawn to each other by their alienness, but we forget the details.

Then there was another commercial break. The show was now half over. Nothing introduced so far had any stated connection with Area 51. This was a show about aliens and abductees. We remain neutral and do not feel qualified to pass judgment on their claims, no matter how Loony Tunes. Perhaps some abductions are real, but we have often experienced another kind of UFO abuse that is rarely reported to the public: abducted by abductees, which this show clearly was. We realized, now, that our role would be only that of a token skeptic to be brought on at the very end to give the production a thin veneer of respectability.

..... SEAN MORTON

When Sean finally appeared in the fifth chair, he was almost irrelevant. Because he knew we were here and would be on next, he made no extravagant claims about Groom Lake. What he said was a totally forgettable rehash of generic UFO cliches. We heard him say something about "Roswell," but can't remember anything else. He provided nothing substantial enough to challenge.

During Sean's segment, Montel showed the tape of his superficial visit to Rachel and Freedom Ridge, without Sean. Pat and Joe Travis of the Little A-Le-Inn were interviewed outside their establishment, offering their usual unconditional support for everything anyone ever claimed to have seen or experienced. Psychospy, looking hokey in our camouflage fatigues, met Montel in our driveway and showed him the big map on the ceiling of our Research Center. There were some driving scenes, then Montel appeared on Freedom Ridge saying that he had come as promised.

Finally, through the window of the Humvee we saw some daring footage of the secret base in the distance.

There was a break for another commercial. The program was winding down now and at last it was our turn. We were escorted from our Green Room and joined the stage with TV newsman George Knapp, meaning that we would each have only microseconds of air time.

When the lights came up again, the camera was still on Sean. Commenting on the tape, he said that he had personally discovered the location Montel had just visited. A lie! He had never even been to Freedom Ridge, let alone discovered it. We wanted to shout, "Liar!" but unfortunately we had not yet been introduced and did not exist as far as the camera was concerned.

Time was running out, and there were still three guests left. George Knapp was introduced first. He had come expecting to talk about Area 51 and the Bob Lazar story, which he had introduced to the world with his KLAS-TV report in 1989. Unfortunately, he had time only for a few short lines. George said something about the charlatans taking over the field, but unfortunately he did not name Sean directly.

Then, at last, Psychospy was introduced. We were asked what brought us to Area 51. We said that we had seen a UFO video tape in which Sean Morton claimed that you could see a dozen UFOs from the Black Mailbox on even a bad night. We said that we came here first to check out this claim but saw only military exercises.

Sean replied immediately, "Unfortunately, Glenn arrived too late," and then he seamlessly took control of the camera. We still feel dazed and aren't sure how it happened, but somehow we dropped the ball and didn't have a chance to respond. With the show drawing to a close, any disagreements between Sean and us seemed futile. Although Sean got more air time than we did, even he wasn't really a player here.

Members of the audience had questions, but only for the sunken-eyed abductee. Someone asked, "You say you killed some aliens. If so, then what happened to the bodies?"

The abductee replied that they had disintegrated instantly.

Someone else asked (off-camera): "How did you kill the aliens?"

The abductee replied, "With a crystal pistol."

We wondered, silently, whether Sean had sold her the crystal pistol.

After a final commercial break, the skeptic came on, making it eight chairs. He was allowed a few token words of objection. There was another question or two from the audience for the abductees and aliens, then Montel proceeded to close the show.

The last thing he did before ending the show was poll each of the guests to ask if they had seen UFOs. We recognized this as our set-up. When the question came to Sean, he said that he had seen UFOs at two locations, including Area 51. When it came to us, we said that we had never seen any UFOs, even when we were on the next ridge over from where Sean was seeing UFOs galore.

We got an applause for that. Our only minor triumph.

..... EPILOGUE

Upon return to our Green Room, we found it occupied by two guests for the next show, taping in the afternoon: "Interracial Couples Who Haven't Told Their Parents". In our Green Room was the interracial couple, looking tense. In another Green Room, we heard, was the white man's conservative mother. Since the mother hadn't seen her son in three years, she thought she was doing the show, "Parents Reunited With Their Children."

Isn't America a wonderful country!

In retrospect, maybe we didn't do so badly. At least we survived with a few shreds of dignity intact. Even if we did not achieve the definitive victory we had hoped for, at least Mr. Morton was kept in check and, aside from his Freedom Ridge discovery, didn't have a chance to spread any new nonsense. In a crunch, we were forced to meet Sean Morton on his own turf. Now, with that encounter ended in a draw, we can bide our time and move the battle to a venue where we feel more comfortable. Slowly, methodically, we'll data him to death.

"You may have gotten away this time, Sean David Morton, but we'll meet again!"

----- BEN RICH SKUNK WORKS BOOK -----

Former Lockheed Skunk Works president Ben Rich, who directed the development of the F-117 stealth fighter, will be publishing his memoirs next month. "Skunk Works: A Personal Memoir of My Years at Lockheed" is a tell-almost-all book with many nameless references to Groom Lake. Rich shows an obvious disdain for the "blue suiters" of the Air Force and expresses his frustrations with excessive secrecy and the caprices of the military procurement process. Popular Science is excerpting some of Rich's book in their October 1994 issue, which should be hitting newsstands and mailboxes within the next few days.

Our mail order arm, Secrecy Oversight Council, will be selling the Ben Rich book as soon as it is available. The price is \$24.95 plus \$3.50 priority mail postage. Scheduled publication date is Oct. 4, but we are accepting orders now. (Little, Brown, 350 pages, hardcover.)

----- LAND GRAB UPDATE -----

Like a soap opera, the land withdrawal process for Freedom Ridge

goes on and on. In DR#13, we said that Oct. 15 would be the soonest the land could be closed. Now, Jan. 1 looks like a more reasonable minimum, but we wouldn't place any bets on that date either. The process could conceivably drag on much longer--up to a deadline of Oct. 95--and we still don't know for certain that the withdrawal will be approved.

We have never claimed to fully understand the withdrawal process, owing to its many bureaucratic subprocesses, but after talking with the BLM case officer, here is our understanding of the future steps. Dates are our earliest guess, and further delays are possible anywhere in the process.

Step 1: Release of Environmental Assessment and proposed land use plan amendment (prerequisites for the withdrawal). Notice of proposed amendment published in Federal Register. (Maybe 10/15.)

Step 2: Public is offered a 30-day protest period on land use plan amendment. (Maybe 10/15 through 11/15.)

Step 3: Las Vegas BLM addresses amendment protests.

Step 4: Las Vegas BLM issues record of decision on land use plan amendment, clearing the way for the withdrawal application to proceed. (Maybe December.) Presumably, that decision can be appealed.

Step 5: Las Vegas passes the withdrawal application to the BLM state headquarters in Reno. Reno takes an unknown length of time reviewing application and making a recommendation.

Step 6: Reno passes application to the national BLM director in Washington. National director takes an unknown length of time reviewing application and making a recommendation.

Step 7: National BLM director passes application to Secretary of the Interior, along with a recommendation. Secretary makes decision to approve, reject, delay or consult entrails of sacrificed animals. In the event of an approval, we assume (but are not certain) that the public will be given due warning that the land will be closed, presumably with a notice in the Federal Register.

Judging from the many hurdles still to be crossed, we are not yet making any plans for our Freedom Ridge End-of-the-World Party.

----- OUR READERS RESPOND -----

The following items of correspondence were recently received at our Rachel headquarters.

CLONING NOT IMPOSSIBLE (Email)

"HI! Just wanted to introduce myself. I am the guy who pulled

the toy gun on TV Consumer Advocate David Horowitz in 1987 on live TV at KNBC in Los Angeles. I wanted to get my message out about my family having been cloned by the government and the subsequent events in my shattered life as a result of this action. I assure you I am of the most sincere nature, and can verify all of what I believe in. I am currently writing a book titled "The Invasion of the Human Race", which I hope to complete in the next few weeks.... I was interested in your comments about Larry King being cloned. I can tell you that this is quite possible."
-- G.S.

GOODBYE CALIFORNIA (Letter)

"I am interested in getting a copy of the map of the US after the coast of California supposedly falls into the ocean. If you do not have them, do you know where I can get one?"
-- S.G., Mt. Carmel, PA

----- INTEL BITTIES -----

ST. PAUL UFO CONFERENCE. On Nov. 5 & 6, the Science Museum of Minnesota will be offering a two-day symposium entitled, "The Science and Politics of UFO Research," which promises to be a significant cut above the usual UFO loonfest. Only credentialed scientists will be speaking--no aliens, New Age channelers or SDMs. Speakers will include Stanton Friedman, Kevin Randle, John Mack, Thomas Bullard (folklorist), James McCampbell (physicist), Dr. Richard Haines (psychologist), Dr. Ron Westrum (sociologist), Jack Kasher (physicist and astronomer), Michael Zimmerman (philosopher) and others. The topic is less about UFOs themselves than how human science and society can deal with such investigations. Psychospy will be discreetly in attendance. The price for the symposium is \$130. For more details, email person@geom.umn.edu or contact the Museum at 30 East 10th St., St. Paul, MN 55101. (612) 221-4511.

LAZAR SAUCER. A shipment of the new Lazar Spacecraft plastic model from the Testor Corporation is supposed to arrive at our Research Center by next Thursday. Although we still do not have it in our hands, we can assure our readers, IT EXISTS. The model, that is. You can debate endlessly the veracity of the Lazar story, but at least it is rich enough in technical details to make this model possible. Designer John Andrews, best known for producing the first F-117 model before it was made public, spent many hours with "The Bob" getting the details right. The plastic saucer is 13" in diameter, and the price from us is \$25.00 plus \$5.50 priority mail postage.

SKEPTIC HISTORY BOOK. Now in stock: "Watch the Skies: A Chronicle of the Flying Saucer Myth," by Curtis Peebles. This is a skeptic's history of the UFO movement, offering a plausible,

although often superficial, explanation for most of the major publicized UFO events since the 1947 Kenneth Arnold sighting. Anyone who has pursued any of these stories, like Roswell or the Travis Walton case, is bound to find grounds for argument, but it is still interesting to see the flying saucer phenomenon placed into an historical perspective. For example, the Roswell flying saucer announcement came only a few weeks after the widely publicized Arnold "saucer" sighting near Mt. Rainier, strengthening the suggestion that the Roswell officers may have been influenced by that publicity. Anyone seriously interested in

UFOs needs to read this sobering book. Available from us for \$24.95 plus \$3.50 priority mail postage. (Smithsonian Institution Press, 1994, 342 pages, hardcover.)

UPCOMING TV SEGMENTS. An UNSOLVED MYSTERIES show on UFOs with a segment on Area 51 will air Sunday, Sept. 18 at 8pm. The MONTEL WILLIAMS talk show taped on Aug. 23 will probably be shown Monday,

Sept. 19 (time varies by city). (In a demonstration of talk show incest, Montel recently appeared as a guest on the Conan O'Brian talk show, where he promoted his Area 51 show.) The live LARRY KING special on UFOs, direct from Rachel, Nevada, will air Saturday, Oct. 1 at 8pm ET (5pm PT) on the TNT cable network.

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----- SENSOR WARS -----

In DR#3, we reported the existence of a number of road sensors on public land near the outer perimeter of the Groom Lake base.
Each

apparatus consists of two canisters about the size of soft drink cans buried about fifteen feet apart beside the road (magnetic detectors). These are wired to a transmitter about the size of a gallon paint can half-buried behind a bush. The unit is powered by batteries housed an ammo can sitting beside the transmitter. At one point, we counted twenty of these on public land, extending up to seven miles from the border.

The sensors upset us because they suggest that the military, not BLM, is in practical control of this land. If you trip a sensor, within a few minutes an anonymous security patrol will appear. Your license plates will be recorded and relayed to the nonexistent base. If you deviate from the expected path to Freedom Ridge, a patrol will actively shadow you and won't let you out of it's sight until you return to the paved highway. If you happen to show up at an inconvenient time, the non-accountable patrols may even block your access to this public land, as reported in DR#9.

At the least, the sensors represent bad public relations. They convey the message that no matter how much land the military has, they will always seek to control even more. Every military perimeter needs a buffer zone to protect it, then another buffer zone to protect THAT perimeter, and so on. In fact, the Groom Mountain Range was taken in the 1980s for no other purpose than to provide an unused buffer zone. If you cross the border in the vicinity of Freedom Ridge, you still have to traverse at least seven miles of empty sagebrush before you come to the border of "Area 51." The sensor network essentially turns public land into a buffer zone for that buffer zone.

No one objects to the military installing sensors within the areas they legally control. The military has a right to detect when people actually intrude onto their land, but collecting information on the whereabouts and identity people who have NOT intruded is different. That is purely an intelligence function. Is domestic surveillance part of the military's charter? When the entity collecting the intelligence is in itself unacknowledged, the potentials for abuse are great. Where is this intelligence being sent? Will it be passed to the FBI, NSA or some other intelligence agency? Will people whose vehicles are seen near the border be flagged as "suspect citizens" and watched more closely for un-American activities? It may sound far-fetched, but when the data collecting apparatus is entirely anonymous and no one can be held accountable for abuses, then there is no telling how the information may be used.

Such a discussion about whether the sensors are legal and proper has been largely academic until now. Although we are opposed to them on philosophical grounds, as a practical matter we know where they are and how to disable them. You can pull the power plug before you pass and reconnect it after you leave. When television crews visit, the sensors provide an irresistible visual illustration of Big Brother at work. We express our theatrical outrage into the camera as we point out the transmitter hiding behind the bush. Until now, we've been happy with the status quo. We wouldn't want to remove a sensor because, for one thing, we

have already carefully mapped them, and removing one would mean that a new one would show up somewhere else and we would have to change are maps accordingly.

..... MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCES

A few days ago, on Oct. 5, we were out in the field with a crew from yet another TV affiliate. Part of our shtick as we are driving the press to Freedom Ridge is to use our radio equipment to detect a sensor, then get out of the car with camera in tow to look for it. On cue, we convey our sentiments: Look, it's a sensor ON PUBLIC LAND! It means THEY KNOW WE ARE COMING and we're going to be shadowed by ANONYMOUS SECURITY GUARDS IN WHITE JEEP CHEROKEES. This sensor is an offense to our FREEDOM, PRIVACY AND PEACE OF MIND. It makes us feel so... so... VIOLATED!

Of course the exercise is totally staged, because we already know where the sensors are and when to tell the cameraman to start rolling. Often we give our radio equipment to the reporter sitting beside us so that he'll have the satisfaction of saying, "There it is!"

....So we're cruising down the dirt road toward Roadblock Canyon with the TV cameraman in the back seat and the reporter in the front. Suddenly, we stop the car, close our eyes, open them again and announce our remarkable clairvoyant intuition: "Sensor ahead." We give the scanner to the reporter and tell him to yell out when "496.25" shows up on the screen. With the camera rolling, we start driving again, past a sensor we have already mapped and identified as number 810.

Nothing happens.

We back up, drive forward again. Still nothing. Okay, so clairvoyance is never perfect. If we were alone, we would get out and checked the bushes, but the crew has a deadline to meet. We tell the cameraman to stand by because we know there are other sensors on this road: five altogether. About a mile further down the road we pass the prior location of sensor 811. The camera is running, but still no response on the scanner. Now we are beginning to sweat and wonder if we will ever have a chance to express our outrage. We have the reporter look at the frequency counter instead of the scanner as we back up and pass over the site again. Nada.

We drive ahead, and get no response at the presumed locations of 812 and 813. By this time, the exercise is getting tired. Psychospy has cried wolf once too often, and the camera doesn't roll when we announce a possible sensor. We start feeling a bit depressed and wonder if maybe the military had taken them all away, just like the very photogenic "No Photography" signs they removed after the KNBC fiasco (DR #15). The sensors are part of our dog and pony show. Since the base itself is relatively static, most crews decline even to shoot it. (Most now rely on

still photos or stock footage borrowed from other stations.) The only reason to go into the field now is to catch shots of the ominous Cammo Dudes sitting on a hill, the sinister "Use of Deadly Force Authorized" signs, the mysterious "black" helicopter and the ubiquitous sensors hiding behind bushes miles from the border. Take away these things, and for a visual medium like television THERE IS NO STORY.

Could the military have suddenly gotten smart?

..... WHAT HAPPENED?

After passing through the infamous "Sensor Alley" to Freedom Ridge with nary a blip on the screen, we theorized that someone at a high level in the Air Force saw the Larry King TV special on Oct. 1. In it, the sensors were mentioned, and we figured that a member of the brass with some P.R. sense had seen it and conveyed a message down the chain of command that sensors on public land aren't terribly prudent. Even without the sensors, there are so many patrols in the field now that it seems highly unlikely that a vehicle could slip into the area undetected. Instead of protecting the border, the sensors were drawing people to it. They were among the props that made Freedom Ridge the sort of irresistible adventure destination that cannot help but attract already-seen-it-all tourists.

We surmised that the orders had to come from a high level because the local command structure has always seemed crippled and incapable of changing with the times. The local Dudes seem trapped by their own antiquated rules, still fighting a heavy-handed battle with Soviet spies and not the subtle P.R. challenges of the 90's. Change, if it happens, has to come from above; otherwise, the organization marches ahead in robot mode and repeatedly shoots itself in the foot whenever given the opportunity.

Although we felt depressed about losing our props, removing the sensors was the right thing for the military to do. We thought it indicated a glimmer of intelligence and hope at the top of the command structure.

But we were wrong.

..... A VISIT FROM THE LAW

The day after the TV crew visited, two sheriff's deputies dropped in to see us at our Research Center. They were Undersheriff Gary Davis and Lieutenant Richard Triplett. They said they were investigating the disappearance of eight road sensors reported AWOL by the Air Force.

They wanted to know if we knew who had taken them. We said we

didn't, and that's the truth.

The deputies mentioned that Sergeant Lamoreaux had visited our office on an earlier occasion, seeking information on who might have run down a cow near the Black Mailbox. In the course of his visit, we might have shown Sergeant Lamoreaux the detector unit we

had found in the middle of a road over a year ago. This was one of the soft-drink-sized canisters, made from standard PVC pipe, containing a coil and some primitive electronics. The wires leading out of the unit were frayed and chewed up, as though a coyote had gnawed on it and maybe pulled it from the ground. At the time we discovered the unit, we weren't sure what it was. There was a manufacturer's name on it, but no indication that it was government property. Subsequent examination of the inner electronics gave us the clues we needed to find a complete apparatus. A friend of ours stumbled upon the first one. By driving past it repeatedly and analyzing the output, we found the radio techniques we needed to discover the rest.

The two officers asked us if they could see the detector unit we showed to Sergeant Lamoreaux. We pointed to it sitting on the table beside them. It was a popular item at our Research Center, and we did not hesitate to show it to visitors. As reported in our Viewer's Guide, we considered it abandoned property and would be happy to return it to anyone who can prove ownership.

We opened the unit and explained to the officers how it worked. The officers said that the detector unit we held in our hands was worth \$1000. We laughed at that one. We said that it was possible that the entire apparatus, including transmitter and battery, might have cost the military \$1000 at very inflated contractor prices. We were not talking high tech. The detector unit was composed of off-the-shelf electronic components performing a very simple function: to receive the electric current

produced by a big piece of metal--a car--passing by a coil, amplify the signal and pass an impulse along to the equally rudimentary transmitter. Any knowledgeable hobbyist should be able to reproduce the functions of the detector with about \$20 worth of overpriced parts from Radio Shack.

The officers insisted that the sensor unit alone cost the government \$1000, while the transmitter was valued at \$4000. That's a total cost to the taxpayer of \$6000, batteries not included. The officers told us, very politely, that any theft of government property worth more than \$250 was a felony. For example, theft or possession of one of these detector units that we now held in our hands was punishable by one to four years in prison.

Just then we felt something go "clunk" in our digestive tract. In an instantaneous clairvoyant revelation, we saw where things were leading.

They were out to nail Psychospy.

..... HOW TO NEUTRALIZE AN IRRITANT

People have often asked us if, as the military's chief irritant here, we have ever suffered any threats or retribution for our activism. Alas, we have had nothing sinister to report. Once, our home was visited by mysterious Men in Black (DR#1), but they turned out to be Jehovah's Witnesses. On many occasions near the border, we have been deliberately buzzed at very close range by the big Blackhawk helicopter, no identifying numbers, in direct violation of the Air Force's own regulations on clearance distances. We were outraged, of course, but wouldn't miss it for the world. Recently, we were arrested for apparently interfering with the warrantless seizure of a news crew's video tape. We'll fight it all the way to the Supreme Court if necessary, but even if we lose the fine probably won't be more than a couple hundred dollars--well worth the price in entertainment and political value, we'd say.

People warn us, "Be careful. If they want to get you, they will."

We have always taken these warnings lightly. All we need to do to protect ourselves, we reply to our advisors, is remain pure of heart and clean of spirit, be honest, open and honorable at all times and the goons can't touch us. Oh, naivete! As we talked to the officers with a thousand dollar piece of junk in our hands, we were feeling a wee bit vulnerable. We saw, in our clairvoyant vision, that if "they" ever wanted to get us, this is how they'd do it. They'd look around for opportunities and strike us wherever we were exposed.

Officer Triplett said that he was not going to read us our Miranda rights because we were not under arrest. We were just having a friendly conversation. Nonetheless, he wanted us to know that what we said could be used against us in court. He was going to ask us a series of questions, and we had the right not to answer if we so chose. However, if we did choose to respond, and that answer turned out to be a lie, it could be a bad for us in the future. Officer Triplett asked us if we understood what he had just said, and we replied that we did.

What followed was a game of "I've Got a Secret." The officers asked us questions, and we replied with "Yes," "No" or "I'm sorry, but I'd really rather not answer that." The tone was cordial throughout our chat, and we had a chance to give each question careful thought before replying. We do not recall the exact sequence of the questions, but what follows is the gist....

The officers asked us if we had any sensors in our possession, other than the piece we held in our hands.

We said, "No."

They asked us if we knew who had taken the sensors.

We voiced our theory that the sensors were stolen by mice. We explained to the officers that when the mice come to see Groom Lake, they often want to take a souvenir back home with them. The sensors are convenient and easy to find now that we have published the frequency and told the world how to locate them with any off-the-shelf scanner (DR#15). The sensors are a compelling symbol of authority, as irresistible to purloin as the Restricted Area signs. Because they are farther from the border than the signs, sitting all by their lonesomes in the desert, the mice find them easier to snag.

The officers asked us if we knew any of these mice personally.

We said that we knew a few adventurous rodents who might do that sort of thing. We said that we had no specific evidence, however.

We suggested that the sensors were probably taken independently by a number of different mice rather than in a concerted effort by one or two.

The officers asked us if we had ever HAD a detector unit in our possession, other than the one we held in our hands.

We thought about it carefully and replied that we preferred not to answer that question.

The officers asked us if we had ever had one of those \$4000 transmitters in our possession.

Again, we replied, thoughtfully, that we preferred not to answer the question.

The officers asked us if we had ever had a battery in our possession.

We replied proudly and unequivocally, "No." We have never had a battery in our possession.

In very hypothetical terms, we recounted for the officers a bit of history. There was a time, many moons ago, when the Air Force refused to acknowledge that it had any sensors on public land. The nonexistent secret base guarded by nonexistent Cammo Dudes was also protected by nonexistent road sensors. BLM, the custodian of the lands on which the sensors are buried, had no knowledge of them either until a reporter we talked to inquired. A BLM ranger had to dig one up himself and present it to the Air Force before the AF admitted anything.

We explained to the officers, strictly hypothetically, that prior

to the AF admission, the status of the sensors was very vague.
If
one happened to stumble upon one of these orphaned items in the desert, it would peak ones curiosity, would it not? If no one admitted to owning them, they would seem like abandoned property, like any of the dozen crashed jets or practice bombs found littering the area. Unable to obtain any official information about what this strange apparatus was or who might have left it behind, a curious individual might be tempted to take one home to examine. Hypothetically, one might want to dissect it to find out how it works. That sort of information might help lead one to the owner, to whom, of course, one would want to return it immediately if they could prove it is theirs.

We explained to the officers that after the Air Force conceded that it did have sensors on public land, the situation would have changed. One would not want to have any such apparatus in ones possession. To any person or organization who had become a painful thorn in the side of both the military and the Sheriff's Dept., possessing any such hardware could be a very dangerous liability, could it not?

In an embarrassing breach of etiquette in our otherwise polite and hypothetical conversation, Undersheriff Davis blurted out, "So who did you give the sensor to?"

We looked mystified. "Sensor? What sensor?"

We reiterated that we had no sensors in our possession and did not know which rodent was responsible for the current wave of sensor-nappings. We liked the sensors just the way they were. They were part of our act for the TV cameras. Why would we want to mess up a good thing?

Undersheriff Davis, in another faux pas, asked if they could search our Research Center for sensors. We thought about it a moment then politely declined. We said that it was a matter of principal. Although we did not have any sensors or other contraband in our possession, we did not know if there was anything else in our Research Center that might be construed against us. We could not think of anything specifically, but we liked our privacy and would feel more comfortable if the premises were not searched.

The officers said that they would have to confiscate the one detector unit we had found in the road. We expressed our dismay, since it had no government markings, was found abandoned in the road where any passing patrol could have picked it up and was discovered before we had any idea what it was. Nonetheless, the officers insisted that we knew that it belonged to the government. They said that the responsibility would be the government's to

prove it was theirs, and if they could not do so, then it was possible it would be returned to us. (Fat chance, we thought.... Just like those dozens of rolls of film taken from visitors with the promise of "free developing.")

The officers gave us a receipt for the detector. They agreed that we had been courteous and helpful. They said that they would go to their Rachel substation (a rarely-used building a block away) to talk it over and would come back to us if they had any further questions.

..... CUTTING A DEAL

The officers returned about fifteen minutes later. They said they had been talking on the phone to the Sheriff but that they had not yet contacted the Air Force, who they had been cooperating with in this investigation. The information and offer that Officer Triplett subsequently made to us we assume had the direct approval of the Sheriff himself.

First, Officer Triplett showed us a snapshot of a sensor and transmitter, apparently given to them by the Air Force. He said that he wanted to let us know, in a friendly sort of way, that they would be going door to door to all of our neighbors in Rachel to show them the picture and ask if anyone had ever seen us with such an apparatus or heard us talking about having one. They were not going to make any accusations, mind you, just have a friendly chat about us with every person in town.

Then Deputy Triplett made us an offer. It was a friendly offer, based on the kind of deal, he said, that is often cut in drug cases. Triplett said that they already had "two or three good suspects" in the disappearance of the sensors. If these suspects were confronted with their crimes, there was a risk that they might "roll over" in exchange for more lenient treatment. In a drug case, this means that the addicts turn in the pushers; the pushers turn in the distributors, and the distributors turn in the Mafia dons that can't be convicted by any other means. Triplett said that, unfortunately, due to our prominent position, we were the party who the authorities would most want to convict. If the other suspects could implicate us in any way, then there would be no protection for us; we would have to suffer the full force of the law.

On the other hand, if we chose to turn in those two or three suspects before they could turn in us, Officer Triplett could assure us that would not be prosecuted for any involvement in the crime.

We politely declined this generous offer. We told the officers

that we doubted anyone would implicate us because we were innocent of any involvement in the crime. It would also seem difficult for us to turn in the other suspects if we did not know who they were. Any possible mice we knew of were already far outside the jurisdiction of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department.

Our friendly conversation concluded, the officers proceeded to the door. We thanked Undersheriff Davis for his purchase: He bought a topographic map on which we had marked, at his request, the location where we had found the detector unit in the road. We suggested to the officers that the best way to prevent theft of sensors in the future was for us to publish an account of the officers' visit in our Desert Rat. We would warn the mice of the potential penalties--one to four years in mouse prison--and perhaps this would dissuade them. The officers agreed that this was a good idea.

We walked the officers to the door and bid them a warm good-bye.

..... HULK REBORN

At the time the officers parted, we felt nothing but respect and sympathy for these noble defenders of the law. The Air Force had made a complaint, and the Sheriff's Dept. felt obligated to investigate it. It can be difficult being stuck in the middle like that, but justice is blind, and these officers were doing their job as best they could.

Psychospy is naturally a mild-mannered character. He is not given to anger or rash outbursts. He prides himself in being able to see both sides of every issue and in understanding the complex human motivations in every social interaction. There are no "good" or "bad" people, just people with different points of view.

But even as we recited to ourselves these good and proper thoughts, we couldn't help but sense that something wasn't quite right. Inside, we felt a churning. A transformation. Our clothing felt too tight. There was a heaving in the chest. A change in skin tone. From deep within our gut, a horrible, wrenching impulse started making its way to the surface.

We were getting pissed.

The more we thought about what the officers said the more furious we became. We hadn't felt this way since we spent a January night outside the Lincoln County Detention Center waiting for the release of the seven accused trespassers (DR#1). No one in the Sheriff's Dept. would even confirm that the prisoners were being held, never mind their status, so we had no choice but to spend the night in our car in the parking lot, in sub-freezing temperatures, awaiting their release. When they were finally

bailed out, at about 4 am, we were asleep and missed them.

That's when the beast first emerged. A mild-mannered Bill Bixby was transformed, in a metaphysical sense, into a raging green Incredible Hulk. We were possessed by the irrational and uncontrollable urge to do grievous damage to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Dept.

Nothing in the first part of our conversation with the two deputies bothered us. The officers had a job to do and conducted themselves professionally. What gnawed at us was what they said after coming back from talking to the Big Guy. Psychospys do not

"roll over." We stand proud for our crimes and do not rat on others to reduce our own sentence. We remain pure of heart and honest and honorable in all of our actions, so if we are accused of anything, we will stand trial and exercise every one of the legal rights available to us. Psychospys are not your run-of-the-mill, sell-out-your-neighbor drug dealer. We do not cut deals.

We're mad as hell and getting more livid as we speak. We recognize that there are a couple of issues that need to be addressed right away. One is the future of the Sheriff himself. He is up for reelection on Nov. 8, so now is the time to declare our allegiances. Another issue is the lingering problem of the road sensors, which we want to see removed from public land once and for all. If the military will not remove them willingly, then we predict no sensor will be safe from the mice.

..... A DESERT RAT POLITICAL ENDORSEMENT

In the upcoming elections, the current Sheriff, Dahl Bradfield, is facing a credible outside challenger, Don Brown. Brown appears to be an experienced law enforcement officer, including two terms as a Sheriff in Washington State. We have met Mr. Brown and are impressed. We can't say that we know him very well, but two advantages overrule our unfamiliarity: (1) Brown has vowed to sever all ties with the Air Force, and (2) he is not Dahl Bradfield.

After the KNBC video tape seizure, the Las Vegas Review-Journal printed an editorial cartoon (7/26) showing the stereotypical pot-bellied Sheriff with reflective glasses standing beside his squad car at the side of the highway. A road sign in front of him reads:

Now Entering LINCOLN COUNTY, Nevada...
NO Videotaping
NO Trespassing
NO Bill of Rights

The more we know about Dahl, the more he seems to fit the stereotype.

One misjudgment that continues to sour many voters is his orchestration of a removal campaign for a Lincoln County Commissioner, Floyd Lamb. Floyd is a cagey old politician and certainly no angel, but he was a strong leader who was willing to stand up to Dahl. Floyd was once a powerful state senator whose career ended when he was convicted in a bribery case; the voter's knew about his past when they elected him to the County Commission. Floyd's worst crime as commissioner, as far as we can

fathom, is that he called Dahl a "liar" at a Commissioner's meeting and threatened to cut the Sheriff's Dept. budget. In a county with one of the largest per-capita police force in the country, the Sheriff's Dept. is entity to be feared. The age-old dilemma applies: When you live in a police state, who will protect you from the police? Signatures for Floyd's recall were collected chiefly by Sheriff's deputies and their spouses--the sort of obvious conflict of interest that never would have been tolerated in the big city. In the recall election, Floyd was defeated by a slim margin (making us feel guilty that we didn't get out and stump for him).

We have met the Sheriff himself only in passing. We have never encountered him near the border of Area 51, only his deputies, but

we see in their actions an absence of critical judgment from above. The compensation the Sheriff's Dept. receives from the Air

Force is minor: They pay for one deputy and one car. Yet, when the Air Force calls, the Sheriff's Dept. always seems to jump-to. Contacts and agreements between the feds and the Dept. are secret,

and until recently, the Dept. was deputizing members of the anonymous security force. When the military, through its own unwise decisions, places itself in an absurd and untenable position, the Sheriff seems willing to share those problems upon request, no matter how damaging to the department's credibility.

Only now, as the election approaches, is the Dept. backing off. It may be too late! The worst political gaff you can commit in this county is to be seen as a stooge of the federal government.

While we normally remain agnostic in political matters, we have seen enough questionable decisions by Sheriff Bradfield to draw us

out of the closet. THE GROOM LAKE DESERT RAT ENDORSES DON F. BROWN FOR THE NEXT SHERIFF OF LINCOLN COUNTY.

(Whoa! Bradfield must be quaking in his boots now!)

..... THE SENSORS MUST GO!

The sensors themselves have become a symbol of paranoia, security overkill and government inefficiency. At \$6000 per assembly, they

could easily be equated with the \$500 screwdrivers and \$1000 toilet seats the military is known for. Anyone who seriously wants to evade the sensors can do it; the only people who trip them are casual tourists and those who deliberately WANT to find

them to take pictures or souvenirs.

We do not recommend that anyone steal the sensors. As the deputies pointed out, it could be a felony if you are caught. However, we see nothing wrong with disabling the sensors simply to assure your own privacy. If the military asserts the right to monitor citizens on public lands, citizens should also be able to refuse participation in this surveillance program if they so chose. The proper method to disable a sensor is to gently disconnect the power cord. Don't get caught doing it, because Sheriff Bradfield may initiate a "tampering with government property" charge against you. Given that the sensors have not been sanctioned by BLM and you have done no permanent damage to them, we believe that the charge would be untenable in court, but you don't want to endure the hassles of hiring a lawyer and going to court either.

Following is some additional embarrassing information on the road sensors.

..... SENSOR ADDRESSING

All road sensors we have found in this area broadcast on the same frequency: 496.25 MHz. When tripped, a transmitter emits a burst of digits indicating the unit's ID code and the direction the vehicle is traveling. The ID code is set by easily-changed dip switches inside the transmitter. For example, the first sensor on the road to Freedom Ridge is number 810, the second is 811, and so on. We collected many of the ID numbers back in the good old days when security broadcasted "in the clear" and the patrols would call them out when passing. Now, the ID's can (hypothetically) be confirmed by a five minute examination of each sensor.

We do not recommend that anyone remove or disassemble a sensor, but if anyone DID engage in such evil acts, this is what they could do for fun: "Borrow" a sensor, sit on a hill and systematically change the dip switches in one sensor unit to the numbers of different units. One unscrupulous person could repeatedly trip a single sensor using different ID numbers and thereby orchestrate an invasion! First, you could send the codes for 810, 811, 812, etc. (assuming these sensors are eventually replaced). Then, you could trip a series of sensors from the north, maybe on several different roads simultaneously. The Cammo Dudes would be frantic, and helicopters would be everywhere looking for the imaginary visitors.

Not that we would EVER do such a devilish thing, but it would be easy to carry out and is certainly fun to contemplate. And now that the Dudes know what we know they know we know, they'll have to ask themselves every time: "Is it live, or is it Memorex?"

..... ILLEGAL REPEATER STATION?

After the AF was forced to admit that they had the sensors, they sent BLM a letter announcing their intention to keep them on public land within the scope of "casual use." Casual use means that you can use public lands for almost anything you want as long as there is no significant impact on the land or wildlife. You can, for example, pitch a tent or build a campfire almost anywhere, as long as you return the site to its natural state when you leave.

The Air Force argues the road sensors are discreet and present no significant environmental impact. Looking at a single sensor as an inert object, we agree that it probably would fall within the scope of casual use. We object only to the surveillance function, as well as the fact that there is not just one, but a big organized network of devices. It is like building a dozen campfires simultaneously within a limited area of public land.

Anyway, if one sensor apparatus--no more than two feet high including antenna--does not violate casual use, how big does it have to be before it does? Four feet? Eight feet? Can the AF park a ten-foot microwave relay station on public land without applying to BLM for a right-of-way? What about a 16 foot radio repeater station?

It so happens that there is a 16-foot solar-powered repeater on public land about two miles outside the border. It is used in connection with the sensor network, relaying the signal of certain isolated transmitters back to the main receiver. Since BLM wasn't informed of the sensors until the issue was forced, we assume the AF never bothered to apply for a right of way for the repeater station either.

The repeater is located in Township 5 S, Range 55 E, Section 28. To get to it, take Valley Rd. from SR-375 (LN 11.4) for 5.3 miles, turn left on the side road and go 3.4 miles. Stop the car and look at the top of the hills to the left.

Could it be illegal?

..... FELONY CHARGES

If you are caught stealing or dismembering a road sensor, you must be prepared to suffer your own fate. However, you should let us know about your predicament, and we'll do what we can to assist your defense. A felony charge is not pleasant to face, but unlike the misdemeanor obstruction count Mr. Campbell is currently playing with, a felony offers full rights of "discovery." That means we can put the AF through the ringer as to who, exactly, placed the sensors on public land, when and under what authority, how they were purchased and how their valuation was determined.

If \$20 detectors are indeed being sold to the government for \$1000, discovery would yield the documents to prove it. At the trial--a jury trial, of course--BLM officers could be subpoenaed to determine their policy toward military sensors on public land. (At present, they have issued no opinion.) Carefully handled, a felony proceeding can be turned around to put the accuser on trial. Could be deep woo-woo for the AF.

..... BOUNTY OFFERED FOR NEW SENSORS

There have long been rumors that the Dudes have road sensors that cannot be easily detected. Presumably, these would be smaller units that need less maintenance. They may be totally buried and use a transmission system that cannot be detected with a frequency counter. No doubt, these would cost the taxpayer \$10,000 a piece instead of \$6000. We don't know for certain that these sensors exist, but if they do Psychospy is offering \$100 for information leading to the first one found on public land. (Do not remove it; just tell us how to find it so we can photograph it and tell the world.)

In summary, we fear that any road sensors left on public land will be both useless and vulnerable to theft. With so many tourists now flocking to the area, there is also a risk of accidental damage to the sensors if they are not explicitly marked with fluorescent "Sensor Here" warning signs. (We've tried doing this ourselves, but somebody keeps taking them down.) For example, people might innocently run over the transmitters when driving off-road or accidentally shoot a hole in one when hunting for rabbits. The obvious AF solution: They'll install sensors to protect the sensors. Maybe they'll train TV cameras on each, but then how will they protect the cameras? You gotta love those security dudes because they'll never go down easy.

----- A JOURNALIST'S OPINION -----

After we told an acquaintance of ours, a reporter on a big city crime beat, about our visit from the deputies, he replied....

"Interesting development on the road sensors. You said eight (8) were missing? That's a lot of sensors. And a lot of money (\$32,000, or thereabouts?). I wonder who is taking them, and why, other than general disruption of Groom security activities.

"Oh, by the way: Police ALWAYS use that tired old line that they have other suspects and they might talk as a way of getting information. As you probably know, it is NOT illegal for police to lie to get a confession. I once went to a seminar at which interrogation tactics of police were detailed. It was interesting. I came away with one guiding principle: If I am ever accosted by police in an interrogation setting (they're only supposed to interrogate if they believe you're guilty of the crime.) SAY NOTHING and CALL MY ATTORNEY. Their little tricks are

very clever, but any reasonably smart person can see where things are going and avoid the trap.

"In your case, it doesn't sound like it got heavy at all. They're probably just trying to see if you would easily confess. Their promise to interview everyone in Rachel sounds like just another tactic to shake loose a confession. These cops are SO predictable."

----- RUMOR: GROOM LAKE "FAN MAN" SAILS TOWARD BASE -----

The following information came from a witness who prefers to remain anonymous. Owing to lack of confirmation, we print it here as "rumor."

In the early morning hours of Sept. 22 (or thereabouts), a man in his 40s attempted to "paraglide" into Area 51. He was with a group of ex-Vietnam buddies from Southern California who had decided, at the spur of the moment, that they were going to intrude into the secret base. You know: capture an alien, bring it back and put it on display during the Larry King extravaganza. The group did not have the "Area 51 Viewer's Guide" and had only a vague notion of where they were going. The source's description suggests that they were way off target. They climbed a ridge, which could have been the north end of the Groom Range, and saw some lights in the distance, which probably weren't the main base.

The intruder apparently took off from the top of the ridge using an unpowered, airfoil-shaped parachute (a paraglider). The other members of the group didn't know the intruder was planning his stunt until he passed over them. The intruder is described by our source as a gung-ho, off-the-wall type who would try anything. He apparently did sail across the line into the Nellis Range buffer zone surrounding Groom, but he didn't get very far. He was chased down by security; a scuffle ensued, and he was hauled off to Nellis Air Force Base. A second member of the group followed him in on foot and was also detained by the Dudes.

Both of the intruders happened to be in the Marine Reserve, so their case has been handled by military justice. According to the source, the parachutist was supposedly held at Nellis AFB for almost a week, then released. He will go on trial in a military court, which can apparently be kept secret. The member of the party who followed on foot paid a fine of about \$1100 and agreed to sign some security forms.

Inquiries to Nellis have yielded, "No comment." (Does this mean the incident DID take place?) Inquiries to the Sheriff's Dept. yielded only ANOTHER pair of intruders--two men from Utah who drove past the Keep Out signs on Groom Lake Road later the same day.

Members of the original group do not want publicity. The source has allowed us to publish only the above general outline. Although we can't confirm any of it, we feel that the account is credible--because the intruders sounded so naive and ill-prepared. We wish we could have been there.

----- INTEL BITTIES -----

KING SHOW WENT WELL. We were pleased overall with the Oct. 1 Larry King UFO extravaganza, broadcasting live from Rachel. King was great. The producers were great. The crew was great. The panel was great. The people of Rachel were great. We want to thank them all for making it a great show. Perhaps in the next issue of the Rat we will be able to comment in more detail on the circus, including the still-unanswered questions about King's possible cloning. (He did seem a little older and thinner than he appears on TV.)

SEMI TRUCK AT WHITE SIDES. Sighted at the White Sides trailhead on Sept. 19: A North American Van Lines tractor-trailer truck. The drivers had some time to kill and came to take the hike. (Note: The White Sides trailhead offers a convenient turnaround for truckers, while the Freedom Ridge trailhead does not.) C'mon down, good buddies!

ADVICE REPEATED. Naive tourists have been driving across the border lately at the rate of about one car per week. Immediate arrest, the towing of your car and a fine of up to \$600 are guaranteed. It may seem obvious but is worth repeating: If the big signs say "Restricted Area," "No Trespassing," "Keep Out," and "Use of Deadly Force Authorized," it means you shouldn't drive past them.

RUNWAY EXPANSION? Unsubstantiated third-hand rumor: One of the runways at Groom will be extended by about a mile. The contractor is Bectel and the work will begin after the first of the year. [Thanks to a reader.]

AURORA SIGHTING. You can find Bill Sweetman's version of the alleged Aurora spyplane (different from the Testor's version) in the toy section at Wal-Mart stores. It is a two-inch model packaged in a Micro-Machines set of three aircraft, including the SR-71 and alleged TR-3A. Also found in the package are a couple of tiny Cammo Dudes--all for less than \$5. [Thanks to a reader.]

NEW CATALOG ITEMS. The following items are now in stock and available for immediate shipment from our mail order arm, Secrecy Oversight Council: Ben Rich's "Skunkworks" book, Lazar saucer model, book on Edward Teller ("Teller's War"), book on NSA ("The Puzzle Palace"), "Comprehensive Guide to Military Monitoring," Tonopah Test Range satellite image (Cactus Flat), Nevada Test Site satellite image (Pahute Mesa), "UFOs And The Alien Presence: Six

Viewpoints" and "Watch the Skies." A bound copy of all Desert Rat back issues is available for \$1 per issue (\$17 plus postage). Ask for our latest catalog for ordering information.

REMEMBER THE SEVEN TRESPASSERS? (DR #1) Well, their charges have been settled (DR #11), but they still haven't got their equipment back from the AF. This includes binoculars, a telescope and a camera--worthless to the military but a significant loss to the owners. WHAT IS GOING ON HERE? Is the equipment contributing the national defense, or is the Air Force being PETTY AND VINDICTIVE? Let's resolve this case.

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----- INCUMBENT SHERIFF PREVAILS IN LOCAL ELECTION -----

On Nov. 8, incumbent Lincoln County Sheriff Dahl Bradfield handily defeated his challenger Don Brown. That could mean four more years of secret Air Force "rent-a-cop" agreements, deputies harassing journalists and confiscating film without due process, and continued dismal confidence in law enforcement throughout the county. But, hey, we're sanguine. The people have spoken, 58 to 42 percent. An election is the purest expression of the public will, and there's no arguing with those numbers.

We can't claim that the electorate was ill-informed. During his six years in office, Bradfield seemed to have committed every lapse of professional judgment in the book, and his heavy-handed "God Squad" of unsupervised deputies had pissed off a large portion of the county. We and some of allies took out an ad in the Lincoln County Record to remind voters of his biggest gaffs and their enormous cost to the county [may be available at the FTP or WWW sites], and we thought our logic was flawless. All the

Sheriff could offer in his ads were a few trumped-up endorsements from law enforcement organizations, one of which, the Las Vegas Sun reported, hardly knew he existed. The challenger, who was formerly a Nevada State Police chief and well-regarded Sheriff in Washington State, seemed like a breath of fresh air who could restore faith in local law enforcement. In the weeks approaching the election, we worked hard behind the scenes to support his campaign, and we were almost ready to count our chickens before they hatched until receiving a call late on election night shattering our faith in humanity.

We considered this election an important one. The big Groom Lake base is wholly within Lincoln County, yet returns only trivial economic benefits to the community. A nonexistent base doesn't have to pay its taxes and doesn't have to engage in any form of community relations. Being directly downwind of both the Groom Lake base and the adjoining Nevada Test Site, county residents have been dumped on for years by the federal government. In the days of above ground atomic testing, this meant dangerous levels of fallout and a predictable rise in devastating cancers. Given the raw treatment the county has received over the years, this place ought to be a hotbed of anti-government rhetoric, and it is, but that sentiment is rarely translated into action.

For a piddling contract fee of \$50,000 a year, the Sheriff's Dept. has essentially taken orders from the Cammo Dudes, seizing film, arresting naive trespassers and investigating law-biding tourists whenever the anonymous authorities call. This public police department, nominally an open entity responsible to the people, has seen no conflict in representing a government agency that refuses to acknowledge its own existence. The Sheriff pulled back from film seizures, perhaps temporarily, only when the election loomed and negative publicity began to build up in the Las Vegas press.

Similarly, the county tax assessor, an ossified 26-year veteran, has shown no interest in pursuing the base for the value of contractor facilities. Although the AF itself is not liable for local property taxes, the same does not hold for the private contractors that largely operate the base. [See DR#5.] If they occupy a government building, property taxes must be paid on it as if it were private land (NRS 361.157). As it stands, the AF gives the county an imaginary assessment every year, most recently \$3.2 million, and the county blindly accepts it, billing the AF for the insignificant taxes implied, recently \$80,000. Of course, \$3.2 million wouldn't buy a latrine at a place like Groom, but the current assessor's attitude is that if county pushes the AF too hard, they might sue or pack up the base and move it elsewhere. Legal guidance, which should be provided by the county District Attorney, is lackluster at best. He seems more concerned with pursuing Campbell on the obstruction charge [See trial invitation below.] than in making the secret base pay its due.

Since the officials who were up for election had also offended the electorate in other ways, the prevailing sentiment ought to have been "Throw the Bums Out!" Indeed, that is what we thought we heard on the street in the weeks prior to Nov. 8. What happened, in fact, was the opposite: Every incumbent in major county offices was reelected. The District Attorney ran unopposed, apparently because there are not many lawyers willing to come to this area. The Sheriff routed his opponent easily, as did the Assessor, Clerk, Treasurer, an incumbent Commissioner and the Justices of the Peace (including Nola Holton, who will be trying the Campbell case).

Philosophically, we cannot argue with the results. As an activist nipping at the heels of the monolithic Air Force, Psychospy is arguing in favor of democratic processes--that the secret base should be subject to the same public accountability as any other government agency. We cannot suddenly change our tune when the democratic processes let us down. We believe that every community, like every individual, has the right to self-determination. The liberties American society holds dear include the right to totally screw yourself up if you so choose. People and communities that make good decisions prosper, while those that make poor ones fail, and it is not the place of government or us aliens to intervene. As it stands, Lincoln County is a dirt-poor backwater, chasing away industry with its high taxes and bloated local government and showing little interest in changing. Like a person who drinks himself into a stupor, we can only conclude that this is the way the community wants to be.

Still, after expending significant energy on this election, we are disappointed in the results and annoyed that we misjudged them so badly. Removing the Sheriff and Assessor from office would have been a major blow to the legal and tax immunity of the secret base. The AF would suddenly find itself in a much less friendly environment and might have to start paying its due. We hoped that Lincoln County would become a "mouse that roared," demanding proper compensation from the feds for hosting this huge and potentially dangerous facility. Now, we expect no more than a squeak, and we have been trying our best to figure out what went wrong.

The incumbents were of all political affiliations--Democrat, Republican and Independent--so the national pro-Republican sweep did not explain the results. If local sentiments seemed overwhelmingly anti-incumbent before the election, why did the incumbents win? In Rachel, the Bradfield was voted down almost two-to-one. Why didn't the same happen in the rest of the county? To understand the results, we must understand the society here.

..... LINCOLN COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

The remote town of Rachel, with 71 voters, is on the border of Nye County, to which it is closely related in culture and attitudes. Nye is a place of rugged individualism, where brothels are legal and the prevailing philosophy is libertarian--meaning that people should be free to conduct themselves however they choose without interference from the government. With Psychospy's liberal Eastern roots, we used to be annoyed by the blustering I'll-Take-Out-Fifty-Federal-Agents-Before-They-Take-Away-My-Guns rhetoric found in Nye and Rachel, but now we find it refreshing and even a tad appealing. Nye has been especially aggressive in pursuing its own secret base, the Tonopah Test Range, as well as other federal facilities within its borders, for taxes and law enforcement respect. During the Cold War, when anti-nuclear protesters starting marching en masse across the cattle guard at the entrance to the Nevada Test Site, the Nye County Sheriff and D.A. refused to handle them, so the feds had to construct tennis court-sized cages at Mercury to temporarily house the trespassers. Because the Nye county government actively asserts its rights and defends its independence, it doesn't get dumped on the way compliant Lincoln County does.

Rachel, we have discovered, is not representative of the rest of Lincoln County. Rachel is a relatively new town, existing for only about 30 years and thus composed mostly of "outsiders." The rest of the county has been frozen in time for generations. The main streets of the four major towns, Caliente, Panaca, Alamo and Pioche, have changed little in the past fifty years. The absence of economic development has helped preserved the county's historical sites, but it has also meant no significant influx of new ideas or new blood.

Culturally, Lincoln County is not part of Nevada but of Utah. Except for Rachel, the county is overwhelmingly Mormon. Mormonism, or Latter Day Saints, is a religion of great mystery to the outside world, known for its secret rites and a colorful history intertwined with the American West. Although Psychospy is agnostic, we regard religion as one of the unalienable liberties that an outsider has no right to interfere in. What concerns us about Mormonism is not its belief structure but how it interacts with rest of the world. Even then, we are not seeking to criticize, only to explain and understand.

LDS culture is very close-knit and upholds a firm respect for authority. "Family values" are paramount, and to help preserve these ideals, the church does not shy away from active involvement in all aspects of society, including business, education and politics. Perhaps because the group was persecuted in its early days, Mormons tend toward an "us-against-them" attitude similar to that of Judaism. LDS is a society that pulls together against real and perceived threats. In practical terms, this means that

when the church's interests are seen as at risk in an election, Mormons tend to vote as a block under the guidance of church authorities.

In the Nov. 8 election, the incumbents had nothing in common except that they were mostly Mormon, while the challengers were mostly non-Mormon. Had the nascent anti-incumbent sentiment been allowed to express itself, the church might have lost political power in the county, resulting, it might be perceived, in the degeneration of public morality. Was the election in fact pre-ordained? From secondhand sources we have heard of local Mormons quietly expressing their displeasure at being told by their bishops how to vote but who obeyed the orders anyway. Evidently, God is omniscient and has many human spies. We have not spoken to any of these Mormon's directly, so the claim is unproven. Generally, Mormons don't talk to non-Mormons about the affairs of their church any more than workers talk about Area 51.

We were unimpressed, however, by a candidate's night we attended at a high school shortly before the election. It was presided over by the bishop of the local LDS ward. We knew he was a bishop

even before being told because he had that air of moral rectitude.

In his introduction, the bishop said, in effect, that there were no conflicts in Lincoln County, and as if to prove the point no debate between candidates or questions from the audience were permitted. This meant, of course, that no embarrassing questions could be posed to the incumbents regarding their past performance and newcomers couldn't show their strengths in a direct exchange. Candidates were reduced to bland three minute statements at the podium. Given that the candidates had already visited most voters

door-to-door, we didn't see the purpose of a candidate's night if the candidates couldn't challenge each other.

The Sheriff, an overweight, young-looking man, seemed to have nothing to offer in his three minutes except that he had taken some law enforcement courses and had instituted a 911 telephone system. Like many of the other candidates, he had grown up in Lincoln County and attended Southern Utah College in nearby Cedar City. In comparison, his opponent, tall, thin and in his 60s, seemed a paragon of worldliness and maturity. He recounted his experience as a law enforcement administrator in a series of prestigious posts outside the county. "Good show!" we thought to ourselves as he passed the two minute mark. The challenger then went on to explain that recently he had dedicated himself to "Vampire 2000," an organization of law enforcement officers fighting the "new order" and the encroachment of federal control. We began sinking slowly into our seat as the challenger proclaimed

that he would tolerate no restrictions on assault rifles in this county, but murmurs of approval from the audience picked us up again.

The strangest appearance of the evening was that of the District

Attorney, who although he was running unopposed was game enough to offer his three minute resume. Given that a part of the DA's job is to argue cases in court, he seemed surprisingly weak as a public speaker. He is apparently no intellectual slouch, however, having attended Stanford University followed by a law degree at the University of Florida and a stint in corporate law in Miami. A non-Mormon in his mid-30s who ought to have a better grasp of democratic principals than most natives, he seemed to us to be misplaced soul, and we wondered what made him tick. The one-man DA's office both prosecutes criminal cases and serves as legal counsel to county government. As an elected official, his office is independent and responsible only to the voters, but you wouldn't know it from his past performance, in which he has pretty much toed the line of the Sheriff's Dept. Since his position is secure, he ought to be beholden to no one and free to do what is right for the county, but so far he has not lived up to that promise.

As stated, we cannot prove that the incumbent landslide was the result of the Mormon majority voting as a block. There were certainly other factors at work. In a long-established county with little population turnover and only 2300 voters, it is possible for everyone to be related to everyone else. Indeed, a glance at the tiny Lincoln County phone book (18 pages) reveals a disproportionate number of repeated last names. If you take the Sheriff and his extended family and personal allies, add those of the Undersheriff, whose position is also threatened, and the families and cliques of all the various deputies who fear a loss of their current freedom or job security.... Given that this is one of the largest per-capita police forces in the country in one of the poorest counties, you could have a majority right there. One fact is certain: In the Sheriff's hometown of Panaca, where his family ties are deepest and, coincidentally, the Mormon Church is strongest, he was also reelected by the biggest margin, almost three-to-one.

Panaca was also the source, according to the postmark, of the only hate mail we received as result of the election. (We've received more from UFO buffs who believe we work for the government.) The anonymous scrawlings from Panaca said, "If you don't like the way Lincoln County is run--LEAVE!" Indeed, that is exactly how democracy and free enterprise work. Every community has the right to choose its own destiny, to uphold its own values and present its own chosen face to the world. Individuals and businesses, in turn, have the right to move to wherever the opportunities are the best for them. If, for example, the Mormon majority makes the environment uncomfortable for all non-Mormons, deprives them of political power and enforces upon them their own religious values, then indeed the others will move out and none will move in. The only downside is that most industry beyond the walls of this tiny

kingdom is not controlled by Mormons, and businesses would be foolish to invest where they have no power. The moral purity of the community may be preserved, but not its jobs.

Is it legal to vote on behalf of your religion or your family. Certainly. Is it right? No. The root of democracy is individuals making their own decisions, in private, without fear of retribution and through their own independent conscience. Otherwise, the system is as totalitarian as any Communist regime. We recall, with bittersweet amusement, the caption on the Review-Journal cartoon....

"Entering Lincoln County.... Now Leaving America."

----- LARRY KING FEEDBACK -----

The following postings on internet newsgroups were passed on to us by our network of cyberspace spies following the Oct. 1 Larry King Special on TNT, "UFO Cover-Up: Live from Area 51." In addition to taped segments, there were four live panelists: Stanton Friedman and Kevin Randle, representing the Roswell Incident; Dr. Steven Greer, founder of the CSETI UFO group; and Rachel resident Glenn Campbell, subtitled as an "activist." Only Campbell did not wear a suit and tie.

"The show is off the air 10 minutes and I am left with the feeling that Glenn Campbell works for the government. I have no evidence to that fact, I am new to this whole line of information, but Mr. Campbell in my opinion seemed to soft-peddle the entire affair in a much too uncomfortable way for me to give him any credibility. Friedman on the other hand, pending further information, seems very credible and quite likable, if not eccentric."

-- buddhatek@aol.com

"Okay, the show is off the air 28 minutes now, and you've got an interesting theory. What better place to plant a disinformation artist than as a crusader? Campbell, you're correct, was very soft-shoe about the whole affair, even though he moved his entire life from Boston to live in a trailer in the desert. Oops, I forgot... that trailer is actually The Area 51 Research Center.

"Whether or not he's actually a disinformant remains to be seen. What was evident, however, is that Glenn Campbell couldn't hold his own against the scientists and researchers on the panel. Let's face it, Campbell is not a scientist, a physicist, even a serious author. He's simply like one of us, an 'enthusiast' (I hate that term) who's taken it to an extreme. He seems very uninformed on the UFO phenomenon, which strikes me as remarkable. How can you claim to be the Area 51 researcher extraordinaire and not give a hoot about UFO's? The two subjects are so intimately linked.

"I'm not sure he's a government agent. He may just be a boob."

-- sharvey@interaccess.com

"The guests on Larry King had mixed beliefs and ideas... much of what is a cross section of the people who are interested in UFO study. Stanton was correct in pointing out that there has been no serious study of the phenomenon. Glenn Campbell is a better writer than interview guest, he really doesn't have a UFO position, he just wants the military to stop acting like Area 51 isn't sitting out there. Greer is pushing the envelope with the CE5 stuff. Hey, if he gets out in the fresh air and gets some exercise waving a spotlight around the sky, more power to him. Maybe they'll take him to their leader, who knows."

--d.beaty2@genie.geis.com

"Steven Greer spent some time in Gulf Breeze, FL. I was there at the same time. He was received warmly and with healthy open-mindedness. Then, it became PAINFULLY obvious that his claims were completely exaggerated. For instance, on March 14th, 1993 (I think it was '93.), three of the Gulf Breeze 'red light' UFOs appeared AND WERE VIDEOTAPED. He immediately claimed that he was 'telepathically' in contact with them and invited them to 'land on the beach behind us.' He asked all present to 'send out your awareness to them.' He was heard to say (to the UFOs), 'We welcome you, we love you, we invite you to land,' etc. When the UFOs disappeared, he claimed it was 'A MAJOR CE-5.'

"Later that year (in June), he tried his tricks again (calling them in). He was in a parking lot on Santa Rosa Island, about seven miles from the other watchers at Shoreline Park. The UFO did appear that night--about a mile from Shoreline, and about eight from Greer.

"Later, he claimed that the craft 'appeared overhead' at a very close range. Other witnesses deny this, as do their videotapes. Perhaps he saw something all the others didn't?"

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----- DR. GREER ON "48 HOURS" -----

Larry King panelist Dr. Steven Greer is an M.D. from North Carolina and the founder of CSETI (Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence), a group that seeks direct communications with aliens. We know little about him except for his prior appearance on "48 Hours" (4/20) in which he and his group journey to Mexico where they hope to be taken aboard a UFO.

Greer: "I'm serious enough about this that I have transferred every asset I have into my wife's name."

The group sets up an observation post and their array of cameras,

communicators and signaling equipment near the small town of Metepec, which happens to be about 50 miles from the busy Mexico City airport. Sure enough, the group has seven sightings in six nights--bright lights hovering above the distant horizon that are captured on video tape. (Later, two film analysis experts say there is nothing to distinguish these lights from ordinary aircraft.) The group even claims communications with one of the UFOs through light signals.

Greer: "It interacted beautifully, though, in terms of the off and on. I mean, that was incredibly good CE-5. In no way could a conventional craft move in a way where it could signal back and forth like that with the lights on and off."

----- OUR READERS RESPOND TO PREVIOUS RATS -----

NUKING VEGAS [DR#11]

"I thought your views on Las Vegas were disgusting. Yes I agree there is little cultural worth there, but there are still humans that live there. I hope someone wants to destroy you and where you live. No I do not live in LV, but feel destruction of life through terrorist action is absolutely stupid. I hope there are no further commentaries like this one in your newsletter."

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"It's obvious that the only reason that you've ever been to LV is to shop and immediately head out of town. I've lived here for 24 years, my family has been here since 1943, and I find that it is a very reasonable place. There are actual neighborhoods with children, schools, parks, and other "normal" activities.... Most of our problems are caused by people that have come to town in the

last 10 years or so which has caused a lot of growth which has pretty much ruined any chance of a pleasant life. East Coast people (and I use the term "people" loosely) are usually morons who are going to rough it out West and end up destroying or over-regulating things and generally making a mess.... One can only hope that the exhaust from a UFO completely fries the top of Freedom Ridge the next time you clowns are up there."

--john@cephas.isri.unlv.edu

Ed.: We admitted we were wrong about Vegas, and we still feel guilty and ashamed. We repented in DR#16, suggesting a different target....

NUKING NEW YORK [DR#16]

"...But really, how closed minded can you be to condemn an entire city based on your limited experience. Maybe everyone doesn't want to live in the woods or the desert. Being a NYC resident myself, I find your comments very ignorant and scary. I enjoy the culture here and the sensory overload experience of working and living in this metropolis. When I want to get away from the crowded spaces I get in my car and drive to the Adirondack State Park which has over 5 million acres of some of

the most beautiful high peak woodlands in the country. During the summer months we NYC people who appreciate natural beauty get in our cars or buses and spend weekends out in the Hamptons where we have clean and uncrowded beaches surrounded by sandy dunes and farmlands. Perhaps you should limit your coverage to topics that you know something about. Your reckless comments certainly don't help your credibility on matters that you are trying to shed light on."

-- macinwi@ffhsj.com

Ed.: Nuke it!

CALIFORNIA FALLING INTO OCEAN [DR#16]

"Kindly inform the person wanting the map of the western US after the coast falls into the ocean, that he's got it all wrong. After the big one hits, we on the Left Coast expect to watch the entire eastern portion of the US slide into the Atlantic."

-- dhomuth@ednet1.osl.or.gov

Ed.: Please note that on NO OCCASION has Psychospy advocated the nuking of California. (But now that we think about it....)

CLONING UPDATE

The letter by the cloning activist G.S. in [DR#16] prompted one of our readers, Andy S., to do some research and confirm that indeed his claims were true. According to contemporary news accounts, a live KNBC-TV news broadcast was interrupted on Aug. 9, 1987, when a station visitor placed a toy gun to the head of consumer reporter David Horowitz and demanded that he read a statement on the air. The visitor, Gary Stollman, the son of the KNBC pharmaceutical reporter Max Stollman, had gained entry to the studio by mentioning his father. Only a few seconds of the statement were actually broadcast before being cut off, but the Desert Rat has obtained the full text. It begins...

"The man who has appeared on KNBC for the last 3 years is not my biological father. He is a clone, a double created by the Central Intelligence Agency and alien forces. It is only a small part of a greater plot, to over throw the United States Government, and possibly the human race itself. The CIA has replaced and tried to destroy my family, and those of my friends.

"Although I have known about this since 1981, I have not taken any action about it for fear of the lives of my family. I have been forced into CIA-run mental hospitals, such as Cedars-Sinai Thaliens, where I am shown being interviewed by many different doctors, although I spoke to nobody there for two weeks. At UCLA-NPI, I attempted to have myself released by a court several times, but was asked by a Dr. Martin Zsuba to keep removing my requests for a writ-hearing. I have been unable to obtain records from several other hospitals, including Ben Taub Hospital in

Cincinnati, where all the phones were turned off for 48 hours after I arrived.

"I do not know where my real family or others are being held, but I believe it is somewhere in California."

A NEW TYPE OF SENSOR? [DR#17]

"I was in the Air Force during Vietnam. We used "dog do-do" sensors to monitor an area. It looked just like a piece of you-know-what with a little wire antenna on one side. It was activated by a small pin you removed. It had a life of two or three days and if anyone walked near it a signal was sent out. They came packaged in shrink wrap packages 6 to a pack.

"Keep an eye out for devices like that."
-- Jcarter@orl.mmc.com

----- BLM ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT RELEASED -----

People who made comments to BLM on the proposed White Sides/Freedom Ridge withdrawal should have received by now their copy of the proposed Withdrawal Amendment and Environmental Assessment for the Freedom Ridge/White Sides land withdrawal--an intermediate step toward eventual AF control of the nearest Groom viewpoints. A 30-day protest period on the document is now in effect (ending Dec. 9), but it is open only to those who made comments during the previous planning process. (Apparently you qualify if BLM sent you a copy of the document.)

To file an effective protest, you must show that the environmental and land use issues raised during the previous comment period were not adequately addressed in the current document. There is no sense in ragging about the UFO cover-up, black budget accountability or defense priorities. Your protest must directly relate to the document at hand.

We note with interest that the stated purpose of the withdrawal has changed since the public comment period. The only initial official Air Force explanation in the Federal Register and at the hearings was: "The purpose of the withdrawal is to ensure the public safety and the safe and secure operation of activities in the Nellis Air Force Range Complex."

The new document says: "The purpose of the withdrawal is to provide a security and safety buffer to prevent a compromise of national security interests and to protect assets of the adjacent withdrawn Nellis Air Force Range."

The document also provides the following significant admission: "In 1988 the U.S. Congress withdraw the Groom Range Addition to the Nellis Air Force Range as a security and safety buffer zone between public lands administered by the BLM and the NAFR complex.

The USAF subsequently discovered that two areas adjacent to this buffer zone provide viewing of military activities on this portion of the NAFR. Public viewing of military activities (which has often included illegal photography of range activities) has increased during the past few years, necessitating the diversion, postponement, or cancellation of missions to prevent a compromise of national security."

There is nothing surprising in the content of these statements, and the purpose may even be justified (if they can also neutralize the OTHER viewpoints like Tikaboo Peak that haven't been touched).

What is disturbing about these statements is that this is the first time we have ever heard them from the Air Force (if, indeed, this document conveys the Air Force position). For example, we have never heard the Air Force admit that it erred in 1988.

Here's the scenario we see: The AF applies for a land withdrawal, but gives only vague reasons--"public safety," "secure operation of activities," etc. The public is allowed to comment on the action based only on this vague explanation--which makes meaningful comment very difficult. After the comment period is over, the AF starts fleshing out its reasons for the withdrawal, providing more specifics and admitting its mistake in 1988. By the time the application reaches the Secretary of the Interior, maybe the AF even admits that there IS a base at Groom Lake and that they want the land specifically to keep people from looking down on it. Although this admission appears to be what we were seeking from the beginning, the problem is that it was presented only AFTER the public comment period was over, so obviously the public had no access to it. In essence, the withdrawal becomes a closed process with only the theatrical appearance of public input.

----- CAMPBELL TRIAL INVITATION -----

All members of the press and public are hereby invited to attend the trial of political activist GLENN CAMPBELL of Rachel, Nevada, on the charge of Obstructing a Public Officer (NRS 197.190) for pushing down the car door locks during the seizure, without a warrant, of the news video tapes of KNBC-TV of Los Angeles near Freedom Ridge, July 19, 1994. (Four of the five tapes have still not been returned, although the crew insists that they did not photograph the secret base.)

The trial will begin with jury selection on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1994, at 10:00 a.m. and may take one or two days.

Charges will be presented by Lincoln County District Attorney Thomas A. Dill before Justice Nola Holton of the Pahrnagat Valley Justice Court in the County Annex Building, Alamo, Nevada (on US-93, 90 miles north of Las Vegas and 50 miles east of Rachel). Campbell will defend himself, with the possible co-counsel of a

Nevada lawyer.

It is advised that those who wish to attend confirm the date and time just before the trial. Local lodging is available at the Meadow Lane Motel and Alamo Motel, both at (702)725-3371.

COMMENTS. This will be a jury trial, so the judgment on Campbell will be rendered by the same pool of local voters that re-elected Bradfield. (Keep this in mind when placing your bets.) In any case, we regard the process as more important than the outcome. If found guilty, Campbell will be subject to a fine but no jail time. At one point, the DA offered to seek only a \$50 fine if Campbell pleaded "no contest," but the defendant declined.

REFERENCES. The incident for which Campbell was arrested was recorded in the Las Vegas Review-Journal, July 21 (with an editorial July 22 and an editorial cartoon July 26); Las Vegas Sun, July 21, and Publisher's Auxiliary (organ of the Reporter's Committee on Freedom of the Press), Aug. 1. [Also DR#12.] For general information on Campbell and his goals, consult feature articles in the New York Times Magazine, June 26, 1994; Omni Magazine, Sept. 1994; Popular Science, March 1994; Reno Gazette-Journal, July 24, 1994; and Dayton Daily News, March 20, 1994.

----- HAZARDOUS WASTE PRE-TRIAL HEARING -----

On Nov. 10, we attended a brief pre-trial hearing on the lawsuit filed by a widow and several "John Doe" plaintiffs charging injuries at Groom Lake stemming from illegal hazardous waste disposal. When we walked into the courtroom, there were children everywhere. Twelve kids in the jury box, a girl in the judge's chair, a boy on the witness stand and a sniffing wimp at the defense table represented, evidently, by two young gentlemen making rude sounds into their microphone. Across the aisle was a gangly, blond-haired DA who clearly hadn't had an opportunity to go to Stanford yet.

It was a field day to Las Vegas Federal Court by a local grade school. We guessed that the youths were about 12 years of age. Earlier in the day, they had witnessed the sentencing of a real drug dealer, a pregnant woman condemned to a couple of years in a non-fictional slammer. From their places in the courtroom, the students fired questions at the real judge, who towered above the melee in his judicial robes. Would the woman have the baby before going to jail? Would she be able to keep the baby? Why was she crying?

Someone in the jury box asked U.S. District Judge Philip Pro what his salary was. He said he made \$135,000 a year.

Then the children filed out and grownups filed in. Three gentlemen in dark business suits represented the government: Two from the Justice Dept. and one from the EPA. The lead lawyer was Richard Sarver, who we understand is a former Air Force officer. Lawyer Jonathan Turley, representing the workers, sat alone at the other table. In the pews were the widow and her family and a

handful of reporters scribbling notes on steno pads.

The hearing was conducted in legalese, much of which was beyond the grasp of our own tiny brain. We did pick out a few tidbits, though. The judge asked if there were any ongoing negotiations to reach a settlement, and Sarver said they were "almost DOA"--dead on arrival. The judge also asked Sarver repeatedly whether the government would "stipulate that the base exists." The government lawyer declined the opportunity--meaning that the government still does not acknowledge any base at Groom. However, Sarver did repeat the official line that there are indeed "facilities at Groom Dry Lake." It's a subtle distinction lost to meager minds.

We noted that six months would be allowed for the discovery process, during which each side of the case will be seeking information from the other. The content of the rest of the hearing was over our head. At one point, some angry-sounding words were exchanged between Turley and Sarver, but the subtext was not apparent to us. The hearing ended after 45 minutes, and the lawyers dispersed.

Whatever happened, Turley walked out of the courtroom looking like the cat that ate the bird. Apparently, the government had overplayed its hand. It had attempted to suppress the entire case on national security grounds, and that gambit had failed. All we know for sure is that Turley was bubbling. He was heard to use "sex" and "law" in the same sentence, with law being rated as superior.

----- ENEMY UPDATE -----

-- In DR#16, we reported that our intimate enemy list included Lazar's gatekeeper GENE HUFF. We are now as surprised as anyone to report a change in status: Huff and Psycho have kissed and made up, and all those harsh words of the past have been forgotten.

Huff has even sold us a shipment of the handsome Lazar saucer posters, which are now available from us for \$15 (plus \$3.50 postage in the US). This 22" x 34" poster features three schematic views of the "Sport Model" flying saucer that Lazar says he worked on at "Area S4." In the background is a Russian satellite image of the Papoose Lake area. It happens that in the mountains north of the lake bed a tiny saucer shape appears, but we suspect that it is a photo artifact. (Huff says that the "saucer" did not appear on other frames taken at the same time by other cameras on the satellite.) The poster was produced by Lazar and Huff to coincide with the release of the Testor's S4 saucer model.

-- Replacing Mr. Huff on our mortal enemies list is German UFO

filmmaker MICHAEL HESEMANN. (Big round of applause, ladies and gentlemen.) We met him on only one occasion, when he came to Rachel to videotape part of a UFO documentary. He struck us as narcissistic and highly unprofessional. He was abusive of his crew (or so we gathered from his tone of voice, as we do not speak German), and he insisted in appearing in every shot of his interview with us. When a German journalist later asked us what we thought of Hesemann, we summed up succinctly: "He's an asshole." That translates into German as "Arschloch," a sentiment apparently shared by many in the German UFO field. Eventually, our analysis made it back to Hesemann himself, who called us from Dusseldorf to leave a long and unhappy message on our answering machine. Listening to it, we were reminded of Col. Klink threatening Col. Hogan. Hesemann said he was going to cut us out of his documentary, but he was kind enough to give us one last chance to regain favor: If we wrote him a letter of unconditional apology, which he would publish all over Europe, then he would not sue us. We were trembling, of course, especially in light of Hesemann's written comments to the journalist, the ominous tone of which is best experienced without translation....

"Wie Herr Campbell, den ich in der Tat WIE JEDEN interviewte, der in der Area 51 forschte, mein Video beurteilen kann, das derzeit überhaupt erst im Schnitt ist ist vielleicht das grosste Ratsel der Wuste von Nevada. Ist er ein Medium? Oder hat er selbst so einen Scheiss gesagt, dass der Film schon wegen seines Interviews (von den anderen Interviews weiss er ja nichts) schlecht sein MUSS? Was, bitteschon, soll er uber mich gasagt haben? Nun, Campbell hat ein Manko. Als er in Rachel eintraf, sind die 9 Scheiben--zumindest laut John Lear--langst nach White Sands verfrachtet wordet. Darum hat er nie selbst was gesehen. Ich war das achte Mal in Rachel, als ich ihn interviewte. Ich hatter bereits, zusammen mit einem ABC-TV-Team, eine sehr beeindruckende Sichtung. Er nicht. Pech. So what? Neid???"

-- Conspiracy nutcase GARY SCHULTZ is still our treasured enemy. He showed up in Rachel during the Larry King show and afterwards had the gall to visit our Research Center and try to strike up a conversation. Since this is the twerp who once phoned our neighbor to spread vague rumors of child molestation against us (false, we must emphasize), we regard our differences as irreconcilable. No kissing and making up here. We ordered the little dip from the premises and told him never to come back.

-- The enemy status of SEAN DAVID MORTON remains unchanged. At a Nov. 5-6 UFO conference in the Bay Area, Sean described his relationship to us as being like Michael Jackson to Weird Al Yankovich. (This is fine by us, as we have already proclaimed that we are not a child molester.) In our continuing campaign to "data him to death," we are thinking of setting up a World Wide Web page devoted entirely to the bigger-than-life exploits of this

modern Munchhausen. Another neat idea would be to establish an internet newsgroup, alt.fan.sean.morton, where Sean's growing legion of "fans" can exchange information and insights about their hero. We don't currently have newsgroup host capabilities, however. Is there a sysop out there interested in sponsoring this?

----- INTEL BITTIES -----

BILBRAY DEFEATED. One bright spot in the Nov. 8 election was the surprising defeat of Democratic Representative James Bilbray, Congress's most vocal defender of the secret base and Air Force interests in Nevada. In interviews, Bilbray came closer than any other government official to admitting that the base was there, but he seemed 100 percent in support of its continued official nonexistence. In an interview on the Fox "Encounters" segment on Area 51 [7/22, DR#10,15], Bilbray said that he had been all over the Nellis complex but had seen no evidence of alien craft. (Critics counter that Bilbray would have only gone where the military wanted him to and didn't have the clearance necessary to see anything really secret.)

THE CAMPING SEASON IS NOW OVER in the Rachel area, as nighttime temperatures drop through the 20s enroute to a winter low approaching minus 10 F around the first of the year. Daytime weather can still be pleasant (or horrible), but you'll need a warm jacket. Light snow is common here in December and January, and snow on the ground brings impenetrable fog to the valleys. The normally clear desert skies are often heavily overcast in the winter. Spring is the windstorm season, where fierce gales from the southwest often prohibit outdoor activities.

Identical weather is found at the Groom base, which was once cynically referred to by Lockheed workers as "Paradise Ranch." According to Skunk Works chairman Kelly Johnson, the name was "kind of a dirty trick since Paradise Ranch was a dry lake where quarter-inch rocks blew around every afternoon." [Source: "Lockheed U-2," by Bill Yenne via C.H.]

GROOM LAKE VOR. The frequency for the Groom Lake VOR (navigation beacon) is 117.5 MHz.

WWW UFO PAGE. A new World Wide Web page on UFOs, pointing to back issues of the Desert Rat as well as a variety of UFO files, is available at "<http://www.bgsu.edu/~jzawodn/ufo/>".

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!!!!!!!!!!!! NEWS FLASH !!!!!!!!!!!!!

----- COURT REJECTS ALL MOTIONS IN CAMPBELL CASE -----

SPECIAL PROSECUTOR TO BE APPOINTED

Pahranagat Valley Justice of the Peace Nola Holton yesterday effectively rejected all pre-trial motions submitted by Glenn Campbell in his obstruction case, on the grounds that they were not printed in the proper format. This unusual decision, rendered almost a month after the first motion was submitted, calls into question the fairness of Campbell's upcoming Dec. 21 trial.

Campbell was arrested on July 19 during the seizure by Sheriff's deputies, without a warrant, of the video tapes of a KNBC-TV news crew near the border of the secret Groom Lake base. [See DR#12.] Although the TV crew says they did not photograph the secret base, they were stopped by two deputies, one of whom told them he would have to search their vehicle and confiscate all of their tapes. The crew offered to show the deputy their tapes in the camera viewfinder to prove they had not photographed the base, but the deputy refused, and he and his partner approached their unoccupied vehicle to conduct the search. Campbell, who was accompanying the crew, was arrested when he reached into the vehicle from the other side and pushed down the door locks, temporarily delaying the seizure.

Four of the five tapes taken from KNBC have still not been returned and are apparently being held by the U.S. Air Force. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Department has a contract with the Air Force to respond to calls by the anonymous security force at the border of the Groom facility. Neither the Sheriff nor the Air Force will comment on the details of the contract or the special relationship between the two organizations.

Campbell was charged with Obstruction of a Public Officer, a misdemeanor charge. He has chosen to represent himself, with the assistance of a Nevada

attorney, Tracie Lindeman. Campbell has requested a jury trial, the first in this small-town Justice Court since around 1987.

Campbell had submitted several pre-trial motions to the court. On Nov. 9, he filed a motion requesting specific discovery materials, and on Nov. 22 he filed another seeking a ruling on defense strategies. When the court and District Attorney failed to respond, Campbell filed a motion asking the court to dismiss the charge. Still receiving no response, Campbell filed a motion requesting an immediate ruling on the previous ones. In most courts, the prosecution has ten days to respond to motions by the defense, and if no agreement can be reached, a pre-trial hearing is held to obtain a ruling. In this case, however, neither the prosecution nor the court responded until a Dec. 6 letter to Campbell from Justice Holton. Holton stated that the motions submitted by Campbell could not be considered by the Court or D.A. because they were not in the "proper form."

Campbell concedes that he submitted the motions in letter form and did not number each line or use the header format that is standard in legal documents. Campbell insists, however, that the text of his motions was legally proper and was reviewed by Lindemann prior to submission. Furthermore, Campbell says the Holton previously accepted his Oct. 14 motion to change the trial date, which was also not printed in the proper legal format.

In his Nov. 9 motion for additional discovery materials, Campbell requested a Nov. 16 hearing, and the last line of the document said, "Please let me know if this request is insufficient." Holton informed Campbell of the format problem only on Dec. 6, eleven business days before the trial and only one day before the deadline for the issuing of subpoenas.

"It sounds like the weakest excuse in the book," said Campbell. "I have never been on trial or defended myself before, so it's a learning process for me. I have made a great effort to adhere to all the legal procedures, but I

am bound to make some minor errors. For the court to reject my motions because they are not formatted correctly, and to wait almost a month to tell me so, is unconscionable."

At an Oct. 19 hearing on the change of trial date, Justice Holton told Campbell he was free to file pre-trial motions regarding evidence and discovery and that any conflicts would be resolved in pre-trial hearings. Holton said that she wanted all questions about the admissibility of evidence to be resolved before the trial date so that the trial itself would not be delayed by them. The Justice appears to have changed her position in her Dec. 6 letter, which effectively disallows any pre-trial motions or hearings. "Any and all motions will be heard prior to Trial on December 21, 1994," Holton wrote.

"As it stands, I must go into this trial without the slightest idea about what kind of evidence the court will allow or disallow." Campbell said. "I directly asked the court for pre-trial advice, and it was denied to me. I directly asked the District Attorney for documents and information that could lead to evidence critical to my defense, and both he and the court dealt with my requests by not responding at all. It doesn't help to have a ruling on these matters on the day of the trial because then I don't have any time to subpoena evidence or assemble a defense based on the court's ruling."

"It is like the old Soviet system of justice," said Campbell. "You are allowed to mount a defense only as long as it is ineffective. If your defense is solid and runs the risk of embarrassing the authorities, the court will change its mind and disallow it."

One practical effect of Holton's decision to delay all rulings until the trial date is that Campbell must now subpoena more witnesses and evidence than would usually be required. Since he cannot know what evidence and which defense strategies will be allowed by the court and has had no response to

basic information requests, he must subpoena all witnesses and evidence that might possibly have any bearing on the case. This may mean that Campbell will be forced to subpoena the Sheriff and Undersheriff as well as officials of Nellis Air Force Base. Campbell is also expected to subpoena the video tapes taken from the KNBC crew and all the documents that would have otherwise been requested in the discovery process.

Also in the Dec. 6 letter, Holton said that the D.A. had informed here that "a special prosecutor will be appointed to handle this case." The reasons for this action and the name of the special prosecutor have not yet been revealed. It is also unclear why the D.A. has waited so long to make such a move--almost five months after the arrest and only two weeks before trial.

----- BACKGROUND: JUSTICE OF THE PEACE -----

Dating from the days of Judge Roy Bean, the Justice of the Peace has been a trademark of the American West. The position was originally created to serve the needs of isolated rural communities where a full-time judge was not needed and no trained lawyers were available to serve. A Justice of the Peace needs to have no law degree, and there are no prerequisites for the job except to be elected by the community. In Nevada, the Justice of the Peace is empowered to hear misdemeanor cases but not felonies and deals primarily with traffic violations. The maximum fine the Justice may impose is \$1200 and six months [?] in jail.

Justice Holton does not have a law degree, but she was recently reelected by local voters by a wide margin. In Alamo, the Justice of the Peace shares a suite of offices with the Sheriff's Dept. substation, which consists of the two deputies who arrested Campbell. One of these deputies, Sgt. Lamoreaux, also serves as the court's bailiff.

Nola Holton presided over a 1988 trial of four activists who were arrested for trespassing in the Groom Mountain Range shortly after its controversial

withdrawal by the Air Force. Holton convicted the four, rejecting their defense that they were working a valid mining claim staked while the land was public. This conviction was later overturned by a higher court on appeal.

Justice Holton also authorized the search warrant served on an ABC News television crew on April 8, 1994. Like KNBC, ABC was accused of photographing the secret Groom Lake base but denied doing so. The warrant authorized not only the seizure of the crew's video tapes, but also every piece of their equipment, including the camera, microphones, radio equipment, sound equipment and cables. All equipment and video tape was returned to ABC about a week later, with no explanation or apologies. Indeed, when their story aired, ABC showed no pictures of the secret base except the one printed on the cover of the March 1993 Popular Science.

Holton has sentenced four of the seven trespassers who accidentally drove across the unfenced border on Jan. 2, 1994. Three who originally pleaded "No Contest" were sentenced to a \$250 fine each. Another member of the group, William Fitzgerald, chose to fight the charges but later agreed to a plea bargain with the D.A. The D.A. agreed to recommend a \$100 fine in exchange for a "No Contest" plea. Justice Holton, however, chose to disregard the D.A.'s recommendation and imposed a fine of \$500 (plus a \$100 clerical fee). Such an excessive penalty--five times the recommendation--is within the court's legal discretion, but it destroys the D.A.'s credibility in future negotiations. Since the D.A.'s recommendation seems meaningless to the court, he can no longer engage in effective plea bargaining.

A fifth member of the group, Connie Ruiz, agreed to the same plea agreement as Fitzgerald, but she has not yet been sentenced because the court has not received the written plea agreement from the D.A. This four month oversight in the delivery of routine paperwork appears to reinforce the D.A.'s local reputation as an unreliable official given to unnecessary delays.

----- MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY -----

Summary: The Nov. 9 "Motion to Compel Discovery" asked the court to require the District Attorney to provide documents to the defense concerning the handling of the KNBC tapes after they were confiscated from the TV crew. The motion is based on Campbell's Oct. 28 written request to the D.A. asking for the receipts and other paperwork signed by representatives of the Air Force and Sheriff's Dept. whenever this evidence changed hands. In most police departments, these documents are routine and required, and they should be of special concern when evidence is confiscated without a warrant.

The D.A. failed to respond to Campbell's Oct. 28 request, even to deny it, so the Nov. 9 motion was filed to compel his reply. The motion requested a Nov. 16 hearing if necessary, and the last line said to Holton, "Please let me know if this request is insufficient."

----- MOTION TO CLARIFY DEFENSE STRATEGIES -----

[Below is the full text of the Nov. 22 motion.]

Nov. 22, 1994

The Honorable Nola Holton
Pahrnagat Valley Justice Court
P.O. Box 449
Alamo, NV 89001

Dear Justice Holton:

Regarding: Case #P55-94

MOTION TO CLARIFY THE ADMISSIBILITY OF VARIOUS DEFENSE STRATEGIES

The Defense hereby asks the Court to provide its opinion as to the validity of various defense strategies that might be used during the course of the upcoming trial. I regard these strategies as straightforward and self-evident, but my discussions with the D.A. suggest that he would protest them as "irrelevant." In order to streamline the trial process and the obtaining of pre-trial information, I ask the Court to confirm or refute the general validity of each of these possible strategies....

1) The accounts of the police officer or officers in the case are directly

refuted by other witnesses who say that the events leading up to the arrest are different than described by the officers. The Defense can argue to jury that the difference in testimony suggests that the officer's memory is unreliable and the defendant's actions and intent were different than what the officers claim.

2) At the time the defendant allegedly obstructed the officer, the officer was engaged in an illegal act or an act that was outside his properly delegated authority. The Defense may point out to the jury that to prove that obstruction took place, the State must show that the act that was obstructed was fully legal and properly delegated.

3) Prior to the alleged offense, the Defendant had had extensive experience in similar situations with the same officer whose action he is accused of obstructing. In the prior cases, illegal or improper acts were committed by the officer or his department--for example, the illegal deprivation of personal property without due process--forming a clear and pervasive pattern of criminal activity or abuse of authority. The pattern was further emphasized to the defendant by the accounts of others, who claimed to also have suffered similar abuses. This information entered into the Defendant's state of mind at the time of the alleged obstruction, leading him to conclude that, if the officer's action was allowed to proceed, it would result in a similar illegal act.

4) The Sheriff's Dept. is not neutral in this matter but is seeking to silence or harass a vocal political opponent. Testimony is presented suggesting prior animosity by the Sheriff's Dept. against the Defendant for his political activism. Testimony is also presented that, as a result of publicity generated by the defendant, the Sheriff's Dept. has suffered significant public embarrassment for its questionable policies. If supported by the evidence, the Defense may suggest to the jury that the authorities are not seeking to uphold the law but instead are seeking to "get" the Defendant

to address past grudges.

In this motion, I am only requesting the Court's permission to pursue any of these general strategies and seek relevant evidence; I am not yet seeking the Court's ruling on the admissibility of any specific piece of evidence, which may be addressed later. The aim of this motion is to save the time of both the Defense and State in allowing them to pursue only that evidence which has a possibility of being admitted.

Since the further conduct of the discovery process depends on the Court's response to this motion, I ask that the Court rule on it as quickly as possible to preserve the Dec. 21 trial date. If a hearing must be held regarding this motion, Nov. 30 is requested.

SINCERELY

GLENN CAMPBELL

cc: Thomas Dill, District Attorney
Tracie Lindeman, Co-Counsel

----- MOTION TO DISMISS -----

[Below is the full text of the Nov. 29 motion.]

Nov. 29, 1994

The Honorable Nola Holton
Pahranagat Valley Justice Court
P.O. Box 449
Alamo, NV 89001

Dear Justice Holton:

Regarding: Case #P55-94

MOTION TO DISMISS

I hereby ask the Court to dismiss the obstruction charge against me on the grounds of repeated and unwarranted delays by the State in prosecuting this case and responding to my reasonable discovery requests. These delays have effectively blocked my legitimate defense.

Procrastination seems to mark every action of the District Attorney's office.
In the pending case, even the simplest request or court action has been

unreasonably strung out, including...

-- Delay, without explanation, of my arraignment from Aug. 3 to Aug. 24--over one month after the July 19 arrest. The delay might have been justified for a complex, multiple count felony charge, but not a simple, single count misdemeanor.

-- Delay, without explanation, of delivery of initial discovery materials, arriving over two weeks after a written request and a month and a half after the first verbal request. The written request was made Sept. 27, after multiple verbal requests in Aug. and Sept. in which the D.A. told me directly he would send the materials but did not. After the written request, two additional verbal requests were required before the materials were finally sent to me, postmarked Oct. 11.

-- No response--after over a month--to my Oct. 28 written request to the D.A. for additional discovery materials. Since other requests and motions are dependent on the D.A.'s response, this unwarranted delay has made it virtually impossible for me to prepare an adequate defense for our agreed upon Dec. 21 trial date.

At the Oct. 19 hearing, I agreed, in good faith, that the Dec. 21 trial date would be final and that no further delays would be necessary. I understood, however, that the D.A. would also make a good faith effort to respond to my discovery requests. In keeping with legal practice elsewhere, I expected that replies--at least negative ones--would come back to me within a few days of each request, then I would file motions on points of contention and hearings would be held promptly. I did not anticipate that a single very basic additional discovery request would eat up most of the time before trial.

Although I have waived my right to a trial within 60 days, I have not consented to indefinite delays to accommodate the State's procrastination. As the trial date and discovery process is stretched out longer and longer

from the arrest, the memories of witnesses fade and the obtaining of evidence becomes more problematic. Although I have waived my 60-day right, that does not give that State the right to delay the tools of my defense and thereby stretch out the trial date to the State's advantage.

Even if the trial was again continued, it seems unlikely that the State's performance would improve. My own limited observation of local court cases and county business suggests that inexcusable delays are routine for the D.A.'s office. Even the simplest actions and responses, some requiring little more than the D.A.'s signature, are routinely delayed for up to four months or are never completed at all. At the Court's request, I can provide an lengthy list of such unwarranted delays in even the most straightforward situations, suggesting that NO trial date, no matter how far in the future, will allow the assembly of a reasonable defense in a complex case like this.

To all appearances, the charge against me is trivial and politically motivated. I was arrested for allegedly interfering with the highly questionable and widely publicized seizure of a news crew's video tape, executed by a Sheriff's deputy without a warrant. The charge against me could be seen as an attempt by the Sheriff's Dept. and D.A. to save face. My opposition to the county's secret dealings with the Air Force is well know, and the continued pursuit of this groundless case must be seen political harassment.

I hereby petition the Court to dismiss the misdemeanor charge against me.

SINCERELY

GLENN CAMPBELL

cc: Thomas Dill, District Attorney
Tracie Lindeman, Co-Counsel

----- MOTION TO SUBMIT -----

Summary: The Dec. 2 "Motion to Submit" requested Holton's immediate ruling on

the above motions, based on the D.A.'s failure to respond and the rapid approach of the Dec. 21 trial date.

"Since the defendant is innocent until proven otherwise, the burden is on the State to actively defend its position throughout these proceedings. Since the State has failed to offer an objection to the first two motions within a reasonable period, I petition the court to issue an immediate ruling in favor of the Defense."

----- THE COURT'S RESPONSE -----

[Below is the letter by Justice Holton to Campbell. It is the only response from either the court or D.A. to any of the motions above.]

Pahranagat Valley Justice Court
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December 6, 1994

Glenn Campbell
HCR Box 38
Rachel, NV 89001

Dear Mr. Campbell;

I am in receipt of the numerous communications which have been sent to this Court. Before these written motions can be answered by the District Attorney, or considered by the Court, they must be submitted in proper form.

Please consult with co-counsel regarding the required format. Also discuss with her the scope of discovery with the District Attorney must provide.

Any requests for dismissal of this action will be considered only after the Court has listened to verbal arguments from both sides. Any and all motions will be heard prior to Trial on December 21, 1994.

Also for your information, the District Attorneys office has advised that because of a possible conflict, a special prosecutor will be appointed to handle the case. The Court will receive written notification tomorrow and a copy will be forwarded to you.

Sincerely,

Nola Holton
Justice of the Peace

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a "CONTINUED" notice and the second ends with "###".]

----- UFO RELEASE: TEN TIMES O.J.? -----

One statement made by Glenn Campbell on the Larry King "Live from Area 51" special on Oct. 1 seems to have upset a lot of UFO buffs

(confirming to some that Campbell must be a government agent).

Here is a transcript of the last few minutes of the two-hour show,
pretty much summing up the position of each guest.

LARRY KING: "Glenn, do you think they'll come to Washington and say 'Hello'?"

GLENN CAMPBELL: "I have the feeling, personal[ly], that they probably obey the Prime Directive--That's from Star Trek.--that they should leave us alone and let us conduct our own lives. They seem to not want a lot of attention."

DR. STEVEN GREER: "Let me say, though, that I do think that within the decade that it is likely that an undeniable event will transpire. There [is] the proliferation of video cameras and other technologies such that some of the events that have happened in the past decades, if they were to happen now in 1994, there is a higher and higher chance that this would result in undeniable evidence."

KING: "Are you encouraged that this administration would help?"

DR. GREER: "Yes."

KING: "Therefore you think that President Clinton does not now know what you may know."

DR. GREER: "I really shouldn't comment on that."

[Awkward pause.]

STANTON FRIEDMAN: "That's a mysterious comment."

DR. GREER: "What I think is that the current administration, the cabinet level people are probably not informed to the level that they should be. And to the extent that they have been informed, it is probably disinformation not information."

KING: "Kevin, optimistic or pessimistic?"

KEVIN RANDLE: "Looking at the history of the government, I'm fairly pessimistic. I think it will take some kind of outside event to make us learn what is really going on."

KING: "Glenn?"

CAMPBELL: "I'm neither optimistic or pessimistic. If the story hits, it will cause a big stir in the media for a while, but we'll go back to our regular lives."

KING: "Just for a while? Come on. Hard Copy would be there tomorrow morning up in Pluto."

CAMPBELL: "Picture the O.J. Simpson brouhaha and multiply that by ten, and maybe you might have the UFO thing."

KING: "Sex in space."

DR. GREER: "I think it will be bigger than that, and I think that what you'll see is a transformation in the way we look at ourselves as a people. People will evolve into a global society instead of national ones."

KING: "Are you optimistic?"

DR. GREER: "Yes, I'm very optimistic in fact."

KING: "And you, Stanton?"

FRIEDMAN: "I'm optimistic. I am concerned that the American people are nowhere near aware enough of how much stuff is being covered up as we speak--the huge black budgets, all the documents, that scares me."

KING: "Thank you all very much for being a terrific panel and for participating on this show that started in daylight and ended in darkness. [...] We also want to thank everyone associated in this wonderful little spot on this treasured earth called Rachel, Nevada, for their wonderful cooperation, and this great crew as well, our producers and the entire staff. Thanks for joining us; have a great time and.... [looking heavenward] bye.

Through the pulling of strings, Psychospy had obtained a pass to the Larry King set, erected in the desert across the street from the Little A'Le'Inn in Rachel. We lurked in the shadows during the rehearsal and show, monitoring the radio traffic of the control room and camera operators. There were a half-dozen cameras: A camera on a moving dolly, a camera on a 20 foot boom, a camera behind Larry, three cameras facing the stage, and a camera on a hilltop a half-mile away. From the outside, it looked like a graceful ballet of cameras dancing hither and yon, but we pitied the guests: You couldn't pick your nose without the world watching.

Anyway, upon return to our Research Center, we found some forty messages on our answering machine, and the phone continued to ring all night. Most of the callers were very angry and said: "I've tried the 800 number and can't get through. Why won't you people take my call? I've got important information about the government cover-up that must get on the air."

One message on our machine came from a Lieutenant Colonel at Fort

Dix Air Force Base in New Jersey asking us to return his call.
We
didn't bother, since we knew Fort Dix was an Army base.

The next most common kind of call were anonymous voices accusing Campbell of being a government agent. These were deep breathers mostly, who left epithets and cryptic threats on the tape and then hung up. The most coherent were similar to the email message quoted in DR #18:

"The show is off the air 10 minutes and I am left with the feeling that Glenn Campbell works for the government. I have no evidence to that fact, I am new to this whole line of information, but Mr. Campbell in my opinion seemed to soft-peddle the entire affair in a much too uncomfortable way for me to give him any credibility."

Other messages, faxed or mailed to us from supporters and detractors alike, seemed to focus on Campbell's "O.J." comments. "Only ten times O.J.?" they said. We're talking about the BIGGEST NEWS EVENT IN HISTORY. If the government releases info about UFOs, it could SHATTER OUR INSTITUTIONS. World religions will CRUMBLE--or, alternatively, church attendance will skyrocket as humanity tries to come to grips with the fact that IT IS NO LONGER THE CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE. World financial markets will fall into VIOLENT TURMOIL and may even COLLAPSE when investors realize that alien technology instantly makes ours obsolete. There will be RIOTS AND LOOTING in the streets as humans see the meaninglessness of our earthly laws. Millions of people will COMMIT SUICIDE, while others will refuse to go to work when they realize just how small and meaningless their lives really are in scheme of the universe.

Other correspondents sent us la-dee-da predictions, not unlike Dr. Greer's, suggesting that knowledge of the alien presence would draw all of humanity together into one loving, cooperative entity singing "Kumbaya."

"Balderdash!" we reply. We may disagree with Campbell from time to time, and we are not ready to announce that any aliens actually exist, but we think his nonchalance, at least on a philosophical level, deserves our defense.

..... THE REAL EFFECT

Human history has always been filled with major disruptions and uncertainty, and still we have bounced back to at least an adequate level of functioning. Any alien presence or agenda, no matter how sinister, must pale in comparison to the truly evil things that humanity had afflicted upon itself over the centuries.
Take the Second World War, or any war for that matter: How could

the aliens, who seem clinical and disinterested at best, possibly cause as much disruption to society as people systematically blowing each other's heads off?

Most people's lives are irrational and meaningless enough anyway that it is hard to imagine that any release of information will push them over the brink. Some people, already unstable, may indeed commit suicide, just like during every big snowstorm a few precarious senior citizens pass away; the notion of them jumping off cliffs like lemmings is ridiculous. Humans are creatures of habit and convention. They will continue to do what they are doing now unless they are physically prevented from it. All the profound philosophical and technological implications of alien life would be absorbed only over time, at the rate that individuals and society are prepared to change.

Religions seem like the least likely institutions to be affected. Religious beliefs are based on faith and often fly in the face of reason anyway, so no amount of data is likely to change them. We can expect only a temporary instability as leaders of the major faiths race around to find the alien references in their scriptures to prove that they had the idea first. (We'd place our money on the adaptive and media savvy Mormons to easily win this P.R. race.)

The aliens have been variously described as centuries or even millennia ahead of us in technology. As such, we can't expect that much of their gadgetry will be immediately useful or reproducible by us. It is like giving a transistor radio to a cannibal on a remote desert island. First of all, he's got no stations to listen to. If he is very clever, he might be able to figure out how the radio works, but he certainly doesn't have the ability to reproduce it with the tools or materials at hand. In all, the technology is so advanced as to be almost meaningless to the cannibal, who would much prefer a new spear or juicy missionary.

Thus, the earthly economy and financial markets would probably remain stable for many years. People will still need to feed, clothe and house themselves in the traditional manner. Alien technology will not immediately bring down the price of the Pentium chip or obviate the human need for air travel to sunny but meaningless tourist destinations. Money will retain its perceived value, and Las Vegas, like other religious sites, will continue to prosper as a place for people to trade their money for the slim hope of salvation.

The only guaranteed effect of any alien revelations would be an increase in television viewership. Television is our society's guiding light in any time of crisis or change. People will want to know what Dan Rather and Peter Jennings have to say about the aliens, although they will probably produce only the obvious platitudes: Yes, they could blow us out of the solar system if

they wanted, but they haven't done it yet, so they probably aren't a major threat. Dan and Peter will only be killing time before cutting to Washington for the long-awaited Big Announcement by the President of the United States. Of course, by the time the President announces something, you know it will be old news, having already circulated on the tube for some time. Still, the people need a leadership figure to offer them the same platitudes as Rather and Jennings, but with the strength and authority of the Man in Charge. The President's popularity rating will soar that night as people cling to their leader, although it will probably fall again to its original level before the next election.

..... UFOLOGICAL CONFLICT

Most ufologists seem to be basically schizoid about the release of UFO information. On the one hand, they say that the government MUST tell what it knows and that the people have a fundamental right to the data. On the other, they say the news will probably send society spiraling into anarchy, destroy our economy, religion and government and drive people to mass suicide. That is not the message to send to encourage the government to comply.

What we are talking about is only information, no more dangerous or destructive than how we choose to interpret it. If prominent UFO researchers run through the streets yelling, "It's the end of our society!" naturally the rest of the populous is going to become upset at any mention of aliens, and the government will be all the more reluctant to release any info. The duty of responsible ufologists is to help prepare society for the Big News by issuing only calm, reasonable statements and speaking about UFO information as though it were routine.

Noisy outrage at the government doesn't advance the movement any. Ufologists say: The government MUST tell us what it knows, and when it does, heads are going to roll in Washington for keeping it from us for so long. No bureaucrat or government department wants to come forward with previously withheld information if they know they are going to be condemned for it in the end. It is more useful to recognize the government for what it is: neither good or evil, but a necessary part of our society composed of individuals who don't all hold the same views. To get what you want from any organization, you have to understand its needs and the concerns of the people who run it. Instead of railing against the government as a whole, it may be more useful to support the elements within it that share our goals.

The disruption of society would seem to be a major concern of the

people in charge; perhaps it is the whole raison d'etre of the secrecy. Politically, it should be the goal of ufologists to allay that fear. We want to send the message: "We can handle it, now." Instead of blasting the keepers of the knowledge, we ought to pin a medal on them, tell them how proud we are of their accomplishments and let them turn over the reins to us in a dignified ceremony before we pack them off to the retirement home.

These people, no doubt, have been pursuing what they have felt is best for the country, and because we do not yet understand the big

picture, we cannot say that they were wrong. There could be a lot

of frightening aspects to the alien info. In real impact, it may not be another World War Two, but the truth could still be disturbing enough, emotionally, to require some courage and maturity to face. That it has taken so long to come out may have been justified, in which case we don't have to blame anyone for what has happened in the past, just proceed from the present.

Of course, Psychospy is not claiming that aliens, UFOs or any government cover-up of them are real. We will not be pinned down on this point. But if they ARE real, we believe the secrecy will collapse very quickly when a certain critical mass of social, economic and philosophical factors is achieved. Like the fall of the Berlin Wall, it could happen almost overnight. In fact, the collapse of the Soviet Union itself could be the most important contributing factor to the fall of the Alien Wall. It means there

are fewer bureaucratic niches in which to hide your crashed saucers and little gray bodies. With the moral underpinnings of secrecy eroding, and a million internet users now collecting data and making it instantly available to the world, never in history has it been harder to keep a Really Big Secret.

Perhaps it is time for Psychospy to come out of the closet. In 1995, we hope to explore UFOs and alien issues more deeply here in

the Desert Rat. We will, of course, remain seated squarely on the

fence (ouch!) and let the data speak for itself. Even if there are no aliens, the philosophical topic is fascinating: How do we approach a field of knowledge that seems way beyond our current understanding?

The solution? Just panic. Throw up your hands and run hysterically through the streets yelling, "Aggggghhhhhh!"

Always works for us.

----- CAMPBELL GETS SPECIAL PROSECUTOR -----

TRIAL DELAYED TO FEB. 8

Who do you know who gets a Special Prosecutor? Richard Nixon, Ollie North, maybe Clinton if he is lucky. Campbell feels similarly honored to have a Special Prosecutor appointed for him. The new S.P. is Steve Dobrescu, a lawyer in private practice in

Ely, Nevada, hired especially by Lincoln County to handle the Campbell obstruction case. The District Attorney, Tom Dill, says that he appointed the S.P. because Campbell's political activities were creating a conflict, but we wonder if the D.A. isn't just passing the buck because he doesn't like to make difficult decisions or appear in court. This sure must be costing the county a bundle.

Now that the D.A. has excused himself from the case, it is interesting to note that he can be subpoenaed as a witness should it prove necessary.

In any case, Campbell has talked with his Special Prosecutor on the phone, sent him his "press packet" and files on the case, and declares himself pleased with the choice. "It is a pleasant change to deal with someone who understands both the letter and spirit of the law," said Campbell. "From what I know of him, I think he is a straight shooter who will make his own independent judgment about the evidence."

Since the D.A. did nothing for five months, and waited until only two weeks before the scheduled trial to appoint the S.P., Dobrescu requested a further delay of the trial to give him time to review the case. Campbell, acting as his own attorney, has agreed, so a new trial date has been set for Feb. 8. The world is still invited.

Some readers have questioned why Campbell has not hired a lawyer to defend him in such an important case, given that Campbell does not even know how to format a motion [DR#19]. Campbell replies that he "wouldn't miss this opportunity for the world," especially the chance to strut and bluster before the captive jury. "I'm learning how to be a lawyer by doing it," said Campbell. "Essentially, the county is providing my law school. I may make mistakes, but regardless of the outcome, I will emerge as a more dangerous legal force in the end."

----- TWO NEW ACCUSED TRESPASSERS PLEAD NOT GUILTY -----

....AND ASK FOR A JURY TRIAL

It may be just coincidence, but two visitors recently accused of misdemeanor trespass near Freedom Ridge have pleaded NOT GUILTY in Pahrnagat Valley Justice Court and have asked for a JURY TRIAL. Ryan Chivers and Jason Winget of Salt Lake City were intercepted by anonymous Cammo Dudes on the evening of Dec. 1, not far from the "Restricted Area" signs on Groom Lake Road. The two admit to getting lost briefly in the dark while trying to find Freedom Ridge and that they may have unwittingly wandered across the line at some point. The key question is whether they were on public or military land at the time of their capture. According to their account, the anonymous Dudes intercepted them outside the "Restricted Area" signs and then marched them back inside the

border, where they were later taken into custody by Deputy Lamoreaux of the Sheriff's Dept.

Unless the Cammo Dudes who captured them show up in court to testify that the accused were on military, not public land at the time of their capture, the two are simply not guilty of the trespassing statute they are charged with (NRS 204.200): (A) They did not WILLFULLY cross the line, and (B) they were not FOUND across the line, except after the Dudes kidnapped them back there.

In any real world justice system, the case would be thrown out instantly, but this is Lincoln County ("...now leaving America") so we can't expect the D.A. or judge to catch on. That's why it is essential to request a jury trial, where at least there is a hope of justice.

This trial is scheduled for Feb. 15, one week after Campbell's.

----- LEGAL FUND ESTABLISHED -----

We find a jury trial to be a compelling concept. It is a guaranteed right under Nevada law for any misdemeanor, but it won't be offered; you have to ask for it. We are grateful to T. Lindeman for putting us on to this concept. We regret only that we did not know about it in time to help the six defendants accused last January [DR#1, etc.].

Imagine what would happen if EVERYONE accused of trespassing opted for a jury trial. This would be the best guarantee of fairness for each, especially when local justice and law enforcement officials seem so entangled in dubious alliances. Imagine a full jury trial, with all the trimm'ns, happening every other week in Pahranaagat Valley Justice Court. The tiny system might be swamped, but if this is the price of justice, so be it. Perhaps, in the process, Lincoln County might be encouraged to loosen it's secret ties with the Cammo Dudes.

To help encourage justice here, the Area 51 Research Center has just established a legal aid fund. The Research Center will pay all or part of the fines of any accused trespasser, provided they opt for a jury trial and go through the full legal process. Going to trial is a pain, especially for those who live out of state and must come back, but we also find it a excellent form of education, an opportunity to learn the legal system by doing it.

This offer applies only to INNOCENT accused trespassers, those who did not intentionally cross the line. We cannot defend those who DELIBERATELY intrude into the Restricted Zone and happen to get caught. (What if you get so "lost" that you wander 10 miles inside the Zone? We would have to approach that on a case-by-case basis.) The fund may also be used for other legal pursuits

relating to the dubious cooperation between the Sheriff's Dept. and Cammo Dudes, like securing the release of lost film taken by deputies for "processing" and never returned.

Contributions already made by our generous readers to the Campbell Defense Fund will be transferred into the new Accused Trespassers Defense Fund. New contributions may be sent to us at the Area 51 Research Center. (Please tell us your email address or Secret Agent Code Name and let us know whether we can print an acknowledgment of your contribution here in the Rat.)

----- LAND GRAB STATUS / OUTING PROPOSED -----

It isn't yet time to schedule our "End of the World Party" on Freedom Ridge. The wheels of government turn slowly and there are still more steps in the withdrawal process. We talked to Neil Talbot at the BLM Reno Office for the latest update. First the BLM has to respond to the ten protests raised to the "Proposed Land Use Amendment" (which had to be filed by Dec. 9). How long this takes will depend on the quality of the protests, but it seems likely to extend into the new year. When all the protests are settled, BLM could issue a "final record of decision" approving the withdrawal. However, the implementation of that decision can then be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals--while the land, presumably, remains open.

We think it's a riot that this action, supposedly a shoo-in for the military, has stretched out for so long, mirroring one part of the government in the bureaucracy of another. No matter what the end result may be, the military has lost this battle badly because it fought the WRONG battle: It fought for the land instead of for the hearts and minds of the people. The last laugh is, Freedom Ridge doesn't exist. It is an artificial public relations concept created here in the laboratories of our Research Center. It has done its job well--like a car that was supposed to last 100,000 miles but you manage to squeeze 300,000 out of it. No matter what happens now we can't complain.

We won't schedule our "End of the World" event until we have a solid closure date. In the meantime, however, some readers have expressed an interest in holding another casual get-together on Freedom Ridge in January. This could turn into the "End of the World Party" if the withdrawal process moves more quickly than anticipated, but for now we'll just call it an anniversary event. It will be a year ago in January that we unveiled the four wheel drive "Freedom Ridge Expressway." At the ribbon-cutting ceremonies--reported way back in DR#1--we welcomed aviation writers and buffs for a "last glimpse" of the secret base before the land might be closed. Hundreds have visited the ridge since then, including respectable journalists from all over the world, as well as the entire editorial staff of THE NOSE Magazine on one

of their mindless drink-and-drive sex-house road trips out of San Francisco.

The dates proposed for this anniversary event are Jan. 14, 21 or 28. We encourage input from those interested as to which date is best. We'll call this our Second-Annual-Could-Be-Closed-Any-Day-Now-Freedom-Ridge-Inspection-Visit. In January, the weather can be pleasant (or horrible) during the day, but it is too cold to camp at night. (Last year, the wind was calm with daytime highs around 50 and nighttime lows in the teens.)

Meanwhile, the out-of-touch Cammo Dudes thought they were going to get the land Dec. 9. In anticipation, we hear that they took down the yellow ribbons marking the public hiking trail to Freedom Ridge, which is not yet their authority to do. Time to send another strong letter to the Air Force.

----- MORE LARRY KING COMMENTS -----

"Now, I might have been temporally insane, but by any chance did you see those lights that started to appear around the end of the show? A couple of them seemed to get brighter and dimmer as they hovered behind those 'expert's' heads and I saw at least one that zigzagged across the screen. I counted around four that just hovered. Were those search lights from Area 51? or something else?"

-- OutKast00@aol.com

We offer two theories: (1) Headlights of cars in the distance and (2) moths attracted to the bright stage lights after dark. In any case, to avoid conflicts with the setting sun, the cameras were pointed to the north, away from Area 51. When Larry King pointed to secret base "just over those hills," it was the wrong direction!

----- CORRECTIONS AND UPDATES -----

The ILLEGAL REPEATER STATION on public land reported in DR#18 has been removed to inside the military border. (We are not sure whether it happened before or after the publication of DR#18.)

Several MORMONS on our subscription list sent us email about our suggestion in DR#18 that Lincoln County elections were dominated by local Mormons voting as a block. These big-city Mormons say that any political lobbying from the pulpit is strictly forbidden by the church. They say that it is unfair to blame the whole church for small-town attitudes, which might be the same in the rural South, where Southern Baptists rule, or in remote Appalachia, where folks just can't read. We agree that there are other theories to account for the unhappy election results apart from the easy Mormon one: The most prominent we overlooked is that, because the county lacks industry and is rich in family ties, almost everyone here seems to either work for the county

government or be related to someone who does. Naturally, these people aren't going to vote for anyone who promises "change" because that could mean that Uncle Fred will be out of a job.

----- INTEL BITTIES -----

PHOTOGRAPHY APPEAL. If you have visited the Rachel area and lost film to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Dept. (for "processing"), please get in touch with us. (If you have already talked to us, then reaffirm your presence.) This information could be important in upcoming court cases.

PAPOOSE VIEWPOINT DISCOVERED. Papoose Lake, the mysterious and inaccessible area 15 miles south of Groom where Bob Lazar says he worked with alien craft, isn't as invisible as previously supposed. You can see the Papoose lake bed from at least one mountain far to the south, near US-95. Unfortunately, the distance from the viewpoint to the lakebed is about 45 miles, so you won't make out much without a good telescope--but at least you can say you've seen it. tmahood@netcom.com and spouse were the first to visit the viewpoint, discovered with the help of a mystery source we shall call "C". For a free copy of tmahood's "Mt. Sterling Guide" describing the area, send him an email message. (The internet impaired can send us \$1 for a copy by regular mail, anywhere in the world.)

MONTEL ROASTED ON 20/20. THE MONTEL WILLIAMS SHOW [DR#15 & #16] got its just desserts on a 9/16 report on ABC's 20/20. In a story on talk-show ethics (or lack thereof), 20/20 recounted the story of a woman lured onto the Montel show under false pretenses, who was then told, on the air, that her sister had had "mercy sex" with her former boyfriend. Pure sleaze, but we knew that already.

WWW SITE NEEDED. The "World Wide Web" is quickly becoming the hottest thing on the internet. (America On-Line promises to offer it soon.) You type in a starting address, and a document is displayed on the screen. Click on a highlighted word in the text, and another document is displayed, providing more details. It's one of the best ways we've seen to organize complex information and make it available to the public.

Roland@cac.washington.edu has set up a WWW structure for back issues of the Desert Rat [See footer below.] but the Research Center has been working on a more elaborate structure pulling together a lot of diverse info on Area 51 and related topics (for example: a special section devoted entirely to "Modern Munchausen" Sean David Morton). Our only problem is that we need a reliable, low cost Web server to keep our files on. We've tried some commercial internet providers but haven't found what we need. We welcome advice from other users in finding a "home" for this material. (We would need direct FTP write access and require 5mg

to start. Also, we want to be totally "above board"--paying by the mg if we have to--so we can stay at this server permanently.)

NAME CHANGE. To reduce the confusion of our many names and aliases, our mail order arm, formerly "Secrecy Oversight Council," has changed its name to "Area 51 Research Center." Frankly, the entire "Council" could eat from the same bowl, so we thought it would be more direct to call ourselves by the simpler moniker. "Secrecy Oversight" is still our game, but it seems that Area 51 will remain our focus for some time to come.

----- ASK PSYCHOSPY -----

Dear Psycho:

"Are there any female 'Cammo Dudes'? If not, why not, and does affirmative action apply?"

--stephenh@netcom.com

Dear Stephenh:

The C.D. force would never allow no bitches. Mostly solid white males, the pride of our country. You can see the Dudes' point of view, can't you? It is doubtful that women could keep up with the rigorous physical demands of the job (sitting around in Jeep Cherokees all day) or that they have the brainpower to outwit those clever tourists. Remember Tailhook? That's EXACTLY what happens when you let women in. We can't compromise national security or the integrity of the force. (Now don't get us wrong, we don't mind a piece of "A" now and then, but sometimes it's just too close for comfort.)

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