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## Comments on Steve Wilson and other UFO "insiders"

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Re: Boylan's biography of Col. Wilson available <a href="http://www.ufomind.com/misc/1997/dec/d20-001.shtml">http://www.ufomind.com/misc/1997/dec/d20-001.shtml</a>

Yes, it's obvious that the man is on the run. His picture is on his web page, and he is in the Grand Junction phone book.

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>Steve Wilson USAF/ret
>Grand Junction, Colorado,
>E-Mail Address: colonel@wic.net
>Personal Web Page:
>http://www.wic.net/colonel/ufopage.htm
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I don't suppose the 'Men in Black' can access these sources of data, or look at the address on his retirement check. Actually, I don't suppose that anyone is looking for the man. IQ of 232...really? Intelligence Quotient is a measure of intelligence derived from norms provided by standardized intelligence tests. Would any of our illustrious PhDs (no derogation intended) care to comment on how high IQ can be measured?

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Please allow me to digress:

Death threats and missing records seem to be a common thread throughout UFOlogy. "I'm risking my life just telling you this much", which is invariably nothing, or "All the records mysteriously disappeared" seem to be pretty good indications that there is no substance to the story or allegation.

If by chance there were a serious government cover-up, what could be better than cluttering the field and confusing the situation with stories that cause people to expend their time and energies going in circles? It seems to me that interviewing people who have seen lights in the sky, or floating triangles, or anything else, while interesting, does not prove anything except that they saw something in the sky. I am willing to concede that unknown objects are in the sky. I have seen some that I could not identify and they cannot all be swamp gas and weather balloons. But neither can they all be extraterrestrials from Beta Reticulum searching for cattle to mutilate or earthlings to subject to anal probes.

What is needed to demonstrate that UFOs are extraterrestrial or that aliens have visited or are visiting earth if this is in fact the case, is clear and unambiguous evidence. When that is forthcoming the question will be settled. In the mean time, many investigators seem to be grasping at any straw that comes along.

I appreciate the thirst for knowledge. But presenting completely unsupportable and unsubstantiated stories to people as fact is not the same as disseminating knowledge. If a person cares to make money or obtain publicity by preying on people's gullibilities, they are free to do so. Caveat Emptor.

However, a little common sense is indicated. We cannot believe the President of the United States to tell the truth about many things. We cannot, in general, believe ANY politician or public official, including the military to tell the truth. For this reason we have come to mistrust the government, and rightfully so. And so much compartmentalization exists that obtaining an overview is very difficult, even for people who have the appropriate clearances. Why then, would we believe a military officer whose retirement check comes from the government every month? A little hint like "If you ever speak about any classified operations a little glitch may develop in the computer which cuts your check" or "Your PX and medical priveleges might be questioned" would be sufficient for any retired person. No prison or death threats are necessary and would actually be counterproductive. In any real case, no threat would ever be made. If the suspicion were present that a real security risk existed, it would be handled before any information could be compromised.

My point is that a person with an unbelievable story only becomes believable if he submits the proof, with the story, in a manner which will convince a group of reasonable and prudent people beyond a reasonable doubt. Not if he tells a tale and counts on other people to try and prove or disprove it if they can. Without proof they can do nothing but debate it among themselves. When no consensus can be reached, they line up on opposite sides and start parading pedigrees and calling each other names.

Two examples:

(1)
I just received an email from Skywatch International entitled "US Aircraft Carrier Stopped by UFO". I do not include it due to length, but I will forward it to anyone who does not have it. To me, the story is believable. Mr. Kopf makes no claims concerning conspiracies or death threats. He merely reports his observations in what seems to be a straightforward manner. He includes enough information of the right kind to allow a reader to conclude that he probably worked where he says he worked, and he does not draw conclusions. This story has a nice ring.

(2) This one just came in also, under the title "Largest UFO Reply". This is the other kind. It is not believable.

>The largest one I have heard of is a UFO photographed from a weather >satelite over the Pacific Ocean about 6 years ago. It was 500 >Kilometers in diameter!! There are only 3 color images of this UFO and

>a friend of mine has one of them. I do know the sources but for >security reason I can not give more details.

>Saludos,

>Luis Sanchez

>Chilean Director

>Skywatch International

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Humanity does not necessarily deserve admission into whatever alien societies may exist. We evolved into our present form as recently as 100,000 years ago. We still have fur on our bodies and vestigal claws and a tail. Writing was developed about 6,000 years ago. Monothiestic religion evolved about 1,200 BC so people could have another reason to kill each other, and it has been very effective. Electricity has been in general use for a little over a hundred years and much of the world's population still does not have it. John T. Scopes was convicted of teaching evolution in school in 1925, and while the creationists still argue that we are God's unique gift to the universe on the one hand, they make plans to inculcate alien cultures with their backward superstitions on the other. Equality does not exist on this planet between races, cultures, or even between men and women. Weapons of mass destruction are being produced by every country which has the capability. Why do you lock your doors..to keep the aliens out, or to keep your brother humans from murdering you in your sleep or stealing everything you own or abducting your children? The human mind is understood vaguely at best, at least by us. We cannot stop many terrestrial diseases.

As much as it may affect our egos, we must appear to representatives of societies which have mastered intergalactic or transgalactic travel as nothing more than animals of a fairly low order and may expect to be treated as such until we can demonstrate otherwise.

Aloha Tom Burnett

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