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Subject: Re: 1950s Contactees

In a message dated 00-04-30 14:35:46 EDT, you write:

> Now the questions. How have you viewed the contactee situation of the 50s? Do you have any
> references to files that would indicate study or involvement by the authorities? Are there
> any government documents on Maier other than CIA? Have you seen much written on Sigma
> or any discussions about the Government trying to contact aliens by any means?

Grant,

Good to hear from you again. Glad to see that you are putting the Wilbert Smith materials together. Smith was certainly one of the more interesting people in early Ufology. If nothing else, Smith's papers clearly indicate the existence of some high level UFO study group under Vannevar Bush and the involvement of the Research and Development Board.

I came across your "UFOs, MJ-12, and the Government" in a local used book store and promptly snapped it up. The Smith letters reproduced in there are most interesting, most not found in other UFO books. His letters regarding Keyhoe trying to get clearance for an article through Bush and the RDB were revelations to me.

I have never looked into the contactee situation, but I do have a few comments or the Government trying to contact ETs.

I did try to look into the Eisenhower at Edwards AFB story when I visited Edwards last year. The base historian was a pompous jackass. He did bring out base daily logs for me to look through, but it soon became clear that the logs were not going to have anything incriminating recorded in them. There was absolutely no mention, e.g., of well-documented UFO incidents at Edwards on the dates in question. The base newspaper ("Desert Wings") was also completely useless.

With regards to CIA personnel impersonating A.F. officers, there was an

admission by the CIA 2 or 3 years ago to that effect regarding their Corona spy satellite film retrievals in foreign countries. (I could look up specific references to this if needed.)

Regarding mysterious radio messages from space and possible attempts at contact, there are interesting incidents from 1954 and 1957. The sequence of events in 1954 seems to be connected to the Maier sisters story of early 1955. The 1957 radio signals may be connected with Wilbert Smith.

According to Keyhoe in "Aliens from Space", testing of a new long-range radar in Dec. 1953 revealed an enormous object orbiting the equator 600 miles up. Soon it is joined by another huge object, 400 miles out. Astronomer Clyde Tombaugh was then called in to set up a satellite search program at White Sands. [According to Frank Edwards, ("Flying Saucers, Serious Business," p. 129) this really happened in 1952.] Tombaugh then revealed publicly that he was to locate and study the 2 strange satellites that had been detected several times. [In Hynek's June, 1952 astronomer survey, Tombaugh stated his telescopes were at the A.F.'s disposal for taking photos of UFOs, if he was properly alerted.]

In Feb., 1954, a paper by Dr. Lincoln LaPaz in the Astronomical Society of the Pacific Journal described Tombaugh's satellite search for "natural objects."

On Feb. 15, 1954, columnist Dorothy Kilgallen wrote: "Flying saucers are regarded as of such vital importance they will be the subject of a special hush-hush meeting of world military heads next summer."

Feb. 20 was supposed the be the date of Eisenhower's secret visit to Edwards AFB to see saucers and alien bodies stored there.

April 1954 is the date of the "Majestic-12 Group Special Operations Manual."

On April 16, Meade Layne receivef a letter from Gerald Light, saying he'd just visited Edwards AFB with journalist Franklin Allen, financier Edwin Nourse, and Bishop James McIntyre, and seen military scientists studying five separate and distinct alien aircraft ["otherplane aeroforms"] with the assistance and permission of the aliens ["The Etherians"]. Light describes

the shock and confusion of the scientists at what they were seeing, including dematerialization of solid objects, mentioned Eisenhower's earlier visit to Edwards, and said a public announcement was to be made next month. [Letter in "Above Top Secret"]

According to Keyhoe, on May 5, 6, 13, several enormous objects were tracked by radar, and sometimes visually, high over Washington D.C.

On May 15, according to Frank Edwards ["Flying Saucers, Here and Now," p. 49] at a speech in Amarillo, Tex. AF Chief Gen. Twining departed from his prepared text to say,"The best brains in the Air Force are working on this problem of Unidentified Flying Objects, trying to solve this riddle."

Again according to Keyhoe, on June 12 and June 14, a giant UFO again was detected over Washington and Baltimore, and the coast went on full alert.

This leads to the July 14, alleged MJ-12 Cutler/Twining memo from Robert Cutler, special assistant to Pres. Eisenhower, to Gen. Twining stating, "Subject: NSC/MJ-12 Special Studies Project: The President has decided that the MJ-12/SSP briefing should take place during the already scheduled White House meeting of July 16 rather than following it as previously intended ..."

Then on August 23, the huge orbiting objects story involving Tombaugh and La Paz broke wide open in Aviation Week. According to AW, there were two objects orbiting Earth 400 and 600 miles out, which caused great consternation in the Air Force during the summer, until the objects were identified by Dr. Lincoln LaPaz as "natural" (captured meteors) and not artificial objects.

I also have newspaper stories from the NY Times and S.F. Chronicle from August 24 mentioning the AW story. The Times had several follow-up stories as well with the following interesting additions.

LaPaz denied that he was involved, though not specifically denying the truth of the story, stating that the article "was false in every particular, in so far as reference to me is concerned." [S.F. Chronicle, 8/24 and NYTimes, 10/10]

Col. Walker Holler, C/O of the Army Office of Ordnance Research, said the story was false. OOR was looking for such objects, with the aid of famed astronomer Clyde Tombaugh, but none had been discovered. An unidentified source close to the OOR, however, told the Times the story was true and LaPaz was indeed involved. [N.Y. Times, 8/29].

According to Ruppelt ("Report on UFOs"), the green fireballs put in a reappearance on Sept. 18 and La Paz was called back into investigate.

And to finish off this bizarre set of stories from 1954, Keyhoe reported that in October, NACA stated that it has picked up strange signals from an unknown orbiting object. Soon afterwards, a French astronomer told the same story. According to the reports, no message could be recognized.

I'm wondering if this story of strange signals from space is related to the Maier sisters story and the investigation in March 1955? All I can say is that there were plenty of stories of unknown orbiting objects and the search for them leading up to this.

Another set of mysterious radio signals from space appeared during the great UFO flap of November 1957. The Levelland car stoppage cases started on Nov. 2, just hours before the launch on Sputnik II.

Then on Nov. 5, stories began to appear about the signals from space. According to NY Times and Washington Post stories of Nov. 6, the FCC reported detecting a mystery radio signal, broadcasting in the microwave band with a "strange tonal pattern" near the frequency of but not caused by the just launched Sputnik II. [Post, p. A6]. The signal was also picked up by RCA receivers at Long Island, ham radio operators, and various military stations for several days. The RCA directional antennae found the source had moved 15 degrees east in less than 5 minutes. [N.Y. Times, p. 12]

According to the Lorenzens, on Nov. 9 an observatory near the Hague, Belgium, reported a UFO and also a mysterious radio signal that appeared while Sputnik II was being observed, but was not coming from the satellite. ["UFO, The Whole Story," p. 83]

According to Timothy Good in "Above Top Secret", in Jan. 1958, in an article by Wilbert Smith, he stated that governments had been

in contact with aliens
and that he himself had acquired a great deal of information
in investigating
these contacts. "But it soon became apparent that
there was a very real and
quite large gap between this alien science and the
science in which I had
been trained. Certain crucial experiments were suggested
and carried out,
and in each case the results confirmed the validity
of alien science. Beyond
this point the alien science just seemed to be incomprehensible."

That's about all I have. Hope it's been helpful.

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