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CRASHED DISCS: AN IMPORTANT CORRECTION

By Gordon Creighton

On page 11 of our last issue (FSR 36/3) I wrote "The fact remains that I still am certain that a UFO did crash at a place called *Aztec*. Years ago we published in FSR (and I shall re-run it again soon) the explicit story of the British showbiz personality Hughie Green who (himself an officer in the Royal Air Force at the time) was driving across the USA from west to east *when he heard, on his car radio, the successive news flashes about this flying saucer that came down at Aztec, in New Mexico, USA, on May 25, 1948. Hughie Green told FSR's first Editor, Derek Dempster (also a former RAF pilot) how excited he had been by the story. He searched the American newspapers that evening, and also next day, for further word of the story. But the curtain of censorship had descended with a bang. Nothing about the startling affair had "got out". Except of course for those few excited news flashes from a local radio station in New Mexico!*

I regret that this was written in great haste, and without my having carefully checked the original FSR report, because, although feeling dreadfully ill, I was desperately anxious to get the magazine ready for the printer. I was in fact just starting a bout of severe flu which was to keep me in bed for almost three weeks with a raging high fever.

I have now re-checked the original report by Hughie Green (who, by the way, was, I think, more likely to have been serving not in the *British RAF* but in the *Royal Canadian Air Force, R.C.A.F.*)

The Hughie Green story had indeed appeared long ago in FSR. In fact you will find it on page 3 of *FSR's very first issue*, in the Spring of 1955, and I now republish the full text of it below.

As will be seen immediately, I was totally wrong in attributing the "Aztec story" to Hughie Green, for he had never indicated any suggested site for "his" crash, *except that it was in New Mexico.*

As for the *date* of the happening, our FSR Editor Derek Dempster gives "*June 1947*". And this must clearly be a mistake on Dempster's part and should have read "*July 1947*", seeing that the entire public hullabaloo about "Flying Saucers" over the USA was only triggered off by the press reports of Kenneth Arnold's famous sighting of nine discs over the Cascade Mountains on Tuesday, June 24, 1947.

Hughie Green has of course not given us the precise date of his drive across America from Hollywood to Philadelphia. So I suggest not only that it was in *July 1947* (and *not June 1947*) but that it was within a day or so after July 7, 1947. *Because that was the date of the finding of the crashed disc at Roswell, also in New Mexico.*

So all that now remains for us to consider is the possibility that there was also a crashed disc found at Aztec, New Mexico.

And I think there is such a real possibility. I was clearly quite in error when I had written that Hughie Green's exciting experience had been *on May 25, 1948*. Clearly it was not.

So — where had I found my wrong date — *May 25, 1948*? *On re-checking, I find that it is the date given for the crash that allegedly did happen at Aztec, New Mexico.* And the entire story of this is given in very great detail in the huge compendium issued in 1986 by William Steinman and Lt. Col. Wendelle Stevens, U.S. Air Force Ret'd. Its title is *UFO CRASH AT AZTEC: A WELL KEPT SECRET*, and it was produced in a limited first edition of only 1,000 copies by Lt.Col. Wendelle Stevens' own organisation, *UFO PHOTO ARCHIVES*, P.O. Box 17206, Tucson, Arizona 85710.

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STAR PUZZLED

By Derek Dempster, Editor, FSR in 1955

BROADCASTS reporting a Flying Saucer crash picked up on his car radio as he drove across America have baffled stage and radio star Hughie Green since June, 1947.

He was driving along from Hollywood to Philadelphia for a business appointment and was tuned in to broadcasting stations most of the time "because it's a long and boring trip."

But let Mr. Green take up the story.

"About 250 miles out of Philadelphia," he said, "a commentator interrupted the programme to announce that a Flying Saucer had crashed in New Mexico and that the Army were moving in to investigate.

"Later the programme was interrupted again and quite a few details were given.

"Several newsflashes about the incident from various stations followed. The last I heard was just before reaching Philadelphia. The announcer promised further bulletins. None followed.

"When I got there I bought all the newspapers I could lay my hands on. But not one carried the story. And questions at the radio stations just drew a blank. It's mystified me ever since."

This is not the first time the story has been heard. But it is the first time someone who actually listened in to the transmissions has been interviewed.

The question arising from Hughie Green's account is: "Do the Americans have a Flying Saucer in their possession?"